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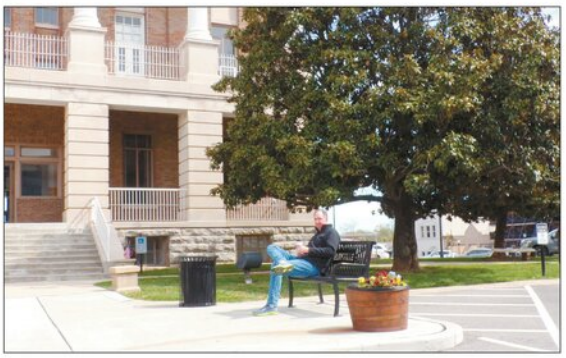
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EYES TO THE SKY
Vollie James and Korbin Hernandez safely watched the Eclipse (91%) from Shelbyville on Monday. Solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between earth and the sun, thereby obscuring the view of the sun from a small part of earth, totally or partially. While a solar eclipse happens pretty often in the world, North America likely won't see another one, like Monday's, for another 20 years. NASA prepared to launch rockets during the eclipse for research purposes. See page 12 for more community eclipse photos.



T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

SATURDAY ON THE SQUARE
Despite a steady flow of weekend traffic on Saturday mornings around the public square, there's always a nice spot at the courthouse available where you can have coffee or read.

Deputy Police Chief Crews resigns

Staff Report

Shelbyville Police Deputy Chief Brian Crews has submitted his letter of resignation to the department, effective April 26. Crews told the T-G this week that he believes this is what the Lord would have him to do.

Crews said he will continue to serve on the Bedford County Board of Education.

Crews said in a statement recently released:

"Last week, after 24 years of service with the City of Shelbyville, I informed the department of my intent to resign effective April 26, 2024.

It has been my honor to serve as the Deputy Chief of Police and to lead the Shelbyville Police Department in that capacity. I love this community, this department, and the men and women who sacrifice so much to keep Shelbyville safe. External and internal factors have led me to make this decision.

Since I was a young child, I have wanted to be the Chief of Police in my hometown. The closer I get to that opportunity, the more I realize the Lord has other plans for me. Making the decision now, although difficult, will allow the department to move forward.

I am proud of the things we have accomplished together, and I commit to work hard to assure a smooth transition.

Throughout my law enforcement career, there was never any doubt that the Lord's hedge of protection was over me and the men and women of the SPD as I worked hard to fulfill HIS will for my life.

Over the last several weeks, I have sensed a new purpose for my life, one that I am sure some will not understand but also one I am excited to pursue.

I have accepted a position outside of local government into the corporate world with a company known for taking care of its employees, giving back to the community, supporting law enforcement and public education; all of which are very important to me both personally and professionally.

My family and I plan to remain in Shelbyville and to continue to be a part of this community. We also plan to continue to support the men and women of the Shelbyville Police Department. I encourage this community to continue to do the same."



SPD DEPUTY CHIEF BRIAN CREWS



TWHNC Photo
Rotary Club of Shelbyville recently welcomed Mike Davis as a new member. Mike is a VR Training Specialist for the State of Tennessee. Dawn Hobbs was sponsor. Warren Wells, club president, spoke to the club about the renovations to Cooper Steel Arena and the upcoming TWHNC show season. The meeting was hosted in the newly renovated Hall of Fame Club in Cooper Steel Arena.

Cascade Middle receives TVA STEM grant

T-G Staff Report

Cascade Middle students likely have parents, grandparents and other ancestors who've lived all their lives near the banks of the Duck River. But being willing today to continue to treasure and protect that community asset has earned the school a grant from Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA.)

Cascade Middle is one of 343 schools awarded this grant, which is in partnership with Bicentennial Volunteers, Inc. (BVI), a TVA retiree organization for the development of science, technology, engineering and math education programs (STEM.)

"We congratulate Cascade Middle School for receiving the grant to support STEM education and inspire the youth in Bedford County," said DREMC Interim President and CEO Troy Crowell. "The Duck River spans through much of the area that Duck River Electric serves and it's where we get our name. We look forward to seeing how the school applies the STEM project funding to encourage innovation and out-of-the-box thinking as you learn about the river and its importance to middle Tennessee."

Citing specific projects or programs they hoped to implement, educators from across TVA's seven-state region applied for grants of up to $5,000.

"This grant will help us offer hands-on activities and programs for students that develop skills to help solve real-world problems," said Superintendent of Schools Tammy Garrett. "We know that opportunities in STEM fields are the jobs of the future, and TVA's commitment to STEM education will allow us to begin preparing our students for those careers."

Schools who are awarded grants must receive their power from a local power company served by

See CASCADE, 2A



Cascade Middle School students Ryan Frazier and Grant Nerren use one of their 14 digital cameras and tripods to record what they're learning while studying the Duck River. The school recently received a $2,500 TVA grant, which is aimed at supporting STEM education.

Spring Fun Show is May 23-25

Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration (TWHNC) announces that the 54th Fun Show will be held in the newly renovated Cooper Steel Arena.

The Celebration will also have a sponsor party in the center ring of Celebration Arena on Wednesday night. TWHNC is accepting sponsors.

The top two levels include passes to the newly renovated Hall of Fame Club and an invitation to the sponsors' party that will be held in the center ring of The Big Oval (Celebration Arena.)

Please contact Warren Wells at wwells@twhnc.com if interested in sponsoring. The Celebration Office is 931-684-5915.

Spring show judges

TWHNC has announced judges for the Spring Fun Show will be Jamie Bradshaw, Mike Hilley and Dickie Scrivner.

Bradshaw also judged the Spring Fun Show in 2022 and has judged most every major show in the industry during his career.

Hilley will be judging the Spring Fun Show for the first time; he has judged The Celebration. He has judged the National Trainers' Show, Pulaski, Columbia Spring Jubilee and Money Tree among others since 2020.

Scrivner's resume includes judging the National Trainers' Show, North Carolina Championships, Columbia Spring Jubilee and Alabama Jubilee.

The Spring Fun Show will feature 72 classes across the three evening performances with an addition of two crowd favorite Pick Your Partner classes to help raise money for the legal fund. Each performance starts at 6 p.m.



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Lady Vols Hire New Coach
The Tennessee Volunteers introduced Kim Caldwell as the fourth Women's Basketball head coach on Tuesday afternoon.

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Bell Buckle has eclipse party
Bell Buckle held a solar eclipse party downtown on merchant's square to celebrate the eclipse Monday.

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TWHBEA Photo

HAPPY TRAILS
U.S. Sen. Bill Hagerty (TN), right, and Steve Smith, Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association (TWHBEA) past president and master breeder, enjoyed the smooth ride of their Tennessee Walking Horses for the recent Mule Day Parade in Columbia. Now a week-long event, it is estimated that more than 200,000 people were in attendance for the 50th annual event.





T-G Photos by Dawn Hankins

BY-PASS RESOLUTION
County Commissioner John Boutwell read a resolution Tuesday night which will be sent to the state in regard to the expansion of the 437 By-pass out to 41A Highway.

CC: TO PAT
Bedford County Commissioner Linda Yockey asked fellow Commissioner John Boutwell if the resolution about to be sent to the state in regard to the By-Pass expansion includes State Rep. Pat Marsh. The resolution will likely make its first stop on his desk, it was explained.

ON THE HILL
with State Rep. Pat Marsh

There is no limit to the amount of good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit." -Ronald Reagan

"With the Session starting to wind down in the coming weeks, we received some interesting factoids from the Nashville International Airport (BNA) that I want to let everyone know about. In 2023, BNA set a new passenger record and successfully served 22,877,671 people, a nearly 15% increase from 2022! On a daily basis, the airport accommodated 7,850 passengers between 2022 and 2023. The Nashville Airport is becoming one of the busiest airports in the U.S.!

I also wanted to inform folks of some outstanding bills making their way to the House Floor and into law:

House Bill 2773 by Rep. Mark Cochran, also called The Cassie Wright Act, is on its way to the Governor's Office for his signature. This bill authorizes a child's parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian to have access to the minor's prescription records regarding their mental health treatment. The parents are also obligated to receive reports from a professional treating their child if they report suicidal ideations or thoughts of self-harm made by the child.

House Bill 2866 by Rep. Charlie Baum creates a three-year pilot program that would provide up to five students from Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) with a $3,000 scholarship in exchange for working at mental health institutes for at least two years upon graduating. This bill should help entice MTSU students to get into the mental health realm of medicine.

House Bill 1128, by Rep. Ron Gant, will be heard this week in the Criminal Justice Committee. This bill requires jails and arresting law enforcement agencies to verify the citizenship of people arrested, booked, or confined for any amount of time. If the arrested person is found to be in the country illegally, the appropriate immigration and customs enforcement detail will be notified.

On April 1st, the world-famous Bill Dance, known for his famous Tennessee hat and fishing skills, visited the Tennessee General Assembly. The General Assembly recognized Mr. Dance on the House Floor for significantly conserving our Tennessee waterways. It was great to see such a TN legend here in the Capitol! When I talked to Mr. Dance, I found out that he grew up around Moore County and started fishing in Mulberry Creek.

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."



Submitted Photo

State Rep. Pat Marsh recently welcomed professional fisherman, Bill Dance, to the General Assembly. The fisherman, who is known worldw-wide, was recognized for assisting in the preservation of Tennessee waterways.



REPRESENTING THE DISTRICT
Bedford County Schools Director of Federal Programs, Chad Fletcher, was recently selected as a member of Tennessee Department of Education Steering Committee on District Family Engagement. The committee members will represent district and school leaders and education stakeholders while providing essential feedback and guidance in the development of a state family engagement plan.

CASCADE

From page 1



Cascade Middle School 7th grade science enrichment students are pictured receiving their STEM grant with representatives from Bedford County Schools, DREMC and TVA.

TVA. CMS is served by Duck River Electric Membership Corporation (DREMC.)

According to CMS Principal Susan Huff, the school will use its $2,500 grant to develop a study a portion of the Duck River here in Bedford County and the problem of pollution in and on the river.

"Ideally, the students will research the history of, wildlife, and/or uses of the river and the effects of pollution," said Huff. "The goal is for students to gain an appreciation for the Duck River and its wildlife and create a solution for the heavy traffic and pollution that is a problem for our community."

CMS Seventh Grade Science Teacher Amanda Thompson, who applied for and is being awarded the STEM grant, explains that the goal is for students to understand the importance of and help find ways to protect the river. As well, students are encouraged to create a persuasive way to encourage disposal of trash while fishing, camping, and floating the Duck River.

"We are excited to partner with Henry Horton Park Ranger Samantha Davenport and others who are helping with planning and visiting with CMS to share knowledge of the river and the importance of keeping it clean," said Thompson. "I'm excited for our students and how this connects to career exploration expectations in our school and district. Best of all, it has been rewarding to see students learn so much through this project about the Duck River and why it's a treasure to be admired and protected."

Thompson said grant dollars were used to purchase a classroom set of hand held digital cameras and tripods as well as water testing kits for measuring the river's PH levels. Students record what they're seeing and learning and report back to a larger audience at their school.

"TVA is committed to supporting schools and educators who are inspiring an interest in STEM education in students across the Valley, as we know our young people will design and build the energy systems of the future," said Jeannette Mills, TVA executive vice president and chief external relations officer. "Providing resources and access to STEM education is key to inspiring innovation and we're proud to contribute to the next generation's visionaries."

Since 2018, TVA and BVI have awarded nearly $6 million in STEM grants to support local education.

A full list of grant recipients, and information on how to apply for a future STEM grant, can be found at www.tvastem.com.



Teacher Amanda Thompson of Cascade Middle shows one of the water testing kits purchased with recently received TVA STEM grant dollars.





Photos by Dawn Hankins

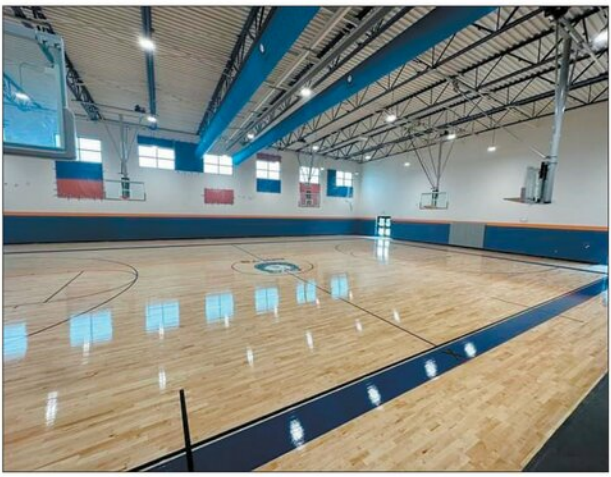
Just down this section of the public square, East Depot, you can go to a movie, browse for home décor ideas, pay for insurance, talk to someone about purchasing a home, browse through a sports memorabilia store and an antiques collectible shop. Now that makes for a great Saturday morning Shelbyville!



HELPING THE CHILDREN
Community Middle School recently held a fundraiser "Chains for Charity," raising $ 1,505 for Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. The winners of the fundraiser celebrated with an ice cream party.



While some areas in Shelbyville have greatly improved, there are other buildings with great bones but in great need of TLC. There's a way to go, it seems.



SNEAK PEAK INTO NEW SCHOOL
This is the new gym for Cartwright Elementary on Fairfield Pike. More great things to come!

THE ISSUE

Are we really ready for major growth?

By DAWN HANKINS

This is the first of a two-part column on this County's growth.

This week, we address whether the City of Shelbyville is prepared for the growth that is, well, here. It's in phase 2.1, I like to say.

I grew up here. And there's nothing more than I would like to see this town prosper-be unique in tourism, business and economic leadership. But are we prepared for what's to come?

With growth, you still have to think about the people who live here-those who've invested their entire lives into this City.

Drive around town, through the traffic, and think about it for a while. Make up your mind. Then let your public officials know your thoughts. Many City residents are already addressing traffic issues in their developing subdivisions.

Are the streets adequate for more cars and trucks? Can our service groups like fire and public works handle the growth currently being experienced? We've already covered this in stories on community development workshops. Public works needs improvement. City police and fire are maintaining, for now.

It's great to build more homes. Let the people come. Or, let the people move on.

On Saturday morning I walked around the town square and thought about how wonderful it was to see so many cars. Businesses on the square continue to add onto their historic buildings. Some are working to make their properties better.

One store owner and I discussed this. We agreed it's looking up, as far as public square traffic.

But then you see many areas in the City that still need a facelift.

Thankfully, we have been approved for a corridor study in the City. Thanks to all those who've worked hard on that step toward future growth.

Let's see what happens. How many of you remember in the early stages of Murfreesboro growth? I'm merely asking, infrastructure wise, is Shelbyville ready? It's a question that residents need to give some deep thought to, now.



BCEMS Photo

BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY
Bedford County Emergency Medical Service (BCEMS) recently recognized the efforts of paramedic James Whorley and AEMT Kasey Garner, who took it upon themselves to enhance the department's look by planting flowers around the Cascade Station sign.

Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: April 2

Seller, Morgan Leigh Walden Head, Landon C Head; Buyer, David Williams; Price, $315,900 (Deed).

Location: Hwy 231; Seller, GA HC Reit II Shelbyville Mob LLC; Buyer, Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital; Price, $650,000 (QD).

Location: 1213 Hwy 82 South; Seller, Curl Properties LLC, Don W Curl; Buyer, Taylor B France, Donald S France, Kelly France; Price, $304,000 (Deed).

Location: 2006 Old Nashville Dirt Rd; Seller, Patricia Ann Taylor; Buyer, Jason Grant Taylor; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 420 Dow Dr Shelbyville; Seller, Margaret B McFate; Buyer, William McFate; Price, $275,000 (Deed).

Location: Snell Rd; Seller, Charity D Finch; Buyer, Christopher B Finch; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 119 Prince St Shelbyville; Seller, David Simpson, Michelle Simpson; Buyer, Simpson Family Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 2842 Fairfield Pike Wartrace; Seller, David Simpson, Michelle Simpson; Buyer, Simpson Family Trust; Price, $0 (QD)).

Location: 874 Longview Rd; Seller, Boyce Gary Construction LLC; Buyer, Shane Spees, Hannah Spees; Price, $449,900 (Deed).

Location: Highway 64; Seller, David W Williams, Theresa M Williams; Buyer, Davin Eberenz, Rachel Eberenz; Price, $599,900 (Deed).

File date: April 3

Location: Cedar Grove Rd; Seller, Debra Stewart; Buyer, DCC Strategic Realty Partners LLC; Price, $45,000 (Deed).

Location: 119 Quail Hollow Lane; Seller, MM REI Holdings LLC; Buyer, Shualiei Ma; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 643 B Mac St Shelbyville; Seller, Shelby M Smith; Buyer, Filiberto Abarca; Price, $317,000 (Deed).

Location: 643 B Mac St Shelbyville; Seller, Filiberto Abarca; Buyer, Filibereto Abarca, Elva Guerrero Bernardino; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Fairview Dr; Seller, Baltazaar Ramirez Vazquez; Buyer, Lidys Guzman Urieta; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Melodie Ann Allen Cootes, James W Allen; Buyer, John B Cothran, Alpha Omega Trust; Price, $250,000 (Deed).

Location: 416 Big Springs Rd Bell Buckle; Seller, Carla J Jerome Beckmann, Patrick M Beckmann, Bradley J Beckmann; Buyer, Mike W Pitts; Price, $184,000 (Deed).

File date: April 4

Seller, Noe Basurto Armenta; Buyer, Silvestre Basurto Gonzalez, Marina Armenta Ramirez; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: North Main St; Seller, State of Tennessee, State of TN Dept of Transportation; Buyer, John K Harrison II; Price, $2,600 (QD).

Seller, Trudy H Hofstetter; Buyer, John Bryant Hofstetter; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: April 5

Seller, Joseph Sheetz Jr; Buyer, Joseph Sheetz Jr, Donna Lynn Sheetz; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Melodie Ann Allen Cootes, James W Allen; Buyer, Gilbert Crawley Jr; Price, $160,000 (Deed).

Seller, John B Green Jr; Buyer, Kenya E Fults; Price, $29,800 (Deed).

Location: 210 Hinkle Hill Rd Bell Buckle; Seller, Zachary J Akers, Nicole Jane Akers; Buyer, Jesselee Jose; Price, $240,000 (Deed).

Location: Archery Lane; Seller, Bertin Franco; Buyer, Juan J Bulcazar; Price, $6,000 (Deed).

Location: 206 Chevelle Ct Shelbyville; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Kelvin Brewer, Montnique Brewer; Price, $348,990 (Deed).

Location: 210 Chevelle Ct Shelbyville; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Marino Batista, Rocio Batista; Price, $356,140 (Deed).

Location: 322 Durum St Shelbyville; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Alina Drobovich, Paul Stock; Price, $319,990 (Deed).

Location: 404 Greenwood Ave Shelbyville; Seller, Peggy Sweeney, William Bryant Pinkston, Tammy Bonner; Buyer, charles Bergeron Jr; Price, $185,000 (Deed).

Seller, Irma Castorena; Buyer, Peyton L Fogle, Samantha J Fogle; Price, $150,000 (Deed).

Location: 108 Deer Point Rd Unionville; Seller, Stephen Joseph Belk, Jessica Belk; Buyer, Johnathan D Certain, Ashley M Certain; Price, $308,550 (Deed).

File date: April 8

Location: Sims Rd; Seller, Rodney Bowling, Chanel Donegan, Timothy Green; Buyer, Roelisa dudang, Christopher Ryan Arceneaux; Price, $349,900 (Deed).

Location: Cortner Rd; Seller, Cortner Investments LLC; Buyer, Lynn Clair Johnson, Ross Gilbert Johnson; Price, $468,000 (Deed).

Location: 760 Thompson Creek Rd; Seller, Gustavo Cabrera Segura; Buyer, Andrea A Vargas Perez; Price, $0 (QD).

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SUNDAY AT FUMC-SHELBYVILLE
Join us at Shelbyville First United Methodist Church for Sunday worship at 10 am. Pastor Abe Zimmerman will preach «Jesus Appears» from Luke 24:36-48. After Jesus rises from the grave, the disciples can hardly believe that Jesus has appeared before them. Together, we'll reflect on how Jesus continues to reveal himself in our lives today. For those unable to attend, we offer a livestream on Facebook and a broadcast on WLIJ 1580 AM.

Post Easter Sunday thoughts

Why is Easter Sunday such an important Christian holiday?

Christians around the world fill church pews on Easter Sunday to participate in one of the most holy and important celebrations of the liturgical year. Although every Sunday presents opportunities to share in the word of God, Easter Sunday is an especially significant date on the Christian calendar.

Each Easter, Christians celebrate the miracle of Christ's defeat over death through his resurrection and ascension to his father's side in heaven. However awe-inspiring, Easter is much more than this event and its retelling. Easter actually is the core of the Christian religion as it has come to be known, including inspiring the rituals and teachings that have been shared for nearly 2,000 years.

Without the events that unfolded during Holy Week, the Christian faith would not exist as it was prophesied. Christ's selfless sacrifice on the cross for other's sins, as well as his miraculous resurrection, are the anchors upon which all of Christianity has been built.

In 1 Corinthians 15:17, St. Paul wrote, And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Pope Benedict VVI similarly summarized St. Paul's words, indicating that if the resurrection were taken away, it may be possible to piece together ideas about God and men, but the Christian faith would be dead. In his book, Jesus of Nazareth, Pope Benedict further wrote, Jesus would be a failed religious leader he would then remain purely human, and his authority would extend only so far as his message is of interest to us.

Easter is part of the redemptive plan of mankind. It is worthy of celebration because it proved to people that Jesus is the Son of God. This gives Christian's confidence that there is life after death, and they will have the same power working in them that raised Jesus from the dead.

Out of Holy Week and Easter also came the start of Christian masses. On Holy Thursday, Jesus introduced his disciples to the bread that they ate at the Last Supper as His body and the wine as His blood This would serve as the basis for the Christian celebration of Holy Communion, which remains a vital component of the faith and religious services.



Community Calendar

Decoration Day
Rosebank Cemetery Decoration Day will be held 2 p.m., May 19, at Flat Creek Community Center in Flat Creek.

Spring in the Hollow
Lynchburg will celebrate all things spring on Saturday, April 27, during its 28th annual Spring in the Hollow event. Activities begin at 8 a.m. Special events include a bird house auction, art contest and plant sale.

Spring Play
The Webb School Webb Company Players will perform "Little Shop of Horrors" April 11-13 on the Follin Chapel Stage at 7 p.m. The spring play is presented in Association with Music Theatre International, book and lyrics by Howard Ashman and lyrics by Alan Menken. The general admission donation is $15; tickets available. For more information, call 931-389-5703 or go to https://www.tickettailor.com/events/thewebbschool/1185309.

School registrations
PreK Registration
May 7, 2024
Harris Middle School
8:30 AM-4:00 PM
Kindergarten Registration
Tues. May 7, 2024
Each Elementary School (Cartwright registration will be hosted at East Side Elementary School & Eakin Elementary School)
8:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Airport Event
Shelbyville Municipal Airport will sponsor Aviation Day on Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free admission and parking. Food vendors onsite.



T-G Calendar Girls Ivy and Daisy Nagata of Hawaii, who visit family here on occasion, enjoyed their Easter holiday. Send us pixs of your littles for the calendar page to dawn@richardsonmediagroup.net.

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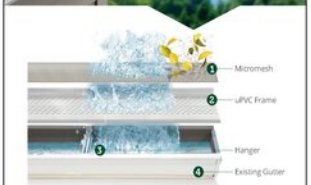
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SPD also recently recognized Lt. Justin Smith for 26 years of dedicated service. He oversees the A day shift.



SPD Photo

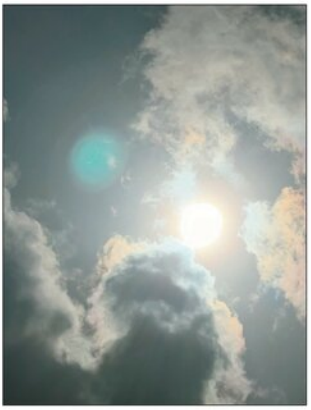
OFFICERS PREPARE TO ROLL
Shelbyville Police Department recently announced the graduation of Luc Zahorian, Brian Schwenk, Carter McAnally, Chris Handel and Cobye Hernandez from the Blount County Regional Law Enforcement Training. This group of officers will now return to SPD to complete the FTO program before joining the patrol division.



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INTO THE CLOUD
While we work on our computers in "The Cloud" all through the week, it is nice to take photos of the real clouds. These were resting over some farmland last week.





RECENT ECLIPSE PHOTOS
We thank all who submitted their solar eclipse pictures from Monday. See the T-G Facebook page for more great pictures. These photos were submitted by Adrian Godinez, left, and Ashley Gordon, right.

BEDFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Jail Intakes

Steven DeWayne Angus, driving on suspended, failure to maintain lane, financial responsibility, violation of registration laws
Bethanie Ann Bush, failure to appear
Nick Henry Ford, drive to exercise due care, driving on revoked license, DUI, financial responsibility, speeding, violation of registration law
Noemi Marina Moreno-Ramos, shoplifting
Phyllis Gail Phelps, driving on suspended
Ranfrey Mercado Valle, no driver's license exhibited on demand, texting while driving
James O'Neal Wells, driving on suspended
Christopher Jamel Young, driving on suspended, financial responsibility, light law
Xavier Conway, filing a false report
Robert Curtis Burns, Jr., Christopher Murphy, Timothy Russell Murphy, Mary F. Cook Joseph Delvin, Charles Antwain Lentz, all charged with simple assault
Katherine Alvarado and Quinton M. Parker, both charged with verbal domestic



Scam alert from BCSD

Bedford County Sheriff's Department would like local residents to know about a scam alert.

A resident was contacted by someone claiming to be from the sheriff's department and demanded bail bond and court costs.

Two residents did go and purchase Walmart give cards but when the caller began asking for all the information on the cards, they smartly went and reported this incidence to the sheriff's department. The phone numbers used by the man were 931-630-3528 and 931-684-3232- one of which is from the sheriff's department.

But here's what BCSD would like for you to know. The department will never call and ask for court payments.

BCSD also states that it will never ask for cards like those from Walmart, Apple cards or Green Dot cards, etc.

When in doubt, please always check with local authorities about the validity of calls of this nature. Better safe, than sorry.

Sadly, some people have not been as conscientious as these recent folks and have in the process of dealing with scammers, been taken for a lot of money.

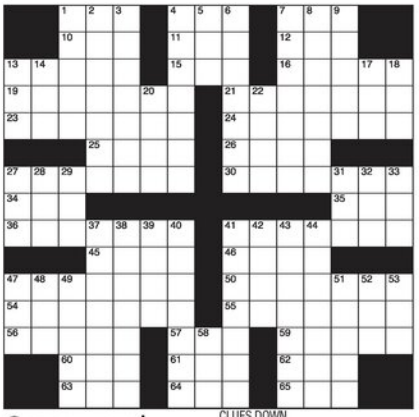
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Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

1. Midway between south and southeast
4. For each
7. Airborne (abbr.)
10. Photographs
11. They __
12. It's important in respiration (abbr.)
13. Monetary unit
15. Cool!
16. A son of Jacob
19. Cut off
21. Devour
23. Agent of one's downfall
24. Best
25. Network of nerves
26. Partner to 'oohs'
27. Origins
30. Sewing utensil
34. Alias
35. Swiss river
36. Greek mythological figure
41. Type of whiskey
45. Lay to rest
46. 'Rule, Britannia' composer
47. Select jury
50. Feeling
54. Action regarded as morally wrong
55. Makes angry
56. Act incorrectly
57. Defensive nuclear weapon
59. Class of escort aircraft carrier
60. To what degree
61. Buzzing insect
62. The human foot
63. 'The Leftovers' actress Dowd
64. A place to stay
65. Sun up in New York

CLUES DOWN

1. An involuntary muscular contraction
2. Earnest
3. Cuts out surgically
4. Can't move
5. Baseball stat
6. British soldier
7. Traditional medicine plants
8. Political party controlled by managers
9. Hebrew prophet
13. Supporter
14. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
17. Liberty Mutual mascot
18. Georgia rockers
20. A place where building is done
22. Large, deep-bodied fish
27. Clothing retailer
28. Supplement with difficulty
29. Annoy constantly
31. Founder of Babism
32. Indigenous person in parts of Asia
33. Sea eagle
37. Leave behind
38. Time of day
39. Colorless crystalline compound
40. They lay out course requirements
41. A diamond has three
42. Algerian coastal city
43. Remove cover
44. Rechristened
47. Distinctive practice
48. Defunct phone company
49. Turkish officer of high rank
51. Eliminate from the body
52. Witness
53. Soviet Socialist Republic
58. Founding Father Franklin

LOTS OF LAUGHS WORD SEARCH

P	P	M	P	S	L	O	L	R	G	F	C	O	M	E	D	Y	U	Y	J
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

APRIL FOOLS
BELLY
BRAY
BRIGHT
CACKLE
CHEEKS
CHUCKLE
COMEDIAN
COMEDY
CONTAGIOUS
CRYING
FUNNY
GIGGLES
HAHA
HICCUP
JOKING
LAUGH
LOL
MOOD
POSITIVE
RELIEF
SMILE
SNICKER
SNORT

Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, this is a great week for transformation. Be careful where you direct your attention, as what you do will have lasting effects. Choose your plans wisely.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Use this week's powerful energy to strip away all of the unnecessary static in your life right now. It is doing more harm than good. Open yourself up to new opportunities, Taurus.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, there is a lot of stuff going on around you, and you need to sort through the noise to determine your priorities. Things will start to become more clear this week.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
You are in a great position to make some lasting and strong impressions on others, Cancer. Focus on group work, as this will showcase how well you work with others.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, you do not know which direction to go in this week, and that is perfectly fine. Try out different options and figure out what fits best. This will require some trial and error.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you have a tremendous amount of power at your disposal this week. Use all of it wisely and thoughtfully. Others will be strongly affected by your presence.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
A conflict in your life that you may feel is beyond your control may crop up at the worst time, Libra. Use this as a learning opportunity on how to cope under pressure.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you have the power to produce a powerful outcome, even if it seems that forces are working against you. Do not give up; in fact, double down your efforts.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, take things with a grain of salt if people seem insensitive to your feelings this week. You don't know what others have going on in their lives.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Nothing can stop you when you put a lot of gusto behind your efforts, Capricorn. Just be mindful of who you might affect if you take things with a little too much ambition.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, are you getting the sense that something is going on around you that you're simply not a part of? Maybe your exclusive invitation is just waiting in the wings. Be patient.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, stand up for what you want, even if means that you are taking a different stance than others. You don't have to please everyone in every endeavor.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

APRIL 14
Sarah Michelle Gellar, Actress (47)
APRIL 15
Chris Stapleton, Singer (46)
APRIL 16
Sadie Sink, Actress (22)
APRIL 17
Victoria Beckham, Singer (50)
APRIL 18
Kourtney Kardashian, Reality Star (45)
APRIL 19
Loren Gray, Singer (22)
APRIL 20
Shemar Moore, Actor (54)

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!

1	4		7				5	6
			1		4		7	
				3	8			
		6				4		5
	1	7	4		5		9	
4			2					8
2	7							9
	9	1	6					4
6			8					

Level: Beginner

1			6				3	
					4			9
6					7			2
	8							
4	7	1		5	3			
3	5						1	
		2						
8	3				1		6	
		7				5		

Level: Intermediate

				8			6	2
	2				9			
		8	7	1				
1					4			7
		9					5	
	5	3		9	7			
	8				3			
	9					7		3
			4	6		5		

Level: Advanced

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AMANDA BEEMAN:

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 ALYSSA LYON (BEEMAN), DOB: 07/16/2007. 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 3rd day of June, 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.

ENTER this the 5th day of April, 2024.

Honorable Charles Rich
Bedford County Juvenile Court

NOTICE

JESSICA LINDSEY:

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 **JESSICA TURKNETT, DOB: 07/13/2012** 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 8th day of April, 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.

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.

ENTER this the 4th day of March, 2024.
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ANSWER: Level: Beginner

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2	3	7	6	9	4	1	5	8
8	1	6	3	5	2	9	4	7
9	5	4	8	7	1	2	3	6

ANSWER: Level: Intermediate

7	6	8	2	5	1	3	4	9
4	5	1	3	6	9	7	8	2
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ANSWER: Level: Advanced

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Jordan Chase Crawford



Jordan Chase Crawford, 26, of Shelbyville died April 1, 2024. Funeral Services will be held 2:00 P.M. Saturday, April 6th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home Rev. Gary Brown officiating. Burial will follow at Willow Mount Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 11:00 A.M.

He is survived by his mother, Mandy Walchshauser (Steven) Doud of Morrison, TN. his father, Jason David Crawford (Emily Greer) of Chapel Hill, TN.; daughter, Allison Crawford of Shelbyville, son, Dallas Bowler-Crawford of Manchester,; siblings, Haleigh (Kade) Simpson, Nathan Corley, Kaleb Crawford; grandparents, Bill Crawford, Diane Walchshauser, Perry Walchshauser, Teresa Walchshauser and several aunts, uncles and cousins.awford, 26, of Shelbyville died April 1, 2024.

Laverne Love Hittson



Laverne Love Hittson, 73, of Wartrace died April 2, 2024.

She was born December 18, 1950 in Marshall County, TN. She was the the daughter of the late Robert F. Love and Alma Newcomb Love. She was former employee of the Rutherford County Codes Department and a member of Fair Haven Baptist Church.

Laverne is survived by her husband of 45 years, Avery Hittson; son, Ricky Carl Stinnett (Brenda) of Chapel Hill; daughter, Alma Cathy Shelley of Wartrace; brother, Clifford Love (Rosa); sisters, Valerie Stacey (William), Audrey Love; two grandchildren, Shelby Lightfoot (Hayden), Aaron Shelley; one great grandchild, Elsie Lightfoot. She was preceded in death by a brother, Willy Love.

Per her request she will be cremated. No services are scheduled.

Harold McGee



Harold McGee, 82, of the Flat Creek Community, were held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 6, 2024, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with John Houston and Mark Pierce officiating. Burial followed at Willow Mount Cemetery. Visitation was Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. McGee passed from this life Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at Ascension St. Thomas Hospital.

A native of Moore County, TN, Harold was born on June 8, 1941, to the late Laddie Ross McGee and Jessie Viola Brown McGee. Along with his parents he was preceded in death by his beloved dog, Luke.

Harold attended Moore County High School. He grew up farming; having raised tobacco, beef cattle and cut hay. He operated several service stations in Bedford County for many years; they included, Gulf, Chevron, and Phillips 66. He continued farming throughout his life, even until his final days he was always asking if his cows were okay. He was a member of New Herman Church of Christ and loved watching basketball, especially the Shelbyville Golden Eaglettes, he and his wife attended games for over 30 years.

Harold is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Mary Frances Mullins McGee, children: Ricky H. McGee of Mt. Juliet, and Janet L. Morelock and husband Terry, grandchildren: Sarah Presley and husband Travis, Austin R. Morelock and wife Erica, Audrey L Morelock, and Alaina M. Morelock; great grandchildren, Lincoln Morelock and Laila Morelock, and sister: Frances Marie Frizzell of Shelbyville; and loving dog, Susie.

Memorial donations may be made to New Herman Church of Christ by mail: C/o 745 Possum Trott Rd. Shelbyville, TN 37160.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

C. James Sutton, Jr.



C. James Sutton Jr., 82, of Shelbyville, TN, passed away on April 2, 2024 at home surrounded by family after a short fight with cancer.

James was born on August 14, 1941, to Clyde J. Sutton and Zuella Templeton Sutton in Bedford County. James graduated from Shelbyville Central High School in 1959. After many business ventures, he went on to acquire his real estate, auctioneer and construction licenses. He started his own business of Sutton Construction Co. and became the owner/ broker of Sutton Realty & Auction Company carrying out a 55+ year career.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years Carolyn Sutton; children, Teresa (Gene) Phillips, Missy Hoover, and Mike Sutton; grandchildren, Amanda (Ancie) Dotson, Alyssa (Gordon) Saylor, Jacey (Hunter) Calvert, Ashlee Sutton, and Rachel Phillips; great grandchildren, Ancie "Quad" Dotson IV, Sutton and Sterling Saylor, Mellie and Collins Calvert; and sisters, Marie Padgett and Ann Peek.

James was beloved by his family and friends. He was selfless with a big heart who loved the Lord. He leaves a strong family legacy and memory with the community.

A private service will be held for the family per his request.

Comfort food for the bereaved

Chicken, side veggies, easy potatoes

A friend's mother passed away. You want to help feed her large family coming in for the service.

You're short on time. What to do?

It takes time to order and pick up food. And it can be costly. And, it's not as personal as doing it yourself, right? After all, that's the point-comfort.

Go to the freezer. (You thought ahead and have pre-prepared chicken ready to run in the oven.)

Frozen foods can be convenient ingredients to use in everyday cooking. But they're especially important if you're needing to get food to a wake or funeral event.

Frozen food is also an affordable way to get the daily recommendations of vegetables and fruits a person needs in their diets. This can be wonderful, especially for people under a lot of stress. Freezing ensures the food retains its nutritional value at the peak of freshness.

Here are a couple of recipes that make wonderful bereavement dishes to take to friends and family. While the potatoes are fresh and take a little more time, you can certainly purchase ready-to-eat potatoes in the grocery.

Easy Chicken

1 to 2 boxes of any brand of frozen, boxed chicken

Follow directions on the package for cooking time, etc.

Low-Lactose mashed potatoes

About 3 pounds Idaho potatoes. You may have to double the recipe.

1 cup Lactaid whole milk

1 stick butter

This recipe originally calls for 8 cloves garlic but may want to reduce it to garlic salt or leave it all together for funeral events.

Side vegetable mix

1 to 2 pkg. frozen carrots

1 to 2 pkg. frozen, French-style green beans

Cook according to package directions. Stir in 1 tsp. honey.

Low-Lactose Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Yield: 8 cups

To prepare mashed potatoes, peel and chop. Remove garlic from paper skin or sprinkle with garlic salt. Combine potatoes and garlic in a Dutch oven or large saucepan and cover with water. Bring the water to a boil over high heat, reduce heat to medium, and cook for 10 to 12 minutes or until potatoes are tender. When potatoes are tender, drain in a colander. Push potatoes and through a ricer to make them extra fluffy.

Return pan with riced potatoes to stovetop and cook over medium-low heat. Add half of the butter. Stir until butter is melted. Add half of the milk. Stir until milk has been absorbed. Add remaining butter and let it stand until butter melts. Add remaining milk. Stir well. Optional: season with salt to taste.

Note: Conveniently pack chicken and potatoes for transport. Use a sealable container for veggies. Then, take this comfort food to a grieving family. It is sure to bring comfort.



Donnie Ray Moore



Funeral services for Donnie Ray Moore age 59 of Tullahoma, TN will be held 1 PM Saturday April 13, 2024 at Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Bro. Loyd Warren officiating. Burial will follow in Hopper Cemetery in the Laws Hill Community of Marshall County. Visitation with the family will be held prior to the service beginning at 11 AM at the funeral home.

Mr. Moore passed from this life suddenly at Vanderbilt Tullahoma-Harton Saturday April 6, 2024.

Mr. Moore was born on July 27, 1964 in Watervliet, Michigan to the late Don Kenneth Moore and Louise Bolin Moore. He was a member of Victory Baptist Church and a proud Veteran of the United States Army. Before becoming unable to work due to health reasons Mr. Moore worked 15 years at Jostens in Shelbyville, TN.

Survivors include his son; Maverick Moore of Shelbyville, TN, stepchildren; AJ Trott of Bell Buckle, TN, and Lauren-Jo Trott of Shelbyville, TN, siblings; Donna Darby of Tullahoma, TN, Charles Kenneth Moore of Shelbyville, TN, Terry James Moore of Hartsville, TN, sister in-law Rhonda Moore of Culleoka, TN, 1 niece, 5 nephews, 3 great nieces, 1 great nephew, and a host of extended family. Mr. Moore loved his family and will be greatly missed.

Along with his parents Mr. Moore was predeceased by his brother; Jerry "Slim" Moore.

Memorial donations may be made to the funeral home to assist the family with final expenses.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Richard R. "Rick" Deussen



Richard Raymond "Rick" Deussen, Jr. age 67, of Shelbyville, passed from this life early Saturday morning, April 6, 2024, at home surrounded by his loved ones and under the care of Alive Hospice.

A California native Rick was born December 10, 1956, in San Diago; he was the son of Dick Deussen and Shirley Ramey Deussen. He was a graduate of Taipei American High School class of 1974 and would earn a bachelor's degree in Theatre Arts from University of Redlands.

He is survived by loving wife of 37 years, Joy Livingston Deussen of Shelbyville; children, Richard Deussen and wife Andrea of CA, Dan Deussen of Nashville, Henry Deussen of Nashville and Isabelle Deussen of Shelbyville; brothers, Mike Deussen and wife Kathy of CA, Phil Deussen and wife Melissa of CO, and Ed Deussen and wife Joan of AZ; along with several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of life service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 14, 2024, First Baptist Church with Pastor Jeff Rasnick officiating. Visitation with the family will be held prior to services beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the church.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family

Ella Mae Floyd



Ella Mae Floyd, 90, of Tullahoma died April 5, 2024. Funeral Services were 11:00 A.M. Monday,

April 8, at Hillcrest Funeral Home with Jeff Collet officiating. Burial followed at Hollywood Cemetery. Visitation was at 10:00 A.M.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Johnny Andrew and Nannie Elizabeth Fletcher Brown and her husband, Billy L.D. Floyd.

She is survived by her daughter, Clara May Elliott of Hillsboro; grandsons, Billy Burgess (Roxanne Shaw) of Manchester, Jeff (Rita) Burgess of Shelbyville; great grandchildren, Daniel Burgess, Joseph Burgess, Sierra Burgess, Jeffrey Burgess, Dustin Burgess and nine great great-grandchildren.

Joel Dwight Clanton



Joel Dwight Clanton, age 71, of Shelbyville, passed away April 8, 2024, at his home, under the loving care and comfort of his family and Gentiva Hospice. A Celebration of Life Service will be 3 PM Sunday, April 14, 2024, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Pastor Jay Pope will officiate. The family will receive visitors 1 PM until service time Sunday at the funeral home. He was born, November 25, 1952, in Bedford Couty, to the late William Vernie Clanton and Mary Bell Harrison Clanton. A lifelong resident of Shelbyville, he was the owner of Clanton Custom Machines. A very talented machinist, he designed and built custom equipment for many well-known industries. He also enjoyed helping out his friends and neighbors repair and make parts for their needs.

An avid fisherman, Dwight enjoyed fishing with his son and grandchildren, a Clanton family tradition, passed down through many generations. He enjoyed NASCAR, dirt track racing, and football. He was an active member of Kingdom Cultivation Ministries. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Doyle Clanton. Survivors include his wife, Shirley Jeffress Clanton; children, Mary Beth Clanton and James Bradley Clanton; grandchildren, Shelby Harmon, Emalye Beasley, Katey (Lane) Allen, and Joel Burton; great grandchildren, Gunner Harmon and Garrad Beasley; sister, Dorothy (Ezralee) Swing; several nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to Kingdom Cultivation Ministries, 701 Kingree Road, Shelbyville, or the Bedford County Cancer Society. Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tommie Campbell



Tommie "Tom" Franklin Campbell, of Shelbyville, passed away Wednesday, April 3, 2024. Graveside services, with military honors, will be Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at the Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery.

He was the plant manager at George Dickel, also managing the George Dickel plant in Florida. He was also a social worker in New Mexico.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Merle Franklin Campbell and Rachel Fisher Campbell; a sister, Mary Ester Campbell, and a brother, James Edward Campbell.

He is survived by his daughters, Diane Hastings of Shelbyville, Sheryl Goodwin, of Lewistown, Montana; and Donna Beene of Manchester; grandchildren, Marlin Edward Fletcher, Angie Fletcher, Jeremiah Daniel Ames, and Starr Elliott; twelve great grandchildren, and five great great-grandchildren.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Michael John McInerney



Funeral Mass will be 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27, 2024, at St. William Catholic Church for Michael John McInerney. Father Edwuin Cardona will officiate. Burial has already occurred in Willow Mount Cemetery. Mr. McInerney, age 85, of Shelbyville, passed away March 12, 2024. He was born October 9, 1938, in Detroit, Michigan, to the late Frank and Mary Trinkwalder McInerney. He was veteran of the United States Army. Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Aude McInerney, of Shelbyville. Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Golden Eagles Go 4-1 To End The Week On The Diamond

BY NOAH MADDOX
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The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles had a busy end to the week on the baseball diamond, going a perfect 4-0 after losing a rescheduled matchup with Coffee County in game two of their district series.

GAME ONE

It was a tale of another blown lead late for the Golden Eagles against the Raiders. Shelbyville led 5-3 going into the bottom of the sixth inning before Coffee County exploded for five runs, and once the hosts shut down Shelbyville in the seventh, took home the win 8-5 to complete the sweep.

Despite the relatively low-scoring affair before the sixth, both teams racked up the fielding errors with Shelbyville tallying six errors – with six hits – while Coffee County committed five errors of their own.

Carston Williams went 4.1 innings in the start for Shelbyville, throwing 97 pitches while striking out eight batters and only walking two. Of the six runs scored, only two of them were earned, and he only gave up five hits as his defense struggled behind him.



Carston Williams (22) on the mound at Coffee County went 4.1 innings with 8 strikeouts and only 2 earned runs. *Submitted Photo.*

Michael Estrada came on in relief, but after issuing a walk and a ball in play that saw the final two runs of the five-run fifth inning score for Coffee County, he was pulled after nine pitches. Coach Chase Jones turned to William Bobo to shut down the Raiders rally, and he did with a pair of strikeouts, but the damage was done.

Brady Daugherty got the start on the bump for Coffee County, but the visiting Golden Eagles saw him well from the first pitch, drawing three walks and collecting a pair of hits without striking out. Daugherty gave up three runs, and while none of them were deemed to be earned, he was pulled after Shelbyville took a 3-0 lead with nobody out in the top of the second inning.

Jayden Fellers came on in relief, and he gave the hometown Raiders a lifeline. Fellers went four complete innings, giving up only three hits while striking out six batters and not issuing a single free pass. Of the two runs scored with him on the mound, only one of them was earned.

Cole Pippenger got the final six outs to record the save for Coffee County, throwing two shutout innings with five strikeouts and only one walk. He gave up just one hit in the outing.

Shelbyville took the aforementioned 3-0 lead in the top of the second with nobody out, but the Golden Eagles stranded six runners on base and only managed two more runs the rest of the game. They came in the third inning and in the top of the fifth. The top four hitters in the Shelbyville lineup recorded five of the six hits for the visitors, with Stephen and William Bobo tallying one hit and one run apiece with Carston Williams leading the team with a pair of base knocks that included a double and an RBI. Nick Johnson, the cleanup hitter, recorded a base hit and an RBI as well. Kyler Trice came on to courtesy-run for Williams and scored a run, and nine-hole hitter Caden Duggin recorded the sixth hit for Shelbyville.

Meanwhile, Coffee County only needed the middle three innings to do their damage offensively on six hits. Pippenger, the hero of game one, was hitless, but he did record an RBI on a sacrifice and a walk. Six different batters recorded a hit for the Raiders, but it was Colter Neel who provided the back-breaking two-RBI double that broke the game open in the fifth inning for the hosts in their eventual 8-5 district win.

Shelbyville Central falls to 0-4 in district play this season despite finishing within three runs or less in three of the four games.

GAME TWO

Shelbyville Central played a doubleheader on Friday, winning both games after scoring a combined 20 runs against the Middle Tennessee Monarchs and South Pittsburg Pirates.

It started off with a convincing 13-1 win over the Monarchs that featured a combined no-hitter. Kyler Trice got his first start of the season – out in centerfield batting ninth – and was the only Golden Eagle to record five at-bats. Trice picked up two hits and a run scored while striking out twice.

Nick Johnson led Shelbyville with four RBI and hit the only home run of the day. Six different batters were hit by a pitch with Brody Lovvorn and Carston Williams getting hit twice. Lovvorn and Williams were also two of three Eagles – Palmer Edwards being the third – with a pair of RBI.

William Bobo got the start on the mound for Shelbyville, throwing four hitless innings on 67 pitches. He struck out five batters while walking four, but the one run he gave up was unearned.

Reager Edwards pitched two innings in relief, and he was able to secure the no-hit bid, striking out one but putting down six batters in succession to close out the final two innings.

Shelbyville took a 4-1 lead after the first two innings once the Monarchs pushed that run across in the bottom of the second, but this seemed to wake up the Golden Eagles' bats. Six runs and three outs later, Shelbyville led 10-1.

The score would stay that way until the top of the sixth inning when the Golden Eagles tacked on three more runs to put their final touches on a 13-1 win.

Shelbyville drew seven walks, six HBPs, collected eight hits, and swiped nine bags – William Bobo stealing four of them – in a very strong offensive showing in the first game on Friday.

GAME THREE

The Golden Eagles carried that strong offensive momentum into the second game on Friday against South Pittsburg in a 7-5 win.

Palmer Edwards got the start on the mound in this one, going five complete innings. He gave up five hits, striking out six while walking three, and only two of the four runs given up were earned.

Michael Estrada came on in relief to secure the save in the sixth, giving up three hits and one run while striking out two batters to one walk.

Three different Golden Eagles collected a pair of hits: Stephen Bobo, Nick Johnson, and Edwards. All three of them recorded one RBI apiece as well to help spark Shelbyville to a combined six runs in the final three innings.

The Pirates held a 2-1 lead going into the fourth inning and a 3-2 lead heading into the fifth, before the Shelbyville bats came to life, pushing across three runs in the top of the fifth inning and two more runs in the sixth to take a 7-4 lead into the bottom of the sixth where Estrada was able to eventually secure the save.

GAME FOUR

Shelbyville Central had another double-header on Saturday, and the first game of the weekend featured a 10-1 domination over Marion County in six innings.

Brody Lovvorn got the start on the bump, and he went the complete six innings on an extremely efficient 61 pitches. He only gave up four hits, and the one run Marion County scored in the bottom of the sixth was unearned. He struck out two batters while walking one, and even though he utilized his defense to get 22 of the 24 outs, his fielders only committed two errors the entire game.

At the plate, Carston Williams and Nick Hopper were the only Golden Eagles to record a multi-hit game, both tallying a pair of singles. Kyler Trice recorded his first official hit of the season as well, driving home a run in the process. Williams and Hopper only recorded one RBI each, but it was thanks in large part to five errors on the part of Marion County that those numbers weren't higher.

William Bobo swiped four more bags as did Carston Williams as the two Shelbyville stars wreaked havoc on the basepaths in the nine-run victory over the Warriors.



Carston Williams (22) and Nick Johnson (7) stand for the national anthem pre-game. *Submitted Photo.*

GAME FIVE

In the second game on Saturday – and the fifth game in three days – Shelbyville Central walked off the Dekalb County Tigers in a thriller, 7-6.

Two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning proved to be the difference in this back-and-forth affair, as Shelbyville overcame giving up the go-ahead run in the top of the seventh to push across a pair of runs to walk things off.

Parker Burks got the start on the mound for Shelbyville, going 3.2 innings and giving up four hits while striking out two and walking three. All four runs he conceded were earned, and he was relieved by Ashton Worley to record the final out of a three-run Dekalb fifth inning.

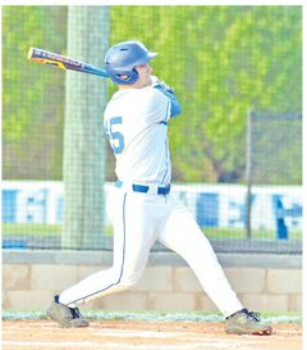
Whorley came back out for the fifth and sixth innings, striking out four batters without a walk. Despite giving up five hits, the only run scored by the Tigers with him on the mound was unearned in the top of the sixth.

In the end, however, it was Nick Hopper who recorded the win for being the last pitcher on the mound for Shelbyville in the seventh before their walk-off.

Caden Duggin was the only Eagle to record two hits – a pair of singles –and he also drove home a pair of runs. Nick Johnson and Carston Williams were the only other batters that recorded an RBI – each on a double – but seven different Golden Eagles' recorded a base-hit, including Kyler Trice for the fourth consecutive game.

Shelbyville also swiped 11 bags in an impressive show on the basepaths that made the Tigers pay for the eight free passes their pitching staff handed out, and it proved to be the difference in a 7-6 win that secured the Golden Eagles' fourth consecutive win.

After the weather postponed both games of the District 9-AAAA series against Warren County originally scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, the Eagles are attempting to play that series ASAP.



Brody Lovvorn (15) threw six innings of one-run, four-hit ball in SCHS's 10-1 win over Marion County on Saturday. *Submitted Photo.*

Riverdale's Fast Start Too Much to Overcome For Eaglettes

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The Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes fell to the Riverdale Lady Warriors, 16-6, at home on Friday in a non-district contest.

Riverdale jumped out to an 8-0 lead after the top of the first inning thanks to a Shelbyville fielding error, three HBPs, two walks, and a three-run home run. The Lady Warriors would tack on two more runs in the second to extend their lead to 10-0 while starting pitcher Samantha Cothran kept the Eaglettes off the scoreboard through the first six outs.



Sammie Brown (4) celebrates with her teammates after her three-run home run in the third inning on Friday. *Submitted Photo.*

The visitors tacked on another run in the top of the third, but Shelbyville's offense showed some signs of life in the home half of the inning. Mariah Nowlin was hit by a pitch to lead things off, Alyssa Smith popped up to second base but reached safely on an error, and then Sammie Brown drove herself and both runners home on a three-run home run that cleared the centerfield wall to trim the lead to eight.

The Eaglettes would tack on two more runs to go into the fourth inning trailing 11-5, but that is as close as the hosts would get. Riverdale drove home another run in the fourth, and then put up four more runs in the top of the sixth in response to SCHS' one-run fifth to secure the 16-6 road victory.

Sammie Brown didn't start, but she did come into the circle in relief at the end of the third inning and went the rest of the way, throwing 66 pitches with four strikeouts and zero walks. Riverdale did record seven hits against Brown, but of the six runs scored, only four were earned.

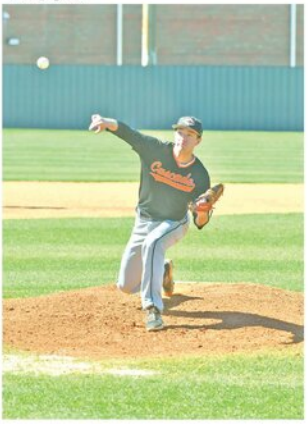


Sydney Moore (7) makes an acrobatic diving catch in right field against Riverdale. *Submitted Photo.*

Shelbyville Central falls to 2-4 (0-1) on the season, and after a long break because of the rain, are scheduled to play their third District 9-AAAA contest of the season at Coffee County on Saturday following a non-district matchup at Tullahoma on Friday.

Champs Complete Battle Of Bedford Sweep Against Vikes

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Cascade senior Zach Crosslin (11), pitched brilliantly in Saturday's start, going 6.0 innings with 8 Ks and only 4 BB, 3 H, and 1 ER. *Picture by David Smith.*

We had to wait until last Saturday for game two of the much-anticipated "Battle Of Bedford" series between Cascade and Community because of weather, and the Champions lived up to their name in an impressive 8-1 road victory to improve to 3-1 in District 9-AA play.

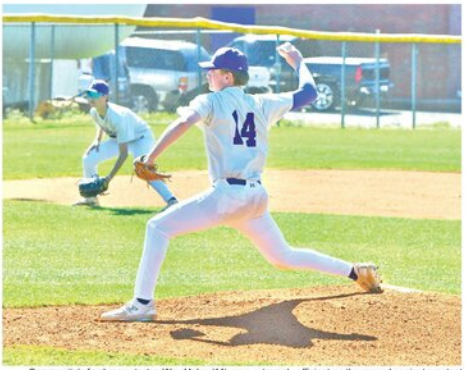
Community's starting pitching once again kept them close for the majority of the game, but the Vikings just couldn't take advantage of their opportunities at the plate to challenge Cascade enough on the scoreboard.

The game was scoreless through the first three innings as Community freshman Wes Haley went back-and-forth with Cascade senior Zach Crosslin. Then, Cascade was able to push across two runs in the top of the third after a Logan Green one-out single followed by a stolen base led to a Logan Pulley RBI double. Pulley would come home to score after stealing third and drawing a high throw from the catcher, Beech, to double Cascade's lead to 2-0.

However, Community fought back in the home half of the inning, loading the bases with nobody out against Crosslin. Back-to-back singles from Harris and Davis followed with a walk to Nick Evans led to the Vikes best chance to score with Kaleb Maillett coming up to the plate.

Maillett flew out to left, scoring one run, but with runners on first and second with one out, Crosslin still had work to do. Jackson Roberts laid down a bunt next, sending Davis to third, but becoming the second out in the process. Sacrifice bunting with one out took away the possibility of a big inning for the hometown Vikes, but they still were relying on their catcher, Beech to come through with a hit to tie the game.

Unfortunately for Community, Crosslin struck out Beech in four pitches, ending any possibility of a second run. That was the closest the Vikings got to scoring all day against Cascade pitching, and after the visitors responded with three runs in the top of the fifth against reliever Thomas Bowling, the result was never in doubt.



Community's freshman starter, Wes Haley (14), was extremely efficient on the mound against a potent lineup on Saturday, pitching 4.0 innings with 7 strikeouts, 1 walk, and 5 hits on only 76 pitches. *Picture by David Smith.*

It started with a walk – as most big innings tend to – followed by a HBP, and after a Logan Green bunt led to a Community error that scored Jordan Childress, Logan Pulley drew a walk to load the bases. The next batter, James Magee, flew out to Maki Fleming in centerfield, and after Sawyer Lovvorn came out to score, a throwing error to third base trying to nab Green from the catcher Beech allowed Green to score as well to make it a 5-1 game going into the bottom of the fifth.

The Champions would tack on one run in the sixth and two in the seventh as Crosslin settled back into a groove on the mound. Lovvorn came out to record the final three outs with an 8-1 lead, and after giving up a leadoff single, he induced a game-ending double play to seal the seven-run victory for Cascade as they clinched the series against Community.

Zach Crosslin finished with 6.0 innings pitched for Cascade, only giving up three hits and one run while striking out eight and walking four.

Wes Haley went 4.0 innings for Community, giving up five hits and four runs while striking out seven and only walking one. Community finished with five errors as a team.

The Vikings fall to 0-2 in district play and 8-8 overall with a district series against Grundy County starting on Monday due up.

Cascade improves to 9-5 (3-1) on the year, and will take a weeklong break from district play before they take on Chapel Hill starting on April 15th.

Lady Vols Announce Marshall's Kim Caldwell To Fill Hoops Coaching Vacancy

BY NOAH MADDOX
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The Tennessee Volunteers introduced Kim Caldwell as the fourth Women's Basketball head coach on Tuesday afternoon.

Caldwell, coming off an impressive season at Marshall, was quickly hired by Athletic Director Danny White after letting go of Lady Vol legend Kellie Harper after a disappointing 20-13 record and a loss at N.C. State in the Round of 32 of the NCAA Tournament.

White released a statement in the wake of the announcement of the hiring on Sunday:

"Kim has a winning formula that she has successfully implemented everywhere she has coached, with a fast-paced, high-octane offense and pressure defense that has led to remarkable results. In this new era of college sports, it was vital that we found an innovative head coach with a strong track record of winning titles. We are eager to return the Lady Vols to a championship level, and we're confident that Kim Caldwell is the coach who can lead us back to the top."

In 2016, Caldwell was hired to be the head coach at her alma mater, Glenville State, and in 2022 she led the Pioneers to the NCAA Division II National Championship.

After reaching the pinnacle of Division II basketball, Caldwell moved up to Division I in March of 2023, taking the head coaching job at Marshall in the Sun Belt.

Coming into a program that had just tallied a modest 17-14 record, Caldwell led the Herd to 26 wins and their first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1997 after taking down James Madison in the Sun Belt conference tournament championship game, recording her seventh conference title overall in eight seasons in the process.



Kim Caldwell gets her first look inside "The Summit" on Tuesday as head coach of the Lady Volunteers basketball program. *Picture by Tennessee Athletics.*

In that title game, Marshall outshot the Dukes by almost 50 field-goal attempts, 99-53, and forced 39(!!!) JMU turnovers that turned into 48 points for the Herd. Despite shooting 30% from the field – including an abysmal 8-46 (17.4%) from three – compared to JMU's 51% field goal shooting overall, Marshall was able to overcome that by chasing down 33 offensive rebounds against the much bigger and taller Dukes' squad.

With an impressive 26-7 (17-1) record at Marshall this past season, Caldwell was named the Division I Rookie Coach of the Year, as well as the Sun Belt Coach of the Year. She set a program record for single season wins at 26, and the Herd were the fourth-ranked scoring team in the country at 85.3 PPG. She was also awarded the Pat Summitt Trophy in 2022, given to the Division II Women's National Coach of the Year.

In her eight-year head coaching career, Caldwell has compiled a career record of 217-31, good enough for an 88% winning percentage.

"We're going to play an exciting brand of basketball," Caldwell said at her introductory press conference on Tuesday.

"We want to play fast, we want to play up-tempo," she continued, "we want to be the hardest playing team in the country...and we want to really make sure we get back on top."

Offensively, Marshall made just over 10 three-pointers per game while averaging 16.4 offensive rebounds per game. The Herd logged five 100-point games while averaging 85.3 PPG on the season as a whole.

Defensively, Caldwell's squad forced 24 turnovers per game – good enough for second in the entirety of Division I – while swiping 13.2 steals per game (3rd in D1) to the tune of an average turnover margin of +7.94 (3rd in D1) behind intense and relentless full-court pressure for 40 minutes.

The stats certainly back up her goals of playing exciting and up-tempo while also supporting her stance of being the hardest playing team in the country, and she maximizes her team's defensive effort by normally rotating in at least 10-11 players in any given game.

Last season, Caldwell's Marshall squad ranked first nationally in pace with 44.9% of their possessions lasting 0-10 seconds which ranked fifth in the country. On those possessions, the Herd shot 67.3% from two on 437 attempts which ranked in the 78th percentile and shot 52.3% on 281 three-point attempts which ranked in the 91st percentile.

She certainly lives up to her promise of fast-paced and high-octane, and with much better athletes in the SEC, her style of play will surely catapult the Lady Vols back to not just challenging the top teams in the conference, but competing for national titles.

Eaglettes Dual Sport Star Lilly Brown Signs With Motlow Softball

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Lily Brown (center) signed with Motlow right outside of Rick Insell gymnasium on Monday. *Submitted Photo.*

Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes' basketball and softball star Lilly Brown officially signed with Motlow State Community College right outside Rick Insell Gymnasium on Monday to continue her softball career, surrounded by her family, coaches, and teammates.

"I'm really excited to go to Motlow and play with my teammates again," she told the Times-Gazette.

"We [Alyvia Smith] have been playing with each other since we were five, six years old," she continued.

Brown, a senior, has been instrumental in helping head coach Shaun Whitaker help build this program from the bottom up, and her hard work and perseverance has ended up with an opportunity to play softball at the next level.

"I'm just ready to play wherever they need me to go," Brown said as an ear-to-ear smile spread across her face.

Brown, who triples as Shelbyville's cleanup hitter, starting center fielder, and even part-time catcher, is tied for the team-high in hitting at .400 through the first six games of her senior season while leading the team with a .900 OPS. She has only struck out twice in her 20 plate appearances, and has tallied five RBI with eight runs scored.

Tenn. Senate advances bill to arm teachers 1 year after deadly Nashville shooting

NASHVILLE – Republican lawmakers in Tennessee cleared a significant hurdle Tuesday on a proposal to permit some trained teachers and faculty who haven't worked in law enforcement to carry handguns on school grounds, a move that would mark one of the state's biggest expansion of gun access since a deadly elementary school shooting last year.

The proposal cleared the GOP-controlled chamber amid emotional chants and screams from protesters against the legislation, many of who were eventually ordered to leave the Senate galleries after ignoring warnings to remain quiet.

After receiving a 26-5 vote in the Senate, the proposal is now ready for a House floor vote. If enacted, the proposal would bar disclosing which employees are carrying guns, including to parents of students and even other teachers.

"I'm upset. My child is at risk under this bill," said Democratic state Sen. London Lamar, holding her 8-month-old son in her arms. "This bill is dangerous and teachers don't want it. Nobody wants it."

Senate Speaker Randy McNally, a Republican, cleared the galleries after many in the audience refused to quiet down even as he gaveled repeatedly them for disrupting the debate. In the nearly 15 minutes it took to remove the audience and continue with the debate, they continued to chant "Vote them out;" "No more silence, end gun violence;" and "Kill the bill, not the kids."

The heated debate comes almost a year after a shooter indiscriminately opened fire at The Covenant School last March, killing three children and three adults before being fatally shot by police.

Yet despite the sweeping, coordinated effort to convince Tennessee's Republican-dominant statehouse to enact significant gun control measures in response to the shooting, lawmakers have largely balked at such calls. They've shut down proposals on the topic by Democrats — and even one by the Republican governor — during regular annual sessions and a special session.

Only a handful of GOP supporters spoke in favor of the bill, taking time to stress that teachers would not be required to be armed and would not be required to use their weapons in active shooter situations.

"We are not trying to shoot a student but protect students," said Republican state Sen. Ken Yager.

If approved, the bill would allow a school district and a law enforcement agency to strike a written agreement to permit some school staff to carry guns. The worker who wants to carry a handgun would need to have a handgun carry permit, have written authorization from both the school's principal and local law enforcement, clear a background check and undergo 40 hours of handgun training.

"We're sending teachers to learn how to handle a combat situation that veteran law enforcement have trouble comprehending," said Democratic state Sen. Jeff Yarbro. "We're letting people do that with a week's training," he said.

The lengthy criteria stands out against Tennessee's GOP push to loosen gun laws over the years, including signing off on permitless carry for handguns in 2021.

Most recently, House, Republicans advanced a proposal out of committee that would expand the state's permitless carry law to include long guns.

The original law allowed residents 21 and older to carry handguns in public without a permit. Yet two years later, Attorney General Jonathan Skrmetti struck a deal amid an ongoing lawsuit that then allowed 18- to 20-year-olds to carry handguns publicly. The bill approved Monday has been slowly making its way through the statehouse, but still must clear the full House and Senate chambers.

Meanwhile, last year, Tennessee Republicans passed a law bolstering protections against lawsuits involving gun and ammunition dealers, manufacturers and sellers. This year, they are awaiting the governor's decision on a bill that would allow private schools with pre-kindergarten classes to have guns on campus.

Separately, Republicans are advancing an amendment to the Tennessee Constitution's "right to keep, bear, and wear arms" that would broaden the right beyond defense and delete a section giving lawmakers the ability "to regulate the wearing of arms with a view to prevent crime." If approved, that wouldn't be on the ballot until 2026.

The following memorials were given to Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library this quarter:

Nancy June Brandon in memory of Charlotte Presley
David & Pam Feldhaus in memory of Christine Moore Walker
Nancy June Brandon in memory of Gene Jorgenson
Nancy June Brandon in memory of Freida Newell
Jan Elizabeth Caperton in memory of Pam Cooper
Baseball Boys– Conner, Hunter & Olivia Poff Hunter, Alex & Addison Jones Tyler & Jake Hogue in memory of Barbara Petty Ellis
Gail & Naomi Luna in memory of Freida Newell
Helga Eaddy in memory of Bill & Sally Yeomans
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Brenda Bell in memory of Frank Jayakody
Nancy June Brandon in memory of Earline & Geraldine Locke
Marie Parks in memory of Wanda Taylor Sleeth
Linda Hasty in memory of Doyle Hasty
Linda Hasty in memory of Barbara Petty Ellis
Rheaetta Wilson in memory of Dorris Fann
Bo & Rheaetta Wilson in memory of Frank Jayakody
Nancy June Brandon in memory of Frank Nichols
Tom & Brenda Clifford in memory of Lila Cartwright
Library Staff in memory of Lila Cartwright
Charles Brumbelow in memory of Mayola Brumbelow
Charles Brumbelow in memory of Mayola & Wesley Brumbelow
Nancy June Brandon in memory of Amie Boyd Marks
Nancy June Brandon in memory of June L McBride
Megan Trott (Law Office of Rambo & Trott) in memory of June L McBride
Vicky Voelkel in memory of June L McBride
Ralph McBride Jr in memory of Lila Cartwright
Samuri Short in memory of June L McBride
Marie Parsons in memory of June L McBride
Bo & Rheaetta Wilson in memory of June L McBride
Betty L Farrar in memory of June L McBride
Gail & Naomi Luna in memory of Wanda Taylor Sleeth
Gail & Naomi Luna in memory of Betty Finley Rabenau
Cindy Caffey in memory of June L McBride
Forest & Melissa Durard in memory of June L McBride
Day Care Association in memory of Anita Fields
Mrs. Menza's Day Care in memory of Anita Fields
Sam & Gayle Isom in memory of June L McBride
Sally Redd in memory of Anita Fields
Templeton & Associates Insurance in memory of June L McBride
Mary S Pitner in memory of June L McBride
Janie Burke in memory of June L McBride
Linda B Yockey in memory of June L McBride
Louise Armstrong in memory of June L McBride
Shelbyville, Bedford Co Library Staff in memory of June L McBride
Pat & Bob Finney in memory of June L McBride
Nancy June Brandon in memory of John C (Jack) Bomar
Mike & Peggy Vietti in memory of James Edward James Jr.
Bedford Co. Democratic Women in memory of June L McBride
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WHAT THE KIDS SAW
It was a sight to behold as the solar eclipse made its way across Bedford County on Monday.

BELL BUCKLE HAS AN ECLIPSE PARTY!





Photos by Lisa Scimeca

AN ECLIPSE PARTY
Bell Buckle held a potluck lunch and solar eclipse party downtown on merchant's square on Monday. After all, the town is the MoonPie capital.



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NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH
April is National Safe Digging Month and Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham, right, presented a proclamation observing the event to James Robbins, left, and Ronnie Sutton, both of Atmos Energy, on Tuesday, April 9, at Bedford County Courthouse. National Safe Digging Month reminds homeowners, contractors and professional excavators to call 8-1-1 before any digging project. The goal is to avoid any accidental damage to underground utilities, which could be disruptive or dangerous. See the Atmos ad adjacent to this photo.

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