COMMUNITY NEWS

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Wartrace Pike pump station exceeds overflow limit

TDEC halts more area development

By DAWN HANKINS

Jason Reese, general manager of Shelbyville Power, Water, Sewerage System, reported to Shelbyville City Council Tuesday night how there's an issue with the Wartrace Pike pumping station. The state has issued what it calls a self-imposed moratorium on any further development until the problem is corrected.

Just wanted to make you aware of something that's recently come to the system's attention," Reese told Council members. "I just wanted to make you aware, first, before it made it anywhere else public."

He said Monday, he got a call from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), and a letter, reporting that Shelbyville Power had exceeded its overflow limit at the pump station on Wartrace Pike. This one was recently renovated, Reese said.

"The system has put about $1.6 million . . . $2 million estimated close, into this area," advised Reese.

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Bedford County will have a ribbon cutting to dedicate its first columbarium at Willow Mount Cemetery on Wednesday, May 8, at 10 a.m.

City adds new design to cemetery

Ribbon cutting is Wednesday

By DAWN HANKINS

The City of Shelbyville will host a ribbon cutting next Wednesday, May 8, at 10 a.m. at Willow Mount Cemetery. It's not your usual place for a ribbon cutting but it may be truly one of the most beautiful spots in Shelbyville.

And now, there's been a new addition added t. A columbarium is being dedicated on the Dover Street side of the cemetery.

According to cemetery sexton, Ben Chapman, the columbarium is a structure designed to hold cremation urns. They are typically used as a less expensive alternative to a traditional burial; while still providing a dignified

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T-G Photos by Dawn Hankins

UNIONVILLE FIRE CHIEF 'SCUTT' RETIRES
Phillip "Scutt" Douglas has retired as Unionville fire chief after 42 years total service with the department. A special retirement event was held Sunday at the fire hall. His wife, Brenda, is shown with him and has always supported his involvement in fire service for his community. A firehall full of friends and family attended the ceremony, including several government officials. See more photos on page 3 and story.

Unionville fire chief "Scutt" Douglas retires

42 years of service observed

"When I am called to duty, God wherever flames may rage, give me strength to save a life, whatever be its age. Help me to embrace a little child before it's too late, or save an older person from the horror of that fate. Enable me to be alert to hear the weakest shout, and quickly and efficiently to put the fire out." Firefighters Prayer

For 42 years, Phillip "Scutt" Douglas has said a prayer before he entered a fire scene or episode. Last Sunday, he officially bid adieu to his fellow fire fighters at the Unionville Volunteer Fire Department.

A barbecue lunch was served in his honor. His family was in attendance to hear officials, like

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Putting a face to a Crawl artist





Submitted Photos

Michelle Sweatt enjoys found object art, which means she selects objects and creates them in a new artistic concept.
Who are Michelle Sweatt's favorite artists? She says those would be: Edward Gorey, The Quay Brothers, McEscher and Arthur Rackham.

By DAWN HANKINS

For Michelle Sweatt, being a part of Bedford Arts Collective gives a support system of like-minded individuals who understand the challenges and joys of being an artist, specifically in a rural setting.

"Whether it's moral support during creative blocks or practical assistance in navigating the art world, we can rely on each other for encouragement and advice," Sweatt notes.

Michelle is one of the organizers of the upcoming Art Crawl, sponsored by Bedford Arts Collective and historical public square businesses. (See page 12 for artists and sponsoring businesses.) The event is Friday, May 10, from 4 to 7 p.m. on the Shelbyville public square.

Her own personal art preferences include assemblage, found object art and paperclay sculpting.

She's originally a California girl, moving to Tennessee as a youngster. She graduated from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro.

She has lived in Shelbyville with her husband and kids, she says, for about 5 years. "I've been

See SWEATT, 2A

Bright and colorful weekend, May 10-12

Treat Mom to these upcoming events!

By DAWN HANKINS

From artists' brushstrokes to containers of homegrown strawberries, events are planned to be bright and colorful May 10-11 in Bedford County.

Bedford Arts Crawl

Bedford Arts Collective will sponsor its "Art Crawl" on Friday, May 10 from 4 to 7 p.m. Various artists have paired up with merchants located east, south and in between on the historic Shelbyville square. (See page 12 for listings. Thank you for your participation!)

The community will come alive as artists, and a wide variety of businesses in the uptown district, feature local and regional artists. Art vendors and their individual artistic creations will be located inside and outside of participating businesses.

Insider Tip: Avoid parking hassles by utilizing the public parking lot located on South Main Street.

The Bedford Arts Collective Art Crawl is best explored on foot. Organizers like Michelle Sweatt (see today's story on this artist) recommend making it an evening with dinner at The Coffee Break, Pope's Café, Audrey's on The Square or Bocelli Pizza and or at the Pasta Shoppe.

Explore all the Bedford Arts Collective Art Crawl has to offer! Live music is planned.

#bedfordartcrawl #bedfordartscollective

Wartrace Strawberry Festival

Everything's looking berry-licious in Wartrace as the town gets set to have its annual Strawberry Festival Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Wartrace Strawberry Festival is a local, annual, celebration of spring and all things strawberry! Set in historic downtown Wartrace, more than 100 vendors will be onsite selling their arts and crafts, baked goods, decor, boutique clothing, pottery, canned goods, produce, handmade items and direct sales products.

Best of all, admission is free. This event is sponsored and organized by the Wartrace Merchants.

Several boutique shops are participating as well as a bakery, winery tasting room and a pizzeria. This is a family-friendly event and pets are welcome on leashes.

Each booth will have something strawberry-themed. Wear a strawberry costume to join the Strawberry Parade and be sure to enter the Strawberry Bake-Off Contest for the chance to win a prize!

There will be a Kids' Zone, food trucks, frozen treats, strawberry lemonade, strawberry desserts, and wait for it . . . fresh strawberries will be for sale from local farmers in surrounding areas (while they last!)

Mother's Day

Local restaurants are gearing up for that special Sunday. Call ahead to make sure your favorite eatery is open on Mother's Day.

T-G Special Mother's Day section

Don't forget to get your copy of the May 9 Times-Gazette. We will have a special Mother's Day tab included, featuring photos and sentiments from some of your friends and family.

So, mark your calendars. It's going to be a great start to May with all these events.



BCFD Photo

BCFD HAS ANNUAL PUMP TEST
Over the past couple weeks, fire trucks have been seen at Fisherman's Park, spraying water into the river. For those maybe wondering what's happening, BCFD has been conducting its annual pump test on all of the apparatus to ensure proper working conditions.



Upcoming special sections in the Shelbyville Times-Gazette. Don't miss out!

Mother's Day, Graduation, Father's Day and Memorial Day. Submit your Mother's Day photos and ad requests by May 6, 4 p.m. More info coming next week on other tabs.

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SWEATT

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a full-time artist and event designer for about 10 years now."

As for the Arts Collective, she says participating artists like herself want to give the artists the opportunity for an interactive experience with attendees and further foster a sense of community engagement and appreciation for the arts.

"The ability to give new artists the opportunity to showcase their art, and begin to understand the importance of putting themselves out there, is such a vital step in their story, and it builds their confidence to take more chances artistically in the future."

She adds, "The arts can't thrive without community involvement and seeing how local businesses have jumped in to support the Crawl has been really inspiring."

Clarabell Collectibles

Linda Robertson Gaines

Shelbyville Snack Shop
Valerie Breshears

Dwell Fine Interiors & Design

Lydia Waibl and Peggy Mata

The Shops at Main &McGrew
Danielle Arnbruster and Jamie McDonald

Torso
Valerie LaCoss

Fly Arts Center
Santha Koonce

Salon 102
Crystal O'Neal

J Jordan Boutique

Lydia George

David Brown CPA

Heather Fry

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Arts Collective
ART CRAWL

4PM-7PM MAY 10. 2024

Shelbyville Historic Public Square



The Webb School's

Julia Callaway and Scout Harding

Artists have teamed up with public square merchants!

Shop, and play, local!

The Coffee Break

London Oberleas



Audrey's on the Square

Bri Woods

Jon English

Antique Sports & Cards

W Michael Bush

The Webb School Arts Group

Marynn Spurlock: Our program provides students with a diverse course selection in 2-D and 3-D art. Our programs aim to foster their creativity and personal expression from drawing and painting to ceramics. My favorite projects to teach are the ones involving identity because I get to know the students on a deeply personal level. It is fantastic collaborating with Michael and Bella to give these students worthwhile experiences every day.

Rin French: I always look forward to coming to art class because of the calming and judgment-free environment in which I can complete my work.

Santiago Escamilla: It's a great way to explore the limits of your creativity and to experience how a college art class feels.

Scout Harding: Not only have the art programs at Webb provided me with the tools to grow but also the tools to *thrive* in my creativity.The support from the teachers is immeasurable.

Glass Hollow Table & Tavern
Ava Graves and Dee Foster

The Gingham Jellybean

Renee Rogers

The Pomegranate

Dina Davenport

Merle Norman Cosmetics

Cheryl Morton

Toodlebugs

Leilani Liakos

Popes Café

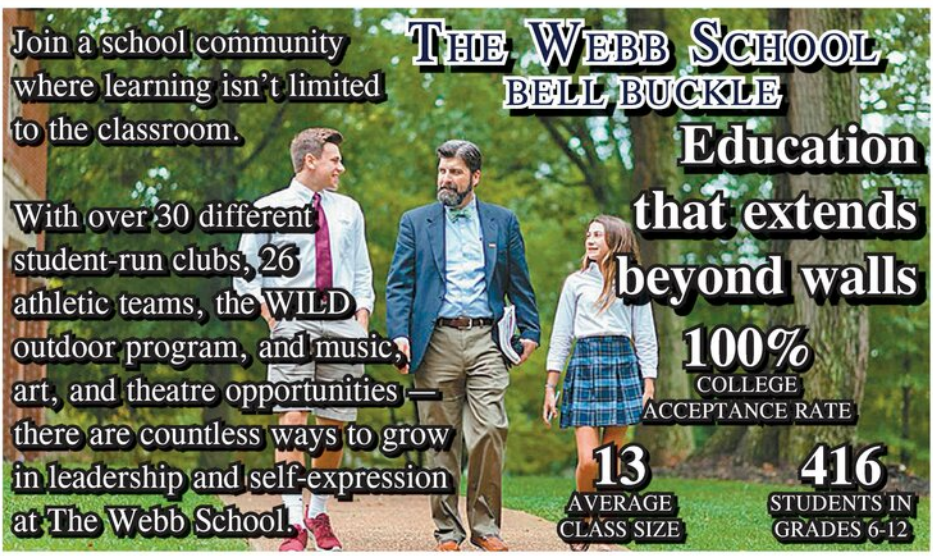
Rachel Davis and Myra Burrahm

Christina Tucker Compass Real Estate

LaVonous Byars

Heritage Jewelers

Leandra Habel



FIRE CHIEF

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Bedford County Fire Chief Mark Thomas, say "well done."

A large cake commemorated the occasion.

While he said it has been a true honor to serve, and lastly as fire chief of Unionville VFD, everything has a time and purpose. With that, he stepped down.

There were plenty of hugs and appreciations extended by present and past fire fighters. Scutt, as he's affectionately known, has been a permanent fixture in the department since it started back in the early 1980s.

One former Unionville fire fighter said, "It's definitely going to be different, not having him around on a regular basis. We know he will stop in periodically to visit and see how things are going. Thank you once again, Phillip, for all your years of service and dedication to the department and your community. Enjoy your retirement. We love you, and will always be there for you."















On the Hill with State Rep. Pat Marsh

It should be the last week of the legislative session for 2024. We passed the $52.8 billion balanced budget last week and have about 100 more bills to go through this last week.

This past week, I was honored to attend the Shelbyville TN College of Applied Technology's 2024 graduation. Over 100 graduates walked to the podium and picked up their diplomas. It was a very special event for the students, their friends, and their families, and it was very special for me, too. There were some very proud people there that night! (See photos below.)

Some good legislation that we passed this week are: House Bill 2088, by Rep. William Lamberth, allows the Tennessee Department of Military to create a critical skills retention bonus program to award National Guard members who continue to serve. This bill also ensures that if a state employee is called to serve and their military job pays less than their civilian job, the state will pay the difference to help from lost wages.

House Bill 1259 by Rep. Tim Rudd protects property owners from the illegal practice of squatting. It streamlines the process for citizens to repossess what is theirs quickly. This legislation expedites the process for judicial eviction and allows the removal of illegal occupants as soon as 72 hours.

House Bill 2269 by Rep. Clark Boyd gradually phases out the Certificate of Need permit requirements to provide nearly a dozen health care services in the state during the next five years. The last CON requirements this bill removes will be gone by 2029.

House Bill 2348 by Rep. John Ragan prohibits terrorist groups from being allowed to use meeting spaces or other forums, including electronic and print platforms, or publicly-funded entities to solicit support, recruit new members, or encourage violent action.

House Bill 2897 by Rep. Sabi Kumar encourages pharmacies to make a reasonable effort to notify a person of the lowest available cost of their prescription before their purchase. This should help save folks money so they are not upcharged for medicine.

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.

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Tennessee teachers and staff allowed to carry concealed handguns

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee teachers and staff will be allowed to carry concealed handguns on public school grounds under legislation signed into law by Gov. Bill Lee on Friday.

Lee, a Republican, had announced his support for the proposal just the day before while flanked by top Republican legislative leaders who had helped shepherd the bill through the GOP-dominant General Assembly.

"What's important is that we give districts tools and the option to use a tool that will keep their children safe," Lee told reporters.

As the idea of arming teachers began to gain support inside the General Assembly, gun control advocates and families began swarming to the Capitol to show their opposition. During the final vote, protesters chanted "Blood on your hands" and many members of the public who oppose the bill harangued Republican lawmakers after the vote, leading House Speaker Cameron Sexton to order the galleries cleared.



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FUMC-Shelbyville Service

Join us at Shelbyville First United Methodist Church for a spiritually enriching worship service. Pastor Abe Zimmerman is preaching "Chosen to Love" from John 15:9-17. Come and see what Jesus has called us to do. Sunday School commences at 9 am, followed by the Worship service at 10 am. For those unable to attend, we offer a livestream on Facebook and a broadcast on WLIJ 1580 AM.

United Methodist change policies

T-G Editor's note: Several long-time United Methodist churches in Bedford County have changed their names from "United Methodist" to "Methodist Church," prior to the United Methodist Church's General Conference. Several members have told the T-G that it costs several thousands to do that-to become independent from the UMC-but they are happy with their decision and have moved on.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — United Methodist delegates began making historic changes in their policies on sexuality on Tuesday — voting without debate to reverse a series of anti-LGBTQ policies.

The delegates voted to delete mandatory penalties for conducting same-sex marriages and to remove their denomination's bans on considering LGBTQ candidates for ministry and on funding for gay-friendly ministries.

The 667-54 vote, coming during their legislative General Conference, removes some of the scaffolding around the United Methodist Church's longstanding bans on LGBTQ-affirming policies regarding ordination, marriage and funding.

Still to come later this week are votes on the core of the bans on LGBTQ clergy and same-sex marriage in church law and policy, which may draw more debate. However, the large majority achieved by Tuesday's votes indicate the tenor of the General Conference. The consensus was so overwhelming that these items were rolled into the legislative "consent calendar," normally reserved for non-controversial measures.

The actions follow a historic schism in what was long the third-largest denomination in the United States. About one-quarter of U.S. congregations left between 2019 and 2023, mostly conservative churches dismayed that the denomination wasn't enforcing its longstanding LGBTQ bans.

With the absence of many conservative delegates, who had been in the solid majority in previous general conferences and had steadily reinforced such bans over the decades, progressive delegates are moving quickly to reverse such policies.





AD VERITAS
Truth in Prayer



Daniel Richardson

At the church I attend (the Camden Church of Christ) we hold a tradition of presenting new babies to the congregation and having a special prayer for the child, their parents, and family. Last Sunday morning, during this ceremony, my two-year-old son, Benjamin, sitting beside me in the back pew, took special note of the baby. When the congregation prayed, Benjamin folded his hands in his lap and bowed his head—probably for the first time in a worship service. After the amen was said, he looked at me, pumped his fist, and said, "I did it." He was very proud of the fact that he had sat through the prayer with great poise, and I was proud of him too.

Reflecting on this moment of spiritual development, as small as it may seem, I came to a realization. Sadly, for many people, this is as far as they get in the development of their prayer life. Most of us were taught at a very young age that when someone begins to pray in public, the correct response is to bow your head reverently and close your eyes—especially helpful if a child is fidgety. You might even fold your hands. This checks all the boxes for the outward appearance of prayer. And that's really all anyone can see. It's impossible to tell from the outside if someone has developed a deeper prayer life.

It's hard, I think, to talk to God. We have access through Christ to communicate directly with God, which is something that most people throughout history have not had. This is something we should neither neglect nor exploit.

The reason I say it's sometimes hard to approach the Creator of the universe in prayer is that if you consider the magnitude of His presence and what it represents, it seems there is nothing we could bring Him that would be worth His attention. And indeed, this is how most cultures' religions have viewed their relationship with the deity throughout history. However, we have a God who is uniquely interested in us individually. He cares about me and you personally, and is interested in what we have to say. That's a very difficult concept to grasp, but I am thankful that my God has a unique interest in me. I am perhaps even more thankful that He has a unique interest in my wife and children. When you consider that the Creator of the universe, with infinite power, cares deeply about you—what you do, how you live, your happiness, your sadness, and desires communion with you—it is impossible for that not to change how you live your life.

That's what a relationship of the right type with the right Being can do for you. So, I challenge you, as I challenge myself, to seek opportunities to draw nearer to God and let it change your life for the better



T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

LOTS OF DEEP WORK

Some pretty heavy work was going on around Burt Street last week.

'Brown Paper Bag'

Received a simple brown paper bag
in my mail box today.
And on the lable was a message
With these questioning words did say.

It read; 'What if everything that you own
fit inside this bag? '
It made me stop to reflect what was typed
on more then that plain white sticky tag.

It was a simple message in this materialistic world
It didn't need to be adorned,
with fanciness bling and pearls.
Reminding me of a simpler day
wondering when it was it all slipped away?

I have more then this small bag would ever hold
with family, friends and love.
Of all God's grace and His forgiveness
sent to me from up above.

More then just Brown paper bag,
was placed in my mail box today.
It helped me to remember just why
and what was more important
in a much, more, simpler kind of way.

Linda Winchell

PENCIL SHAVINGS
Life: From a brown paper bag

By DAWN HANKINS

What's in a brown paper bag?

Forever, it seems, we've used the brown paper bag for many things around the household, in businesses and churches. People make everything from crafts to broadening the life of garlic and onions.

I remember as a kid when the Grissom family, who owned what is now Brad's Market on Union Street, would give the children who came into the store small, brown bags full of candy. That's certainly a cherished memory.

Some of our T-G Facebook followers said this week that they still recycle brown paper bags. Some recycle those nice bags with handles you get at local shops. Our family isn't particular; we use recycle those bags for Christmas gifts and birthday presents.

Careful with those bags with the handles around your pets. We had a cat-fiasco, ironically on the heels of writing this article, with the cat getting himself into a jam with a large, handled brown paper bag. (All is well. He is just fine. No animals were harmed in the making of this column.)

I received a bag in a store the other day that had the following stamped on it: "Smile. We switched to paper. This recycled paper shopping bag is one way we're helping keep plastics out of landfills."

I will admit that it has been a gradual process switching from paper to plastic. But even the smallest attempt can be life-changing for future generations.

According to the American Forest and Paper Association, recycling one ton of paper bags saves approximately 17 trees, 7,000 gallons of water, and 4,100 kilowatt-hours of energy. Additionally, recycling paper bags helps reduce the amount of waste that ends up in landfills, promoting a more sustainable and circular economy.

As with anything in life, however, it is only as good as what we do with it-to help others along the way. When was the last time you recycled a large, brown grocery bag by filling it with food for the needy? Or when was the last time you took one of those small shopping bags and filled it with socks, deodorant or a small, devotional book and took it to someone in the nursing home?

Some pretty good uses for the brown paper bag there.

Heck, there's even a poem written about the brown paper bag. Really! See below.

Keep recycling for life the brown paper bag.



T-G Photos by Dawn Hankins

'IRIS' EYES ARE SMILING

Iris is quite plentiful right off Highway 41A North this spring. They're popping up in colors from dark purple to yellow and white mix in lawns and along the roadside.

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East Side inventors on nationals

T-G STAFF REPORT

Six East Side Elementary School Invention Club members shined recently at the 31st Annual Invention Convention at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro.

More than 700 (4th-5th graders) from all over middle Tennessee competed with an original invention. The students were challenged to showcase their working prototype, display board and give a presentation about their invention.

Kevin Galindo Garcia and Zariya Woods competed in the 5th grade division, "making life easier" category. Their invention was The Underwater Mask, which they created with a small can of oxygen that was connected by oxygen tubing to swim goggles.

This invention would be stored in the console of your car. In the event your car goes underwater, you would put on the mask and get oxygen for a short period of time until you are rescued.

Kevin and Zariya won the Eagle Award sponsored by the Clouse-Elrod Foundation, Inc. This award is presented to inventors demonstrating characteristics of an eagle, such as determination, perseverance, a passion for creativity, and problem solving.

Kevin and Zariya will compete at the RTX Invention Convention U.S. Nationals 2024 that will be held at The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan on June 5-7.

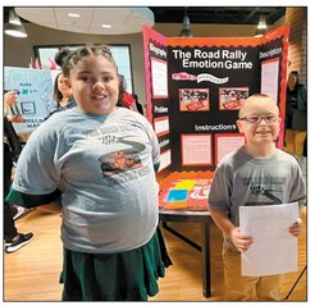
Addyson Brim and Jaxton Pilkington competed in the 4th grade games category. Their invention was the Road Rally Emotion Race-a game which aims to help children learn to identify their emotions and make good choices. Addyson and Jaxton received participation certificates.

Tauriah Darden and Laury Hernandez competed in the 4th grade "make life easier" category. They created the Happy Bracelet to help children stay safe. This invention has a bracelet for a child and a parent. The bracelets are connected by cording. The invention included lights on the cord to see the child, a pop it on the child's bracelet and a key ring on the parent's bracelet.

Tauriah and Laury received a participation certificate.











School Photo

CITY APPROVES CC ACADEMY FACILITY

The City of Shelbyville has approved the new campus site plan for Cooper Christian Academy An agreement has been signed with an architectural firm to begin the building process. The official ground breaking ceremony is planned for Tuesday, May 21, at 2:00 pm. Site preparation and construction on this new state-of-the-art 11-acre campus will soon follow, school officials have announced.



Submitted Photo

SMO KNOWS THIS IS BIG

Country rapper, TheRealBigSmo, opened his Smolicious Mobile Eatery on Monday, April 22, with a ribbon-cutting at 11 a.m. The food truck offers plant-based foods, including salads and warm bowls, specialty sweets, smoothies blended with filtered water, oil-free, gluten-free and plant-based foods, soups, made-from-scratch dressings, overnight oats, whole foods and more.

Jail Intake-Bedford County Sheriff's Department

John Brandon Hickman, driving on revoked

Anthony James Baker, violation of probation

Rebecca Gail Burnett, disorderly conduct, failure to appear, public intoxication, resisting officer

Jose Angel Fonseca-Ortiz, violation of probation

Kayla Dawn Jacob, shoplifting

Joshua Michael Navarrette, driving on suspended

Sheriff's department deputies stay really busy with countless domestic disputes across the county.

'C' is for Strawberries

By DAWN HANKINS



Despite the fact that it claims millions of lives every year, cancer is often preventable. Estimates from the health organizations indicate that between 30 and 50 percent of all cancer cases are preventable, and cancer prevention strategies are often rooted in taking simple, daily steps to safeguard overall health.

The University of Kansas Cancer Center notes that no cancer is 100 percent preventable. So even individuals who do everything possible to reduce their risk for cancer may still develop the disease. However, making the right lifestyle choices can reduce cancer risk by a significant percentage.

Food is one potential weapon in the fight against cancer. The American Institute for Cancer Research reports that numerous studies have found that many individual minerals, vitamins and phytochemicals demonstrate anti-cancer effects. Those minerals, vitamins and phytochemicals can be found in a variety of vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and beans.

But the truth is, strawberries are just delicious.

Enjoy strawberries and cream over this "Sour Cream Pound Cake" recipe from an old favorite cookbook, "Tennessee's 95 Magic Mixes," produced years ago. It's still a good go-to. Bedford County's featured cook was "Mrs. Owen Howard."

Mrs. Howard's Sour Cream Pound Cake

1 C. butter
3 C. cake flour
6 eggs, whole
2 tsp. vanilla
3 C. sugar
1 C. sour cream
¼ tsp. soda

Cream the butter and sugar well. Add eggs, one at a time. Gradually add 2 cups flour. With the last cup of flour, add soda. (The timing is important for soda addition.) Blend in sour cream and vanilla. Bake at 300 degrees for 1 ½ hours.



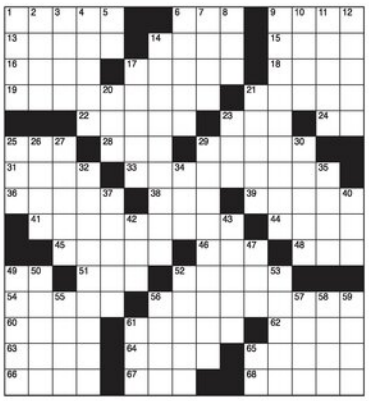


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Crossword

CLUES ACROSS
1. It wakes you up
6. A place to sleep
9. Czech village
13. Appetizer
14. African country
15. Dark brown or black
16. Parent-teacher groups
17. Saturates
18. ESPN personality Kimes
19. Songs to a lover
21. Cavalry-sword
22. Begat
23. Patriotic women
24. Famed Princess
25. One who does not conform
28. Neither
29. Nigerian monetary unit
31. Body parts
33. Hit Dave Matthews Band song
36. Depicts with pencil
38. Make into leather without tannin
39. Plants grow from them
41. Alias
44. Fingers do it
45. More dried-up
46. Clod
48. Senior officer
49. A way to listen to music
51. The bill in a restaurant
52. Historic center of Artois region
54. Cyprinid fishes
56. Poisonous perennial plant
60. Scottish Loch
61. Heads
62. Extra seed-covering
63. Wings
64. Britpop band
65. Forearm bones
66. Small immature herring
67. Female sibling
68. Hymn

CLUES DOWN
1. Vipers
2. Not on time
3. Resembling a wing or wings
4. Tears down
5. Professional designation
6. Noise a sheep made
7. Type of lodge
8. Speak poorly of
9. Ties the knot again
10. Apron
11. Studied intensively
12. City in Finland
14. One who monitors
17. 18-year astronomical period
20. Trent Reznor's band
21. Takes to the sea
23. Split pulses
25. Valentine's Day color
26. Wyatt __
27. Type of rail
29. One from the Big Apple
30. Asteroids
32. Made more sugary
34. Change in skin pigment
35. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
37. Koran chapters
40. A place to relax
42. Young woman ready for society life
43. Female horses
47. Half of Milli Vanilli
49. Icelandic poems
50. Indiana town
52. Golden peas
53. Closes tightly
55. It's mined in mountains
56. Cliff (Hawaii)
57. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
58. Monetary unit
59. Primordial matter
61. TV station
65. Rise



Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, it's challenging for you and a romantic partner to get together this week and that may lead to stress. Over time you will be able to reconnect and get things back in sync.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, normally you are very open, but all of your communication channels seem to be blocked of late. Don't be too hard on yourself as things will return to normal soon enough.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, if a family member has been in a bad mood or is feeling unwell, it is up to you to get to the root of the situation. Provide whatever assistance you can.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you may feel like you don't want to get involved if a friend or colleague is in trouble. But this person can really use your help at the moment and you should step up.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Don't let your career get sidetracked by gossip and office politics, Leo. You should stand up for yourself if others are speaking poorly about you. Avoid getting involved in gossip.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, what seems to be bad news about your financial situation may not be as bad as it once appeared. Double-check the details before you become panicked.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, you may be inclined to protect loved ones from the truth this week, but they need to hear all of the details in this instance. Break any news to them gently.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you are a workaholic by nature, but when fatigue hits you this week, you'll need to step back and give yourself time to rest. There's a lot coming your way soon enough.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
A person who is no longer in your life may be on your mind a lot these days, Sagittarius. Cherish the fond memories you have of this person and don't worry about being preoccupied.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, misinformation may be spreading around you and it can be tempting to add your own input to the discussions. Make sure your contributions can be backed up.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
You are finally putting some of your longstanding plans in motion, Aquarius. However, this week you may receive some information that might delay progress.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Someone may try to mislead you with some inaccurate information this week, Pisces. Conduct your own research and you'll get all of the details you need for to draw your own conclusion.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS
MAY 5
Adele, Singer (36)
MAY 6
George Clooney, Actor (63)
MAY 7
Jake Bongiovi, Actor (22)
MAY 8
Melissa Gilbert, Actress (60)
MAY 9
Billy Joel, Singer (75)
MAY 10
Bono, Singer (64)
MAY 11
Sabrina Carpenter, Actress (25)

TASTY SALAD WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

BAR
BEETS
BUTTER
CAESAR
CELERY
CHEESE
CROUTONS
CRUNCHY
DIET
DRESSING
GARNISH
GREENS
ICEBERG
OLIVES
ONIONS
RADISHES
REFRESHING
ROMAINE
SALAD
SPINACH
TOMATOES
TOPPING
TOSSED

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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	9		8	2			6	
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Level: Beginner

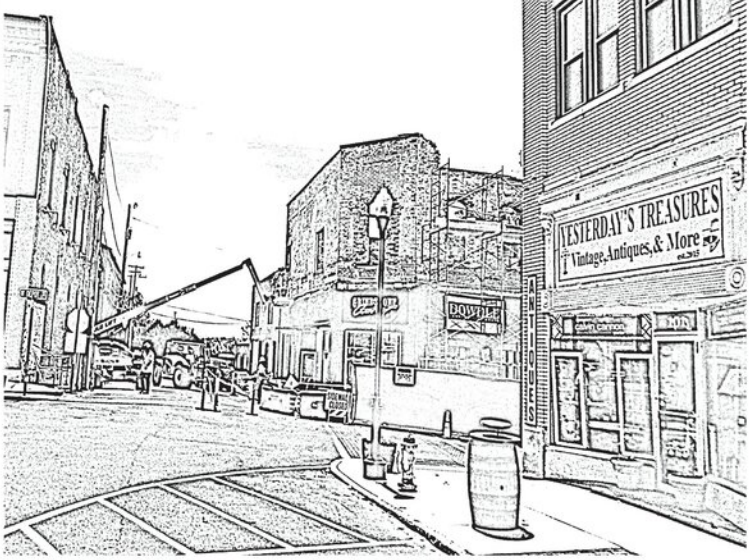
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Level: Intermediate

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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

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES NOTICE OF, SALE OF REAL ESTATE

WHEREAS, by deed of trust dated June 30TH, 2009, Clarence Wallace Frederick and wife, Anna Frederick, conveyed to Caren C. Gabriel, Trustee for ASCEND FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, a certain lot or parcel of land together with the buildings and improvements located thereon, lying, and situated in the 3rd Civil District, Bedford County, Tennessee, described as follows:

Lying and being in the 3rd Civil District of Bedford County, Tennessee

TRACT I: Being all of Lot No. 74, Forest Hills Subdivision to the City of Shelbyville, as shown on survey and plat of same appearing of record in Deed Book 62, page 199, Registers Office for Bedford County, Tennessee, to which reference is hereby made for a more complete and accurate description of said lot. Said lot fronts on Hillcrest Drive 85 feet and runs back between parallel lines in a westerly direction 175 X 185 feet, more or less.

TRACT 2: Being all of Lot No. 75, Forest Hills Subdivision to the City of Shelbyville, as shown on survey and plat of same appearing of record in Deed Book 62, page 199, Registers Office for Bedford County, Tennessee, to which reference is hereby made for a more complete and accurate description of said lot. Said lot fronts on Hillcrest Drive 85 feet and runs back between parallel lines in a westerly direction 162 X 175 feet, more or less.

Being the same property conveyed to Clarence W. Frederick and wife, Anna Frederick, by warranty deed from Debi Sudberry, unmarried, dated December 15, 2006, and recorded December 18, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. in Deed Book 281, Page 120, Registers Office of Bedford County, Tennessee. See also quitclaim deed of record in Deed Book 295, page 461, Registers Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

This conveyance is subject to restrictive covenants of record in Deed Book 62, page 199, and Deed Book 52, page 441, Registers Office for said County.

This conveyance is subject to any and all existing easements and restrictions of record.

Map 89 E-B; Parcel 7

Property Address: 306 S. Hillcrest Drive, Shelbyville, TN 37160

Said deed of trust above is recorded in Trustee Deed Book 718, Pages 642-657, Registers Office, Bedford County, Tennessee, to which reference is made for full particulars; and

WHEREAS Carlee L. Smith has been appointed Substitute Trustee, according to the provisions of this trust deed, by an Appointment of Substitute Trustee, of record in Trust Deed Book 11 14, Page 561, Registers Office, Bedford County, Tennessee, and

WHEREAS Clarence Wallace Frederick and Anna Frederick defaulted in payment of the indebtedness under the terms and provisions of said deed of trust and under the note secured thereby.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me, I, Carlee L. Smith, as Substitute Trustee, will sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder, for cash, the above-described real estate with all improvements thereon, on May 23rd, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the South door of the Courthouse in Shelbyville, Bedford County, Tennessee. Said property will be sold free from and in bar of the rights and equity of redemption, statutory rights of redemption, homestead, dower and all other rights or exemptions of every kind, such being expressly waived in said deed of trust. A Successor Trustee's Deed conveying said property without any covenant or warranty expressed or implied, but subject to all unpaid taxes and any liens which take priority as a matter of law, will be made and delivered to the purchaser of said real estate.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day and time-certain, without further publication and in accordance with law, upon announcement of said adjournment on the day and time and place of sale set forth above.

Said sale is made subject to all oral announcements made at the sale.

THIS 12th day of April 2024.

CARLEE L. SMITH, Substitute Trustee
Staff Attorney for Ascend Federal Credit Union
Tullahoma, TN 37388



PUZZLE SOLUTION

R	O	A	R			P	R	O		R	H	P		
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ANSWER: Level: Beginner

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ANSWER: Level: Intermediate

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ANSWER: Level: Advanced

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2	6	5	9	8	7	4	3	1
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Big Brothers Big Sisters.
OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE

Recognized nationally as 'One of the Best Nonprofits'

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (May 1, 2024) – Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee was recently selected as one of the 2024 Best Nonprofits to Work For. The NonProfit Times, the leading national business publication for nonprofit managers, has partnered with Best Companies Group to identify nonprofit organizations where leaders have excelled in creating quality workplaces.

This survey and awards program is designed to identify, recognize and honor the best employers in the nonprofit industry, benefiting the industry's economy, workforce and businesses. The list is made up of 50 organizations.

Nonprofits from across the United States entered the two-part survey process to determine the Best Nonprofits to Work For. The first part consisted of evaluating each nominated organization's workplace policies, practices, philosophy, systems and demographics. This part of the process was worth approximately 25% of the total evaluation.

The second part consisted of an employee survey to measure the employee experience. This part of the process was worth approximately 75% of the total evaluation. The combined scores determined the top nonprofits and the final ranking. Best Companies Group managed the overall registration and survey process, analyzed the data, and determined the ranking.

This prestigious acknowledgment underscores the organization's commitment to creating an exceptional workplace environment while advancing its mission of igniting the potential of youth through mentorship.

"We are honored to be recognized as a Best Nonprofit to Work For by the Best Companies Group," said Melissa Hudson-Gant, CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee. "This recognition is a reflection of the dedication and passion of the professionals who make up the agency's team and their commitment to making a difference in the lives of young people in our community. At Big Brothers Big Sisters, our mission is to equip and empower, and that begins internally with our colleagues. We believe that, when you invest in your team, you empower them to make a greater impact, and this recognition affirms our commitment to creating a workplace where our staff can thrive."

In addition to providing mentorship opportunities for young people, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee offers a range of employee benefits and development programs, including professional development opportunities, flexible work arrangements and wellness initiatives aimed at supporting the holistic well-being of its staff.

As Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee continues its work to ignite the power and promise of youth, the organization remains committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive workplace environment where employees can thrive and make a lasting impact on the lives of others.

For more information about Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee and its programs, please visit www.mentorakid.org and follow @mentorakid on social media.

About Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee

Since 1969, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is incredible potential. As a part of the nation's largest donor- and volunteer-supported mentoring network, BBBSMT makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles"), ages 6 through young adulthood, in eight counties throughout Middle Tennessee. Their mission is to professionally create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.

Lillard Thompson "Junior" Driver



Lillard Thompson "Junior" Driver 93 of Wartrace died April 23, 2024. Funeral Services will be held 2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 28th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home Rev. Jimmy Gray officiating. Burial will follow at Hurricane Cemetery in Coffee County. Visitation will begin at 12:00 p.m.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lillard Thompson Driver Sr. and Ada Mae Teal Driver; wife, Harriet Helen Driver; daughters, Linda Kay Driver, Melva Gail Driver, Bobbie McGee and grandson, Bryan Adams.

He is survived by daughters, Marilyn F. Moss, Sharon Ann (Taylor) Hastings; sons, Barry Lee (Freida) Driver and Greg Driver; four grandchildren, six great grandchildren and four great great-grandchildren.

Judy C. Smith



Judy C. Smith 78 of Shelbyville died April 27, 2024.

Funeral Services will be held 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2nd, at Hillcrest Funeral Home Rev. Jimmy Gray officiating. Visitation will begin at 3:00 p.m.

She was born February 1, 1946 in Wartrace; a retired pharmacist tech for Renegar's Drugs and Walgreens Pharmacy and a member of Wartrace Baptist Church.

Judy was the daughter of the late James R. "Buck" Cunningham and Ailene Driver Bush.

She is survived by her children, Tony Ray Smith Jr. (Kendra), Angela Conner of Shelbyville, Annette Carroll of Chapel Hill; a brother, Lee Roy Cunningham (Elizabeth) of Shelbyville; five grandchildren, Dustin Carroll, Daniel Conner, Dillon Conner, Shae Lowe, Carson Smith and five great-grandchildren.

The family would like to express their thanks to the staff of NHC Oakwood-Lewisburg and Aveanna Hospice for the care they gave Judy.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's.

Woody Dean Powell



Woody Dean Powell of Jackson, Tennessee died April 28, 2024. Graveside Services will be held 12:00 p.m. Friday, May 3rd, at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Shawn Bain officiating. Visitation will be 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Hillcrest Funeral Home prior to service.

She was born September 20, 1944 in Shelbyville, TN. She was raised in the Wheel Community and started her life in Christ at Bedford County Church of Christ. She later married the love of her life, Wendell "Rabbit" M. Powell and was a minister's wife for 48 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wendell M. Powell; her parents, Arthur M. and Bertha M. Atnip Adcock; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She is survived by her three children and their spouses, Christopher M. (Andrea D.) Powell, Timothy S. (Shanah K.) Powell and Beverly D. (R.Dale) Evans.

James William Marr



James William Marr, 82, of Shelbyville died April 30, 2024.

Graveside Services will be held 4:00 p.m. Friday, May 3rd, at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Mark Pierce officiating. Visitation will be from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Hillcrest Funeral Home prior to service.

He was born September 15, 1941 in Moore County, TN.; a Graduate of Moore County High School - Class of '59;a retired employee of Jostens where he worked for 46+ years;and a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Fred Marr and Gerta Wiser Marr; a brother, Herman Lee Marr and a sister, Carolyn Jane Delffs.

James is survived by his wife of 59 years, Elizabeth Scott Faulkner Marr; his daughter, Tammy Leigh Marr Tucker (Christopher Norman); sisters, Brenda Warren (Charles), Judy Sanders (Charles), Sherry Nowlin and Cathy Prater; three grandchildren, Christopher James Tucker (Ashlee), Jeremy Charles Tucker, Elizabeth Carol Tucker and four great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Bedford Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 1523, Shelbyville, TN. 37162.

Martha Elizabeth Parker

Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Parker, age 81, of Shelbyville, passed away April 25, 2024, under the loving care and comfort of her family, Hospice Compassus, and the dedicated and caring, staff of The Waters of Shelbyville.

Funeral services were 3 PM Sunday, April 28, 2024, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. William Lynch officiated and burial was in Willow Mount Cemetery. The family will receive visitors 11 AM until service time Sunday at the funeral home.

She was born September 20, 1942, in Bedford County, to the late Charlie Glenn and Irene Sutton Smotherman. She had perfect attendance from the first grade through high school, graduating from Shelbyville Central High School in 1960. She was a member of the Red Hats Society, and the Hudson Car Club. She retired from Calsonic of North America. A faithful member of El Bethel Baptist Church, she "always kept her faith in Jesus".

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Christopher Blanton, and a great grandchild, Aidan Haynes.

Survivors include her husband of 63 years, Donald Eugene Parker; daughters, Joyce (Eddie) Sanders, of Bell Buckle, and Vicki (Ricky) Blanton, of Tullahoma; grandchildren, Lorie Gilliam, Tiffany Owens, William Lynch, Brooke Smith, and Patrick Blanton; great grandchildren, Hannah Gilliam, Mallory Gilliam, Valerie Rutledge, Richard Owens, Rocky Lynch, Alice Lynch, William Lynch, Jr, Faith Lynch, Dylan Hendon, Blake Haynes, and Aubriella Smith, great great-grandchildren, Macie Henderson and Bryson Henderson.



Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tips to find a home health aide

A desire to live independently seems to be part of human nature. Though that desire may continue to burn as individuals approach retirement age, unforeseen circumstances like medical issues or the death of a partner may result in a need to work with a professional caregiver.

Home health aides (HHAs) can help aging individuals or those with certain physical or cognitive limitations live full lives without requiring them to move into assisted living facilities or seek alternative housing arrangements. HHAs provide a host of services, and individuals living in well-populated areas may have no shortage of options as they seek to hire a professional to help themselves or a loved one with the tasks of daily life. Individuals or families beginning their search for a home health aide can keep these tips in mind.

• Identify the services required. The Family Caregiver Alliance notes there are several main areas to assess when identifying which services individuals may need help with. Personal care consists of bathing, eating, dressing, toileting, and grooming. Household care involves cooking, cleaning, laundry, and shopping. HHAs who provide medical care may help clients manage medications, provide physical therapy and help clients get to their doctors' appointments. Companionship is a component of emotional care, which also may entail engaging clients in meaningful activities and conversation. Identifying the services required can help individuals and their families zero in on the professionals who can help them.

• Seek recommendations from trusted doctors and confidantes. An individual who needs daily assistance at home can ask his or her physician for recommendations (family members can ask as well). Physicians undoubtedly have had previous patients who have benefited from the services of HHAs, so they can likely recommend local professionals. Trusted confidantes, such as neighbors, relatives and friends, who have been in similar situations, or have family members who have required HHAs, also can be an invaluable resource.

• Contact a local agency. The FCA notes that contacting a local Home Care Agency is a formal way to find an HHA for yourself or a loved one. Various agencies are likely in operation within a reasonable distance of a person's home, though the FCA notes far fewer agencies serve rural areas. Contacting a local Home Care Agency can put individuals and their families in contact with professionals who can help match people with particular needs with HHAs who specialize in such care or have extensive experience providing a range of home care services.

• Look into a direct-hire group. AARP™ notes that direct-hire agencies maintain networks of independent caregivers and facilitate connections between those professionals and individuals and families seeking help. When working with a direct-hire group, inquire about their fees and ask if they can share any information regarding how to pay independent contractors who can be found through their agencies. It's also important to ask if direct-hire groups formally vet professionals that can be found through them or if individuals and families must conduct their own background checks.

Individuals who need some assistance with daily living can employ various strategies to find home health aides who can provide such services.

Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: April 23

Location: 598 Happy Valley Rd; Seller, David John Farnsworth, Kirsten Farnsworth; Buyer, Justin Buie, Cassie Buie; Price, $605,000 (Deed).

Location: 345 Mankin Rd; Seller, Javier Olvera Servin, Miriam Arreola Vega; Buyer, Octavio Moralas Hernandez, Juana Resendiz; Price, $250,000 (Deed).

File date: April 24

Location: 325 Shelby Circle; Seller, Offerpad Point LLC; Buyer, April Klein, Patrick Carroll; Price, $292,450 (Deed).

Location: 158 County Line Rd; Seller, Megan Brown Hoelck, Megan Brown, Kevin G Hoelck; Buyer, Megan Brown Hoelck, Kevin G Hoelck; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 118 August Way; Seller, Bernice Chatman Living Trust, Bernice Chatman; Buyer, Matthew Schroder, Lexi Schroder; Price, $305,000 (Deed).

Seller, Joshua Steven Bobo, Ashley Elizabeth Bobo; Buyer, Austin Reed Emerson; Price, $515,000 (Deed).

Location: Scales Rd; Seller, Perry L Casteel, Doris E Casteel; Buyer, Casteel Family Revocable Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 401 Buzzard Roost Rd; Seller, Carol Carr, Dennis D Carr, Carol L Carr; Buyer, Khamia Rattanavong; Price, $295,000 (Deed).

File date: April 25

Location: 509 Knob Creek Rd; Seller, Michael S Sterling; Buyer, Courtney Rayburn; Price, $350,000 (Deed).

Location: 130 High St; Seller, Gary L Lynch, Chelsey Leigh Lynch; Buyer, Ryan L Massey, Katelynn M Massey; Price, $300,000 (Deed).

Location: 326 Winners Circle; Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, Alysha Graves; Price, $360,990 (Deed).

Location: 109 Brookfield Rd; Seller, Gary Todd Rigney; Buyer, Gary Todd Rigney, Robin Marie Rigney; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Cooperstown Rd; Seller, Crystal E Rodriguez, Robert L Whitaker Estate; Buyer, RLLPW Holdings LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Melvin C Adcock, Maxine C Adcock; Buyer, Adcock Revocable Living Trust, Melvin C Adcock Revocable Living Trust, Maxine C Adcock Revocable Living Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 220 Davis St; Seller, Dylan Sain; Buyer, Selina K Davis; Price, $294,000 (Deed).

Seller, Carolyn Sue Clardy, Mary Ruth Halmontaller; Buyer, Carolyn Sue Clardy, Mary Ruth Halmontaller; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 108 Hampshire Rd; Seller, John M Ginniff, Cheryl J Ginniff; Buyer, Ray Lubey, Kathie Renee Lubey; Price, $418,000 (Deed).

File date: April 26

Location: Hickory Hill Rd; Seller, Clifton W Spence, Kimberly R Spence; Buyer, Dylon Ely, Kassidy McClaran; Price, $75,000 (Deed).

Location: Hwy 130 East; Seller, Karen Landers Cook; Buyer, Karen Landers Cook, Whitney Karen Cook; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Sims Rd; Seller, Billy Wayne Robertson; Buyer, Linda Pinkston, Bryant Pinkston; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 309 Grand View Circle; Seller, HP Realty Co LLC; Buyer, Matthew Reed, Tracie Reed; Price, $647,500 (Deed).

Location: 801 Grand Station Blvd; Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, Audri Crawford, Donald Crawford; Price, $349,990 (Deed).

Location: 221 Davis St; Seller, Daniel Gragg Construction LLC; Buyer, Robert Bulszewicz; Price, $329,000 (Deed).

Location: 132 New Center Church Rd; Seller, James R Phillips, Janice J Phillips; Buyer, Christa Tidwell; Price, $800,000 (Deed).

Location: 121 Locust St; Seller, Andrew Fernandez, Tricia Fernandez; Buyer, Leonel Estrada Ortiz; Price, $264,000 (Deed).

Location: Fairfield Pike; Seller, Woodrow Floyd Jr; Buyer, Sheree Floyd; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 102 Rio Grande Dr; Seller, Chelsea Quinn, Elijah Yeshua Flanagan; Buyer, Nhan Pham, Ruth Ann Pham; Price, $350,000 (Deed).

Location: Hwy 231; Seller, Garry L Trigg; Buyer, Javier Olvera Servin, Miriam Arreola Vega; Price, $160,000 (Deed).

Location: 117 Raven Court; Seller, Reagan Carol Givens, Christopher Lee Givens; Buyer, Pamela Long; Price, $339,900 (Deed).

Seller, Janet L Ontiveros; Buyer, Anayansi Gonzalez, Jorge Soberanis; Price, $175,000 (Deed).

Seller, Patricia Reynolds, Lizzie Joice Reynolds Estate, Lizzie Reynolds; Buyer, Jeromy Henderson, Elizabeth Henderson; Price, $215,000 (Deed).

Seller, Mack Lambert; Buyer, Halcyon Construction & Development LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 350 Hawthorne Rd; Seller, Heriberto Ayala Guzman, Margarita Ayala; Buyer, Fernando Ayala; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: 1490 Cortner Rd; Seller, Mitchell Consolidated Investments 401; Buyer, Donald Mitchell, Barbara Mitchell; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Bunker Hill Rd; Seller, James Toney, Lisa Toney; Buyer, Cody Nash, Kara Beth Nash; Price, $90,000 (Deed).

File date: April 29

Location: 437 Tines Dr; Seller, Matthew Huntsman, Nicole Huntsman; Buyer, 437 Tines Drive LLC; Price, $10 (Deed).

Location: 439 Tines Dr; Seller, Matthew Huntsman, Nicole Huntsman; Buyer, 439 Tines Drive LLC; Price, $10 (Deed).

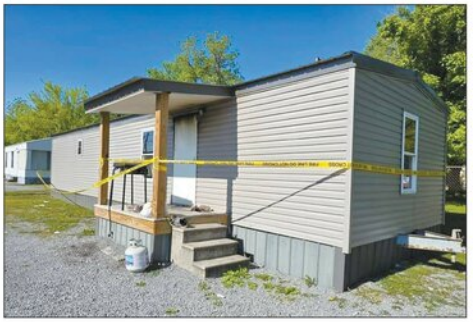
Location: Substation Rd; Seller, Matthew R Giffe, Kaitlynn M Parnell; Buyer, Jeff Napier, Kathey Napier; Price, $140,000 (Deed).

Location: 2870 Hwy 64 W; Seller, Charlotte Stewerf Parr, Marlene Jean Boyce; Buyer, David M Henry, Lacy M Henry; Price, $799,000 (Deed).

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

Location: Dow Dr; Seller, Jackie Edward McGee Jr, Judy Irene McGee; Buyer, Jackie Edward McGee Jr; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: Farris Lane; Seller, Randall Loyd Farris, David Lee Farris Sr, Brian Dale Farris, William Clyde Farris Sr, W C Farris Sr; Buyer, Patricia Jane Farris; Price, $0 (Deed).



HOME FIRE ATTENDED
A fire was reported this week at 2103 N. Main. All from the home safe but frightened.





Benefits to Florida rooms

Snowbirds heading south to escape cold winters is a phenomenon that has been popular for decades. Places like Florida often beckon vacationers and retirees who are eager to enjoy the sun and surf.

Individuals who have traveled south are likely familiar with outdoors spaces known as Florida rooms' While they are commonplace in Florida, these rooms are not exclusive to the Sunshine State. In fact, they can be beneficial additions regardless of where one lives.

What are Florida rooms?

Florida rooms used to be spaces that people could retreat to when central air conditioning wasn't so prevalent. Today, the term is largely synonymous with sunrooms. Florida rooms tend to be enclosed; screened-in lanai spaces that expand a home's living space outward. They may be outdoor patios, living rooms or even areas that surround covered swimming pools. Florida rooms can be tailored to homeowners' personal preferences and lifestyles.

The benefits to having a Florida room

Florida rooms are popular and sought-after, and the following are five notable benefits of having such a room.

1. Help to maintain a connection to nature: Florida rooms blend the outdoors with the interior of a home. The rooms may be on the side of a house or overlook a backyard, enabling residents to enjoy the great outdoors without full exposure to the elements.

2. Make it possible to enjoy outdoors for most of the year: People who live in temperate climates can enjoy outdoor spaces all year homeowners' who find it is pleasant outside for most months of the year can retreat to Florida rooms when conditions are less inviting. Heating and cooling capabilities can be added to the spaces to make them full four-season rooms.

3. Get extra vitamin D: Vitamin D deficiency is extremely common, affecting 42 percent of the United States population, according to the National Institutes of Health. Florida rooms enable people to soak up some extra sunshine and vitamin D.

4. The rooms add value: Adding a Florida room gives homeowners additional space to enjoy with friends and family. Also, it has the potential to increase a home's resale value without committing to an extensive renovation.

5. Rooms can be tailored to unique needs: A Florida room can be customized based on what homeowner's desire. Companies who specialize in Florida rooms can design these spaces according to the parameters chosen by homeowners.

Buying rural or urban? Know the differences

The decision to move is a very personal choice that is typically reached after considering a number of variables. Career opportunities, a better climate, superior schools, or a desire to be closer to family compel millions of people to move each year, and those factors underscore how unique each individual move can be.

Steinway Moving & Storage contends that the average American moves 11.7 times, while the Canadian Association of Movers says Canadians move an average of five to six times. No move is a small undertaking, and when such a move involves relocating to an entirely new setting, there are some things buyers should know. Here are some differences between purchasing a home in a rural or urban location.

Urban

A vibrant lifestyle and proximity to employment draws many people to urban living. Home prices tend to be higher in cities than in other areas, and the cost of living in urban areas tends to be more expensive due to the conveniences associated with city life. Buyers may expect to pay more for contractors, food and transportation. Property taxes are another consideration for urban buyers. Taxes tend to be higher in urban neighborhoods than rural locales.

Proximity to nightlife and restaurants attracts many people to live in cities. Urban buyers need to expect more congestion in cities than in rural areas. Having a car in the city may be a luxury instead of a necessity. In fact, many urban dwellers opt for public transportation rather than paying for parking or trying to find spots.

Noise may be another thing to think about. More people living closer together brings more noise and artificial light. Nature lovers may have to sacrifice proximity to wildlife and access to star-filled skies if they choose to live in cities.

Rural

Being able to spread out and enjoy private property is a major advantage of living in the country. Rural living comes with much larger home footprints at more affordable prices.

The Real Estate Council of Ontario says that potential buyers will need to account for distance to jobs and stores when opting to live in rural areas. Commute times can eat into fuel budgets. Those who work from home may need to investigate if there is reliable internet service where a home is located, as some rural locales still have spotty mobile service and internet coverage.

Additional things to think about involve the maintenance on the home and utilities. Some rural homes are not connected to municipal water systems. That requires usage of well water and having to do one's own water testing. It's also key to have a septic system tested to ensure it is in good working order. Rural residents may need to grow accustomed to slower repair times should electricity go out, so a backup generator might be necessary. Also, snow removal may fall on the homeowner, so buyers should look closely at driveway size and road access before buying.

Nature and vast starry skies draw some to live in rural areas. Sitting outdoors enjoying the sounds and smells of nature can be intoxicating. But homeowners must consider that insects and animals may be frequent companions in these areas. Those accustomed to urban living may be unacquainted with animals living so close to their homes.

Both rural and urban areas can be great places to live. Individuals should consider the pros and cons of each before buying a new home.

Bedford County to benefit from broadband grants

Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee and Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Stuart C. McWhorter announced Tuesday that the state will award $162.7 million in broadband and digital opportunity grants, including two "middle mile" grants that involve Bedford County.

United Communications, which has worked closely with the local Connect Bedford committee on broadband projects, received a $3,150,107 grant for "middle mile" projects in Franklin, Moore and Bedford counties, and a $3,058,513 grant for "middle mile" projects in Bedford, Rutherford and Marshall counties.

"We are grateful to the state of Tennessee and our partner United Communications in making this grant award possible," said Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham. "Over $6 million will go a long way in reaching our goal to be one of the first fully-connected rural counties in Tennessee. High-speed connectivity will make Bedford better."

The local Connect Bedford committee is continuing to work on additional funding opportunities which will provide service to more local residents and businesses and which will benefit local workforce development.

In total, these investments will provide broadband access and digital opportunity programs to more than 236,000 Tennesseans across 92 counties.

The term "middle mile" refers to infrastructure upgrade projects that don't connect directly to customers, although they make such projects possible. "Last mile" projects are those that connect directly to end users. In this case, the state required that anyone applying for middle mile funding show that it is necessary for new or upgraded last mile service.

"Broadband is essential to all Tennesseans, and that's why we are making strategic investments in our state's broadband infrastructure and digital opportunity programs to create a pathway to education, job training and greater opportunity statewide," said Gov. Lee. "I thank the Financial Stimulus Accountability Group for their continued support and management of these broadband dollars."

With today's announcement, TNECD has invested more than $715 million to expand the state's broadband infrastructure, connecting more than 689,000 Tennesseans across 275,000 residential and business locations.

"More than $715 million has been invested to expand broadband under Governor Lee's administration, and we are excited to announce additional funding today that will ensure Tennesseans have access to and benefit from high-speed internet, which opens the door to high-quality job training," said Commissioner McWhorter.

A total of $97.2 million is being funded by the Last Mile and Middle Mile infrastructure programs, and $65.5 million will be invested in digital opportunity programs. These initiatives are part of a broader strategy to ensure that all residents have access to high-speed internet by 2028, and have opportunities to develop digital skills, access high-quality tech jobs, connect to broadband enabled devices and access online learning and telehealth resources.

TNECD's investment of $97.2 million in broadband infrastructure will provide access to more than 58,200 Tennesseans across 23,000 locations in 37 counties.

To learn more about Tennessee's broadband initiatives or apply for these programs, go to https://www.tn.gov/ecd/rural-development/broadband-office.html.

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He said there's been a lot of work go into that area since 2019. "We just completed relaying the sewer at the end of 2022," said Reese. "So, with that said, we're exceeding our overflows."

Reese said the TDEC letter advises that Shelbyville Power "shall enforce a self-imposed moratorium on connections to the waste-water collection system that ultimately flows to that pumping station."

He said that basically that means a moratorium on any sewer connection that has not been approved, as of April 22. "Anything approved by us up to that point, can still be connected," he told Council.

Reese said this applies pretty much to property east of north and south Hillcrest Drive to the City limits. Reese said basically, all that ultimately flows to that area.

He said it is unfortunate because there are about 140 connections SPWSS has already approved for that area. He said it is a new issue for the power system and he's consulting with engineers Thursday to come up with a game plan.

"We don't want to put a time line on anything," Reese said. "We still don't know . . . lot of research to do."

He said if there is a silver lining, a self-imposed moratorium is not a commissioner's order. "So, it should be quicker to have it relieved," Reese said.

He advised that a plan will have to be sent to TDEC for approval. He said the power system will have to show with new connections coming on, this problem will be corrected.

He said there's not been any overflow problems last 2 years, with the exception of heavy rain flow this January. "This gives me a little hope that maybe there's a line collapse somewhere that we've just not been made aware of yet," said Reese. "This might make it a quicker fix than what we know at this point."

He assured Council this will not affect the City's "hot bed" of construction-the north side of town, including Jennings Lane and Union Street. He said other areas of current development seem to be in good shape.

He said the letter of response has been sent to the state that the power company will enforce the moratorium. "Basically, what we're asking the City is to not issue any building permits from this point forward, for that area, other than what's been approved at this time."

Council person Marilyn Ewing asked if this is going to be costly. "First, we have to come up with a plan, get and run our cameras, figure out where the issue is and how much is going to be prepared."

Reese said his preliminary estimate is this will be about a $2 to $3 million fix. He said the power system will search for grant funding or loans.

"Those are discussions we're going to have to have internally over the next few weeks and days. As far as a timeline is concerned, we're looking at least 8 to 9 months before we can even have a design completed and surveys done, before we can move forward."

Council person Ewing asked if service to customers would be affected in that area. Reese said no, because so much work has already been done out there prior to this issue.

"One other thing, you've heard me say . . . it's not just a Shelbyville problem. It's a state problem. It's a country-side problem."

Reese said there's aged structure all over the place. But this main system has to be fixed internally before any further expansion occurs.

"We're working diligently to get the problem solved and will try to take care of it as quickly as we can."

Mayor Randy Carroll asked if any letters will be sent out to developers. He said many letters are available and local realtors with properties in that area will also be notified of this situation.

CEMETERY

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and respectful place for families to memorialize their loved ones who have been cremated.

"To my knowledge, the columbarium at Willow Mount is the only columbarium in Bedford County," Chapman told the T-G this week.

There were many people involved from start to finish of this project, said Chapman. People from City Public Works, the City Council, Shelbyville Parks Department, and previous and current cemetery crews.

"This was a joint effort by many departments and levels from within the City," advised Chapman.

He added that the columbarium is a more cost-effective alternative to a conventional burial. A niche in the columbarium is $500 whereas traditional grave plots are $800. Additionally, preparation costs are significantly lower since cremation tends to be less expensive than a burial. So how does someone go about being buried at Willow Mount Cemetery, in a columbarium or gravesite?

"The initial decision lies between cremation and traditional burial for your final resting place. If you opt for cremation, we do allow one set of cremains at the foot of traditional burial and now offer the columbarium niches as an alternative," said Chapman.

As far as a grave plot, the Sexton will show the plots that are available for purchase. Once payment has been made, a deed of purchase will be sent to the owner of the plot or niche.

As for Shelbyville's cemetery sexton, he's a hometown guy. So, rest assured he has a vested interest in the cemetery's care.

Chapman says he's lived in Bedford County for most of his life; and his connection to the community runs deep.

"Since 2021, I've have had the privilege of working for the City of Shelbyville," he notes.

As of July of 2022, he's been working at Willow Mount Cemetery and as of July 2023, he has served as Willow Mount sexton.

"It has been my mission to see the restoration and revitalization of our City's cemeteries; and bring back a sense of pride to the cemetery's heritage," said Chapman. "It Is my honor and drive to do my part for the City citizens. I want to ensure that they continue to have a final resting place for their loved ones for generations to come as we grow. Willow Mount Cemetery was established in the mid 1840's. Located in the heart of Shelbyville, this 20-acre cemetery is the final resting place of over 25,000 people, including 600 unknown Confederate soldiers. There are also 3 mass graves from epidemics.



CITY CEMETERY HAS NEW FEATURE
The columbarium is a structure designed to hold cremation urns. This gives residents more choses to burial at the City cemetery. This is quite a stunning addition to the City cemetery.

THE ISSUE

City ghosted by Bedford Partnership

Chamber membership denied

SBC SHELBYVILLE BEDFORD COUNTY CHAMBER

By DAWN HANKINS

The City of Shelbyville was recently denied membership in the Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce, a written letter to City Manager Scott Collins confirms.

City Council members discussed Tuesday night during its monthly study session how they plan to contact the state Chamber of Commerce to see what the City's alternatives might be. It was also discussed trying to hold some meetings with the Chamber board and or director to discuss and possibly resolve this confusion.

City Manager Collins told Council that the City's $460 membership check and a budgeted donation of $5,000 (minus then the $460 membership) were all returned. He said a letter signed by Partnership Director Shane Hooper stated this decision was made due to the City not being a member of Bedford Partnership, which is overseeing much of the local economic development.

Councilman Bobby Turnbow said, "The City of Shelbyville has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce as long as there's been a Chamber of Commerce. Partnership gets control of it and we're out. You explain that to me."

The Bedford County Partnership, under the direction of Hooper, has merged with the Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce, which has its own board. Collins said it has been discussed trying to meet with the Chamber board.

"My recommendation would be that we meet with the Chamber of Commerce board, if we can do that," said Mayor Randy Carroll. "I think they're the ones who name members of the Chamber of Commerce."

According to the Chamber of Commerce website, director of the Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce is currently Elisabeth Thompson, an employee of Duck River Electric. Vice Chair, the website states, is Ashley House, current owner of Enchanted Bridal and Boutique and several properties on the Shelbyville public square.

Mayor Carroll said he was also recommending that the City make contact with the state Chamber directors. He said they may have some solutions.

"We'd like to try to work this out, if we can," said Mayor Carroll. "As we've always done, reaching out and trying to make things work."

The Tennessee Chamber serves as the primary voice of diverse business and manufacturing trade interests on major employment and economic issues facing public policy decision-makers in Tennessee. The state Chamber also states how it works to foster harmonious relationships between the various elements of the Tennessee business community and to serve as an umbrella organization for companies, trade associations and Chambers of Commerce. The effort, it states, is to work together for the economic health of the state.

Councilman William Christie asked Collins if he ever verified if it was the Partnership which denied the City its Chamber membership. "That would be good to know," he said.

Collins said the checks came back, with the letter, under the signature of the Partnership Director Hooper, not the Chamber board.

Mayor Carroll said he believes the City has been a continuous member of the Chamber since 1947.

There was also the discussion that the Partnership/Chamber does receive public funding.

Councilman Turnbow accused the Partnership of "acting like 5-year-old children. "This did not suit Mr. Hooper because we did not fund the Partnership. This is our punishment."

What Turnbow is referring to is the City's decision last year to dissolve its initial $100,000 Partnership funding. The City has not been satisfied with some aspects-those which they were not consulted about. (Information from an interview last year with the City mayor.)

City Attorney Ginger Shofner said she believed that it is now stated that to be a member of the Chamber, an entity must belong to the Partnership. But she wasn't completely sure

City Treasurer Kay Parker said online information doesn't say how to become a Partnership member. "I don't know what the membership fees for that is."



BCFD Photos

WATER TESTS AT FISHERMAN'S PARK
When Bedford County Fire Department tests each year, each apparatus goes through a series of tests to ensure the pump will flow the correct amount of water at certain pressures. BCFD appreciates all the folks who stopped by the park to ask questions or watch us work.

High School Graduation Dates

- **Cascade High School, Wartrace, Graduation**
  - Thursday, May 23, 2024, Cascade Football Field, 7:00 PM
    - **Inclement Weather Makeup Date**
      - Friday, May 24, 2024,Cascade Football Field, 5:00 PM
- **Community High School, Unionville, Graduation**
  - Friday, May 24, 2024, Community Football Field, 7:00 PM
    - **Inclement Weather Makeup Date**
      - Saturday, May 25, 2024, Community Football Field,10:00 AM
- **Shelbyville Central High School Graduation**
  - Saturday, May 25, 2024, SCHS Football Field, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
    - **Inclement Weather Makeup Date**
      - Sunday, May 26, 2024, SCHS Football Field, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
    - **The Webb School, Bell Buckle, Graduation**
      - Saturday, May 25, 2024, 11 a.m.



Webb School Sees Five Student-Athletes Sign to Continue Their Athletic Careers In College

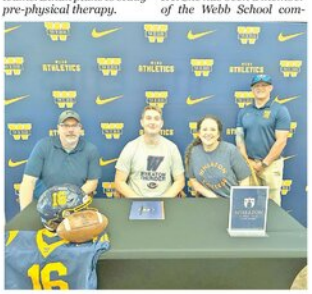
BY NOAH MADDOX
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The Webb School had the opportunity to recognize members of the Class of 2024 that decided to sign and continue pursuing their athletic careers into college over the past couple weeks.

In total, Webb saw five members of this year's Senior Class sign with five different universities over the last two weeks to play football, volleyball, and soccer.

Ethan Crunk, Brooks Watson, Christopher Douglas, Gage LeMaster, and Cecil Rodgers were all integral parts of the Webb School's Class of 2024, and the school released a statement for each:

Ethan Crunk *of Wartrace, TN, will continue playing football for the Thunder of Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL. He has been a member of the Webb School community since his 8th-grade year and has been involved in a number of on-campus organizations such as Best Buddies, FCA, and the WILD program. He has also been a member of the varsity Basketball and Lacrosse teams. Ethan plans to study pre-physical therapy.*



Ethan Crunk with his parents after signing to continue his football career for the Thunder of Wheaton College in Wheaton, IL. *Photo by Webb School.*

Head Coach Evan Gay stated, "I am very happy for Ethan and his family. Ethan's football journey is just getting started, and we are excited to see him reach his potential. He is a tireless worker and a great young man. Good luck, Ethan!"



Brooks Watson after signing to continue her volleyball career for the Golden Eagles of Spalding University in Louisville, KY. *Photo by Webb*

Brooks Watson *of Murfreesboro, TN will continue to play volleyball for the Golden Eagles of Spalding University, Louisville, KY. She has been a member of the Webb School community since her 8th-grade year and has been involved in a number of dance and the strings orchestra. She plans to study Biology.*

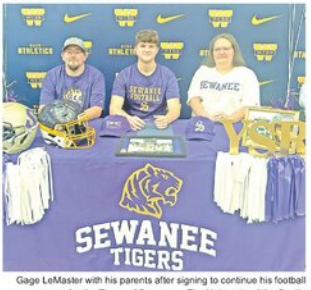
Head Coach Kristin Jackson stated, "I am so proud of Brooks! She has worked incredibly hard and made many sacrifices to reach this point in her volleyball career. She's a leader on and off the court and will surely make an immediate impact on the Spalding volleyball program. Good luck, Brooks! Your Webb family will miss you!"

Christopher Douglas *of St. Johns, Antigua, will continue playing soccer for the Trojans of Trevecca University, Nashville, TN. He has been a member of the Webb School community since his 11th grade year.*

Head Coach Kevin Moore stated, "Chris is at his best when he's enjoying himself. His attitude is infectious and has a genuine love for the game. Our program has been blessed to have and watch a talent like Chris Douglas. He currently stands as our programs all-time leading goalscorer with 50 goals in two seasons. Chris has been a wonderful ambassador of our program and I have no doubt he will go on to amazing things in soccer and in life. We can't wait to watch him at Trevecca!"

Gage LeMaster *of Shelbyville, TN will continue playing football for the Tigers of Sewanee - The University of the South, Sewanee, TN. He has been a member of the Webb School community since his 7th grade year and has been involved on both the boys lacrosse and skeet team as well as Best Buddies and Webbathon. Gage plans to study business and economics.*

Head Coach Evan Gay stated, "Gage was a senior captain and an outstanding leader on our football team this past season. We had some injuries, and this forced Gage to play some positions he was not accustomed to. He never complained and did his job to the best of his ability. We are so happy that he will continue his football career at Swanee, and wish him the best!"



Gage LeMaster with his parents after signing to continue his football career for the Tigers of Sewanee - The University of the South, Sewanee, TN. *Photo by Webb School.*

Cecil Rodgers *of Sewanee, TN will continue playing soccer for the Warriors of Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas. He has been a member of the Webb School community since his 11th grade year.*

Head Coach Kevin Moore stated, "Cecil is a born leader. He has continued to represent our program to the highest degree. His relationships with his teammates and coaches set the standard as to what a Webb Captain should be. He demands nothing but excellence from himself and will be sorely missed. I wish him nothing but success at Hendrix College. I look forward to watching him play at the next level."



Christopher Douglas with his mother and coach after signing to continue furthering his soccer career for the Trojans of Trevecca University, Nashville, TN. *Photo by Webb School.*



Cecil Rodgers with his parents after signing to continue his soccer career for the Warriors of Hendrix College in Conway, AR. *Photo by Webb School.*

Cascade Softball Holds Senior Night Before Run Ruling Grundy County

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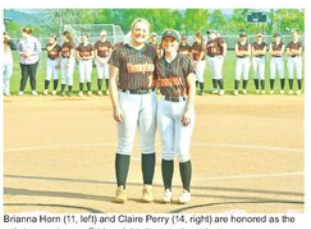
The Cascade Lady Champions honored their only two seniors, Brianna Horn and Claire Perry, before run-ruling the visiting Grundy County Lady Yellow Jackets, 12-0, on Friday night.

Horn went four complete innings in the circle, no-hitting Grundy County while getting nine of the 12 outs by way of the strikeout and only allowing two baserunners via a pair of walks on 66 pitches. She went 0-3 at the plate, an unusual occurrence for the Lady Champs' cleanup hitter.

Claire Perry, meanwhile, went 1-3 with a double, one RBI, two runs scored, and a strikeout. After Alivia Fannin led the third inning off with a single, she reached second base on one of Grundy County's eight errors on the night. This set the table for Perry to bring her home with a hustle double into left field on the third pitch of the at-bat, extending the hosts lead to 7-0.

Cascade scored three runs in the first and second innings, two in the third, and then four more in the fourth inning to beat Grundy County by double-digits for the second time this season.

The District 9-AA Tournament begins on Friday, and the Lady Champs hope that their past postseson success can help them succeed in the present day.



Brianna Horn (11, left) and Claire Perry (14, right) are honored as the only two seniors on Friday night. *Photo by David Smith.*



Leah Guffey slides into second base in the second inning of Friday's win over Grundy County. *Photo by David Smith.*

Cascade Soccer Holds Senior Night Before Beating Marshall County

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Cascade Soccer honored their seven seniors before last week's 3-1 win over Marshall County as the hosts picked up their sixth win of the season.

Williamson Cook, Oscar Padilla, and Andrew Dowell all got on the scoresheet against the Tigers, and it was an especially sweet moment for Padilla. A spirited senior who brings an upbeat attitude to the team every day, Padilla hasn't played as much as the other seniors this season, but he was able to score a goal on senior night of all nights to help seal a two-goal victory for Cascade.

After a 3-3 draw at Community to end district play, the Champions enter the upcoming district tournament with a 6-3-1 record and with high hopes for a postseason run similar to the one the Girl's Soccer team made in the fall.



Cascade Seniors (from left to right), Isaac Chapa (23), Ivan Draine (2), Stone Maldonado (3), Nick Harris (goalkeeper), Oscar Padilla (11), Chase Sutter (21) and Hayden Dowell (19). *Photo by David Smith.*

Golden Eagles Baseball Celebrates Senior Night Before Picking Up 20th Win of the Season

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The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles won their 20th game of the season on Monday, 6-2, against Lawrence County on Senior Night.

Seniors Nick Hopper, Parker Burks, Nick Johnson, Carston Williams, and Kyler Trice were all honored pregame. This senior class helped bring Shelbyville to their first state-sectional appearance since the turn of the century last season as juniors, pushing Stewarts Creek to a game three.

Head Coach Chase Jones has led this turnaround for the Golden Eagles, and his team this year at the close of the regular season has posted back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since the turn of the century as well.

Parker Burks got the start on the mound for the hosts, throwing five complete innings while only allowing three hits, and of the two runs he gave up only one was earned. He struck out three batters while only walking one on 69 pitches, picking up the win.

Stephen Bobo closed out the final two innings, only giving up two hits while striking out five on 33 pitches, picking up the save.

Nick Johnson went 1-3 at the plate with a double. Nick Hopper also went 1-3 with a double and two strikeouts, but he also drove in a pair of runs and came around to score once. Carston Williams went 1-3 with a run scored and one RBI while striking out twice. Burks went 0-3 at the plate with a strikeout.

Shelbyville fell behind 1-0 in the second before taking the lead with a three-run inning, and then they tacked up three more runs in the bottom of the fifth to take a commanding 6-1 lead. Lawrence County scored a second run at the start of the sixth inning, but then Stephen Bobo came on to shut down the rally and secure the 6-2 win.

The Golden Eagles improve to 20-11 (5-5) with the double-elimination District 9-AAAA Tournament beginning Wednesday against Warren County. The winner of that game moves on to take on the number one overall seed and tournament hosts, the Lincoln County Falcons, on Thursday night in the winner's bracket while the loser plays the first game on Friday in the loser's bracket.



All five SCHS Baseball seniors, from left to right: Nick Hopper (3), Parker Burks (34), Nick Johnson (7), Carston Williams (22), and Kyler Trice (6) were honored before Monday night's 6-2 win over Lawrence County. *Submitted Photo.*

Golden Eaglettes Softball Honors Four Seniors on Sunday's Senior Day

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The Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes held their Senior Day celebrations on Sunday before their non-district matchup with Tullahoma.

Sammie Brown, Kiya Akil, Lilly Brown, and NeVeah Buchanan were all recognized for their four-year commitment to Shelbyville Central Softball, with three of those seasons coming under head coach Shaun Whitaker, prior to the first pitch.

Although the Golden Eaglettes lost 16-0 to fall to 5-17 on the year overall, the most important part of their season begins at Columbia Central on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in the first round of the District 9-AAAA Tournament with their slate wiped clean.

If they are able to win that game, the Golden Eaglettes would advance into the winner's bracket to play at Coffee County on Friday at 6:00 p.m. If they lose to Columbia, Shelbyville would fall to the loser's bracket and would play Monday at 6:00 p.m. against the loser of Lincoln County's first game against the winner of Warren County and Spring Hill.



The four Golden Eaglettes Softball Seniors (from left to right), Sammie Brown (4), Kiya Akil (6), Lilly Brown (12) and NeVeah Buchanan (18) were honored before Sunday's game. *Submitted Photo.*

Shelbyville Central Tennis Holds Senior Night

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Prior to last Wednesday's final home match, Shelbyville Central Tennis honored the six seniors on this year's team at the Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Tennis Courts.

Hoyt Wessner and Jackson Benson are the only seniors on the men's side, but the women's side will have to replace four players for next year. Those four are Caitlyn Burdick, Evenlyn Basurto, Ryann Gary, and Anabel Leigh.

Those six seniors competed in the district tournament on Wednesday, also held in Shelbyville, with the results unknown prior to printing.



All six Seniors on the Shelbyville Central Tennis Team (left to right), Hoyt Wessner, Jackson Benson, Caitlyn Burdick, Evelyn Basurto, Ryann Gary, and Anabel Leigh, were recognized for Senior Night before last Wednesday's match. *Photo by David Smith.*

Cascade Baseball, Track & Field Honored on Senior Night Before Series Split With Marshall County

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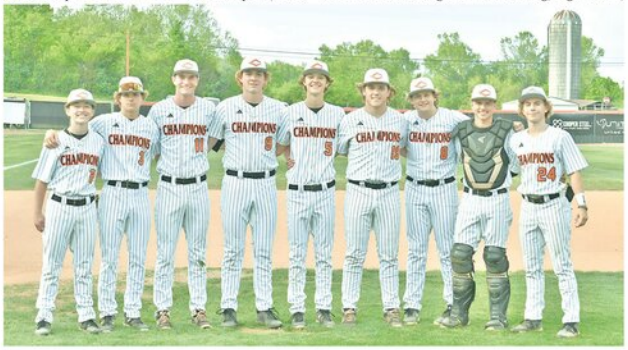
After defeating Marshall County, 3-2, in game one of their final non-district series of the season, the Cascade Champions returned home to celebrate Senior Night for Track & Field and Baseball before falling, 8-1, in game two against the Tigers on Monday night.

All nine seniors were in the starting lineup for the Champions, with Caden Hammonds and Luke Harris, two seniors with just a few spot starts this season between them, going 4-5 at the plate, including Hammonds going 3-4 and recording Cascade's lone RBI of the game after coming into the night with four hits all season. Harris delivered a base hit in only his third at-bat of the year, improving to 2-3 at the plate overall.

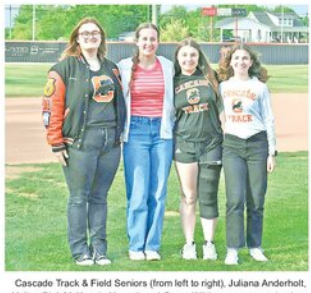
Sawyer Lovvorn, Walker Craig, Logan Green, and sophomore substitute Jordan Childress all recorded one hit. Connor Melson joined Hammonds as the only other Champion with a multi-hit game, recording a pair of singles.

The Tigers and the Champions each recorded 10 hits, but Marshall County put together a couple with men on base (aided by a trio of Cascade errors) while Cascade's bats left 11 runners stranded.

Cascade wraps up the regular season with a 14-7 record (6-2) and will host Cannon County at 5:00 p.m. on Friday in the first round of the District 9-AA Tournament.



Cascade Baseball Seniors (from left to right), Caden Hammonds (2), Logan Green (3), Zach Crosslin (11), Walker Craig (9), Connor Melson (5), Sawyer Lovvorn (19), Luke Harris (8), James Magee (16), and Logan Pulley (24) were recognized prior to game two against Marshall County on Monday. *Photo by David Smith.*



Cascade Track & Field Seniors (from left to right), Juliana Anderholt, Hailey Giel, McKenzie Hensel, and Grace Wilder were recognized on Monday night. *Photo by David Smith.*