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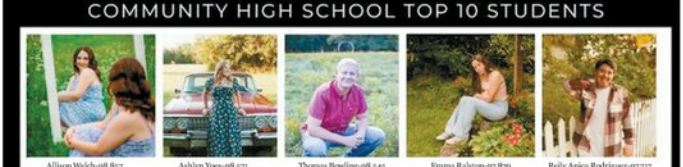


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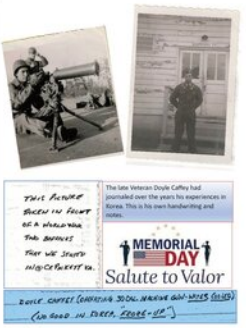
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- **Cascade High School, Wartrace, Graduation**
  - Thursday, May 23, 2024 , Cascade Football Field, 7:00 PM
    - **Inclement Weather Makeup Date**
      - Friday, May 24, 2024,Cascade Football Field, 5:00 PM
- **Community High School, Unionville, 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.





Doyle Caffey: Korean War Veteran

First Memorial Day remembrance

By DAWN HANKINS

Many people in Shelbyville knew Doyle Caffey as a local land surveyor, loving husband, father and Christian. But this Memorial Day weekend, he is also being remembered as a man who served his country, greatly putting his own life on the line during the Korean War.

Master Sergeant Doyle Caffey passed away on April 22, 2024. He was 95.

The Korean War

The Korean War was fought between North Korea and South Korea from 1950 to 1953. It began on June 25, 1950, when North Korea invaded South Korea and ceased after an armistice on July 27, 1953.

North Korea was supported by China and the Soviet Union while South Korea was supported by the United States and US-led United Nations Command (UN) forces.

The Korean War is often called "The Forgotten War," both because it wasn't as prolific as WWII and that it ended in a decisive stalemate.

However, the Korean War is anything but forgotten to the more than 20,500 Korean War veterans, and their families, who live in Tennessee.

More than 10,500 Tennesseans fought in the conflict, with 908 killed.

Caffey was very patriotic. And he had a favorite poem he liked to read about veterans.

Caffey's family shared this week about his life as a U.S. Army soldier-first inducted into the Army in 1950. He was among several from Bedford County whose boots would walk on Korean soil, protecting this country from Communist strongholds.

'The soldier above all others prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war.'

—General Douglas MacArthur

Caffey served as a machine gunner in the 3rd Army area. He was a member of the 17th Infantry Regiment of the 7th Division. His service included:

First UN Counteroffensive - 25 January - 21 April 1951.

CCF Spring Offensive - 22 April - 8 July, 1951.

UN Summer - Fall Offensive - 9 July - 27 November 1951.

Second Korean Winter - 28 November 1951 - 30 April 1952.

Caffey was one who returned home to Bedford County to his family. His date of active separation was July 31, 1952.

Based on historic timelines, you could pretty much say he was involved in most of the Korean War.

His son, Steve, who continues to run Caffey Surveying, said this week, "My father's final comment on his time in Korea: 'Our war was not of push-buttons and long-distance targets. It was a war of 200 yards down to hand-to-hand combat with an enemy that was well trained, better clothed and equipped, and far superior in numbers than we were.'"

Steve added, "I am amazed that he and several others from Bedford County came home alright. Praise God for those veterans who gave their lives for this country and be thankful to those who served and came home. Freedom is never cheap just because it's free."

Doyle County's own American soldier was surrounded by his family at the time of his passing

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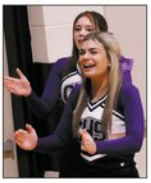






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From the T-G Staff

Sanders resigns from County Commission

Time for some Florida sun therapy

By DAWN HANKINS

People serving in government say they like to leave their office better than they found it. Julie Wells Sanders says she prays she's done that.

Ten years ago, she was elected for the first time by the people of this County as a Bedford County Commissioner, representing District 7. Four of those years have been spent also serving as chair of the Bedford County Courthouse and Property Committee.

That's been a big job, she says. But it has been great seeing projects to fruition, such as the soon-to-be built, new, juvenile detention center. She's leaving the County knowing that this center is needed and will serve a great purpose for the troubled youth here.

They must learn-be rehabilitated, she believes.

On Tuesday evening, Sanders served for the last time as a committee chair. She announced last week during the County Commission meeting that she's moving to Florida to take a new job with Amedisys-a 5-star, home health corporation.

During Tuesday night's rules and legislative committee meeting, several candidates were introduced to potentially fill Sanders' remaining two years. Those speaking up to replace Sanders are Keith Davis, a life-long resident of Bedford County and Bryan Nerren, who has lived here most of his life and served as a local pastor. Also vying for the open seat is a new resident, James Ludeman, living at 207 Eventime Drive in Shelbyville.

Sanders will leave her seat officially on June 7. She has recommended Davis from District 7-a life-long, active member of Bedford County and she is going to help him get acclimated, if he is selected by the Commission.

While she enjoyed serving the County, she has discovered first-hand how difficult it can be in the beginning. "I thought that I understood how the county government was run," she said Tuesday. "You really don't know, until you serve."

But she took on the responsibility because she wanted to serve her community. Sanders says with a smile that she had once thought she might like to run for the mayoral office.

She adds with a laugh that her sons are encouraging her to run for political office in Pace, Fla., which is where she will be living.

"Perhaps," she says.

Sanders says one thing she's learned from being a public official is that "misinformation always spreads better than the truth."

Case in point, the arguments being made against building the $6 million dollar juvenile detention center- a project close to her heart for 6 years. No, she tells people, taxes are not going up as a result. She's had those conversations for a while.

The proposed Capital Outlay Projects Projected cost is: a. Liberty School Wing $3,364,859 b. Juvenile Facility $6,049,550 c. Surplus Facility $600,000 d. Public Safety Training Range $154,000 e. NCRS Office Expansion at Ag Ctr $25,000.

Sanders said another case in point was some of the arguments made against the recent lumping of those capital outlay projects into one loan. This resolution, recommended by the financial management committee, was finally approved after over an hour of discussion by Commission members last week.

The county is actually borrowing the money for the capital projects. (More stories to come in the T-G.) Sanders explained that the interest rate on the loan will be lower by bundling.

There's still much to accomplish regarding Bedford County government, she says. But she's proud of what she's helped the Commission achieve the last decade.

"When I came on 10 years ago, there were so many things that had not been addressed by the Commission."

Remodeling areas of the historic courthouse was another project her committee was involved with the last few years. Speaking from a newly renovated conference room, she's proud of the historic preservation.

What's the best advice she gives the Commission going forward "If you're not proactive, there's no way the County can handle the growth that's coming."

When the Commission is nonproductive, it is hurting the taxpayers, according to Sanders. That road can be especially hard for the people paying City and County taxes, she notes.

"I've been fortunate to serve during a time when a lot of changes were made here." She refers to the new adult correctional facility, Nearest Green distillery, the new technology center and much more.

She's half way through her third term as a county official. Yes, she would have run for a fourth term, had she stayed in Bedford County.

She considers it an honor, she says, to have served her hometown. Sanders actually grew up in District 7 on Eden Avenue and lived as an adult in Bell Buckle for 18 years.

"I've been fortunate to grow up in Shelbyville."

She has too many friends to mention from all those years. They will be greatly missed.

"But this is my time," she explains.

Having gone to school here, raised her sons and worked in Bedford for her whole life has made the decision to leave all the more difficult. She says she'll miss her church- Midland Baptist.

Her parents live in Tullahoma; she is an only child. That's a little difficult too.

Still, this part-time real estate agent notes that she's only 12 miles from the Pensacola Airport. It's doable from here to there and vice versa, she notes. "I guess I will be coming back here for vacation now."

Her two grown sons, who have begun their own careers, support her decision. Best of all, they have a place to crash while in Florida now.

They're encouraging her to run for public office in Pace, Fla.

Sanders says with excitement, "Pace is the size of Shelbyville with the amenities of Murfreesboro."

She's changing career paths too from occupational therapy to home health. Sanders also worked several years in speech therapy with local school students.

She says her new job offer has been a blessing. She says it really is amazing how things just fell into place.

She quickly sold her condo in one week and bought her new Florida home the next.

Her pay even resulted in more than she had originally discussed with her new employer. Sanders says her retirement is better in Florida.

No doubt, there are the traditional perks associated with the Sunshine State that interest her as well. She's 30 minutes from the white sands of Pensacola Beach, an hour from Orange Beach and an hour from Fort Walton Beach.

A patriotic person, she's looking forward to seeing the Blue Angels fly over from the Pensacola Air Force Base, which is about 15 minutes from her home.

"How great is that?" the empty-nester says with a big smile. "God has led me in the right direction, I believe. I can walk to church . . . at the end of the road from my house."

Will there be tears shed upon her departure, sure. Shelbyville and Bedford County have been the only towns in which she's ever lived. In fact, she has family history here; her grandfather owned and operated the Pabst Blue Ribbon Brewing Company in Shelbyville.

Sanders openly notes that politically, she's a conservative. She believes she will find the right friends-many with the same views on life and politics- when she gets to northern Florida.

Just as she did when she tackled many Commission issues, Sanders, who is single, is ready to start her new life. Life can throw some hard curves; she knows.

Sanders isn't ashamed to share her faith, noting how God has richly blessed her life. "I've prayed a lot about it. God is in this. That's all I can tell you."



T-G Photos by Dawn Hankins

Mayor Chad Graham congratulates outgoing Commissioner Julie Sanders on her upcoming career move to Florida. It is bittersweet to lose Commissioner Julie Sanders from the 7th District. She has always been a champion for a better Bedford, and we wish her the best in her next career opportunity, said Mayor Graham on Tuesday.



Julie Smith has spent 10 years working with various projects on the Bedford County Commission. She leaves this dear City of magnolias for palm trees, knowing she did her best at representing District 7.

IT IS THE VETERAN

A favorite poem of the late Doyle Caffey

By David Ward Tipton

A protest raged on a courthouse lawn; round a makeshift stage they charged on.
Fifteen hundred or more they say had come to burn the Flag that day.
A boy held up the folded Flag, cursed it and called it a dirty rag. A man pushed through the angry crowd with an old gun shouldered proud.
His uniform jacket was old and tight; he had polished each button, shiny and bright.
He crossed the stage with military grace, until he and the boy stood face to face.
Then the old man broke the silence.
"Freedom of speech, is worth dying for. Good men are gone; they live no more.
All so you can stand on this courthouse lawn and ramble on from dusk to dawn.
But before the Flag gets burned today, this old, this old veteran is going to have his say.
My father died on a foreign shore, in a war they said would end all wars. Tommy and I weren't even full grown, before we fought in a war of our own.
Tommy died on Iwo Jima's beach; in the shadow of a hill, he couldn't reach.
Where five good men raised this Flag so high that the whole world could see it fly.
I got this bum leg that I still drag, fighting for this same old Flag.
There's but one shot in this old gun, so now it's time to decided which one.
Which one of you will follow our lead, to stand and die for what you believe?
The boy who had called it a dirty rag, handed the veteran the folded Flag.
The crowd got quiet as they walked away, to talk about what they had heard that day.
So, the battle this day for the Flag was won, by a loyal veteran with a single gun.
Who, for one last time, had to show to some, that these colors will never, never run.
It is the veteran, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.
It is the veteran, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.
It is the veteran, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.
It is the veteran, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.
It is the veteran, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.
It is the veteran, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.
It is the veteran who salutes the Flag, who serves under the Flag, whose coffin is draped by the Flag.
God bless all veterans and those boys in the sand, who are about to become veterans.

CAFFEY

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DOYLE CAFFEY
KOREAN WAR VETERAN

last month. He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl Stephen Caffey and Mary Lou Wheeler Caffey; his wife of 64 years, Peggy Joyce Sanders Caffey, who passed in 2022, and his son-in-law, James Price.

In addition to his son, Steve (Nancy) Caffey, he is survived by his daughter, Cindy K. Caffey, two grandsons, David Benjiamin Caffey and Aaron Tyler (Ashleigh) Caffey.

His family described him as a "Gentleman Farmer."

Doyle Caffey was born and raised on the family farm here in Bedford County until it was foreclosed upon during the Great Depression. Ever stalwart, he bought back the family farm in the early 1960's and after restoring the house in which he was born, moved his family back to the farm in 1975.

Upon returning home after the war, he obtained a bachelor's degree in industrial arts from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro. He was a designer for Arvin/Calspan at Arnold Engineering and Development Center (AEDC) until his retirement in 1986.

His family notes how he was instrumental in bringing computer-aided drafting (CAD) to the base. He became a professional land surveyor in the late 1950's, working on the weekends and at night until beginning his own company, Caffey Surveying, Inc. in 1986. He was a charter member of the Tennessee Association of Professional Surveyors.

Just as he served his country, he firmly believed in serving his community. This local veteran was a member of the Jaycees and the Lions Club. He served on the power board for Shelbyville Power, Water and Sewer as well as the Shelbyville Planning Commission.

Just as he served his country and while serving his community, he also served the Lord. His family adds how he faithfully served First Baptist Church as an usher and was ordained as a deacon.

After joining Blankenship Methodist Church, he could be seen every month serving in the fellowship breakfast until he became too infirm to continue.

Few would disagree that Doyle Caffey lived a life of service. Rest in peace, dear soldier.

Caffey is buried at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

Korean Veteran statistics

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, by 2034, the number of living Korean War veterans is projected to decrease to just 9,000.

Editorial note: Please honor them, before they're all gone. Veterans like Caffey have played a crucial role in history, and their sacrifices deserve recognition and appreciation.

More than 36,000 American troops were killed during the Korean War. The Defense Department lists 7,496 as missing in action from the conflict, including an estimated 5,200 believed to be in North Korea. Some were buried by U.S. troops in makeshift cemeteries that were abandoned after China's entry into the war forced U.S. forces south. Others are believed to be at the sites of aircraft crashes or possibly in warehouses in North Korea.

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SCHOOL BOARD RECEIVES GREAT HONOR

Pat Welsh, regional director for Tennessee School Board Association (TSBA), recently presented Bedford County Board of Education with an award for achieving the Board of Distinction status. This status recognizes the board's collective work in four key areas: planning, policy, promotion and board development.

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FUMC-Shelbyville Worship

Join us at Shelbyville First United Methodist Church for a spiritually enriching worship service. Pastor Abe Zimmerman is preaching "Meal Time: Part 1" from Matthew 6:11 and 13:33. This series examines meal and food-related passages in Scripture leading to an enriched understanding of our everyday need for sustenance, which in turn reinforces our day-to-day reliance on Jesus. 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.



Community Calendar

CEMETERY SERVICE

Bomar Cemetery Memorial Day Service will be held 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 26, on Smith Chapel Road. If raining, will be held at the Thompson Creek Baptist Church.

VETERANS SERVICE

United Veterans Council of Bedford County will have a Memorial Service on Veterans Day, May 27, at 11 a.m. The service will honor Veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Retired Col. Joe Miller will be speaker. Bring lawn chairs, sit in the shade and honor our fallen heroes. Location is on the south side of the courthouse square.

VFW FUNDRAISER LUNCH

Please plan to meet for lunch at the VFW (1320 Depot Street) immediately following the Memorial Day Ceremony on the Courthouse Steps on the Square. Lunch will include spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, green beans, garlic bread and dessert, with tea, coffee or water. Your donations will support Veterans in need in Bedford County.

ICE CREAM SUPPER

The annual Raus Ice Cream Supper will be held Saturday, June 8, beginning at 5 p.m. - 'til. Homemade ice cream and grilled burgers will be served.

Congratulations to all our Graduates!

Enjoy these additional candid shots of our area graduates.

Congrats! Keep making us proud. We know that you're just getting started!













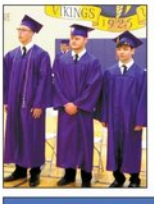












Popular majors among modern college students

College students' choice of majors can set them on a path toward rewarding and lucrative careers. Though a career may not be foremost on the minds of students as they graduate high school and inch closer to the start of college, choice of major merits consideration, even among students who have yet to receive their high school diplomas.

Many college students enroll in school as undeclared, while others may pick a major without realizing what it requires and which career path it might set them on. That might explain why it's so common for college students to switch majors. Though data indicating how many students switch majors is somewhat dated, one study from the U.S. Department of Education indicated about one in five students changed their majors at least once while pursuing a bachelor's degree. With that in mind, students may want to consider some popular majors as they try to determine which path to take in college. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, more than half of the 2.1 million bachelor's degrees awarded at United States colleges and universities in the 2020-21 school year were concentrated in six fields of study. In addition, the NCES reports that the following are the six most popular degrees from that academic year.

1. Business: Almost one in five bachelor's degrees awarded in 2020-21 were in the field of business.

2. Health professions: This field accounted for 13 percent of all bachelor's degrees awarded in 2020-21. Common specializations include health sciences, health care administration, nursing, and sports medicine.

3. Social sciences and history: NCES data indicates nearly one in 10 students majored in a social science in 2020-21. This includes specializations such as history, political science and sociology.

4. Engineering: Demand for engineers is expected to rise in the coming decades, and that should bode well for the 126,000 students who earned bachelor's degrees in engineering in 2020-21.

5. Biological and biomedical sciences: Bachelor's degrees awarded in biological and biomedical sciences increased by 46 percent between the 2010-11 and 2020-21 school years.

6. Psychology: NCES data indicates degrees in psychology accounted for 6 percent of all bachelor's degrees awarded in 2020-21.

Choice of major is a significant decision for college students. Students are urged to discuss potential majors with their parents as they seek to lay the foundation for their professional futures.



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DON'T FORGET TO OBSERVE

Have a very safe Memorial Day on Monday. Display your patriotism however you feel led but don't forget those who sacrificed and gave their lives for this country.



Cascade senior Elijah Bobo gets ready for graduation practice at Cascade High School.

A Graduation Poem

By Dawn Hankins

You're never too old to laugh.
You're never too old to cry.
When we need them, parents reach out.
Perhaps we push them away, hard as they try.

A mother's love keeps us young.
A father's gentle hand teaches us love.
They're there at the start
To love us with all their heart.

I had a car accident today.
Dad held me in his arms.
Mom cried and cried.
Time to show them I'm strong.

Today is graduation day.
Hold me. That's what my mind tells me.
I'm scared. The world is so unknown.
Thanks Mom and Dad for loving me.
Soon, I'll be setting out on my own.

PUT YOUR HEART AND SOUL INTO EVERY ACTIVITY YOU DO, AS THOUGH YOU ARE DOING IT FOR THE LORD HIMSELF AND NOT MERELY FOR OTHERS.
Colossians 3:23

Congratulations, Graduates!



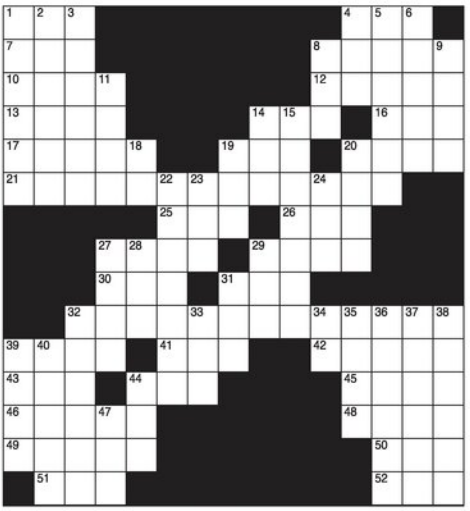
Years of hard work have led you here today, and we're honored to celebrate with all of you. We wish you the best as you take the next step.

City of Shelbyville Mayor Randy Carroll

City Councilmembers:
Ward 1 – Henry Feldhaus
Ward 2 – Marilyn Ewing
Ward 3 – Gary Haile
Ward 4 – William Christie
Ward 5 – Stephanie Isaacs
Ward 6 - Bobby Turnbow

Happy Graduation
Congratulations to tomorrow's leaders!
Bedford County Government
Mayor Chad Graham
Bedford County Commission

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS
1. Fashion accessory
4. Engine additive
7. Small, faint constellation
8. Gives a job
10. Self-righteous person
12. Caucasian language
13. Surinam toad
14. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
16. Former French coin
17. Levels the score
19. What stage performers do
20. Egyptian Sun god
21. Localities
25. Spherical body
26. Licensed for Wall Street
27. Perfect
29. It's on many people's heads
30. Boxing's GOAT
31. Photo
32. Popular HBO show
39. Popular music awards show
41. Pouch
42. Lake in Botswana
43. Unruly group
44. One-fourth
45. Very eager
46. Edward __, author and writer
48. Flying insect
49. Dragged forcibly
50. Thus far
51. Not just 'play'
52. Commercials

CLUES DOWN
1. Occur
2. Show up
3. Capital of Taiwan
4. Brother or sister
5. Secret get-togethers
6. Type of tea
8. Where the action is
9. Cast out
11. Crime group
14. Type of vessel (abbr.)
15. Accept and handle
18. Sacrifice hit
19. One who buys and sells securities simultaneously
20. Month
22. Most thin
23. Naturally occurring material
24. Luke's mentor __-Wan
27. Postmodernist Austrian 'House'
28. Aquatic salamander
29. Baseball stat
31. Beginning military rank
32. Talk rapidly and unintelligibly
33. Paddle
34. Caregiver (abbr.)
35. Old Irish alphabet
36. Japanese city
37. In a way, acted
38. Things to see
39. Nursemaid
40. Type of tooth
44. To be demonstrated
47. Defunct European group

Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
You may have a chance to get to know someone better this week, Aries. Trust your instincts rather than listening to what is running through the rumor mill.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you may be ready to shake things up in regard to your social life or even with a professional pursuit. Work out the path you want to take.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Following your curiosity may lead you down some interesting paths, Gemini. Things can change on a moment's notice, so be prepared to respond.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
An intellectual debate could grow somewhat tiresome this week, Cancer. You need to know when to pull out of the conversation to help maintain your mental well-being.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Have an important conversation with a loved one, Leo. You need to clear up a misunderstanding that has been growing more significant. Once you take care of this, smooth sailing awaits.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
You may want to rely on someone else to bring some stability and comfort to your life, Virgo. Now may be the time to seek out a new relationship.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, have a good time over the next couple of weeks. You deserve it. Recognize that fun interactions do not necessarily have to be shallow experiences. You can learn something new even while being entertained.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
It might feel like your peer group has shifted in a way that no longer gels with you, Scorpio. It may be time to find some new friends who share your current interests.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
You may seek validation from peers or even people on social media if you feel like you are being inhibited by current insecurities, Sagittarius. Others can corroborate your value.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Proactive changes you make this week may improve your love life, Capricorn. That can be a good thing if you have encountered relationship issues lately.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, setting out on an impulsive adventure could be worth the effort right now. It can be refreshing to spend time outside your usual surroundings.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Putting up a tough front may be a protection strategy right now, Pisces. Over time, you may need to let your guard down and ask for some help if the situation is chronic.

ALL IN BLOOM WORD SEARCH

V	W	N	O	Y	C	C	D	G	P	A	F	M	W	I	E	L	L	Z	M
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V	C	U	H	A	B	L	A	V	E	N	D	E	R	R	L	U	G	I	A
Y	C	P	N	W	D	B	S	W	H	L	I	S	N	H	Z	M	B	V	A

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

WORDS

ANEMONE
ASTER
AZALEA
BEGONIA
BLOOM
CARNATION
CHRYSANTHEMUM
DAFFODIL
DAHLIA
DAISY
DANDELION
HYDRANGEA
IRIS
LAVENDER
LILY
MARIGOLD
ORCHID
PEONY
POPPY
ROSE
SNAPDRAGON
SUNFLOWER
TULIP
ZINNIA

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!

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

Level: Beginner

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

Level: Intermediate

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

Level: Advanced

ANSWERS FROM LAST WEEK

ANSWER: Level: Beginner

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

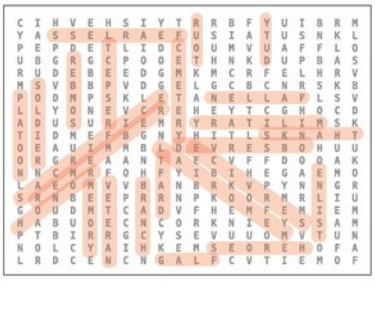
ANSWER: Level: Intermediate

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

ANSWER: Level: Advanced

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





Misc For Sale

Random Goods
General Store
876 Union Street
Shelbyville's home for housewares, sporting goods, clothing, hardware, knives and airguns.
Tues-Sat 10-6

Estate Sale
Rain or Shine
Friday and Saturday
8-?
Everything cheap
209 Big Springs Road

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Friday - Sunday 7-?
Monday 7-12
213 Keenan Lane 37160
In back

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Wanted

TOP CA$H PAID FOR OLD GUITARS! 1920-1980 Gibson, Martin, Fender, Gretsch, Epiphone, Guild, Mosrite, Rickenbacker, Prairie State, D'Angelico, Stromberg. And Gibson Mandolins / Banjos. 1-866-477-7505 (TnScan)

Paying Cash
For vintage sports, comics, antiques and card collections
Unopened boxes, cases and sets
931-492-4304

NOTICE

KATHLEEN SMOTHERMAN:

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 Abraham Smotherman, DOB. 01/18/2016. 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 1st day of July 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 Justice Center, Shelbyville, TN. 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 20th day of May, 2024
Honorable Charles Rich
Bedford County Juvenile Court Judge

NOTICE

GARY WILSON:

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 GARY WILSON, JR. DOB: 12/11/2014 AND MADALYNN Wilson, dob: 04/19/2011 It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby

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Honorable Charles Rich
Bedford County Juvenile Court



A broadband party was held on Tuesday morning at Bedford County Courthouse.

CELEBRATING BEDFORD BROADBAND

The Connect Bedford Committee held a reception on Tuesday to celebrate last month's broadband grants which will directly benefit expansion of broadband services in rural Bedford County. William Bradford, President and CEO of United Communications, spoke at the reception, along with Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham. Greg Vick and Tracey Strassner chair the committee.

The state announced $162.7 million in broadband and digital opportunity grants last month, 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. Bradford explained how the middle mile projects will make it possible to extend broadband service into areas of Bedford County where it's not now available.

The committee also discussed possibilities for future grant funding to complete the process of making broadband available to those who need it.

No Road Construction Delays for Memorial Day Travelers

TDOT to suspend all lane closure activity for the holiday weekend

NASHVILLE – Road Construction will not delay motorists as they travel Tennessee's highways this Memorial Day weekend. The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) will suspend all construction-related lane closures on interstates and state routes beginning at noon on Friday, May 24 through 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 28. This will provide maximum roadway capacity for motorists expected to travel in the state this Memorial Day weekend.

«We want to do our part to help everyone have an enjoyable and safe holiday weekend and keep traffic flowing as smoothly and efficiently as possible,» said Deputy Governor & TDOT Commissioner Butch Eley. "We also want to remind drivers it is the law to move over and slow down for first responders and emergency vehicles, including TDOT HELP trucks that will be on patrol during the holiday weekend."

Motorists may still encounter some lane closures or restrictions while traveling through long-term construction projects. In addition, drivers should know that reduced speed limits will be in effect in work zones. Drivers convicted of speeding through work zones where workers are present face a fine of up to $500, plus court fees and possibly increased insurance premiums.

AAA predicts 926,251 Tennesseans, a record number, will travel for Memorial Day with 783,990 of them driving to their destination.

From your desktop or mobile device, get the latest construction activity and live streaming SmartWay traffic cameras at www.TNSmartWay.com/Traffic. Travelers can also call 511 for travel information.

As always, drivers are reminded to use all motorist information tools wisely and Know Before You Go! by checking travel conditions before leaving for their destination.

Drivers should never tweet, text, or talk on a cell phone while behind the wheel.



School System Photo

GARRETTE HONORED

Bedford County School District's Communications Director, Carol Garrette, has been named the recipient of the 2024 Executive Board's Seminar Scholarship for the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA). This scholarship is administered by the NSPRA Foundation for the Advancement of Education and covers the cost of her registration to the NSPRA National Seminar this July. We thank Carol and the entire communications team for all they did for this T-G special senior recognition edition.

Southern-Style Beef Brisket

Serves 6 to 8, so for a big graduation party, plan according based on number of guests you're serving. Great with homemade biscuits and a buffet of sides like old-fashioned cole slaw or marinated mushrooms (marinate in Italian dressing in the refrigerator overnight.)

1 8- to 10-lb. beef brisket
3 tablespoons kosher salt
3 tablespoons freshly ground black pepper

Dry-brining time: Overnight
Prep time: 15 to 30 minutes
Cook time: 7 hours, 30 minutes to 9 hours, 30 minutes; plus 1 to 2 hours to rest
Grill temperature: 250 F to 275 F
Smoking wood: Oak or pecan

1. Trim off any hard fat from the brisket and square off the edges. Trim the fat cap down to an even 1/4-inch thickness. Sprinkle evenly on all sides with the salt and pepper. Refrigerate overnight.

2. Prepare the grill for smoking at 250 F to 275 F.

3. Place the brisket fat-side up on the grate over the drip pan. Close the lid. If desired, wrap in aluminum foil after 5 to 6 hours or once the bark (crust) is dark brown.

4. Turn over the brisket, close the lid, and continue cooking for 2 hours, 30 minutes to 3 hours, 30 minutes more or until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the center registers 200 F.

5. Rest the brisket, wrapped in foil, for 1 to 2 hours before serving. Cut across the grain into 1/4-inch-thick slices. Pour over as much of the drippings from the pan as you like, and serve.

Cooking tip: The grain in each part of the brisket is made up of two different muscles, known as the flat and the point runs in two different directions. Roughly speaking, the grain in the point runs perpendicular to the grain in the fat, so you'll want to slice the two sections separately.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bedford County Financial Management Committee will hold a work study session on the FY 24-25 Budgets on May 28 @ 5PM in Room 110 at Bedford County Business Complex, 200 Dover Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160.

INVITATION TO BID

2024 Track Rehabilitation Project on the Walking Horse Railroad

DESIGNER: CSR Engineering, Inc.
2010 Highway 49E
Pleasant View, TN 37146
Phone: (615) 212-2389
Bid Package - $50.00 per project
Non-refundable

The Designer will hold a non-mandatory pre-bid conference on-line at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 28, 2024. Contact CSR Engineering for details.

Sealed bids for this project will be received, no later than 2:00 PM, on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at the Bedford County Mayor's Office of Mr. Chad Graham, Bedford County Railroad Authority; Suite 101, Courthouse Bldg. These projects are funded under a grant contract with the State of Tennessee (#02RR24-53-002).

PUBLIC NOTICE

The developer for the Preserve at Lexington Cove, Veloture Development Group, invites you to an in-person Community Meeting on May 28, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. occurring at:

The AG Center
2119 Midland Rd
Shelbyville, TN 37160

The purpose of the meeting is to offer an opportunity to learn about the proposed residential PUD rezoning being proposed for parcels 23.05, 23.00, 23.04 on map 79 and parcels 95.01 and 06.00 on map 78, comprising approximately 78.7 acres.

This meeting will serve as an opportunity to meet the developer and inquire about the plans for the proposed project. Any questions prior to the meeting date can be forwarded to the attn. of Jeff Heinze with Catalyst Design Group at the following e-mail address: Jheinze@catalyst-dg.com.

Danny Carlton Waggoner



Danny Carlton Waggoner departed this life on May 17, 2024, after a long illness. He was born to the late Jesse and Grace Hines Waggoner in Shelbyville on October 12, 1945. He was preceded in death by brothers, Lajeune Waggoner, Norman Waggoner; and sisters, Faye Cooper, and Jamie Stovall.

He is survived by daughters, Elaine Flippo, and Mattie Gibson; sons, Donald and Danny (Nicole) Waggoner; grandchildren, Rylee, Karley, Lucas and Levi Waggoner, McKayla, Dallas, Devon, Jacob and Jessa Gibson, great grandchildren, John, Waylon, Blake-leigh Lynn and Isabella, brother, Phillip Waggoner; and sister, Theresa Coltrane.

Danny suffered permanent brain injury from an early childhood illness. Nevertheless, he attended Shelbyville Mills School where he excelled in basketball. He worked in several jobs during his adulthood until his retirement.

Graveside services were held at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Fayetteville on Wednesday, May 22,2024 at 11:00 a.m. with Phillip Waggoner presiding.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Bettie Jane Cartwright



Bettie Jane Cartwright, 84, of Cottontown, passed away May 19, 2024, surrounded by the loving comfort of her family and the compassionate care of Hospice.

Graveside Services will be held 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 23rd, at Triune Methodist Church Cemetery with Jeff Collet officiating.

Bettie was born September 12, 1939 to L.C. "Claude" and Robbie Elmore Brown. She was preceded in death by her sons, Brian Brown and Ricky Clements; brothers, James C., Eldridge, Ernest, Robert Brown and a sister, Mary Margaret Brown Conway Watkins.

She is survived by a granddaughter, Crystal Brown and loving and devoted nieces, Brenda Brown, Dorothy "Dot" Parker, Barbara Brown and several great nieces and nephews.

She was a graduate of David Lipscomb and retired from Walmart Optical Center after years of dedicated service. She had a passion for the outdoors, working in her yard and flower garden and was an avid reader.

Donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Knox Pitts III



Knox Pitts III, of Nashville, formerly of Shelbyville, Bethesda, Maryland and Boca Raton, Florida, died 05/17/2024 in Nashville in his sleep. He was born in Shelbyville on February 26, 1946. the son of Rufus Knox Pitts Jr and Mildred Streeter Steele Pitts of Shelbyville who predeceased him.

He was predeceased by his lifetime partner, Walter L. Higgins, who was born the same day and knew Knox his entire life. Knox was a graduate of Shelbyville Central High, Vanderbilt BA History 1968, and Columbia University Law School JD 1974. He was a member of the District of Columbia Bar. Knox's father was active in many campaigns and was Chairman of the Bedford County Democratic Party for 20 years.

In Washington, Knox worked for the Democratic National Committee as Associate Director for the 1973-74 Campaign Committee. Knox also served in 1975 as Assistant to the Campaign Director, Scheduler and New York Coordinator for the Carter Presidential Campaign. In 1976 he served as Political Director for Jim Sasser's winning campaign for the US Senate and worked in his Washington office in 1977.

He was active in many other campaigns, especially Jim Cooper's successful run for Congress in1982. Knox attended every Democratic National Convention from 1956 to 2016. In 1978, Knox returned to Shelbyville to run the family business, Knox Pitts Hardware. His father and mother had founded the business in 1946. Knox was joined by his brother, John, and they ran the store until closing in 1998. Walter joined the store after graduating from college in 1972. Like his parents and Walter, Knox was active in many civic affairs. He was Chairman of the Board of Bedford County Heritage Association, and on the Boards of the Argie Cooper Library, The Highland Rim Regional Library and the Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce. Knox and Walter moved to Bethesda, Maryland in 2000 and sold designer plumbing and decorative hardware and retired in 2009 moving to Boca Raton, Florida. Knox is survived by his brother John Steele Pitts (and his partner Joy Hunter) of Nashville, nephews Jack Steele Pitts and wife Sydney Rhea Lilly Pitts of Oxford Mississippi and Ted Spencer Pitts of Memphis Tennessee and Great nephews Quinten Steele Pitts and Braxton Lynn Butler. Graveside services will be 11 AM June 17, 2024, at Willow Mount Cemetery. Knox would be honored with memorial gifts First Presbyterian Church, Shelbyville, or to a political cause of which Knox would approve.

Monica Lee Harrell

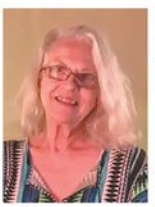


Monica Lee Harrell, age 69, of Winona, died Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at Gunderson Health System in La Crosse, Wisconsin. She was born February 4, 1955, in Shelbyville, TN, to the daughter of June and Eunice (Partee) Harrell. When she was 14 years old, she lost both her parents in a house fire. She moved in with her grandmother, who died a year later. She then went to live with her aunt and uncle Martha and Howard Gartzke in Blue Earth, MN. She started her career in health care from a young age with a job as a nursing assistant while she was in high school. She graduated from Blue Earth High School. She continued her education at Winona State, where she earned her Master's degree in Social Work. After college, she settled in Winona, MN. She worked as a social worker at Watkins Home, Winona Health, Lewiston Villa, St. Anne's, and St. Croix Hospice.

She was a member of AAUW, where she served as the secretary. Monica loved music, and singing in Sweet Adeline, Winona Community Choir, and the Wesley United Methodist Church Choir, until the very end of her life. She loved the music of John Phillips, claiming the title of Number One Fan. She also attended many concerts, including Andrea Bocelli, Yanni, Doobie Brothers, Beach Boys, Journey, Foreigner, and Jefferson Starship, to name a few.

She traveled extensively throughout Europe with her aunt Martha. She loved going to car shows in Minnesota and Wisconsin with her partner, David. She was an avid reader, and loved cats. She was an excellent cook, and took part in the gourmet cooking club. She was an outgoing woman, and enjoyed the company of others. She will be missed dearly by all of her good friends. She is survived by her partner, David Endres, of Fountain City, WI; cousins: Carlos Gartzke, of Germany, Brad Gartzke, of Blue Eart, MN, Bill Bowen, of Hanover, PA, Walter Bowen, of La Vergne, TN, Dixee Partee and Polly Holbrook, of Portland, OR; and numerous other cousins and relatives. She is preceded in death by her parents, her grandparents, and many aunts and uncles. A Graveside service will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 1 PM in Bell Buckle, TN, where Monica will be buried with her parents in Hazel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, you may make a donation to Wesley United Methodist Church at 114 W. Broadway St., Winona, MN 55987.

Jo Doris Lowery



Jo Doris Lowery, age 80 of Tullahoma, TN, passed from this life Sunday, May 19, 2024, at Life Care Center of Tullahoma after an extended illness.

Jo was born on November 11, 1943, in Bedford County to the late Jerald and Mary Lou Patterson Lowery. Along with her parents she was preceded in death by: son, Joseph Sisk; and sister, Shirley Ann Lowery.

Survivors include: brother, Dwight Lowery of Augusta, GA; sister, DeDe McAnally of Shelbyville, TN; grandson, Sebastian Sisk; also several nieces and nephews.

Per Jo's request, she chose cremation and no public services held.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Linda Vincion Lynch



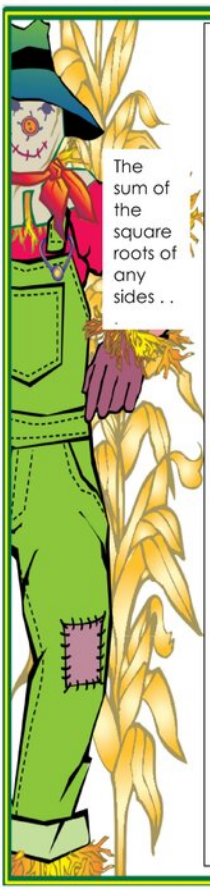
Linda Vincion Lynch, age 79, of the Rover Community of Unionville, passed away May 19, 2024. She was born in Rutherford County and was a daughter of the late Robert Gordon Vincion and Annie Ruth Hendrix Vincion. Mrs. Linda was a homemaker and a member of Unionville Methodist Church. She was a graduate of Community High School Class of 1962. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Jason Lynch, a grandson, Cody Clark Lynch, sisters, Lilly Penn, Esther Hall, Wilma Myrick, Margaret Vincion, and a brother, Robert Vincion.

Mrs. Linda enjoyed cooking for her family and friends. She had a passion for gardening and raising flowers. She loved the Lord and reading her Bible. She truly liked to go to yard sales and watch soap operas. Most of all, she loved her family, especially her grandchildren and spending time with them!

Mrs. Lynch is survived by her loving husband of 62 years, Cooper Lynch of Unionville; children, Gail Lynch Wright of Wartrace, Stephen (Joann) Lynch of Unionville, Buddy (Lisa) Lynch of Unionville; daughter-in-law, Teresa Lynch of Unionville; 10 grandchildren, Sheena (Ben) Landreth, Jenny (Scottie) Cantrell, Kaycee (Nick) Martin, Sherry Lynch, Steven (Rene) Wright, Timothy Lynch, Cody Wright, Haley Stewart, Chad Lynch, Jadon Lynch; 9 great grandchildren, Josh, Austin, & Tatum Cantrell, Landon & Sofia Martin, Oliver Wright, Zoee, Jaycee, & Azalee Stewart; 2 sisters, Alene (Jim) Deal of Unionville, TN, Rebecca (Tim) Collins of Unionville, TN; sister-in-law, Geneva Lynch of College Grove, TN; numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation with the family will be on Thursday, May 23, 2024 from 12 PM until 3 PM at Lawrence Funeral Home. The graveside service will be conducted on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 3:30 PM at Cothran Cemetery in the Rover Community with Bro. Mike Hannah officiating. Interment will follow at Cothran Cemetery after the service.

Steven Wright, Cody Wright, Timothy Lynch, Jadon Lynch, Scottie Cantrell, Nick Martin, and Austin Cantrell will serve as pallbearers. Lawrence Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Chapel Hill, TN is in charge of the arrangements.



THE ISSUE: DRAWING PARALLELS
A THOUGHT FROM THE CORN PATCH

BY DAWN HANKINS

Congratulations to all graduates. We pray your life is blessed as you begin your new life.

On Tuesday, a new educational experience broke ground for its new facility. A groundbreaking ceremony was held for Cooper Christian Academy on the Bethany Lane land where the new state-of-the-art facility will soon be built.

CCA's foundation has been set first by God, then by the Cooper family.

I visited the school, which is temporarily located at First Christian Church (thank you!) last fall. I was there to talk with the principal, Steve Bowers who seems to really love what he does as leader of CCA. I've known Barry Cooper, founder, for many years. He's been an anchor in this community for a long time from school board chair to local charities.

While public education has taken some hits, it, as well, remains a strong institution in this county and state.

It is great to see that there are alternatives for those who wish to further emphasize their commitment to the Lord through such private institutions as CCA.

I still support, and so does CCA, public schools. But uncertain times have equaled a deeper relationship with more than just books for our students.

When I was growing up as a student here in Bedford County, our teachers had a devotional each morning. I thought about that as I took senior pictures at Community last Friday.

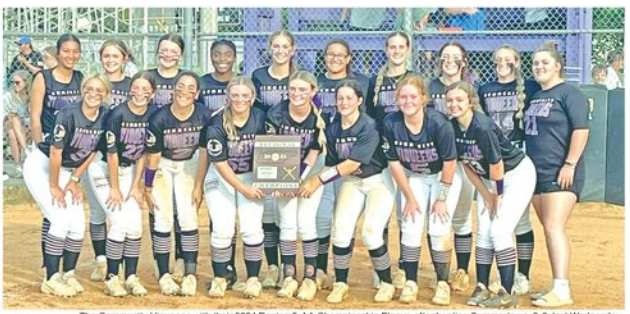
I commend Bedford County Government for still having prayer before its committee meetings. Shelbyville City Council has a pastor deliver the prayer each month.

This county has and always will, I believe, sit on a firm foundation of faith in Jesus. Now, we just have to put that faith into practice by getting along and holding one another accountable. We are to strive toward making equitable decisions regarding the people placed in our charge.

For you see, when we take God out of the equation, the sum differentiates.

Viqueens Win Second-Consecutive Region Championship Behind Prince's No-Hitter; Fall In Substate Round To Cheatham Co.

BY NOAH MADDOX
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The Community Viqueens with their 2024 Region 5-AA Championship Plaque after beating Summertown, 2-0, last Wednesday..

REGION TITLE

A week after making history by winning the district championship for the first time since 1989, the Community Viqueens won their second consecutive Region Championship, this time against the visiting Summertown Lady Eagles in the Region 5-AA title game, 2-0, behind Annie Prince's complete-game no-hitter on Wednesday.

Prince, the Viqueens ace, got the start in the circle, throwing seven complete innings with 10 strikeouts and four walks on just 94 pitches. She did hit one batter in the seventh inning, but her devastating changeup kept the Lady Eagles' hitters at bay all evening.

Summertown's Abrianna Davis was no slouch in the circle herself, going all six innings for the Lady Eagles. She gave up two unearned runs on four hits and a walk while striking out one on just 73 pitches.

In a game that lasted just 1 hour and 15 minutes, the pitcher's duel became a battle of who could manage to scratch across a run first, and the hosts managed to do just that in the fifth inning thanks to the bottom half of the lineup.

After a leadoff double into right field by Kailani Azzer – the first extra-base hit for either team – Carlie Blanton dribbled a two-strike pitch in the to the third baseman, Hannah Jones, who hesitated on the throw to first for just a moment with Azzer threatening to run that allowed Blanton to reach safely. A Kenzie Tucker sacrifice bunt moved the runners to second and third with just one out, bringing up the ninth batter in the order in Brookyln Yoes.

After taking the first pitch for a strike, Yoes pounced on the second, grounding one to the hot corner that proved to be too much for Jones to deal with. Azzer came home to score to put the Viqueens up 1-0 with Blanton moving to third base still with just one out in the inning.

There was still more work to be done, and with leadoff hitter Anna Haskins at the plate, Community looked poised to blow the game open. On the first pitch, catcher Abrianna Taylor fired a snap throw to third base, trying to steal an out, but the throw sailed into left field, allowing Blanton to come home to double Community's lead to 2-0. Yoes was sent home as well, but she was thrown out at the plate.

Davis was able to retire Haskins on the next pitch with a pop-up into foul territory to end the inning, but the damage was done.



Gracie Daniel (4) went 2-3 with a double last Wednesday.

Prince issued a leadoff walk in the sixth, but after inducing a double play from the very next batter, she struck out Summertown's leadoff hitter, McKenzie Runnels, after an epic eight-pitch at-bat.

After Community stranded Gracie Daniel on second after her two-out double in the bottom of the sixth, Prince came back out to the circle knowing she needed just three more outs. However, she issued a leadoff walk yet again, this time to Katelyn Gilliam on just four pitches. She settled down to get Anistyn Larue to pop out to short, but then she hit Hannah Jones to put the tying runner on first base with just one out.

As the crowd began to tense up, Prince did the opposite, coming back to strike out Reagan Burleson on three pitches before in inducing a pop-up to the outfield grass that the second baseman, Gracie Daniel, was able to haul in for the 21st and final out to complete Prince's no-hitter and clinch Community's second consecutive Region Championship.

The Viqueens improve to 25-11 (6-2) and moved on to host the Cheatham County Lady Cubs in the State Sectional round originally scheduled for Friday. That game was eventually moved to Sunday afternoon for a matinee showdown for the final spot in the state tournament.

State Sectional

TheCommunity Viqueens fell just short of a third consecutive state tournament appearance,, falling 4-3 to the visiting Cheatham County Lady Cubs on Sunday afternoon.

Originally scheduled for Friday evening, the sectional matchup was moved to Sunday due to rain, and ended up being the final sectional matchup of the weekend. With the bracket already having been drawn on Saturday, both teams knew the winner would be matched up with one of the tournament favorites, Aloa, in the first round in Murfreesboro on Tuesday.

The winner looked like, at least early on, that it might be Community for the third-straight season. After Annie Prince, who no-hit Summertown in the Region 5-AA Championship on Wednesday, escaped a bases-loaded jam in the top of the first inning on 31 pitches, Anna Haskins roped the third pitch she saw from Haylee Dowlan to left-centerfield for a leadoff double. After Alana Tate sacrifice-bunted Haskins to third, freshman Gracie Daniel delivered an infield RBI single to put the Viqueens ahead, 1-0.

Unfortunately for Cheatham County, the ball Daniel hit was smoked right back up the middle, and it loudly connected with Dowlan on the left shin. She almost immediately crumpled to the ground in pain, but after Katie Pacifici, the Lady Cubs' head coach, came out to check on her ace, Dowlan was able to continue.

On the very next pitch, Haylee Webb hit one right back up the middle into center field that Dowlan was barely able to get out of the way of in time, sending Daniel to third with two outs. However, Dowlan was able to escape the jam after an eight-pitch battle with Kailani Allen ended with a groundout to third to end the inning just down one run.

After a rough first inning for both pitchers, they both seemed to settle down.

Viqueens sophomore, Annie Prince, went 4.2 innings, giving up two runs, both earned, on four hits, including a home run, and seven walks while striking out seven batters on 118 pitches. She was relieved with two outs in the fifth inning for freshman Gracie Daniel. Daniel closed out the final 2.1 innings, giving up two unearned runs on a single hit with no walks or strikeouts over 31 pitches.

On the visitors side, lefty Haylee Dowlan locked in after getting hit in the first inning, throwing a complete-game on 95 pitches and picking up the win. She gave up three earned runs on 10 hits and a walk while striking out one batter.

In the second inning, Prince struck out Cannon Johnson looking with runners on first and second to keep the Lady Cubs scoreless. Her counterpart in the circle, Dowlan, gave up a leadoff single to Carlie Blanton, but after Kenzie Tucker sacrifice-bunted her to second, Blanton saw third base unoccupied for a moment and took off. Instead, she became caught in a pickle between second and third, eventually becoming the second out of the inning. Brooklyn Yoes grounded out to short to end the inning.

Prince had her cleanest inning in the third, working around a one-out walk to cleanup hitter Sydney Crouch by getting a pair of routine pop-ups to strand the runner.

The Viqueens bats took advantage in the home half, even after Haskins led the inning off with a flyout to center and Taylor Wessner grounded out to third. A two-out single into left-center from Tate brought up Daniel to the plate, and after Tate stole second, Daniel doubled her home for the freshman's second RBI and to give her Viqueens a 2-0 lead going into the fourth inning.

Prince started out the inning with a pair of strikeouts, but after a two-out, nine-pitch walk to the nine-hole hitter, Lauren Anderson, Middle Tennessee Softball signee Macie Harder worked a full count before crushing a no-doubt two-run home run to dead center to miraculously tie the game at 2-2.

All of the energy on the home side palpably whooshed across the diamond to the first-base visitors dugout, and Community would never lead again.

The bottom of the order for the Viqueens was held scoreless in the home half of the fourth inning, sending Prince right back out to the circle for the fifth.

Mylah Harter worked another full count to start the inning, yanking the eighth pitch of the at-bat down the right field line for a leadoff single. After Sydney Crouch worked her third consecutive walk of the game on another full count, a one-out walk to Georgia Hunter on Prince's 118th pitch loaded the bases and knocked the Viqueens' starter from the circle.

Gracie Daniel came in tasked with trying to navigate out of the jam, and she almost did just that. With Kelsey Titus at the plate, a passed ball from Blanton behind the plate allowed the leadoff base runner in Harter to come home to score the go-ahead run and give Cheatham County a 3-2 lead.

In the mayhem, Community struggled to find the ball, and Crouch came careening home after a hard turn around third base. Daniel found the ball at the last second, flipping it to Blanton who stretched to tag Crouch at the plate. Crouch appeared to get her right foot underneath the tag, but she was instead called out at the plate, much to the dismay of the visiting fans. Daniel then settled down to record a groundout and end the inning.

Community's bats would respond yet again, and after back-to-back one-out singles by Wessner and Tate, the hosts had runners on first and second. Daniel lined out to third on a hard-hit ball, but then Haylee Webb smoked a base hit into centerfield for the second time that reached the wall, tying the game at 3-3 with Wessner scoring, but a great throw by Macie Harter cut Webb down at second to end the inning.

In the sixth inning, eighth-hole hitter Sophia Dolinich reached first via an error in left on a dropped fly ball. Anderson followed that up with a grounder to third, but Webb overthrew Yoes at first base, allowing Dolinich to reach third and Anderson to reach safely at first. It also flipped the lineup over with nobody out, bringing up the dangerous Macie Harter.

With second base open, Community intentionally walked Harter to load the bases with nobody out. Cannon Johnson ambushed the first pitch of the next at-bat into center to drive home Dolinich and give the Lady Cubs a 4-3 lead. Anderson tried to score as well, but a good throw gunned her down at the plate for the first out. Mylah Harter grounded to third, and Macie Harter found herself caught in a pickle between second and third. Mylah reached safely, but Macie was tagged for the second out. After Crouch grounded out to short, the Viqueens knew they had six outs to score one run.

Unfortunately for the hosts, they would only get one more base runner in those final six outs: a one out walk to Carlie Blanton in the sixth.

After Daniel recorded the first and only 1-2-3 inning In the top of seventh, the top of the order for the Viqueens came up to try and get a rally started. However, Dowlan saved her best for last, retiring the side in order on just six pitches to punch the Lady Cubs' ticket to the State Tournament.

Community's season ends one game short of their third-consecutive state tournament appearance at 24-12 (6-2).



Anna Haskins (3) hit a leadoff double and scored the first run of the game on Sunday.

Champs Fall Just Short of Making Program History In State Sectional At Harpeth

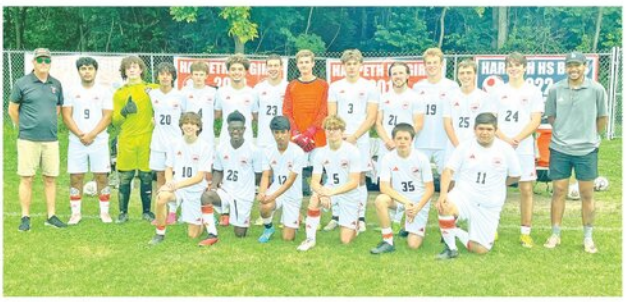
BY NOAH MADDOX
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The Cascade Champions came into Saturday's Class A Sectional round just one win away from making the boy's soccer program's first ever state tournament. Instead, they were unable to break down a feisty Harpeth team over the course of 80 minutes, losing 2-1 on a muddy and muggy Saturday afternoon.

Kickoff was at 1:02 p.m., and it was the visiting Champions who looked the more likely to score early on after winning a corner in the seventh minute. Cascade's high pressure was causing problems for Harpeth, as the hosts continuously failed to find the long switch to speedy winger, Isaac Mattox, and their main forward, Jasper Tharpe, seeming to rattle the composure of the hosts despite them having qualified for the state tournament the last two seasons.

In the ninth minute, Harpeth found a way through the Champs' backline on a breakaway, but Nick Harris made an incredible one-on-one save to keep the game scoreless.

Two minutes later, Cascade's star senior and midfield maestro, Ivan Draine, almost found the opener on a breakaway of his own, but he dragged his attempt just wide of the post.



Cascade finished the season at 9-5-1 (4-1-1), coming up one game short of the program's first ever state tournament berth for the second time in three seasons.



Isaac Chapa (23) saw his career in a Cascade uniform come to a close at Harpeth.

In the 15th minute, fellow senior Isaac Chapa volleyed a bouncing ball outside of the box off of a Draine long throw that went just wide of Harpeth's other post.

However, seven minutes later, the hosts would find the breakthrough. Despite an extended spell of possession and pressure from Cascade, Harpeth found a crack in the Champions' backline. Tharpe was able to barely beat Hayden Dowell to a ball in behind, putting him one-on-one with Harris. Harris was able to make an initial save, but Tharpe was quicker to the rebound and poked it home to give the hosts a 1-0 lead in the 22nd minute.

The goal seemed to shock the visitors and inspire the hosts, and six minutes later Harpeth nearly doubled their lead. A long switch to Mattox led to a layoff for Tharpe in the box who put the ball just over the crossbar.

Cascade had another long throw opportunity in the 38th minute, but were unable to put the header on target before the halftime whistle blew.

To start the second half, Ivan Draine seemed to find a second wind. His shot was deflected wide for a corner, and Cascade kept the pressure on Harpeth despite failing to score off the set piece.

Instead, in the 48th minute, Tharpe found himself in behind the Cascade defense yet again off another quick counter-attack. Jacob Montgomery lofted a ball over the top, catching the Champs' defense out of position high up the field, and Tharpe was able to fool Harris and double Harpeth's lead with 30 minutes to go.

This second goal seemed to wake up Cascade's attack again, but after Draine's shot hit off the post in the 51st minute, it felt like the hill might be too big to climb.

It took 15 more minutes, but the visitors did eventually get a goal back thanks to their high pressure. A deflection finally went the Champs' way, putting freshman Ramon Rodriguez in on goal. Rodriguez was able to get the ball out of his feet and into the net to cut the Harpeth lead in half, 2-1, in the 66th minute.

There was still plenty of time for Cascade to find an equalizer, and it felt like they were on the verge of doing just that in the five minutes following their goal. In the 71st minute, Draine finally was able to find space to get a shot off that was saved out for a corner.

However, Harpeth was able to clear the ball out, and the fatigue began to set in for Cascade soon after. They would not record another shot-on-goal, and after the final whistle blew, the multiple seniors on the field collapsed to the ground in complete dejection and disbelief.

Harpeth just barely was able to hold on in the end, but they were the more clinical team with their chances while Cascade fluffed more than one opportunity on goal, allowing the hosts to move on to the state tournament for the third consecutive year.

Cascade finishes the year at 9-5-1 (4-1-1).



Ivan Draine (2) hit the post in the second half while Harpeth's Isaac Mattox (88) caused problems on the wing for Cascade's defense all afternoon.

Golden Eagles' Carston Williams Signs With Millsaps College

BY NOAH MADDOX
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Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles Baseball's Carston Williams signed with Millsaps College on Monday to continue his baseball career at the next level.

Williams was an important piece to the team that went on a substate run his junior season under head coach Chase Jones, coming up just one win short of the state tournament.

This year, the two-way star led qualified SCHS batters with a .391 batting average, and had the second-best ERA on the team at 1.70.

On the mound, Williams struck out 55 batters in his 11 appearances, and only gave up eight earned runs on 31 hits.

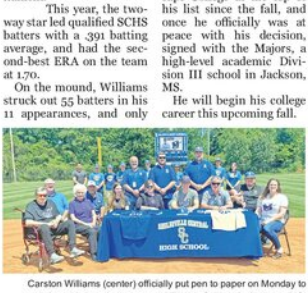
He walked just 17 hitters all season and did not give up a single home run.

At the plate, Williams slashed an impressive .391/.537/.597 with a 1.135 OPS – second to only Nick Johnson – while driving in 26 runs and drawing 21 free passes.

He slugged a team-high 13 doubles and tacked on a pair of home runs as well.

Williams has had Millsaps College at the top of his list since the fall, and once he officially was at peace with his decision, signed with the Majors, a high-level academic Division III school in Jackson, MS.

He will begin his college career this upcoming fall.



Carston Williams (center) officially put pen to paper on Monday to continue his baseball career at Millsaps College in Jackson, MS.

Two More Golden Eaglettes' Sign To Continue Soccer Careers In College

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The Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes' Girls' Soccer program held two more signing days this past week for Carolina Rose and Jocelyn Hayitin.

Jocelyn Hayitin signed with Tennessee Wesleyan University, an NAIA school out of Athens, Tennessee, on Friday. Despite losing her sophomore and junior seasons due to two different knee injuries, Hayitin came back her senior season and was a key cog in the midfield of the Golden Eaglettes' attack and was a lynchpin in covering in front of her defense as well. Not only did she provide a goal threat going forward, she also was an adept passer of the ball, tallying quite a few assists as well.

Carolina Rose signed with Motlow State Community College out of Tullahoma, Tennessee, on Monday. She has played all four years for Shelbyville, and became a key member of the Eaglettes' defensive backline at center back.

Rose was selected to play in the 2023 TACA/THSSCA All Star Game, but was unable to take the field due to a season ending injury her junior year. She most recently was named the Defensive Player of the Year for District 9-AAAA to cap off not just her senior season, but a stellar Golden Eaglettes' career.

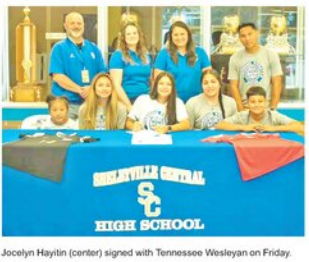
All three senior signees from the SCHS Girls' Soccer program – Paige Blackburn, Rose, and Hayitin – were high-level students in the classroom as well. They were each a part of NHS, and both Rose and Blackburn finished Top-10 academically, 8th and 10th respectively.

Head Coach Casey Curry had nothing but positive comments about her now-former players.

"They really are a great representation of our Eaglettes Soccer Program both on and off the field, and I am very proud of them!" she said.



Carolina Rose (center) signed with Motlow State CC on Monday.



Jocelyn Hayitin (center) signed with Tennessee Wesleyan on Friday.

Congratulations, senior Champions 24









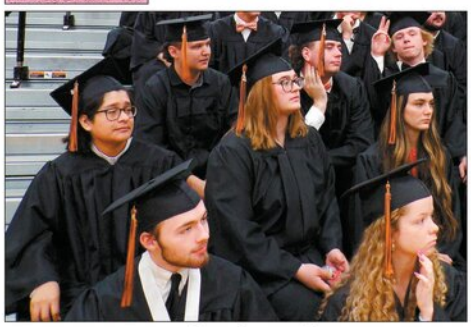
Cascade High Class Of 2024

Top 10 - Row 1: Michael James Lucich, Ashley Elizabeth Cope, Oscar Javier Garcia Padilla, Mary Allyson Maybee, Angelina Rodriguez, Hailey Renae Giel, Claire Elizabeth Perry, Nicholas Andrew Harris, Abby Grace Harris, Amy Jean Whitley. **Row 2:** Elvis David Ackles, Juliana Katherine Aderholt, Savannah Danielle Baldwin, Mahira Becic, Tannah Anslee Benton, Hayden Rihly Bolden, Stacia Denise Bowen, Tansi Elisabette Boyce, Jasmine Marie Brewer, William Elijah Bobo. **Row 3:** Landen Parker Brown, Saebyn Layne Burris, Damien Elliott Byford, Jacob Ryan Cagle, Annabelle Leigh Calvert, Alexia Nicole Caruthers, Anthony Alexander Castellanos, Isaac Josue Chapa, Rebecca Kathleen Combs, Laurel Insley Cox. **Row 4:** Andrew Walker Craig, Jonathan Zachary Crosslin, Thomas Dylan Crouch, Jailynn Naomi Curtis, Persaeus Isabella Curtis, Maxwell Xavier Darefsky, Hayden Thomas Dowell, Ivan Ninnian Draine, Houston Lee Estes, Jacob Ryall Everhart, Zoey Meki Farrar. **Row 5:** Lillian Paige Flatness, Riley Isaac Floyd, Alivia Janae Fowler, Luke Wallace Fox, Annika Marie Gabhart, Odalis Gaspar-Francisco, Kayle Dawn Gevedon, Emma Brooke Gibbs, Kaden Martin Lee Gilliam, Emma Kathryn Gilmore, Brookelyn Kennedy Gipson. **Row 6:** Jackson Willis Goolsby, Logan Allen Green, Caden James Hammonds, Chloe Mckenzie Harris, Lucas Matthew Harris, Mckenzie Jade Hensel, James Andrew Hillis, Brianna Makenzie Horn, Morgan Elizabeth Housch, Allison Gisela Jara. **Row 7:** Mateo Juan Sebastian, Houston Thomas Kologinczak, William Scott Kramer, Austin Daniel Kuohn, Carlye Anise Lambert, Kaleb Alexander Locke, Sawyer Stephen Lovvorn, Isabella Francesca Lullo, Sarah Hope Maddox, James Lemuel Magee, II. **Row 8:** Stone Paul Maldonado, Christopher Dylan Marchi, David Cody Mason, Isaac William Mcelroy, Tucker Eldon Mcgee, Kelsey Anne Carlene Mcgowan, Logan Octavius Mcwhirter, Conner Blaine Melson, Harmony Taylar Miles, Madison Elizabeth Mooningham. **Row 9:** Logan Matthew Morgan, Heaven Leigh-Ann Morris, Logan Blake Morton, Gabrielle Raquel Oropeza, Kailey Brooke Overcast, Chloe Alexandria Lee Parker, Prem Baldevbhai Patel, Kobe Deon Patterson, Lantz Ty Peoples, Austin James Perales, Damien Blake Perry. **Row 10:** Trista Marie Pfingsten, Abby Grace Phillips, Addison Olivia Pope, Abrielle Grace Presley, Kaden Daniel Pugh, Logan Edward Pulley, Abigail Ramirez-Ayala, Aerial Michelle Ray, Elizabeth Marie Riddle. **Row 11:** Savannah Mason Schudar, Kadence Leeann Skeeters, Kara Grace Smith, Ashlynn Rose Sorrells, Savannah Soto, Cecelia Evelyn Speirs-Huddleston, Jacey Elizabeth Sudberry, Sara Grace Summerlin, Chase Floyd Sutter, Danielle Lois Tanner, Katelin Ann Threet. **Row 12:** Asher Lucius Tucker, Donnie Alan Dorn Walden, Kreed Thomas Raymond Ward, Sara Emma Ward, Dylan Jacob Warren, Haylie Nichole Weber, Devin Lavell Whitehead, Grace Alynn Wilder, Madison Elizabeth Wilson, Ivy Faye Womack. ***Absent For Picture:*** Matthew Thomas Bass, Maddox Don Cooper, Emmalee Nicole Hendon, Aden Rawls Jordan, Henood Bassam Mohamed Alkhanshli, Eddie Joe Pollock, Brooklyn Grace Proffitt.











Happy Meals for the House

Local McDonald's owner-operators have launched the fundraiser, Happy Meals for the House, to support Ronald McDonald House Charities through Friday, May 24.

At more than 230 McDonald's restaurants across the greater middle Tennessee region and surrounding areas, 10% of Happy Meal sales between May 20-24th will be donated back to RMHC- Nashville.

Ronald McDonald House Charities rely heavily on donations to continue providing services to sick children and their families in the community. It costs RMHC- Nashville approximately $115 a night to house a family, but the house requests only $15 per night to stay at the House, and no family is ever turned away based on financial hardship.

Through this fundraiser, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Nashville will be able to provide continued support for families while their sick children receive care at local hospitals.

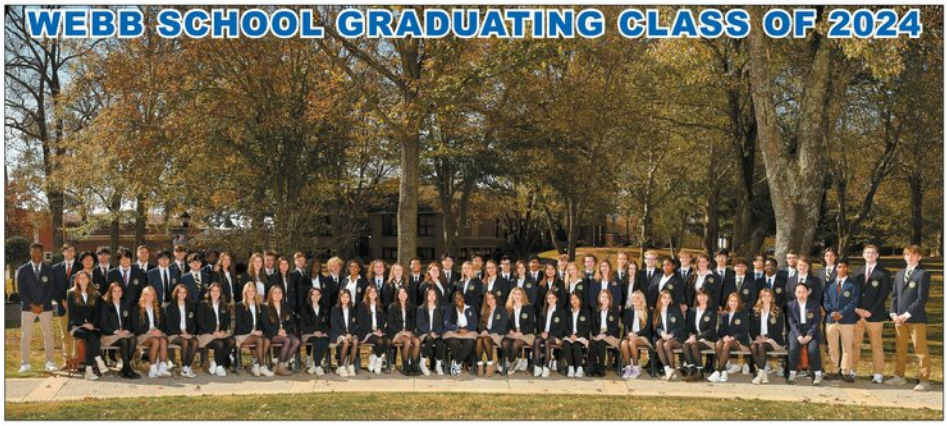


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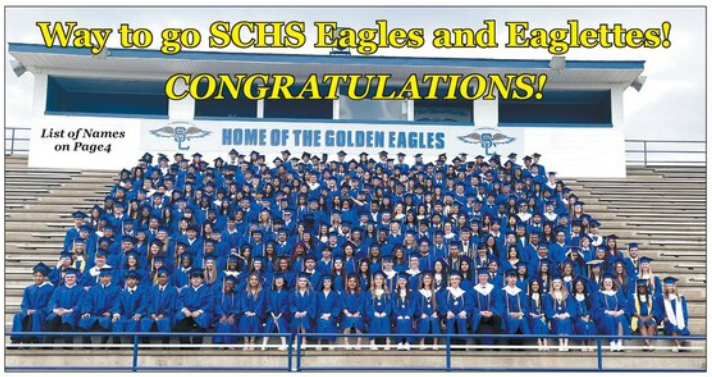
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Way to go SCHS Eagles and Eaglettes!

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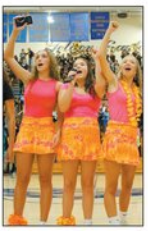
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