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SHELBYVILLE RECORDS ANOTHER HOMICIDE

Nicole Burk arrested and charged

By DAWN HANKINS

Local law enforcement had its hands full last weekend with several people being charged with drug possession, no driver's license and drunk driving. But there was even more serious-a shooting behind a carnival on Madison Street and worse for Shelbyville, another homicide.

On Saturday, June 1, Shelbyville City Police Department responded to the parking lot of 1250 Madison Street, Gateway Church, regarding a male being stabbed. When officers arrived, they found the victim, Robert Travis, with multiple stab wounds.

It has been said that guilt and remorse can haunt a person who has taken another's life. The imagery of carrying the victim's last breath emphasizes the burden of responsibility and the lasting impact of such actions.

Perhaps. Nicole Burk fled the scene in a bright red a Ford C-MAX, bearing Tennessee Walking Horse license plate 390WH2.

The victim, Travis, was able to identify his attacker as "Nicole Burk" before being transported to Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital. Travis succumbed to his injuries a short time after arriving at the hospital.

SPD reports that during the investigation, it was made known that Burk and Travis had an estranged relationship.

An arrest warrant for criminal homicide was issued for Burk. She was found and arrested early Sunday morning, June 2, in Andalusia, Ala., by the Andalusia City Police Department.

Andalusia is about 350 miles south of Shelbyville.

Shooting near carnival

Earlier in the weekend, on Friday, May 31, around 10:23 pm, Shelbyville City Police Department responded to the parking lot of Madison Street Self Storage, which is behind where the carnival was located, in reference to gunshots heard in the area.

Several people went to social media over the weekend, noting they had heard several gun shots.

Upon arrival to the scene, local law enforcement located a male who had suffered a gunshot to the arm. The victim was transported to Vanderbilt Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Reports indicate multiple individuals were involved, and the investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information is urged to call the Shelbyville Police Department Criminal Investigation Division at 931-684-5811.



NICOLE BURK



A shooting took place last Friday night around 10:23 p.m. near a storage facility on Madison Street. (In the background.) The victim received a gunshot wound to the arm but it was not life-threatening, police said. This busy drive thru closes at 10:00 p.m. on Fridays. And sadly, there was a carnival going on during the shooting. Several people have reported they heard gunshots.



CHANTEL STEWART
NEW PRINCIPAL
AT HARRIS MIDDLE

Stewart is new Harris Middle Principal

Superintendent of Schools Tammy Garrett recently announced the promotion of Chantel Stewart as the new principal of Harris Middle. Stewart has served as HMS assistant principal for 3 years.

She replaces Patrick Hasty, who has transferred to the principal role at Cascade Middle.

"We're excited to have Dr. Stewart on board at Harris Middle after gaining experience as assistant principal," said Garrett. "She has extensive experience in the classroom in both math and science. Her roles as athletic director and as an administrator have proven her to be an extremely effective leader, working well with students and staff alike."

Garrett added how Stewart is open to trying new strategies. She said the school system is looking forward to seeing all that she and her team will accomplish for the benefit of students.

"We are proud, too, that she is a Bedford County native!" said the superintendent.

Stewart agrees, saying that Bedford County will always be her home.

Prior to Harris Middle, Stewart served in the classroom at Shelbyville Central High School for 20 years. She also served as a director of athletics.

After earning her bachelor's degree from Tennessee State University in Nashville, Stewart earned her master's of education in administration and supervision from TSU. Two years ago, she obtained her doctorate from Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City in administrative leadership.

Stewart says she has found her passion in education even though she didn't plan to enter the field initially. "I stumbled upon it when a job transition occurred in my life . . . . I was influenced and guided by many great educators. I

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WELCOME TO SHELBYVILLE!
The Cyr Family cooled off with snow cones and popsicles on Monday evening outside the Rec Center. They are new residents to Shelbyville, having moved here from Murfreesboro.

Parks Director Mike Alsup is retiring

H.V. Griffin Park master plan ongoing

By DAWN HANKINS
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Parks director Mike Alsup, who has worked with the City of Shelbyville on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for nearly 10 years, updated the park board Monday on design and funding for the new soccer complex.

Alsup also shared during this meeting that effective July 1, he is retiring. But before turning in his recreation department shirts, he wanted to make sure all board members were clear on what was about to take place at H.V. Griffin Park.

It's been over 20 years since a complex this significant was built at that park. And what's coming is pretty spectacular for this community, to say-the-least.

Alsup also planned to discuss

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T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

Mike Alsup, outgoing Shelbyville Parks and Recreation director, walks the park board through some particulars of the new soccer complex during the board's regular meeting on Monday night. The City of Shelbyville has posted the open parks director position.



Submitted Photos

SPECIAL DAY IN NORMANDY
The Town of Normandy celebrated with a ribbon cutting for its new Town Hall and dedication of its memorial walk last Saturday. See more photos on page 12 today.

Lone Golden Eaglettes Golfer Set to Continue Career At Trevecca This Fall

By Noah Maddox
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In February, Shelbyville Central saw 100% of their girls' golf team sign to continue their golfing careers at the next level. The kicker is that it turned out to be just one person, Anabel Leigh (pronounced "Lay").

Leigh graduated high school in December before signing with Trevecca Nazarene University. She has been the lone member carrying the flag for the girls' golf team since the beginning of her junior year, and as one might expect, it has not been easy for her.

"It was really kind of tough because I never had the fun girls golf team experience that a lot of girls that I played with had, so it was kind of just me by myself," she explained. "It made it kind of harder, especially if I was having a bad day, to kind of get back from that."

"I've just kind of had to figure it out the last couple years," she said.

Since golf is such a mental game, playing all by yourself is a massive disadvantage compared to every other golfer that has teammates cheering them on and giving them pointers. According to the TSSAA Handbook, the standard number of entrants is two or three on the girls side with four or five constituting a boys' team.

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Anabel Leigh

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Students Tour Courthouse
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TVA Seeks input
TVA will host a virtual meeting on June 13, 2024, at 5 p.m. The purpose being to address modifying how water flow is measured, and water needs in the Duck River Basin.

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RETIRING

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grant funding for the Master Plan with Shelbyville City Council during its study session on Tuesday night. This will be his last time to present his thoughts and ideas as Alsup said he's retiring for good.

He's worked in parks and recreation for 45 years, he notes, and 9.5 of those years have been spent with the City of Shelbyville. Before coming to the Pencil City, Alsup was very instrumental in the design and construction for the Fort Smith, Ark., recreation center. It's been his life-what he loves.

During his last parks board meeting, he gave encouraging words about what is coming in the way of the soccer complex. (Current park board members include: George Johnson, Tony Cornish, Mark Betzelberger, Robert Johnson, Steve Taylor, Michelle Hastings, Brad McGee and Mary Grace Phillips. The new park board intern is Seth Sharp, who was absent.) Alsup explained two grants-one which they've applied for and the other which is still in the process of being submitted.

One of those grants is through the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) which was submitted May 22. The $14 million grant request, if approved, is specifically for the new Shelbyville soccer complex.

Typically, the department applies through the Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF) which provides grants to eligible local government entities for the purchase of land for parks, natural areas, greenways and recreational facilities. The funds may also be used for trail development.

He said it generally takes about 4 months before TDEC notifies grant recipients. The state funds, if received, will be used for the parking lot and the new entrance from Horse Mountain Road as well as lighting and irrigation. Concession stands and restrooms will also be a part of this project.

Alsup said cost estimates were updated in 2019 to $11 million for this part of the project. "Regarding how construction costs have increased, we believe the $14 million number will cover the cost of this."

The LPRF is a 50/50 grant, with possibly the City receiving up to half of the cost. TDEC doesn't guarantee they will give the entire requested amount, Alsup said.

He said now, the City must wait. If there is anything Alsup has, it's patience, regarding this park master plan.

The other grant discussed is called a "Healthy Build Environment Grant"- one received through the Health Department that's specifically used for trails and greenways. It's $50,000 and would cover the cost of Shelbyville's trails and greenway master plan, said Alsup.

The parks director presented a legend for the park expansion to the board and the trails and greenway are a really big piece of the larger plan. (The T-G will have a story on this part of the Master Plan in a future edition.)

Alsup explained the logical first step in the entire Master Plan was to construct the new soccer field first. "This can be done without disrupting any of our current programming-baseball, softball, soccer in fall."

He said once this is built, it will help also with other sports, due to the new entrance into parking lot, and accessibility to fields. It was stated during the meeting by the park director that any sport played on a large, flat, field like ultimate frisbee, football and lacrosse will benefit from this new complex.

Alsup told the board, "If you look at Columbia, Murfreesboro and other places that have this size facility and much bigger, they are bringing in tourism dollars."

Board member Phillips asked if soccer will always take priority and will someone be in charge of scheduling. Alsup said yes, there will be more support staff needed to take care of such a complex.

"A lot of places that have these really nice facilities have a tournament director," said Alsup. He further explained, "When people come to town, they need to be treated well and things need to work well."

He suggested that the board hire someone onsite over weekends to make sure everything is being done well, so the participants will want to come back. He said word of mouth will make or break a sports facility really quick.

Yes, that means more personnel.

He advised that because of the potential for this complex to operate year-round, the City, i.e., the park board, should be in charge of making sure concessions are available. Leagues that typically do this may not be available all year, he stated.

"What I recommend is putting it out there for someone who does that kind of work and let people bid on it," said Alsup.

Food trucks, he said, could be a solution; they get a health-department related permit to provide concessions at the park. There is already a snow cone truck that is pretty popular at H.V. Griffin.

Jennifer Swann, recreation program director, who was present for the meeting, said in response to food trucks, "They give us all the paper work and we keep it all on file. They sign an agreement with us and give us 10% of their sales. It's for a year . . . they turn in a monthly report."

Shelbyville City Councilman Gary Haile was present for Monday's Park board meeting. He asked Alsup, "Have we asked the County for anything [funding]? I guess what I'm looking at . . . the County uses all the City property. I'm just being honest. We're always footing the bill."

Alsup said no, the County has not been asked for funding for the park department's master plan. He said that will likely depend on TDEC grant funding. It is possible, Alsup added, the City may have to ask for business sponsorship, that is, if grant dollars don't come through.

"I feel confident the City will get the grant," said Alsup. "We just don't know how much."

The parks director discussed how much money is spent by families on soccer tournaments, etc. He said one family, he was told, wanted to move here but there wasn't a soccer complex, so they moved to Nolensville instead.

Alsup said with more local sports tournament play comes higher local revenue. He described the busyness of restaurants in other towns during softball and soccer season as productive.

"This is a great facility and it has a lot of potential," said Alsup. "It will have a positive impact on the City."

His retirement

Prior to making his retirement official to the board, Alsup, now in his mid 60s, told the T-G that he loves parks and recreation. But he also explained that most of his family, including grandchildren, live north of Nashville.

Alsup and wife, Lisa, are from the Goodlettsville area. He said it's quite a stretch for them to travel busy I-24 when needed by family.

So, they're leaving Shelbyville and moving closer to family in that north Nashville area. He said he will certainly miss being in Shelbyville.

"I have always enjoyed being with the people," he said of parks and recreation life.

The public is invited to attend a reception, hosted by the City, in honor of Alsup, on July 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Rec Center meeting room.



T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

RELIEF FOR A HUMID DAY

Several Shelbyville Rec Center patrons enjoyed snow cones on Monday evening from the taqueria la casita truck. Note: a permit is necessary through the parks department before trucks can sell food on City property. This truck has been approved.

A chocolate toast to June Dairy Month

Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham signed a proclamation on June 3 recognizing June Dairy Month, a nationwide celebration of dairy products and the farmers who make them available. The mayor toasted the event by sharing a glass of chocolate milk with June Dairy Month chair Scotlynn Osterhaus and representatives of the University of Tennessee/ Tennessee State University Extension and the 4-H program.

The 2020-2025 dietary guidelines released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Department of Health and Human Services (HSS) include the importance of consuming three daily servings of dairy foods like milk, yogurt and cheese.

According to The Dairy Alliance, National Dairy Month started out as a way to distribute extra milk during the warm months of summer. The commemoration was established in 1937 by grocer organizations sponsoring National Milk Month. By 1939, June became the official dairy month.



Enjoying a glass of chocolate milk are, clockwise from left, John Teague and Samantha Peyton of the UT/TSU Extension Office; June Dairy Month chair Scotlynn Osterhaus; Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham; Kaylin Osterhaus; and Emily Mote of UT/TSU Extension. (Bedford County Government photo)

Scotlynn Osterhaus is Bedford County 4-H National Dairy Month Chairperson

Nashville, TN– Scotlynn Osterhaus has been named the 2024 National Dairy Month chairperson for Bedford County. Osterhaus will be honored June 5 at the Tennessee June Dairy Month Kickoff Event at Battle Mountain Farm in Nashville. The official kickoff celebration recognizes Tennessee 4-H members' efforts to promote National Dairy Month in Tennessee.

Co-sponsored by The Dairy Alliance, the American Dairy Association of Tennessee, 4-H and the Tennessee Farm Bureau, National Dairy Month activities are designed to communicate the value of milk and other dairy products to Tennessee consumers. Chairpersons play a vital role in spreading dairy's message in their communities.

"Although I do not live on a dairy farm, I understand the importance of our farmers and the importance of dairy," Osterhaus said. "Our farmers have to work smarter and harder every year to produce enough food for everyone. I feel honored to help."

Scotlynn, an eighth grader, is the daughter of Jonathan and Emily Osterhaus. Osterhaus volunteers at her church's nursery and children's choir, as well as acting in church plays. Scotlynn is an active member of her 4-H chapter, participating in citizenship and leadership, creative arts and photography projects.

"We wish Scotlynn much success in her role of communicating the nutritional benefits of milk and dairy products to the people in Bedford County," said American Dairy Association of Tennessee vice president Steve Lee. "Scotlynn will appreciate the cooperation of the people there. Her interest and enthusiasm will result in a better-informed community from which all will benefit."

Originally deemed "National Milk Month" by American grocers in 1937, National Dairy Month began to promote dairy consumption during peak milk production in the summer. Today, June's National Dairy Month continues celebrating with the Southeast's communities and companies through festivals, contests and even a special night dedicated to dairy farmers at the ballpark.

In 2023, there were an estimated 25,000 Tennessee dairy cows living on 130 dairy farms producing 56 million gallons of milk. The top three milk producing Tennessee counties were: Loudon, Bradley and McMinn.

This year's theme, "May the Dairy Be With You," encourages families to make milk their first beverage choice due to its unique package of vitamins, minerals and nutrients that are an essential part of a healthy diet. With local media and farm bureaus, dairy farmers will be working alongside The Dairy Alliance to engage consumers through social media, radio contests, T-shirt giveaways, events and more. For more information on how you can celebrate National Dairy Month, please visit us online at www.thedairyalliance.com/national-dairy-month.



Scotlynn Osterhaus



T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

COUNTY MEETING IS JUNE 11

Bedford County Board of Commissioners will meet in regular session 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, at the historic courthouse. Agenda items include the 7th District appointment to replace Julie Sanders. Also on the agenda is a fire department equipment grant and restoration of designated veteran parking signage at the courthouse.

Retired teacher Mary Tim Cook honored

Boy Scouts present her with Good Scout Award

By DAWN HANKINS



Mary Tim Cook was honored recently during a luncheon at First United Methodist Church. She was presented with the "Good Scout" award from the Elk River District-Middle Tennessee Council. Many of her friends and former colleagues attended on her behalf.

Retired educator, Mary Tim Cook, was recently honored as the 2024 recipient of the Good Scout Award during a lunch held at First United Methodist Church in Shelbyville and sponsored by the Elk River District Middle Tennessee Council.

The award recognizes individuals who exemplify the spirit of the Scout Oath and Law by helping others and doing their best at all times.

This is quite a prestigious award-one which honors those whose personal and public contributions enhance their community and the world in which they live.

This award is also the Middle Tennessee Council of the Boy Scouts of America's highest honor for individual or corporate citizenship in local communities. The Good Scout Award distinguishes those who go above and beyond expectations.

According to Boy Scouts of America, it celebrates those who truly make a difference not only because they care but because they act.

Many business and community leaders, along with teachers, attended the luncheon.

Cook said this week she received a "beautiful" eagle and flag on glass and an engraved plaque which she will always cherish.

And Bedford County appreciates Cook's contributions to this community. She was the technology liaison at the school system's Central Office for 25 years and simultaneously taught at Southside School. Over her career, she's been selected as local "teacher of the year" and as "District Teacher of the Year."

She's long taught by example, completing tasks from dropping off "forgotten" homework in mailboxes to decorating flower boxes around the school sign.

She was married to her husband, Gary, for 43 years, before his passing last year. They were blessed with a daughter and 2 grandchildren.

Those organizing this luncheon in Cook's honor said in an invite letter, "There is no way you could not be a better person for having known Mary Tim Cook."

Dear Editor:

This letter is in regards to Ms. Dawn Hankins' article on America's Memorial Day and how the intent of this all-important day has lost its meaning. Ms. Hankins is correct in her assertion that Americans in general have lost their sense of patriotism and even worse, many do not even understand why this day was set aside in remembrance of our veterans who made the supreme sacrifice so that we now can enjoy the freedoms and assets of a viable America. Unfortunately, many Americans - and merchants - see this holiday as the beginning of summer, bar-b-ques and party time rather than the original intent of what should be a day of remembrance and solemnity. The thousands of brave men and women who gave their lives to assure America›s freedom and continuance are forgotten and this in itself is a national disgrace for which we should all be ashamed. As a former US Marine of the late ‹50s I have many pals who gave the supreme sacrifice and I for one will never forget them and the price they paid and always on Memorial Day say a silent prayer for them and all our brave military.

Charles David Sliger
Shelbyville, TN

Editor's Note:
This letter was copied to the Times-Gazette. It was originally sent to Mayor Randy Carroll, City Council and attorneys from Eric Tars, senior policy director of the National Homeless Law Center in Washington, D.C. The letter refers to a recent decision by Council to change City ordinance pertaining to "camping" and "panhandling" in the City limits.

We are printing portions of this letter as a matter of public record for readers.

Dear Mayor Carroll, Councilors, City Attorney & Manager,

"I write on behalf of the National Homelessness Law Center ("Law Center") to urge you to oppose the proposed amendment to Shelbyville Municipal Code 10-213, which would criminalize the act of sheltering oneself, regardless of whether adequate alternative housing or shelter is available in the community. If enacted, this ordinance would do nothing to help solve Shelbyville's homelessness crisis. Moreover, it threatens the constitutional and human rights of unhoused Shelbyville residents. Indeed, the existing underlying ordinance criminalizing loafing and loitering is also likely unconstitutional and the Council should take this opportunity to repeal it as well.

Our choices define our community, and this Council has an important one to make. No matter your race or background, people don't choose to be homeless. Arresting unhoused people isn't the answer. Let's make sure everyone has a place to call home, so no one needs to live on public lands in the first place."

A letter was attached to the email which stated:

"The proposed ordinance violates Shelbyville's constitutional obligations. The 8th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibits enforcement of laws criminalizing sleeping outside against people with no access to indoor shelter. In Martin v. Boise, the 9th Circuit ruled that punishing a person experiencing homelessness for sitting, sleeping, or lying on public property in the absence of adequate alternative shelter or housing constitutes cruel and unusual punishment under the Eighth Amendment. Although the Sixth Circuit has not yet addressed the issue, district courts in the Circuit have found it persuasive."

Tars also stated: "Moreover, the current ordinance, making it a crime to "loaf, loiter, wander or idle" is also unconstitutional. Similar to historical Jim Crow, Anti-Okie, and "Ugly" laws that discriminated against persons with disabilities, these modern-day ordinances grant police a broad tool for excluding visibly poor and homeless people from public places while giving discretion to ignore identical behavior from others. The Supreme Court has held that such ordinances are unconstitutionally vague when they do not give clear notice of the prohibited conduct or would allow for selective or arbitrary enforcement."

He advised Council members: Not only should the council not pass the amended ordinance, it should use this opportunity to repeal the existing unconstitutional one.

Tars can be contacted at etars@homelesslaw.com to further discuss this bill or related issues.

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Georgia Peach Smoothie

(Courtesy of the Dairy Alliance)

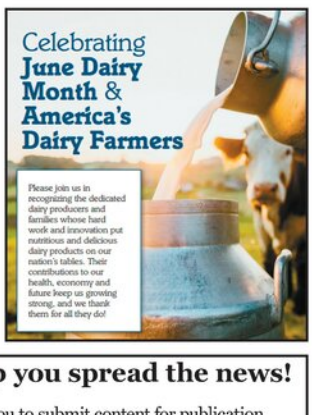
Things that are pretty constant in the South in summertime:

Peaches and National Dairy Month

Peaches are a good source of vitamin C, paired with high quality protein from the plain Greek yogurt, this smoothie is not only refreshing, but good for you as well. It's like summer in a glass any time of year!

PREP TIME: 5 minutes
SERVINGS: 24 ounces
1/2 cup plain Greek yogurt
3/4 cup milk
2 cups frozen sliced peaches
2 teaspoons honey
1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine yogurt, milk, peaches and remaining ingredients in blender. Blend until smooth. Divide equally among two glasses and serve immediately.



NEW PRINCIPAL

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want to leave a legacy, too, that positively impacts and empowers those I encounter," said Stewart.

She reports seeing a lot of changes during her 23 years in education. Stewart says gone are the days where instruction was geared toward one learner. Stewart believes that stepping out and trying new strategies that support all learners is imperative.

"If a child can't learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn," explains Stewart. "My goal for the upcoming school year is to equip teachers with instructional knowledge and strategies geared towards making learning challenging but also fun."

Stewart expanded on the transition to her new role saying, "So many great things are happening at Harris Middle; Mr. Hasty set the foundation for our admin team, and I want to continue expanding on that vision of moving our school in a positive direction. With the continuation of Mr. [Brian] Waggoner and Dr. [Graciela] Arroyo by my side as assistant principals, I anticipate a smooth transition, and we are excited to be able to continue letting our work speak for itself."

When not busy with school life, Stewart enjoys spending time with her 3 grandchildren and said she's excited about the arrival of a fourth in October.



Submitted Photo

FIRE IN MARSHALL COUNTY
A Chapel Hill house fire displaced a family of three earlier this week.

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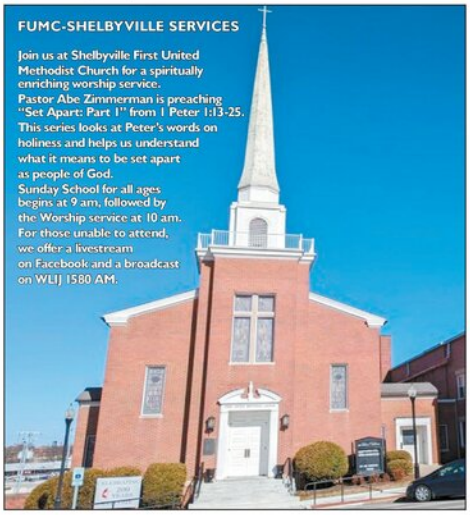


'Don't be Cruel!'

Plan to attend Bell Buckle's 2024 MoonPie Festival

You know it! You love it! You wait all year for it! And on Saturday, June 15, Bell Buckle will be "all shook up" with excitement when the 29th annual RC-Moon Pie Festival is held.

Now all of you with "suspicious minds" are probably wondering what in the world Bell Buckle could be up to this year? How could they top years' past?

Well, they've gone and done it, again.

Each year there is a new RC and MoonPie King and Queen crowned. Right?

And maybe even a new flavor for the World's Largest MoonPie that is served to all! Let them Eat Mo' Pie, as they say in Bell Buckle! And when that big pie is served, well it's a now or never kind of thing if you want to check that delicious experience off the bucket list!

We can't help "falling in love" with all things Bell Buckle and RC and MoonPie the 3rd Saturday in June. And this year, oh do we have some fun planned like you've never seen before, says Bell Buckle Chamber of Commerce!

The entertainment is always a highlight, and it's taking center stage this year with a musical contest where you'll decide the winner. And let's just say these contestants are professionals and are going to knock your "blue suede shoes" off!

The day starts with the Sweetest Race you will ever run! The certified courses for both the RC-MoonPie 10 Mile and 5K courses are a runner's dream course with beautiful, scenic pastoral landscapes for you 10 milers and friendly, neighborly cityscapes for you 5K lovers! This race has all the bells and buckles ("buckles" goes better with bells than whistles – for real) you can imagine – t-shirts to all pre-registered runners, finishers medals, age category awards for both races, a post-race breakfast that will be all shook up as well this year, and that hometown friendliness that you just can't get anywhere like you get in Bell Buckle! And it just keeps getting better throughout the day with a parade, crowning of the new King and Queen, entertainment that should be nominated for a Tony award any day now, the better than the Olympics MoonPie games, cloggers, vendors, and the sweetest ending to the day: serving of the World's Largest MoonPie! And this year, there will be a flavor you have never ever never had before. It is being made just for this year, just for Bell Buckle! And we got a sneak taste and WHOA! And WHOA AGAIN! We know, we know, you're thinking "don't be cruel" and tease us with all this. But you'll just have to come see it for yourself!

You just can't help falling in-love with the Bell Buckle RC-MoonPie Festival. So be sure to be in charming Bell Buckle, Tennessee on Saturday, June 15th for the RC-MoonPieFestival! If you miss it, you will feel like checking into the "Heartbreak Hotel" from missing out on this big-time family fun, happiest of days!

A day of fun for young and old alike celebrating THREE southern traditions: RC Colas, MoonPies AND Bell Buckle, Tennessee where we are: Close To Home, But A World Away.

2024 RCMP SCHEDULE

7:00 am - Annual Bell Buckle Chamber 10 Mile & 5K Run
8:30-9:00 am - Bell Buckle Chamber 5K Awards
9:00 am - Craft Fair/ Food court (Open All Day)
9:00-10:00 am - Midstate Cloggers
10:00-10:30 am - Bell Buckle Chamber 10 Mile awards
10:30-11:15 am - Midstate Cloggers
11:15 am - RC Cola and MoonPie Parade
12:00 pm - Bell Buckle Players Coronation Show

Viva Bell Buckle with the King and Queen Coronation
12:45-2:45 pm - "Musical Entertainer" Contest
2:45-4:00 pm - RC Cola and MoonPie Games
4:00 pm - World's Largest MoonPie served!



Community CALENDAR

SCHS CLASS '64 TO MEET
The Shelbyville Central High School Class of '64 class reunion meeting is planned for 11 a.m., Friday, June 14, at Emmy's Restaurant, 764 North Main St. Call 931-639-9939 or 931-607-5875 for more information.

COMMUNITY FISH FRY
Shiloh Outreach Church will be hosting its annual Community Fish Fry on Saturday, June 15, from 5-8 p.m. There will be fish, chicken and all the fixings with music and games for children.

BEDFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS
June 3-7: Bedford County Board of Equalization, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. each day, historic Bedford County Courthouse

June 11: Bedford County Board of Commissioners regular monthly meeting, 7 p.m., historic Bedford County Courthouse

June 18: Rules and Legislative Committee (5 p.m.), followed by Law Enforcement Committee, then Courthouse and County Property Committee, historic Bedford County Courthouse

June 19: County offices, convenience centers, Highway Department closed for Juneteenth holiday.

June 25: Financial Management Committee, 4:15 p.m., 200 Dover Street, Suite 110.

June 27: Bedford County Board of Commissioners special called end-of-fiscal year budget meeting, 7 p.m., historic Bedford County Courthouse

WARTRACE CELEBRATES MR. HAL
Long-time educator and retired Cascade High Principal, Hal Skelton, will be honored with a special award on Saturday, June 22, at 2 p.m. at the Wartrace Gym. Ways to donate: Venmo to: @Wartrace-Gym or mail to the Town of Wartrace, 29 Main St. Wartrace, TN 37183. Shh! It's Hal's 80th birthday too!

CLASS REUNION OF COMMUNITY '69
Community High School's Class of 1969 held its class reunion at Legends in Shelbyville on Saturday, May 11. The event was organized by June Miller. Classmates in attendance were: Jimmy Vincent, Eddie Stacy, Sandra Lee Lynch Neese, Faye Holton Jones, June Blanton Miller, William Henry Lynch, David Beasley, Judy Turner. Classmates said it was a "lovely" get-together for reminiscing and everyone enjoyed a "delicious" meal.

Here's an upcoming event, sponsored by Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library, that you don't want to miss!

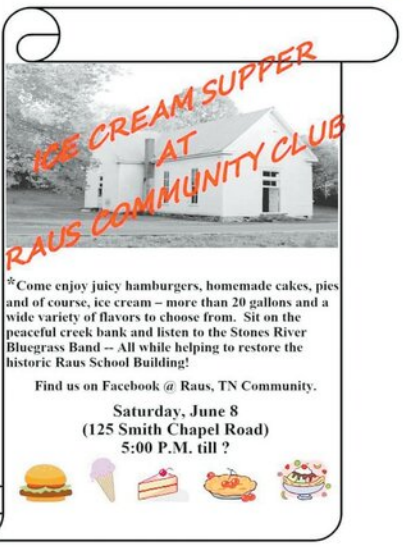
As part of the Summer Reading program, Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library is proud to present Mr. Barry Mitchell and his friends at The Fly Arts Center Wednesday, June 12, at 10:30 a.m.!

Sam the Turtle presents the Adventures in Fun Show.

Mr. Barry is back with a Cast of Adventurers. You'll see Stuart the Dare Devil Stunt Skunk shot from the Cannon of Doom! Marty the Time Traveling Fly will go back in time. (No relation to the McFly family.) You'll never be able to unsee Rodeo Rooster with the Fastest Egg in the West! Rodeo is the cowboy cousin of Hyena the Laughing Chicken. Hyena will bring his favorite chicken magic trick. There will always be MIS-Adventures when Sam the Turtle is involved.

Don't miss the Adventures in FUN show. Mr. Barry's shows are a combination of comedy magic, puppets, and unforgettably funny stuff. No pickles please.

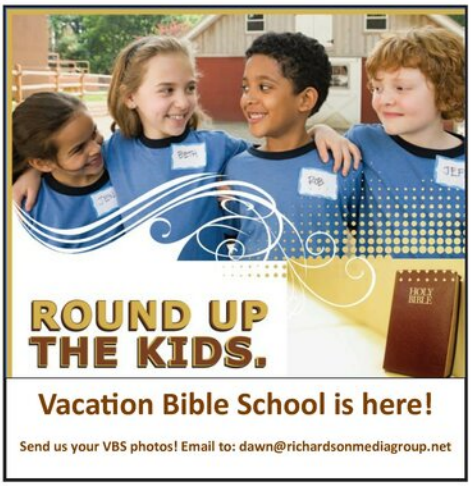




*Come enjoy juicy hamburgers, homemade cakes, pies and of course, ice cream – more than 20 gallons and a wide variety of flavors to choose from. Sit on the peaceful creek bank and listen to the Stones River Bluegrass Band -- All while helping to restore the historic Raus School Building!

Find us on Facebook @ Raus, TN Community.

Saturday, June 8
(125 Smith Chapel Road)
5:00 P.M. till ?



Facts about Normandy Dam

Normandy is the largest of the nonpower dams on tributaries of the Tennessee River. It is operated for flood damage reduction, water supply, and recreational opportunities. Normandy also provides water for a fish hatchery immediately downstream.

Normandy Reservoir is located on the Duck River in south-central Tennessee. The 17-mile-long reservoir was created in the 1970s to aid in the economic development of the upper Duck River region. Normandy Reservoir attracts bass anglers, campers, and boaters from a wide area. Barton Springs Recreation Area on the south shore of the reservoir is particularly popular.

The Duck River watershed is one of the nation's most biologically diverse river systems. Over 500 species of fish, insects, and other aquatic life inhabit the ecosystem, including two species of mussels—the Cumberland monkeyface and the birdwing pearly—on the endangered species list.

Normandy: Facts & Figures

• Construction of Normandy Dam was completed in 1976.

• The dam is 110 feet high and stretches 2,807 feet across the Duck River.

• Normandy Dam is not a hydroelectric facility. It has no power generators and produces no electricity.

• The water level in Normandy Reservoir varies by about 11 feet in a normal year.

• Normandy has a January 1 flood-storage capacity of 48,000 acre-feet.

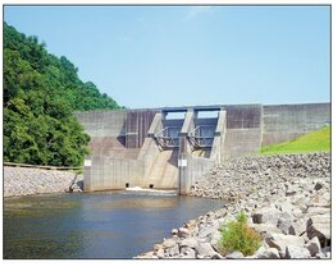
More Information on Normandy Reservoir

Daily Lake Level
Reservoir Health Ratings
Celebrate TVA Dams

The Unified Development of the Tennessee River plan stressed TVA was to provide flood control, navigation and electricity for the region. TVA's dams are tangible evidence of its primary mission: improving life in the Tennessee Valley. We're celebrating the plan with an in-depth look at 32 of the dams it comprises.

Non-Power Normandy

Despite the lack of hydropower, Normandy Dam on the Duck River has been a boon to Middle Tennessee, bringing economic development and recreation along with many other benefits. Read more about the history of Normandy Dam.





TVA seeks public input

Proposal to modify water flow from Normandy Dam

Staff Report

TVA will host a virtual meeting/webinar on June 13 at 5 p.m. The purpose: to seek public input on a proposal to modify how typical water flow is measured from Normandy Dam and to better address water needs in the Duck River Basin.

TVA states that it is not proposing to modify the reservoir guide curve of Normandy or change the minimum flows released from the dam. TVA is proposing to change the way it measures water released from the Normandy Reservoir into the Duck River.

Currently, target flows are measured instantaneously at the Shelbyville gauge located 28 miles downstream from the dam. The proposal would change that measurement to be based on average flows at Shelbyville over the course of the week.

This change, TVA has stated, could help preserve water storage in Normandy Reservoir. Additional water in storage could help meet water needs in the basin during a drought such as the recent extreme drought in 2023. The modification would also give TVA flexibility to meet key operational goals related to water quality, aquatic habitat, and water supply in the growing Duck River region. In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, TVA has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) that addresses any potential environmental impacts. The draft EA is now available for public review and comment at tva.com/nepa tva.com/nepa. Please post comments on the proposal and the EA before June 28, 2024.

Submit comments or inquiries online, by email to NEPA@tva.gov, or by mail to:

Matthew Higdon
Tennessee Valley Authority
400 W. Summit Hill Drive, WT11B
Knoxville, TN 37902

TVA manages the 652-mile Tennessee River and its many tributaries using a series of 49 dams to meet what TVA refers to as vital public needs in six key areas: navigation, flood damage reduction, power production, water quality, water supply and recreation.

For more than 90 years, TVA has provided local, regional and national benefits through management of the Tennessee River system.

TVA has a lake info app (available on Apple and Google stores) and web pages for people to check out the latest levels, releases and conditions 24/7. The app reportedly receives more than 7 million visits annually.

In 2024, rainfall is slightly above normal for the Tennessee Valley, while runoff is slightly below normal. With continued normal rainfall and runoff, most reservoirs, including the mainstream Tennessee River, should be operating within normal range for the summer.

For more TVA news, visit TVA.com.

THE ISSUE

Listening Project speakers confront Council on ordinance

Some say to remove "campers" is unconstitutional

By DAWN HANKINS
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During the public comments during Tuesday night's City Council study session, two local residents asked City Council to repeal a recently passed ordinance which bans "panhandling" and "camping" on public and private property without permit or notice from City Hall.

One speaker pointed out that she is actually part owner, as a taxpayer, of such City property.

The speakers from Bedford County Listening Project said there isn't any affordable housing in Shelbyville for residents now and this ordinance will only make matters worse.

The speakers also stated that they've polled residents and many use 30 to 50% of their income for local rent.

The speakers also referred to a letter that they said should have been received from Eric S. Tars, senior policy director with the National Homelessness Law Center in Washington, D.C. Council did not discuss this letter or the recent ordinance.

The City of Shelbyville recently moved unhoused people who had set up camp/homes from Fisherman's Park on the Duck River. Public works cleaned a ton of garbage from the area. Local law enforcement helped clean up the area has posted "no trespassing" signs.

City Mayor Randy Carroll remarked in last month's Council meeting how he's seeing families start fishing and picnicking in the area again.

This letter to which the speakers referred was emailed/copied to the Times-Gazette this week. It was originally sent to Mayor Randy Carroll, City Council and its attorneys.

We are printing portions of this letter as a matter of public record for readers.

Dear Mayor Carroll, Councilors, City Attorney & Manager,

"I write on behalf of the National Homelessness Law Center ("Law Center") to urge you to oppose the proposed amendment to Shelbyville Municipal Code 10-213, which would criminalize the act of sheltering oneself, regardless of whether adequate alternative housing or shelter is available in the community. If enacted, this ordinance would do nothing to help solve Shelbyville's homelessness crisis. Moreover, it threatens the constitutional and human rights of unhoused Shelbyville residents. Indeed, the existing underlying ordinance criminalizing loafing and loitering is also likely unconstitutional and the Council should take this opportunity to repeal it as well.

Our choices define our community, and this Council has an important one to make. No matter your race or background, people don't choose to be homeless. Arresting unhoused people isn't the answer. Let's make sure everyone has a place to call home, so no one needs to live on public lands in the first place."

A letter was also attached to the email. A portion stated:

"The proposed ordinance violates Shelbyville's constitutional obligations. The 8th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibits enforcement of laws criminalizing sleeping outside against people with no access to indoor shelter. In Martin v. Boise, the 9th Circuit ruled that punishing a person experiencing homelessness for sitting, sleeping, or lying on public property in the absence of adequate alternative shelter or housing constitutes cruel and unusual punishment under the Eighth Amendment. Although the Sixth Circuit has not yet addressed the issue, district courts in the Circuit have found it persuasive."

Tars also stated: "Moreover, the current ordinance, making it a crime to "loaf, loiter, wander or idle" is also unconstitutional. Similar to historical Jim Crow, Anti-Okie, and "Ugly" laws that discriminated against persons with disabilities, these modern-day ordinances grant police a broad tool for excluding visibly poor and homeless people from public places while giving discretion to ignore identical behavior from others. The Supreme Court has held that such ordinances are unconstitutionally vague when they do not give clear notice of the prohibited conduct or would allow for selective or arbitrary enforcement."

Council members were advised by Tars that not only should Council "not pass the amended ordinance," it should use this opportunity to "repeal the existing unconstitutional one."

Tars said he can be contacted at etars@homelesslaw.com to further discuss this bill or related issues.

What do you think? Send your Letters to the Editor to: dawn@richardsonmediagroup.net. We will also be opening up this topic on our T-G Facebook page this week.

Jail Intake: Bedford County Corrections

Kalvin Eugene Bailey, Sr., harassment

Ovido Bartelemi-Duncan, light law, no driver's license

Michael Anthony Caldwell (Peacock Lane) firearm use in association with a dangerous felony, MFG/DEL/SELL of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful use of a weapon.

Destinee Nicole Carlton, simple domestic assault

Cherie Lee Casort, driving on revoked, financial responsibility, speeding

Vallery Brianna Nichol Delaney, possession of drug paraphernalia, simple possession

Randall Curtis Fry, Jr., violation of probation

Vicente Alonzo-Gaspar, light law, no driver's license exhibited on demand

Barry Alexander Hester, driving on suspended, financial responsibility, light law

Austin Wade Hopkins, failure to appear

Leondra Tyrone Hych, leaving the scene of an accident

Alexandria Leigh Laye, possession of schedule I, schedule VI

James Edward Leverette, duty to give info and render aid, reckless endangerment, violation of parole

Robert Gordon Lovvorn Jr., violation of probation

Juan Manuel Martinez Mulgado, no driver's license, violate of registration law

Ashlyn Geiselle Nava, violation of probation

Kristen D. Partin, DUI

Anthony Robert Reid, order revoking bond

Melissa A. Sanders, hold extradition another state

Antonio Sarmiento-Larrazabal, driving on revoked, violation of registration law

Jamison Lee Shipley, shoplifting

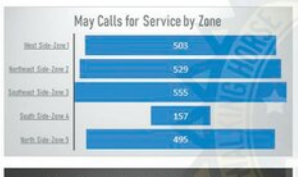
Tyler Shannon Sulls, driving on suspended, theft of property (motor vehicle)

Jayln Demarcus Trimble, violation of probation

Amber Ski Whitney, driving on suspended, muffler law, financial responsibility

Shelbyville Police Department

Monthly Statistics – May 2024



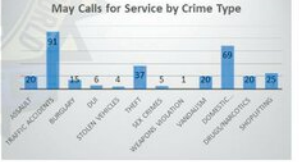


Total Calls for Service
2,322

These statistics provide a snapshot of the activities of the Shelbyville Police Department in May 2024. The Shelbyville Police Department remains committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community. We appreciate the ongoing support and cooperation of our residents.

Average call response time
< 5 minutes

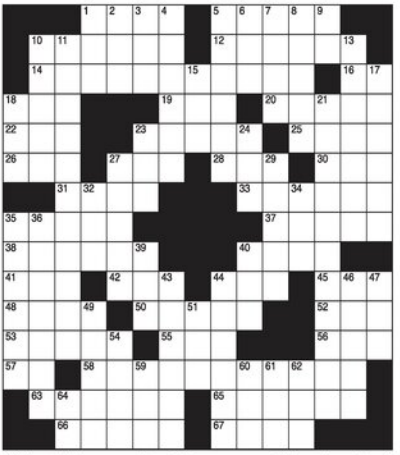




Crossword

CLUES ACROSS
1. Helps little firms
4. Political action committee
7. Allowed
12. Olivia Colman played one
15. Open
16. He had a notable lamp
18. Promotional material
19. Domesticated animal
20. Larry and Curly's buddy
21. The best ever
24. TV network
27. Checked for
30. Dry or withered
31. Expression of annoyance
33. Dash
34. Fifth note of a major scale
35. A secret clique
37. Partner to cheese
39. __ school: where to learn healing
41. City in ancient Syria
42. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
44. Established practice
47. Thanksgiving side dish
48. District in Peru
49. It's becoming more prevalent
50. State in India
52. Measure of illumination
53. Raised platform
56. Japanese warrior
61. R.L. Stevenson novel
63. Transitory
64. Advanced degree
65. Fiddler crabs

CLUES DOWN
1. Prevent from seeing
2. Czech city
3. __ and Andy, TV show
4. A young pig
5. Removed surgically
6. Covered with
7. Chest muscle (slang)
8. Nigerian City
9. Midway between south and east
10. A way to shut
11. Stop playing
12 Marshy places
13. Takes apart
14. Ten cents
17. A gesture of assent
22. Scent
23. Teletypewriter
24. General's assistant (abbr.)
25. Hillside
26. Taxi driver
28. Semitic Sun god
29. Town in India
32. Traditional rhythmic pattern
36. Fugitives are on the __
38. Type of dance
40. Two letters, one sound
43. Having a strong, pleasant taste
44. Golf score
45. Mayhem
46. Drenched
51. River in northeastern Asia
54. Drug to treat anxiety (abbr.)
55. Part-time employee
56. A very large body of water
57. Aboriginal people of Japan
58. Millisecond
59. Forearm bone
60. Subway dweller
62. Royal Mail



Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you may have to shuffle your schedule a bit this week to accommodate some interesting ideas that you have come up with on the fly. It's a good thing you're adaptable.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, think about where you want to go in the upcoming weeks, because you have some pretty influential supporters who can help propel you in that very direction.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, you may be involved in a few different projects right now, but often you start things and do not finish them, which can be frustrating to others. Do not take on any additional tasks.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
You have some high hopes regarding something that has been taking up your time for quite a while, Cancer. Although you're getting good feedback, don't count your chickens just yet.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, if you haven't been doing so already, it is important to set aside some savings so that you'll have a safety net in the future. It's essential that you are not just living for today.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, get together with your significant other or another partner and figure out how to divide the workload that has been bogging you down. It's alright to admit that you need help.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, if you think about it, you have been procrastinating a bit more than usual. It might be because your tasks are not interesting you much. That could mean finding new hobbies.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, get essential tasks out of the way early this week, because it's likely you will not be enthusiastic about mundane jobs later on. Save plenty of time for fun and entertaining.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Emotions are roiling right now, Sagittarius. Perhaps it is not the best time to reach out to an estranged friend or family member. Instead, wait things out a little longer.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
It is time to disconnect from all of the gadgets and feeds that are constantly drawing your attention, Capricorn. Enjoy a technological detox and reconnect with friends.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, you are a major force to reckon with when you pair your creative visions with solid, grounded plans. Things will start falling into place soon enough.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
This week you get a free pass to put yourself first and foremost for a change, Pisces. Go to the head of the line, because it's all about you for the next few days.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS
JUNE 9
Johnny Depp, Actor (61)
JUNE 10
Bill Burr, Comedian (56)
JUNE 11
Peter Dinklage, Actor (55)
JUNE 12
Dave Franco, Actor (39)
JUNE 13
Ashley & Mary-Kate Olsen, Businesswomen (38)
JUNE 14
Donald Trump, Politician (78)
JUNE 15
Ice Cube, Rapper (55)

SPARKLE & POP WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

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BARRAGE
BATTERY
BROCADE
CAKE
CHRYSANTHEMUM
COMET
CROSSETTE
DAHLIA
FLASH POWDER
FUSE
MINE
PEONY
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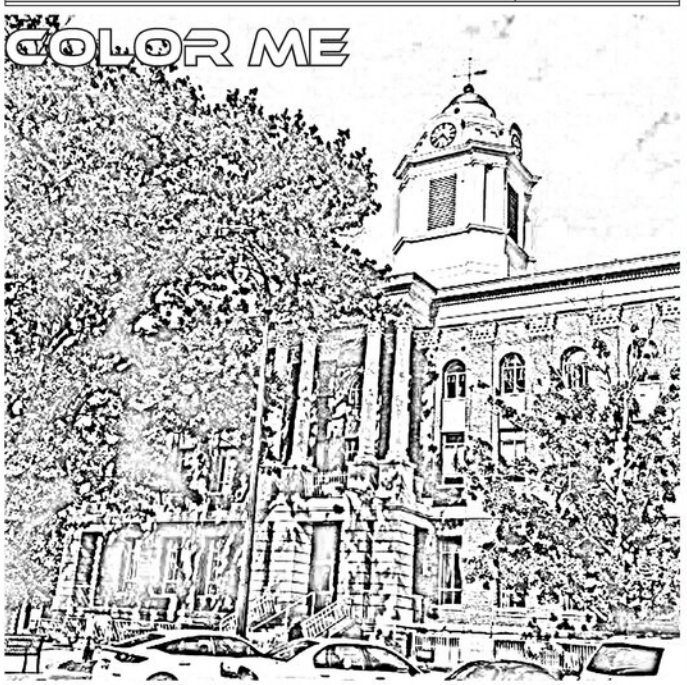
COLOR ME



SUDOKU

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

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Level: Beginner

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Level: Intermediate

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Level: Advanced

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Friday, June 14th, 8-5
Saturday, June 15, 8-3
Tools, housewares, clothes, furniture, wheels & tires

NOTICE

The below vehicle has been abandoned and will become the property of Elizabeth Pierce in 30 days from the date of this publication.
VIN: JTEZU5JR6B5026965 - 2011 Toyota Forerunner FR5-Black

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

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monthly Commissioner Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.
Bedford County Historic Courthouse
101 Public Square, 2nd Floor, Courtroom
Shelbyville, TN 37160
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1. Record name and address on a sign-up sheet that will be provided, prior to the meeting being called to order.

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Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: May 28

Seller, Daniel Decker, Sadinia Decker; Buyer, David C Friend, Rachel Marie Friend; Price, $430,000 (Deed).

Location: 3303 Midland Rd Shelbyville; Seller, Adrian Hale; Buyer, Andrew Soccodato, Nichole Brown; Price, $285,000 (Deed).

Location: 103 Wills Valley Dr Shelbyville; Seller, Ronald Llopis, Nicole Llopis; Buyer, Michael Edward Burris, Chelsea Leeann Burris; Price, $370,000 (Deed).

Seller, Dana M Cook; Buyer, Sonya Nicole Dyer, Chelsea Renee Grant; Price, $330,000 (Deed).

Location: Fox Run Rd; Seller, Terre Shavonna Holman, Charilyn Burgesson; Buyer, Mitchell Jerome Singleton Jr, Sancho Singleton; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Bedrod Development LLC; Buyer, Ole South Properties Inc; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Coopertown Rd; Seller, Kristi Diane Rhodes, Kristi Diane Batten; Buyer, Stanley G Batten; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 358 Coopertown Rd Unionville; Seller, Stanley G Batten; Buyer, Genesis Acquisitions LLC; Price, $189,029.96 (Deed).

Location: Cedar King Rd; Seller, Thomas Sloan Dollar Estate, Reva Gail Dollar, Timothy Sloan Dollar, Thomas Joseph Dollar, Donald Bruce Dollar, Sharon Denise Honea; Buyer, Cedar King Properties LLC; Price, $325,000 (Deed).

Location: 240 Edgemont Dr; Seller, Three Putt Properties, Reed Emerson, Matthew Reed; Buyer, Brittany Lynn Ethington; Price, $235,000 (Deed).

File date: May 29

Seller, Mark Floyd, Barbara Floyd; Buyer, Marianne England; Price, $224,900 (Deed).

Location: 2193 Warner Bridge Rd; Seller, Angela Pridmore, Angela Dawn Pridmore; Buyer, Angela Pridmore, Jason Pridmore; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Hwy 64; Seller, Linda Rowland; Buyer, Bedford County Tennessee; Price, $0 (Deed).

Seller, Gary Thrash, Judy Thrash; Buyer, Kenneth Bagwell, Pamela Bagwell; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 221 Meadowbrook Dr Shelbyville; Seller, JC Builders LLC, H Allen Jones Jr; Buyer, Vu A Nguyen, Giau T Lam; Price, $310,000 (Deed).

Location: 306 Atlantic Ave Shelbyville; Seller, Sonya Nicole Dyer, Roger Gregory; Buyer, Danita Nicole Davis, Michael Wayne Davis; Price, $308,000 (Deed).

Seller, Melodie Ann Allen Cootes, James W Allen Estate; Buyer, Charles Tubberbille, Twila Tubberville; Price, $165,000 (Deed).

Seller, Martin V Lafferty, Gwendolyn M Lafferty; Buyer, Justin Legate, Natalie Legate; Price, $400,000 (Deed).

File date: May 30

Location: 321 Bryant Ln Normandy; Seller, Meghan Metler; Buyer, Anthony Harold Burrows, Janet Ellen Burrows; Price, $430,000 (Deed).

Location: 2540 Hwy 82 East Bell Buck; Seller, Brian Adam Arebalo, Katerina Arebalo; Buyer, Lance G Moore, Heather D Moore; Price, $1,650,000 (Deed).

Seller, Tyler Holland; Buyer, Aldo Garcia Bravo; Price, $300,000 (Deed).

Seller, Amanda Dixon; Buyer, Timothy Ray Dixon; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: May 31

Location: 308 Ledbetter Rd Shelbyville; Seller, Daniel Gragg Construction LLC, Daniel Gragg; Buyer, Robert Harold Hadley, Gailen Jeanell hadley; Price, $260,000 (Deed).

Location: 232 East Cedar St Shelbyville; Seller, Harold E Biggers Sr; Buyer, Blake Morgan; Price, $80,000 (Deed).

Seller, David E West, Micaela C West; Buyer, Delver J Gianella, Susan M Gianelle; Price, $442,500 (Deed).

Location: 1809 Midland Rd Shelbyville; Seller, Richard Anthony Allen; Buyer, Billy Dye, Dawn Dye; Price, $168,000 (Deed).

Location: 621 East Ln St; Seller, Bob Lawrence; Buyer, Martha Blackmon Milligan; Price, $202,500 (Deed).

Location: 1305 Birch St Shelbyville; Seller, Tina J Oldfield Hudson, Tony Hudson, Tina J Oldfield; Buyer, Braden Joel Lollis, Shantaysia L Curry; Price, $255,000 (Deed).

Seller, Preferred Financial Of Tennessee Inc; Buyer, James Freeland Comer; Price, $240,000 (Deed).

Seller, Philip Hardesty, Carl A Hardesty Estate, Carl A Hardesty; Buyer, Joseph H Curl, Gregory T Curl; Price, $225,000 (Deed).

Location: 324 Winners Circle; Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, David J Farnsworth; Price, $348,675 (Deed).

Location: 338 Honeybee Dr Unionville; Seller, Rupa Custom HJomes; Buyer, Lisa M Hogan, Travis Hogan; Price, $575,000 (Deed).

Seller, James E Farrar Jr; Buyer, Michelle Marie Maccario; Price, $250,000 (Deed).

Location: 139 Esrner Bridge Rd; Seller, Mary Childers, Mary Childers Estes; Buyer, Mary Childers Estes, Timothy Estes; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Hurricane Rd; Seller, Bradley Pittman, Emily Pittman; Buyer, Jennifer Pittman; Price, $310,000 (Deed).

Seller, Michael Sharp, Dolly Sharp; Buyer, 114-120 Church St LLC; Price, $270,000 (Deed).

File date: June 3

Location: Hwy 82 E; Seller, Keith D Rosbury, Lorraine J Rosbury, Rosbury Tennessee Community Property; Buyer, Rosbury Maple Crest Farm LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Gregoria Santiago Lopez; Buyer, Gregoria Santiago Lopez, Nancy Dominguez Lopez; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 218 Meadowbrook Dr Shelbyville; Seller, JC Builders LLC, H Allen Jones Jr; Buyer, Christopher Douglas Holt, Ashley Jean Holt; Price, $365,000 (Deed).

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Currently there is no cure for Alzheimer's disease, a progressive neurological disease that slowly robs a person of their memory and personality and interferes with relationships. However, new drugs may offer rays of hope. AD is believed to develop when there are high amounts of a toxic protein in the brain called beta amyloid that produce plaques that affect cognition. According to Reuters, two drugs are the first to offer possible hope of slowing down the disease, which affects millions of people worldwide. Lequembi, from biotech firms Eisai and Biogen, as well as an experimental treatment developed by Eli Lily called donanemab, are showing signs of promise. According to the Alzheimer's Society, a United Kingdom-based organization, donanemab slowed how fast memory and thinking worsened by more than 20 percent from trial results. The trial also showed a 40 percent slowdown in decline of everyday activities. Lequembi (drug name lecanemab) has been shown to slow down the progression of AD by 27 percent and slow the decline in quality of life by up to 56 percent. Lequembi was fully approved for use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as a treatment for early AD in July 2023. A decision among UK drug regulators is expected in 2024. The National Institute on Aging is currently supporting 462 active clinical trials on AD and related dementias across many avenues of study.

Continued research into AD and devotion to finding feasible treatments can help extend quality of life for many people.

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ANSWER: Level: Advanced

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Obituaries/News

Celestine Torian Ramirez



Celestine Torian Ramirez (née Mulhern),beloved daughter, sister, and aunt, passed away peacefully on June 1, 2024, in Lebanon, TN, surrounded by her loved ones. She was born on June 22, 1975, in Philadelphia, PA, to the late Celestine Childs(née Rivero) and William Copes Jr.

Celestine, known affectionately as "Celeste," called Shelbyville, TN, her home. She leaves behind a cherished family, including her father William Copes Jr (Mary Jane) of Flintville, TN, and her siblings: William Copes III (Kindra) of Elora, TN, Bobbie Jo Copes of Winchester, TN, Tiffany Copes of Winchester, TN, Nikki Sikorski (Shane Labrie) of Holt, Florida, Wayne Copes (Krista), Barbie Copes, Johnny Copes, all of Philadelphia, and Lisa Amoroso of Cape May, NJ.

She was a devoted big sister and aunt to her 14 nieces and nephews, as well as two great-nieces and nephews.

Celeste was a pillar of strength, known for her fiercely independent spirit and her unwavering dedication to her family. Her love and support were constants in the lives of those she held dear. Her final wishes were to be cremated with no service. In accordance with her wishes, her family will hold a private celebration of life for close family members and friends.

Linda Reese Harvey



Linda Reese Harvey, 77 of Riverside, California and a native of Shelbyville, passed from this life on Thursday, May 16, 2024.

Linda accepted Christ God at an early age and was baptized at South Jackson Street Church of Christ, Tullahoma, TN. She attended East Cedar Street and Bird Street Church of Christ in Shelbyville, TN. After relocating to California, she placed her membership with United Church of the Living God Mead Valley, Perris, CA.

Linda's career background included American Can Company and JC Penney Call Center where she was a manager. Linda loved her family, her church family, traveling, Korean soap operas, reading, and music. Last, but definitely not least, she loved spoiling her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Linda was preceded in death by four brothers: Timmy Reynolds, Perry Reese, Lonnie Reynolds, and Larry Reynolds.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her pride and joy/son, Zulu (Charito) Ali, Esq. (also known as David Castleman) of Corona, CA; four granddaughters aka "Her Angels" Christine (Rickey) Moore of Royal Oak, MI, Whitney Ali, Ashley (Dontae) Ali-Perkins, and Lynda Ali of Riverside, CA; great grandchildren aka "Her Five Heartbeats" Amayah Ali, Tye Ali, Izem Moore, Amina Moore, and Nasira Moore; sisters, Patricia Reynolds and Patricia Donnell; brother, Jimmy Reynolds; "bonus sister" Teresa Reynolds; niece, DeeDee Lee; and nephews; Jeromy (Hillary) Davis, Brock (Christina) Reynolds, Jason Reynolds, David Lee, and Keenan (Shanae) Freeman and a host of family and friends.

Visitation will be Saturday, June 8, 2024 from 12:00 — 1:00 p.m. at Bird Street Church of Christ with funeral Services following at 1:00 p.m. with the Rev. Dr. Sandra K. Avent, officiating and Bro. Anthony Booker, eulogist. Interment will follow at Highview Cemetery in Lynchburg, TN. J.A. Welton & Son Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Knox Pitts III



Graveside services for Knox Pitts III of Nashville, former owner of Knox Pitts Hardware on the Shelbyville public square, will be 11 AM Monday, June 17, 2024, at Willow Mount Cemetery.

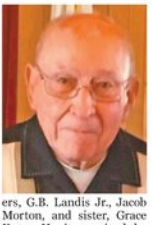
Knox died 05/17/2024 in Nashville in his sleep. He was born in Shelbyville on February 26, 1946. the son of Rufus Knox Pitts Jr and Mildred Streeter Steele Pitts of Shelbyville who predeceased him.

Memorial gifts may be made to First Presbyterian Church, Shelbyville, Tennessee or to a political cause of which Knox would approve.

The full obituary ran in the 05/23/24 T-G and is also online at t-g.com.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Robert "Bob" Landis



Robert "Bob" Landis, former Bedford County Schools board chair and long-time resident of Shelbyville, went to be with the Lord at the home of his daughter, Kathy Landis Evans, of Montana, on May 25, 2024.

A memorial service is planned for September at Cannon United Methodist Church in Shelbyville, where he was a long-time member. Mr. Landis requested to be cremated.

Mr. Landis, "Bob," was known by many for his servant's heart. He was a Little League coach and involved in countless other volunteer activities in his church and community.

Mr. Landis was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and was employed with Arnold Engineering Development Center for many years, prior to his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara; brothers, G.B. Landis Jr., Jacob Morton, and sister, Grace Knox. He is survived by sons, Mike (Cassie) Landis, Dr. Scott (Pippa Browne) Landis; his daughter, Kathy (Simon) Evans; grandchildren, Karie (Frank), Casey (Tanya), Conrad, Carissa (Morry) and Maple; great-grandchildren, Nick, Hollie, Monroe, Phoenix, Berkeley and Olivia.

The family requests memorials be made to Cannon UMC, 1001 S. Cannon Blvd., Shelbyville, TN 37160.

Mary LaVerne Adcock



Mary LaVerne Adcock, age 83, of Shelbyville, passed away Thursday, May 30, 2024, at NHC Healthcare Tullahoma, under the loving care and comfort of her family, Caris Healthcare, and the dedicated and professional staff at NHC Healthcare Tullahoma. A memorial service was held 4:00 PM Sunday, June 2, 2024, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. The family received visitors from 2:00 PM until service time Sunday at the funeral home. She was born March 11, 1941, in Shelbyville, to the late James and Adele Raby Freeman. She was retired from Walmart in Lewisburg, enjoyed working in her flower garden and spending time with her grandchildren. She was a long-time member at Victory Baptist Church. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil Gene Adcock, in 2022, and a sister, Betty Adcock. Survivors include her children, Rita (Andy) Lemmon, of Shelbyville. Phil (Shirley) Wilson, of Charlotte, Tennessee, Cindy (Paul) Piques, of Land O'Lakes, Florida, Barbara (Craig) Spillers, of Petersburg, Tennessee, and Jennifer (Bryan) Beasley, of Smyrna; step daughter, Renee Sanders; grandchildren, Angie (Richie) Barton, Jill Wilson, Bethany (Chad) Turner, Damon (Bridget (Kevin) Wills, Mindi (Taylor) Hicks, Dylan Arnold, Jacob Arnold, Alizaye Beasley, Nicole Skeeters; great grandchildren, Chase Williams, Allison Pitsinos, Devon Heath, Brianna Brown, Kase Hicks, Kole Hicks, Mia Wills, Trysten Bennett Barnes, Kendall Turner, Brian Payne and Paisley Wilson; great great grandchild, Arabella Grace Williams; sister, Judy Bonner, of Shelbyville. Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Barry Trent Sadler



Barry Trent Sadler, age 60, of Fort Worth, TX, passed from this life May, 29, 2024, at Medical City Dallas Hospital in Dallas, TX after being diagnosed with an unexpected illness.

A native of Shelbyville, TN, Barry was born on January 11, 1964, to the late William Bailey Sadler and Willa Dean Oldfield Sadler.

Barry attended Shelbyville Central High School and went on to serve in the U.S. Navy. He worked with Calsonic for 20 years before becoming an aircraft mechanic and working with Vaught Aircraft Industries, Boeing, and Lockheed Martin. Throughout his life he enjoyed turkey hunting, admired classic cars, and greatly appreciated the game of baseball, anything from collecting baseball cards and watching his son play, to catching a Rangers game at Globe Life Field. He was a member of The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Machinist Local Lodge No. 776-A, and United Aerospace Workers Local 848.

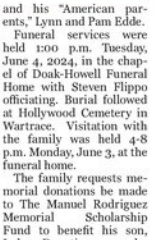
He is survived by his children, Casey Sadler and wife Star of Normandy, TN, and Lilly Grace Sadler of Fort Worth, TX; grandchildren, Gwyn, Alyce, Freya, and Casper; sisters, Shelia Sadler McCullough, and Adriana Sadler Prince; brothers, Gary Sadler, and Brent Sadler; along with several nieces and nephews.

A Gathering of Family and Friends will be held Wednesday, June 5th from 5-6p.m. at Doak-Howell Funeral Home. The gathering will be concluded with special words from his children at 6:00pm.

Memorial donations may be made to Veterans Airlift Command, to honor Barry's love for aviation and his family's service in the U.S. Military.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Manuel Rodriguez



Manuel grew up in Mexico and came to the United States in 1988, at age 16, for more opportunity. Opportunity took him to Wartrace, where he found family and friends that love him and he found home. His family and home were his passion. He was an employee of Hawkins and Price Excavating, where he worked for 35 years. He overcame many challenges throughout his life, even suffering a life altering hay baler accident in 1996. On March 11, 2020, after lots of hard work and dedication, he earned his U.S. citizenship. It was an accomplishment he was very proud of. He was a wonderful husband, father, son, brother, uncle, friend, and child of God. He always encouraged and helped others.

He is survived by his loving wife of 19 years, Dana Ferguson Rodriguez; his son, Luke Rodriguez; brothers, Geraldo, Rafael, Hugo, and Noe Ricardo; sisters, Leticia, Silvia, and Ana, 23 nephews and nieces; and in-laws, Bobbie Ferguson and Roy & Dana Ferguson; brother-in-law, Jeremy (Mandy) Ferguson; and his "American parents," Lynn and Pam Edde.

Funeral services were held 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 4, 2024, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Steven Flippo officiating. Burial followed at Hollywood Cemetery in Wartrace. Visitation with the family was held 4-8 p.m. Monday, June 3, at the funeral home.

The family requests memorial donations be made to The Manuel Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship Fund to benefit his son, Luke. Donations can be made at Heritage South Community Credit Union of Shelbyville.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Ronald Glenn "Ronnie" Ledbetter



Ronald Glenn "Ronnie" Ledbetter, age 53 of Decherd, passed from this life Wednesday, May 29, 2024.

Ronnie was born on March 7, 1971, to Odis Ledbetter and Brenda Siebers. He was preceded in death by his brother, Michael Ledbetter; and grandparents, Odis H. and Jessie Ledbetter, and Wallace and Margie Siebers.

He worked as a heavy machine operator for many years and in his free time, he loved driving and working on cars, especially Chevys. He also enjoyed the outdoors, mainly hunting and fishing. Some of his joys in life were coaching and playing Open League softball. He had a kind and caring heart that was always willing to help others and loved his family.

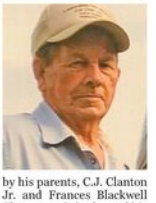
Ronnie is survived by: children, Amber Baltimore and husband, Chase, of Shelbyville, Cody Ainsworth of Chattanooga, and Taylor Ledbetter of Shelbyville; grandchildren, Keegan, Lucas, Mayzie, and Cameron; brother, Bryan Ledbetter of Chattanooga; and step-mother, Patricia Ledbetter of Chattanooga.

Celebration of Life services were held 4:00 p.m. Sunday, June 2, 2024, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Amanda Clark officiating. Visitation was held Sunday, prior to services beginning 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

The family requests memorial donations be made to Doak-Howell Funeral Home to help assist the family with final expenses.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Billy Wayne Clanton



Billy Wayne Clanton, 78, of Shelbyville died May 30, 2024. Funeral Services were held 3:00 p.m. Sunday, June 2, at Hillcrest Funeral Home with pastor Eddie Reed officiating. Burial followed at Willow Mount Cemetery. Visitation was at 12:00 p.m.

Billy was a native of Shelbyville; a graduate of Bell Buckle High School; former employee of Rock City Construction; former Co-Owner of Clanton Paving; current Co-Owner of Clanton Pipe; a member of the Baptist Church and a member of Shelbyville Benevolent Lodge No. 122. He was a veteran of Duck River Speedway where he raced for many years.

His most important role was being a loving Dad, Grandfather, who was loved by all his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, C.J. Clanton Jr. and Frances Blackwell Clanton and the love of his life, Dorothy Arwood.

He is survived by his daughter, Sandra Elizabeth Clanton; brothers, Alvin Ray Clanton (Sue), Jerry Lee Clanton (Phyllis); a sister, Shirley Clanton Davis ("Bo"); two grandchildren, Amber and Whitney; five great grandchildren, Brooklyn, Tylen "Bubba", Grayson, Devin, Bella and a great great-grandchild, Kinsleigh.

Bobby Glenn Burton



Bobby Glenn Burton, age 81, of Manchester, passed away on Monday, May 31, 2024, at his residence. He was born on September 28, 1943, in Moore County to the late Homer "Tub" and Mary Burton. For over 30 years, he worked at Joe Martin Stables in Shelbyville as Breeding Stallion Manager. He always enjoyed being in the barns with the walking horses and taking care of them. In his younger years, he owned and registered coon dogs and loved to compete in hunts or just for fun. His favorite dog was "Old Trixie." Bobby was an avid gardener, he enjoyed working in the fields, sometimes with mules and sometimes a tiller. But he worked every day tending to his crops as long as he was able. He was a hard worker and wanted to be in the garden as much as he could. Bobby liked to fish, he would catch and release...didn't matter what size he caught, he just wanted to be outside and enjoy nature. Kelly Walters was Bobby's friend, companion, and caretaker for over 15 years. They enjoyed each other's company and just riding around together. Other than fishing, dogs, and horses, Bobby loved his family. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Dennis Burton, Robert Burton, and Rachel Prince. Bobby is survived by his children, whom he was so proud of, Gloria (Mike) Damron, and Ricky (Kim) Burton.; grandkids whom he adored, Richard and James Burton, Billy Glen and Joseph Batten, along with several great-grandkids; siblings, Smiley Burton, Johnny Burton, Mary Bunn, Joyce Partin, and Edith (Wayne) Harris; several nieces and nephews; and many special friends and family members. Visitation was from 11 am – 2pm on Sunday, June 2, 2024, at Jennings-Moore-Cortner Funeral Home in Lynchburg. Funeral Services followed at 2:00 pm in the Chapel of Jennings-Moore-Cortner Funeral Home. Interment was at Lynchburg Cemetery. Jennings-Moore-Cortner Funeral Home, 181 Majors Boulevard, Lynchburg, TN 37352, is in charge of arrangements.

'LOVE NEVER FORGETS'



Bedford County Government Photo

Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham has signed a proclamation declaring June 4 as "Love Never Forgets: Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Day." Miss Shelbyville's Teen 2024, Lydia Hope Sanders, is seen here holding the proclamation. Love Never Forgets is Sanders' community service initiative; on Monday, she visited with residents at The Heart Remembers, a memory care facility in Shelbyville. Alzheimer's disease is a debilitating condition that affects millions worldwide and roughly 130,000 in the state of Tennessee, causing significant emotional and financial burden. The disease causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and the inability to perform everyday tasks.

Lone Golden Eaglettes Golfer, Anabel Leigh, Set to Continue Career At Trevecca This Fall

BY NOAH MADDOX
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(Cont.) However, the rules state that if a school enters less than four boys or just one girl, "such players shall compete as individuals." The reason on the girls' side is because to compile a team score, you need to count the two lowest scores, and it is quite difficult to have two separate scores coming from just one person.

As such, Leigh was competing as an individual at every single tournament. This meant her chances and opportunities of qualifying and moving on in the postseason at the end of the year were quite literally cut in half because she did not have the ability to move on as part of a team. In essence, her postseason success was solely dictated by her own performance and no one else's.

All of that does not even acknowledge the fact that competing alone meant that Leigh had to psyche herself up and reset mentally all by herself.

"Definitely having teammates who are other girls to help uplift and encourage you, it is a game changer," Leigh said, "I played tennis with a pretty extensive girls team, and that really helps in those bad situations."

After qualifying and participating in regionals this season for the first time, Leigh saw her high school career come to a close after just three seasons at Shelbyville Central. Because she and her family moved across the country from California in the winter of her freshman year, she wasn't able to join the golf team until the fall of her sophomore year. Once she did, especially after her sophomore year when she became the sole girls' golf member, her family became even more important to her.

"A lot of times I would really just have to kind of step back. My dad and mom were usually there to support me at my matches, so that would really help, especially considering that my dad has been my coach the last couple years," she continued.

"It's always been better at my matches to have my parents there."

Growing up on the west coast, Leigh and her family yearned for a community that not just tolerated, but featured a Christian environment and promoted walking with God. Finding that in Shelbyville made the seemingly herculean task of fitting in after moving across the country much more manageable.

"I adjusted really well; a good part of my childhood was in Nevada," she explained, "and it was really cool coming to the Bible Belt because growing up in California, not a lot of my friends were involved in church, so it was nice to get to move to a place where a lot of people share the same faith [Christianity] that I do."

Leigh's faith has been her driving force, and to her, that is also what makes the chance to play at Trevecca that much more special.

"I love being down here, and again, it's amazing being in a place where there's a lot of people who share the same belief as you, and I just feel really blessed that I'm not just able to play on a golf team, but that team is Christian and that the coaches care really deeply about my walk with God," she remarked.

"They told me to pray about the decision and the opportunity to know for sure that it is something that I wanted to do."

The saying, "Faith, Family, Friends" would certainly apply to Leigh, and it has been her family, specifically her father, that has helped her discover her passion for the sport of golf even from a young age.

"My dad is a really avid golfer, and I had taken a few lessons when I was 10 or 11 but had never really stuck with it, but moving here from California during my freshman year, I wasn't able to play then," Leigh explained.

"When I found out before my sophomore year that there was girls golf team at SCHS, I was like you know what, I haven't been playing any sports through high school, so might as well give it a try."

Give it a try she did, and that try sparked the beginning of a three year journey that ended with her signing to walk-on and play golf at Trevecca. Despite only playing competitively for three years, she has progressed quickly enough to be part of a full 10-member team in college. Her story of how that even came about is a testament to knocking on as many doors as possible just in case one might unexpectedly open.

"I was really dead set on going to Trevecca because I loved the school and all my touring experiences, but throughout my three years of playing I've really developed a love for the sport, so I was actually the one to reach out to the golf coach. I just wanted the chance to try out for the team, and when I visited this January, I was expecting him to tell me "we'll see," Leigh said.

"Instead, he said they were working on expanding the golf team, so he told me if I wanted to be on the team I would be," she continued, "So I went into that just looking for an opportunity to try and get on the team and ended up leaving with a spot guaranteed."

She ended up officially signing less than a month later in February.In the meantime, since she graduated from SCHS in December and was not able to play tennis in the spring, Leigh went to cosmetology school.

"This spring I've been in cosmetology school working on getting my manicurist certifications and will be finished by the end of next week [first week of June]," she said, "I'll then graduate at the end of June and afterwards I'll be a certified nail technician."

She says that is something she's kind of done all her life anyways, so becoming certified would allow her to make a little more money on the side while she is in school.

School itself begins at the end of August which is when Leigh says she will start practicing. Their first tournament is September 9-10, and to determine who on the team goes to compete, there are intra-squad qualifying matches to determine which five women get to go to the tournament.

At the actual tournament(s), golfers will compete over multiple days as opposed to high school matches being either a 9-hole or 18-hole one day tournament. Her typical high school matchday routine was pretty standard with the goal being to "loosen up and relax."

"I can't play golf when I'm tense," Leigh said.

She usually arrived about 90 minutes before her tee time, and she used that free time to hit the range a bit before spending the majority of her time on the putting and pitching green. However, matchday was far from the only time she put in work on the golf course.

"I couldn't tell you how many times I've played Riverbend [Country Club]," Leigh said, "Not only do we play a lot there during the season, but it being so close to my house is nice because I'm able to get out there often and work on my game."

Riverbend Country Club is where Cascade and Shelbyville Central play their "home" matches, but it's also where Leigh has spent the majority of her golf life practicing and honing her craft. She was even able to work there last year for about six months or so, and she couldn't express in enough detail how much all the people she met mean to her.

Reminiscing on what has brought her to this point in her life, Leigh thought back to the things she learned while playing alone as the sole member of the SCHS Girls' Golf team her last two years.

"I think the main thing I learned has been being able to stay focused and rely mostly on myself for encouragement," she concluded.

Yes, her high school golf experience probably wasn't nearly as fun as it could have been, but the lessons she learned while playing on her own will help her more at Trevecca with her joining as the 10th member of the Women's Golf program.



Despite a frustrating end to her senior year in Regionals, SCHS' Anabel Leigh, (pictured) will continue her career at Trevecca as a walk-on starting this fall *Submitted Photo.*



Leigh approaches the green. *Submitted Photo.*

SCHS Baseball Holds Second Annual Free Youth Camp

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The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles baseball program has made it part of their mission to give back to the community whenever possible under Head Coach Chase Jones.

That has showcased itself in many different ways over the last couple of years, but perhaps no more than the annual free youth baseball camp they host in the first week of June.

"Last year was the first year we did the free camp, and we did it just because there is so much money, especially the ones that are playing travel ball, and for the ones that aren't playing travel ball, baseball has kind of become an elitist sport," Jones said, "and we wanted to give every kid every opportunity to come out and enjoy and play the game of baseball."

Last year, Jones said that they had to cut it off at 100 campers aged anywhere from five years old to 14, but this time around they were able to host about 120 kids across the two days of a usual three-day camp (heavy rain prevented them from holding camp on Wednesday).

Jones also realizes and is happy about how having his team help run the drills and the camp as a whole helps his own players just to keep sight of why they play the game in the first place: to have fun.

Despite the camp being ran by players who will be on the team next season, there was one now-former player that showed up. Carston Williams, a recent Millsaps College signee after an impressive senior season, wanted to give back to a community that has given him so much.

"For me, just being able to be a role model for the little kids. I have had 3 or 4, sometimes even close to 10 kids come up to me and hug me and say that I'm their favorite big kid. When I was little we used to have camps up here and I got to learn from the big kids then, and it made me appreciate baseball even more," Williams said.

"We really do this just to give back."

Jones had some strong words to say about what it meant for Williams to come back as well.

"That's who Carston [Williams] is. He gives back since I've been here [Carston's sophomore year]. As a player, he was one of those kids that after we'd get home from a ball game on a Tuesday night and I'm leaving and everybody is gone, Carston is in the facility hitting," Jones continued, "He's worked for himself, and he's worked for the team since he's been here and this is just a prime example. There's no reason for him to be here other than he knows we could use him to help coach these kids up."

"He's as selfless of an individual as you'll ever meet."

Coach Jones, as any coach would, hopes the rest of his team that is returning recognizes and sees the one-of-a-kind example that Williams set.

"I hope every one of our guys have noticed him and everything he's doing even as he's leaving. Carston loves this program, he loves baseball, but he also just loves giving back, and he's as good of a kid as I've probably ever coached," Jones continued.

Over the course of those two days, all of the members of the SCHS baseball program helped teached the kids not just how to play the game of baseball the right way, but also how to live life the right way.

For example, at the end of day two when Jones and the rest of his coaches were getting all 120 or so campers lined up for a group picture, Coach Williams had the campers yell back at him three phrases on how they should live: be givers, be warriors, and be hard workers.

"Basically this whole camp has been about teaching kids to work hard and give back," Carston Williams expressed.

"I would say it's about the same in terms of being a life lesson camp and a baseball camp."

Those baseball and life lessons were hammered home in just about every drill which included swing progressions, baserunning, fly balls, bunts, infield, and slides, but none more so than when a group of campers went inside to Coach Williams to talk about why you play the game. The entire reason is because of your love for the game, and it is important to remember that you play to have fun, and that was one of the main messages that Coach Jones and Carston Williams both – as well as everyone else – hope all 120 kids take with them leaving the camp.

"Sure, we'd love for all of them to come play at Central, but the reality is that as long as they're playing anywhere and having fun doing it, that's really all that matters to us," Williams concluded.



The SCHS youth baseball camp saw at least 120 campers show up this year. *T-G Photos.*

Breakdown Of MTSU Men's Basketball Transfer Class

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In this week's transfer portal class review, we move on to take a look at the MTSU Men's Basketball team. There was a lot of movement both in and out of the program after an injury-riddled campaign last year that saw the Blue Raiders finish 14-19 (7-9) after going 19-14 last season.

There were high expectations under now seventh-year head coach, Nick McDivitt, going into last season, but in large part due to all the injuries, those expectations never had a chance to be met. Moving forward to this upcoming season, McDivitt has brought in a very intriguing five-man transfer class that, if healthy, could be fighting for an NCAA Tournament berth by the time March comes back around.

Kamari Lands, Essam Mostafa, Jlynn Counter, Jarred Hall, and Christian Fussell are the five members of the most recent incoming transfer class while Jared Coleman-Jones, Josh Ogundele, and Jestin Porter all entered their names into the transfer portal.

Outgoing Transfers

Porter and Coleman-Jones were key contributors to last season's team averaging 14 points per game and 11 PPG with 7.6 RPG respectively. The 6-foot 10-inch Coleman-Jones was a solid interior presence for the Blue Raiders, playing 28.8 minutes per game. He recently committed to San Diego State for his final year of eligibility. The 6-foot 1-inch Porter is still listed as uncommitted at the time of this print. He shot 33.7% 3PT last season and 39.9% FG overall in 31.8 minutes per game, stepping up to fill voids left by injuries early in the season.

Kamari Lands

Lands is a 6-foot 8-inch junior forward who came off the bench at Arizona State for the majority of last season, averaging 4.5 PPG and 2.5 RPG in 18.8 MPG. He shot just 28.4% FG on 5.1 FGA per game and 27.9% 3PT on 2.7 attempts per game. On film, Lands actually has a pretty smooth looking jump shot, so the Blue Raiders are hoping that with potentially more attempts and reps he will find a rhythm from



Kamari Lands (0) averaged 4.5 PPG in 18.8 MPG at Arizona State last season. *Photo courtesy of Arizona State University Athletics.*

range.

On the offensive end, Lands is a complementary piece who is being brought in to provide some spacing for MTSU's guards. He did not shoot well off the dribble last season, shooting 22% eFG on those attempts, but he was more productive in catch and shoot opportunities as well as in transition.

The lanky forward also possesses the capabilities and tools to be a good defender as well. In a league dominated by physical defense to cover up for some offensive deficiencies a team might have, Lands has the potential to fit nicely into McDivett's aggressive style of defense.

Essam Mostafa

The 6-foot 10-inch Mostafa is an uber-talented center transferring in from TCU that saw a dip in both his playing time and statistics last season, and he is coming to Murfreesboro looking for one last chance as a senior. The Egyptian played his first four seasons – one being a redshirt year – at Coastal Carolina, averaging 12.5 points and 9.4 rebounds on 27.6 minutes per game. He averaged a double-double in his final year with the Chanticleers with 12.4 PPG and 10 RPG – leading the Sun Belt in rebounding and double-doubles – before transferring to TCU.

Last season at TCU he seemed to get lost among the fold, averaging less than 3 PPG and just over 3 RPG in less than 10 minutes per game. He shot 59% around the rim for the Horned Frogs last season which accounted for about three-quarters of all of his field goal attempts (74%)

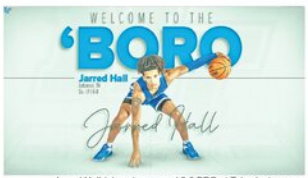
However, in his limited action last season, Mostafa showed off his ability to block and contest shots with a 4.9% block rate. Going back to Coastal Carolina, he even averaged over one block per game in his redshirt-sophomore season. He also showed off an ability to crash the offensive glass, posting an offensive rebounding rate of nearly 20% for the Horned Frogs. He showcased an ability to post-up at times, but the majority of his scoring last season came off of rim-running in transition, on putbacks, or from cuts to the basket.

Jlynn Counter

Counter is a 6-foot 3-inch junior guard from IUPUI who committed to MTSU at the end of April. In his two years with the Jaguars, he started all but five games total, averaging 14.4 points, 3.9 rebounds, 3.1 assists, and 1.2 steals while playing



Essam Mostafa (44) averaged a double-double in his final season at Coastal Carolina with 12.4 PPG and 10 RPG before trasnferring to TCU last year. *Photo courtesy of Coastal Carolina University Athletics.*



Jarred Hall (above) averaged 2.8 PPG at Tulsa last season. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*



Jlynn Counter (0) averaged 14.4 PPG while at IUPUI. *Photo courtesy of IU Indy Athletics.*

from three on the left wing, accounting for 10% of his scoring last season.

The hard-nosed guard also has a great eye for his teammates with a 23% assist rate with IUPUI last year, and he is a very competent ball handler in the pick-and-roll. He also likes to score off ball screens, averaging 0.72 PPP when he is the primary ball handler, but he is extremely efficient playing off the ball as well. Counter averaged 1.08 PPP on spot ups, putting him in the 78th percentile last year, and he also loves to get out and run in transition, averaging 1.03 PPP on the fastbreak.

One of the things that Counter will have to work on is cutting down his turnovers. He averaged almost four turnovers per game in his sophomore season before averaging 3.4 last season.

Jarred Hall

Hall is a sophomore 6-foot 8-inch forward from Tulsa, but he originally played his high school basketball in Lebanon.

The former Golden Hurricane comes back to Murfreesboro after averaging just 10 minutes per game in 24 appearances at Tulsa last season. In those 10 minutes, he averaged 2.8 points. 2.3 rebounds, and shot 30% FG on two attempts per game.

Hall will provide some extra depth on the frontlines, and will look to improve and have a chance to compete for more playing time than what he saw in Tulsa last season.

Christian Fussell

Fussell, a 6-foot 10-inch forward, will return to the Blue Raiders for his final year of college basketball after transferring to UT-Martin.

"We are excited to welcome Christian back into our Middle Tennessee Basketball family," Head Coach Nick McDevitt said after Fussell signed, per MT Athletics. "He possesses the size, skill and experience that we were seeking to help complete our 2024-25 roster. He spent three seasons playing in Murfreesboro playing in almost sixty games as a Blue Raider. His transition back into our systems should be quick and seamless."

Fussell averaged 2.5 points and 1.8 rebounds in 9.8 minutes per game over his first three years at MTSU. Last year with the Skyhawks his stats took a tiny dip, so this year he returns to Murfreesboro to try and help the Blue Raiders compete for the C-USA title like he did in 2021-22.



Christian Fussell 15) played a part in MTSU winning the 2021-22 C-USA East Division before transferring to UT-Martin before last season. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

Football Kickoff Times, TV Announced by C-USA

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Conference USA announced its broadcast schedule for the 2024 football season on Thursday along with 11 of 12 kickoff times for the Blue Raiders.

The conference announced six Blue Raider games on ESPN Platforms (ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU or ESPN+), four on CBS, and one on the SEC Network. TV for the non-conference game with Memphis will be announced at a later date.

The Blue Raiders will open the 2024 season at home against Tennessee Tech on Aug. 31 at 6 PM on ESPN+ before traveling to Ole Miss the following week for a 3:15 PM kick on the SEC Network.

MTSU will open its conference slate on Sept. 14 against WKU at 6 PM and that game will be broadcast on ESPN+. The Blue Raiders will host Duke on Sept. 21 at 6 PM and it will be shown on one of the ESPN Platforms.

The Blue Raiders will then head to Memphis on Sept. 28 to face the in-state Tigers. Television and kickoff times were not available at the time of this release.

Middle Tennessee's next three games will all be midweek broadcasts on national outlets. At Louisiana Tech on CBS Sports Network Oct. 10 (7 PM), hosting Kennesaw State on Oct. 15 (7 PM) on CBS Sports Network then traveling to Jacksonville State on Oct. 23 (6:30 PM) on ESPN2.

The Blue Raiders will then play their next two games on CBS Sports Network at UTEP on Nov. 2 (2:30 PM) and at home against Liberty on Nov. 9 (12 PM).

The final two regular season games on Nov. 23 vs New Mexico State and Nov. 30 at FIU have both been designated ESPN Platform broadcasts. The NMSU game will kickoff at 1:30 PM while FIU will start at 1 PM.

All games designated "ESPN Platforms" (ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU or ESPN+) are subject to the 12-day selection window and all kick times are subject to change based upon television placement.

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2024 Middle Tennessee Football Schedule

Aug. 31 TENNESSEE TECH (ESPN+) (6 PM)
Sept. 7 at Ole Miss (SEC Network) (3:15 PM)
Sept. 14 WKU (ESPN+) (6 PM)
Sept. 21 DUKE (ESPN Platforms) (6 PM)
Sept. 28 at Memphis (TBA)
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Nov. 9 LIBERTY (CBSSN) (12 PM)
Nov. 23 NEW MEXICO STATE (ESPN Platforms) (1:30 PM)
Nov. 30 at FIU (ESPN Platforms) (1 PM)
Dec. 6 CUSA Championship Game (CBS Sports Network) (7 PM)

Conference games in bold.

Home games in ALL CAPS.

All times are central.

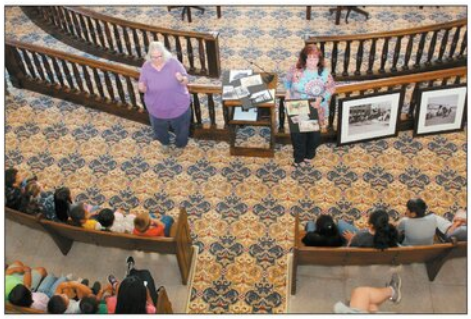
All dates subject to change.





SUMMER LEARNING CAMP STUDENTS TOUR COURTHOUSE

East Side Elementary students toured the historic courthouse on Thursday, May 30. Archivist Carol Roberts and deputy Kathryn Hopkins conducted the tour, with facts about the courthouse, the square, and Bedford County history. There were approximately 80 of the K-5 summer learning students in attendance. They said they had so much fun seeing and learning about the maps, the courtroom and the old phone booth. For more information about courthouse tours, contact the archives at 931-735-6916 or archives@bedfordcountytn.gov.





Bedford County Sees Drop in Unemployment Rate

Bedford County experienced a positive shift in its unemployment rate in April, according to the latest data from the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD).

The county's unemployment rate dropped to 2.6% from 2.9% in March, reflecting a 0.3 percentage point decrease. This improvement indicates a strengthening local job market.

The labor force in Bedford County stands at 22,115 individuals, with 21,536 employed and 579 unemployed. The unemployment rate is calculated by dividing the number of unemployed individuals by the total labor force, then multiplying by 100 to get a percentage. This calculation provides insight into the proportion of the labor force that is actively seeking work but unable to find employment.

The broader Upper Cumberland region, which includes Bedford County, also saw a decline in unemployment, with the overall rate falling to 2.9% from 3.2%. This trend is consistent across other counties in the region, such as Clay County, which saw its rate drop to 4.1% from 4.5%, and Jackson County, which improved to 3.2% from 3.4%. Statewide, all 95 counties in Tennessee reported lower unemployment rates for April. Williamson County recorded the state's lowest rate at 2%, a 0.2 percentage point drop from March, followed by Sevier County with a rate of 2.1%, down 0.4 percentage points. Despite having some of the highest unemployment rates in the state, Clay and Lauderdale counties both saw their rates decrease to 4.1%, each experiencing a 0.4 percentage point drop. Bledsoe County recorded the second-highest rate at 3.9%, down 0.3 percentage points from March.

The statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also reached an all-time low of 3.1%, a 0.1 percentage point decrease from the previous month. In addition to reporting on unemployment rates, the TDLWD is promoting the Youth Employment Program (YEP) for young adults aged 14-24. This state-funded program matches participants with employers who provide mentorship and meaningful employment opportunities, allowing each young person to earn up to $4,000. More information can be found at YEPTN.com.

The statewide unemployment data for May 2024 will be released on Thursday, June 27, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. CDT.

For a complete analysis of the unemployment data for each county, as well as data for Tennessee's cities and metropolitan and micropolitan areas, please visit the TDLWD website.

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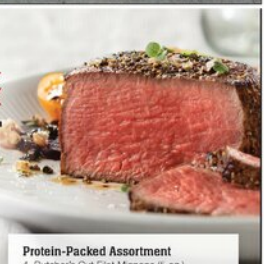

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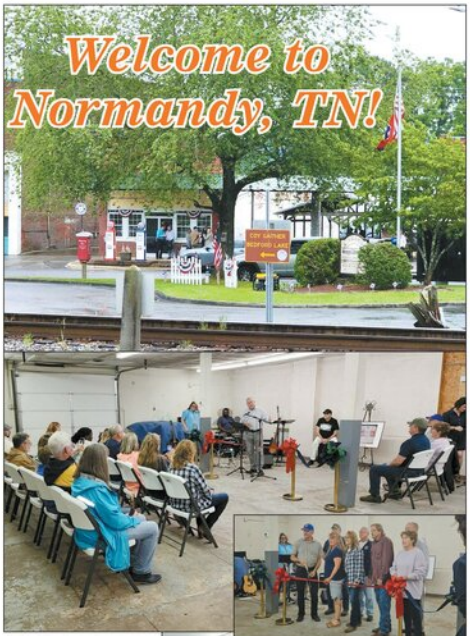

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The Town of Normandy had a lot to celebrate last weekend with the opening of the new Town Hall and the dedication of its Memorial Walkway. This marks great progress for the small, Bedford County community.

County Commissioner Linda Yockey, who was present for the event, stated: "This is an awesome endeavor by the Town of Normandy. The town hall will provide the much-needed office space for conducting business and storage of records. As well, the town flags are beautiful and the pavement markers only add to the heritage. Mayor [Charles] Whitaker and Mrs. [Rhonda] Comstock are to be commended for all their hard work to bring Normandy "back"! (Comstock is the town recorder of Normandy.)

Special music for the program was presented by Jenny Johnson and Jerry Fox.

Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham was present for the ribbon cutting and made remarks.

"I very much enjoyed taking part in the Town of Normandy's dedication ceremony for their town hall grand opening, memorial walkway, vintage gas pumps, and banners-all of which looked great! Normandy has a vibrant history which deserves to be showcased and town leadership is to be commended for their efforts to preserve and promote Normandy's heritage. Not only will the Normandy community benefit from these enhancements; the whole of Bedford County will benefit."





Congratulations Emily Grace Lewis!



Emily Grace Lewis of Columbia graduated from UT Knoxville Veterinary College 2024.

She is the daughter of Scott and Angela Lewis and the granddaughter of Albert and Mary Crosslin of Wartrace.

Dr. Lewis graduated with a 4.0 GPA.

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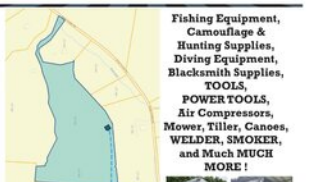

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