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Daughter follows dad into law enforcement career

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It's bound to be quite unusual around here for a father and daughter to be in law enforcement. Meet Sydney Segroves and her "No. 1 Dad" Jeff Segroves.

As she prepares to celebrate with her dad Father's Day 2024, Sydney talks about her chosen career. (Some readers may remember Sydney, who worked a few years ago as a stringer sports writer/photographer for the Shelbyville Times-Gazette.)

"I would say he had a part in me choosing the law enforcement route. Growing up, he was in law enforcement and I was surrounded by that career setting."

She followed her dad into police department work and hasn't looked back since. "Due to us being relatives, I could not officially work on the same rotation as him but I would be able to see him on calls sometimes. It was fun to have him have to respond to assist me in a situation."

It's nice to have family with you when you work as a law enforcement officer, according to Sydney.

Privy to the job, does she worry about him more? Perhaps.

And of course that works both ways with dad worrying about his "little girl" in uniform. But Sydney notes he's been a very supportive dad.

"I would say he is the No. 1 Dad . . . he has allowed me to grow up knowing that you have to be stronger than you ever could imagine in law enforcement. He not only is amazing as a law enforcement officer but he is also an amazing father outside the uniform. He knows how to be a family-oriented father and grandfather to his grandchildren."



Submitted Photo

Jeff Segroves congratulates his daughter, Sydney Segroves, following her completion of law enforcement academy.



Photo submitted by Kassi Miller

NO. 1 DAD!

Patrick Thomas and Austyn Gerber enjoy Tennessee Walking Horses and blue ribbons. Kassi Miller writes of their No. 1: "Patrick is a horse trainer here in the heart of walking horse country. Regardless of his busy and demanding schedule, making time and including Austyn in his love for the horse has grown their bond and created memories they will never forget. Being a dad is more than just a role or a name, it's how they choose to make the commitment to be consistently present and invested in the well-being of a child. Patrick exemplifies these characteristics and chooses to be that role, not because he has to but because he wants to. Needless-to-say, Austyn's life has been nothing short of a blue-ribbon ride ever since Patrick came into her life."



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Ford and Judson Sommers love their dad, no doubt. Judson, age 5, says: "My Dad, Zane Sommers, is the best because he lets me drive his R/C cars. Looks like Dad makes good smores as well! See more submitted photos and ads on page 12 today. Happy Father's Day from all of us at the T-G!

Dads: Shelbyville has its own sports memorabilia store

Keith Wallace enjoys every bit of managing the business

By DAWN HANKINS

Keith Wallace just might be every young kid's dream dad. You see, he manages the Jon English Antique Sports & Cards shop at 204 E. Depot St., on the public square.

"People come in and say, 'man, I wish I could do what you're doing all day long,'" notes Keith. "It's a fortunate thing to be able to do it." This store, a former record shop in the day, is now filled with Cincinnati Reds, Dodgers and other antique team sport memorabilia, antique bats, autographed photos, pendants and sports trading cards.

Upon visiting the store, one will see leather helmets in the original boxes and laced-up basketballs. That's pretty cool, according to Keith.

Since opening, Jon has added some local items from this county on display. Great-grandparents might remember some of the football gear in the store.

A few years ago, owner Jon asked Keith to manage the store as he has a construction business in Nashville. Keith's wife works for Jon. So, it seemed a logical fit, according to the Stewart County native.

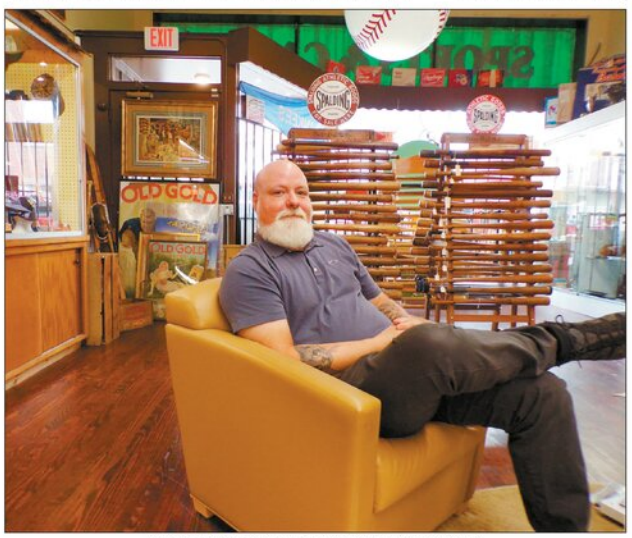
Jon is a former athlete and has for many years operated a successful online sports memorabilia business. Just a few years ago, he put down roots on this Shelbyville square shop.

Keith must really love it. He commutes from Nashville every day to Shelbyville.

Jon is usually in the store on Saturdays. (See the store ad this page for store hours.) "He enjoys talking to the people who come in. I do too."

Keith said he was more of a bookish kid than an athlete in high school. Though, he had considered

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KEITH WALLACE, MANAGER OF ANTIQUE SPORTS AND CARDS

Council prepares to finalize the 2024-2025 budget

Property tax rate currently set at $1.48

By DAWN HANKINS

Shelbyville City Council is currently holding workshops for finalization of the next fiscal year budget. As of June 7, the proposed City property tax rate is currently $1.48 per $100 assessed property value.

City department heads and those nonprofits still included in the City's annual budget notebook, sat in the hot seat last Friday and explained their monetary requests for the coming year.

City officials said during last Friday's 2-hour budget review that decisions will first have to be made on a "needs" basis.

There is so much that goes into the fiscal year budget. Having set Friday's meeting for 2 hours, Council ran out of time to get to all requests last week. Another study session was planned for Wednesday, June 12. Some of the items during the brief overview of the proposed budget notebook on Wednesday were to include more City department and agency requests. The parks department and the cemetery were presentations to be made.

See page 2 today for the City's current estimated figures for the 2024-2025 budget. Note: It was mentioned during last Friday's meeting that all the City is required by law to post, regarding the new fiscal year budget, is estimates. So, during some of the forthcoming meetings in June, it is possible some changes could be made.

At this printing, the 2024 estimated ending fund balance

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Pet of the Week

See the touching story of our pet of the week, Wally, the Cocker Spaniel. Submit your pet stories for a possible future edition.

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Historical Society Meeting

Bedford County Historical Society will hold its summer quarterly meeting on June 17, including a program to shed light on many leaders of this era who are all but forgotten.

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From left, Jenny Barber, Carlie Belle Barber and Dad, Tad Barber.

Submitted by Tracy Watson:

"Tad is tough and quiet on the outside but warm, loving and 100% devoted to his wife and daughter. Actually, he'd give the shirt off his back to any of his friends. He may have the rest of the world fooled but those that know him well know his heart."





A Funderburk Family Business

While Tim Funderburk is father, and business partner, to his two sons, Jake and Jared, he's also become somewhat of a fatherly figure to his middle Tennessee McDonald's employees. He's awarded several of them over $40,000 in college tuition reimbursement through the Archways to Opportunity program.

Funderburk is an owner-operator of 20 McDonald's restaurants across middle Tennessee, including the newest on North Main Street in Shelbyville.

Funderburk's tuition program provides eligible McDonald's employees with a chance to earn a high school diploma, receive upfront college tuition assistance, access free education advising services and learn English as a second language.

Restaurant managers can receive up to $3,000 in college tuition assistance while crew members can receive up to $2,500.

As a dad, Tim and his sons are all in business together. They're a father and son crew, now owning over 20 restaurants across Shelbyville and surrounding cities.

They also have locations in Tullahoma, Fayetteville, Manchester, Sparta, Winchester, Livingston, Gordonsville, Cookeville, Lewisburg, Smithville, Monteagle, Carthage, Algood, Christiana, Baxter, McMinnville and Woodbury.

Many people can thank their fathers for teaching them important life lessons like the value of hard work. But it's doubtful most are able to learn those skills by working with their dad firsthand.

It's a Funderburk family business. Tim thanks his own father for teaching him for nearly 30 years about business. Tim joined his dad, Larry, in their McDonald's career in 1991, with just a trio of restaurants.

The duo has grown together as father and son, as business partners, and as owner-operators. Tim has now passed down his success and wisdom to his two sons, Jared and Jake, who are taking on more ownership responsibility in areas like Shelbyville and Manchester.



Saturday, June 15, will be a packed day of local events!

By DAWN HANKINS
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There's plenty to do this weekend in Shelbyville and Bedford County. Yes, really. Residents can enjoy all kinds of events like Saturday's Juneteenth program on the public square and or the Shelbyville Police Department's 2nd annual Cops and Rodders car show.

There's more!



JUNETEENTH

The annual Juneteenth program will be held at the historic courthouse on the public square on Saturday. (The official observed holiday falls on Wednesday, June 19.) County and City offices are closed that day.

The event is co-sponsored by Gilliland Historical Resource Center, Inc., and the Rosenwald Rec and Community Center. This year's theme is, "A Day About Freedom." A parade starts at 10 a.m. (Line up at 9.) Opening ceremonies are at 11 a.m.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., there will be arts and crafts and entertainment.

The awards ceremony for best parade and coloring page will begin at 1 p.m.

CAR SHOW

The SPD car show, which benefits the police department benevolent fund, is planned for 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 15, at Shelbyville Central High School on Eagle Boulevard. Go to the SPD Facebook page for more information on how to register as a participant.

HAND ME AN RC COLA!

Also on Saturday, you'll find the 29th annual RC-MoonPie festival going on in the Town of Bell Buckle. Please, be patient. The crowd is expected to be large.

But anyone who's ever been will tell you it is totally worth it!

As for musical events, well, it's all about Viva Elvis! The town has planned this year a musical contest-better than "American Idol" hands down. And you get to decide the winner.

So "don't be cruel" and head on out to Bell Buckle for some fun while supporting this great Bedford County town. Of course, this event always culminates with the biggest MoonPie! What will the flavor be this year? You've got to attend to find out!

The Mid-State Cloggers will perform about 10:30 a.m. They put on a great show!

The Town of Bell Buckle and Chamber of Commerce have the red carpet rolled out for you this Saturday, June 15. To all who support this event every year, Bell Buckle folks say: "Thank you! Thank you, very much!"

There are more activities going on around the area. Check out our Community Calendar for information on local happenings.

Send your community happenings to dawn@richardsonmediagroup.net.

KEITH WALLACE

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playing football.

He describes himself as, you know, one who likes and respects Mark Twain books. But always those rare editions with the original jacket cover.

So, he and his boss share a lot in common, particularly the antiquity behind it all. Keith still loves collecting books, though he's pretty selective. Collections can get massive, he says.

Keith says thanks to his past business experience dealing with antiquarian books, he got the feel pretty fast of the trading card end of Jon's business. The two now attend conferences-those pretty similar to Comic-Con.

Keith says now, Jon is opening up a division of comic books. He pointed to some newly boxed "Archie Comics" dating back to the 1940s and 1950s.

"Remember "JugHead?"

There are also classic super hero comic books still in the box. His job is to shelve the collection of about 15,000.

"That's a new thing for us now," says Keith. "We are now in the comic book business."

He explains that Jon found a collection of Golden Age comic books. "The Good Stuff, guess you could say. These include heroes like the first Iron Man."

"We've got to go through them and figure out which ones need to be graded. He said it's pretty similar to the same way you grade baseball cards.

People pay for big slabs, he has observed.

"I personally collect comic books. That's what I did as a kid. Jon knew that. That's why he is comfortable buying them. I never got any of mine graded. So, this is new for both of us."

Keith and Jon agree and work well together. "I'm Jon's main man, I guess you'd say. I help manage everything for Jon."

"It has become a full-time business. When we first started, we were only operating on Saturdays. I had another job."

It's so popular now, Keith says the store supports his salary.

Jon and Keith say they enjoy the Shelbyville store location-everything, which upon visiting, one will find it to be a really relaxed atmosphere. They encourage people to sit a spell-talk about watching baseball with your dad or playing.

Like Jon, Keith loves to talk about the store. Now, there's more to love in the comic book section, he notes.

He has a pretty cool boss, he says, because Jon has always said while it is nice to sell the merchandise, more important is the history behind each piece. And they've found people enjoy that aspect as much as the collecting.





Fifteen local students on UT-K dean's list

Bedford County is celebrating the outstanding academic achievements of its students, as numerous locals have made the University of Tennessee-Knoxville's spring 2024 dean's list.

This prestigious recognition honors students who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and excellence in their studies.

To qualify for the dean's list, undergraduate students must achieve a term grade point average (GPA) of 3.90 to 4.00 (summa cum laude), 3.70 to 3.89 (magna cum laude), or 3.50 to 3.69 (cum laude). Additionally, students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours, excluding satisfactory/no-credit courses, to be eligible for this honor.

The following students from Bedford County have earned a place on the dean's list for spring 2024:

- Skylar R. Cadenhead from Unionville, Summa Cum Laude
- Natalie T. Combs from Bell Buckle, Cum Laude
- Hanah B. Crego from Bell Buckle, Cum Laude
- Lilly N. Dye from Unionville, Cum Laude
- Emma C. Gospodarek from Shelbyville, Summa Cum Laude
- Althea G. Lloyd from Bell Buckle, Summa Cum Laude
- Aria R. Majerus from Shelbyville, Summa Cum Laude
- Caleb L. Molder from Bell Buckle, Cum Laude
- Rachel K. Phillips from Wartrace, Cum Laude
- Kathryn L. Pitts from Shelbyville, Summa Cum Laude
- Sophia L. Reed from Shelbyville, Summa Cum Laude
- Emma G. Rose from Shelbyville, Summa Cum Laude
- Casidy Sanders from Wartrace, Summa Cum Laude
- Grayson L. Tramel from Shelbyville, Cum Laude
- Evan E. Woosley-Reed from Shelbyville, Cum Laude

These students have achieved remarkable academic success, meeting and exceeding the high standards set by the university. Their hard work and commitment to their education are commendable and serve as an inspiration to their peers and the Bedford County community.

Congratulations to all the honorees for their exceptional accomplishments.

Bedford County is proud of your achievements and wishes you continued success in your academic and future endeavors.

Blue birds singing a song . . . Never saw things go oh so right

North Brittain Street to the square is open!!



T-G Photos by Dawn Hankins

NORTH BRITTAIN TO THE SQUARE REOPENED!

Shelbyville Mayor Randy Carroll, left, welcomed a crowd Wednesday morning to the official ribbon cutting of the reopening of the portion of North Brittain St., which runs by Koffee Beanz and the Capri Theatre. It has been cut off to the public for a while, due to massive road/utility construction.

Will Owen of Griggs & Maloney, the City's contracted engineer, talked to the crowd of City officials and personnel about the long path to the happy day of celebration. More on this event at the t-g.com website this week.









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CITY MANAGER SCOTT COLLINS, CITY RECORDER LISA SMITH AND CITY COUNCILMAN GARY HAILE WERE ALL IN ATTENDANCE AT WEDNESDAY'S SPECIAL RIBBON CUTTING. ONCE THIS NORTH BRITTAIN STREET PROJECT WAS COMPLETE, IT WAS TIME FOR COUNCIL AND CITY ADMINISTRATION TO CELEBRATE. WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO KNOW WHAT ENGINEER WILL OWENS IS THINKING WHEN HE SURVEYS THE COMPLETED NORTH BRITTAIN STREET PROJECT. IT HAS TAKEN A WHILE. CITY MAYOR RANDY CARROLL EXPLAINS THE COMPLEXITY OF THE NORTH BRITTAIN STREET TO THE SQUARE PROJECT. MORE ON THIS PROJECT TO COME ON T-G.COM THIS WEEK!

A NICE CROWD OF CITIZENS, MEDIA, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND CITY EMPLOYEES ATTENDED WEDNESDAY'S RIBBON CUTTING TO CELEBRATE A REAL EXPENSIVE STREET PROJECT BEING COMPLETED. BUCK VALLAD, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, HELD THE HONORARY SCISSORS AS HIS CREW WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THIS PROJECT.

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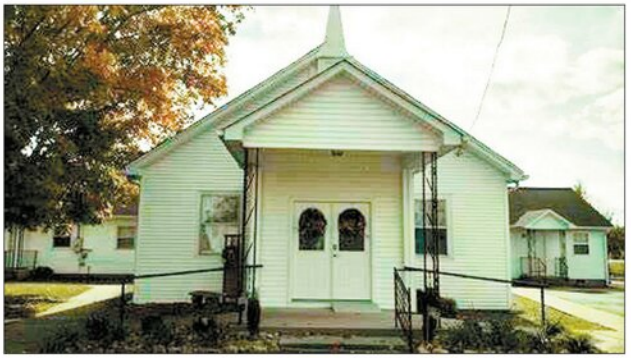
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Shiloh Outreach Church, Highway 64 West in Wheel, will host its annual Community Fish Fry, Saturday, June 15, from 5-8 p.m. There will be fish, chicken and all the fixings with music and games for children.

New York performs another Kyle Thomas play

Kyle Thomas of Shelbyville has just returned from yet another trip to New York City, where his latest play-- Clocks Are Like Angels-- was just performed as part of the 2024 Rogue Theatre Festival. This is the third successive year that Rogue has selected one of Kyle's plays to be presented, and it is the second year in a row that Murfreesboro Little Theatre was able to cast and produce it and take a show on the road to the big city!

Additionally, aside from the Rogue Festival, Clocks just won the 2024 Best New Play award, presented by Playwrights First. As a result, later this year they will produce a staged reading with professional actors in New York City, in a room full of Broadway producers! Exciting times.

This coming weekend (June 14-16) the Murfreesboro Little Theatre team is going to bring the show home and present Clocks at Oaklands Mansion in Murfreesboro. The show will start at 8 pm all three nights, and Friday night is going to be their VIP night, complete with wine and charcuterie and live music before the show.

We will catch up with Kyle and have a complete story in next week's Times-Gazette!



Grief on Father's Day

One of the most famous passages, Matthew 5:4 from the Beatitudes, says, «Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.»

Typically, Dad is the one who cracks the jokes, gives you that great advice about life and makes sure you're safe. But how does one cope when a parent dies suddenly?

Some will experience Father's Day this year-without Dad for the first time.

Consider what that must feel like. The loss of a loved one can be difficult to confront.

That difficulty might have been heightened in recent years, when a global pandemic has caused the death of millions, including many people who were otherwise healthy prior to contracting the COVID-19 virus.

Each individual may experience the grieving process in their own unique way, but the American Psychological Association notes that researchers have found that social support and healthy habits can help most people recover from loss.

The APA also urges individuals to speak with a licensed mental health professional if they are dealing with severe or complicated grief, a condition marked by broad changes to all personal relationships, a sense of meaninglessness, a prolonged yearning or searching for the deceased, and a sense of rupture in personal beliefs.

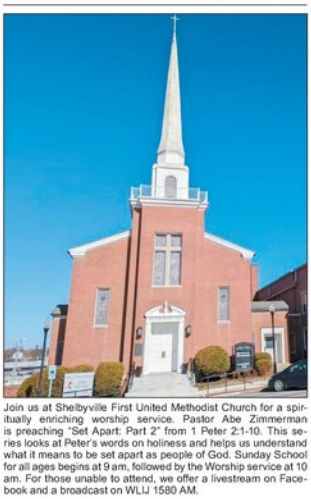
The APA reports that some additional strategies may help grieving individuals process and come to terms with the loss of a loved one.

• Discuss the death of your loved one. The APA notes that avoiding talking about a deceased loved one can lead to isolation and a disruption in the healing process. Speaking about the death of a loved one can help individuals understand what happened, and that understanding can facilitate the healing process.

• Take care of your health. Mental Health America, a community-based nonprofit committed to promoting mental health, urges individuals dealing with the loss of a loved one to take care of their own health. After losing a loved one, some people may be in danger of developing a dependence on medication or alcohol that they're using to deal with their grief. It's important that grieving individuals recognize that threat and the role that maintaining one's personal health can play in the healing process. Regular contact with your physician, routine exercise and a healthy diet can promote personal health and may help individuals avoid the pitfalls of addiction after the death of a loved one.

• Accept your feelings. The APA notes that its normal for grieving individuals to experience a range of emotions, including sadness, anger and exhaustion. Individuals who feel overwhelmed by their emotions are urged to speak with a licensed mental health professional. Such professionals can recommend various strategies to cope with emotions that can sometimes feel overwhelming.

• Celebrate your loved one. The APA recognizes that many people find the anniversaries of a loved one's death to be especially difficult. The APA recommends individuals use such anniversaries as opportunities to celebrate their loved one's life. Plant a garden in a loved one's memory or honor them with a donation to a charity they supported. Such gestures can add some positivity to the anniversary and help in the healing process.



Join us at Shelbyville First United Methodist Church for a spiritually enriching worship service. Pastor Abe Zimmerman is preaching "Set Apart: Part 2" from 1 Peter 2:1-10. This series looks at Peter's words on holiness and helps us understand what it means to be set apart as people of God. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 am, followed by the Worship service at 10 am. For those unable to attend, we offer a livestream on Facebook and a broadcast on WLIJ 1580 AM.



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

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETING

Bedford County Democratic Party will meet at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, June 17 at their headquarters in the Executive Building (yellow brick building next to the Fly) at 210 South Main in Shelbyville.

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!



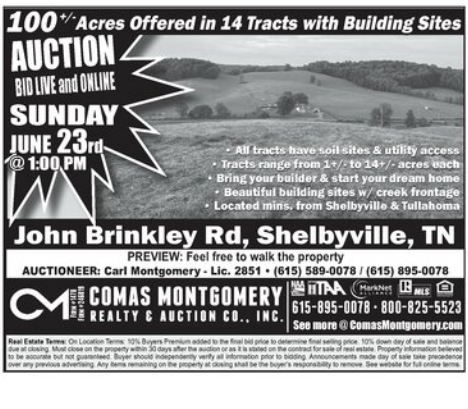
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CLASS REUNION OF COMMUNITY '69

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.

Bedford County Historical Society plans Civil War program

Bedford County Historical Society will hold its summer quarterly meeting on June 17 in the fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church on the square in Shelbyville. This meeting will be the second in a series celebrating the Historical Society's 50th Anniversary during 2024. A potluck supper will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by a short business meeting. Myers Brown will present the evening's program, "Ten Civil War Tennesseans You Should Know Something About, But Probably Don't." Tennessee was a crucial battleground for most of the Civil War, and while battlefields like Shiloh, Stones River, and Franklin resonate with most folks, many of Tennessee's leaders of this era have been all but forgotten. This program will shed new light on these ten important figures. Brown is a native of Old Hickory and currently serves as the executive director of Belmont Mansion in Nashville. Prior to joining Belmont Mansion, he served as director of Archival Collection Services and chief historian at the Tennessee State Library and Archives. He is author of two books: "Images of Tennessee's Union Cavalrymen" (December 2008) and "Images of Tennessee Confederates" (April 2011). He is an adjunct professor at Trevecca Nazarene University. Hosts for the meeting are: Carolyn Jones, Melissa Edwards, Marc Majors, John Cortner, and John Jones. The public is invited to bring a dish and enjoy the meal and program. Any questions should be directed to Society President Al Simmons at 680-6313.



BUDGET

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was $21,006,035 and for FY 2025 it is $12,465,305.

A public hearing is planned for June 25 at the Council Chambers, Planning & Codes Building, 100 N. Cannon Blvd. Anyone wishing to view the Ordinances may do so during normal business hours at City Hall, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

On the agenda for this upcoming called meeting is: an ordinance (as amended) of the City of Shelbyville, adopting the annual budget and tax rate for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

There is also an ordinance to make final amendments to the adopted budget ordinance (as amended) of the City of Shelbyville, regarding various funds for the fiscal year 2023-2024, the period ending June 30, 2024.

Always an interesting part of the budget approval process is appropriations for non-profit organizations for fiscal year 2024-2025. A resolution to approve has been set by Council.

Some of the items during the brief overview of the proposed budget notebook on Wednesday were to include more City department and agency requests. The parks department and the cemetery were presentations to be included.

The Times-Gazette will have stories in future editions regarding City department budget requests.

MONTHLY MEETING

Council meets in regular session 6 p.m. Thursday, June 13. On the agenda is a resolution amending Shelbyville's stormwater management manual.

Council will also consider a motion to approve a local tourism grant, which will be used for the Southern Summer Chili Days event held July 12-13. This would be paid from the hotel/motel tax-all of which Council decided some time ago to use for City tourism.

Council will consider a motion to approve $50,000 in additional attorney fees for representation in the local option sales tax issue (with the County) for FY24.



COMMUNITY FOCUS ON CRIME PREVENTION

Crime Information from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI)

With 80% of crimes in Tennessee having some drug-related nexus, combating illegal drug use and abuse is critical. But drug use in Tennessee has many different looks.

It is estimated that there are about 800 methamphetamine labs operating at any given time in the Tennessee. The consequence of meth use is devastating, causing irreversible and serious damage to the body, environmental damage from toxic chemicals, and thousands of dollars in lab clean-up costs.

But the drug that law enforcement officials in Tennessee are increasingly concerned about is heroin. While methamphetamine use in Tennessee has leveled off somewhat, heroin use is back on the rise. The heroin influx could pose an even bigger problem, with more deadly repercussions, because the drug is sometimes laced with an even more powerful and dangerous narcotic called fentanyl.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid used for severe pain, and is exponentially more potent than heroin. Pure fentanyl is so deadly it can prove fatal if simply absorbed through the skin. The effects of overdose can range from breathing problems to death.

Now, not only those using and abusing drugs are facing risks from drug use; Law enforcement personnel are also potential victims. TBI crime labs have received several samples of heroin laced with fentanyl and pure fentanyl packaged as heroin. In 2014, the TBI launched a program to provide handheld auto-injectors to Agents and Forensic Scientists in the labs who may come into contact with fentanyl.

A disturbing new discovery is compounding the problem of fighting drugs in Tennessee. Law enforcement agents recently recovered what appeared to be oxycodone pills during a traffic stop, with the same size, appearance and stamp of oxycodone. But a lab analysis determined these pills were counterfeit. They did not contain oxycodone, but instead contained fentanyl. The safety concern of this discovery is so great at the TBI issued a warning about this potentially dangerous drug recovery.

The concerns are not limited to illegal narcotics. Prescription drug abuse is causing increasingly serious problems in the state. Tennessee is ranked third in the country for prescription drug abuse, and cuts across demographics. Studies show that about 5% of Tennesseans have used pain relievers in the past year for non-medical purposes, and more than 70% of people who use prescription drugs for non-medical reasons got them from a friend or relative. The abuse of prescriptions drugs is having disastrous consequences in the state, including overdose deaths, increasing hospital costs and emergency room visits, children being put in state custody, and incarceration of drug-related crimes.

While the dangers of illegal drugs and abuse of legal drugs continues to change, it is incumbent upon law enforcement officers -- and the public -- to be vigilant in their fight of these substances. It requires an increased understanding of the dangers presented, as these drugs now not only present a threat to those using them, but also to those fighting the use.

County holds quick 30-minute session

Keith Davis sworn in as new commissioner

By DAWN HANKINS

During some recent paving construction around the square, the veteran specified parking signage was removed from the Bedford County historic courthouse parking area. Commissioner Linda Yockey said Tuesday night during the Bedford County Commission monthly meeting that the mayor needs to put the parking spaces back.

A motion was also made and approved to take the former "handicapped" parking signage that was at that spot and rename it as a "veterans handicapped"parking spot. These particular parking areas are near the veterans services entrance to the courthouse.

In other County news, Keith Davis was voted in by the Commission to replace Julie Sanders, who resigned as commissioner, effective June 7. Sanders, who has served her district for 10 years, is moving out of state.

Each commissioner can nominate a name in this re-appointment process. Keith was the only nomination made out of the original three who had thrown their hat in the ring a few weeks ago for the seat. The other two vying for District 7 were local pastor and missionary Bryan Nerren and new Shelbyville resident James Ludeman.

The final study session for budget will be June 25 at 6 p.m. This is the final look at the budget before it goes before the Commission for approval, the mayor advised.

UPCOMING BEDFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

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

MTSU Board of Trustees approves 5.39% tuition increase

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Middle Tennessee State University's Board of Trustees raised tuition and mandatory fees by 5.39% for the upcoming 2024-25 academic year during its quarterly meeting Tuesday, June 11, at the Miller Education Center.

The increase in undergraduate, graduate, and out-of-state tuition rates, recommended by the board's finance and personnel committee, was necessary to meet inflationary adjustments, rising utility costs, increased scholarships, expanded academic programs and other demands.

MTSU stated that it is expected to remain lowest in tuition and fees among the state's three largest universities, including the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and the University of Memphis.

"The committee reviewed materials containing the tuition rates of other Tennessee public institutions, as well as peer institutions, and found that even with the proposed fee increase, MTSU ranked as very affordable in comparison," said Committee Chair Pete DeLay.

The increase means an undergraduate in-state student taking 15 credit hours would pay an additional $518 per year.

Also, trustees approved an increase of 3.5% in housing rates.



Happy Father's Day to our fearless leader, Daniel Richardson.

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Calvary Baptist Church
Vacation Bible School
"Breaker Rock Beach"
June 24-28, 5:30-8:30
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New Sergeant

The Shelbyville Police Department recently announce Detective Nathaniel Everhart's promotion to Sergeant within the Criminal Investigations Division.

Sergeant Everhart has been a dedicated member of the Shelbyville Police Department since 2015 and has eight years of exemplary service in the Criminal Investigations Division. His commitment and hard work have been instrumental in solving numerous cases and serving our community with excellence.

"Please join us in congratulating Sergeant Everhart on this well-deserved promotion. We are confident in his continued leadership and contributions in his new role, and we look forward to the positive impact he will make," said Police Chief Jan Phillips.

Keith Davis sworn in as new District 7 Commissioner

Keith Davis, left, was elected Tuesday night by Bedford County Board of Commissioners to fill the remaining term of District 7 commissioner Julie Wells Sanders, who has resigned due to relocation out of her district. Each district has two commissioners; the other District 7 commissioner is Sylvia Pinson. Davis was elected unanimously by the 16 commissioners present Tuesday night. He was sworn in during the meeting by County Attorney John T. Bobo, right, and took his seat immediately. County Mayor Chad Graham, center, holds the microphone. The 7th District corresponds roughly to the northeast quadrant of Shelbyville and the citizens who vote at the Deery Eakin Elementary School precinct. (For complete district maps, go to https://www.bedfordcountytn.gov/departments/elections/index.php .)



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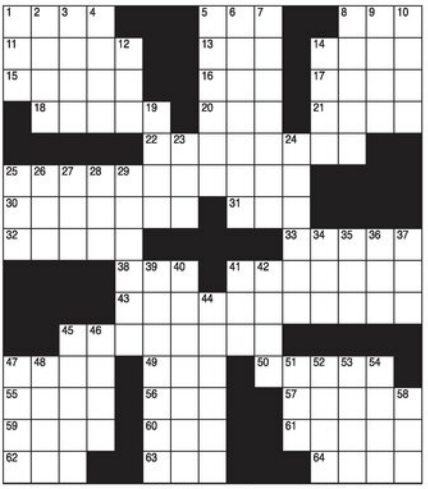
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SHELBYVILLE TIMES-GAZETTE

Crossword

CLUES ACROSS
1. Breezed through
5. Supervises interstate commerce
8. Unruly group
11. Backs away from
13. Expression of understanding
14. Have concern for
15. Monetary units
16. Congressman (abbr.)
17. Iranian city
18. Eating houses
20. 2,000 lbs.
21. Grandmother
22. They include North, South and Central
25. In an early way
30. Foes
31. Shuttered British entertainment magazine
32. One who unloads cages
33. Another term for sesame
38. Formally forbid
41. Make clear
43. Inaccessible
45. Get through
47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
49. Decameter
50. Type of sword
55. Actor Idris
56. Affirmative (slang)
57. Afflicted
59. One point north of northeast
60. Born of
61. Arabic name
62. Traditional Hong Kong street food: __ pai dong
63. Termination point
64. Email function

CLUES DOWN
1. Sign language
2. In style
3. Helsinki neighborhood
4. Unable to hear
5. More rapid
6. An idea accepted as a demonstrable truth
7. In a cagy way
8. Kate and Rooney are two
9. Algerian port
10. Community in Ladakh
12. Midway between south and southeast
14. Town in Galilee
19. Satisfy
23. Italian impressionist painter
24. Brass instrument
25. Chest muscle (slang)
26. Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm
27. Records electric currents generated by the brain
28. Woman (French)
29. Aircraft designed to carry lots of passengers
34. Baseball stat
35. Pointed end of a pen
36. Popular sports league
37. Body part
39. Unlikely to provoke dissent
40. Yellowish cotton cloth
41. Domesticated house pet
42. Untruths
44. Set out to attract
45. Spiritual leader
46. Abba __, Israeli politician
47. Repair
48. Genus of flowering plants
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. River in central Europe
54. Harness
58. Father



Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
It is important to have some deep conversations with a romantic partner to get to the root of issues that have come up, Aries. You may have an even deeper relationship after a discussion.
TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, if a particularly large purchase is on the horizon, you may need to adapt your budget accordingly. Start making small changes now so you'll have the extra cash.
GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Suddenly you are more mysterious than in the past, Gemini. You may be able to use this allure to make some new friends or networking contacts.
CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Practical visions run through your mind this week, Cancer. They include redecorating options or how to make the backyard more functional.
LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
You may have a desire to spend a lot of time with your family over the next few days, but at least one person is not enamored with interacting with you, Leo. You'll get to the bottom of it.
VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, recognition of your efforts at work could lead to some welcome news on the financial front. It can be tempting to spend that money in advance, but wait until you receive the news to start spending.
LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, this is a week to deal with any legal matters that you may have, including trusts and even real estate. Once these issues are settled, you can move on to some fun things.
SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you have an uncanny ability to blend both intellect and intuition when you make decisions. It helps form plans that have high chances of success in your career and life.
SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Relationships will become more solid and enduring this week, Sagittarius. You even may be able to work through a long-standing bit of tension with someone close to you.
CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
A newfound interest in nutrition and health inspires you to make changes to your diet and exercise routine, Capricorn. Alternative therapies also could be drawing your attention.
AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, perhaps you are thinking about expanding your horizons by taking classes in a creative pursuit, such as writing or music. These activities can benefit your mind in many ways.
PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Now might be a good time to start thinking about financial investments, Pisces. Work with other people who may offer recommendations on which avenues to pursue.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS
JUNE 16
Jonah Marais, Singer (26)
JUNE 17
KJ Apa, Actor (27)
JUNE 18
Richard Madden, Actor (38)
JUNE 19
Macklemore, Rapper (41)
JUNE 20
Nicole Kidman, Actress (57)
JUNE 21
Chris Pratt, Actor (45)
JUNE 22
Cyndi Lauper, Singer (71)

GRILL & BBQ WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

ACIDIC
ASADO
BARBECUE
BARK
BASTE
BRINE
BRISKET
BURGERS
CARRYOVER
CHAR
CHARCOAL
CHIMNEY
DRY-AGED
FLAME
FLAT
FORK-TENDER
GRILL
HEAT
LEAN
MARINADE
RIBS
RUB
SMOKE
TEMPERATURE

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!

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

Level: Beginner

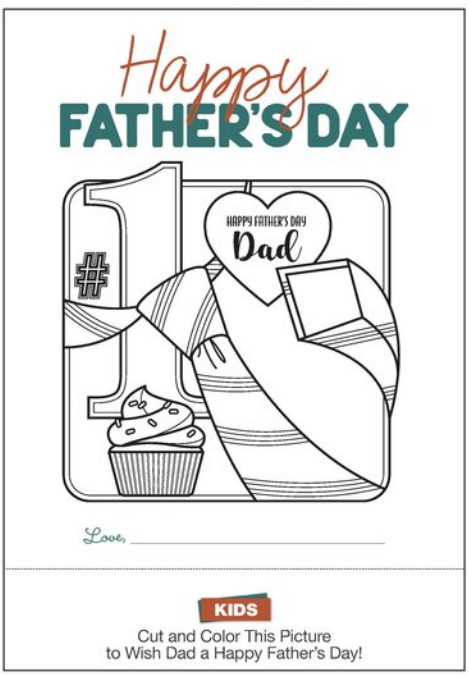
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	1				7	8		
		6	8		5	4		
					4		7	
	8			7		6		

Level: Intermediate

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

Level: Advanced

A	C	E	D				F	T	C			M	O	B
S	H	I	E	S			A	H	A		C	A	R	E
L	I	R	A	S			S	E	N		A	R	A	D
	C	A	F	E	S		T	O	N		N	A	N	A
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E	L	B	A		Y	E	P		A	I	L	E	D	
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KRYSTAL SHENEQUIE HUFFMAN, Plaintiff,
vs.
CHRISTOPHER BRANDON MABRY, Defendant.
Case No. 2023-PAT-13

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Upon motion of Petitioner and Sworn affidavit of Cousnsel for Petitioner, who have filed Petition to Establish Paternity and Set Visitation and Support, and for good cause shown, it is hereby

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:

1. Petitioner has conducted a diligent inquiry for Respondent as presented to this court with particularity in Petitioner's sworn petition or affidavit.

2. The best possible notice under the circumstances and notice reasonably calculated to give Respondent actual notice is by publication in The Shelbyville Times Gazette, a newspaper located in Bedford County, Tennessee.

NOTICE TO FATHER

In this cause, it appearing from the Order of Publication, that Petitioner, by and through counsel, has been unable to successfully serve Respondent, CHRISTOPHER BRANDON MABRY, though reasonable and diligent efforts have been made, it was Ordered that publication be made for four successive weeks, in The Shelbyville Times Gazette, to notify Respondent, CHRISTOPHER BRANDON MABRY, to file an answer with this court and send a copy to Petitioner's attorney, Debbie Z. Boudreaux, who's addres is 205 West Commerce Street, Lewisburg, TN 37091, within 30 days from the last date of publication, exclusive of the last date of publication, or a judgment by default may be entered against Respondent.

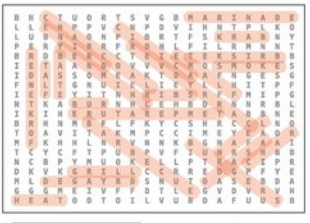
This 12th day of February, 2024.
/s/ Honorable Lee Busaart
/s/ Debbie Z. Boudreaux, #030416
McKenzie Law Firm, Attorney for Petitioner

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. Spurlock, Associate Counsel, State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, 1400 College Park Drive, Columbia, TN 38401, 931-777-9022.

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Bedford County Juvenile Court Judge









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INVITATION TO BID

South Central Human Resource Agency, P.O. Box 638, 1437 Winchester Hwy, Fayetteville, TN 37334 is accepting bids for our food market basket for the Head Start 2024/2025 school year. Bids will be received electronically until June 26, 2024 and no later than 10:00 A.M. CST.

Invitation to bid packets may be obtained by contacting the Finance Director at (931) 433-7182 ext 1112.

South Central Human Resource Agency reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Shelbyville City Council will hold a Public Hearing on the following Ordinances and Resolution at the Council Chambers, Planning & Codes Building, 100 N. Cannon Blvd, Shelbyville, Tennessee at a Special Called City Council Meeting on June 25, 2024, at 12:00 PM. Anyone wishing to view the Ordinances may do so during normal business hours at City Hall, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ordinances

An Ordinance (As Amended) of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee, Adopting the Annual Budget and Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024, and Ending June 30, 2025.

An Ordinance to Make Final Amendments to the Adopted Budget Ordinance (As Amended) of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee Various Funds, For the Fiscal Year 2023-2024, the Period Ending June 30, 2024.

Resolutions

A Resolution to Authorize Appropriations for Non-Profit Organizations for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Lisa Smith, City Recorder

Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: June 4

Location: Kennedy Rd; Seller, Elizabeth Jennings Byford; Buyer, Jeremy A Byford; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller,MaryIElmore;Buyer, Inda Browning; Price, $291,000 (Deed).

Location: Temple Ford Rd; Seller, Victor Swaim, Olive Jeanette Snipes Swaim, Harry E Swaim Sr; Buyer, Benny Rangel Bracho, Jennifer Alexander Diaz; Price, $255,900 (Deed).

File date: June 5

Location: Bryant Rd; Seller, Cedar Grove General Parnership, Cody Nash, Steve Nash, Terry Nash; Buyer, Derek Anglin, Jamie Anglin; Price, $199,900 (Deed).

File date: June 6

Location: 1963 Halls Mill Rd Unionville; Seller, Demarie Paige Riggs, Travis Lamour Riggs; Buyer, Dakota Worthen, Sydney Heath; Price, $299,900 (Deed).

Location: Hwy 82 East; Seller, Jeffery A Gilmore, Jeffery Kirk Gilmore; Buyer, Andrew Mike Graves; Price, $195,000 (Deed).

Location: 306 S Hillcrest Dr; Seller, Carlee L Smith, Clarence W Frederick, Anna Frederick; Buyer, Joe Garrett; Price, $140,000 (TRD).

Location: 214 Meadowbrook Dr Shelbyville; Seller, JC Builders LLC, H Allen Jones Jr; Buyer, Luis Ato, Leslie Ato; Price, $314,900 (Deed).

Location: 204 Chevelle Ct Shelbyville; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Angela Danner; Price, $362,990 (Deed).

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

File date: June 7

Location: 204 Greenbriar Ave Shelbyville; Seller, Tammy Melinda Brown, Michael Gary Mathews, Melody Suzanne Mathews, Melissa Paige Adams; Buyer, Laura Joynes, Donald Joynes; Price, $437,500 (Deed).

Location: 397 Naron Rd Shelbyville; Seller, Tamara Helm, Tamara L Knotts, Russell Raymond Helm; Buyer, Chanler Jace Holt; Price, $415,000 (Deed).

Location: 426 Tines Dr Shelbyville; Seller, Angela Bledsoe; Buyer, Rylan Kent Hartley, Breanna h Henrie; Price, $350,000 (Deed).

Location: 3768 Hwy 41A North Unionville; Seller, Christopher Jaco, Shelley Jaco; Buyer, R Blake Cammack, Melissa S Cammack; Price, $788,000 (Deed).

Location: 625 East Lane St Unit 625 G; Seller, Donnie Taylor, Charlotte Taylor; Buyer, Raymond S Caughman Jr; Price, $280,000 (Deed).

Location: South Britain St; Seller, Harlon Gordon Prince; Buyer, James E Farrar Sr; Price, $100,000 (Deed).

File date: June 10

Location: 300 Rose Ln Shelbyville; Seller, Saria L Price; Buyer, Lisa Faye Worrell; Price, $299,900 (Deed).

Location: 328 Winners Circle Shelbyville; Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, Scott Montgomery Smith, Socorro Vega Torres; Price, $349,990 (Deed).

Location: 322 Winners Circle Shelbyville; Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, Lesley Heiland; Price, $379,480 (Deed).

Seller, Tracy Hugh Walls, Bedford Louis Walls Estate, Bedford Walls; Buyer, Tracy Hugh Walls, Tracy Walls; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: New Hannah Gap Rd; Seller, Bernard J Vasa III; Buyer, Vasa Revocable Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

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The City of Shelbyville, Tennessee, hereby provides certain financial information for the Fiscal Year 2025 budget in accordance with the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated Title 6, Chapter 56, Section 206. There will be a public hearing concerning the budget at Council Chambers, Building, Codes & Planning Dept., 100 N. Cannon Blvd., on Tuesday, June 25th, at 12:00 p.m. (Noon).

	General Fund			State Street Aid Fund			Debt Reserve Fund		
	FY 2023 Audited	FY 2024 Estimated	FY 2025 Proposed	FY 2023 Audited	FY 2024 Estimated	FY 2025 Proposed	FY 2023 Audited	FY 2024 Estimated	FY 2025 Proposed
Revenues:									
Local Taxes	*18,459,320*	*16,869,500*	*17,062,392*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
State of Tennessee	*4,294,971*	*3,517,075*	*3,549,386*	*818,357*	*810,000*	*825,000*	*0*	*0*	*0*
Federal Government	*6,773,225*	*130,000*	*130,000*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
Other Sources	*4,220,829*	*4,770,189*	*3,924,096*	*29,028*	*45,000*	*25,000*	*100,000*	*100,000*	*100,000*
Total Revenues & Transfers-in	*33,748,345*	*25,286,764*	*24,665,874*	*847,385*	*855,000*	*850,000*	*100,000*	*100,000*	*100,000*
Expenditures:									
Salaries	*10,412,895*	*12,098,400*	*12,985,154*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
Other	*13,733,284*	*14,884,411*	*20,221,450*	*866,466*	*997,000*	*1,155,000*	*614,032*	*114,247*	*113,395*
Total Expenditures & Transfers-out	*24,146,179*	*26,982,811*	*33,206,604*	*866,466*	*997,000*	*1,155,000*	*614,032*	*114,247*	*113,395*
Beginning Fund Balance	*13,099,916*	*22,702,082*	*21,006,035*	*782,560*	*763,479*	*621,479*	*1,224,515*	*710,483*	*696,236*
Ending Fund Balance	*22,702,082*	*21,006,035*	*12,465,305*	*763,479*	*621,479*	*316,479*	*710,483*	*696,236*	*682,841*
Number FTE Employees	*225*	*232*	*238*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*

Joseph Michael DeLucia

Joseph Michael DeLucia, 59, of Christiana, died June 9, 2024. Funeral Services were held 1:00 P.M. Wednesday, June 12th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home with the Rev. Annette Gaines-Glimps and Toledo Johnson officiating. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation was Tuesday evening from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.



Joseph was born July 2, 1964 in Ramapo, New York. He was former Quality Supervisor for Barrett Firearms; a Tennessee Squire; a Titans season ticket member and a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Anthony DeLucia Sr.; his stepfather, Gerald Leroy Vail; and his brother, Robert Anthony Delucia Jr.

Joseph is survived by his mother, Joy Beams Vail (Larry) Allman of Shelbyville; his wife of 20 years, Tracie Brandon DeLucia; his children, Joe (Sasha) DeLucia of Christiana, Ashley (Daniel) McInturff of Manchester, Jeremy (John) Angel of Boston, MA., Rachel (Robby) Fulmer of Tullahoma; 8 grandchildren, Elle and Maddux McInturff, Hannah and Marlee Chessor, Andrew and Brody Fulmer, Kazmyn and Kamiya DeLucia; special nieces and nephews, Laquitta Curry, Jaxon and Drew Curry, Robert (Amie) DeLucia III and Kalen, Neyland and Kolston, Mary Blindt and Kyra and Braydon; special friends, Tammy and Shawn Cahill, Chris Buzille, Misty Pendergrast and many other family and friends.

Chris "Buck" Welch

Funeral services for Chris (Buck) Welch, age 62, of Petersburg, were held at 11 a.m.Thursday, May 2, 2024, at Higgins Funeral Home with Pastor Larry Hames and Bob Dunnivan officiating. Burial followed in the Welch Cemetery. Visitation with the family was from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at Higgins Funeral Home.



Chris was born on December 14, 1961, in Lincoln County. He worked for Inner City until they closed and currently worked for Marelli in Shelbyville. Buck loved spending time with his family, especially playing with his grandchildren, and Tiny, his Chihuahua. Chris passed away on April 28, 2024, at Marshall Medical Center in Lewisburg, TN.

Survivors include his mother, Janie Dunnivan; step-mother, Martha Welch; children, Nathan (Christi) Welch, Jason (Amanda) Welch, and Ashley (Chris) Dodson all of Petersburg; grandchildren, Alexis Welch, Francessica Minor, Jose Minor, Breann Minor, Alexis Welch, Kallissa Welch, Mason Welch, Lilah Welch, and Landree Welch; great-grandchildren, Jayce Locker, Caroline King, and Navy Minor; brothers, Mark (Becky) Welch, and Greg Welch both of Petersburg; sister, Wendy (Randy) Crutcher of Petersburg; and numerous nieces and nephews. Chris was preceded in death by his father, William Thomas Welch.

Higgins Funeral Home is honored to be serving the family of Chris (Buck) Welch.

Judy Kay Lovvorn

Funeral services for Judy Kay Lovvorn, age 60, of Bell Buckle, were held 3:30 p.m. Thursday, June 13, 2024, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with the Reverend Carrol Crosslin officiating. Burial followed in Willow Mount Cemetery. Judy passed from this life Sunday, June 9, 2024, following an extended illness. Visitation with the family was held 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at the funeral home.



Judy was born on September 28, 1963, in Murfreesboro to the late Delbert Crosslin and Charity Armstrong Crosslin. She worked alongside her husband for many years in the paving industry. Judy loved to cut grass and raise her flowers. Judy's pets were her children. She was a member of Whiteside Methodist Church.

Judy is survived by her loving husband of 44 years; Richard Lovvorn; siblings; Jimmy Crosslin, Peggy Williams, Randy Crosslin, all of Shelbyville, Kathrine York of Wartrace and Tommy Crosslin of Unionville.

Along with her parents Judy is preceded in death by siblings, Patsy Turner, Ruby Tucker, Rollie D.

Memorial donations may be made to The Bedford County Cancer Association.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Steven Jay Melton

Steven Jay Melton, age 62, of Shelbyville, passed away June 4, 2024, under the loving care and comfort of his family and the professional and caring staff of Alive Hospice. The family received visitors 6-8 PM Thursday, June 6, 2024, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Graveside service was 1 p.m. Saturday, June 8, 2024, at Lebanon Laurel Hill Cemetery in Cleveland, Tennessee. He was born March 16, 1962, in Cleveland, to Boyd Melton, of Shelbyville, and the late Joyce Johnson Melton. He was a retired trainer of Tennessee Walking Horses, loved to play golf and go fishing. He enjoyed spending time with his niece and nephew and held membership at Northfork Baptist Church.



In addition to his father, survivors include a brother, Jeff Melton; a niece, Sydney Melton (Kain White-Conley), and a nephew, Reed (Julie) Melton; great nephew, Kato White-Conley. Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Laurie Ann Coleman

Laurie Ann Coleman, age 61, of Lewisburg, Tennessee, died Friday evening, May 31, 2024 at her home in Lewisburg. Laurie Ann was born in Shelbyville and was a daughter of the late Luther Edward and Minnie Gladys Sudberry Coleman. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by a brother, Johnny Coleman.



Miss Coleman was a member of Parkview Baptist Church in Lewisburg and worked for over 30 years at the Marshall County Impact Center in Lewisburg.

Laurie Ann is survived by her sister, Debra Jean Hammond, Chapel Hill, TN; brothers, James Edward (Betty) Coleman, Chapel Hill, TN, Gary (Lou Ellen) Coleman, Lewisburg, TN; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 10:00 am from the chapel of Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill with the Rev. Mike Giles officiating. Burial followed in Simpson Cemetery in the Rover community of Bedford County.

Sherman Hill, Christian Hammond, Robbie Hammond, Ronnie Harmon, Sammy Coleman and Richard Coleman served as pallbearers.

Fatima Amaro Grajales

Funeral Mass for stillborn infant, Fatima Amaro Grajales, was 10 a.m. Monday, June 10, 2024, at St. William Catholic Church. Father Edwuin Cardona officiated, with burial to follow in Willow Mount Cemetery. The parents are Karen Grajales Vasquez and Antonio Amaro Amaro. Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.



Joseph Ernest Claytor III

Joseph Ernest Claytor, III, passed away June 7, 2024, under the loving care and comfort of his family, Hospice Compassus, and the dedicated and caring staff of The Waters of Shelbyville. Funeral services were 1 p.m. Monday, June 10, 2024, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Reverend Carl Hall officiated, with burial in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. The family received visitors 11 a.m. until service time Monday at the funeral home. He was born May 31, 1953, in San Diego, California, to Nancy Williams Batson, of Ashland City, and the late Joseph E. Claytor, Jr. He was employed with Pillsbury, in Murfreesboro. Joe ran a good race. Everyone who knew him, knew his passion was his guitar playing for the Lord. He had a love for aircraft of any kind, and passion for his '57 Chevy Belair. Joe was one of the sweetest people you'd ever meet. He was a faithful member of Victory Celebration Revival Church. In addition to his mother and stepfather, Nancy and Earl Batson, of Ashland City, survivors include his wife, DeEtta Norman Claytor, of Shelbyville; children, Jonathan Brian (Lauren) Claytor, of Nashville, Daniel Stephen (Heather) Claytor, of Ashland City, and a step daughter, Mary Margaret (Trent) Bisner, of Indiana; a brother, Sterling (Leah) Claytor, of Springfield; sisters, Kim (John) Engelman, of Nolensville, and Beth (Steve) Batson, of Pleasant View; grandchildren, Zachary, Jackson, Eddie, Richard, and Trinity Hope; great grandchildren, Richard Jr., Ryan, and Spencer. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society or Hospice Compassus. Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.





Claude Henry Young III

Claude Henry Young III, died peacefully in his home on June 5, 2024, after a lengthy battle with Parkinson's disease.

Claude was born on November 5, 1940, on a farm in Shelbyville. The eldest of three boys, William Dixon (predeceased) and Monty Kent by Claude Henry Young and Sue Jackson Young (both predeceased.) During high school, his family moved to Sarasota, Florida for better opportunities, and he graduated from Sarasota High School in 1958.

He later married Cynthia Quinn Young, and they spent most of their time in Florida, but summered in Tennessee.

Claude was a wise real estate investor and was successful all through his career. Claude maintained his passion for farming throughout his entire life. "Sonny" Days Cattle Farm was resurrected on Moccasin Wallow Rd. in Parrish, Florida and became his retirement passion.

Claude was an avid tennis player in retirement and was a former softball player and basketball player. Claude had a vast knowledge of everything sports related with almost a photographic memory of player statistics and scores. He maintained a love for SEC football throughout his life with a special loyalty to Vanderbilt Commodores and the Florida State Seminoles.

He loved his family and is survived by his wife, Cynthia Quinn Young of Bradenton, Fla.; his five children, Claude Stuart Young of Boston, William Stephen Young (Deanna) of Euless, Texas, Stephanie Shofner Klumpp (Michael Biff) of Fairhope, Ala., by then wife Janice Birdsong Rowe, Ryan Matthew Young (Shannon) of Bradenton, Fla., Elizabeth Iva Young (Alex): also 9 grandchildren: Murphy (Katie Caroline, Lydia (Daniel), Morgan, Madison, Kamryn, Carter, Emmett, Emma, Liliana, and 4 great grandchildren: Hal, Thompson, Shepherd and Clark. He is also survived by his brother, Monty Kent Young (Linda) of Shelbyville.

There will be a small, local, celebration of life later this summer. The family suggests memorial donations in his name to Trinity Methodist Church of Bradenton.

Danny Earl Carver

Funeral services for Danny Earl Carver, age 48, of Shelbyville, were held 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, 2024, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with James Guinn officiating. He was to be cremated. Danny passed from this life Friday, June 7, 2024.



Visitation with the family was held prior to the service beginning at 3 p.m. at the funeral home. In Danny's honor the family requests that everyone who attends the services to wear black, camouflage, or both, if you are able.

Danny Earl Carver was born on July 4, 1975, in Carthage, TN to the late Robert Earl Carver and Phyllis Kay Shahan Carver. Danny was a self-employed handyman. He loved to sit by the water fishing, loved music and playing his guitar.

Survivors include a sister and best friend; Lisa Carver; nieces Kalynn Ferrell, Kalissa (Jordan) Lewis, great niece; Kei'ara Moss, and long-time friend Steven Hamilton, all of Shelbyville.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be to the funeral home to assist with funeral expenses.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Sharon Kay McClanahan

Sharon Kay McClanahan passed from this life on June 4. 2024, in Pulaski, TN. She was born on March 24, 1949, in Paris, TX, to Laura Carleen Elizabeth Neese McClanahan and Samuel Luther McClanahan. She was the 5th of 7 children. She graduated from Central High School in Shelbyville in 1967, and MTSU in 1971. Most of her working years were spent as a lab technician for Dairyman, Inc. in Lewisburg.



Although she had no children of her own, she was an aunt, caregiver, and nurturer for many children and adults throughout her life. She was a second mom to her twin sister's children and a sister to her twin's husband. An intentional gift giver - she gave from her heart often to all - oftentimes behind the scenes. She wasn't attached to material things - she'd give you the shirt off her back. She valued education and instilling a love of learning from a young age. She was smart. She loved numbers. She was an avid reader and puzzle-solver. She was the one you wanted on your trivia team. There's not an episode of Law & Order (and all of its derivatives) she hadn't watched. Countless memories were made with us over buckets of popcorn at the movies. She was a great cook. She was independent and head strong. She lived the life she wanted. She was a genuine, honest, hard worker with so much integrity. She walked her talk. She loved unconditionally and accepted people as they were. And we love her so much for everything she brought to our lives. We are better humans because of her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Ray McClanahan, her sisters Jan Shapard and Cathy Kinser, and her brother-in-law Johnny Bledsoe. She is survived by her twin sister Karen (Dwight) Bledsoe; brother Carl (Pam) McClanahan; sister Debbie McClanahan; and brother-in-law Pete (Cathy) Kinser; nephew John (Scott) Bledsoe, niece Jennifer (Julie) Phoenix, and nephew Sam (Samantha) Bledsoe; grand-nieces Abi (Bill) Ziesemann and Delaney Ziesemann, and grand-nephews Westley Ziesemann, Otis Bledsoe, and Arlo Bledsoe; and many additional nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

A celebration of life was held on Saturday, June 8, at Bennett-May & Pierce in Pulaski at 12pm. Visitation was from 10am-12pm before the service. Burial followed at Hopper Cemetery in Laws Hill in Marshall County.

Family requests the best way to honor is to donate to Imagination Library, a library of your choice, or any children's literacy program; giving a book to a child; and/or encouraging early literacy.

Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy 101:

What every student-athlete should know

(Family Features) You may find it difficult to wrap your mind around the idea of an energetic student-athlete with a cardiac diagnosis. Heart conditions may be more often associated with older individuals, but you might be surprised to learn hypertrophic cardiomyopathy is the most common condition responsible for sudden cardiac death in young athletes. In fact, it's the cause of 40% of sudden cardiac death cases.

It's estimated 1 in every 500 adults living in the United States has hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, according to the American Heart Association, but a significant percentage are undiagnosed. More than 80% of individuals who experience this condition show no signs or symptoms before sudden cardiac death. While sudden cardiac death is rare, it can occur during exercise or in its aftermath. That's why it's important for student-athletes and their loved ones to learn more about this condition and talk to a doctor about their risk.

With proper knowledge and the support of a skilled care team, it's possible to manage hypertrophic cardiomyopathy with heart-healthy actions to prevent complications or worsening cardiovascular conditions like atrial fibrillation (a quivering or irregular heartbeat), stroke or heart failure. Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy awareness and education for athletes by the American Heart Association is

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Neutral Notations: Setting the Stage For Omaha

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On Friday, June 14, 2024, the final NCAA sanctioned athletic event of the 2023-24 academic year will be in Omaha, Nebraska, where the Men's College World Series is held every year.

This event is one of the hallmarks on the NCAA's calendar along with sports fans as a whole, and this year is no different. A loaded field will take to Charles Schwab Field Omaha and compete over 10 days to crown a national champion, and it all begins at 1:00 p.m. CT with the 4th National Seed, North Carolina, taking on the 12th National Seed, Virginia, in an all-ACC clash.

This year, it is a two conference affair for the first time since 1948 when the MCWS was just a three-game series between two teams (USC beat Yale that year) held in Kalamazoo, MI. Four teams from the ACC – North Carolina, Virginia, Florida State, and N.C. State – and four from the SEC – Tennessee, Kentucky, Texas A&M, and Florida – form the eight-team field. UNC, UVA, FSU, and Tennessee are in one double-elimination bracket while UK, Texas A&M, UF, and NC State are in the other. The winner of each bracket will advance to the best-of-3 Championship Series which is slated to begin on Saturday, June 22, at 6:00 p.m. CT.

Of the eight teams in Omaha, all but one are national seeds. The only exception is Florida, who ironically enough was the preseason number-one ranked team in the country. Four of the top five seeds made it as well, setting baseball fans up for incredible matchups every single day.

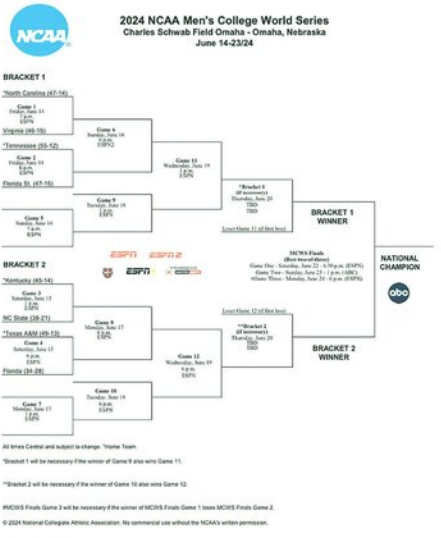
The biggest storyline coming into the event is the fact that the number one national seed has not won a national championship this century. The last team to accomplish such a feat was the 1999 Miami Hurricanes, but Tennessee is looking to bring an end to that 25-year run and win their first-ever national title in the sport under Tony Vitello. With the most loaded field in years, it would make sense for the best team in the sport to persevere and be hoisting the trophy in the end, but there are so many talented teams.

Kentucky, for example is the only team making their first ever appearance in Omaha after an incredible season that saw the Wildcats clinch the second national seed behind Tennessee. Their first-ever game at the MCWS is scheduled for Saturday against NC State at 1:00 p.m. CT.

Interestingly enough, not a single Golden Spikes Award Finalist made it to Omaha. Hagan Smith of Arkasnsas, Charlie Condon of Georgia, and Travis Bazzana of Oregon State were the finalists despite many in the college baseball community wondering aloud why Christian Moore of Tennessee and Jac Caglianone of Florida were not on that list, and I unfortunately have no answer for that.

However, both players get to play at least two games in Omaha, and one of them may just end up holding the National Championship Tropy at the end of it.

An exciting week-plus of college baseball at its best begins Friday afternoon across the ESPN network, and the entire bracket/schedule is included.



Long Road to EA Sports College Football 25 Nears Its Conclusion for MTSU

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Larry Maples thought his emergency uniform plan had gone off without a hitch.

Just weeks ahead of the start of the 2023 football season, supply chain issues had prevented Middle Tennessee's normal road white tops from arriving in Murfreesboro. So, the Blue Raiders' Associate AD for Equipment & Capital Projects and his staff put together a "contingency jersey" for Week 1 against the Crimson Tide.

The road whites MTSU wore against the Crimson Tide were indeed different than the road uniforms MTSU wore the previous year. There was no two-tone collar, the blue numbers on the uniform didn't have a grey outline and the sleeves no longer had the player's number on them, concessions to be made to deal with the supply chain issues at hand.

Heading into the office later that next week, however, Maples found out at least one person had noticed the uniform change. Thomas Fleming, a feature producer at EA Sports, had reached out via email asking for pictures of the new jerseys so they could be put into EA Sports College Football 25.

"I remember I was like 'Ain't no way,'" Maples said. "To my surprise, they actually paid attention to what we were wearing. To get an email saying 'Hey, we noticed the uniforms you're wearing, you didn't send them to us,' was eye opening to myself."

That's just one example of the level of detail EA Sports has put effort into regarding MTSU's presentation in the game as one of 134 FBS Programs to be featured in the series revival, scheduled for release later this summer. Chelsea Floyd, MTSU's Associate AD for Marketing and Fan Engagement who handles licensing for the university, said she'd been in communication with EA Sports since early 2021 on licensing the Blue Raiders in the game.

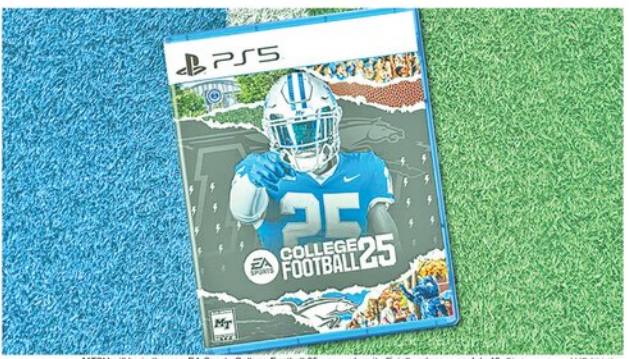
"At that point, it was going to be (a release date of) July 1st, 2023, but it of course was postponed," Floyd said.

Floyd said MTSU has sent over hundreds of assets since EA first reached out, most of which were pictures of Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium, in order to render it as close as possible to the real thing virtually. Nathan Wallach, Assistant AD for Broadcast Technology and Game Operations, worked with Athletic Communications at the time and took hundreds of pictures of Floyd Stadium in 2021.

"We didn't care about a big artsy photo," Wallach noted. "Artists were going to build the 3D models off of this."

That meant the photos had to be accompanied by a photo of an industry standard color wheel taken with the same settings as Wallach's camera, ensuring the colors of everything in the image matched up. Wallach said that EA Sports sent him a diagram of a generic stadium with certain spots highlighted and asked for photos from those sightlines in multiple directions, ultimately resulting in over 370 photos in just one shoot.

They also asked for pictures of the concourse level of Floyd Stadium, even asking for details like how trashcans look or where concession stands are specifically located. Wallach, a long-time fan of the series, knows that in years past, you'd only see the inside of the bowl regularly, so the request for concourse shots was intriguing.



MTSU will be in the new EA Sports College Football 25 game when it officially releases on July 19. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

The requested assets extended beyond just raw photos of Floyd Stadium, with EA Sports also wanting photos of tailgating on campus, the Raider Walk, fan pictures during games and, of course, photos of MTSU's mascot, Lightning. Pictures of the Palladium, MTSU's rivalry game trophy for the series against Troy, were also shared, as well as a breakdown of chants led by the cheerleaders and song cues used by the in-game marketing team. EA Sports has also promised that the Band and Student Sections for all 134 schools will be represented accurately in their stadiums by seating them in their proper sections.

"EA Sports is really watching," Floyd said. "They want to make it as close to our atmosphere as possible."

New this year is the inclusion of player likenesses in the game, a necessity that caused the series' 11-year hiatus in the first place after the Ed O'Bannon Lawsuit. No longer will fans have to play as "QB #11" when taking the field with MTSU, but they can actually play as Nicholas Vattiato. Over 110 Blue Raider football players (some of whom have left the program this offseason) have opted-in to EA's licensing agreement to appear in the game, though only 85 will be chosen for the initial roster. MTSU sent over headshots of each student athlete to EA Sports, allowing them to more easily craft a player's likeness in game using their own software.

One of those opt-ins is wide receiver Omari Kelly, who grew up playing the game and will be looking forward to the addition of Mascot mode, his favorite growing up because of the ability to do flips, in a future edition (that particular feature didn't make the cut this year).

"It's kind of surreal. just because I played the last game a lot," Kelly said. "It's kind of crazy knowing it's coming."

Perhaps the best part of the game being made in 2024, Floyd noted, is the ability for MTSU to update EA Sports on changes to Floyd Stadium as they occur. Those involved with the game have encouraged MTSU to send photos after major updates to the SAPC during its construction, allowing for EA to update the stadium in-game, perhaps even in-season. One update that has already been sent over is the renderings of the new video board in the South End Zone, which will allow the video board to be ready prior to the season starting in game, just like it will be in real life.

One other final update that's been sent to the good folks at EA: the Blue Raiders' new uniforms for the 2024 season, which will debut publicly around the game's July 19th release date. There's a good chance, Maples noted, that Blue Raider fans will be able to play as MTSU in those uniforms before the real Blue Raiders take the field against Tennessee Tech on August 31st.

"Anytime I design a uniform or a jersey, there's a markup that's done that I sign off on prior to it going into production," Maples said. "They've got every stripe, every panel, how tall the numbers are, how wide it is, what that font is, whether it's a wordmark or a custom logo. Every detail you could possibly think of for that uniform lives in that document."

MTSU Women's Basketball Transfer Class Breakdown

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Courtney Blakely (1) averaged 7.1 PPG and 2.6 APG in 2022-23 for the Lady Raiders before transferring to Arizona. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

Coming off of one of the best seasons in program history, the Middle Tennessee State Blue Raiders are looking to reload heading into legendary head coach Rick Insell's 20th year at the helm.

In this week's transfer portal class deep dive, the Lady Raiders are under examination after adding three players, keeping one from entering the portal, and losing three others after a 30-5 (16-0) season that saw Insell's squad make the Round of 32 in the NCAA Tournament. One of the signees, Courtney Blakely, is a former Lady Raider herself, and she decided to come back after just one year out west at Arizona. The other two transfers are Emily Monson and Elina Arike. The reigning CUSA DPOY, Anastasiia Boldyreva, also decided to come back and not enter the portal despite other schools allegedly offering her six figures to leave Murfreesboro.

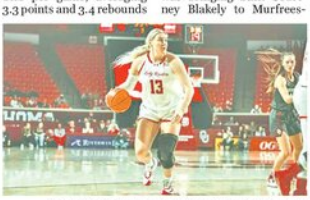
In terms of outgoing transfers, there are currently three Lady Raiders who have entered the portal, but only one has committed to another school at the time of this print. Zahira Arizmendi Rubio, Sifa Ineza, and Iullia Grabovskaia are all in the transfer portal, and Rubio has committed to Florida Atlantic after playing two games as a freshman for MTSU last season.

The 5-foot 8-inch Rubio scored three points and tallied one assist in her college debut against Florida A&M while playing 14 minutes in a 93-48 win on November 9th. Rubio, a freshman from Spain, then played three minutes and scored two points in a 83-42 win over Northern Kentucky on December 20th in her final appearance of the season.

Sifa Ineza, a 5-foot 11-inch guard who transferred in from FIU, has entered the portal but is still uncommitted at this time. Ineza saw her minutes drastically decrease in her sophomore year, going from playing a touch over 17 minutes per game her freshman year at FIU to playing 8.6 minutes per game this past season. One of the highlights of her one year in a Lady Raiders' uniform was her buzzer-beating three-pointer off of a steal to end the first half of MTSU's 73-62 win over the Tennessee Lady Vols in Huntsville, AL, last November.

Ineza had a productive freshman season off the bench for the Panthers in 2022-23, averaging 8.1 points, 3.0 rebounds, and 1.1 steals in about 17 minutes per game while shooting 32.8% 3PT. She scored a career-high 21 points twice, including in her collegiate debut against NC Central. However, this past season at MTSU her averages dropped to 1.9 points, 1.1 rebounds, and 28.6% 3PT. Unfortunately for Ineza, she never could quite find the same stroke last season in a new home with the emergence of Ta'Mia Scott.

The third and final Lady Raider in the transfer portal is Iullia Grabovskaia, a 6-foot 5-inch center from Rostov-on-Don, Russia, and she is currently uncommitted in the portal. Grabovskaia has played one year at MTSU, appearing in 34 games off the bench for the Lady Raiders. She played just under 10 minutes per game, averaging 3.3 points and 3.4 rebounds on 59.5% FG.



Elina Arike (13) played one year at Texas Tech last year after transferring from UTEP. *Photo courtesy of Texas Tech Athletics.*

Two of her biggest games of the season were against UTEP with one coming in the CUSA Tournament. In the regular season matchup on January 18, Grabovskaia played 26 minutes, scoring 11 points and grabbing 16 rebounds in a 81-70 home win over the Lady Miners, filling in nicely for Boldreyva who played only 13 minutes due to foul trouble. Grabovskaia came up big once again against UTEP in the CUSA Tournament Semifinal, this time in the first half. Boldryeva once again was saddled to the bench with foul trouble, so Grabovskaia helped stabilize the Lady Raiders inside presence with 14 points and five rebounds over 22 minutes of an eventual 78-50 win despite MTSU only leading by five points at halftime.

Courtney Blakely

Perhaps the biggest addition from the transfer portal that Associate Head Coach Matt Insell delivered was bringing back Courtney Blakely to Murfreesboro for her senior season. The 5-foot 8-inch guard played her first two seasons for the Blue Raiders and saw nice improvement from her freshman to sophomore year. She was a key defensively to MTSU's home blowout win over Louisville and Hailey Van Lith in December 2022. She was the primary defender on Van Lith, and the Louisville star was held to just 12 points on 4-18 FG shooting. With the graduation of CUSA POTY, Savannah Wheeler, Blakely will seemingly slot right into the point guard spot after splitting those duties with Wheeler two years ago.

Last season at Arizona, Blakely appeared in 30 games off the bench, averaging 4.8 points, 1.3 rebounds, and 1.4 assists per game on 34.3% 3PT in just over 17 minutes per game. Comparatively, she shot 47.6% 3PT in her sophomore year at MTSU on 4.4 attempts per game while playing almost 25 minutes per game. Her addition as a senior for 2024-25 looks like it will pay massive dividends to Rick Insell and his staff, and potentially help lessen the blow of losing such a talented senior class.

Elina Arike

One year ago, Elina Arike was coming off a fantastic season at UTEP that saw her win the CUSA DPOY award. After she entered the transfer portal, MTSU recruited her to Murfreesboro, but in the end she decided to stay in the state of Texas and transfer to Texas Tech. Now, after entering the portal once more, the 6-foot 2-inch forward is going to MTSU after one year in Lubbock.

Arike, a senior, averaged 3.7 points, 2.0 rebounds, and 1.3 assists per game while playing 18.8 minutes across 26 games, including five starts after averaging 11.9 points, 5.6 rebounds, and 1.8 assists in 27 minutes per game in 2022-23 at UTEP.



Emily Monson (21) played limited minutes at Purdue her freshman season, but appeared in 20 games as a freshman. *Photo courtesy of Purdue Athletics.*

"We are excited to welcome Elina to the Blue Raider family," Insell told MT Athletics. "We are very familiar with her. She is the type of player that we look for: a team player that has a high basketball IQ and will thrive both on and off the court in Murfreesboro. Elina is an elite-level player and is proven in this conference. We expect her to make an immediate impact as a former all-conference player."

Arike earned second-team All Conference and All-Defensive honors in the 2022-23 season.

Emily Monson

Monson is a 6-foot 1-inch guard that played her high school basketball at Blackman before signing with Purdue before last year. After playing in just 20 games last season – averaging 3.6 minutes per game – Monson decided to enter the portal and come back home to Murfreesboro. This time, however, it will be underneath the tutelage of community mainstay, Rick Insell, and the Middle Tennessee Lady Raiders.

Purdue finished 15-19 last season, and with a 5-13 record in the Big Ten, the Boilermakers were third from the bottom in the conference standings. Of course, MTSU is usually at or near the top of the CUSA standings every year nowadays, so Monson will not only be stepping into a better situation for her, but for her team as well.

"We are excited to welcome Emily back to Murfreesboro and to the Blue Raider family," Rick Insell told MT Athletics after she committed. "I have followed her for years. She is a versatile player that can do a lot of different things, and she can play multiple positions. We are excited for her future and are glad to have her and her family become part of our program."

Monson scored over 1,000 career points at Blackman, and guided her team to a state championship in 2021. There are never any guarantees of playing time, but Monson will have a chance to compete and get better while learning from expereinced uperclassmen in a winning culture.

Devyn Curtis Honored With CUSA Scholarship

MT ATLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Middle Tennessee football's Devyn Curtis has been awarded the Jim Castañeda Postgraduate Scholarship.

Conference USA honored the nine accomplished recipients of the Jim Castañeda Postgraduate Scholarship on Thursday. 2024 marks the 16th year the award has been named after Dr. Jim Castañeda, who served Rice for 46 years as an educator, coach and Faculty Athletics Representative before he passed in 2008. Every season, CUSA grants the $4,000 scholarship to distinguished graduates selected by the league's Faculty Athletics Representatives and approved by the Conference USA Board of Directors.

One graduate student-athlete from each CUSA institution was awarded the scholarship.

Curtis earned his Bachelor's degree in Leisure and Sport Management and is currently pursuing an MBA in Business Administration Management. The linebacker has been a constant on the Dean's List, a member of the CUSA Commissioner's Honor Roll multiple times and the CUSA Commissioner's Medal on multiple occasions. Curtis currently boasts a 3.9 GPA.

The Nashville, Tenn. native enters his fifth season this fall following a year where he totaled 45 tackles, including 2.5 TFLs, a sack and a fumble recovery.

2024 Jim Castañeda Postgraduate Scholarship Recipients

Dominique Marcelli, FIU, Women's Soccer

Emma Jones Hubbard, Jax State, Softball

Jamyson Robb, Liberty, Women's Swimming

Rebecca Quebedeaux, LA Tech, Cross Country

Devyn Curtis, MTSU, Football

Emily Stutesman, NM State, Women's Track and Field

Eleonora Grill, Sam Houston, Softball

Zaylie Calderon, UTEP, Softball

Sunskrithi Damera, WKU, Women's Tennis



Devyn Curtis (8) has 124 career tackles and 2 career sacks at MTSU. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

CARDIO HEALTH

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made possible in part by a grant from the Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation.

What is hypertrophic cardiomyopathy?

Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy is the most common form of inherited heart disease and can affect people of any age. It's defined by thickening and stiffening of the walls of the heart. The heart's chambers cannot fill up or pump blood out adequately, so the heart is unable to function normally.

There are different types of this condition. Most people have a form of the disease in which the wall that separates the two bottom chambers of the heart (the septum) becomes enlarged and restricts blood flow out of the heart (obstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy).

However, sometimes hypertrophic cardiomyopathy occurs without significant blocking of blood flow (nonobstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy). The heart's main pumping chamber is still thickened and may become increasingly stiff, reducing the amount of blood taken in then pumped out to the body with each heartbeat.

What are possible symptoms?

Symptoms can include:

- shortness of breath
- chest pain
- heart palpitations
- fatigue

The severity of symptoms can vary, but if you experience them or if you have a family history of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy or sudden cardiac death, it may be a good idea to speak to your doctor about whether you have this condition.

For some people, symptoms can get worse and new symptoms can appear over time, resulting in people dealing with harsher effects and a diminished ability to do the activities they love. This decrease in functions can be one of the most challenging aspects of the disease. Keeping your health care team aware of any new or changing symptoms allows them to work with you to develop a plan to manage these symptoms and reduce their impact.

How is hypertrophic cardiomyopathy diagnosed?

Medical history, family history, a physical exam and diagnostic test results all factor into a diagnosis. A common diagnostic test is an echocardiogram that assesses the thickness of the heart muscle and observes blood flow from the heart.

If anyone in your family has been diagnosed with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, other heart diseases or has been told they had thick heart walls, you should share that information with your doctor and discuss the need for genetic testing. Because this condition is hereditary, first-degree relatives, which include siblings and parents, should be checked.

Learn more at heart.org/HCMStudentAthlete.



PET OF THE WEEK: WALLY

Submit your stories of love!

"Wally," the Cocker Spaniel, was 7 years old and had a spinal stroke.

The stroke caused paralysis of his lower body including inability to walk and appropriately control his bowel and bladder function.

His family at the time had two children under the age of 3 and one on the way. The parents tried medical intervention however they could not provide the hands-on Wally needed having 3 small children.

They discussed options with their vet coming down to euthanasia or rescue. The owners chose rescue and contacted Kelly Weise with New Destiny Dog Rescue who also is a foster and liaison for Columbus Cocker Rescue.



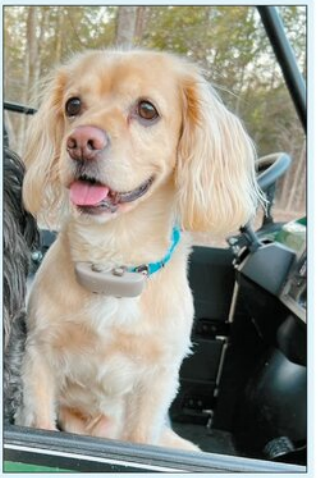
Kelly reached out to a volunteer with New Destiny who is also by profession a physical therapist, Kasey Parsons, and asked if she would be interested in fostering and also providing therapy to Wally in hopes to improve his function.

Wally received physical therapy and veterinarian chiropractic treatments including dry needling, electrical stimulation, water therapy, and various other proprioceptive and gait training treatments.

Although Wally is still unable to walk, he can however stand and ambulate intermittently with an altered gait pattern.

Now, Wally is reportedly a "very happy fellow and is living his best life!"

Monetary contributions are needed for New Destiny Rescue for on-going support of precious animals in this community. See their Facebook page for more doggies and don't forget there is a New Destiny store in Shelbyville, where you can find all kinds of beautiful furniture at excellent prices. All proceeds support the fur babies.



Unite Loved Ones with a *Luscious Dessert*

FAMILY FEATURES

Celebration-worthy treats are perfect ways to cap off days spent with those you love, whether there's a special occasion or you're simply looking for creative ways to share more moments together. As a beloved staple in American households for generations, pie provides a sweet, delicious way to bring family and friends to the table.

By bringing some of the most popular pie flavors together, the Tart Cherry Unity Pie offers the familiar, distinct sweet-tart flavor of Montmorency tart cherries that pair well with pecans, apple and pumpkin pie spice for a sense of nostalgia representative of family, tradition and celebration.

In this unique recipe, the bold and vibrant flavors of tart cherries take center stage, complemented by the subtle sweetness of apples and crunch of pecans. With their burst of brightness and acidity, tart cherries perfectly balance the other flavors to create a pie fit for any occasion.

U.S.-grown tart cherries are a particularly versatile ingredient that makes them an ideal partner for other beloved ingredients and flavors. In fact, as the demand for sour, less sweet food and beverages continues to gain momentum, they provide a multi-faceted, sweet-tart profile for favorite foods and drinks. While tart cherries are increasingly featured in a wide array of recipes, they remain a favorite ingredient in confectionary items and baked goods like pies.

Slow down your fast-paced world and savor a slice of this timeless dessert alongside loved ones for a moment of respite. With its sweet and tangy filling, flaky crust and tart cherry topping, you can indulge in life's simple pleasures for a sense of coziness and comfort.

Visit ChooseCherries.com to find more celebration-worthy tart cherry desserts.





Tart Cherry Unity Pie

Recipe courtesy of the U.S. Tart Cherry Industry
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 55 minutes
Servings: 8

Pie:

- **1 pie crust (9 inches)**
- **2 cups canned tart cherry pie filling**
- **2 cups canned apple pie filling**
- **1 egg, beaten (for egg wash)**

Streusel:

- **1/2 cup all-purpose flour**
- **1/4 cup brown sugar**
- **2 tablespoons granulated sugar**
- **1/3 cup pecans, roughly chopped**
- **1 pinch salt**
- **4 tablespoons butter, melted**

Pumpkin Spice Whipped Cream:

- **1 cup heavy cream**
- **2 tablespoons powdered sugar**
- **1/2 teaspoon pumpkin spice**

Preheat oven to 400 F.

Fit pie crust to 9-inch pie dish. Crimp edges and use fork to poke holes in bottom. Place pie crust in freezer to chill.

In large bowl, combine tart cherry pie filling and apple pie filling. Set aside.

To make streusel: In bowl, use fork to mix flour, brown sugar, granulated sugar, pecans and salt. Pour butter over dry ingredients and mix until ingredients come together in clumps.

To assemble pie: Pour cherry-apple filling into prepared pie crust and sprinkle streusel on top. Brush beaten egg onto exposed pie crust edges.

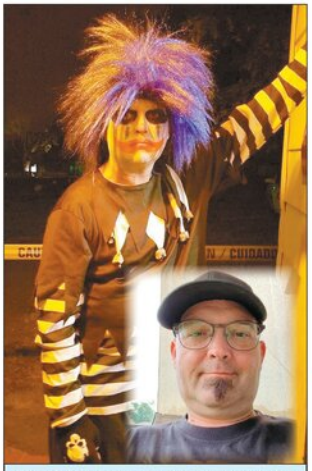
Bake 25 minutes. At 10-minute mark, cover pie dish with foil to prevent crust from over-browning. After 25 minutes, lower oven temperature to 375 F and bake 30 minutes.

To make pumpkin spice whipped cream: In large bowl or bowl of stand mixer, add heavy cream, powdered sugar and pumpkin spice. Use hand mixer or beater attachment on stand mixer to beat on medium-high speed 3-5 minutes until stiff peaks form. Refrigerate whipped cream until ready to serve.

Let pie cool 2-3 hours then dollop pumpkin spice whipped cream on top, slice and serve.

Substitution: Storebought whipped cream topped with pumpkin spice can be used in place of homemade pumpkin spice whipped cream.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



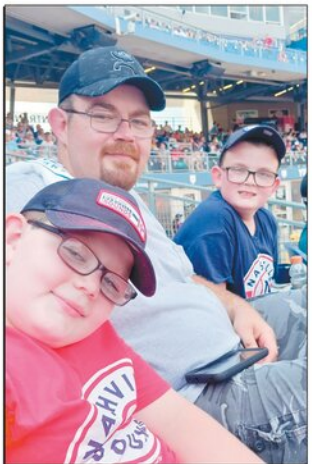
Submitted by Madison Head: "Adam Head, my sweet daddy, passed away in December last year. It's still very fresh but I keep on going just for him. He was and still is the most amazing man I will ever know. Any time you needed him he would drop everything to be there. Him and my mom had the most beautiful marriage. He loved his family with all he had. He was truly an amazing and beautiful man. I will never stop missing him. He is my hero. My favorite clown."



Submitted by daughter, Marissa Baker:

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY 'GRANDPA' JONES

"Grandpa Jones (Andy Jones) is constantly making his grandkids laugh! He has always been a supportive, generous father to his 3 daughters, Andriana, Marissa, and Michaela. Now, his grandkids get to make fun memories with him too!" From left, Ada Baker, Everett Lamb, Sadie Lamb, Grandpa Andy Jones, Ty Lamb, and Grandmother Mary Jones.



AT THE SOUNDS GAME!

Camden, Nathan (Dad), and Carson Brandon at a Nashville Sounds game watching their favorite sport together, baseball!



Submitted by Heather Brandon:

SHORT LIFE, LOTS OF MEMORIES

"My daddy, Rex Haynes, with my son, Carson Brandon, in 2013.

What I would give for one more day with him and to see the smile that now all 7 of his grand babies would put on his face!

I love you, Dad!" (Rex passed away in 2014.)

AUCTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 22nd, 10:00 AM

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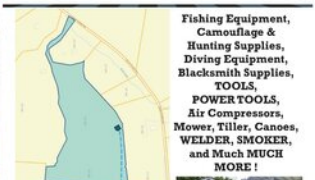
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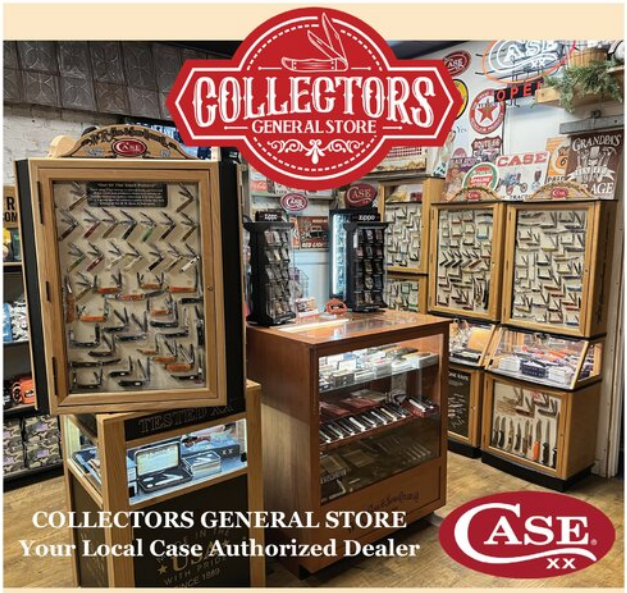
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