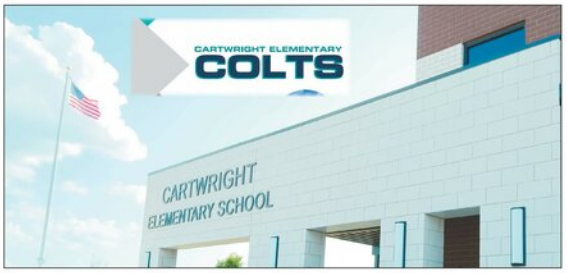
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County cuts ribbon on new Cartwright Elementary

By DAWN HANKINS

Schools superintendent Tammy Garrett said last Thursday during the dedication of the new Cartwright Elementary that many from the community have played a significant role in bringing the "vision" to life.

"Together, we have created more than just a school," said Garrett. "We have created a place where our students can dream big and achieve even bigger. Today, as we embark on this new chapter, let us remember the great responsibility and the privilege we have to shape the future and the minds of our young learners. Let us continue to support and empower one another in our shared vision of providing exceptional education for the students of Bedford County . . . every student that walks through these doors.

Garrett thanked the Cartwright and Johnson families for the land and their continued support and praised the diligence of assistant superintendent Tim Harwell. She was also most appreciative to the school board and County Commission, Bell Construction, Kline Sweeney Architects and Jeff Sweeney, project manager for Bedford County.

Garrett closed with, "Thank you once again, to everyone who has contributed to this remarkable achievement. Let us celebrate this milestone together today and may this school be a beacon of learning and hope for many generations to come."

School board chair Michael Cook explained how the new school project started in 2018. "In 2024, through many hurdles, we're here, today, to open a new building."

Cook introduced all school board members. He said when thinking about how this school building program has evolved, there has been in the process a superintendent change and even newly elected school board members.

Cook said the big goal of the board was in the details-how many kids and making it two stories. But he mentioned there was something much more important on their to do list.

"One of the things that was really integral to us was to get kids out of portables. We were able to do that, thanks to partnerships with the County Commission, with the mayor, working together with the school board. In 2024, we will accomplish that goal."

Cook said still, they can't just pull the "reins back on the horse and say that's it." He added, "What numbers will tell you, historically and growth patterns will tell you, in the next 3 to 5 years, we'll need another school."

But he said that day was a time set aside to celebrate Cartwright Elementary.

Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham said education was his number one priority when he was elected in 2018. "Understand the mayor's office and the County Commission doesn't operate the schools but we do stand in the gap for facilities and making sure you have the right learning environment for your children."

Graham said the County invested in education and now there's a next generation elementary school. "We will have to have more in the future, there's no doubt about it."

Graham said they're recruiting highly professional individuals for a next generation public safety program. He said there were over 850 students in portables just in Shelbyville in 2018-something he said that was unsafe and unacceptable.

"Beyond safety, the child deserves an appropriate and enriched learning environment. Portable classrooms that are 20 plus years old . . . is not where we need to be. That's not where I want to be and the Commission has stepped up and we've made those investments with the work of the school board. And we're proud of that."

The designer of the building, Bart Kline, spoke on behalf of Kline Swinney Associates. He said it takes a village to build such a structure and he is proud of the community involvement.

Tyler Powell of Bell Construc-

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The late "Big Hoss" Bobby Cartwright loved gray horses. So, it was only fitting that the new mascot for Cartwright Elementary be 7x world champion IB Smokin' Joe, owned by the Johnson family. An inside mural of the Colts' mascot was painted by artist Crystal O'Neal.



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It's for the children
During the recent ribbon cutting for the new Cartwright Elementary, it was stated multiple times that new buildings are great but it is the quality of education that goes forth that is most important. It's the students that matter most, the mayor reiterated in his comments.



Salsa Queen
To prove kids don't just sit around watching TV, we did a small interview with 6-year-old Jasmine Sutton, who has been canning homemade salsa since age 3.
Canning homemade tomatoes can be time consuming and messy. This little girl has the process down pat.
Grandmother Jennifer Lynch notes, "This time, she cored the tomatoes herself, blended them up and mixed up the seasoning and everything in it. I boiled it and then she put it in the jars. I put it in the water to process."
And, she does eat the salsa. Her grandmother says she really likes it on her tacos.
"It makes the best ever," said little Jasmine.
Jennifer notes her granddaughter, now age 6, does every step with the exception of those involving the stove.
"She's been selling salsa and pickled okra for the last 2 years and has a pretty sizable savings account from it," says her proud grandmother. "She told her Papa his money is for her now and her money is for her later."
Apparently, Jasmine has become pretty good friends with folks at the farmers markets, including Joyce Jones. Many say she's going to be a young gardener, they believe.
Jennifer says this is a good summer hobby for Jasmine. But as well, Jasmine's story is something positive during some tumultuous times in this country.



We agree.
It's mater (tomato) season in Bedford County. Check out page 4 for some tasty recipes that taste great and look awesome on your summer buffet.

Boro Bullets ribbon cutting July 24

By DAWN HANKINS

The City of Shelbyville will host a special ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 24, in honor of the new Boro Bullets ammunition factory which is located here. The factory is located in the old Jensen pencil building at 715 West Jackson St.

We are very excited about this new business and look forward to the ribbon cutting on 07/24/2024," said City Manager Scott Collins. "Not only will Shelbyville benefit from a new business, but the fact that they are remodeling a blighted property to meet the increasing demand of their product is a win-win for all parties involved. Based on the business model they shared with our economic development team, this is only the start of a productive and beneficial operation in Shelbyville."

Collins said Fire Chief Matt Doak was instrumental in helping locate a property for their expansion. See our Facebook for a good deed done by Shelbyville's own fire chief this week.

Boro Bullets started in the wake of the COVID19 Pandemic when ammunition was almost impossible to find. For now, they will make and distribute 9 mm Luger ammunition.

Ray Skudlarek and Jason Mortier say they have a goal to make ammunition available to everyone at an excellent price not just available for the big retailers who "markup and price gouged during times when shortages were happening."

Ray and Jason have been friends for a long time and both have had other successful careers and businesses. During the Covid 19 Pandemic Ray and Jason decided to take on the issue of the average shooter in America not always being able to obtain or even have access to ammo at a reasonable price. Ray being a veteran and very passionate about the 2nd amendment decided he wanted to be a part of solving the problem of shortages of ammunition to the average shooter.

The public is invited out to the ribbon cutting (see ad page 12.) Refreshments will be served.

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The annual chili cookoff was held last weekend. See pictures from the event.

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New school named for Bobby & Jane Cartwright

Family legacy lives on through The Colts

By DAWN HANKINS



The late Robert "Bobby" and Jane Cartwright contributed to this community in many ways and after this week, there's little doubt people loved them. Last Thursday, the new Cartwright Elementary off Fairfield Pike officially opened and was dedicated in their memory.

A large crowd gathered outdoors in the heat to honor the couple's legacy and open a much-needed new elementary. The school officially opens for classes in August should eventually be able to house around 800 students.

Schools Superintendent Tammy Garrett thanked the Cartwright and Johnson families who were in attendance Thursday. "They've paid for murals, anything we've asked them to do. They've been so supportive. I know your parents would be so proud of this facility and what it stands for in this community."

Fittingly, the school rests on property once purchased by "Big Hoss" as he was affectionately known, at an auction, according to his daughter, Suzy Cartwright Johnson. She said during the ceremony on July 11 that it was an "honor beyond words" to stand before the crowd and reflect on the legacy of her parents.

She said her father's vision and work transformed the space into a thriving cattle farm for decades. "It was a labor of love and a testament to my father's foresight. I remember vividly how he acquired this land; he acquired it at auction, seein potential that others might not have."

She added, "Now that same land will continue to grow and flourish in a new way, as a place of learning, a place of hope and opportunity for the future generations of Bedford County."

Johnson said her mother, Jane, always held a special place in her heart for children. She said Mrs. Jane would it would have profoundly moved her mother as to how the land was being used.

Johnson said her mother's passion for wanting the best for every child was unwavering. She said her mother's spirit, the way she cared for others, will live on within the walls and in every student that passes through the doors.

"Today, as I walked through the halls of this school, I prayed in every classroom," said Johnson. "The custodial care, the cafeteria care, the office, I prayed for every area of this building because I want what is absolutely the best. And with that blessing, there cannot be anything bad happen here."

Johnson also dedicated the building in memory of her two late brothers, Bobby Jr. and Jake, who she said left them far too soon. "They would have been extremely proud to see the impact that school would have on our community. Their memory is woven into the fabric of our family and this place as a reminder of the preciousness of every moment we have together."

A product of Bedford County School System, Cartwright touched on the educational aspect of the new facility. "As we look ahead to the future of Cartwright Elementary, let us carry forward the values of education-dedication, perseverance and compassion-that defined my parents' lives. May this school be a beacon of knowledge, a sanctuary of growth, a source of inspiration for all who pass through these doors. Thank you all for joining us on this day to remember. Today we celebrate not only the opening of a new school, but the enduring legacy of family, community and the power of education to shape a brighter tomorrow for Bedford County."

"Big Hoss," as he was affectionately known, was a graduate of Shelbyville Central High School, and certainly a visionary in his own right. He was owner of Cartwright Block and Ready Mix of Shelbyville and Lewisburg and Cartwright Trucking Co., Inc. of Shelbyville.

"Big Hoss" was one of the founding directors of Peoples Bank of Bedford County and enjoyed farming, cooking his famous chili, a good fish fry and barbecues.

"Big Hoss" and Mrs. Jane, were acknowledged as great friends to everyone they met and were always lending a helping hand. Though their two sons preceded them in death, the couple of nearly 60 years kept their faith and remained strong, together, until their respective passings in 2010 and 2012.

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tion Company was introduced by the school superintendent as "the man who made it all happen."

Powell told the crowd that anytime they heard from community leaders-those who want a "Better Bedford"-it was always said that the students/children are the foundation of their success. "This school is a result of that commitment of the County and the leaders that you have," said Powell.

He asked for a round of applause for Bedford County leaders.

"I feel our overall project team approach is exactly what the County was looking for in this project," said Powell. "That team approach is what enabled us to return valuable savings to the County."

Powell shared that along with help from God and good weather last spring and summer, they were able to complete the project over 1.5 months early-that's 2.5 months before school starts. He recognized the men from Bell Construction present who worked in the field.

He said Cartwright Elementary is Bell Construction's third Bedford County project and a fourth should be forthcoming. "Hopefully there's more to come and more to come beyond that in this great County that our late founder, Ray Bell, called home."



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A special thanks

School superintendent Tammy Garrett complimented many people during her talk at the Cartwright Elementary ribbon cutting last Thursday. One person she thanked in particular was assistant superintendent Tim Harwell.

Born in Scottsboro, Ala., Bell was raised in Shelbyville. After working for a Shelbyville construction company for 6 years, he moved to Nashville in 1969 and in 1970, started Bell Construction. He passed at age 69 in 2010.

City sends PUD back to planners for further review

By DAWN HANKINS

Shelbyville City Council doesn't normally defer a development project that has already met with approval from its planning commission. But last Thursday night, The Lexington Cove Project off Highway 41A North was deferred on first reading and sent back to planners for further review.

This is a new development project which would be right off 41 A Highway near the Green Hills subdivision. Within this 6-phase development will be 274 units, consisting of homes, townhomes and cottages.

Likely Council is making doubly sure this PUD is all that it has been projected by planners to be. Council members do represent the people of specific wards, including that of the Green Hills area.

The word PUD, or planned unit development, is a type of flexible, zoning device that redefines the land uses allowed within a stated land area. PUDs consist of unitary site plans that promote the creation of open spaces, mixed-use housing and land uses, environmental preservation and sustainability, and development flexibility.

Tom Batchelor, City planner, said during a recent study session that this PUD, unlike perhaps some applications, is considered to have more of a uniqueness. "It is consistent and meets our future land map, representing residential PUD."

The planning commission has completed public and private parking and traffic studies, noting there are several ways traffic can exit this development onto Highway 41A. Some of the units were even changed after a public meeting with neighborhood residents.

Council person Marilyn Ewing had some questions and moved to defer the PUD. She asked about whether adjoining Trinity Street is City property and said there's quite a bit going on there regarding development. She also wondered about how this PUD would affect neighborhood watch.

"I think the planning commission could do us some justice as well if they talk that back and do more discussion," said Ewing.

That means the planning commission will have to revisit Council questions, and take another vote, before Lexington Cove comes back to the Council table for first reading.

Council member Henry Feldhaus seconded Ewing's motion to defer.

In other City Council news:

Council approved a local tourism grant for Marty Gordon and the Mule and Bluegrass Festival to be held Sept. 26-28. The amount this year is $5,000 and that is up $1,500 from last year. Council said this event has been really successful. Council member Henry Feldhaus requested the $5,000 amount and Council person Ewing seconded his motion. The funds for this festival will be taken from the local hotel-motel tax account-dollars which were administered until about 2 years ago by the Chamber of Commerce. The City requested the Legislature allow that ordinance to be changed and the hotel-motel tax dollars be returned to the City. This is a separate operating fund earmarked specifically for tourism appropriations.

Council approved the initiation of Phase 1 of the Riverview District Project, which will include acquiring adjacent property, expanding the Fly Arts Center parking to 120 spaces, stormwater improvements, paving and underground utilities work.

Correction from the 7/11/24 issue

WRONG COMMISSIONER

In a story about the County Commission meeting last week, the T-G stated that Commissioner Drew Hooker said he would like to see more county officials make reports during regular County Commission meetings. The Commissioner that made that statement was actually Eric Maddox. We are happy to set the record straight.



NEW WINGS FOR HOMELESS TASK FORCE

County Commissioner Drew Hooker said during the Rules and Legislative Committee on Tuesday that the Homeless Task Force has been closed out. The group has now reached the level where it wants to further involve the community. A work group, involving a lot of people already involved in nonprofits and working with the homeless, will be involved now. He thanked all the individuals, particularly several commissioners, who gave over a year of their time to the task force. Committee Chair Biff Farrar commended the group on connecting so many people and entities and groups. He said this was a successful initiative, as a result of that commitment.

OPEN HOUSES

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THOMAS MAGNET SCHOOL
DATE: 7/29/2024
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AD VERITAS

A Power Higher Than Politics



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Saturday's attempted assassination of Donald Trump prompted immediate and much warranted discussion about political violence. Political tension and divisiveness in America is only getting thicker as election day draws near.

I think this brings up a good opportunity to consider how unique a country we are, where most major political actors will outright condemn political violence, even if it seems to be working on behalf of their party. Throughout most of history, political violence has been the norm, not the exception. Political regimes through history show us a long train of one regime, dynasty, family, etc. that overpowered their predecessors through violence and force and held on to their power with an iron grip until it was forcibly taken away from them. And, if you're in a society without a foundation based on something greater than political divisions, this only makes sense. How could it be any different?

If your preferred political party and system of government is the measure by which all other things are measured against, why wouldn't you be willing to go to the extremes of violence to protect it against whatever threatens it? Similarly, our humane treatment of noncombatants and prisoners of war in war reflects a higher moral standard. Throughout most of human history, the victorious group either massacred or enslaved the conquered people, who in this case were sometimes happy to serve as slaves since it is the only alternative to execution. Prisoners of war were tortured without hesitation, especially if there was a chance that they might have useful information to give up. And, once again, if your tribe or national identity is the highest power in your life, this behavior only makes sense.

The only odd situation in which people can live together in some level of peace and harmony, despite disagreeing on who the leader should be and many other things, is to have a common respect for something greater than politics. Yes, even greater than democracy.

I'm referring to God and the Biblical principles our nation was founded on. Our founders laid the groundwork for this nation based on the principles of Democracy and equal treatment under the law, with specific limitations placed on governmental power primarily as a means to enforce religious liberty. This was not to give people freedom from God, but freedom for God – to pursue a just relationship with him based on the principles given in the Old and New Testaments. While some Founding Fathers were devout Christians, others identified as Deists. Both groups, however, valued the moral teachings of the Bible. They believed in a divine creator as the only possible means of our existence here and sought to serve him by learning and respecting his laws as are evident in nature. Thomas Jefferson believed that the natural laws of God could only be found in nature, and therefore despised the gravitation of the American economy and population into urbanized areas as the early cities grew. One can indeed learn a lot about our Creator by observing and studying his creation. The only way to understand his will for us, however, is through his Word. And while some of America's founders did not claim to be Christians, they studied and understood the teachings of the Old and New Testaments more than many of us Christians do today. And these teachings provided the basis for their behavior and worldview.

Some revolutionaries were concerned about potentially violating God's instructions in Romans 13 when revolting against the crown. Others, like Jefferson, found comfort in the belief that there are certain "unalienable" rights that are given to men by God, and should not be tampered with by man. Among these, you'll remember, are "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Jefferson continued to say in the Declaration of Independence that "in order to protect these rights, governments are instituted among men.

According to this logic, Great Britain had given up its right to govern since it was not doing what God created governments to do. This idea can essentially be summed up in this phrase: the role of government is to protect the weak from the strong, who would unjustly exert their power over the week if given the opportunity. From here we could easily launch into a discussion about the abortion debate in America (not necessarily whether it is right or wrong, but should our government enact laws prohibiting the killings). But I've nearly used up my available space so that discussion will have to wait.

To wrap up this discussion, I'll simply say that while it is tragic that some in our country have resorted to political violence, we should be grateful that this sort of thing doesn't happen more often. There really isn't much the Secret Service or anyone else could do if someone or an organized group of people in America decided to harm a president, former president, congressman, etc. The fact that we don't hear of political violence every day is a testament to the fact that our nation and culture are founded on the solid ground of Biblical philosophies regarding the sanctity or human life, the role of government, and many other concepts. Our society, like an ungrateful teenager or the Biblical example of the Prodigal Son, turns away from this foundation towards its own demise.

Lets take a moment to be thankful for the wonderful country we live in, even if all is not quite as it should be.



T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

State Rep. Pat Marsh of Bedford County was one of the speakers for the dedication of the new Cartwright Elementary last Thursday.

State Rep. Pat Marsh cheers on County

Says education a priority at all levels

By Dawn Hankins

State Rep. Pat Marsh was a guest speaker during the ribbon cutting ceremony last week for Cartwright Elementary. Marsh himself was praised for being so gracious and hard working for his hometown of Bedford County.

Marsh said in his opening remarks, "Mr. Bobby "Hoss" Cartwright would certainly be proud today to see this on his property."

Marsh thanked Tammy Garrett, school system superintendent, for her hard work, calling her a "team player." He also thanked the contractors, architects, teachers, school board, education staff and County for all their efforts toward building the new 16th Bedford County school.

Marsh complimented Jeff Sweeney, the County's project manager, who told him the project finished one month early. And the good news, Marsh advised, was that the project was around $2 million under budget.

"Normally, we don't have a lot of savings but thank you, Jeff, for your hard work," Marsh said.

The state representative talked about growth in Tennessee, noting in 2023, Tennessee had about 1 million students and 1,850 schools across the state. He said Tennessee is the fastest growing state in the nation and between 2020 and 2022, the state population grew by 140,553 people.

He said he heard the other day that there was an average of 86 people moving into the Nashville Metro area every day.

He mentioned that 5 years ago, Bedford County had around 8,500 students and now there are about 9,000.

"That averages about 100 students a year that move into this County. We've got to be thinking ahead and planning ahead on how we're going to take care of them."

He mentioned the portables and other topics addressed that day by speakers like Mayor Chad Graham. While standing under the huge breezeway into the school, the state representative said Tennessee and Bedford County is very serious about the education of its children.

"Since 2011, the General Assembly has put almost 1 billion dollars extra into K-12 education. We have as our goal by 2026 to have every teacher in the state start at no less than $50,000 salary. That is a huge deal . . . working very hard to achieve."

Marsh added, "A healthy, vibrant, strong performing school system is of vital importance for economic growth and community success. What we do in education draws people to come to our community and bring their business, their restaurants, their hotels, their industry. We want to continue to have that success all over Bedford County and we're doing it right here, I think."

He said in closing, "Go Cartwright Colts!"

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Dear Editor:

The attempted assassination of former president Trump on Saturday while at a political rally in Pennsylvania ended with Trump slightly wounded and tragically a civilian attendee killed and 2 others wounded.

Fortunately, the cowardly shooter was killed outright by a secret Serviceman. It is hopeful that after this tragedy the outrageous inflaming rhetoric, name calling and downright bitter enmity between large portions of American major political parties will end before another similar tragedy occurs. American politics has no place for violence and if the bitter rhetoric and inciting rage results in attempted murder and mayhem then it needs to stop on both sides.

Surely our two political party candidates can engage in running a sane and violence-free campaign, and if not, then they both should be replaced by their respective parties. Our country has not been so politically and sectionally divided since the decade prior to the onset of the American Civil War. In fact, there is an eerie similarity in America today to that era whereas the South and the North were at odds and partisanship was so rampart in the sitting congress that dire threats and one act of violent assault were the order of the day and the sergeant-at-arms was at wits end attempting to restore and maintain harmony in the halls of congress.

This contentious situation continued nonstop until 1860 when Lincoln's election as POTUS resulted in various southern states seceding and the Civil War started in April, 1861 with an ultimate 750,000 American deaths before it ended in 1865. Of course, in that era there was no broadcasting media but the regional newspapers of both North and South added their incendiary editorials to keep salt in the wounds of American politics.

Fast forward 163 years and we are currently facing a similar bitterly contested presidential race with both sides casting stones of discontent and such rabble-rousing rhetoric that may have resulted in inciting the wrath and rage of the deranged 20-year-old man who attempted to kill the Republican candidate Trump.

A great contributor to this is the left-leaning rabble-rousing liberal media such as CNN, who added their smug opinion of the "alleged" assassination of Trump. Now it appears both Trump and to a lesser degree, Biden, are reaching out and urging a calmer and less violent inciting campaign. This is as it should be because with all the rampant crime, drugs and massive illegal immigration, America surely needs a calming effect for such an important event as the Presidential election. Both sides need to clearly state in plain English exactly how they will manage the country as POTUS and more importantly, rather than harping constantly on past accomplishments and personalities, just what is their platform and how will they make America a viable respected nation and not a third world entity?

We Americans demand a true picture of what the candidates have to offer; a picture of the future, not the past. For certain Biden with his failing mental acuity is a loser running on his dismal record of rampart inflation, higher taxes, runaway illegal immigration, diminished world opinion, decreasing military prowess, etc. for the past 3 1/2 years. His statement that he is the best person for POTUS and his past record should be the reason he is reelected, then he should be soundly defeated in November.

On the other hand, Trump did have a much better record overall during his 4 years as POTUS and if he can also tone down his rhetoric and plainly state what his future program for America will be, then he should be elected.

Regardless of who wins the upcoming POTUS election, let it be based on the candidates' ability to run a clean, violence free campaign and give America chance to not fear for their lives over what should be the cornerstone of a true democracy; the opportunity to attend political rallies in a safe atmosphere and to cast their vote in an honest election free of intimidation and fear.

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Submitted Photos

Annual chili cookoff goes on, heat, and all

The annual summer chili cookoff was held on the public square last weekend during the First Square Fair. Taking places respectively in the art category were: John Carney, Clover Honey and Leandra Habel. Several vendors turned out as well.



Cartwright Elementary attendees.







Taco grazing board, Breakfast grazing board

Create a family-friendly grazing board this summer

With all the activities that go on during the summer, especially right before school starts back, a family-friendly grazing board will suit any time frame or schedule.

(Family Features) A beautifully designed charcuterie board may feel more like a grown-up treat, but with the right ingredients, delicious grazing boards can provide fun and nutrition for the whole family.

No matter what you call it, charcuterie boards, grazing boards and snack platters are all basically the same thing. The boards make a trendy addition to an entertaining menu, but a platter or kid-friendly board can be equally pleasing.

What you serve on a grazing board is entirely up to you. Most include a selection of meats and cheeses, and many incorporate nuts, crackers, dips and jams. Some also incorporate fresh fruits and vegetables. Creating your own board means there really are no rules; you can add just about anything you want.

To build a successful board, keep these tips in mind:

Choose ingredients and elements that don't require temperature control. The idea of a grazing board is that it sits out for a while. Avoid anything that needs refrigeration, heat or will lose its shape or flavor if it rests for an extended amount of time.

Select a surface large enough to hold a variety of food. It can be a simple cutting board or a cute platter. There's no specific size requirement but err on the side of bigger; spacing out your goodies can be more attractive and less messy.

Use high-quality ingredients to ensure every bite is delicious and nutritious. While shopping, remember to look for the Produce for Kids and Healthy Family Project logos next to favorite items in the produce department, as adding these flavorful fruits and veggies to your cart can help make a difference in your community.

Build your board around a theme to add an extra element of fun. Use mini cookie cutters to make fun, kid-friendly shapes out of cheese and meats. Be mindful of colors; a rainbow platter is vibrant and appealing, and colorful fruits and veggies offer a strong mix of nutrients.

Remember it doesn't have to be elaborate. Classic favorites are all you need. Even kid favorites like sections of mandarin oranges, carrot sticks and chocolate chips are fair game for a family-friendly board.

Find more ideas for creating family-friendly treats at healthyfamilyproject.com.

Taco Tuesday Board

Recipe courtesy of Healthy Family Project's "Come Graze With Us" e-cookbook

Guacamole
Salsa
Queso
Hard and soft taco shells
Ground turkey, seasoned and browned
Lettuce
Diced tomatoes
Shredded cheese
Chopped onions
Chopped peppers
Sour cream
Cilantro
Lime wedges

On grazing board or platter, arrange guacamole, salsa, queso, taco shells, ground turkey, lettuce, tomatoes, shredded cheese, onions, peppers, sour cream, cilantro and lime wedges.

Weekend Breakfast Grazing Board

Recipe courtesy of Healthy Family Project's "Come Graze With Us" e-cookbook

Hard-boiled eggs
Cooked sausage links
Mini frozen waffles, toasted
Mini frozen pancakes, toasted
Mini muffins
Yogurt
Fresh fruit
Syrup
Jelly

Source: Healthy Family Project

Community CALENDAR

VFW MUSIC

VFW Post 5019, 1320 Wartrace Pike (Depot Street), will hold its monthly third-Saturday music night this weekend on July 20. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, with the event from 6-9:30 p.m. James Smotherman & Friends will be featured but other acoustic musicians and singers are welcome. Admission is $3, and there will be a potluck meal. No alcohol or outside beverages are permitted. For more information, call 931-607-3149 or 931-684-2523.

Ice Cream Supper

Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church will have its annual ice cream supper 5 p.m. Saturday, July 20.

BC Government Meeting

July 23: Financial Management Committee, 4:15 p.m., 200 Dover Street, Suite 110.

Farm Bureau Membership Dinner

Bedford County Farm Bureau will host a membership appreciation dinner on Friday, August 2, 2024 at 6:30 pm the Farm Bureau office located at 323 Bethany Lane, Shelbyville.

Laity Club Meeting

The Bedford County Laity Club will meet Sunday, August 11, 2024, at Blankenship Community Church at 6:00 PM. The meal is to be furnished.

Save the Date--Bedford County Schools

July 23-25 - New Teacher Induction

July 29 - Jul 31 Inservice Days (No School)

August 1 - Administrative/Election Day (No School)

August 2 - 1st Day for Students/ Abbreviated Day

Aug. 26 - Sept 2 Horse Show (No School)



Join Shelbyville First United Methodist Church on the historic square for a spiritually enriching worship service this Sunday. John Carney will be preaching a message entitled "Forty Winks" from Mark 6:30-34, 53-56. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 am, followed by the worship service at 10 am. For those unable to attend, FUMC-S offers a livestream on Facebook and a broadcast on WLIJ 1580 AM.



Nikia Elliott, chief deputy sheriff, discussed some concerns over corrections during Tuesday's law enforcement standing committee meeting.

Public comments aimed at County corrections

By Dawn Hankins

During the County's Law Enforcement Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, some fingers were pointed at local corrections during the public comment time.

Speaker Andrew Moore told committee members he was there to speak on behalf of those still struggling with addictions in jail "without a voice." He said due to time, he would quickly go through several points of concern.

With Bedford County Sheriff's Department employees sitting behind him, he did state several concerns. He claimed "Ronnie Prince's practices within the corrections facility are out of control." He said as a

result, few people get their time served properly documented and have less ability to obtain jobs.

"There are several issues that need to be looked into in the corrections facility," said Moore, who was dressed in a ball cap and wore a silver cross necklace.

He suggested to the committee the lack of mental health support from local corrections. He advised another concern is that people in corrections are not getting the necessities they need.

"I've seen people given uniform shirts as towels," said Moore.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Nikia Elliott was asked by the committee to address some of those issues brought forth by Moore. Elliott said he has offered to talk to Moore.

He said yes, the County would like to offer more mental health services for corrections. He said right now, there's 12-hour medical for corrections but he would love to have 24-hour medical and include more mental health services.

That however, he said, would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. "We have applied for a grant . . . for the mental health services that we're not able to provide," said Elliott. He said however, there is a doctor which comes on site.

"I'd always like to do more but we're also working with taxpayer dollars."

Calculating inmate credits, he said, are difficult because the state and county do them two different ways. He said most of those complaints can be addressed by staff simply contacting the state.

"I'm not going to sit here and say we don't make mistakes," said Elliott, stressing those concerns do need to be brought to the corrections department.

But he also assured that Bedford County Corrections is a busy place. He reassured that caring for the inmates is what local corrections is charge with doing every day.

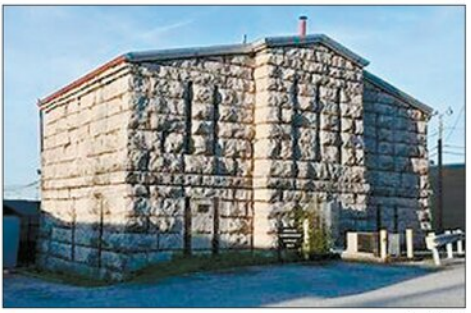
"I promise you that we absolutely care about the inmates. We absolutely do not want to keep them any longer than we have to have them. I promise you that."

Elliott said on the plus side, the local corrections department is getting a lot of attention and is becoming a model in the state. He said local corrections is in the caretaker business not there to punish people.

"As the sheriff always tells every new officer that we hire over there, the State of Tennessee punishes people. Bedford County Sheriff's Office houses them and takes care of them while they serve their time.

Elliott said of course there always has to be rules, which some incarcerated simply do not like. "It's not going to be a 5-Star resort, I can promise you that," said Elliott.

He said there are obviously some misunderstandings about how the Sheriff's Department operates. He agreed with the committee to sit down and discuss with Moore his concerns.



County Photo

Photo of old rock jail

While there may be complaints of the new County correctional facility, those incarcerated should feel blessed they're not having to spend their time in the old County rock house jail. This building is still located at the town square and the County has talked about various plans for future use. The Old Bedford County Jail, sometimes known as the Rock House Jail is a 19th-century building. The old jail is a two-story building built in 1866-7 from solid hand-hewn limestone. According to Goodspeed, it was "one of the most secure jails" in Tennessee, lighted and ventilated by "long, narrow windows." The old jail was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975.

Jail Intake
Bedford County Sheriff's Office
Brandon Lee Adcock, Culleoka, failure to appear, to serve time, General Sessions Court
Carlos Jesus Barbonio-Lopez, driving on suspended license, traffic control device (stop sign)
Thomas Wayne Barnes, aggravated assault
Jamie Lee Boyd, hold extradition another state
Curtis Davis Cripps Sr., driving on suspended license, speeding
Carley Anna Dye, no driver's license exhibited on demand, speeding
Coty Joe King, Columbia, bondsman surrender, violation of probation
Stephen Henry Lovett, homeless, possession of schedule II, public intoxication
William James Malicki, capias, failure to appear
Doyce James Mitchell Sr., Lewisburg, violation of order of protection
Abel Pablo-Gaspar, financial responsibility, no driver's license exhibited on demand, traffic control device (stop sign) violation of registration law
Carlos Panzo-Xalanetloa, no driver's license exhibited on demand, speeding
Guillermo NMN Pop Caal, Nashville, driving on revoked, speeding
Trevor Lee Powell, homeless, assault
Michael Angelo Presbitero, Fayetteville, hold extradition another state
James Allen Presley, driving on revoked, traffic control device (stop sign)
Manuel NMN Rodriguez Sanchez, no driver's license exhibited on demand, speeding
Whitney Dawn Swearington, Hillsboro, failure to appear
Jacari Mekhi Whitaker, 4 counts, contributing to a minor
Kainen Daniel Young, Kingston Springs, hold extradition another state

Submitted Photo

SPD employee Dickerson celebrates 10th!

Shelbyville Police Department recently congratulated Linda Dickerson on her 10th anniversary with the SPD. Linda serves as the receptionist at Shelbyville Animal Control, and her dedication, professionalism, and friendly demeanor have made her an invaluable part of our team, SPD officials stated.





Shelbyville Police Department is partnering with the Tennessee Highway Safety Office for "Operation Southern Slow Down." SPD states the purpose of this multi-jurisdictional campaign is to increase traffic enforcement July 15-19 and to reduce speeding across the Southeast. In conjunction with other states, Shelbyville PD will increase education and law enforcement efforts to help reduce speeding-related crashes, injuries and fatalities across Tennessee.

Liberty FCE has July meeting

The Liberty FCE Club enjoyed a summertime lunch on July 15 at Linda Jernigan's home.

Judy Smith made a few announcements about upcoming events.

It was reported that the guidelines to be a Master Club are being updated. A committee is revamping those guidelines.

The state convention will be Nov. 17-18 with registration due Oct. 1.

Leader training will be July 30 at 10:00 a.m.

Judy Smith will go to Taste and Tell on Oct. 4 at 12.00.

Betty Renegar has a birthday this month.

Dues have been raised to $10 per person. Forms will be sent to Lucile Sorrells.

Judy Smith read the adjournment.

The next meeting is 8-19-24 at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church.

Reporting was Ann Spencer.

Item 3.

Office of the Sheriff
Bedford County Tennessee
Sheriff - Austin Swing

ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF: June , 2024

TOTAL MILES:	64,315
TOTAL CITATIONS:	14
TOTAL WARRANTS SERVED:	796
TOTAL ARRESTS MADE:	132
TOTAL INMATES CURRENTLY IN HOLDING:	JAIL: 312
TOTAL PERSONS PROCESSED THROUGH:	JAIL: 415

10-27 (Burglary):	2	(Assault/Agg. Assault):	14
10-42 (Alarms):	26	10-64 (Motorist Assist):	78
10-43 (Investigations, etc.):	348	10-72 (Fire):	5
10-44 (Stolen Vehicle):	1	10-86 (Domestic):	3
10-45 (Auto Acc. No Injury):	59	10-14 (Escort - No Arrest):	21
10-46 (Auto Acc. W/Injury):	8	10-15 (Transport In Custody):	83
10-49 (Drunk Driver):	6	10-81 (Traffic Stop):	204
10-56 (Prowler):	5	911 (Hang-up & Other):	60
(Child Abuse):	2	Other:	101
		Total:	718

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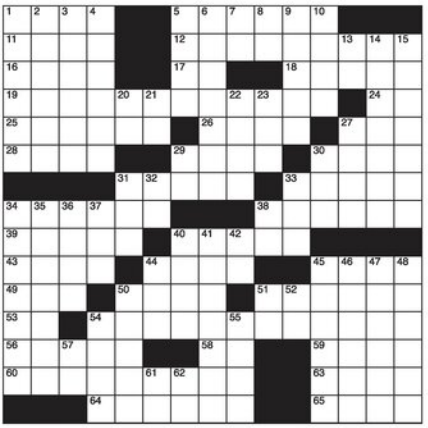
Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

1. Average damage per system (abbr.)
5. Lustful woodland gods (Greek mythology)
11. Colombian Town
12. Sour
16. A way to stuff
17. Former AL MVP Vaughn
18. Carried or transported
19. Cannot even fathom
24. Hammer is one
25. A way to separate
26. Not moving
27. Women's service organization (abbr.)
28. German river
29. Quantitative fact
30. A person's head
31. Process that produces ammonia
33. French modernist painter
34. Too much noise
38. Agree to a demand
39. One a line at right angles to a ship's length
40. Employees
43. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
44. Component of hemoglobin
45. Quick and skillful in movement
49. Passing trend
50. Part of the eye
51. One who acclaims
53. Deadly amount (abbr.)
54. Taste property
56. Genus of mosquitoes
58. Blood type
59. A group of countries in special alliance
60. Institute legal proceedings against
63. Shade of a color
64. Spoke
65. Work units

CLUES DOWN

1. Charge with a crime
2. Mended with yarn
3. North Atlantic flatfish
4. Boil at low temperature
5. Lapps of northern Scandinavia
6. Poisonous plant
7. Atomic #22
8. 36 inches
9. Monetary unit of Russia
10. Type of gin
13. An alternative
14. Alone
15. A way to ooze
20. Publicity
21. American firm
22. Jewish calendar month
23. Popular sandwich
27. Comedian Cook
29. The NFL's big game (abbr.)
30. Political action committee
31. Make a low, steady sound
32. Legendary sportscaster Michaels
33. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
34. Designed to keep ears warm
35. One who scrapes
36. Tear into two or more pieces
37. Supervises flying
38. Flying arm of the U.S. military (abbr.)
40. District in Peru
41. One died leaving a will
42. Morning
44. The world of the dead
45. Widen
46. Drink containing medicine
47. Celebrating
48. Secret encounters
50. A type of tag
51. Halfback
52. Modern tech
54. Monetary unit
55. Resigned to one's sleeping chamber
57. Execute or perform
61. 'The Golden State'
62. 'The Beehive State' (abbr.)



Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, show off your true colors and let others see who you are and what makes you tick. You are given the spotlight right now to shine and get noticed even more.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
The full equation may not be revealed this week until you start to unravel some of the pieces, Taurus. You will need to remain patient as the process plays out.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, you are discovering more people you can trust and who have your best interests at heart. Continue to surround yourself with these winning individuals.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Right now you have to take a leap of faith if you really want to grow, Cancer. Take a trip somewhere you've never visited, learn a new language, or make an effort to meet new people.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, although you might want to keep your aspirations to yourself, it is helpful if you run your ideas past a few trusted people to see if their enthusiasm mirrors your own.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you can certainly proceed according to logic, but you might be better off trusting your gut for the time being. It rarely steers you wrong with the bigger things in life.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, people from all corners will come together to help you out, just when you need it most. Now you will get to realize those people who truly support you.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you may have been sitting on certain information for a while and are not sure when you will reveal it. You'll know the right time when it comes around.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, even if your love life has been a little lackluster, you can rest assured that things will be flowing anew very soon. It's time to rekindle those feelings of love and affection.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Now isn't a good time to think you can take your emotions, Capricorn. Others will see right through you and read your mind quite easily. It's better to be honest and open.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Someone you haven't spoken to in a while might be on your mind, Aquarius. This might be the right time to bridge the gap and open lines of communication.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, it can be difficult to delegate to others and not handle everything yourself. But you have to trust in others and support them if you want them to learn and grow.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS
JULY 21
Rory Culkin, Actor (35)
JULY 22
Selena Gomez, Actress (32)
JULY 23
Daniel Radcliffe, Actor (35)
JULY 24
Jennifer Lopez, Singer (55)
JULY 25
Jax Jones, Music Producer (37)
JULY 26
Sandra Bullock, Actress (60)
JULY 27
Triple H, Wrestler (55)

SUN SAFETY WORD SEARCH

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R	A	D	I	A	T	I	O	N	W	F	E	B	A	M	U	N	B	P	S

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

WORDS

CANCER
COVER UP
DERMATOLOGIST
HEAT
INDEX
INDOORS
MELANOMA
MORNING
PROTECT
RADIATION
RASH
REFLECT
SHADE
SKIN
SPOTS
SUNBLOCK
SUNBURN
SUNGLASSES
SUNLIGHT
ULTRAVIOLET
UMBRELLA
WIDE-BRIMMED

SUDOKU

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

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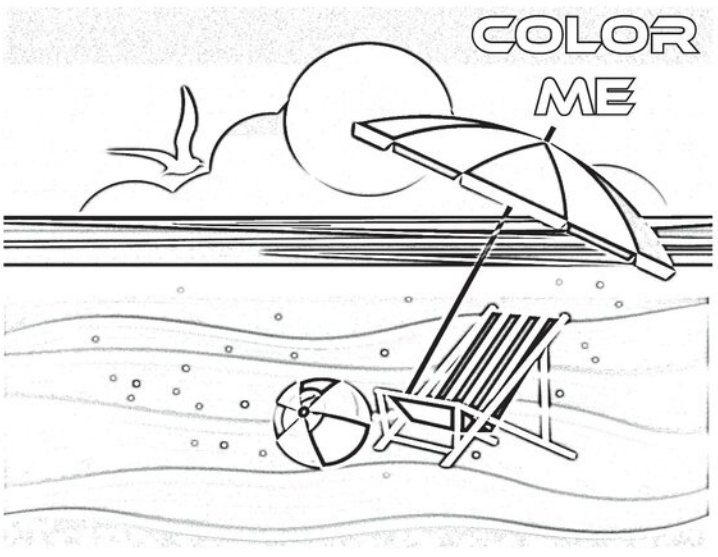
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Level: Intermediate

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		5	7			9	4	
		6						7

Level: Advanced

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At Creson Recycling
2534 Lewisburg Hwy.
Fayetteville, TN 37334
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Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: July 9

Seller, Joseph H Curl, Gregory T Curl; Buyer, Suzy Z Maldonado, Minerva Zurita Castro; Price, $312,000 (Deed).

Location: 358 Coopertown Rd Unionville; Seller, Genesis Acquisitions LLC, Jordan Buie; Buyer, MSQD Holdings LLC; Price, $250,000 (Deed).

Location: Hwy 41A South; Seller, Heather Stover, Amber Stidam, Randall Stover II; Buyer, Kevin Patrick Boudreaux, Maria Denis Boudreaux; Price, $715,000 (Deed).

Location: Mullins Hollow Rd Shelbyville; Seller, KDP Holdings LLC< Daniel R Phillips; Buyer, Joey Brown, Kayla Brown; Price, $190,250 (Deed).

Location: 431/429/427/425 Dover St; Seller, Robert Allison, Nicole Allison, Robert A Allison, Nicole P Allison; Buyer, Allison Family Revocable Trust Agreement; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 200/202 Smotherman Ave; Seller, Robert Allison, Nicole Allison, Robert A Allison, Nicole P Allison; Buyer, Allison Family Revocable Trust Agreement; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: July 10

Location: 107 Bradley Dr Unionville; Seller, Robert E Hood; Buyer, Cheyenne Investments LLC; Price, $135,738.09 (Deed).

Location: 2318 41A South; Seller, Whane Fogle, Mary Colleen Fogle; Buyer, Sharon Nix, David Nix; Price, $750,000 (Deed).

Seller, Charles B Whitaker; Buyer, Rhonda Comstock, Leann Dunnavant, Eric Dunnavant; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Robert Walter Nelson, Chrystal Elizabeth Reed, Laura Luanne Reed May, Valerie Nicole Nelson Prince, Douglas Shane Storey; Buyer, Gary Storey, Nancy Storey; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Gary Storey, Nancy Storey; Buyer, Donald White Construction LLC, Wayne Neese; Price, $100,000 (Deed).

File date: July 11

Location: 216 Meadowbrook Dr Shelbyville; Seller, JC Builders LLC; Buyer, Teresa Gorham, Melissa Gorham Morris; Price, $349,900 (Deed).

Location: Hickory Hill Rd; Seller, Timothy L Zbel, April Zbel; Buyer, Kelli Eileen Ambrose; Price, $375,000 (Deed).

Seller, Jacquelyn Elliott, Jacquelyn Elliott Way; Buyer, Jack G Heffington; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 323 Durum St; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Dalton M Turner, Jordan Bustamante, Sandra Kowalski; Price, $307,990 (Deed).

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

Location: 325 Durum St; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Melissa McDonough, Jovon Bennett; Price, $346,900 (Deed).

Location: Hensler Rd; Seller, Brandon Douglas Bryant, Michael Dalton Bryant; Buyer, Ethan Dalton Bryant; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: July 12

Location: 209 Chevelle Court Shelbyville; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Hayden Andrew Miller, Melissa A Miller; Price, $344,340 (Deed).

Location: 324 Durum St Shelbyville; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Whitney Marshall; Price, $338,990 (Deed).

Location: Freddie Smith Ln; Seller, Ronald Frederick Smith II, Lynsey Smith, Ronald F Smith II; Buyer, Madisyn Smith; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, William B Weddington, Emily E Weddington; Buyer, David Edward Thompson; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 794 Happy Valley Rd Bell Buckle; Seller, MAPA Properties LLC, Manuel A Puente Lopez, Juan Bryan Puente, Martha A Lopez Caballero; Buyer, Joe B Hamrick, Beverly A Hamrick; Price, $480,000 (Deed).

Location: US Hwy 64; Seller, James E Farrar Sr; Buyer, Magdalena Gomez Bates; Price, $200,000 (Deed).

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Location: 1720 Tennessee 64 Shelbyville; Seller, Rhonda Stephens, James Stephens; Buyer, Egil O Miranda Chavez; Price, $155,000 (Deed).

Location: 111 Comanche Place Shelbyville; Seller, Jose Luis Garcia Romo, Maria C Gonzalez; Buyer, Fabiana Juan Martin; Price, $180,000 (Deed).

Location: 110 Horseshoe Ct Shelbyville; Seller, Elizabeth A McInerney; Buyer, Christopher Serge Aude; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 314 Bethlehem Church Rd; Seller, Linda J Deal; Buyer, James Allen Deal; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Timothy Brodeur, Melissa Brodeur; Buyer, Ronnie Dismang, Shirley Dismang; Price, $380,000 (Deed).

Location: 102 Wisteria Circle Bell Buckle; Seller, Katie Scarlett Zinko, John Michael Zinko; Buyer, Randall Nilsen, Donna Nilsen; Price, $365,000 (Deed).

Location: Henderson Rd; Seller, Nicholas Knox Taylor, Nicholas K Taylor; Buyer, Nicholas K Taylor, Rikki L Taylor; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 4700 Hwy 41A North; Seller, Stones River Construction LLC; Buyer, Ann Chandler; Price, $655,000 (Deed).

Seller, Thomas Eugene Leinart Jr, Eva Leinart; Buyer, Alexander lee Bataller, Jennifer Angela Bataller; Price, $299,900 (Deed).



Obituaries

Peggy Joyce David

Peggy Joyce David, age 83, of Bell Buckle, passed away July 15, 2024, under the loving care and comfort of her family, Alive Hospice, and the dedicated and caring staff of Community Care of Rutherford County.

Funeral services will be 4 PM Thursday, July 18, 2024, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Brother Larry Chatman will officiate, with burial to follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive visitors 2 PM until service time Thursday at the funeral home.

She was born May 4, 1941, in Eagleville, to the late Roy Thomas and Kathrine Herrod Vincion. She was retired from Jensen's Incorporated after 60+ years of service. She held membership at St. William Catholic Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, James Vincion and a sister, Dianne Stinett.

Survivors include her husband of 62 years, Roland David, Jr.; daughter, Maria Deason, and her husband Marty, of Bloomington, Illinois; a son, Ronald David, of Bell Buckle; sister, Sue Kirby, of Smyrna; grandchild, Ryan Deason, of Bloomington, Illinois.

Peggy would be honored



with memorials to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Tennessee Special Olympics.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Johnny Roy Vogel

Johnny R. Vogel born September 9,1957 went to be with his Lord & Savior on Monday, July 8th, 2024.

His parents were the late Roy and Mildred Landers Vogel. He is survived by his brother, Jerry (Carolyn) Vogel; his niece, Christy Morgan and family; and his 1st cousin, Faye Vogel Fuller. He is survived by his close friend Jim Ed Smith. He also had two dogs who he dearly loved, Casey and Jezebel.

He retired from Walmart Distribution Center in September of 2022 after 21.5 years of service.

Johnny enjoyed farming, hunting, riding his motorcycle, riding his ATV, cooking and making cooking videos. He would put in his videos that "God is in control". His 1st love was God. He also loved his dogs and was a self-proclaimed "simple man." Johnny loved his neighbors. He would help anyone that he could and was extremely kind hearted. He inherited his ability to fix or repair anything from his father. He was an avid church goer and had many friends that he loved and that loved him. Johnny had a beautiful soul.

Per Johnny's wishes, there will be no service. A



celebration of life will be announced at a later date. The family requests donations be made to New Destiny Dog Rescue 202 E. Highland St. Shelbyville, TN 37160.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

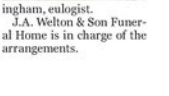
Robert Chambers

Robert Chambers, 81, of Bell Buckle, passed from this life to be with our Savior, July 13, 2024, at Good Samaritan Health & Rehab Center in Antioch. He was born on June 2, 1943, in Bell Buckle, to the late Robert, Sr. and Ruby Chambers.

He was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Bell Buckle. He retired from The Webb School in Bell Buckle as a custodian after many years. He was a man of few words, but had a kind heart and willing to help his family and others. In his spare time, he enjoyed listening to music and taking long drives.

He is survived by cousins, Lucille Gill and Roy Frank Buckingham; devoted cousin, Michael (Jackie) Cooper; step-sister, Evelyn Chambers of Albany, IN and numerous cousins, other relatives and friends.

Graveside Services will be held on Saturday, July 20, 2024 at Houston-Whitworth Cemetery in Bell Buckle beginning at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Eddie Buck-



ingham, eulogist.

J.A. Welton & Son Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



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Nancy Lyons Lillard



Nancy Lyons Lillard, a native of Atlanta, Ga., passed away on July 12, 2024 at the age of 85. Nancy graduated from Central High School.

She was predeceased by her parents, Eugene Edward and Eleanor Williams Lyons, her husband, LTC Larry D. Lillard, her son, Lyons (Cap) D. Lillard, and her brother, Gene Lyons.

She is survived by her son, John Edward Lillard (Deanna), her grandchildren, Wyatt, Maclyn, Carrie and Wilson Lillard, her sister-in-law, Sandra C. Lyons, her niece,Lesley Lyons Abashian (Phil Abashian), her niece Susie Lyons (Ed Lyons deceased), her nephew, John Mathew Lillard, and 6 great nieces and nephews.

Nancy graduated from Central High School and from the University of TN, Knoxville. earning a degree in business administration. While at UT, she was a member of Alpha Delta PI Sorority, serving as treasurer and then president. She received the award for the Outstanding Marketing/Retailing Graduate, was elected to Mortar Board as a junior and YWCA President.

As an Army wife for 20 years, she considered it both a privilege and an honor. Through her adult life, she was involved in charitable duties, a Sunday School teacher for 15 years, a school volunteer, a room Mother, a scout leader and President of the Officer Wives' Club in Anniston, AL. She was a member of Dunwoody Methodist Church, served on the Atlanta Diabetes Board and as co-chairman of Bedford County Cancer Fund Raiser.

Her working career after college started as a junior executive trainee for Rich's, CEO and treasurer of Bedford Cheese Co. in Shelbyville. She retired from Civil Service at Forces Command, Fort McPherson, as senior budget analyst for the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division.

Most important to her was her Christian faith and her wonderful family and friends, whom she loved dearly. She most enjoyed trips to her second home at Dauphin Island, AL. After retirement, she spent time enjoying spectator sports (GO VOLS), watching her grandchildren participate in sports, playing bridge, card games, doing puzzles, reading, but having company topped her list. She took dancing for 11 years and regretted she could no longer jitterbug.

She would ask that we pray regularly for our country and our leaders.

Memorial donations can be made to The Diabetes Assn. www.Diabetes.org, or The Lyons (Cap) Lillard Endowed Scholarship in the UT College of Music, www.music.utk.edu.

Services are Saturday 7/20/24 at Dunwoody UMC: Visitation is at noon, Services at 1 p.m. An ice cream social will follow.

Larry Ussery



Larry Ussery, age 83, of Chapel Hill, died Monday, July 15, 2024, at his residence. Mr. Ussery was born in Texas and was a son of the late Arvil Eugene Ussery and Helen Ruth Proffer Ussery. Larry was an owner & operator of DeLong Equipment Company. He served our country in the United States ARMY. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his sister, Lana Ruth Ussery Harris.

Mr. Larry Loved playing the game of golf. He enjoyed fishing and spending time in nature. He had a passion for woodworking and creating things. He loved playing various card games. Most of all, he loved his family and spending time with them!

Mr. Ussery is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Mrs. Elaine Ussery of Chapel Hill; children, Kelly Ann Ussery (Timothy) Brumbelow of Chapel Hill, Robin Michelle Ussery (Charles Susano of Knoxville); 4 grandchildren; a brother, David Eugene (Sara) Ussery of Franklin.

Per the request of Mr. Larry, there will be no public visitation nor funeral service. For those who wish, memorial donations made be made in memory of Mr. Larry Ussery to ALS Association, 1300 Wilson Blvd, Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22209.

Avonda Jean Chandler



Avonda Jean Chandler, born on June 18, 1949, in Lincoln, Tennessee, peacefully departed from this world on July 12, 2024, in Greenville, Texas. Her memory will forever be cherished by those who knew and loved her.

Avonda Jean Chandler was a dedicated bus driver who started her career in Bedford County, moving on to Rutherford; and eventually moving on to work for Farmington ISD; where she spent many wonderful years, until her retirement.

Avonda's life was marked by her generosity and kindness. Her personality shone through in everything she did; always wearing a smile and willing to help others, even if it meant giving the shirt off her back. In addition to her professional life, Avonda found joy in hobbies such as sewing and crocheting.

Avonda is survived by her loving daughter, Regina Parker; grandson Eric (Allison) Sanders; great-granddaughter Gracelyn Claire Sanders; siblings Zackery Allen, Terrell Allen, Jann Johnson, Joel Allen; husband, Jerry Bowen Sr.; stepson Jerry L Bowen Jr.; numerous step-grandchildren, and many step great-grandchildren.

Avonda is preceded in death by her step daughter; Kim Bash; son-in-law, Danny Parker; sisters-in-law, Sherry and Shirley Allen.

Services to honor and celebrate Avonda's life will take place at Peters Funeral Home in Greenville, Texas. A visitation will be held on July 17th, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Though she may no longer be with us physically, Avonda's spirit of kindness and compassion will continue to live on in the hearts of all those she touched. May she rest in peace.

Betty Jean Sircy

Betty Jean Avriett Sircy, age 77, of Shelbyville TN, passed from this life Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at home surrounded by her loved ones and under the care of Hospice Compassus.

A native of Bedford County, Betty was born on August 24, 1946, to the late Leonard Avriett and Marjorie Joe Reaves Avriett. Along with her parents she is proceeded in death by her brother-in-law, Tony Carrick.

Betty was a graduate of SCHS class of 1964 and had worked in data entry having worked with various companies over her career. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She loved all animals and found joy living on a farm. She enjoyed planting flowers, being outdoors, and enjoyed creating honey do lists for her husband and family members. In her younger years she showed quarter horses and traveled all around the country competing. She was a member of New Bethel Baptist Church and was very active member until she was unable due to her health.

Survivors include: loving husband of 58 years, Jerry Mack Sircy; daughter, Christa Lynn Sircy Lahr and husband Carl of Shelbyville; grandsons, Joshua Neese and wife Samantha, and Connor Crawford; great grandchildren, Lexi, Landon, and Layna Jean Neese; sister, Linda Carrick of Shelbyville; nephew, Mark Carrick; nieces, Lisha Burgers, and Shawn Gentry; with many great nephews and great nieces. Also, her three loving dogs, Angel, Tinker, and Tank.



Funeral services were held 1:00 p.m. Saturday, July 13, 2024, at New Bethel Baptist Church with Bro. Kenneth Neill officiating. Burial followed at New Bethel Cemetery.

Visitation with the family was held prior to funeral service on Saturday, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to New Destiny Dog Rescue @ www.newdestinydogrescue.com.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Debbie Sue Hendrix



Debbie Sue Hendrix, age 58, of Shelbyville, passed from this life on Friday, July 12, 2024, at her home.

Originally from Baltimore, Maryland, Debbie was born on August 6, 1965, to Geraldine Pierce Hampton and the late Frank Hendrix.

Debbie's memory will be one of true devotion, as she made sure everyone knew about her three biggest loves: her family, the San Francisco 49ers, and country music. She devoted the majority of her time to her family and close friends, forming a special bond with each of them. Her grandchildren held a special place in her life as their relationships brought her tremendous joy, love, and laughter.

On Sundays during football season, she could be found cheering for her favorite team and in the off-season always representing them with her favorite 49er's jersey. Her love of music took her to many places through the years as she shared her passion for live music and a good concert with those she loved. Always up for a good road trip, she enjoyed traveling and spending time with her siblings and cousins as they reminisced about their childhood together.

She leaves behind a wonderful man who loved her with everything he had and the legacy of a family to whom she gave selflessly and unconditionally.

She is survived by her loving partner, George Driver; three children, Sarah Grijalva, Michael (Rachel) Grijalva, II, and Kristin Grijalva; siblings, Ricky Jones, Cindy Majors, Dwayne Columbia, Marci Cook, and Jonathon Jones; 10 grandchildren whom she loved more than anything, Hailey (Zach) Rollins, Allie Burke, Oren, Elan, Coen, and Reagan Grijalva, Makeena Farrar, Miles, and Daylynn Johnson, and Inzley Grijalva. She is also survived by wonderful cousins who were more like siblings, Pam Carter, Sharon Watson, and Robbie Hendrix.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 18, 2024, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with family and friends sharing memories of Debbie.

Visitation will be held before the celebration of life beginning at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association @ www.heart.org.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Donna Jean Haston Bell



Donna Jean Haston Bell, 72, of Manchester, died July 12, 2024. Funeral Services were held 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, July16th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home with Charles Williams officiating. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation began at 12:00 P.M.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Lou Aulabaugh Haston; two sisters, Becky Haston Beard, Kay Haston Starr Bacher.

Donna is survived by her husband, Don L. Bell; four children, Bernie Bell (Shana) of Gulf Shores, AL., Kelly Garay (Oscar) of Houston, TX., Daniel Bell (Shannon) of Beaufort, NC., and Ben Bell of Sarasota, FL.; seven grandchildren, Madelynne Bell, Allyson Bell, Lucas Bell, Josh Garay, Leah Garay, Isaac Bell and Gracie Bell; two sisters, Deborah Haston Massey and Bonnie Haston Delk; sister-in-law and brother-in law, Jeanette Bell Mooneyham (Mitchell), Larry Bell (Bridget) and many nieces and nephews.

Donna was a member of New Union Church of Christ of Manchester; she was a Christian woman who loved the Lord with all of her being. She loved her family and they loved her.

Donna loved to sew and make crafts to share with family and friends. Her specialty was handmade cards that have become keepsake treasures for those who have them. She loved her many cats and dogs and truly, animals of any kind. There was never one left to its own, if she could make a place for it. Her heart was amazing.

Clara Mae Jacobs



Funeral services for Clara Mae Crosslin Jacobs, age 79, of Shelbyville, were held 1:00 p.m. Sunday, July 14, 2024, at the House of Prayer (865 Union St. Shelbyville, TN) with Pastors Bryan Nerren and Ray Wiser officiating. Burial followed at Farrar Hill Cemetery in Manchester, TN. Mrs. Jacobs passed from this life on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at her home under the care of her loving family and Gentiva Hospice.

Visitation with the family was held 4-7 p.m. Saturday, July 13, 2024, at Doak-Howell Funeral Home.

Born November 24, 1944, Clara Mae was the daughter of the late James Marcus Crosslin and Zettie Mae Driver Crosslin. Along with her parents she has preceded in death by a daughter, Charlotte Richardson;

brother, James Crosslin; sister, Louise "Polly" Richardson; and infant sister, Dorothy Crosslin.

Clara Mae was a native of Bedford County and was a loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, and friend. She was a strong and faithful servant of God that always put Him first in everything that she did. She loved her family dearly and lead by example with love and grace. She was a dedicated member of her church where she made herself available for anything that was needed.

She is survived by her loving husband of 37 years, Charles Clifford Jacobs; sons, Michael Richardson and wife Lee Ann, Larry Richardson and wife Mary Grace, and Timmy Richardson and Debbie Swerske; daughter, Diane Woodward; brothers, Jackie Crosslin and wife Debbie, Billy Crosslin and wife Linda, Johnny Crosslin and wife Betty; and sister, Lula Nichols and husband Henry; along with, 10 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to Saint Jude's children's research Hospital @ www.stjude.org or by mail; 501 Saint Jude's place Memphis, TN.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Tabitha Pearl Pewitt



Tabitha Pearl Pewitt passed away peacefully on July 13th, 2024. Born at home in Anes Station, Marshall County, Tennessee on August 15th, 1942, to Aubrey Brown and Mary Sue (Horton)Turner, Tabitha was named after her maternal and paternal grandmothers and spent much of her life explaining the pronunciation of her name-Tabitha with a long "i".

She attended elementary school there in Anes Station and graduated from Marshall County High School in Lewisburg, Tennessee.

The summer after graduation, she married Lester Pewitt. They met at a square dance in Lynchburg, Tennessee that she attended with her sister and cousins. He watched her all night and saw she was leaving. He walked up to her and said, "won't you be cold without your sweater?" One of their first dates was to Huntsville, Alabama to eat pizza because she had never tried pizza, as no restaurant in Middle Tennessee served pizza in 1954.

In the beginning of their marriage, they rented a room in Shelbyville and later lived in two different homes on Hickory Drive.

These were good years for Tabitha and where she brought home Shawn, Brenda and Les.

Tabitha moved with her family to a farm in the community of Halls Mill where Lori was brought home.

When Lester had short-term, debilitating back problems, Tabitha took over the farm and livestock. She often told of waiting until the cows were in the back field, running to the barn and throwing the hay down quickly before they returned.

Tabitha was an excellent cook and everyone hoped she brought her famous coconut cake to potlucks and picnics.

She played the piano at Crowell's Chapel church in Halls Mill before she and Lester eventually changed their membership to the First Church of the Nazarene in Shelbyville.

Tabitha worked at Jostens for decades and made lifelong friends there.

To know Tabitha was to love her. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother and possessed an innate elegance, quiet determination, and great sense of humor.

Tabitha taught everyone around her what unconditional love is and how to love others as Jesus loves us.

Tabitha was preceded in death by parents Brown and Mary Sue (Mae) Turner and infant daughter, Mary Pewitt.

She leaves behind her sister and lifelong best friend, Betty Joe Robertson of Lynchburg and four children, Shawn (Mario) Diaz, Brenda (Jim) Sanchez, Les (Vickie) Pewitt and Lori Ann (Brian) Swistak, 8 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild.

A celebration of life service was held Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at Gowen Smith Chapel in Shelbyville. Visitation was at 12:00, funeral at 2:00. Burial followed at Crowell's Chapel Cemetery in the Hall's Mill community.

Lucy Lee Jones Christmon



Mrs. Lucy Lee Jones Christmon, age 82, of Shelbyville, passed away July 9, 2024.

Funeral services were 12 PM Saturday, July 13, 2024, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Rev. Paul Rippy was eulogist. Burial followed in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. The family received visitors one hour prior to service Saturday at the funeral home.

She was born May 6, 1942, in Fayetteville, to the late John Willie and Mary Eugenia Thomison Jones. She was retired from Wal Mart, having worked in the pharmacy.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Robert "Corn" Christmon.

Survivors include her daughter, Chevonne Christmon; a sister, Laura Marsh and a brother, Wilbert Jones.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

"We Can Compete Now, And That Is A Great Feeling" – Chris Fritz Talks Growth of Golden Eagles Soccer

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The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles Boy's Soccer team under head coach, Chris Fritz, is in the midst of a multi-year run that the program has not seen for some time. The defending District 9-3A champions are a little more than two calendar years removed from the first state tournament appearance in school history, but are optimistic that won't be the last either.

"In the past few years, things have really turned. We obviously made state two years ago, and I think we are headed back in that direction, but really it's the character of individuals on the team," Coach Fritz said.

Shelbyville Central went 10-8-5 according to MaxPreps this past spring, but their season ended in a closely contested 1-0 loss to perennial state power, the Brentwood Bruins, in the Region 5-3A semifinals. Unfortunately, the Golden Eagles were supposed to host that game since they were district champions, but heavy rainstorms early that evening forced the two teams to move the game to Siegel High and play on a turf field instead, essentially eliminating any home field advantage Shelbyville was supposed to have with kickoff taking place after 9:00 p.m.

Despite all this, Fritz was able to recognize the massive growth in the program with his takeaways from that game.

"We try to play Brentwood every year, they are the hub of travel ball in Middle Tennessee, and my first year here we lost to them 9-0. There was no mercy rule, I can't remember if there was a running clock or what, but I do remember that horrible feeling afterwards," he said. "Then, this past season, yes Brentwood dominated the run of play, but I felt like we actually had quite a few dangerous chances in the second half where we felt like we could tie this thing up. We had so many juniors on that field. We do lose some big players out of that group, but our program has gotten to where, yea, we'll have some ups and downs, but the program itself will kind of guide us through those years when maybe the talent isn't as high. What we can do now is compete, and that is a great feeling."

Fritz is about to embark on his 12th year in charge of the Golden Eagles soccer program, and despite the extremely successful seasons on the field recently, he definitely still remembers where he started, and when he wasn't able to compete so regularly. He himself is an alum of Shelbyville Central, and he got his start coaching soccer as an assistant coach here in Shelbyville under the former Coach Gordon. Fritz remembers a moment early on that helped lay out a potential vision of his future.

"I went to SCHS, and I was an assistant already in the program when I started, and Coach Gordon, who was here for a long time before and built up all the facilities, said to me in the middle of my first year, 'I'm only doing this for a couple more years this is probably going to fall into your lap and I want you to be ready and really consider if this is the life you want,' and it was tough."

After a year or so had passed with Fritz not having come to a decision one way or the other, he experienced something extremely meaningful that improbably set him on the path he is on today.

"The uniqueness of this program is that you get to know each other really well, it's always been this way," he explained. "My mom passed away in either my second or third year as an assistant coach, and we had a game that night. I almost never miss games, but we knew for this that there were some decisions that needed to be made. We kept the team updated and were transparent about what was going on, and on the way back, the very first call I got was from a player on that team after they tied a team that was supposed to run them off the field, saying, 'Hey Coach, I just wanted to let you know that I love you and the only reason I played so hard was because I know what you're going through.'"

"When he said those words, that changed my whole path," Fritz emphasized, "For a long time it was all about winning, and I love winning, but there's also this larger picture here of how many of these people are going to come back in the community. The connection with every individual person is something that you don't always necessarily see at a bigger program. For example, a lot of these upcoming seniors, I coached them in travel when they were 6, 7, 8 years old, and so seeing them get to finish their local journey? I got to see them in the beginning and the end which is really neat, but in a bigger town I wouldn't be that connected. I wouldn't know every kid, like 'Hey, I saw him when he was six, and now he's a senior!'"



At halftime of their Regional Semifinal against state-power Brentwood, the Golden Eagles only 1-0, but could not quite find the equalizing goal. *T-G Staff Photo.*

Shelbyville Central is in the biggest school classification in the state – 3A in soccer for example – but still has the feel of a small town school, at least in the community, despite the immense growth both in the town of Shelbyville itself and the school over the years.

All that growth seemed to culminate in 2022 when he led the Golden Eagles to the Boy's Soccer program's first ever state tournament berth. Ironically enough, they were drawn to matchup with Brentwood in the first round.

"2022 is the only time it's happened in boy's soccer here. "Those guys were workers," Fritz said. "We practiced in the summer, and they came to every summer practice. We had guys that were laying concrete working with their dads and they would come into practice with mortar and concrete mix on their hands and they'd wash their hands off, put their cleats on, and get to practice. They were all very tight with each other but also very great leaders. It was a special group."

"They definitely changed the course of things and the expectations here."

The only student-athletes left in the program from that 2022 team are soon-to-be seniors that were freshmen that season. Fritz explains that he played almost 20 guys in that state tournament game total, something he has never done before in any other year – except for any blowouts of course – because the freshmen were that talented and committed. Now, they are the leaders of the 2024/25 team with a journey that still has quite a few chapters left to be written, starting in this summer.

"Right now, in early days, we are looking at the commitment level of guys. Not everyone obviously because we have some playing football, so we're not going to demand that, but we are going to see who is working hard, who is getting extra touches, and who can play where," said Fritz.

This year, there will also be some time in the fall semester to reconvene and train some more before the calendar turns to 2025.

"For the first time, TSSAA is allowing us two weeks of fall practice, kind of like how football gets some time for spring practices," Fritz explained. "We are still working through the dynamics of what we are allowed and not allowed to do, like we know we can practice but is it like football where we can have a jamboree? What is the limit? So that will be brand new, but we hope for everyone to hit the field in the beginning of November."

That extra work will be crucial to help bridge the gap for not just some talented incoming freshmen, but also players that played football and had to miss out on the summer training sessions. These summer training sessions have been extremely beneficial for members of the team that are available as they learn the scheme and playstyle that Fritz likes his team's to try to play.

"Something unique that we have kind of done is that we adapt to what we have. Some coaches have a set scheme, I'm more of a style of play guy rather than a scheme guy. We have a set style of play that we will try to play in, but if that doesn't work with what we have, I'll pivot to something else," Fritz continues. "The actual system varies, and this summer we have added some really unique pieces out wide. Used to be where we really only had one dominant wide player, now we have multiple quick and technically sound wingers. Midfield is mostly returning outside of Alex Sebastian, who was so important to us last year. Our backline will be a little fresh with us having to replace both starting center-backs, and our goalkeeper situation is a little fluid at the moment."

Sebastian was at the crux of everything the team was doing on the pitch; he was the segway from defending to attacking, and a master at controlling the tempo of the game. He played what Fritz calls the "quarterback of the team" in that central defensive midfield role, but Fritz thinks some younger guys are more than ready to step up and he loves the tenacity from the rest of his team overall.

"This summer, the level of energy I've seen from our captains, they've brought so much energy this year," he said. "Several of them got minutes in the state tournament game in 2022 as freshmen, and they want to succeed in the region. The freshmen coming in had a dominant season at Harris, and seeing them come in and add to the mix is good too."

"We're checking the temperature of the team, and right now it's pretty good."

One other interesting thing about the program that Fritz has noticed is the family ties to former players at Shelbyville Central.

"We're hitting a group of players, like this season we have a senior whose father played at SCHS, and we are about to get a whole slew of those kids, at least seven or eight of them over the next few years," he said.

Lastly, Fritz recognizes the growth of the sport in the county as a whole, and not only welcomes that, but he relishes it as long as the county remembers its roots.

"Cascade has obviously been on the upswing getting close [to the state tournament] the last few years, and I think that's because we have much better youth soccer here," he said. "I want everybody's apple to be shiny in Bedford County because we've worked hard. Soccer is a hard world to crack into [in the United States] because you have established programs, and unfortunately it's not just all about athleticism, there are so many technical things as well."

"This family/community environment is also something we can't let disappear. We're a bigger town and county than we have ever been, but at the end of the day we still have a lot of ties. Bedford County is a place people want to be."

With the dawn of a new school year on the horizon, Fritz won't be able to hold practice with his players until the beginning of November. After those two weeks, he'll next see his team in early February to get ready for what promises to be another exciting season at the Eagles' Nest.

TV Coverage and Game Times Announced for Elevance Health Women's Fort Myers Tip-Off

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FORT MYERS, Fla. – For the second consecutive year, Women's Sports Network will carry games live from the Elevance Health Women's Fort Myers Tip-Off, announced by Intersport Tuesday afternoon.

Travel packages for fans looking to join the Blue Raiders are now available and can be secured by visiting www.womensfortmyerstipoff.com/travel. The Westin Cape Coral at Marina Village and the Marriott Sanibel Harbour are the event's host hotels and fans will have the opportunity to stay where the teams stay and experience resort life to the fullest. At this time, the only way to guarantee tickets to the Elevance Health Women's Fort Myers Tip-Off is through official fan travel packages. Ticket packages, based on availability, will go on sale this fall.

MTSU is set to take on Purdue on Thursday, Nov. 28 at 2 p.m. CT and will face Iowa State on Saturday, Nov. 30 at 12:30 p.m. CT. Both games will air live on the Women's Sports Network, a free, ad-supported streaming television network and the first and only 24/7 platform dedicated exclusively to female athletes. Women's Sports Network is available in over 100 million households across Roku, Tubi, Amazon Freevee, VIZIO WatchFree+, LG Channels on LG Smart TVs, Fubo, Plex, and XumoPlay.

About Women's Sports Network

Women's Sports Network is the home for women's sports. Launched by FAST Studios in 2022, Women's Sports Network is the only destination where fans can see live games, news, and exceptional stories across every woman's sport, including the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL), Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA), U.S. Ski and Snowboard, World Surf League (WSL), and more – finally leveling the playing field for female athletes. Youtube.com/@WomensSports_TV

Middle Tennessee Women's Basketball fans always travel well, and they will have another chance to prove that in late November at Fort Myers, FL. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

C-USA Announces 2024-25 Conference Schedule For MTSU Men's and Women's Basketball

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Conference USA has released Middle Tennessee men's basketball's 2024-25 conference lineup, as announced by the league office Thursday. The slate is headlined by the Blue Raider's conference opener at FIU and a home opening contest against Kennesaw State inside the Murphy Center.

"We're looking forward to yet another challenging season of CUSA basketball," said Head Coach Nick McDevitt. "With so many quality teams in the league, winning home games is a must in order to compete for a championship. Our players are really looking foward to playing in front of our Blue Raider fans in the Murphy Center!"

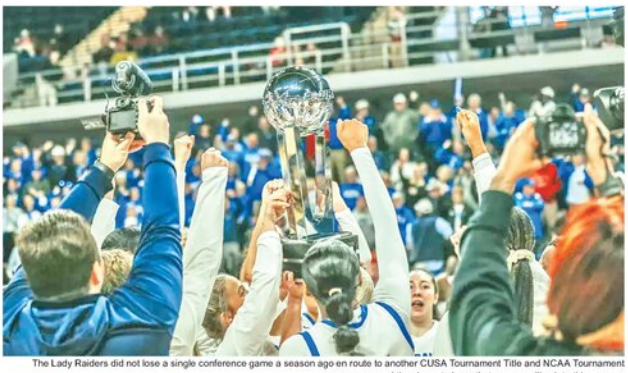
MTSU will face off against all nine conference opponents in a home-and-home series for the 18 league games. The Blue Raiders will welcome two teams (Western Kentucky and New Mexico State) who made the NCAA Tournament last season to Murfreesboro, as well as conference newcomer Kennesaw State.

Middle Tennessee kicks off the conference slate on the road, traveling south to Florida International Jan. 2. The second CUSA contest of the season sees the Blue Raiders head up to Lynchburg, Va. to take on the Liberty Flames Jan. 4.

The team heads home to Murfreesboro for the longest home stretch of the conference season following the contest with Liberty. The Blue Raiders will host the latest addition to CUSA, Kennesaw State, for the home opener at the Glass House Jan. 9. That same weekend, Jacksonville State returns to Murfreesboro for just the second time this century Jan. 11. The homestand concludes with MTSU going head-to-head with Western Kentucky Jan. 18. The Blue Raiders took the last contest in Murfreesboro with a competitive 74-72 win over the Hilltoppers.

Middle Tennessee hits the road once again the following weekend, traveling to Huntsville, Texas for just the third all-time meeting with Sam Houston Jan. 23. The Blue Raiders then head east to Ruston, La. Jan. 30 to face off against LA Tech. The two last faced off in the CUSA Championship quarterfinals last season, with MT downing the Bulldogs to advance to the semifinals.

The first half of the league schedule concludes with two home games. The Blue Raiders close out the month of January with a contest against New Mexico State on the 30th. The opening game of February pits the Blue Raiders against UTEP at the Murphy Center on the first of the month.



The Lady Raiders did not lose a single conference game a season ago en route to another CUSA Tournament Title and NCAA Tournament appearance, and they hope to keep that energy rolling into this season. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

The back half of the conference schedule begins with a two-contest road trip. The Blue Raiders visit Jacksonville, Ala. Feb. 6 to take on Jacksonville State. Following that game, MT will play at the KSU Convocation Center for the first time Feb. 8, marking the first matchup in Kennesaw, Ga. between Kennesaw State and Middle Tennessee.

The longest road stand of the conference slate wraps up in Bowling Green, Ky., when MTSU squares off against WKU at E.A. Diddle Arena Feb. 15.

The penultimate homestand for the team sees LA Tech traveling to Murfreesboro Feb. 20 and Sam Houston visiting the Glass House for just the second time in history Feb. 22.

The last road trip of the regular season is out west to close out February and open up March. The Blue Raiders will first travel to Las Cruces, N.M. to wrap up the home-and-home series with New Mexico State Feb. 27. The final month of the regular season begins with an away matchup against UTEP March 1 in El Paso, Texas.

Ending the league season just as it began, the Blue Raiders will go head-to-head against Liberty March 6 at home and complete the CUSA regular season slate March 8 versus FIU in the Murphy Center.

The 2025 Conference USA Basketball Championships will be hosted at Propst Arena in Huntsville, Ala., March 11-15.

On the women's side, their 18-game Conference USA slate will feature nine home games and eight away contests, announced by the league office Thursday.

The back-to-back CUSA champions will tip off their CUSA campaign at home against FIU on Jan. 2, 2025. Following the home opener, Middle Tennessee will host Liberty on Jan. 4 – a CUSA Title game rematch – before hitting the road for a pair of games against Kennesaw State on Jan. 9 and Jax State on Jan. 11.

The Blue Raiders will then travel to WKU on Jan. 18, followed by a return home to face Sam Houston on Jan. 23 and LA Tech on Jan. 25. The team will end January with a pair of road games against NM State on Jan. 30 and UTEP on Feb. 1.

February will see the Blue Raiders at home against Jax State on Feb. 6 and Kennesaw State on Feb. 8. They will host WKU on Feb. 15 before traveling to LA Tech on Feb. 20 and Sam Houston on Feb. 22. The team will close out February with a home game against NM State on Feb. 27.

The regular season will wrap up with a home game against UTEP on Mar. 1, followed by road contests against Liberty on Mar. 6 and FIU on Mar. 8.

The CUSA women's basketball tournament is scheduled for March 11-15 in Huntsville, Alabama at Propst Arena.

Full Conference Schedule:

Jan. 2, 2025 - FIU
Jan. 4, 2025 - Liberty
Jan. 9, 2025 - at Kennesaw State
Jan. 11, 2025 - at Jax State
Jan. 18, 2025 - at WKU
Jan. 23, 2025 - Sam Houston
Jan. 25, 2025 - LA Tech
Jan. 30, 2025 - at NM State
Feb. 1, 2025 - at UTEP
Feb. 6, 2025 - Jax State
Feb. 8, 2025 - Kennesaw State
Feb. 15, 2025 - WKU
Feb. 20, 2025 - at LA Tech
Feb. 22, 2025 - at Sam Houston
Feb. 27, 2025 - NM State
Mar. 1, 2025 - UTEP
Mar. 6, 2025 - at Liberty
Mar. 8, 2025 - at FIU



Middle Tennessee Men's Basketball is looking for a bounce-back year after last season's rough conference campaign. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

Vattiato named to AFCA Allstate Good Works Team

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MURFREESBORO – The Allstate AFCA Good Works Team was announced today, and Middle Tennessee's Nicholas Vattiato was named to the list.

Vattiato, a redshirt junior with a 3.9 GPA, is coming off a season where he became just the third different quarterback in MTSU history to record a 3,000-yard passing season. The Plantation, Fla., native had 3,092 passing yards on 286 completions to go with 23 touchdowns.

Established in 1992, the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team recognizes college football athletes for their unwavering commitment to community service and their "good works" off the field. This year's 178 nominees champion causes including mental health awareness, youth mentorship, hunger relief, domestic abuse prevention, and many more. In addition to being actively involved with a charitable organization or service group, each player must also maintain strong academic standing to be considered for a spot on the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team.

The final roster of 23 award recipients announced later in September will bring together:

11 players from the NCAA FBS

11 players from the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS), Divisions II, III and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA)

1 honorary head coach

All members are selected by a voting panel of former Allstate AFCA Good Works Team members, current and former head coaches and journalists who look for exceptional leadership on and off the football field.

Fans can join the conversation on social media with #GoodWorksTeam throughout the season.



Nicholas Vattiato (11, above) is projected to be the starting quarterback for Derek Mason's first season. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

Bedford County in drought

Hydrating is key in hot temps

By DAWN HANKINS

At this printing, Bedford County is under a moderate to severe drought. Lawns are extra crispy and vegetable gardens necessitate special waterings.

While some rain was received earlier this week, we're far from the comfortable mark. The state, however, according to County officials, has not declared a burn ban. Fire Chief Mark Thomas said during a meeting last night, however, that in certain areas, he often discourages people from burning right now.

Despite the heat and drought, people are keeping those tomatoes alive. See story this addition about little girl who helps with canning.

The U.S. Drought Monitor is a map released every Thursday, showing parts of the U.S. that are in drought. The map uses five classifications: abnormally dry (D0), showing areas that may be going into or are coming out of drought, and four levels of drought: moderate (D1), severe (D2), extreme (D3) and exceptional (D4).

The Drought Monitor has been a team effort since its inception in 1999, produced jointly by the National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The important thing is to stay hydrated.

Summer is a season to enjoy some fun in the sun, but it's imperative that people remember to take steps to reduce their risk for heat illness. Those measures should include efforts to hydrate and remain hydrated throughout the day.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that water will almost always help people remain hydrated even when they're working in the heat. But food also plays a vital role in preventing heat illness, as the CDC notes eating regular meals can help to replace the salt lost through sweat. It's also important that individuals avoid energy drinks and alcohol when spending time in the hot summer sun. Many energy drinks contain more caffeine than standard servings of coffee, tea and soft drinks, and excessive caffeine consumption can contribute to dehydration. The same can be said for alcohol, and the CDC reports that consuming alcohol within 24 hours of working in the heat can increase the risk of heat illness.

6 tips for staying hydrated

The Mayo Clinic advises that water is critical to every cell, tissue and organ in the human body. The body relies on water to function properly. Water helps to regulate body temperature, flush waste from the body, lubricate and cushion joints, and promote healthy digestion.

So, when temperatures climb and the body begins sweating to cool off, it is vital to replenish lost fluids at a faster rate. The U.S. National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine says women should consume 2.7 liters of fluid per day, while men need 3.7 liters. These amounts increase if one is exercising, sweating, has an illness like a fever, or is vomiting.

The following are six ways to stay properly hydrated to avoid adverse reactions during hot summer days.

1. Consume a glass of water when you wake up. Start the day off with some water to give you an energy boost and get your metabolism moving.

2. Coffee and tea count toward fluid intake. Drinking your favorite tea or coffee is an another way to take in fluids. A 2016 meta-analysis published in the Journal of Science and Medicine in Sport found that caffeine doesn't contribute to dehydration for healthy adults, so having a cup or two should be fine.

3. Certain foods are hydrating as well. Hydrating foods include cucumbers, celery, tomatoes, watermelon, strawberries, grapefruit, and peppers. The Mayo Clinic says the average person gets 20 percent of his fluid intake from food.

4. Make water more fun. Add unsweetened flavoring to water if you find plain water too bland. You can squeeze in lemon or lime juice, or float cucumber or apple slices in the water for some flavor.

5. Reach for calorie-free beverages before food. It's easy to mistake the signs of dehydration for hunger. By drinking a glass of water or another unsweetened beverage prior to every meal, you can stay hydrated and reduce the amount of food you eat. This can be part of a healthy weight loss plan.

6. Occasionally consume electrolyte powders and drinks. Working out in the heat or sweating profusely can unbalance electrolytes in the body. The Cleveland Clinic says electrolytes are substances that help the body regulate chemical reactions and maintain balance between fluids inside and outside of your cells. They include sodium, calcium and potassium. An electrolyte-infused beverage can help replenish these lost substances.

Staying hydrated is essential at all times, but it's especially important when summer temperatures can make loss of body fluid more significant.



T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins
This photo is of a lawn in northwest Bedford County on Monday afternoon. The homeowners haven't had to mow this month it's been so dry.



Submitted Photos

Moderate drought here
While a bit of rain hit the bucket earlier this week, the county is still facing some drought-like conditions. Lawns and pasturelands have really been affected with the hot temperatures and lack of rainfall. But forecasts say rain is coming soon. County Commissioners in their prayers prior to committee meeting Tuesday night prayed for rain.

Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital Earns Fourth Consecutive "A" Safety Rating from The Leapfrog Group

Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital (VBH) has once again received an "A" Hospital Safety Grade by The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit upholding the standard of patient safety in hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers. This national distinction recognizes VBH's work to safeguard patients from preventable harm and errors and marks the hospital's fourth consecutive "A" rating.

"At VBH, our goal is to deliver personalized, high-quality care that instills trust in our patients," said Travis Capers, president of Vanderbilt Regional Community Hospitals. "This national recognition is a testament to the dedication of all teams across the hospital, and we will continue to prioritize the safety and wellbeing of our patients and community members above all else."

The Leapfrog Safety Grade relies on 30 national performance metrics, encompassing medical errors, accidents, injuries, infections and the hospital systems in place to mitigate these issues. Grades are peer reviewed and issued twice yearly, in the fall and spring, with the intent of helping patients easily and confidently decide where to receive care.

"I thank Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital, its leadership, clinicians, staff and volunteers for caring so deeply for its patients and their safety," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "It takes complete dedication at every level, and an ironclad commitment to putting patients first."

To see the details of VBH's grade and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit HospitalSafetyGrade.org and follow The Leapfrog Group on Twitter, Facebook and via its newsletter.

As part of the Vanderbilt Health community of hospitals and clinics, VBH is the only provider of inpatient medical services in Bedford County. The facility provides a range of inpatient and outpatient medical and surgical services. To learn more about VBH and its services visit vanderbiltbedfordhospital.com or visit us on Facebook.

MTSU recognized as a Society of Actuaries Center of Actuarial Excellence

Middle Tennessee State University mathematical sciences professor Don Hong has been waiting years for this news: MTSU recognized as a Society of Actuaries Center of Actuarial Excellence.

Six weeks before MTSU hosts one of the premier annual events for actuaries around the world, Hong received confirmation from Jessica Morse, chair of the SOA Center of Actuary committee.

"The committee commends MTSU for the support that it provides to faculty, particularly regarding recognition of actuarial credentials and research," Morse wrote in the letter to Hong, MTSU's actuarial sciences program director.

"We also would like to praise your team for the preparations they are making for the 2024 Actuarial Research Conference," she added. "MTSU's dedication to its faculty and the actuarial community at large is apparent and we look forward to our continued partnership via the (Center of Actuarial Excellence) program."

Actuarial science is the discipline that applies mathematical and statistical methods to assess risk in insurance, pension, finance, investment and other industries and professions.

Steps to take before applying for a mortgage

A home is the single biggest purchase most people will ever make. That's perhaps become even more true in recent years, when the cost of homes has increased dramatically.

The sticker price of a home may come as a shock to first-time buyers, but few homeowners purchase their homes in cash. Mortgages are a vital component of home ownership for the vast majority of buyers. Mortgages are loans obtained through the conveyance of property as security. When homeowners pay off their mortgages, the title of the property officially transfers to them from their lenders.

Though most homeowners utilize mortgages to buy their homes, that does not mean the process is the same for everyone. A host of factors affect mortgage terms, and there's much prospective homeowners can do to secure the best agreement possible.

• Recognize why a low interest rate is important. Mortgage interest rates have drawn considerable attention in recent years, as rising inflation has led to rates that have reached their highest point in more than a decade. Even a seemingly small difference in interest rates can save or cost homeowners thousands of dollars, if not tens of thousands, over the course of a loan. For example, the financial experts at Bankrate.com note that the difference between a 5.5 percent interest rate and a 6 percent interest rate on a $200,000 mortgage is roughly $64 per month. That might not seem like a lot, but over the course of a 30-mortgage the borrower who gets the 6 percent loan will pay in excess of $23,000 more in interest than the borrower who secures the 5.5 percent loan. Recognition of the benefits of securing the lowest interest rate possible can motivate prospective buyers to do everything in their power to get a low rate.

• Work on your credit score. So how can borrowers get the best possible rate? One way to go about it is to improve credit scores. Average mortgage interest rates vary significantly by credit score, with higher scores earning borrowers significantly lower rates. According to data from FICO, as of mid-February 2023 borrowers with a FICO score of 760+ earned an average interest rate of 6.06 percent, while those with scores between 620-639 secured an average rate of 7.65 percent. By bolstering their credit scores before applying for a mortgage, prospective homeowners can improve their standing in the eyes of mortgage lenders, which can potentially save them tens of thousands of dollars over the life of the loan.

• Identify how much you want to spend. Prospective home buyers may be approved to borrow much more money than they think they will qualify for. That's because lenders do not consider factors like utilities, insurance, day care, or other expenses everyone has. That means it's up to borrowers to determine how much those expenses will be, and how much they should be spending on a home. Though it might be tempting to borrow up to the amount lenders approve you for, in general it's best to stay below that amount so you can capably meet all of your additional obligations.

Mortgages enable millions of people to buy homes each year. Some simple steps before applying for a mortgage can help prospective homeowners secure the best terms.



Cartwright Elementary ready for students



The school mascot, IB Smokin' Joe, proudly represents the Cartwright Elementary Colts.



Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham spoke to the audience at the recent Cartwright Elementary ribbon cutting about the complete removal of portable classrooms.



Members of Bedford County Board of Education proudly stood to the side during the opening remarks of the new elementary dedication. Assistant superintendent Tim Harwell is in the background. The fruits of their labor shaded them from the hot sun on Thursday.



No doubt, it was hot and pretty uncomfortable last Thursday. But so many people were dedicated to witnessing the ribbon cutting on the Cartwright Elementary, located off Fairfield Pike.



Jeff Sweeney, center, was the man of the hour when it was announced that as county project manager on the new school, he helped save taxpayers a lot of money and assisted in the school being opened ahead of schedule. Sweeney is a former county commissioner.





T-G Photos by Dawn Hankins

Whitney Yoes says she is so ready to serve as principal of the new Cartwright Elementary. She moved from Community Elementary after 14 years. Yoes says this new opportunity has sparked the same excitement she felt the first day she became principal at Community. "The honor of being the person to lead the merging of students, faculty, staff and parents into one new building is a blessing and a privilege I don't take lightly. It's exciting to imagine all of us walking the hallways and creating new traditions. School should be fun and exciting while maintaining academic excellence," Yoes said recently.



A nice crowd, including County and City officials, gathered last Thursday evening for the opening of the new Cartwright Elementary School.

