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WELCOME TO THE PLANNING ZONE

New RVN district could be Rover's saving grace

There were a lot of questions asked of County Commissioners present during a Rover community meeting last week about through which government process certain rezoning applications are approved.

One thing that should be understood when following zoning and rezoning events in this County is the responsibilities of the Planning Commission (PC) versus the County Commission. No one knows this distinction better than Bedford County Planning Director Chris White.

"We look at rezoning application through a much narrower lens," said White earlier this week. "We (the PC) can't lawfully decide who we like and who we don't. We can only decide what fits and what doesn't fit."

The PC is an administrative body charged with making recommendations on zoning changes that strictly focuses on criteria such as the County's comprehensive plan, compatibility with surrounding land uses, infrastructure, environmental impacts, alignment with long-term development goals of the community, etc.

Bedford County Regional Planning Commission is comprised of 11 members-those recommended by the County Mayor and confirmed by the Board of Commissioners. They meet at 7:00 p.m. in suite 200 of the historic Bedford County Courthouse (2nd Floor) on the 4th Tuesday of each month, if there is a business agenda.

White said most people know that the Commission is a legislative body, and can make its decisions based on the opinion of its constituency as well as other more comprehensive factors.

As for the latest rezoning application regarding the former Carlton General Store site in Rover, it's historical and has been used commercially in the past. As well, the PC understands that there are other commercial zoned or used lots in the general area (Map 007, Parcel 059.00.)

According to White, then the compatibility issue for the PC is already a partially settled matter.

On the June 25 meeting agenda under new business, the PC considered this potential rezoning of the old Carlton Store property in Rover off Highway 41A North. Approximately 100 Rover residents attended that meeting.

Nashville developer Montgomery Turner was seeking to have Map 007; Parcel 053.00 & 053.01 (10.04 acres combined) rezoned from A-1 (Agriculture) to Rural Village Neighborhood (RVN), creating the Rover Rural Village Neighborhood District, only including the stated two parcels.

Parcel 53.01 is approximately a quarter acre, and barely encompasses the entirety of the building and parking lot. Thus, it would be difficult to imagine that the septic system, if it independently exists at all, could be fully within the boundaries of the lot.

"Thus, I have recommended to several potential buyers that they help the seller understand the limitations of the lot and consider consolidating the parcel with the larger "mother" parcel which also includes the old home. Obviously, if the larger parcel were sold first, without the addition of the smaller parcel, the smaller parcel would likely never be able to stand on its own, never be utilized for any lawful purpose, and eventually fall into a blighted condition and remain that way for many years."

A regional planning commission, under certain circumstances, has the power to combine substandard lots under one owner into one standard lot. "I am not sure we would want to pursue that option," said White, "and this particular buyer wants to combine them anyway, as part of a more comprehensive, rural commercial

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School System Photo

THUMBS UP! BACK TO SCHOOL!
School starts back on Friday, Aug. 2, with an abbreviated day. Bedford County Commissioner Greg Vick got in on the fun at SCHS on Tuesday morning with a thumbs up at the back-to-school bash. See more photos on page 12.

Little Rover . . . DG don't come over!

By DAWN HANKINS

On a rainy evening recently, about 40 Rover residents met at the Methodist church to discuss a big issue that has reared its head this summer in this quaint, quiet, neighborhood in northern Bedford County.

Talk within the community is that another Dollar General-one only a few miles from the one in Unionville-is being highly considered to be built at the former Carlton General Store site, 4402 and 4404 Highway 41A North.

They're not planning to stand still and do nothing.

The Google map states that this property is located in Rockvale but residents will tell you that "historic" site belongs to the Rover community. In fact, they want it to be placed on the historic registry. See the history of the Carlton store on page 3 today and some social media sentiments that have been shared.

The Issue

The warranty deed for this property, notarized in Murfreesboro, was officially signed on Feb. 20, 2023, by Bill Puckett family of Florida, as new owners. The sellers of Carlton's Store were the late Earl Carlton's heirs, Steve Carlton and Donna Belew, who have maintained the store property since the landmark closed.

Newest owner, Bill Puckett, has since died and the property is now in the hands of his long-time, life partner, Nancy Pitney, and their families.

Monte Turner, CCIM, of Turner and Associates Realty, Inc., of Nashville, has become the development, brokerage and management group for this Rover property. This firm has been responsible for the development of the Lynchburg and Chapel Hill Dollar General Stores as well as the Food Lion in Spring Hill.

The old Carlton General Store is listed online for $700,000, as is. The real estate ads note how the general store cannot go back to commercial without approval from Bedford County and will need to brought to code if approved.

The house is NOT habitable, property has a barn, well house, massive shop and

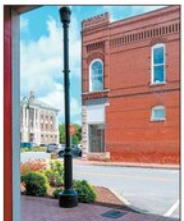
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T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

The historic Carlton's Store in Rover is on the market. Residents are trying to keep large commercial activity out of the neighborhood. County Commissioner Troy Thompson, one of the district's representatives, spoke to the group last Thursday at the Methodist Church.

City planners, Council, toss back and forth potential developments





By DAWN HANKINS

The Lexington Cove Preserve PUD development near Green Hills subdivision (off Highway 41A North) is still on the City Council table. An application for development that doesn't look too promising, however, is a request in the Barksdale Lane area.

Shelbyville City Council will consider both of these ordinances, again, on first reading, when it meets in regular session 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8. These ordinances were returned to the planning commission by Council last month but due to the same PC vote, Council got them tossed back across their table this month.

How can these two developments be so different and one potentially approved and another not? Discussions indicate it is basically comes down to developers being willing to dot every "i" and cross every "T."

On first reading, Council is considering an ordinance to approve the Preserve at Lexington Cove PUD Regulating Pattern Book as recommended by the Shelbyville Municipal Planning Commission.

Tom Batchelor, City planner, told Council Tuesday night during study session that the Lexington Cove PUD met with a favorable recommendation by the planning commission. Reason being is that setbacks have been properly addressed, neighborhood meetings held, multiple traffic studies, such as on the Trinity Road area, have been completed, as requested.

There is also going to be another traffic study in the future pertaining this development, the planning director said. Basically, this development has a lot of exits onto the main highway, giving it a good, solid footing.

Batchelor told Commissioners that he felt safety issues, proper amount of space in between homes for emergency personnel, had been addressed. Any questions regarding sewer have been addressed as well as well through Shelbyville Power Sewer and Water System, he said. Batchelor said fire personnel are included as a part of the pre-planning.

"They're always at those meetings," said Batchelor.

It seems the neighborhood concerns were those that were satisfied through the engineers such as drainage. Green Hills residents were more concerned about property value changes, so the development has evolved with its rooftops.

The other ordinance on first reading is to approve the rezoning of approximately 5.17 (+/-) acres owned by DCC Strategic Realty Partners, LLC, located on the east side of Barksdale Lane, south of Blue Ribbon Parkway from Residential-3 (Medium Density Residential) to Residential -4 (High Density Residential District.)

This development application met with unfavorable recommendation by the Planning Commission. It was als returned back on the table this month at Council study session.

It was left up to Batchelor to answer a few more questions from Council. But it is really up to Council next Thursday-whether to move ahead with these ordinances on first reading or remove them from any further action.

Batchelor said there are some zoning issues in the Barksdale Apartments area. Looking at the zoning

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A Time to Celebrate!

Speaking of horse shows, it's almost time for the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration. The Times-Gazette plans to celebrate this time in August in a special way.

Submit your favorite walking horse/show pictures. The 2024 season is "A Time to Celebrate!"

Please name persons and label the event attended, etc. We love those taken right on the farm too.

We appreciate older pictures. But as well, we would love to see pictures of this year's contenders, young and old.

Have a story idea? Let us know.

We are also accepting advertising sponsors for this special season as well. So, email your photos and ad requests to dawn@richardsonmediagroup.net.

Let's celebrate!!

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Sgt. Harvey is Honored Nationally by L.E.A.D. for Excelling in Protecting Students in Bedford County from the Dangers of Drugs and Violence. See Page 5A



Cam Farrell Leads Dirt Dobbers to USFA World Series

One decision would turn into a once-ina-lifetime experience for everyone involved, especially for the 11 girls on the team. See Page 10A

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Back to school Health notes:

Lice: The start of a new school year often means shopping for supplies, making new friends and getting acclimated to the teaching styles of new teachers. Unfortunately, a new school year also can mean head lice.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says there is no precise data regarding how many people get head lice each year. However, an estimated six to 12 million infestations occur each year in the United States among children between the ages of three and 11.

What are head lice?

The Minnesota Department of Health says a head louse is an insect that can infest people. Lice make their homes in human hair and feed on blood. Head lice multiply rapidly by laying small, gray-colored, oval-shaped eggs known as nits. The nits are sticky and attach to the base of the hair close to the scalp. Unlike other blood-sucking insects, such as mosquitoes or ticks, head lice are not known to spread disease.

Who gets head lice?

Head lice do not discriminate when they choose a person. They are equal opportunity feeders and will hop on just about any scalp for a meal. Head lice are not indicative of a lack of hygiene.

The CDC says infestation with head lice is most common among preschool- and elementary school-aged children and members of their household, including caretakers.

What are the signs of head lice?

Itching is the most common symptom of head lice, says the Mayo Clinic. A louse bite causes an allergic reaction. Itchiness may occur on the scalp, neck and ears. During visual inspections of the hair and scalp, one may be able to see lice and nits. However, both the eggs and the lice themselves are very small, so it can be challenging to spot them.

Parents and caregivers who suspect a child has lice should consult with a school nurse or a pediatrician. Studies show that many children are treated for head lice with home remedies or nonprescription medications when they didn't even have lice. Dandruff, residue from hair products, scabs, or even dirt can be mistaken for lice.

How can head lice be prevented?

The most common way to contract head lice is through head-to-head contact. Children should avoid head contact during play and other activities at school and home. Although transmission through shared brushes, combs, towels, hats, and clothing is less common, it is still possible, so sharing of these items should be discouraged.

The CDC says using a hot water cycle in the laundry and the high heat drying cycle can kill head lice on clothing and other items. Seal items that cannot be washed in a plastic bag and store them for two weeks.

Vacuum the floor and furniture to remove any nits or lice that have fallen off the head. Fumigant sprays or fogs, which can be toxic if inhaled, are not necessary to control head lice, indicates the CDC.

A new school year may compel families to think about lice. Although lice are a nuisance, infestations can be treated.

Weight of backpacks: Backpacks are handy tools that carry an array of gear. Students rely on them to hold books, while hikers and campers utilize backpacks to carry items such as food and beverages that keep them safe on trails. Even office workers may turn to backpacks to carry laptops or other tools of the trade.

Backpacks are handy resources, but overstuffed backpacks may cause injury. Backpacks should only carry weight that people can handle, and there are guidelines that can help people safely utilize backpacks.

The weight of a backpack depends on the age of the person using it. Generally speaking, adults should not exceed 20 percent of total body mass when loading backpacks. That means a healthy person weighing 200 pounds should not carry more than 40 pounds in his or her backpack.

In regard to children, researchers indicate that a child's backpack should weigh no more than 10 percent of what the student weighs. Those findings are based on a Spanish study involving 49 primary school-aged children. Therefore, if a child weighs 70 pounds, he or she should only carry up to 7 pounds in the backpack.

Individuals also should follow a few other backpack recommendations to alleviate injuries. It's not a good idea to wear a backpack hanging from only one shoulder. A backpack should be worn on both shoulders, and ideally with a lumbar strap. This will help to prevent muscular pains by providing well-rounded support.

A backpack with wide, padded straps can minimize pressure on the shoulders, back and collarbone. Backpacks made of lightweight material will not add much additional weight to what's being carried. Another tip is for children and adults to pack the heaviest item carried in the backpack closest to the center of the back to minimize strain.

Failure to follow guidelines may result in pain and injuries and have negative effects on balance, which may increase the risk of falls or other injuries.

Whenever possible, individuals may want to use trolley backpacks, which are on wheels. They can be dragged, alleviating the need to carry heavy loads.

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of course, Carlton's General Store building. It contains 9.21 Acres with both parcels. The price includes both 4402 & 4404 US Hwy 41-A, - General Store, old farm house, well house, barn and shop. (Parcel ID 007 053.00 & 053.01.)

Monte Turner told the T-G Monday, "We've heard the concerns of the community about the old store, are very sensitive to those concerns and are trying to come up with a plan to subdivide the acreage and save the old store. There are many moving parts here and as soon as we have some more information to share with the community we will do so. Thank you for reaching out."

The residents admit they're not happy with the way they believe the community has been treated during the original "quiet sale" and now the attempt by present owners and Turner to rezone that property for commercial use.

"We feel like a finger has been given to the community of Rover," said life-long resident Cody Adgent.

A new zoning style

Recent community discussions further indicated that Rover might be OK with the new RVN zoning-developed about 4 years ago by the County planning office. But they still want to know more about the perimeters, because it is a new zoning concept.

They want to know if this type of rezoning would be conductive to their neighborhood overlay. As well, they are concerned that an RV park has also been mentioned in conversations-something they do not believe is conducive to Rover.

The T-G reached out to Chris White, County planning director, who explained RVN type zoning. That is the most viable option for this property at this time and would basically meet all needs of the community, if approved. See story this page.

It was explained last week to those present that if all zoning regulations are followed to the letter by the applicant, the planning commission will be obligated, by law, to approve.

But it is was also stated that the County Commission can then deny the rezoning request and no reason has to be stated.

The Carlton Store was once zoned differently but because a lot of time has passed since its use, the property has defaulted back to its original agricultural zoning.

Residents said the grandfathered rezoning fits their community. But they would likely be OK with someone building a home on the Carlton Store property.

Currently in Rover is an assortment of medium to higher valued homes, acres of farmland and a few businesses which serve the needs of the rural community. There are still small side roads and quaint areas and several historic churches.

But just how long Rover will remain small and quiet, without a lot of development, is the big question. But still, they want to be heard on this issue.

The Rover community plans to attend any of the upcoming planning and commission meetings that have this rezoning on its agenda. And, will make comments, if allowed.

The residents know the area is growing but they're not willing to sacrifice their serene living and community closeness. Least ways, that's why they say they don't want this commercial proposal at their back and or front doors.

One resident said that with DGs, there's always traffic late into the night. The risk of increasing the crime rate there in Rover is also possible, residents said, with such a commercial outfit.

With the exception of cars on the highway passing the church, crickets chirping and an occasional hound barking, it was very quiet last Thursday night around 8 p.m., when the meeting ended.

Several senior citizens still maintain homes in the area. But there were as many residents in their 30s and 40s at the meeting.

While no formal traffic study has been done, they know what kind of daily traffic flow is maintained on the state highway. They fear largely that there will be more accidents at the proposed store-something else which will fall on the small infrastructure in one way or another.

The residents are deeply concerned for their neighborhoods. They will petition and believe that 90 percent of residents and neighbors will boycott the store.

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But it was also stated that the County Commission can follow up with a majority of "no" votes, deny the rezoning request and give no reason for doing so.

The residents held their meeting last Thursday to mainly to discuss their options with their two District 3 County Commissioners, Troy Thompson and Janice Brothers. Thompson said based on discussions that he's had; he doesn't believe the County Commission will approve the rezoning of the former Carlton Store property.

Commissioners Thompson and Brothers eased the minds, it seemed, of the Rover residents when they said if the rezoning effort is eventually defeated by the 18-member Commission, then the rezoning is dead in the water.

Commissioner Thompson told the group Thursday that his advice is for the residents is to talk with all 18 of the commissioners and the mayor about their concerns.

The Rover group said they realize that the building likely needs repairs. While they've been told the building is "condemned," some said in jest the other night that it is ironic that during the recent merchandise sale of remaining store items, there were about 50 people milling around upstairs. Some say if there are holes in the floor, they've likely been there for years.

Back in June, a rezoning request notice from the County planning commission was sent to those living within 1,000 feet of Carlton's store as a courtesy in regards to rezoning 4402 and 4404 of the property. This was based on Monte Turner filing an appeal on the property.

Rover residents stated Thursday they believe that it is Turner who still has a great financial interest in planting yet another DG in the Unionville area. There is already one near Community Elementary School - just a few miles down the highway from Carlton's Store.

Basically, they don't want one. But they know they need to have good reasons for not wanting the store. Those present said they believe the location of the store will be dangerous for shoppers and parking will be hazardous on the land available.

One resident of Taylor Road said he has to wait for a long time in the mornings to even get on the 41A Highway. He said the traffic is nonstop, day and night, likely the reason for an interest in DG there.

Residents said they also believe the DG presence in Rover will increase crime, as some robberies have already been committed recently in nearby towns.

Many of them being from farming families, they also believe such a store would destroy the agricultural and home town feel of the community.

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One resident said he has offered over $300,000 for the store property. His idea was to provide the community with some type of breakfast nook or ice cream parlor.

To date, his offer has not been accepted.

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map and future land use map, he said it appears that the Barksdale area zoning is a "mistake."

Traffic would be routed out of Barksdale Lane for this 52, single story, unit complex, which has thrown up some red flags. As well, there were comments made by the Planning Commission and by Council members over the last month that were apparently not addressed by developers.

Batchelor said as planning director he's trying to provide a little more detail on rezoning applications as how the PC is arriving at its decisions. He said with maps, etc., he hopes that this will maybe give people, applicants, the City, the opportunity to address some major issues.

Hence, maybe this will stop some of the toss about of development applications between City and the PC. Some of these current development applications have been on the move within the City for about a year.

Ever looking out for the people, Mayor Randy Carroll stated Tuesday night that he hopes that contractors and developers working in Shelbyville will be careful with existing homes and neighbors in and around future development areas. He talked about someone who had suffered some soil erosion in their yard, due to development.

"I ask developers to take care of neighbors already there, whatever you have to do, to not affect their living standards and their property when you do any kind of development in Shelbyville."

To be considered on final reading and public hearing next week is:

An Ordinance of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee to Approve the Rezoning of approximately 0.87 (+/-) Acres Owned by Coopers Steel Fabricators, Inc., located on the South Side of Eagle Boulevard, East of North Hillcrest Drive.

This ordinance is riding on the likelihood of approval due to a favorable recommendation from the planning commission.

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development that would architecturally mimic a historical development in terms of its façades and construction styles."

This "overlay" was created in an effort to stimulate or incentivize developers to essentially

re-establish historical centers in rural areas where they once thrived. This would not

only please the residents of those historical villages and better fit the communities, but

also provide retail and services to the citizens living in those villages to help them avoid

travel to sometimes distant commercial centers.

"We currently have four RVN districts, which are only allowed in actual historical villages," said White. "None thus far have been utilized in that way. This [Rover] would be the first time an RVN would be created . . . would be the first time a developer would show interest in pursuing the development scheme as a viable option."

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He said the applicant did withdraw its application. He understands now that they are working on a survey plat that would satisfy the PC's interest in protecting the district from the potentials discussed in item two (2).

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As for what's on the books, the purpose of an RVN Zone is to better accommodate mixed-use (residential and essential convenience retail, office, home-office and light-commercial) opportunities for rurally situated historical villages that provides the physical design characteristics and economic pathways for the development of pedestrian orientation, store front streets, local businesses, and local employment within a neighborhood setting.

By identifying these once vital commercial and social centers, the historical significance of its location may be conserved, and its architecturally important buildings, homes and distinctive character can be better preserved.

The zone is designed to assist each historical village to maintain its rural character and function as viable and attractive centers of social and light-commercial activity, instilling community cohesiveness, promoting local tourism, and eliminating traditional barriers for successful commercial growth in disadvantaged rural settings.



Planning Director Chris White

ate the building commercially.

Because this RVN zoning tool has not been used to date by any developers and has only been on books about 4 years, Rover community residents said recently that they're still on the fence. But they do believe it is a better alternative for rezoning in their neighborhood than C-1.

compatible with the village, its age, and reminiscent of a turn of the century building with architectural details and fenestrations you would normally see on the Shelbyville or Bell Buckle public square.

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BC Schools News: appointment of new assistant principals

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Tammy Garrett recently announced the appointment of three dedicated and experienced educators to the positions of assistant principals for the upcoming school year. Luke Bowling, Community High School, Angela Tyre, Eakin Elementary School, and Ruth Cepeda, Harris Middle School, will be bringing their experience and passion for education to their new roles, ensuring continued excellence and support for our students and staff.

Dr. Luke Bowling is a proud alumnus of Community High School, graduating in 2000. This year marks his 10th year in education and his ninth at Community High. He earned a bachelor of science from Liberty University in 2012, followed by a master of education from Middle Tennessee State University in 2016, and a doctor of education from Liberty University in 2020. Bowling is also a licensed and practicing minister since 2006. His wife, Tricia, has been a first-grade teacher for 23 years. They have two sons; their older son is a recent graduate, and their youngest is a student at Community High. Bowling says he is an avid sports enthusiast.

Reflecting on his philosophy of education, Bowling shares a favorite quote by PJ Caposey, "The most important rule of educational leadership is to always remember that people, not policies or programs, are what drive highly effective schools."

He said he'sexcited to support teachers in their professional growth and is eager to learn and adapt as he transitions from the classroom to administration.

"There are so many great teachers and leaders at Bedford County Schools. It's a place where you don't have to be afraid to treat your coworkers like family. I'm looking forward to being part of the leadership legacy at BCS and CHS that make people want to work with us!" Bowling adds.

Angela Tyre is beginning her 26th year in Bedford County Schools. Her career includes 16 years at Eakin Elementary, where she taught Transitional 1st, 3rd, 5th grades and ESL, seven years at Cascade Middle teaching 6th and 8th grade math, and various instructional coaching roles at Community Middle and Eakin Elementary. She holds a bachelor of science in interdisciplinary studies K-8 and a master's in educational leadership.

Tyre is married to Jake Tyre, a PE teacher at Cascade High School and former head football coach. They have one daughter, Mara, a graduate of Cascade High School and Motlow. The Tyres are avid Georgia Bulldogs fans and enjoy life on their family farm in Fosterville, which Tyre says keeps them busy.

With a belief in the importance of adaptability and creativity in education, Tyre states, "It takes courage to think outside the box; but alas we must."

She emphasizes the need for teachers to be equipped to meet the diverse needs of students, putting students first and having a servant's heart. Tyre says she looks forward to building strong relationships with teachers and students, ensuring a supportive and positive work environment.

"I am finally back home at Eakin. There is no better place I could imagine being at this moment than with my Eakin family."

Tyre has dedicated her entire career to Bedford County Schools and appreciates the small-town atmosphere and community spirit.

"I know what my teachers and students need," added Tyre, "and I am ready to serve both in this capacity. I am humbled and very grateful to serve our community this coming school year."



ANGELA TYRE



LUKE BOWLING



RUTH CEPEDA

Ruth Cepeda has been in education since 2009, with teaching experience that includes middle school and high school math, middle school science as well as STEM and Robotics. She holds a bachelor of arts in mathematics, a master's in instructional technology and an education specialist degree in instructional leadership. She is currently working on her doctorate as well. Cepeda's philosophy on education centers around the belief that all students have the capacity to learn and excel. She emphasizes the unique set of skills, abilities and experiences that each student and educator bring to the learning process.

"I am passionate about providing students with the necessary tools and opportunities to unlock their full potential. Education is not only about acquiring content knowledge but also fostering a love for lifelong learning. Teachers play a vital role in this endeavor," commented Cepeda.

She praises BCS for its welcoming, diverse and inclusive environment. "The growth just within the last three years has been incredible and the changes measurable. Educators in Bedford County are passionate about helping students succeed and are engaged in constant collaboration to better understand the needs of students."

Cepeda says she looks forward to building the capacity of teachers to support student learning and increasing parental involvement. "As a continuous learner, I strive to collaborate with other educators as well as community members to strengthen the school/community relationship."

Cepeda and her husband, Kyle Cepeda, both educators, have one daughter. The family has been in Bedford County for 3 years and enjoys exploring the outdoors and trying new foods.

"Bedford County Schools is confident these new assistant principals will bring a wealth of experience, dedication and passion to their new roles, continuing to make Bedford County Schools a wonderful place to learn and work," commented Superintendent Garrett.

THE ISSUE-ONE AFFECTING US STATE-SIDE AND ABROAD

When did the Olympics get so stupid?

By DAWN HANKINS

I don't care which political or social side you're on, the bottom line . . . the 2024 Summer Olympic opening ceremonies were stupid and a travesty to all that's wholesome. This unity of nations and their athletes was not meant to be a late-night comedy show.

I'm delving in, though some of my fellow journalists are passive and will shy away from the topic. Others have said those in the opening ceremonies didn't intend to be blasphemous.

What about just gross and stupid? Does that count for anything?

The Ancient Olympic Games were religious and athletic festivals held every four years at the sanctuary of Zeus in Olympia, Greece. Stupidity had no place. There were lions.

Still, today, the modern Olympics should continue to be solely focused on one thing-athletes. Most of them are just kids. Social causes should not interfere in their objectives.

Years ago, athletes were on cereal boxes. I don't know if that's still being done as I don't eat boxed cereal anymore.

And most certainly, the Olympics shouldn't be about what we do in our free time but about the best swimmer and the greatest gymnasts ever.

Are we slowly losing our patriotism, folks? Are we willing to stand by and let this happen?

This is just one sign that patriotism is getting tossed aside. And believe it or not, some people long for it to be that way. They don't like the laws that are supposed to uphold this nation, under God. Don't believe me? Then take a poll.

I heard someone say once that you can't blame Madalyn Murray O'Hair for getting prayer out of schools. Wait a minute . . . What?

Well, the person said that because the Christians stood by in the 1960s and let her do it. Good point.

O'Hair, by the way, is best known for the Murray v. Curlett lawsuit, which challenged the policy of mandatory prayers and Bible reading in Baltimore public schools, in which she named her first son as plaintiff.

Or, if you want to blaspheme, then move somewhere where that's appreciated. We'll wait for you to come back on the next flight because you won't like it in some parts of the world, where freedom is null and void.

Just talk to a veteran.

Case in point . . .I attended a recent meeting in Rover; they don't want a dollar store in their neighborhood. So, most of the community residents are doing all they can to stop it.

That's how it works, folks. They're not saying, well, it wasn't meant the way it was presented. No, they're taking charge. They're smart enough to know exactly how it's being presented.

I guess this will be the first time in many, many years that I won't watch the Olympics. Call me old school, that's OK.

I'm not boycotting it, really. But in light of recent events, I just don't enjoy watching it anymore. But I am writing this column, such that it is. But it is something.

If we've learned anything over the last few years in America, it's that life is short. Really too short to be stupid during times that should be about patriotism, not political/social gain, recognition.

I remember back in 2012, when Mr. Bean (comedian Rowan Atkinson) participated in the opening ceremony with the orchestra. There's probably no one who loves "Mr. Bean's Christmas" more than I. But again, what the heck?

There is a time and place for everything.

I remember when I was a kid how thrilling the opening ceremonies were with pomp and circumstance. That was certainly different years ago.

It was serious, because we were representing and respecting America and other nations with our torches held high (not high while we held our torches) and pride came from demonstrating our confidence in our American Flag.

Snoop Dog is well liked here, no doubt. He is hilarious. But really? I'm surprised he didn't sing, "Roll me up and smoke me when I die" with Willie Nelson.

But we digress.

I think the bottom line of all this last week's hoopla regarding the Olympics' opening ceremony is that we want to wear the red, white and blue, again. What I mean by that is not just in costume but in spirit and nobility as a country that has fought hard to keep its soil free.

Granted, the Olympics are being held in Paris, France. But Americans are still a large part of this event.

Life is hard. Making a travesty of God and people needs to stop.

Granted, other countries can do as they please.

As they used to say in Vietnam, "Charlie is listening" and believe me, he's watching too. All across the globe we're losing respect.

Bring back the gymnasts, the swimmers-all those who work so hard to be at the Olympics. Sadly, people are having to cover the eyes and the ears of their children, now.

This is America. We need to take back what the forefathers so painstakingly bestowed upon us.

Yes, "One Nation Under God." If you don't like America, well, I'll be cliché here again and say, "go live somewhere else."

Course with the current disrespect in our nation, not just abroad but in our grocery stores, on our roads and in our neighborhoods, I'm not sure I'd wish that upon another country either.

See the forest despite the trees. If you don't like the current face of America, then you should get busy trying to get it changed.

Now is the time for all good men, and women . . . .





Submitted Photo

THE RIGHT THING TO DO

Shelbyville Fire Chief Matt Doak said recently that he grew up learning about the Good Samaritan. He also remembered a time, as a kid, when his family was stranded on a highway and many people passed by. So, small wonder that he stopped recently to aid a family that had a flat tire.



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Why Carlton's Store means so much to Rover

By DAWN HANKINS

This history of Carlton's General Store in Rover was written by resident Bobbie Sue Shelton Lomas and is reprinted with permission. We felt the readers would enjoy taking a stroll down memory lane.

This history also represents why so many Rover residents today want to keep the store or at least remodel it for their community. It would be like ripping a piece of history from them if a commercial outfit is allowed.

While the building is of course getting even more aged with time, residents are set on making it work for many more years, if allowed. They will be going to County government meetings in the future to hear what will become of the once center piece of the rural community.

If you have a particular thought on the Carlton Store issue, email me at dawn@richardsonmediagroup.net.

A Step Back in Time By Bobbie Sue Shelton-Lomas October 1-15, 2008

EARL CARLTON – A TRUE ROVERITE

On September 18, 2008 Rover and the surrounding communities were sadden with the news of the death of Dallas Earl Carlton, who with his wife, Lavada, were the proprietors of Carlton's General Store in Rover. This community lost a wonderful friend and all who knew him will sadly miss him.

Dallas Earl Carlton was the son of Clayton and Maggie Smotherman Carlton. He was born April 21, 1922 and lived in and

near Rover his lifetime and claimed to be a "True Roverite", which all agree. As a young boy he began helping his parents in

the store business in 1931 and at the age of 13 began running a peddling route alone. He made serving the community his lifelong profession.

In addition to serving his community, he also served his country. In 1942 he answered a call from Uncle Sam and served in the US Army three years. He was awarded a Bronze arrowhead for D-Day landing, and 5 Bronze Stars for major areas

of Battle, Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. He returned home in January 1946. On March 30, 1947 he married Lavada Crockett and they had 2 children, Stephen and Donna. After returning home from the service he re-joined his parents in the store business and later, with his wife Lavada, became the proprietors of the Carlton's General Store in Rover.

Carlton's General Store wasn't "just a country store". This store was often a bank, a message and information center, a post office, a service station, a place to get a quick breakfast or lunch and a gathering place for the community whittlers and problem solvers. In addition to filling the request of "almost" any item available, they were often the first greeters of new residents of the community and could well be called the "Ambassadors of Rover". The Carlton's, Clayton, Maggie, Earl and

Lavada "WERE" Carlton's General Store. Their respect, friendliness and helpfulness were evident as soon as one walked in the door. This will be missed. In 1986 for a Tennessee Homecoming project, a committee was formed (by Earl Carlton) to write and publish the history of Rover. This was accomplished and later a second volume was completed. These books would have never been available for generations to come, if it wasn't for his insistence and hard work on the projects.

Since Carlton's General Store has been such a valuable asset to the Rover Community I have included some history of the store and the days of the peddling wagon. The following information taken has been taken from "The Incomplete History of Carlton's General Store, Rover, Tennessee" written by Earl Carlton for the "Rover History" published in 1986.

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Clayton Carlton began his career in the retail country store business November 12, 1931, at a place in Rutherford County near the Bedford County line called Last Chance. This place has since been renamed and is now called New Town. A short time after the store was opened, with an inventory costing $130.00, Clayton began his peddling experience, leaving Maggie, (his wife) to run the store and look after the children. His first peddling was done from a 1924 model touring car he bought new for $357.00. This was used a short time, then a 1927 model T. Roadster was bought from Lewis Gleaves for $12.50. Clayton's brother-in-law, John Puckett, visiting from Florida, built a bed on the back that one could stand on the ground and reach

anything inside. Cost of material $10.00, labor free. In January 1934, Clayton and family moved to Rover and were succeeded in the New Town store by R. B. Lamb. Their move was to the old Phillip's Place on Beasley Road,across from where the first Rover School was located and was owned by John Smotherman, Clayton's father-in-law. (First house on the left on Beasley Road from Highway 41A). At the Phillip's Place, merchandise was stocked in the side room off a back porch. At this time, most foods such as beans, sugar, salt and coffee came in bulk. It was the children's (Frances, Earl and John) job to package these products during the day or after school for the next day's route, as peddling was continued from this location. We also had some regular customers that came to buy from this side room storehouse.



Carlton's General Store, Rover Tennessee



Earl and Lavada Carlton

In 1934, Clayton bought a ½ ton maroon panel truck for $600.00. Bro. George Stem built the shelves in it while it was parked between the Methodist Parsonage and a barn that no longer exists. In 1935, Clayton bought the Jungle Town Store that was previously owned and operated by Jim Davis. This was an old frame and boxed wood building without electric service, or telephone and with a hand operated gas pump. Peddling continued and in 1937 Clayton bought a green 1-½ ton panel truck. Clayton Carlton, Earl Carlton, Condra Lamb, Cecil Eley and John Carlton drove this truck. In 1941 a new store building was built. A concrete block construction that included a large cellar next to it for storing eggs and other things to keep them cool. This was also used by the community as a safe place during a storm. This same year Clayton bought a new 1-½ ton blue Ford without cab or bed. Mr. Cecil Bowling from Rockvale built custom bed with shelves, back deck, chicken coop and fee hauling space. Mostly Earl drove this truck until he was called into the service December 1942. After Earl's departure, Clayton continued to peddle with sometime the help of C. J. King, leaving Maggie at home to tend the store, the garden and the youngest child, Jean, who spent a lot of time in a cardboard box while her Mother was busy.

This store and farm was sold in 1946 to James and Wayne Read. This store building was destroyed by fire in June 1956. On September 19, 1945, Clayton bought at public auction eight acres in Rover, known as the Lena Chick place at the intersection of highway 41 A and Kingdom Road. There was an old house, which was later torn down, and a smaller house used by Dr. Manier and Dr. Garret as a doctor's office. This small building was enlarged and was used for living quarters for the Carlton family.

In early 1946, Clayton began construction of a new store building in the corner of the yard on highway 41A. The building, built by the Crick brothers, Maggie's uncles, was completed and opened for business in April 1946. To date (1986), there have been four additions made to this store building. Earl operated the Rover store until September, that same year. By this time, Clayton, Maggie and Jean moved from Jungle Town and peddling continued. The truck was driven into rear half of the building at night for loading for the needs of the next day's route. In October 1950, another new truck was bought and a modern and convenient bed was built for it. A complete store on wheels for its time. This truck, driven by Earl was too large to go into the store so it was loaded at the side door. Earl had many experiences while driving the peddling truck he enjoyed sharing through the years. The store, truck and farm kept the family busy day and a good part of the night until 1955 when the truck was sold, thus bringing to a close the peddling days of the Carlton's.

Over the years the store continued to expand and the slogan "We Sell Most Anything" was adopted. More and different types of merchandise were added. Earl's parents owned the store until 1963 when it was sold to Earl and Lavada and at that time, Lavada joined Earl in the daily store operation. Her presence at the store allowed Earl more time servicing and installation

of wiring, plumbing, appliances, pumps and etc. He was a registered electrician, with a Master Plumber Certification and diplomas from School of Pump Service and Installation. He also stated that much of his knowledge came from reading as well as experience. Many long hours of labor 5:30 – 6:00 a.m. to 11-12 p.m for a number of yeas. Earl often left the store at closing and went to out in the community to fix an electrical or plumbing problem.

He certainly was one who cared for his friends and neighbors and went out of his way to make their lives much easier. As inventory grew, space seemed to grow smaller, so in 1976 a new building, used as a warehouse was built. About this time

a new slogan was adopted; STORE OF THREE WONDERS (1) You Wonder – If we have it (2) I Wonder – Where It Is (3) Everybody Wonders – How I find it.

In the 1980's a room was built on the side of the store building, a heater was added and later a fan for the summer use. It became a place for the men of the community and surrounding areas to meet, greet, read the paper, eat a snack, smoke, whittle, have lengthy discussions and maybe try to solve some of the world's problems. Some use the cedar shavings from the whittlers in the pet's houses. (The building of this room is another example of the Carlton's caring for the community and it's citizens. This room has well been used over the years. On a rainy day, the room allowed to be filled to capacity.

In the 1980's and 90's health issues, due to strokes, bypass surgeries, heart valve replacement and "Old Arthur", caused Earl

to slow down his daily activities, but he continued working six days a week. In the last few years Earl again added another slogan "Still kicking, but slow and low."

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When Earl and his wife, Lavada, locked the doors of Carlton's General Store on November 14, 2007, they had no idea this would be the very last time for Earl. As health issues worsened, he wasn't ever able to return to the store. Like many of you, I feel I've known Earl and Lavada all my life. My grandparents, aunts and uncles lived in the Rover Community and I spent a lot of my childhood visiting them before moving here in 1964.

My very first memory of Earl Carlton was in the early 1950's, when he was operating a peddling wagon and would stop at my aunt and uncle, Lela and W H. Reed's house. One day while my grandmother and aunt Lela was selecting their groceries they let my cousins and I get some candy. All of a sudden my cousin, Charles, got choked on a jawbreaker. Mr. Earl grabbed him by the ankles and shook him up side down until the jawbreaker came out of his mouth. That was one scary time and we were reminded of that event each time the peddling wagon came. My thanks to Lavada for permission to use the above information on Carlton's General Store.



Carlton's General Store, today



Church Photo

IN THE HEART OF ROVER

The St. Paul Methodist Church, Rover, serves of course as a religious center for the Rover and surrounding communities. But it is also a place of fellowship. Just recently, the church opened its doors to the community to discuss a very important neighborhood issue. So, you see, churches stand for much more than just hymn sings each week in many communities. Check out St. Paul on its Facebook page.



Community CALENDAR

Tennessee Primary Election
Thursday, Aug. 1

FUMC Shelbyville Worship
Join Shelbyville First United Methodist Church for a spiritually enriching worship service this Sunday. Pastor Abe Zimmerman is preaching "Divine Interruptions: Part 2" from Luke 5:1-11, 27-32. This series explores the interruptions and unexpected moments in Jesus' ministry. FUMC-S will examine how Jesus reacted to these moments and how we can use similar 'interruptions' in our own lives for God's glory. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 a.m., followed by the worship service at 10. The church offers a livestream on Facebook and a broadcast on WLIJ 1580 AM.

Sevier St. Baptist Homecoming
Sevier Street First Baptist Church will celebrate its 69th Anniversary and Homecoming on Sunday, Aug. 4, at 10 a.m. The community is invited. Lunch will be served following the 10 a.m. worship service. Pastor is Quintin Perkins.

VFW Meeting
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5019, and it's Auxiliary, will hold their monthly meeting Monday, Aug. 5, at the VFW Post on Depot Street. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with a business meeting for members immediately following.

AG Crime Unit
Michael Whaley with the TN Ag Crimes Unit will be guest speaker at the Raus Community Club on Aug. 10 at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. It's potluck at 6:30 p.m. with the program to follow. Whaley has been in ag law enforcement for many years and has been involved in local crime solving.

Shelbyville Mills Reunion
Shelbyville Mills Elementary School Reunion will be Aug. 3 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Fellowship for Christ Church, 182 Richdale Lane, Shelbyville.

Education Dates to Remember
Aug. 1-Administrative/Election Day (No School)
Aug. 2-1st Day for Students/Abbreviated Day
Aug. 15-6 p.m. Board of Education Meeting, Central Office
Aug. 26-Sept. 2 Horse Show (No School)

Farm Bureau Membership Dinner
Bedford County Farm Bureau will host a membership appreciation dinner on Friday, Aug. 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the Farm Bureau office located at 323 Bethany Lane, Shelbyville.

Flat Creek Community Center Event
Flat Creek Community Center's annual ice cream supper will be held 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3. Hamburgers, baked beans, chips, drink, homemade dessert and ice cream. $10.

County Meeting
Bedford County Board of Commissioner's Rules & Legislative Committee will hold a study session on Tuesday, Aug. 6, @ 5 p.m. in the 2nd floor Community Room, located in the Historic Courthouse, 1 Public Square. The purpose of the study session is to review updates to the Commission bylaws.

Laity Club Meeting
Bedford County Laity Club will meet 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11, at Blankenship Community Church, 3602 Midland Road. The meal is to be furnished.

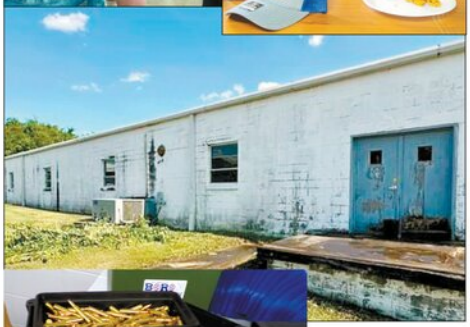
DREMC Annual Membership Meeting
Duck River Electric Membership Corporation will conduct its annual membership meeting on Saturday, Aug. 17, at Harris Middle School, 570 Eagle Blvd. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. The meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. Door prizes and refreshments. Business meeting. Attendance gifts for first 300 members plus an opportunity to win a grand prize.













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NEW FACTORY, AMERICAN MADE

The City of Shelbyville sponsored a ribbon cutting recently at Boro Bullets, which is an ammunition factory that has located in the former Jensen Pencil factory on West Jackson Street. Several members of Shelbyville Police Department were on hand to see and hear about the 9 MM Luger bullets and enjoy the social event, welcoming the new owners to the city. Council person Stephanie Isaacs represents the 5th Ward and opened the ceremony last week.

L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement Against Drugs & Violence) Awards "Tennessee Instructor of the Year" to Bedford County Sergeant Tracey Harvey

Sgt. Harvey is Honored Nationally by L.E.A.D. for Excelling in Protecting Students in Bedford County from the Dangers of Drugs and Violence

Tracey Harvey, sergeant at Bedford County Sheriff's Office, was recently awarded "Tennessee Instructor of the Year" from L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement Against Drugs & Violence), a nationwide nonprofit that works with communities to help students understand the dangers of drugs and violence.

Sgt. Harvey was presented with the award at L.E.A.D.'s ninth annual 21st Century Drug and Violence Prevention Training Conference in Orlando, Florida, due to her "excellent work educating students on the proven effective curriculum implemented by L.E.A.D. during the school day."

"We congratulate Sgt. Harvey on her outstanding job helping to bridge the gap between the police officers and community in Bedford County. Her award is well deserved," said Nick DeMauro, CEO of L.E.A.D. "Sgt. Harvey's dedication to teaching children about the importance of drug and violence prevention is helping us to continue accomplishing our goal of strengthening police-community relationships."

L.E.A.D. provides services "On the Street" and "In the Classroom" as it brings law enforcement and communities closer together. The "In the Classroom" program is taught by more than 5,000 trained instructors in 45 states, who are serving more than 500,000 students in 2,500 school systems. L.E.A.D. has a proven-effective, law enforcement-focused anti-drug, anti-violence curriculum for K–12 students in the U.S. The L.E.A.D. curriculum is taught over the course of a 10-week program to educate youth on how they can make smart decisions without the involvement of drugs or violence.

Sgt. Harvey helped to implement L.E.A.D. in Bedford County, and she's also assisted in training other police officers to become L.E.A.D. instructors like herself. Last school year, the L.E.A.D. curriculum was taught to approximately 400 students in the fifth grade at Cascade Elementary School, Community Elementary School and Liberty School. This coming fall, Bedford County Sheriff's Office hopes to have implemented the program in every elementary school in Bedford County.

L.E.A.D. allows students to spend time with their SROs and get to see them on a different level, which is one of the several aspects about the program that the children enjoy, says Sgt. Harvey.

"Although police officers are just like anyone else, sometimes it's hard for kids to understand that as they normally see us in environments where we have to act more strictly," said Sgt. Harvey. "They're receptive to seeing us outside of school, but since they get to see us in a different, more personal light as their L.E.A.D. instructor, it's easier for them to form a bond with us in the classroom."

"Another part of the program that the kids like are the activities that are incorporated into the curriculum," she added. "While they're participating in them and having fun, they don't realize that they're learning at the same time."



Submitted Photo

Bedford County Sgt. Tracey Harvey (left) and L.E.A.D. Director of Training Operations, Kim Lay, participate at L.E.A.D.'s 9th annual, 21st Century Drug and Violence Prevention Training Conference. Sgt. Harvey is the L.E.A.D. "Tennessee Instructor of the Year."

Sgt. Harvey believes that the relationship the students build with their L.E.A.D. instructors is part of the reason that helps the children to stay away from things like alcohol and drugs.

"The students know that if we happened to catch them breaking the rules, we would be let down," she said. "Just as the kids don't want to disappoint their parents, they don't want to disappoint the people who spent 10 weeks with them in the classroom, helping them to understand how becoming involved with drugs and violence would be a major hindrance in achieving their goals."

"We become the person for some of the children who don't have someone that they can look up to and want to make proud," added Sgt. Harvey.

About L.E.A.D.

L.E.A.D. provides the leadership, resources and management to ensure law enforcement agencies have the means to partner with educators, community leaders and families. L.E.A.D. succeeds by providing proven effective programs to deter youth and adults from drug use, drug related crimes, bullying and violence. L.E.A.D. is committed to reinforcing the mutual respect, goodwill and relations between law enforcement and their communities. For more information, visit https://www.leadrugs.org/.

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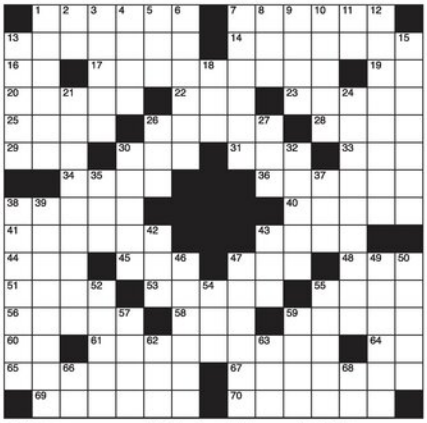
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Spiritual leaders
7. A solution
13. Fortified wine
14. Edible mollusk
16. Blood group
17. A way to compare
19. Gov't lawyer
20. Actor Ciaran
22. Calendar month
23. Very willing
25. __ ex Machina
26. Satisfies
28. Type of berry
29. Distinctive practice
30. Popular pickup truck model
31. Dekagram
33. Naturally occurring solid material
34. Company officer
36. Villains
38. Cricket frogs
40. German founder of psychology
41. Endured
43. A female domestic
44. A situation you can be in
45. Cigarette (slang)
47. Fiber optic network (abbr.)
48. Belgian composer Walter
51. Employee stock ownership plan
53. Belonging to the bottom layer
55. Musical or vocal sound
56. Yankees' great Judge
58. Dickens character
59. Beloved late sportscaster Craig
60. South Dakota
61. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
64. Atomic #79
65. Former Braves pitcher Julio
67. Humor
69. Shawl
70. Hospital unit

CLUES DOWN

1. Animal disease
2. Commercial
3. Arts and crafts supplies
4. Containers
5. Investment vehicle
6. A way to greet in a friendly way
7. Bulged downward
8. 'A Day Without' singer
9. Lay about
10. Intestinal
11. Negative
12. Caused to be loved
13. Prominent in Islamic eschatology
15. Sincere
18. Not in
21. Number above the line in a fraction
24. Bill Murray chased one
26. Pouch
27. Swedish krona
30. Start over
32. Wild white or yellow flower
35. Fourteen
37. Visual way of interacting with a computer (abbr.)
38. Up-to-date
39. Campaigns
42. Touch lightly
43. 'Boardwalk Empire' actress Gretchen
46. Violent seizure of property
47. One who supports the Pope
49. Malaise
50. Body fluid
52. Inauthentic person
54. Title of respect
55. Chilean city
57. Central Japanese city
59. Garment
62. Draw from
63. Automobile
66. The man
68. Top government lawyer



ADVENTUROUS WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

ACHIEVEMENT
ACTION
ACTIVE
ADVENTURES
BARRIERS
BOUNDARIES
BUMPS
BUNGEE
CHILLS
CLIMBING
COASTER
COMPETITION
ENDURANCE
EXERTION
EXTREME
GOALS
HEART-RACING
HIGH
PARACHUTE
RAPIDS
SCARY
SPEED
THRILLING
TRAIL BLAZE

Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, keep moving forward when you find yourself in a tough situation. It's best not to linger, but to find an path forward. Wait for the dust to settle before getting involved.
TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you have a tendency to go overboard at times. Perhaps take a more middle-of-the-road strategy this week when a task falls in your lap. Give it time before acting.
GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, you have a lot going on in your life right now to keep you busy. With so much happening, try not to worry about what is going on with others. Stay in your lane.
CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Family matters may be causing you some strain this week, Cancer. While it is nice to get together, it also can cause some stress. Space out visits so you can recharge in between.
LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, don't worry if you can't see the path forward too clearly right now. Things will be revealed in due time and you'll have all the information you need to proceed.
VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, when a difficult arises, your first response is to get right in the middle of it and try to work things out or force it to go away. That isn't always the most effective approach.
LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, when it comes to your personal passions, you are full speed ahead and very regimented in the path you take. Put those skills to the test this week with a new venture.
SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, if anyone assembled a crack team of experts to get through tough times, you certainly would be included. You'll help a loved one with a last-minute problem soon enough.
SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
You have a natural curiosity and zeal for life, Sagittarius. These traits may cascade over others and inspire them to try new things this week. Join along in the fun.
CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Someone from the past could come back into your life, Capricorn,. He or she could provide some answers you have been looking for. Stay tuned and be a good listener.
AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
You soon get the opportunity to hang out with someone you haven't seen in awhile, Aquarius. You may stay up late catching up on all of the moments you have missed lately.
PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
A mistake that someone else made will be a learning experience for you, Pisces. This experience could serve as a cautionary tale of how to approach life or similar situations.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS
AUGUST 4
Meghan Markle, Duchess of Sussex (43)
AUGUST 5
James Gunn, Director (58)
AUGUST 6
Leslie Odom, Jr., Actor (43)
AUGUST 7
Charlize Theron, Actress (49)
AUGUST 8
Shawn Mendes, Singer (26)
AUGUST 9
Anna Kendrick, Actress (39)
AUGUST 10
Kylie Jenner, Reality Star (27)

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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Monthly Commissioner Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 13, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.
Bedford County Historic Courthouse
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Shelbyville, TN 37160
Meeting agenda can be found at www.bedfordcountytn.gov.

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PUZZLE SOLUTION

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ANSWER: Level: Intermediate

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ANSWER: Level: Advanced

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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FOOD DRIVE







Submitted Photos
Over 400 people recently sought comfort from the Wheel community food drive. While food is available, volunteers note people also receive a Gospel message of hope.

Once a United Methodist Church, this church in Wheel is now known as Shiloh Outreach Church. It's purpose is to serve as many as it can in need. Based on recent activity, seems that mission is being met.

Things to know about kitchen renovations



Kitchens are often described as the most popular room in a home, and that's not mere conjecture. A 2022 survey from House Digest asked participants to identify the room they consider most important in their homes, and roughly 41 percent chose the kitchen.

Residents tend to congregate in kitchens in the morning and then again in the evening when meals are prepared and, in homes without formal dining rooms, eaten. With so much time spent in the kitchen, it's no wonder that the 2022 U.S. Houzz & Home Study: Renovation Trends found kitchens to be the most popular interior room to upgrade. With so many people interested in kitchen renovations, the following are four things' homeowners should know about these popular improvement projects.

1. Expect to spend some money. Most home improvement projects require a significant financial investment, but kitchen renovations are among the more expensive undertakings. The overall cost of a project will depend on a host of variables unique to each home, including homeowners' preferences, but HomeAdvisor estimated the average kitchen remodel in 2023 cost between $14,611 and $41,432. Homeowners considering an upscale kitchen remodel may receive six figure estimates for such projects.

2. Expect a good return on investment. If sticker shock settles in when receiving an initial kitchen remodel estimate, perhaps it can help homeowners to know that such a project may provide a strong return on investment (ROI). According to Remodeling magazines ©2024 Cost vs. Value Report a minor kitchen remodel provides a 96 percent ROI. A major kitchen remodel mid-range (49 percent) and a major kitchen remodel upscale (38 percent) did not provide as notable a ROI.

3. Expect the project to take some time. Kitchens are large rooms with a lot of components, so renovating these spaces can take some time. Estimates vary depending on the size of the room, the scale of the remodel and the materials chosen, but Angi reports a kitchen remodel for most homes takes six weeks to four months. Thato's a sizable window, and it reflects the likelihood that unforeseen issues like supply chain interruptions or the discovery of mold will arise at some point during the renovation. Though it's impossible to determine precisely how long a project will take before it begins, homeowners renovating their kitchens may want to plan for the project to take two months if not longer.

4. Expect to use your kitchen during the renovation. If the timeline of a renovation is scary, homeowners should know they will likely be able to use their kitchen even after the project begins. Though the room might not remain a popular gathering space once the work starts, Angi notes kitchens are typically out of commission for around six weeks during a renovation. That still requires some pre-planning in relation to meals, but it also suggests homeowners won't be without a kitchen for months on end.

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Obituaries/News

Carolyn Dyer

Carolyn Dyer, age 67, of Unionville, Tennessee, died Friday, July 26, 2024 at her home in Unionville. Carolyn was born in Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia and was a daughter of the late J T Crowder and Lois Wilson Crowder. She was a member of Christian Chapel Church and retired from Henry Horton State Park where she worked in housekeeping. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters, Diane Crowder and Pat Stephenson.

Carolyn was a HUGE Elvis Presley fan and loved his music and photos. She enjoyed working puzzles and watching television shows. Most of all, she loved her family and spending time with them!

Mrs. Dyer is survived by her loving husband of 52 years, Mike Dyer of Unionville, TN; children, Michael Dyer of Unionville, TN, Diane Dyer of Shelbyville, TN, Brian Dyer of Unionville, TN; 11 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren.



Visitation with the family was Tuesday, July 30, 2024 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM at Lawrence Funeral Home. The funeral service was conducted at 1 PM on Tuesday, July 30, 2024 from the Chapel of Lawrence Funeral Home with Sister Amanda Clark officiating. Interment followed in Swanson Cemetery in Chapel Hill, TN. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Lawrence Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 203 South Horton Parkway, Chapel Hill, Tennessee, 931-364-2233 in charge of local arrangements.

Chiquita Turner

Chiquita Turner, age 72, of Shelbyville, died Monday, June 29, 2024. She was a native of Nashville and a daughter of the late Elvis Archie and Mary Lankford. She was also preceded by her husband, Dewey Turner.

Survivors include a son, Jeffrey Turner; a daughter, Angela Turner; grandchildren, Michael, Jessica and husband Brett, Nikki and husband Will, Cameron, and Brett; great grandchildren, Harmony, Auggie, Zoey, and Lowry; as well as a host of other loving family and friends.

Visitation with the Turner family will be at Woodfin Chapel, Smyrna



on Friday, August 2, 2024, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday at Woodfin Chapel, Smyrna with Pastor Jonathan Osterhaus officiating. Burial will follow at 12:30 p.m. in Mapleview Cemetery.

Ina Faye Curlee Pierce

Ina Faye Curlee Pierce, age 91, of Shelbyville died July 24, 2024.

Funeral Services were held 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 28th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home with Mark Pierce officiating. Burial followed at Willow Mount Cemetery. Visitation began at 1:00 p.m.

She was the daughter of the late Zach Mitchell Curlee and Nona Glyndon Foster Curlee. She married the late Billy Dale Pierce July 24, 1950 and she passed away on their anniversary.

She is survived by her son, Mark Edward Pierce; three grandchildren, Michael (Dana) Pierce, Christopher (Alexandra) Pierce and Michaela (Carl) Woodward; four great grandchildren, Carter Pierce, Nolan Pierce, Jillian Pierce, Jameson Woodward; sister-in-law, Marie Smith; nephew, Terry Smith; grand-pups, Mia, Thunder, Otis, Leela, Zoey; bonus daughters, Vicki Fleenor, Peggy Nolting and many beloved cousins.

She loved her family, friends and church family with her whole heart. She was a member of Horse Mountain Church of Christ. She was deeply respected and loved and will be dearly missed.



She loved animals of all kinds but especially dogs. She was a long-time volunteer with the Humane Society beside her sister-in-law, Marie Smith and dear friend, the late Kitty Graham.

She was a friend to dogs. She said of every one of them, "It was the most beautiful dog you ever saw!"

She enjoyed feeding her birds, hummingbirds, raccoons and her possum. They always watched for her and one raccoon even peeked in her back door when she was late.

Over the years, she got to know people from her different occupations such as Model Laundry, Jostens, raising chickens for Tyson, cattle farming and school bus driver for Bedford County schools for 20 years.

Martha Elizabeth Watson

Martha Elizabeth Watson, 76, of Tullahoma died July 25, 2024. Funeral Services were held 2 p.m. Monday, July 29, at Hillcrest Funeral Home. Burial followed at Crowell's Chapel Cemetery. Visitation began at 12:00 p.m.

She was a native of Coffee County; a retired employee of Worth Manufacturing and a member of the Baptist Church.

Martha loved her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved to dance and listen to Elvis. Her family and friends loved her peanut butter cookies and her laugh. She never knew a stranger.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Allen and Flora Bell Neal; her brother, Levanda Crowder and sisters, Ruby



Dodson and Bobbie Everett.

Martha is survived by her husband of 55 years, Billy Witt Watson; three daughters, Elizabeth "Bonnie" Crabtree (Jeff) of Unionville, Ellen Bailey of Winchester and Billie Jo Pursley (James) of Tullahoma; 7 grandchildren, Tabitha Crosslin, Ashley Certain, Kirsten Stevens, Calah Stevens, Cody Reed, Gage Throneberry, Jared Acklen and 10 great grandchildren.

Barbara Gay Turner

Barbara Gay Turner, age 77, of Shelbyville, passed away July 27, 2024, under the loving care and comfort her family, Hospice Compassus, and the dedicated and professional staff of Lynchburg Nursing Center.

Funeral services were 2 PM Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at First United Methodist Church. Rev. Abe Zimmerman officiated with burial to follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

The family received visitors 12 noon until service time Wednesday at the church.

She was born October 17, 1946, in Shelbyville, to the late William Henry and Margaret Parsons Turner.

She worked previously as public relations director with the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration and with Bedford County Zoning Department.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Margaret Simmons, in 1990.

Survivors include two



sons, Steve Simmons, and his wife Leann, of Shelbyville, and Blake Simmons, and his wife Courtenay, of Owens Cross Roads, Alabama; grandchildren, Alexcis Simmons, Slayde Simmons, Turner Simmons, Connor Simmons, and Parker Simmons.

Barbara would be honored with memorials to: The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, P. O. Box 4777, New York, NY 10163-4777, or 212-509-0995, or donations@michaeljfox.org

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Charles Andrew Garrett

Charles Andrew Garrett, age 67, of Shelbyville, passed away Sunday, July 28, 2024, at Vanderbilt Wilson Hospital in Lebanon, Tennessee.

Mr. Charles Andrew Garrett was born July 9, 1957, in Shelbyville, to late Dorothea Mae Scott Garrett and Jethro Hall. He departed this life Sunday, July 28, 2024 at Vanderbilt Wilson Hospital in Lebanon, Tennessee.

Charles attended Shelbyville Central High School. Afterward he started work with Stanley Tools until the corporation discontinued services. He then worked at several other locations until he retired.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, George "Rooster" Garrett and Henry "Hucky" Garrett, and a beloved sister, Mary "Tiny" Garrett.

Survivors include a brother, James Lawson Garrett; a sister, Doris Ann Garrett; and a beloved niece, Tone-



sha "Nikki" Garrett.

He also leaves to cherish his memory, a very loving and affectionate wife, Sarah Buchanan Garrett. The two of them have been togethter since November 3, 1973, and remained together until Charles' departure.

Funeral services will be 12 PM Saturday, August 3, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Rev. Mitchell Buchanan will officiate, with burial to follow in Willow Mount Cemetery.

The family will receive visitors 11 AM until service Saturday at the funeral home.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Clara Evella Chauncey

Clara Evella Chauncey, age 79, of Bell Buckle, passed away July 30, 2024, at her home, under the loving care and comfort of her family and Amedisys Hospice.

Funeral services will be 12 PM Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, at Fair Haven Baptist Church. Pastor Peter Allen will officiate. The family will receive visitors 10 AM until service time Saturday at the church.

Burial will be 10:30 AM EST Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at Chattanooga National Cemetery.

She was born December 5, 1944, in Barlow, Florida, to the late Clarence Walter and Mildred E. Comerford Martin. She was a retired legal secretary and was a faithful member of Fair Haven Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Van Chauncey; children, Russell (Connie) Chauncey and Kimberly Boyd; grandchildren, Leigha (Jared) Feath-



erstone, Joseph (Kristyn) Chauncey, Mitchell (Danielle) Chauncey, Ty Boyd, and Kylie (Thomas) Lovett; great grandchildren, Sue Ann Featherstone, Maddy Featherstone, Lorelai Chauncey, Elliott Chauncey, Tripp Lovett, and Johnathan Chauncey; a brother, Walter Dale (Kenna) Martin and sister, Lucretia (James S.) Bond.

Clara would be honored with memorials to Fair Haven Baptist Church Children Ministry, 2726 HWY 231 North, Shelbyville, TN 37160.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tania Lee Moulder

Tania Lee Moulder, age 51, of Unionville, passed from this life early Tuesday morning, July 23, 2024, at her home surrounded by loved ones and under the care of Gentiva Hospice after an extended illness.

A Bedford County native, Tonya was born July 1, 1973, to the late Jimmy Lee Moulder and Toni Marie Cole. Along with her parents she was preceded in death by her sister, Penny Moulder, and step dad, Dwayne Cole.

She is survived by her loving companion, David Nippers; children, Angel Moulder of Springhill, Devin Davis and wife Heather of Shelbyville, and Taylor Davis of Manchester; sister, Cindy Moulder of Shelbyville; grandchildren, Peyton, Alivia, Adrian, Kylie, Kyle, Ryleigh, and



Macy; and also her loyal puppy, Rosco.

A celebration of life service was held on Friday, July 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home. The family received visitors from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. prior to the service.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Martha Dean Winnette

Martha Dean Gilbert Winnette, age 100, of Shelbyville, passed away July 23, 2024, under the loving care and comfort of her family, Hospice Compassus, and the caring and dedicated staff of the Waters of Shelbyville.

Funeral services were 1 PM, Saturday, July 27, 2024, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Reverend Jeff Rasnick officiated with burial to follow in Old Orchard Cemetery in Petersburg.

The family received visitors 11 AM until service time Saturday at the funeral home.

She was born April 9, 1924, in Belleville in Lincoln County, to the late Sandford and Elsie Inez Pigg Gilbert. She attended Morgan School in Petersburg and graduated from Shelbyville Central High. She also attended Shelbyville Business College. Her working career included Eureka Pants Company, Dixie Grain and Uniroyal. She married James Winnette in 1947, at Wartrace, and held membership at First Baptist Church for 77 years.

In addition to her parents,



she was preceded in death by her husband, James Winnette, in 2014, and a daughter, Susan Harris, in 2018, brothers and sisters, Sandra Joyce Willoughby, Dub Gilbert, Orelle Scott, Frankie Woodard, and Reba Beasley.

Survivors include a grandson, Christopher Harris, of Shelbyville; great granddaughter, Laken Harris; nieces and nephews, Sherry Lawell, of Shelbyville, Kerry (Debbie) Willoughby, of Nashville, Deedra Burk, of Lewisburg, and Doug (Malinda) Gilbert, of Nashville; numerous great nieces and nephews.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Joey Simmons

Joey Simmons, a beloved member of the Shelbyville, TN community, passed away on July 26, 2024, at the age of 60 surrounded by his children and family.

He was born on November 26, 1963, in Lincoln County, TN, to the late John Simmons Jr. and Mary Helen Simmons (Howard). Joey was known for his love of fishing and hunting, often spending his free time pursuing these passions. He worked as a dedicated concrete finisher throughout his career, leaving his mark on many projects in the area.

Above all else, Joey cherished his family. He was a proud father to his children Tasha and Matthew. He was also a doting grandfather to his grandchildren Michael, Anastaisa, Tre, Kemel, Shayla, Shelby, Austin, and Dillon. Joey was immensely proud of his dog Sukie, who brought him great joy and companionship.

Joey is survived by his brothers Mike and Dawn Simmons and Frank Simmons. Daughter- Tasha Trice, Son- Matthew and Mindy Simmons. Stepson Cain Cook. Nieces and nephews Kyle and Jennifer Simmons, Lauren



Smith, Cassie Simmons, Lexi Simmons, as well as 4 great-grandchildren and many great nieces/nephews.

Joey is preceded in death by his life-long partner Susan Simmons and sister-in-law, Kim Simmons.

Joey Simmons will be remembered for his kind heart, dedication to his work, and love for his family. His presence will be deeply missed by all those who knew him.

Services were conducted at Doak Howell Funeral Home in Shelbyville on Monday July 29th 2024. Visitation was 4-6 pm at the funeral immediately following. No graveside service.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Annual Red Sand Project draws a crowd



BC Government Photos

On Wednesday, July 31, Bedford County Health Council held a Red Sand Project event on the historic Bedford County Courthouse grounds on the square. Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham presented a proclamation recognizing July 28-August 3 as Human Trafficking Awareness Week in Bedford County.

The project, first launched by Molly Gochman in 2014, is a "participatory art installment designed to shed light on human trafficking." Red sand, placed in sidewalk cracks, draws attention to the human trafficking victims who "fall through the cracks" of society daily. An estimated 40.3 million individuals live in slavery, whether in forced marriages, forced labor, or sexual exploitation.

If you know someone who needs help to escape trafficking, contact the Tennessee Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-855-558-6484.

Shelbyville Central, Cascade High School Athletic Directors Talk Upcoming Fall Season

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At the BCS Kickoff event at Shelbyville Central High School on Tuesday morning, teachers from schools all around the county packed into the Rick Insell Gymnasium. This group included school administrators as well, and the athletic directors of both Shelbyville Central and Cascade High were gracious enough to talk to the Times-Gazette about the broad-scope outlook on the upcoming school year.

Shelbyville Central

John Dryden – who is also the SCHS Head Football Coach – and Chris Fritz – who is also the Head Boys' Soccer Coach – are the fall/spring ADs at SCHS this year. Fritz of course will handle more of the fall side of things while Dryden leads the football program, and then Dryden will slide seamlessly more into the administrative side of things once the spring semester begins while Fritz begins to focus on his duties on the sideline for the Boys' Soccer program.

Fritz, in his first year with his new role, is ecstatic for the upcoming school year, and he and Dryden both feel like the athletic department as a whole is taking steps in the right direction both for boys and girls.



John Dryden (left) has the Eagles' Football program charging in the right direction.
T-G Staff Photo.

"The boys' programs are on the way up, even more so this year," Dryden said prior to the BCS Kickoff event, "Girls are on that trajectory as well; going up on the inside while the outside may or may not be so obvious."

"You have to learn how to add and subtract before multiplying and dividing," Dryden added.

Looking at the fall, there are five sports taking place with boys and girls golf, girls' soccer, football, cross country, and girls' volleyball. Golf wasted no time to get started, taking their first official match shot off the tee on Monday in Lawrenceburg before returning to Riverbend on Tuesday afternoon to play 18 holes against county rivals Cascade and Webb School.

Football is coming off of an incredible turnaround from the 2022/23 school year when the Golden Eagles went 1-10 to last season where they went 10-2 and won a playoff game. Dryden is looking to build off of last season's success despite losing quite a few important seniors from that squad. The Times-Gazette will have a more in-depth look at this season's Golden Eagles team in next week's edition. Their first game is on Thursday, August 22, at Siegel High, live on WLIJ 98.7 and AM 1580.

Girls' Soccer is losing multiple college signees from last year's team, including basketball star and last year's top scorer in Paige Blackburn, and so the Eaglettes, who went 4-8-1 last season, are looking to continue their rebuild this fall. Casey Curry is in charge of navigating this program through the highest classification in the state of Tennessee, and it is a tall order. Their first game of the season is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13, against district opponent Warren County on the road.

Volleyball, under new coach Kendall Hampton, who has experience in the area and community, is currently listed to open their season on Tuesday, August 20, at Columbia Central. However, since Columbia is a district opponent, there is a good chance that a non-district opponent will be added (or is already on an unpublished schedule) onto the schedule before then. Hampton is looking to turn around a pretty new program that went 0-11 last season.

Cross Country does not have an available published public schedule at this time.



BCS Superintendent, Dr. Tammy Garrett (above) opens up the BCS Kickoff event where the athletic directors of SCHS and Cascade talked about the outlook for the upcoming school year in the athletic department.
T-G Staff Photo.

The new style that Carkuff is bringing with him from his previous stop in South Carolina is much more akin to the modern game than anything Cascade has seen previously. The Champions will be spreading out defenses with three and four wide receiver sets almost exclusively this season, and in turn, theoretically at least, this should make it easier to run the ball. Wide splits to the sidelines put defenses in conflict, and make it very clear whether the offense should run or throw the ball based on the amount of defenders in the box. This, of course, will look a whole lot different than the last couple years, but there will be three different opportunities in the preseason to work out the kinks before the opening game.

"There is a scrimmage at home on Monday against MTCS, one next Friday at home against Lincoln County, and then the Jamboree against Webb the following week," Giel laid out.

In his final two seasons at Cascade, Tyre compiled a record of 11-11 (4-5). Last season, Cascade had two road trips on their schedule of two hours or longer in the regular season; this season they have zero such trips. The longest drives will be to Watertown, a former Region opponent, and Huntland, which is less than an hour away from campus. Marion County will more than likely win the region again, but as long as Cascade doesn't finish third or fourth, they can avoid having to travel to someone like East Robertson and can host in the first round of the playoffs.

The Champions' season opens on the road at Moore County on Friday, August 23 and will be broadcasted live on The Zinger 100.9 and AM 1400 for the fourth consecutive season.

"I think our girls' team is returning everybody so we are looking for them to do pretty well this year," Giel said about the golf program. "The boys' team graduated quite a few from last year, but this allows a lot of the younger guys to have a chance to step up and compete."

Cascade

Andy Giel is entering his second year assuming double duty as the athletic director at Cascade and the head coach of the school's wrestling program. After a gap year, he was named the long term replacement for the long-time community staple, Dale Rucker, before last school year, and he was gracious enough to talk with the Times-Gazette later in the morning on Tuesday.

Like SCHS, Giel is optimistic about the direction that a majority of the athletic programs are headed. After Jake Tyre stepped down from his position as the head football coach, Giel went out and hired Jared Carkuff before spring practice began earlier this year.

"With football, we graduated a lot," Giel emphasized. "However, Jared [Carkuff] is bringing a lot of energy and obviously a different style of football that we've never seen here before, so I am excited to see with some of these younger guys to get his program established."

Under the guidance of Jeremy Bankston, both the boys' and girls' golf programs have attempted to maintain a level of success that was established under the previous coach, Jared Jones.

"Volleyball established a pretty good foundation last year under Coach [Megan] O'Rourke," said Giel. "They graduated a lot of key pieces, but this is her second year so there should be some growth among the younger girls too."

First-year head coaches almost always walk into a pretty difficult situation, especially at the high school level. With O'Rourke, having a full offseason under her belt for the first time to adjust her style of volleyball to her team personnel should work wonders on the court as she begins her second season.

"Girls' Soccer graduated at least seven or eight from the team last year that made a run to the state tournament," Giel continued, "but they have a pretty good young group coming up, so they should do pretty well once they get everything ironed out."

The Lady Champs broke through and made program history last season under head coach Wendy Williams, defeating Cheatham County, 2-1, at home to qualify for the program's first ever state tournament. Their reward? Facing recently reclassified Kingston High (moved down from AA). Kingston handled Cascade with relative ease out in Chattanooga, but the run to state will never be forgotten.

Their season kicks off in a few short weeks, but unfortunately there is not a publicly available schedule just yet.

"Cross Country, Coach [Zack] Spears is taking that over this year," Giel concluded, "He's going to put a lot into it, and the team should be set within the next week or so."

It also looks like Spears is taking back the reins of the Boys' Soccer program as well, at least according to the TSSAA School Directory website. There is not yet a publicly available cross-country schedule for Cascade either.



Like they did in 2022, the Cascade Champions' football program will open their season on the road against an old rival in Moore County.
T-G Staff Photo.

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"We've Been Down There Plenty of Times Chasing That Ol' Surfboard" – Community's Cam Farrell Leads Dirt Dobbers to First Ever USFA World Series at Panama City

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When Coach Camron Farrell settled on taking his U13 travel softball team, named the Dirt Dobbers, to Panama City instead of going back to Fort Walton like last summer, he had no idea that this one decision would turn into a once-in-a-lifetime experience for everyone involved, especially for the 11 girls on the team.

"We're not like some of these big organizations or big teams, we're a small team, but we go out and compete, man," said Farrell, who is affectionately known to everyone around as "Coach Cam". "Some of these girls want to play college ball, some others may not want to, but they all still want to play ball and have fun doing it. Of course I always feel like it's my job to make sure they have the tools to do it with. We have a good time, we try to compete, and we give all we got. I told them, just play consistent, play consistent games. We played teams from everywhere [Indiana, Florida, Alabama, Arkansas, to name a few.], but we went in there and took it one game at a time."

By approaching the biggest World Series tournament that the United States Fastpitch Association, otherwise known as the USFA, has to offer with that one-game-at-a-time mindset, the Dirt Dobbers defied the odds, shocking everyone by going 8-1 overall and winning the U14-C Championship, an age group that they weren't even supposed to be playing in.

Before the tournament started on Monday, July 15th, the organizers made the decision to pull everyone out of the U13-B class since two teams couldn't make it and moved them into the U14-C class. Coach Cam says that was a little strange anyways because in Tennessee, there is just the U14 age group, not U13. The Dirt Dobbers are a 2010's team with some 09 birthdays sprinkled in, so they are a younger U14 team already. This experience seemed to help them perform better down in Panama City where the Dobbers consistently played teams older than them. The competition featured an A class, B class, and C class for every age group. The two higher U14 classes each had 12 teams in them, so the majority of coaches voted to move the eight U13-B class teams into U14-C. The traveling Dobbers would take full advantage.

"That made it a little bit sweeter [getting moved up an age bracket] because we went down there thinking we were going to play a 10 team tournament, but it ended up being 38 teams and we still took care of business," he said.

"We've been down there plenty of times chasing that ol' surfboard."



The Dirt Dobbers (right half of the picture) went 8-1 over their 9 total tournament games to win the USFA Panama City World Series.
Submitted Photo.



(From right to left, standing) Maddy Seamans (Hickman Co.), Kamryn Farrell (Bedford Co.), Janiya Leslie (Bedford Co.), and (center, kneeling) Hayden Moore (Bedford Co.) were all instrumental in winning surfboards down in Panama City.
Submitted Photo.

Farrell's everyday job is being the SRO officer over at Community Middle School, but his true passion is coaching softball. He coaches the Community High Viqueens, and he has restored that program to being a regional powerhouse alongside Chapel Hill. The past three years, Community Softball has reached the state tournament twice in a row before being upset at home by Cheatham County this past season in the state sectional round. His success in Unionville has come in part due to his experience he has accumulated by coaching travel ball. Coach Cam has been the head coach of the Dirt Dobbers since 2005, but this was his first time he had ever won a tournament at Panama City.

The Dirt Dobbers themselves are a "somewhat local travel ball team." These girls are 13 and 14 years old, almost all from Middle Tennessee (Unionville-3, Chapel Hill-2, Dickson-1 Murfreesboro-2, Eagleville-1, Manchester-1) with one from Summertown. Three of them are upcoming 8th graders while eight are incoming freshmen.

When he first started coaching in the travel ball circuit back in 2005, he took the Dirt Dobbers to Gatlinburg for a few summers before he began to go to Panama City.

"We didn't even have jerseys [in Gatlinburg], we just had white t-shirts and black shorts with drawn-on numbers," Farrell remembered.

"We eventually started going to Panama City a few years later. I think we went down there six years in a row before the tournament just got way too big, so we started going to Gulf Shores instead. After that, once I started over with this group, we went to Fort Walton last year. Didn't do so hot in Fort Walton, so I said 'this year we're going to go back to Panama City' because we hadn't been in a few years, and we just went from there."

What did Coach Cam mean by "didn't do so hot"? Well, with last summer being the current group's final year in the U12 division, the Dirt Dobbers won just one game in pool play. Comparatively, the same team one year later LOST just one game in the entire competition, ironically in pool play.

"Every game we played at Fort Walton was close, but we just couldn't finish one," he said.

This year, Farrell just wanted his team to go down and have fun while competing, and they did just that the moment they arrived in Panama City on Saturday, July 13..

The Dirt Dobbers' first game was two days later, on Monday, July 15.

"We played one pool game that day and beat a team from Ohio," Farrell explained. "The next day we played two games. First game that day was against that 'Top Gun' team out of Indiana and we lost 8-6 before we played SOCal Athletics and won."

"The actual tournament portion began on Wednesday, July 17. We won the one game we played that day, got a break, and then had to come back and play three games in one day on Thursday. We won all three of those games as well," he continued.

After playing what totaled out to seven games across just four days, the Dirt Dobbers found themselves in the winners bracket final on Friday, July 19, against Adidas Gold.

"Janiyah Leslie, she was the spark in that game [against Adidas Gold]. She hit a two-run home run that took the air out of that team," Farrell said gleefully.

After their victory on Friday, the Dirt Dobbers had to wait and see who they would play in the Championship Game on Saturday. After a rainstorm pushed back the originally scheduled start time from 10:00 a.m. to just past noon, the game began. The Dobbers went down 2-0 almost immediately, but came back to score three of their own to take a 3-2 lead. After falling behind my multiple runs once again, the bats showed up to save the day.

"We brought our bats, man. We got hot, base hit after base hit, and we ended up winning the championship, 7-6," Farrell said.

Coach Cam made sure to shout-out everyone involved that made the trip down to Florida.

"I was very pleased with the kids and their parents. If you're going to go and compete and want to be clicking on all cylinders, it takes everybody," he said. "Not just the coaches, not just the players, it takes the parents getting along too."

His main takeaway from the Dirt Dobbers' improbable run to their first-ever championship in Panama City? Consistency.

"Consistency is what this group needs to learn. We aren't there yet, but we will get there," he concluded. "Down in Panama City, they were extremely consistent all tournament. If we could just figure out that consistency part, we are a pretty tough team that can play anywhere against anybody."

Cam Farrell and his assistant coaches, Bryan Calderaro and Marissa Turrentine, led the Dirt Dobbers to an overall summer record of 22-7 across six tournaments.

MTSU Soccer Promotes Hannah Hoefs

MT ATHLETICS

The Middle Tennessee women's soccer program and Head Coach Aston Rhoden has announced the promotion of Assistant Coach Hannah Hoefs to Associate Head Coach for the upcoming 2024 season.

Hoefs, a Maryland native, began her collegiate coaching career when she joined the coaching staff at Shenandoah University in June 2020 following her standout career as a midfielder at Loyola University of Maryland. She coached the fall 2021 season from July to November at Mount St. Mary's, working primarily with the midfielders and forwards, prior to rejoining the Hornets' staff for a second stint in December. She served as the Hornets' primary recruiter, worked to organize travel for coaches, developed recruiting schedules, conducted campus visits, and facilitated communication with recruits.

Hoefs enters her third season with the Blue Raiders after joining Coach Rhoden's staff in July 2022. She currently oversees all aspects of the program, continuing her focus on midfielders. Last season, she led midfielders Manon Lebargy and Eleanor Gough to Conference USA All-Conference selections, with Lebargy being named to the second team and Gough to the third team.



Hannah Hoefs is the new Associate Head Coach at MTSU as she enters her third season on campus. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

"With Hannah being chosen as one of the 30 coaches in the country to be a part of the United Soccer Coaches 30-under-30 program and having recently successfully completed her United States Soccer Federation's National C License, her promotion to Associate Head Coach for our Women's Soccer program is the next logical step in her coaching progression," Rhoden said in response to Hoefs' promotion.

"She's an asset to our program and a true ambassador for our university. I look forward to her continued growth and the great things we will be able to accomplish together."

The Blue Raiders are set to kick off their 2024 campaign against Alcorn State on Friday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m.

Blue Raiders' Golf Sets 2024-25 Schedule

MT ATHLETICS

Middle Tennessee has unveiled its 2024-25 schedule, featuring a competitive slate of tournaments that includes four in the fall and seven in the spring season.

MTSU will once again open the season at the Argent Financial Classic on Sept. 8-10 at Squire Creek Country Club in Choudrant, Louisiana. From there, the Blue Raiders will travel to Cincinnati, Ohio on Sept 16-17 to compete in the Bearcat Invitational at Coldstream Country Club.

Middle Tennessee will conclude its fall slate with a pair of tournaments in the Sunshine State. First in Estero, Florida at the West Bay Collegiate Invitational Tournament on Oct. 6-7 at West Bay Club, before wrapping up fall competition on Oct. 14-15 with the Quail Valley Collegiate Invitational in Vero Beach, Florida at Quail Valley Golf Club.

The Blue Raiders will open up spring action at the Thomas Sharkey Individual Collegiate on Feb. 1-2 at the GS University Golf Course in Statesboro, Georgia, before making the trip out west to play in the Loyola Intercollegiate on Feb. 16-18 at Palm Valley Golf Club in Goodyear, Arizona. After returning from the desert, MTSU will head to Lafayette, Louisiana for the Louisiana Classics at Oakbourne Country Club on Mar. 10-12.



Middle Tennessee unveiled their 2024/25 Golf Schedule earlier this week.
Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

MTSU will make its second trip to Statesboro on Mar. 21-23 for the Schenkel Invitational at Forest Heights Country Club. Middle Tennessee will return to Volunteer State for the annual Mason Rudolph Championship at Vanderbilt Legends Club in Franklin, Tennessee. The Blue Raiders will conclude the regular season in Chapel Hill, North Carolina at the inaugural Tar Heel Intercollegiate on Apr. 12-13 at Finley Golf Club before heading to Texarkana, Arkansas for the 2024-25 Conference USA Championship at Texarkana Country Club on Apr. 21-24.

Forensic anthropology:

focus of MTSU's Lifelong Learning

micro-course Holland lecture slated for Aug. 20

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — "CSI" enthusiasts or those with an investigative curiosity may want to sign up for the 2024 Lifelong Learning rogram at Middle Tennessee State University, where this year's focus is on forensic anthropology.

The free program is set for 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Aug. 20. The program will spotlight MTSU's Forensic Institute for Research and Education, or FIRE, with Director Tom Holland leading the lecture at the institute's location in Room 102 of Wiser-Patten Science Hall on campus.

Holland will present, "True Crimes and War Dead: The World of Forensic Anthropology," and explore the field of forensic anthropology through notable historical cases.

"We will be taking a bird's-eye view of forensic anthropology — what it is and isn't — by looking at the role that anthropology has played in some famous cases," said Holland, who previously served as scientific director of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command's Central Identification Laboratory in Honolulu, Hawaii, before taking the helm at FIRE in 2019.

Two of the cases he'll cover include the identification of the unknown soldier from Vietnam who was once buried in the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, as well as the identification of Tsar Nicholas Romanov and his family.

"I may also cover a couple of true-crime cases, such as the Sam Sheppard case, which inspired the television show and movie, 'The Fugitive,'" said Holland, who took over FIRE in after the retirement of founder and renowned forensic anthropologist Hugh Berryman.

After the lecture portion, participants will venture into the FIRE laboratory for hands-on activities, such as estimating the age and stature of a skeleton.

"While the slides and presentation are not particularly graphic, the topic is the human skeleton, so be prepared," Holland noted.

Hosted by the College of Liberal Arts, this year's program is part of the newly revamped format of the Lifelong Learning series that began in 2015 to introduce the community to the multidisciplinary College of Liberal Arts, or CLA, home to eight academic departments, several centers and institutes and a host of academic programs.

"As we approach a new academic year on campus and many families are gearing up for back-to-school season, we want to make sure that no one is excluded from the fun," Liberal Arts Dean Leah Lyons said. "Intellectual curiosity is something we should never grow out of, so we offer the CLA Lifelong Learning Program. It is important to us that we engage the community in the life of the College of Liberal Arts."

At one time, programming included multiple sessions. But the pandemic prompted event planners to take a pause and "evaluate growth areas for the program," explained Jennifer Rice, event coordinator for CLA.

"By 2023, there was a strong desire to bring the program back to an in-person experience. We adopted a new format, and the program now a half-day session that explores one of the seven centers and institutes in the College of Liberal Arts," Rice said.

Last year's program commemorated the 80th Anniversary of the Tennessee Maneuvers during World War II with a presentation led by Louis Kyriakoudes, history professor and director of the Albert Gore Research Center.

The program and parking are free, but registration is requested. Reserve your spot by registering at https://bit.ly/4cZiGt1 or email Jennifer.Rice@mtsu.edu.





Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: July 23

Location: 967 Horse Mountain Rd; Seller, Black Diamond Construction LLC; Buyer,
Michael Joseph Perkins; Price, $329,900 (Deed).

Location: 2843 Hwy 231 N Shelbyville; Seller, Anela Gail Driver, Pamela C Henry; Buyer,
City of Shelbyville; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: Womble Rd; Seller, Billy T Neal Jr, Karen G Neal; Buyer,
Blake Lavoy Schisler Barton, Allison Neal Barton; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Puncheon Camp Bell Buckle; Seller, Lawrence D Parker, Valerie A Parker; Buyer,
Christopher M Rosoff, Beth A Rosoff; Price, $225,000 (Deed).

Location: 119 Elizabeth St; Seller, David A Deason, Patricia A Donovan, Cathy D Leverette, Stephanie Sisk, Todd Reed, Jonathan Todd Reed, Lois Harris, Lydia Bane, Rhoda Green, Rhoda J Deason, Andrew Deason, Nathan Deason, mark Deason, Joel Deason, Daniel Deason, Philip Deason, Josiah Deason, John E Deason, David Allan Deason; Buyer, David Bradford, Greg Curl, Joey Curl; Price, $165,000 (Deed).

Location: Jackson Hwy; Seller, James E Farrar Sr; Buyer,
James E Farrar Jr; Price, $50,000 (QD).

Location: 104 Rio Grande Dr Shelbyville; Seller, Decired Jimenez Laureano; Buyer,
Wendy Ortiz; Price, $317,000 (Deed).

Location: Smith lane Shelbyville; Seller, Shirley T Rucker, Virginia Lucille rucker; Buyer,
Kimberly Gail Rogers; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Pickle Rd; Seller, Justin Matthew Powell; Buyer,
Clarence W McConnell, Janice C McConnell; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: July 24

Location: 505 Kingdom Rd Unionville; Seller, Judy Fay Lanier, Judy Fay Johnson; Buyer,
Terrance O Martin Jr; Price, $250,000 (Deed).

Seller, Edna Lee Donnell Barnes; Buyer,
Roger William Barnes; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Old Wartrace Pike; Seller, State of Tennessee; Buyer,
Ryan J Forsythe, Rebekah Forsythe; Price, $4,460 (Deed).

Location: 1731 Halls Mill Rd Unionville; Seller, Robert K Savage, Michelle T Savage; Buyer,
McConlogue Family Trust, Nancy McConlogue, Robert Sean McConlogue; Price, $450,000 (Deed).

Location: 151 Cemetery Rd Bell Buckle; Seller, Justin Burrow, Heather Burrow; Buyer,
Brent M Anderson; Price, $350,000 (Deed).

Location: 151 Cemetery Rd Bell Buckle; Seller, Brent M Anderson; Buyer,
Brent M Anderson, Theresa A Anderson, Kylee A Anderson; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: July 25

Location: 106 Overlook Ln Shelbyville; Seller, Scott Long, Vicky L Long; Buyer, Nicole Cothern, Brent Cothern; Price, $655,000 (Deed).

Location: 100 Chevelle Court Shelbyville; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Daniel King; Price, $317,990 (Deed).

Location: 326 Durum St Shelbyville; Seller, Bedford Development LLC; Buyer, Ole South Properties Inc; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Lena Ellen Dye, Lena Dye Peels; Buyer, Robert Michael Dye; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Paul Edward Meadows, Jerry C Meadows; Buyer,
Paul Edward Meadows, John William Meadows; Price, $0 (Deed).

Seller, Jason Ferrell; Buyer, Caleb Parsons, Brandi Parsons; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: July 26

Location: 213 Chevelle Ct Shelbyville; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer,
Janine Elaine Clark, Jeffrey David Clark; Price, $312,990 (Deed).

Location: 217 Chevelle Ct Shelbyville; Seller, Ole south Properties Inc; Buyer,
Julien Crowe, Shimiel Viel; Price, $325,990 (Deed).

Location: Kingree Rd; Seller, Boyce Gary Construction LLC; Buyer,
Jaime Alonso Arias; Price, $190,000 (Deed).

Seller, Kevin Wiggins, Tonya Wiggins; Buyer,
Zachary K Archer; Price, $102,900 (Deed).

Location: Comstock Rd; Seller, Garry Treadway, Cinda Treadway; Buyer,
Torrie Lucille Rohling; Price, $212,000 (Deed).

Seller, Brian Razo Pina; Buyer,
Jose Guadalupe Razo; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: July 29

Location: 980 Railroad Ave; Seller, Howard G Hawkins, Howard Guy Hawkins, Reba J Hawkins, Reba Hawkins; Buyer,
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Kevin Wiggins, Tonya Wiggins; Price, $395,000 (Deed).

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Elizabeth Jones; Price, $347,705 (Deed).

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Tonesha Monek Garrett; Price, $0 (QD).

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Charles W Lewis Jr; Price, $275,000 (Deed).

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Ravinder Bains, Karen Dolores Bains; Price, $590,000 (Deed).

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Overdose Awareness: Saving Lives

Special guest column by Michael Leach

International Overdose Awareness Day is the world's most extensive annual campaign to end overdose. Drug overdose has impacted every community across the nation. Provisional data from the CDC reported that nearly 110,000 drug overdoses occurred in 2022, and about three- quarters were attributed to opioids.

In Tennessee, there were over 3,800 drug overdose deaths in 2022, and in Bedford County, the count for all drug overdose deaths was 15 in 2022.

Drug overdose deaths in the state increased consistently between 2018 and 2021, and 96% of all overdose deaths in 2022 were due to unintentional poisoning. An accidental overdose occurs when someone uses drugs such as methamphetamine, cocaine, or fake prescription pills laced with fentanyl.

Methamphetamine abuse in Bedford County and across the state has taken an enormous toll, with the abuse of the drug skyrocketing.

Overdose prevention campaigns work tirelessly to prevent drug use, addiction, and overdose deaths, especially among young people. There are resources, tools, and information that individuals, families, and communities can use to increase awareness, prevent overdose, and save lives.

Locally, the Prevention Coalition of Bedford County provides hotlines, information about addiction, and prevention resources. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Services lists regional overdose prevention specialists. Meth Free Tennessee is a website founded to provide general information about meth, resources for how to get help, and information on how to report suspected meth production.

Nationally, the International Overdose Awareness Day website provides extensive resources and ways to get involved. The National Harm Reduction Coalition offers evidence-based strategies that reduce the risk of overdose. Finally, the National Safety Council provides resources for the workplace.

Overdose is preventable, and anyone can begin increasing their awareness right now. Initially, it is crucial to keep in mind that stigma or the fear of stigma stops individuals from sharing their addiction problems with their friends or family. Stigma can come from individuals, family members, clinicians, or the community. Begin by removing the stigma.

Moreover, you should become familiar with the facts about fentanyl and fentanyl analogs. Fentanyl is 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine. Experts also recommend becoming familiar with polysubstance use facts. Polysubstance use occurs when two or more drugs are taken together, whether intentionally or unintentionally. The primary risk factors associated with overdose include mixing drugs, tolerance, quality of the drug, using alone, age and physical health, mode of administration, and previous non-fatal overdoses.

Finally, familiarize yourself with life-saving Naloxone. In Tennessee, you can access Naloxone with or without a prescription. Pharmacies in the state with collaborative agreements are the easiest to purchase naloxone without a prescription. Naloxone is covered by insurance, private insurance, and Tenn Care.

Every individual action matter and coming together as a community creates a decisive collective action. Overdose awareness is for everyone, for people who use drugs and those who don't, for families who have lost loved ones, for healthcare workers, advocates, and activists. These are necessary steps everyone can take to save lives, protect communities, and safeguard families.

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Essentials for the ultimate tailgate

For many sports fans, the kickoff to football season means the time to tailgate has returned as well. Tailgating evolved from informal fan gatherings by the tailgate of a supply wagon preceding the earliest college football games. Today, it involves setting up temporary camp in the parking lot of everything from neighborhood schools to city stadiums before a big game.

According to a study by Quicken Loans Racing and Beckon Media, 80 percent of Americans tailgate annually. Among those, 61 percent tailgate five or more times per season. Various stadiums have noteworthy tailgating traditions, but just about any locale can be a great place for fans to gather before seeing their favorite team play in person. Here's some of what is needed to pregame with style.

• Vehicle: Naturally a vehicle is one of the essentials of tailgating. Using a vehicle with a hatch or liftgate can make it easier to set up a tailgate in the parking lot that fans can gather around. An SUV, van or pickup truck also may have more room to store gear.

• Grill: The Quicken Loans survey found that 93 percent of tailgaters prepare their food at the stadium or venue and 78 percent use a grill to cook. On-site grilling requires a portable grill. Look for grills that are marketed for campers and tailgaters, such as the Weber Q1000.

• Coolers: Tailgaters will need access to cold beverages (or warm on chilly days), and coolers keep everything contained in one place. It's best to determine if stadiums allow coolers, grills and other tailgating gear prior to bringing anything. It's important to follow the rules when tailgating.

• Tables and chairs: Camp chairs to sit in and tables to set food on can keep tailgates orderly and comfortable.

• Tech items: Some tailgaters want to get into the sporting mood by watching other games on televisions or mobile devices that can stream content. Others may like listening to music or podcasts while they wait for the game to start. Speakers, tablets, mobile phones, small TVs, and even old fashioned AM/FM radios can be brought along to improve the tailgating experience.

• Blankets: Football weather can vary depending on the month and where the game is played. Tailgaters should check the forecast and pack clothing and other items accordingly. Everything from sweatshirts to blankets to ponchos might be needed if it's chilly and wet. A hat and sunglasses can protect against glare shining off of the parking lot asphalt.

Tailgating is all about having fun. Fans should be ready to cheer on the team and mingle with like-minded devotees when setting up a tailgate.

Game Day Buffalo Chicken Dip

Servings: 3-4

2 cups shredded chicken
8 ounces cream cheese
1/2 cup sour cream
1 1/2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, plus additional for topping, divided
1/2 teaspoon onion powder
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 heavy pinch dried dill
1/2 cup hot sauce
2 green onions, chopped
blue cheese crumbles
chips
vegetable sticks

Heat oven to 400 F.

In bowl, mix shredded chicken, cream cheese, sour cream, 1 1/2 cups shredded cheese, onion powder, garlic powder and dried dill until combined. Add hot sauce; mix until combined.

Transfer mixture from bowl to oven-safe dish. Top with additional shredded cheese, to taste.

Bake until cheese is melted, approximately 15 minutes. Top with blue cheese crumbles and chopped green onion. Serve warm with chips and vegetable sticks.



Peanut Butter Cookie Banana Pudding

This Peanut Butter Cookie Banana Pudding can be prepped first thing in the morning and refrigerated/popped into cooler for a tailgating party until it's time for a treat.

Recipe courtesy of Peanut Butter Lovers on behalf of the Georgia Peanut Commission

1 box (5.1 ounces) instant vanilla pudding mix
3 cups cold milk
1 package (16 ounces) peanut butter sandwich cookies, divided
12 canning jars (1/4 pint each)
2-3 bananas
frozen whipped topping, thawed

In large measuring cup, whisk pudding mix and milk until thoroughly combined. Set aside to soft set, about 5 minutes.

Cut or break six cookies in half and set aside. Pour remainder of package in 1-gallon bag, seal it and use rolling pin to crush cookies.

Spoon layer of cookie crumbs in bottom of each jar, reserving some for topping. Top with layer of vanilla pudding. Cut one banana in half lengthwise and slice. Put layer of bananas on top of pudding. Top bananas with another layer of pudding. Repeat with remaining ingredients.

Refrigerate until ready to serve. To serve, top with whipped topping and sprinkle with crushed cookies. Serve each with broken cookie half.

Note: Twelve 1/4-pint canning jars fit into disposable foil lasagna pan with clear lid for easy refrigeration and transportation











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Back to school kick-off!
A back-to-school bash was held Tuesday at Shelbyville Central High School to kick off the new learning year. Guest speakers included Jostens representatives, educators, County Mayor Chad Graham, Central Office administrators including Tammy Garrett, schools superintendent.







