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Volunteers make great strides at The Fly

More activities planned for coming season

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Bedford County Arts Council President Jody Barnes-Turner participated in her first volunteer day at the Fly Arts Center on Saturday. She happily reports that it was indeed a good day at The Fly.

Volunteers turned out to trim bushes, clean out rooms and closets. Inside, volunteers cleaned and organized the kitchen area and much more. (See photos page 5 today.)

Jody was elected Arts Council president this summer. But she says the wheels are already spinning.

She is already addressing structural issues and especially the need for ADA compliant restrooms at the Fly building. She said the center must be ADA compliant, especially in the way of restrooms, if the Arts Council plans to thrive and survive.

Funding is a necessity so Jody is working on a museum gallery type-grant through the state. Much of the renovations started on Saturday during the Volunteer Day are a great step toward ADA compliance.

She notes she's really interested in applying for youth programs-something which she says hasn't previously been fully developed. She mentions that she's signed the Arts Council up with the Tennessee Promise Program in an effort to have youth volunteers.

"That's why I'm building a bigger team. Because, when I build a bigger team, that gives me more grant access."

Jody says the Arts Council is also trying to reach the under served in the community. She advises how doors to the arts should be opened for the underserved. She adds that The Fly should offer entertainment such as theatre and cultural dance experiences.

"I want to reach out to the nursing homes and VA facilities," adds Jody.

The 63-year-old is married with 2 grown children, 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. She served 34 years in the U.S. Army and retired in 2016, as a command sergeant major.

She says she believes that's why she was asked to run for president of the Arts Council, because it is time-consuming and she's retired.

"I've never ever worked for or dealt with a nonprofit organization, so I'm having to learn all this too, IRS, bookkeeping . . . things that have to be reported to state. Learning that has been good."

She says Uncle Sam kept her busy from 4:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. So, she was never able to engage in community events. So, she's really enjoying and learning a lot as the lead person in the local art community.

She's also learning to transition from working with military folks to civilians. It's different, she admits.

"In the military, I didn't have to say please and thank you," she says with a laugh.

Now, she's loving being a part of the civilian community. "I'm meeting new people and awesome friends, because I've never had civilian friends."

In her military experience, she was the one everyone sought out, because she developed mission plans. But now, she's learning that she really has a love for the arts.

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Joe Nix volunteering at The Fly

SACP begins another 'fun' school year

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While some area school systems are struggling to fund and keep their afterschool programs open, Bedford County has continued to maintain a pretty seamless School Age Care Program.

And many in the community seem thankful for SACP, especially the parents who depend on that after school care for their children while they finish their workday.

Bedford County SACP just recently started up for another year. And coordinator Lyndsay Davis says yes, it's exciting.

Staff start early caring for the students at 6 a.m. until school begins.

When the school bell hits 3 p.m., school's out for the day. Well, sort of. That's when SACP takes over the reins.

The T-G discussed the program recently with coordinator Davis.

She says right off that the Bedford County program is self-supporting, as far as funding. In-kind donations of course are accepted and appreciated.

Davis is proud of the support she receives from the school system. She notes the school cafeterias have been very gracious at the end of the year, when going through their inventory, and will donate items like chips to SACP.

It's the little things that mean a lot to the afterschool program.

Davis does create a budget to use for supplies-one which is approved through the school board. But for the most part, SACP is self-funded and does not rely on grants at this time.

Davis said she believes the fees, and parents agree, are very fair. Local SACP is $55 a week for morning and afternoon sessions. It's $50 a week for afternoons only.

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County finishes monthly meeting in less than 20 minutes

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During what might have been the shortest County Commission meeting in a while-17 minutes-Commissioners were informed Tuesday night that some state folks will be attending some special meetings coming up.

Mayor Chad Graham said Charlie Curtiss, state commission executive director, will be at the Rules and Legislative Committee meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 5 p.m. to answer any questions about the current County bylaws which the committee has been trying to revise.

Curtiss has been assisting members of the rules committee on the revision of the bylaws. Graham

said any questions or suggestions that can be submitted ahead of time, through the mayor's office, would be helpful.

Commissioner Linda Yockey who has worked on the document with Commissioner Biff Farrar said probably the two biggest changes are the addition of the public comment - where anyone can speak on any item on the agenda. The other was the placement of Commissioners on a particular committee at the September meeting after the general election rather than January thus eliminating a "lame duck" period of time.

Yockey said most of the rest was just cleaning up and clarifying the bylaws.

Graham also said the state comptroller will also be at the financial committee meeting on Aug. 27 at 4:15 p.m. to address questions anyone might have about the Financial Management Act of '81. 4:15 p.m. in Room 110 at Bedford County Business Complex, 200 Dover Street.

According to County Technical Assistance with UT-, the County Financial Management System of 1981 (CFMS of 1981) is one of the two optional general law statutes of local application that a county may adopt to centralize the county's purchasing functions. The system is similar to the 1957 acts; however, under this act the County operates under one act rather than three separate acts. Furthermore, unlike the 1957 acts, the school funds are managed under this system just like all other county funds. The commissioner of education may remove the school department if records are not maintained properly and timely. T.C.A. § 5-21-124. The County Financial Management System of 1981—

- Is found in T.C.A. §§ 5-21-101 through 5-21-130.
- Provides for the consolidation of financial functions and establishment of a financial management system for all county funds operated through the county trustee.
- Creates a department of finance to administer the finances of the county and all funds handled by the trustee, in conformance with generally accepted principles of governmental accounting and rules and regulations established by the state comptroller of the treasury, state commissioner of education and state law. T.C.A. § 5-21-103.
- Allows the county to choose between two organizational options for purchasing.
- Must be installed within 13 months, beginning on July 1 of the fiscal year after its adoption. T.C.A. § 5-21-127.
- Requires approval by a two-thirds vote of the county legislative body or a majority of the voters in a referendum in order to be effective in any county. T.C.A. § 5-21-126.

Local Yentz Farm supports Farmer Veteran Coalition

SLOWING DOWN, ENJOYING GOD'S BLESSINGS



Image captured by Corrinn Yentz

Lillie Yentz enjoyed a nice day outdoors this week and sweetly posed for a photo for her mom, Corrinn Yentz, at the Yentz Farm, located at 1146 Highway 64W. While this vintage truck was fun, the family notes little Lillie really enjoys the "big green tractor." Established in 2021 and owned by Eric and Vanessa Yentz, the farm is part of the Tennessee Agritourism Association and is actively working to provide the community with fresh eggs, relishes, salsas and baked goods.

LET 'EM WALK ON . . . TO GET CELEBRATION TICKETS

The 86th Celebration will be held Aug. 21-Aug. 31. Please call 931-684-5915 to order tickets.

Parking permits for the 10 nights are $220. Cash parking is available for $10.

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Thursday, August 22nd & Friday, August 23rd – **$7.00**
Saturday, August 24th – **$15.00**
Sunday, August 25th, through Wednesday, August 28th – **$7.00**
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Friday, August 30th – **$18.00**
Saturday, August 31st – **$20.00**
Thursday-Friday-Saturday Combination (8/29/24–8/31/24) – **$50.00**
Book of tickets for ALL NIGHTS – **$100.00**

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Sunday, August 25th – Wednesday, August 28th – **$5.00**
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Saturday, August 31st – **$12.00**

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'Our priority at SACP is to build those relationships with the kids, keep them safe and have fun.'

- Lyndsay Davis, School Age Care Program coordinator for Bedford County

There is also a $15 registration fee.

SACP serves kindergarten through 8th grade students at respective schools. Current school settings and staffing numbers are not conducive for Pre-K care, notes Davis.

There are approximately 540 students currently enrolled within Bedford County's school year SACP. That's about 6 percent of the total school population.

Cascade and Thomas Magnet Schools' SACPs currently have a waiting list. But each school is different, Davis advises, and she really watches the teacher to student ratios.

SACP students go right from school to their after-school program-no transportation issues here. Parents pick their children by 6 p.m.

She explained there is a $1 per minute charge for after 6 p.m. pickups. That money, she says, goes directly to the staffer who has to stay late.

Again, seamless in organization. That's the key.

There are SACP programs and staff at every elementary school in the county.

As for the junior high kids, Harris Middle school students do have to transition over to Learning Way, which can be difficult for students and staff, if it's raining, Davis explains.

But that's what they make umbrellas for and they use them. It all works out.

SACP is fun, Davis notes, including gym time, arts and crafts, field trips. Since SACP is a 12-month program and open in the summer, there are a lot of fun outdoor activities like swimming and field days.

"We try to change it up every year to give them something to do," says Davis, noting that the Shelbyville Rec Center provides great activities too.

The summer program is not held at every site and SACP rotates at a different school each summer. On average, Davis says there are about 105 summer SACP kids.

It's not all play and no work during the school year. The SACP teams also organize and oversee study time.

"Every site director is responsible for planning their daily schedule," explains Davis. "It just depends on what each site director believes is best for their students."

Davis herself brings to the table quite a bit of experience working with children and teens. She previously ran a daycare.

She has worked for the local school system a total of 7 years. Davis was previously a special education teacher assistant and also worked with older students at Bedford County Learning Academy (BCLA.)

"That was a choice. I loved it."

She admits she wants to help create an environment that helps as many students as possible. She said some students have very different home lives.

"We're the only sense of stability they have."

She said much of the success of the SACP program comes from "getting down to their level." And by that, Davis notes that means understanding life at their age.

She can always use more staff but is pleased with the numbers right now. She hires a lot of college students and high school students, "teen helpers." But she advised that those without a high school diploma cannot be left alone with students.

So, Davis strives to also hire mature staff-a lot of those who want to be a role model and make a difference in a student's life.

The classrooms are all divided by age and grade levels-A, B, C, D.

"Typically, you would have two teachers per classroom. This year, we're blessed to have three teachers in a classroom. That helps tremendously so you're never going to question being out of ratio."

When it comes to bringing SACP up to the next level, she says that additional training would be nice. She said an example would be training that demonstrates how to care for special needs students.

"We're getting there," she advises. "All summer we worked on it, worked on it, worked on it."

On Friday, Davis was ready for another SACP day, even the challenges that might arise. Right off, one can clearly see that she really has the makings for a certified teacher. When asked if she had ever considered it, Davis says "yes, at times." But for now, she says she's happy with being Bedford County's SACP coordinator.

"I love it! We know our kids and what each one needs. We show them that we truly care."

The School Age Care Program (SACP) after school program, formerly the Extended School Program, (ESP) with Bedford County School System goes way back to the 1990s. And honestly has continued to grow with each passing year.

State certified by the Tennessee Department of Education, Bedford County's SACP complies with all state mandates. "SACP is not an extension of the school program . . . or is it merely babysitting," advises Davis. "But rather a self-supporting, quality, group service program designed with the working family in mind."

For more information about Bedford County's SACP, contact Davis at davisl1@bedfordk12tn.net or via the SACP Facebook page, 931-684-3284, or the school system website bedfordk12tn.com.



Bedford County Government Photos

Exchange student Ayaka Ashida of Japan got to visit areas of the historic courthouse last week.



Exchange student Ayaka Ashida from Japan visited Bedford County Courthouse last week. She met Mayor Chad Graham and was given a tour of the courthouse by assistant county archivist Kathryn Hopkins. She was joined by several members of her host family, Scotlynn, Kaylin and Emily Osterhaus. Ayaka has been visiting through the 4-H International Exchange Program. She experienced VBS at Longview Baptist and attended a week of church camp and visited Nashville sites. She rode a jet ski on Tims Ford Lake for the very first time.

She visited City Hall and Shelbyville Police Department as well. Ayaka's mother works for the postal service in Japan.

She was hosted during her visit by Bedford County 4-H Honor Club, which served her a potluck meal.



Bedford County Government Photos

From left, Scotlynn Osterhaus, exchange student Ayaka Ashida, County Mayor Chad Graham and Kaylin Osterhaus.



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Ayaka and members of her host family talk with Kathryn Hopkins, assistant county archivist.

THE ISSUE

Council getting set to move ahead with future development

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Before the Shelbyville City Council meeting even got started last Thursday night, there was a no vote.

An item was in the works-to be added to the agenda-that would rescind resolution 13-22 and essentially strip the local Industrial Development Board (IDB) of its authority to negotiate and accept in lieu ad valorem taxes.

Councilman Henry Feldhaus voted no on adding this item even to the agenda. But there wasn't a second to back him up.

Council voted toward the end of the meeting 4-2-a majority in favor- of rescinding the resolution 13-22. Voting against were Councilman Feldhaus and Councilperson Stephanie Isaacs.

One councilperson told the Times-Gazette that this decision reflects back on the Duksan project. The IDB, the Councilperson said, insisted Council approve for 5 years-14,000,000- in tax relief.

Council has been advised that the amount was "excessive" and it would be better to consider each request "individually."

So it seems this resolution rescinding may have come at a convenient time for Council.

During City Manager Scott Collins' report at the beginning of the meeting, he said there is some exciting news around the corner for Shelbyville in the way of development. He stressed it is very good news and information will be forthcoming over the next couple of months.

Council moved on with 2nd and final reading of the rezoning of approximately 0.87 acres owned by Cooper Steel Fabricators, Inc., located on the south side of Eagle Boulevard, East of North Hillcrest Drive from commercial 2 (general business district) to Industrial 2 (General Industrial District.)

Under new business, Council approved on first reading the Lexington Cove PUD, which is a proposed 10-year project that will be located near the Green Hills subdivision off Highway 41A North. Council will have a public hearing, a second and final reading and vote on the finality of this ordinance at its regular September meeting. The planning commission gave this development a favorable recommendation.

Most believed the Barksdale Lane project on the agenda, based on discussion at Council's last study session, would be defeated. But Councilperson Marilyn Ewing moved instead to defer the ordinance on first reading for the rezoning of approximately 5.17 acres owned by DCC Strategic Realty Partners, located at the east side of Barksdale Lane, south of Blue Ribbon Parkway and Whitthorne Street from residential 3 to residential 4 (higher density residential.)

This rezoning request has received an unfavorable recommendation from the planning commission-twice. But Councilperson Ewing said she's learned some "enlightening" information regarding the developer's plans since last week's Council study session.

With some hesitation, Councilman Bobby Turnbow seconded the motion to defer and discuss in September.

Ewing said she's not trying to play tennis (back and forth with planning commission to Council) with this rezoning request but considering all that the developer has done regarding this project, she believed Council should take a deeper look at its potential.

There are no plans, as of Thursday, to return this project back to City planners. So, its approval or denial rests in the hands still of the City Council.



City planner Tom Batchelor said it's not that multi-family and single-family dwellings cannot exist, but it just isn't done. He said the PC uses other tools and standards when it comes to higher to lower density.

Council also approved the following purchase items:

1. MSA Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus – Fire Dept.
2. John Deere Z997R Diesel Mower w/72" deck – Parks & Recreation Dept.
3. New Way Sidewinder 22 yd Automated Side Loader Garbage Truck – Solid Waste Dept.
4. 460 – 96 Gallon Toter Trash Carts – Solid Waste Dept.
5. 4-ton Asphalt Recycler & Hot Box Trailer – Street Dept.
6. 2024 Ford Maverick AWD Crew Cab Pickup – Stormwater Dept.
7. 6 – Ford Interceptor Pursuit Vehicles – Police Department

Daniel Lindvig Art Exhibition at The Fly



Photo by Jennifer Meloy

The Fly Art Gallery celebrated its next featured artist, Daniel Lindvig, this week. His work on display includes beautiful pencil illustrations and stunning sculptures carved from naturally shed antlers.

Daniel and his wife, Kathy, are recent additions to Shelbyville-both who note they're excited to make a positive contribution to this community.

Lindvig was born in Wisconsin, moved to Central Florida at the age of 10- the youngest of five with an older brother who taught him fishing at a very young age.

After high school, he would join the U.S. Navy.

He moved to Westcliffe, Colorado, in 2017, and has 3 biological children and 5 others he helped raise.

He owned a small shop in Westcliffe, until 2022, when he and his wife relocated to Shelbyville. He now has his works of art, both pencil and antler art in a shop, The Brass Lantern, located on Madison St., Shelbyville, in addition to recently at The Fly.

With the help of Kathy, who serves as his marketer, Lindvig began selling his prints, which depicted all kinds of fish like rainbow, brook, and cutthroat trout. His work was soon sold to angler magazines, gift shops and card companies.

Lindvig also creates intricate pencil drawings of screen stars like Clint Eastwood, Tom Selleck, and Sam Elliott, just to name a few.

Lindvig notes how he was also commissioned by the CEO of Bourbon Brothers Smokehouse and Tavern in Colorado Springs to create western art depicting Josey Wales and Conn Conagher.

Needless to say, he's enjoying his new "career" which of course is anything but that. It's an outpouring of his love of life, particularly westerns and the great outdoors.

Recycling Center information from Bedford County Government

Bedford County Recycling Centers will be making some changes to the acceptance of recyclable materials, effective Friday, August 9.

PLASTIC: #1 and #2 plastic items such as milk jugs, plastic soda bottles, and plastic jugs for cooking ingredients, will now be accepted at the El Bethel, Unionville and Tollgate convenience centers.

NEWSPAPER: Newsprint recycling will now ONLY be available at those same three centers -- El Bethel, Unionville and Tollgate.

These three centers, which are open six days a week, will be the county's full-line recycling centers, said Highway Superintendent Mark Clanton. All eight centers will continue to collect cardboard and aluminum beverage cans for recycling.

If you have further questions, contact the Highway Department / Solid Waste office at 931-684-4651.

Schedules are posted at the county website, https://www.bedfordcountytn.gov/community/solid_waste.php







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Kay Bartley reflects on soup kitchen mission: *'Feed my People'*

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To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: Ecclesiastes 3:1

It's OK to take a break from volunteer work, especially when you've poured much of your life into a ministry.

There is a mandatory one year sitting out period for Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen board members. So, Kay Bartley will be stepping away from the Board of Governors for a while.

She said next year, she'll see where she is in life. "I'm actually ready for a rest and reduction of the time I gave to SK activities. I'm happy to use my time loving on the people and helping them in various ways like getting IDs, encouragement to get more education/ job resources, getting/staying clean, etc."

Kay expressed recently her feelings about her much-loved soup kitchen. "When God wants and expects great things to happen...they happen!"

She reflects on how on a trial basis, in February 2016, Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen first opened its doors to 12 cold, soggy guests.

Flash forward almost 8 ½ years, and the soup kitchen now is a necessary and vital part of the fabric of this community, especially for its marginalized and un-homed populations.

Currently, SCSK serves an average of 115-125 people, four days a week, many dependent on those meals to get them through the week.

"I have been involved with soup kitchen since the very first organizational meeting in 2016. During that time, I've had immense joys and profound sadness in dealing with the many faces of soup kitchen. My role as a board member, and even before, became outreach into the community, basically telling the stories of our guests and what an impact soup kitchen was having on their lives.



She adds, "Fortunately, our community is amazing. They not only listened, but stepped up in a huge way. There is now a multitude of wonderful volunteers who fill so many needs, from financial to physical. God continues to bless this ministry abundantly."

She notes that SCSK has a diligent board of governors that continue to oversee all aspects of service. But she is most assured that the real "hero" is manager, Robert Martin, who she notes provides unparalleled continuity and commitment to the guests and service of the ministry.

"While board term limits are necessary and important, my heart still lies with the work and those who are served by this God-directed mission to "Feed My People."



SOUTHERN STYLE FRIED GREEN TOMATOES

3 Green tomatoes	1 cup bread crumbs
1 cup all-purpose flour	½ cup yellow cornmeal
1 ½ cups buttermilk	1 tsp Lawry's seasoning salt
1 egg	½ tsp white pepper
6 dashes of hot sauce	½ tsp garlic powder

Hours of Service:
Monday and Friday, 10:30 - 12:00
Tuesday and Thursday, 2:30 - 4:00
First Sunday of each month, 9:30 - 10:30

To volunteer, call 931-735-6122
You can mail donations to:
Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen
PO Box 2259
Shelbyville, TN 37162



LEADERSHIP BEDFORD-GOING DIGITAL

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

Tracey Strassner spoke briefly to Bedford County Board of Commissioners Tuesday night about how the local Leadership Bedford is going digital this year and will feature many of the government officials and local events in its work.



SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION!

Photo by Kaylie Bullington

The Bullington girls, Ophelia, age 7, Astrid, age 9, Irelyn, age 10, Ellie, age 14, were all smiles on the first day of school at Community.

Community CALENDAR

FUMC Worship Service

Pastor Abe Zimmerman is preaching "Divine Interruptions: Part 3" from Matthew 9:18-31 at First United Methodist Church in Shelbyville this Sunday, Aug. 18. This series explores the interruptions and unexpected moments in Jesus' ministry. The church 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 a.m. For those unable to attend, FUMC-S offersr a livestream on Facebook and a broadcast on WLIJ 1580 AM.

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.

Democratic Party Meeting

Bedford County Democratic Party members will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 19, at their headquarters in the Executive Building (yellow brick building next to the Fly) at 210 South Main in Shelbyville.

Wartrace Community Yard Sale

Wartrace will hold its Annual Community-Wide Yard Sale on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 23 and 24, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Included will be antiques, collectibles, crafts, flea market merchandise, food trucks, face painting, something for everyone. Sales throughout the community. Family friendly and free.

Education Date to Remember

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

County Government Dates to Remember

August 20: Rules and Legislative Committee (5 p.m.), followed by Law Enforcement Committee, then Courthouse and County Property Committee, historic Bedford County Courthouse

August 21-31: Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration

Aug. 26-Sept. 2: Bedford County Highway Department offices closed

August 27: Financial Management Committee, 4:15 p.m., 200 Dover Street, Suite 110.

September 2: County offices and county convenience centers closed for Labor Day holiday



CAREGIVER RELIEF IS LIONS CLUB PROGRAM

Submitted Photo

Shelbyville Lions Club welcomed Caregiver Relief Program at the last meeting held at H.V. Griffin Park Rec Center. Caregiver Relief supports families impacted by Alzheimer's disease. King Lion Marc Majors presented director Dana Bobo of Caregiver's Relief Program of Bedford County with a $200 check. From left, Dana Bobo, King Lion Marc Majors and Diana Nevels, also with Caregiver Relief of Bedford County.

THE FLY

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She initially would volunteer for cleanup and set design work. Now, she says she might just be more of an "artsy-craftsy person" than she thought.

In addition to social media presence and newsletters, she's encouraging Arts Council leaders and board members to invite public officials to events. One of those events happens to be the planned Town Hall meeting on Monday, Aug. 19, at 6:30 p.m. This event will include an open floor discussion, from an agenda with suggestions from the community, on how to help The Fly flourish.

Jody says that there will be sheets available Monday evening, describing volunteer opportunities. She says people can match these up with their own skill-sets.

"We are looking to build a strong team of volunteers," says Jody, adding those are really people who have a desire to be creative and love the arts.

As for herself, Jody says she initially would volunteer for cleanup and set design work. Now, she says she's discovering that she might just be more of an "artsy-craftsy person" than she thought.

Below are other upcoming Arts Council events at The Fly.

• Thomas Heath Concert and Main Room Renovation Reveal (Saturday, Aug. 17, 7pm) https://www.flyartscenter.com/post/thomas-heath-live-in-concert-at-the-fly-arts-center

• 3rd Annual Fall Postcard and Paper Memorabilia Show (Saturday, Sept. 14) https://www.flyartscenter.com/post/3rd-annual-postcard-show-delivers-nostalgia-at-the-fly-arts-center-on-september-14th

• Help Us Save the Big Red Truck (On-going) https://www.flyartscenter.com/post/help-us-save-the-big-red-truck

The Arts Council recently launched a campaign to find a qualified individual or group who can restore the 1960s era red pickup truck that was once a part of The Fly Manufacturing Company.

Coming Soon...

• "Lizzie Borden of Fall River" Performances at The Fly Community Theatre in October

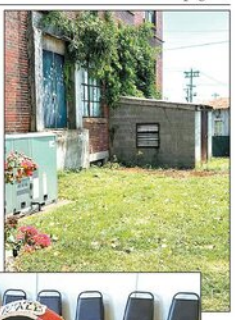
• Fall Art Crawl (Organized by the Bedford Arts Collective) at The Fly in October

• New Featured Artist Opening Reception and Exhibition in October at The Fly Art Gallery

• The 28th Annual Festival of Trees and Holiday Craft Market Beginning in December

• "Sorry, Wrong Chimney" Dinner Theatre Performances at The Fly Community Theatre in December















JAIL INTAKE-BEDFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mercedez Sherell Jackson, domestic assault

Colten Muran, theft of property

Tracy Randall Lee, theft of property

Richard Lee Cummings, verbal domestic and violation of contact order

Leobardo Maciel, simple domestic assault

Wendy Jean Carpenter, violation of probation

David John Farnsworth, custodial interference

Mattie Louise Gibson, violation of probation

Vickie Lynn Howell, hold extradition another state

Jamie Lee Medley, prohibited weapons

Christopher Lee Molder, driving on suspended license, DUI and speeding

Skylar Lane Moses, violation of probation

Valeska Clairy Rodriguez, no driver's license exhibited on demand, speeding

John Casey Sadler, domestic assault, interfering with emergency calls

T.J. Roosevelt Saunders, hold extradition another state

Carey Ronald Stewart, evading arrest, no driver's license, reckless and careless driving

James A. Stewart Jr. driving on suspended license, no financial responsibility

Mateo Tapia-Gomez, driving on a revoked, DUI, open container law, speeding

Tashawna Trammell, to serve time, General Sessions Court

Malcolm Gerald Vincent, violation of probation, to serve time, General Sessions Court



SPD'S BLANKENSHIP PROMOTED

SPD Photo

Shelbyville Police Department Sergeant Ronnie Blankenship was recently honored on what the SPD considers a "well-deserved promotion" to lieutenant. "Blankenship has been an invaluable member of the Shelbyville Police Department since 2014, and we know he'll continue to excel in his new role overseeing the Training Division," said SPD Police Chief Jan Phillips.

AG CRIMES INVESTIGATOR ATTENDS RAUS MEETING

Michael Whaley with the TN Ag Crimes Unit was guest speaker at the Raus Community Club meeting on Aug. 10. Following a potluck meal, Whaley talked about how he's been involved in ag law enforcement for many years and local crime solving. He serves as a special agent who is responsible for investigating and enforcing state laws related to agriculture, forestry, animal health and agribusiness in Tennessee. He also investigates suspected wildland arson cases. His work involves addressing such crimes as livestock and equipment theft, livestock cruelty and rural fire threats. He is based in Coffee County but provides services for an 11-county area, including Bedford. Whaley is a certified meth lab technician. Since July 1, 2023, the ACU has investigated 395 cases and offenses statewide. Over half of the 85 cases investigated in October were related to livestock cruelty.

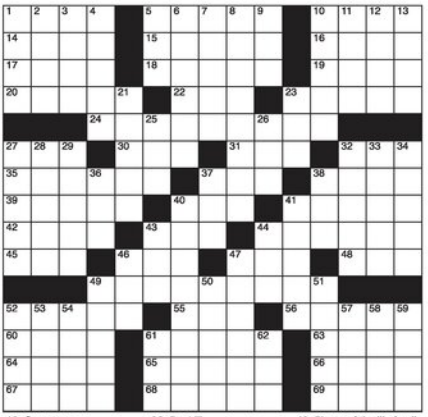


Submitted Photo

Crossword

CLUES ACROSS
1. Mongolian city __ Bator
5. Coconut palms
10. Rounded knob
14. Japanese city
15. Type of sandwiches
16. A type of shape
17. Son of Shem
18. French modernist painter
19. Grandmother
20. Mammary gland of female cattle
22. Hill or rocky peak
23. Secret political clique
24. Songs to one's beloved
27. 'Boardwalk Empire' actress Gretchen
30. Father
31. Chinese philosophical principle
32. Restrict the number or amount of
35. Combined into a single entity
37. Brother or sister
38. Evil spirit
39. Materials in the earth's crust
40. Partner to cheese
41. Of the sun
42. Baseball great Ty
43. After B
44. Place to relax on the beach
45. Folk singer DiFranco
46. Partly digested food
47. Small dog breed
48. Japanese honorific
49. Salts
52. Beard moss genus
55. Mountain pass
56. Type of sword
60. Albanian language
61. Metric weight unit
63. Italian Seaport
64. Longtime late night host
65. Extremely angry
66. Wading bird
67. Days in mid-month
68. Omitted from printed matter
69. Upper body part

CLUES DOWN
1. Two-toed sloth
2. Cooking ingredient
3. Iranian city
4. Accuses
5. Corrie
6. Delivered a speech
7. Collection of sacred books
8. Theatrical
9. Very fast airplane
10. Arm bones
11. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
12. __ fide: legit
13. Gemstone
21. Counsels
23. Corporate bigwig
25. Cool!
26. Touch lightly
27. Small Milky Way constellation
28. Satirical website
29. Border lines
32. Soft drinks
33. Capital of Guam
34. Six-membered ring (chemistry)
36. Bar bill
37. Car mechanics group
38. Notable Bill Murray character
40. Health care for the aged
41. Gurus
43. A passage with access only at one end
44. Reduce
46. Spy organization
47. The upper surface of the mouth
49. Plants of the lily family
50. Type of reef
51. Oral polio vaccine developer
52. Mottled citrus fruit
53. Lose
54. Former Brazilian NBAer
57. Baseball great Ruth
58. __ Clapton, musician
59. Chance
61. Spanish soldier
62. CNN's founder



Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
You are the master of leaping before looking, Aries, and this week is no different. You are not satisfied with hanging back and assessing the situation before acting. You're right in the mix.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, do not pretend to be a neutral party when two people come up to you seeking advice. You are too loyal to avoid taking sides, but it could affect the relationship with the other person.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, it may be time to step in and help a loved one refocus their energies. Rather than let them dwell on a difficult situation, work to offer them a new perspective.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Use the past as motivation to make some serious changes in your life, Cancer. This is the week to begin plotting a few ideas that can have a large impact.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, there may be some room in the budget for a few splurges this week. As long as you do not go too overboard, you can snag that item that you have had your eyes on for some time.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Don't be so sure that you've examined every detail and checked them multiple times, Virgo. Your plan has to be foolproof for it to work. Run it by another set of eyes.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, if no one is asking for advice right now, it's best to leave your life coach tendencies on the side. If and when someone needs your help, you can believe they'll come calling.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you have big news and you're ready to tell the world. Hold it in a little longer so that your audience will be chomping at the bit to hear what you have to say.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, it can be challenging for you to avoid the soap opera that is seemingly unfolding around you right now. Do your best to stay out of the fray for the time being.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, if someone in your social circle is in need of a new perspective, you may have to speak up and help get them on a better path. Take this responsibility seriously.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
You have come a long way in a short time, Aquarius. Keep up the hard work and you will continue to see results you can be proud of.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, you will have to try to tune out the static all around you this week and concentrate on the things you need to accomplish. There is no wiggle room for distractions right now.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS
AUGUST 18
Madelaine Petsch, Actress (30)
AUGUST 19
John Stamos, Actor (61)
AUGUST 20
Demi Lovato, Singer (32)
AUGUST 21
Usain Bolt, Athlete (38)
AUGUST 22
Dua Lipa, Singer (29)
AUGUST 23
Andrew Rannells, Actor (46)
AUGUST 24
Chad Michael Murray, Actor (43)

WHAT A BARGAIN WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

ADVERTISEMENT
AUCTION
BARGAIN
BOGO
BUDGET
CODE
COUPONS
DEALS
DISCOUNTED
EVENT
FREEBIE
GARAGE
HAGGLE
HOLIDAY
INVEST
LOYALTY
MONEY
NEGOTIATE
PERCENTAGE
PRICES
SALE
STEAL
TRANSACTION
YARD

SUDOKU

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Level: Advanced

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Level: Intermediate

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		9	1		5	3		
			2	8	6	9		

Level: Beginner

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Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: August 5

Location: 326 Durum St Shelbyville; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Ivory Elijah Jr; Price, $320,990 (Deed).

Location: 357 Burns Rd Shelbyville; Seller, James Property Investments LLC, James Bromley; Buyer, Carl Hardel, Sara Hardel; Price, $707,500 (Deed).

Location: 520 Rabbit Branch Rd; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Richard Benkovich, Barbara Benkovich; Price, $322,990 (Deed).

Location: 1310 Fairfield Pike; Seller, Sergio A Camey; Buyer, Josh Green; Price, $82,000 (Deed).

Location: Cortner Rd; Seller, Anna Z Hall Trust, Charles Leon Hall, Barbara Jan Hall; Buyer, Charles Leon Hall, Barbara Jan Hall; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Cortner Rd; Seller, Barbara Jan Hall; Buyer, Charles Leon Hall; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 107 Archery Ln Shelbyville; Seller, Jean Pedone Jones; Buyer, Vidal Velazquez Hernandez; Price, $145,000 (Deed).

Seller, James E Farrar Sr; Buyer, Rebecca Ruth Hill, Joseph Blake Hill; Price, $359,000 (Deed).

File date: August 6

Location: 134 Lorien Circle Shelbyville; Seller, Jacob White; Buyer, Stephanie Flores; Price, $304,300 (Deed).

Location: 209 Big Springs Rd Bell Buckle; Seller, Clara Mai Cooper; Buyer, Luke Anthony Murillo; Price, $283,500 (Deed).

Location: 1711 Horse Mountain Rd; Seller, Dennis Ray Young Sr, Kay F Young, Dennis Young; Buyer, Dennis Ray Young Sr Oath Protection Trust, Kay Fann Young Oath Protection Trust; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: 105 Meadowlark Dr; Seller, JC Builders LLC; Buyer, Gerardo Bermudez Sr, Flora Cuzzo Bermudez; Price, $360,000 (Deed).

Location: College St; Seller, Kathy Banks, Michael R Banks; Buyer, Daryl Stillman, Jaqueline Stillman, Jacqueline Stillman; Price, $115,000 (Deed).

File date: August 7

Location: 150 Maupin Circle Shelbyville; Seller, Dale F Parsons, Cassandra L Parsons; Buyer, Paul Darata, Carrie Darata; Price, $580,000 (Deed).

Location: 986 Bethlehem Church Rd; Seller, Billy L McDaniel II, Miranda McDaniel; Buyer, Billy L McDaniel, Miranda McDaniel; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 548 Mink Slide Rd Shelbyville; Seller, Jennifer L Arnold, Jennifer L Beasley; Buyer, Nathan G Arnold; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 306 Scenic Dr Shelbyville; Seller, Laurie June Carroll Nvinson, Sonia Renee Carroll, Avery Scott Carroll, Terry Lynn Carroll, Steven Eric Carroll; Buyer, Johnson Equities Inc; Price, $150,000 (Deed).

Location: Pepper Hill Rd; Seller, Justin Russell; Buyer, Justin Russell; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 657 Pepper Hill Rd Bell Buckle; Seller, Justin Russell; Buyer, Belinda Vega, Jose Vega Resendiz; Price, $334,000 (Deed).

Seller, Gladys R Stephens, James Reuben Warren III, Clara Ann Warren Burch; Buyer, DCC Strategic Realty Partners LLC; Price, $75,000 (Deed).

Location: Rippy Ridge Rd; Seller, Katie Woods; Buyer, Jimmy D Baker, Deborah Baker; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 210 Buffalo Valley Ct; Seller, Curl Properties LLC, Greg T Curl; Buyer, Tab Buffalo Valley LLC; Price, $3,221,000 (Deed).

File date: August 8

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

Location: 129 Dogwood Ct Shelbyville; Seller, Carolyn F Lokey; Buyer, Zachary Mulcahy; Price, $223,000 (Deed).

Location: 646 Union Ridge Rd Wartrace; Seller, Amy Wilson; Buyer, Brent Mansfield, Victoria Mansfield; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Billie J Slayton, Bridget Marie Donnelly; Buyer, Billie J Slayton, Bridget Marie Donnelly; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 554 Hickory Hill Rd Shelbyville; Seller, Thomas T Mills; Buyer, Autumn Nicole Mills; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: August 9

Location: 414 Quarry St Shelbyville; Seller, Justin Cutler, Joshua L Hunter; Buyer, Anthony Maggio; Price, $289,900 (Deed).

Location: 105 Choctaw Ct; Seller, Justin Cutler; Buyer, Christopher Kinde; Price, $249,900 (Deed).

Location: 1021 Madison St; Seller, Fathi Alshinnawi; Buyer, Tasniem Shinawi; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Blue Stocking Hollow Rd; Seller, Jim Ed Smith, Johnny R Vogel Estate, Johnny Roy Vogel; Buyer, Joshua Michael Wilson, Micah Doak Wilson; Price, $0 (Deed).

File date: August 12

Location: 310 Rosemary Ln Shelbyville; Seller, Ann S Peek; Buyer, Dorothy H Burt Revocable Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: John Brinkley Rd; Seller, Charles Grau, Sandra Grau; Buyer, Gayle Brinkley McKnight; Price, $20,000 (Deed).

Location: 206 Old Flat Creek Rd; Seller, Andrew D Hight, Brian Potts; Buyer, Joseph Potts; Price, $90,000 (Deed).

Location: Knob Creek Rd; Seller, Kelly Smith; Buyer, Kelly Smith, Jerry Smith; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 655 White Rd Wartrace; Seller, Robert Flade, Wilfred Alcorn; Buyer, Joshua Bickford, Danielle Bickford; Price, $317,500 (Deed).

Location: 211 McKinley St Wartrace; Seller, Brian S Lewis, Hannah R Lewis; Buyer, Christopher Michael Cox; Price, $530,000 (Deed).

Location: Butler Ave; Seller, Mary Ann Richardson Blackmon; Buyer, Mary Ann Richardson Blackmon Revocable Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 108 Keystone Rd Shelbyville; Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, Jose Perez Albizures, Albizures Jose Perez; Price, $365,475 (Deed).

Location: 1801 Hwy 82 South Shelbyville; Seller, Rodrigaez De Los Santos Epifanio; Buyer, Luis Gustavo Gonzalez Lopez, Lilia Diaz Ibarra; Price, $338,000 (Deed).

Location: Warner Bridge Rd; Seller, Kenneth Dale Wright Estate, Kimberly Reeves, Brian Wright; Buyer, Richard Thomas Donovan Jr; Price, $255,000 (Deed).

Location: 3925 Hwy 231; Seller, Jhear Ariy, Yusif Arizy; Buyer, Hawkins and Hawkins Real Estate; Price, $1,150,000 (Deed).

Location: 142 Hendon Memorial Rd; Seller, Emily Green, Brenda Green; Buyer, Irma Hernandez Domingo, Juan Mateo Jeronimo; Price, $240,000 (Deed).

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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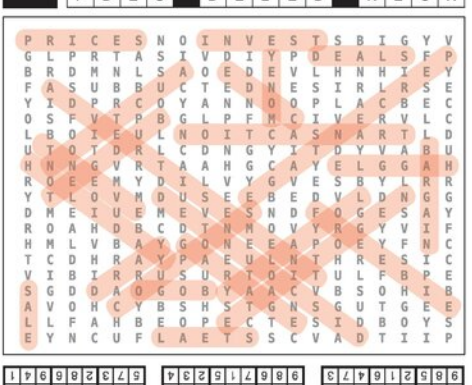
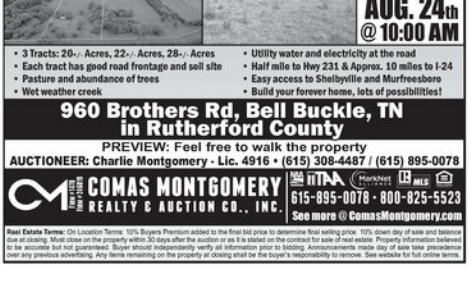


ANSWER: Level: Beginner



ANSWER: Level: Intermediate



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Glenn Galynn Raymond

Glenn Galynn Raymond, age 83, of Shelbyville, departed this life, to be with his heavenly father, on August 13, 2024, after a short illness.

Private graveside services will be held 2:30 PM Sunday, August 18, 2024, at Wilkes Cemetery in Culleoka Tennessee.

He was born February 10, 1941, in Leoma (Giles County) Tennessee, to the late Jesse Guy Raymond and Clemmie Lucas Raymond.

He then went to manage a service station in Lewisburg and then was employed with Heil Quacker in Lewisburg for a time. After he retired from Teledyne Technologies in Lewisburg, he loved showing off his 1958 Red Ford Truck and attending classic car shows in middle Tennessee.

He loved taking care of his constant companion and "furbaby" named Hunter, and enjoyed going to Flea Markets and antique sales.

Survivors include his wife of 21 years, Jeannie Elizabeth Scott Raymond, of Shelbyville; a son, Victor Raymond, and his wife Lisa, of Lewisburg; a



daughter, Judy Raymond Lamb, and her husband Bruce, of Cookeville; a brother, Fagan Raymond and his wife Libby, of Murfreesboro; sisters, Tyla Gillean, of Centerville, Alabama, and Myrna Gillespie, of Cornersville; grandchildren, Glenda Hargrove, and her husband Matt, of Chapel Hill, Ashton Norris, and her husband Ricky, of Lewisburg, and B J Raymond, and his wife Kendra, of Cornersville; great grandson, Jeremiah Raymond, of Cornersville; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister.

The family wants to extend a "Thank You" to Adoration Home Health and Hospice Compassus for support and professional and caring services.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Mary Lee Farriss Harrell

Mary Lee Farliss Harrell, age 84, of Shelbyville, passed from this life on Friday, August 9, 2024, at Vanderbilt Tullahoma-Harton Hospital after an extended illness.



Born June 8, 1940, in the Fairfield community, Mary was daughter of the late Jim Farliss and Audie Peral Driver Farliss. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by grandchildren, Skylar Harrell, and Chelsey Williams; husband, Cecil Harrell; loving companion, Casey Driver; siblings, Fannie Ratleph, Josie Williams, Dolly Farliss, Irene Farliss, Belle Farliss, Tommy Farliss, Steve Farliss, and Frank Farliss.

Mary worked with Empire Pencil for 30+ years as a machine operator, having retired in 2005. In her younger years, she and her companion enjoyed riding their Goldwing and were members of the Goldwing Motorcycle Club. In her free time, she loved to plant flowers, thrifting at yard sales, going out to eat on the weekends, and watching her favorite tv shows while relaxing.

Survivors include her children; Mary Mongean and husband John, Rachel Hazelwood and husband David, Danny Harrell and wife Glenda, Margaret Farliss, Diane Labraney, and Carl Williams and wife Lyn; grandchildren, Jeffery (Tara) Harrell, Debra Williams, Justin Williams, Michael (Anna Clair) Harrell, Milissa (Chaz) Warren, Brandi (Josh) Blakenship, Scottie Harrell, Nathaniel Harrell, Savanah Martineau, Mariah Harrell, Bridgette Haynes, Scotty Haynes, Christopher Harrell, Kimberly Williams, Nikki (Jacob) Bolin, Jessica Williams, Veronica Williams, and Steven Moore; great grandchildren, Eliza, Jacob, Byson, Lillie Jamie, Kalob, Thaddeus, Brandon, Mykyla, Gracie, Carl, Jr., Ashton, Bentley, Bradon, Neo, Liam, Atreus, Kaleigh, Mazzi, Lakyn, Crispin, Leilani, and Maddie; and great great grandchildren, Ali'yah, Kayiona, D'Quan, Lukas, Lilith, and Onyx.

Funeral services were held 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 13, 2024, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Brother Randall Harmon officiating. Burial followed at Logan Cemetery in Beechgrove. Visitation was held Tuesday, prior to funeral services, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital @ www.stjude.org or to the Bedford Cancer Foundation @ www.bedfordcancerfoundation.org

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Mario Mureno Mendoza

Funeral services for Mario Mureno Mendoza, age 49, of Shelbyville, were held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 10, 2024, in St. Williams of Montevergine Catholic Church with Father Edwin Cardova officiating. Burial followed at Willow Mount Cemetery.



Mario passed from this life on Monday, August 5, 2024, at Vanderbilt-Bedford Hospital.

Visitation with the family was held prior to funeral services on Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home.

Mario was born on December 12, 1974, in Cordoba, Veracruz, Mexico to Vicenta Mendoza Montufa and the late Amado Mureno Sanchez.

He was owner and operator of Martin's Lawncare since 2000, having worked side by side with his son, Mario Mureno, who will continue to operate his lawncare service.

Along with his mother, he is survived by his wife, Margarita Davila Jacome; children, Mario Mureno, Jr., Pedro Mureno, and Ana Mureno; siblings, Amado Mureno Mendoza, Sergio Mureno Mendoza, Sergio Mureno Rodriguez, Jr., Aleiandro Mureno Mendoza, Francisco Mureno Mendoza, Dulce Maria Mureno Mendoza, Adriana Mureno Mendoza, Alberto Jimenez, Jose Mureno Mendoza, Laila Ramirez, Jesus Mureno Mendoza, Ray Mureno, Betty Campos, Ernesto Davila, Shatoni Garcia, and Vladimir Davila.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home está sirviendo a la familia.

Tips for seniors to safeguard their mental health

The wide-ranging impact and reach of mental health issues garnered considerable attention during the COVID-19 pandemic, when the virus as well as mandates designed to reduce its spread led to increased feelings of anxiety and isolation. Since then, life has reasonably returned to normal for billions of people across the globe, but many people, including seniors, continue to experience mental health issues.



The Pan American Health Organization reports that at least one in four older adults experiences a mental disorder such as depression, anxiety or dementia. And those figures will likely only grow, as population estimates indicate seniors will make up a greater percentage of the global population in the years to come. Seniors dealing with mental health issues may feel helpless, but there's much they can do to safeguard their mental health.

• Socialize regularly. A 2019 study published in The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences found that older adults who socialized with people beyond their circle of family and those friends were more likely to have greater positive moods and fewer negative feelings. Unfortunately, a significant percentage of seniors report feeling isolated from others. According to the University of Michigan National Poll on Healthy Aging that was conducted in January 2023, one in three older adults reported infrequent contact (once a week or less) with people from outside their home.

• Speak with a mental health professional. Among the more troubling aspects of the mental health crisis affecting seniors is that the PAHO reports two-thirds of older adults with mental health problems do not get the treatment they need. Speaking with a mental health professional can help older adults in myriad ways. Such professionals can identify the issue that is prompting seniors to seek help and offer suggestions that can improve overall health and quality of life. Roundstone Insurance notes that reliance on digital behavioral health tools, including telehealth, was turned to both during the pandemic and ever since, and seniors can utilize such services if they have limited mobility and/or no one to help them make it to in-person appointments.

• Volunteer. Many older adults are retired, and while ample free time may have seemed like the ultimate reward after a lifetime of working, many retirees experience a void once their life no longer has the structure that work can provide. According to the independent nonprofit HelpGuide.org, retirement depression can compel retirees to feel as though they miss the sense of identity, meaning and purpose that came with their jobs, which can make some feel depressed, aimless and isolated. Volunteering can help fill the void created by retirement, and the positive mental health effects of volunteering are well-documented. According to the Mayo Clinic, studies have shown volunteering increases positive, relaxed feelings and gives volunteers a sense of meaning and appreciation.

No one is immune to mental health issues, including seniors. But older adults can take various steps to address their mental health and improve their overall health as a result.

Jim Culver

Jim Culver, age 88, of Rockvale, died Tuesday, August 6, 2024. Jim was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean War.

Born in Wisconsin, Jim was the son of the late Orin Jewell Culver and Sylvia Maude LaBounty. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Jamie Culver and a daughter, Stormy Lee.

He retired from the Wisconsin State Historical Society in Madison, WI where he was very active in historical restoration. He enjoyed yard work, was a master tinkerer and a great supervisor. In addition to his wife, children and grandchildren, he especially loved his pets, Gracie and Lucie. He was a member of World Outreach Church in Murfreesboro.

Survivors are his wife of 16 years, Pat Culver of Rockvale; 2 daughters, Terry Lynn (Don) Greer of Rockvale and Corrie Marie Driver of Madison, WI; 2 sons, Jeffrey Roy (Katie) Henderson of Rockvale, and Stephen Wayne (Jeanette) Henderson of Murfreesboro; 9 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild.

Visitation was Saturday, August 10, 2024, from 10 AM – 11:45 AM at Lawrence Funeral Home. A graveside service was held at 12 PM at Carlton Cemetery at Rockvale.



Lawrence Funeral Home, 203 S. Horton Pkwy, Chapel Hill, is in charge of arrangements.

James Douglas George

James Douglas George, Sr., age 71 of Shelbyville, passed from this life on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at his home.

A native of Bedford County James was born on February 19, 1953, to the late James William George and Helen Gracine Pendergrast George. Along with his parents he is preceded in death by his sister, Wanda George; brother, Danny George; and great granddaughter, Myla Sophia Jade George.



Mr. George was a retiree after 20+ years as a tool and die machinist having worked with Heil Quaker and Goodman Company. He enjoyed fishing, especially going after bass, playing golf, and woodworking.

He is survived by wife, Cheryl Denise Lambert George of Shelbyville; children, James Douglas "Jamie" George, Jr. of Murfreesboro, and Denise George of Shelbyville; grandchild, McKenzie Chanelle Leigh George, Kameron Amy Underwood, Dominick Blake George, Collin Thomas George. Survivors also include siblings, Vicky George of Nashville, Ricky George of Shelbyville, and Ronda Taylor of FL.

Funeral services will be held 5:00 p.m. Thursday, August 15, 2024, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Brother Wayne George officiating. Burial will follow at Willow Mt. Cemetery.

Visitation with the family will be held prior to funeral services on Thursday, beginning at 4 PM at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. Jude children's Research Hospital @ www.stjude.org.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Elizabeth Irene Cunningham

Elizabeth Irene Winsett Cunningham, age 68, of Shelbyville, passed from this life on Saturday, August 10, 2024, at Ascension Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital surrounded by loved ones.



A native of Bedford County, Irene was born April 9, 1956, to the late Grady Winsett and Mary Sue Maxey Winsett. Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by sisters, Uytona Fletcher and Sherry Burks and a brother, Russell Winsett.

Irene wore many hats throughout her life and worked with various companies to support her family. Her most important accomplishment in life was being a loving mother to her children and being present for her family. She enjoyed yardwork, planting flowerbeds, especially lilies, and in the past few years became very close with her Lord and savior Jesus Christ. She was a member of Abundance Life Church.

She is survived by her children, Jeramy Blanton and wife Rhonda of Lynchburg, and Billy Gordon and wife Christie of Shelbyville; loving companion and caretaker, Steve Ledbetter of Shelbyville; grandchildren, Breonna, Triston, Cameron, Paisley, Brittany, and Abigail; Siblings, Dallas Mitchell of Shelbyville, Jeanie Jacobs and husband Brian of Farmington, Tonya Garicke and husband Brad of College Grove, Teresa Basaldu and husband Sam of Tullahoma, Grady Paul Winsett and wife Rena of Shelbyville, Lance Winsett of Nashville, Shannon Darnell and wife Brenda of Shelbyville, and Amy Winsett of Nashville; along with a host of nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. Thursday, August 15, 2024, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Brother Carrol Crosslin and Brother Randall Harmon officiating. Burial will follow at Willow Cemetery.

Visitation with the family will be held Thursday, prior to funeral services beginning at 11:00 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital @ www.stjude.org.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Henrietta Frances Moore

Henrietta Frances Moore, 74, formerly of Shelbyville, died August 6, 2024, at the American House in Murfreesboro. She was born June 21, 1950, in Marlton, New Jersey.



Henrietta was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, Harvey Kenneth Moore, and a step-daughter, Marlene Mount.

She is survived by her step-daughter, Michelle Czarnecki of Cookstown, New Jersey; a step-grandson, Taylor Czarnecki; and friend and caregiver, Calvin (Laura) Kincaid of Shelbyville.

Per her request, she will be cremated. No services are scheduled. Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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"We're Right There, And We Are Ready" – MTSU Volleyball Pushing For NCAA Tournament Berth This Season

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Middle Tennessee Volleyball used to be a powerhouse of the Sun-Belt conference. With four conference championships in five years from 2006-2010 to go with six consecutive NCAA Tournament berths from 2006-2011, the Blue Raiders experienced a run never seen before in the program's history under former head coach, Matt Peck. Now, after coming off the program's first 20-win season since 2011, MTSU is looking to punch that NCAA Tournament ticket for the first time in 14 years.

Last year, under now eighth-year head coach Chuck Crawford, the Blue Raiders enjoyed their best season since joining Conference-USA with their 11 conference wins being the most in any season since 2013. Offensively, they posted their highest hitting percentage (.303) in program history, and MTSU returns two All-Conference outside hitters from a season ago in Adri Rhoda and Laure Jansen. Despite graduating a few key pieces from last year's team at other positions, the Blue Raiders are showing signs of getting back to the dominant days enjoyed in the late-2000s.

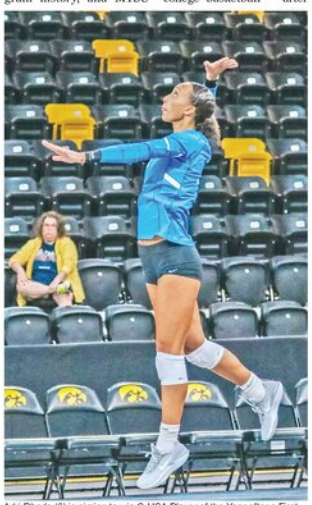
"I was in the stands when they won the Sun Belt, so I've seen it at the highest highs, then it kind of went downhill a little bit when I first got here," said Assistant Coach Taylor Holmes. "Now it reminds me of back in the day when we were winning the Sun Belt, so I'm excited."

Holmes, an MT graduate herself, has been involved in the volleyball program since 2014 and officially on paid staff since 2018, but has been around it for even longer than that.

"I grew up going to volleyball camps when I was little, and I've been a huge MTSU Volleyball fan for my whole life."

Holmes is from Columbia – just shy of an hour-long drive from campus – and has been on staff for Crawford's entire tenure of patrolling the sidelines of Alumni Memorial Gym. She has not only seen, but contributed, to the program slowly but surely turning around and morphing into a team that can compete at the highest level again.

Two years ago, the Blue Raiders had their first winning season since 2013 at 15-14, but only went 4-10 in conference play. Last year, MT improved upon that mark, going 20-11 overall, but more importantly posting an 11-5 record in conference play. This was good enough to get an invite to the NIVC – volleyball's version of the NIT in college basketball – after faltering in the conference tournament against FIU, but this season their sights are set on The Big Dance.

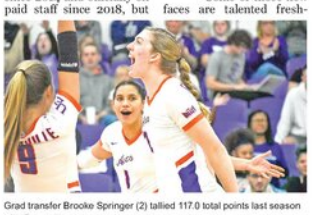


Adri Rhoda (6) is aiming to win C-USA Player of the Year after a First Team All-Conference selection last season. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

Despite graduating the Conference-USA Setter of the Year in Taylor Eisert – who surpassed 3,000 career assists – and First Team All-Conference performer Kayla Henlee along with Second Team All-Conference Kaylee Oscarson, the returning talent combined with some fresh faces have expectations sky-high in the 'Boro.

"Our returners have done a great job embracing all the new additions, because we have a lot of talented freshmen as well," said Holmes. "We are very excited to see what they can do this year."

Some of those new faces are talented freshmen while two others are graduate transfer students. Brooke Springer and Kiera Booth are both middle blockers from Evansville and Villanova, respectively, and they will hopefully slide into the team almost seamlessly to help replace some of the production lost from last year's team.



Grad transfer Brooke Springer (2) tallied 117.0 total points last season with Evansville. *Photo courtesy of Evansville Athletics.*

"We graduated both of our middle blockers, so that middle spot is open," Holmes explained. "We have a very talented freshman coming in who is a really great blocker, and then both transfers in [Brooke Springer from Evansville and Kiera Booth from Villanova]. We graduated our setter [Conference-USA Setter of the Year Taylor Eisert], but Caroline [Macander] is a junior, and then we've got a couple freshman, Andi [Spies] and Reagan [McIntosh], who were here in the spring to train, so that should be a fun competition too."

Springer recorded 62 kills with a .309 hitting percentage last season with the Purple Aces as well as leading the team with .99 blocks averaged per set which was also good enough for sixth in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Like Springer, Booth was an integral part of her old team a year ago. She was named to the All-BIG EAST team after starting all 31 games for Villanova and playing in every set. Not only that, but she led her team in scoring six times while emerging as the block leader in 10 matches. She also recorded 17 double-digit kill matches, including seven in a row to close out the season.

Of course, middle blocker isn't the only position that needed some reinforcements over the offseason.

"We've got some great liberos coming in," Holmes continued, "and we also have some people in some different roles than they have ever been in in the past. Trae [McCutchen] was primarily an outside hitter for us the last couple years, but we have trained her a lot on the right side this summer. Aowyn [Schrader] is a freshman coming in that has a hammer for an arm, so it'll be fun to see what she does."

This isn't even mentioning returning First Team All-Conference performer Adri Rhoda and Second-Teamer Laure Jansen.

As a sophomore last season, Rhoda improved upon an impressive freshmen campaign. She led the team in points per set (4.10), kills (347), and kills per set (3.47) while she was also second in points (403.0), aces (37), and aces per set (0.4). Just for good measure, she finished fourth on the team in total blocks (41) and blocks per set (0.41) as well. Rhoda also recorded double-digit kills in 19 matches last season, and had 20 or more kills in three of them.



Laure Jansen (10) was Second Team All-Conference USA a season ago. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

Jansen, a transfer from Arkansas-Little Rock, started and played in all 30 matches in her first year as a Blue Raider. She finished second on the team in digs (270) and digs per set (2.50) while finishing third on the team in kills (327), kills per set (2.56, service aces (31), points (324.5), and points per set (3.00). Jansen also finished fourth on the team in assists with 16.

After putting their stats into perspective, one would begin to understand the hype around the MTSU Volleyball program for 2024, and the scary part is that there is still plenty of room for improvement from a year ago.

"Last year we started out a little rough in the preseason, but once we won that first game, we started rolling," said Holmes. "The girls went into every game expecting to win, but we just kind of fell short in that conference tournament. Last year we struggled with finishing games. We would do great in the beginning and middle, but sometimes we would get to set or match points and just be unable to put it away. That's really where our focus has been all spring, just finishing a game strong."

This hasn't just been a point of emphasis vocally; that is something that the team has actively practiced on the court.

"We do a lot of situational scoring, so we'll play the score back when we had a match point, and just repeat that," Holmes emphasized. "Just drilling it into them that you have to finish. Two years ago we had struggles with slow starts, and after we worked on that all spring, it wasn't a problem last year at all."

One of the biggest catalysts for the extra practice? Last year's match with longtime rival, Western Kentucky.

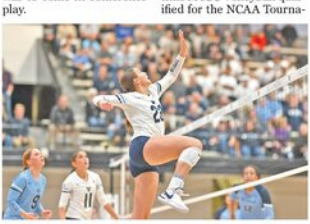
"We had a couple set points on Western, especially in that second game, and we just didn't finish," she explained. "So that's one of the score examples that we do use in practice. We had every opportunity, we were talented, we passed well, we served them really tough. We executed our game plan at a high level, but at the end we just didn't finish it. We're right there, and obviously the whole entire conference is stacked and talented, but there's always that rivalry with Western. It's really fun and the girls enjoy it."

"We're right there, and we're ready."

Western has been the gold standard for C-USA Volleyball for the last handful of years, but the Blue Raiders seem to be in a position to genuinely compete with the Hilltoppers for the first time since their Sun-Belt days. However, WKU is far from the only team you have to worry about in the conference.

"C-USA has historically been very strong, so we're normally able to get anywhere from one to three teams into the NCAA Tournament any given year," Holmes said.

This is why they try to schedule so strongly out of conference, according to Holmes. For example, last year the Blue Raiders went on the road to Auburn and beat the 25th ranked Tigers, 3-1, to earn their first ranked win since 2010, and it served as a sign of what was to come in conference play.



Grad transfer Kiera Booth (23) played every set for Villanova last season. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

This season, the goals that MT has are pretty standard, but they also serve as a reminder of the level that the program has reached once again.

"Our girls have a lot of individual goals they want to accomplish, Adri [Rhoda] has really wanted to be Conference POTY, stuff like that," said Holmes. "We normally take it game by game, sometimes if you look at the whole schedule all at once you can get kind of unfocused on what's in front of you. But, at the end of the day, a conference championship and NCAA Tournament berth are our goals."

One of the biggest hurdles in this new-age of conferences is the extensive travel. This has been exaggerated in Conference USA with the additions of New Mexico State and UTEP, along with a few others. The good news is that since this year's Conference Tournament is being held in El Paso, the Blue Raiders will already have had experience playing at UTEP, unlike last year when the tournament was held at Liberty.

"Last year we played Liberty at home, so when we went up there for the first time for the tournament, it was a big adjustment seeing their gym for the first time," Holmes said. "We play in a volleyball gym, which is a bit more intimate and smaller, so sometimes playing in those basketball arenas, you have to get used to it."

Little things like the air conditioning wind having an effect on serves, the sheer size, and the lighting difference all can contribute to momentarily throwing someone off their game for even a split second, and it takes an adjustment period most times. However, the Blue Raiders are confident that such adjustments will not hinder them from accomplishing their goals.

2011 was the last time MTSU Volleyball qualified for the NCAA Tournament, but 2024 seems like it will be the program's best chance to make it back since. What would it mean to the program to return to the Big Dance?

"It would be extremely exciting," Holmes concluded. "The alumni that have come before all these girls, they have put in so much hard work, and we are just trying to follow in their footsteps and do it for them and for the kids on the team right now who are putting in all the hard work."

The Blue Raiders hold their annual Blue/White scrimmage this Friday, August 16, before going to Belmont to face off in an exhibition against the Bruins on August 23 to conclude the preseason.

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"If we're not striving to be the best in the country, then what are we doing it for?" - Special Teams Sets Tone In New Era of Blue Raider Football

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When you walk into Special Teams Coordinator Luke Paschall office, there's lots of things you'll typically find in a football coach's office: depth charts on his desk, practice plans on his whiteboard, film getting ready to be watched on his TV.

In the corner, squeezed between two tables, poking above a stack of papers, is a statue of Athena, the Palladium. A trophy that was first created when Paschall played for the Blue Raiders from 2002-2006. A trophy last won over the Troy Trojans in the 2020 COVID season.

"I ain't going to let that die," Paschall remarked with a smile when asked about why the trophy was in his office.

The rivalry trophy making its way from storage to a coach's office is a small detail, but one indicative of Paschall's love of his alma mater. A former walk-on wideout who later earned a scholarship in his career, Paschall played for both Andy McCollum and Rick Stockstill during his career for the Blue Raiders. After years of trying to get back home, climbing the coaching ranks through working for programs like Arkansas State, North Carolina, UMass and Louisiana, all as special teams coordinator, Paschall finally found a door open with the coaching change this offseason, reaching out to Derek Mason cold after the Ragin' Cajuns bowl game this past winter and earning his spot through his track record on that side of the ball.

"There's not a lot of times in this profession that you get a chance to go home," Paschall said. "To be able to do that has been pretty cool. I love this place, I've said it many times that this place has shaped and molded me to my core. I carry that on. I feel like I owe (it) to give back. I'm going to do whatever I can to make this place special."

Among Conference USA teams, Middle Tennessee under Derek Mason is just one of two programs that dedicates one of its ten full-time assistant coaches to be exclusively the special teams coordinator, with no other position group assignment in addition to running to the kickoff, punt and field goal units. It's a distinction that kicker Zeke Rankin thinks will make all the difference when the Blue Raiders take the field this fall.

"They know that it can change a game drastically," Rankin said of the coaching staff. "I've been on both sides of it. I've won games, I've lost games, that's how it is. I think this staff has really pinpointed that and made that point to everybody else."

The work to create that sense of importance, Paschall said, is all in the details.

"There's a difference between being good on special teams and being elite," Paschall said. "There's levels to it. The levels are in the details, the sense of urgency it takes be good at it...We tell them all the time, the standard is best. If we're not striving to be the best in the country, then what are we doing it for?"

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One early way Paschall has gotten buy-in on special teams is by bringing with him a rule that's worked at other stops in his career, one that Mason fully supports: if you want to be a starter on offense or defense, you have to also start on at least one special teams unit.

There's a lot of ways to get on a unit, Paschall notes. Maybe you're a fast gunner on the punt unit or a returner on punt return. Maybe you find a niche as a smart blocker on kickoff return, or you nail your pursuit angles when preventing those returns. But Paschall thinks that the result of increasing the competition for those roles only makes those units better.

"Sometimes you play against teams that put freshmen and newcomers out there," Paschall said. "I don't want to say they're green, but they are. They don't have a lot of experience...(now) you mix in some guys that are freshmen and you've got a plethora of guys that are starters on offense and defense out there, it shows the importance of it.

"Those guys are usually talented," Paschall concluded. "It's our job to make sure they're in the right spot and playing at a certain standard."

It's a mantra with nuance, to be sure. For one, the starting spots in question are on both of the kickoff and punt units, given that the field goal is so offensive line and tight end heavy in its personnel. There are also certain positions that are protected from the rule given the nature of those units, like the quarterback, the offensive line and most of the defensive line.



MTSU's Field Goal Unit at practice in Fall Camp. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

"We're going to protect guys that we need to protect," Paschall noted. "But most of the time, if offensive and defensive starters are playing on units, they want to play too. They want to be a part of that action."

It's also a way, Paschall said, for Blue Raider players to add value to their skillset at the next level of the game, where roster size limits often dictate that nearly everyone that's a running back, a linebacker, someone in the secondary or a wide receiver, is on at least one of those special teams units. That's made the buy-in from the team excellent so far this camp, as the team usually dedicates multiple periods of practice a day to special teams drills, let alone special teams reps, to help the cream rise to the top.

"Right now, we're getting unbelievable effort, no pushback whatsoever," Paschall said. "We allow them to think less and they can just go play."

A big help to that mission has been the addition of Max Arnold as a Special Teams Quality Control Coach and the return of Cam Curtis as a Special Teams GA. Paschall notes the pair of them, who work "with" him, not "for" him, are invaluable to making those drills in practice intense and enlightening.

Rankin also said the extra eyes focusing exclusively on special teams have been a big help to him and the rest of the specialists, who otherwise might be left to their own devices a bit too often in a typical practice.

"It's nice now to have Max and Cam and Coach Paschall, all three of them kind of floating around and guiding us in the right direction," Rankin said. "If we look like we're not doing something, they'll give us something to do."

Having someone to go to directly with ideas or to get feedback has been great, Rankin noted, particularly given Paschall's depth of experience and technical knowhow in the art of kicking.

"It's made me more confident," Rankin said. "I've got someone that's going to hold me accountable to go up and watch film, go up and get better. And they're going to bring in people to compete."

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As for that competition in the specialist room, Paschall noted that he had an experienced room when he walked in, with multi-time All-CUSA selection Brody Butler at long snapper, three-year starter at kicker Rankin and returning punter Trey Turk all possessing plenty of game experience from previous seasons.

"It's comforting knowing you've got older guys in the room who have played in games," Paschall said. "There's no substitute for game reps. You don't have to coach up a whole bunch of different things. They've been through a bunch of different scenarios."

But, Paschall said, that fact should not be used to keep guys in the starting spots they've had before if they haven't earned them. MTSU has brought in players that can push all three of the apparent starters, either through development or recruiting this offseason.

"This is not a factory," Paschall said. "The oldest people don't get the best jobs. The people that are performing on a consistent basis will play."

Paschall praised both Connor Dougherty and Henry Hamlin at long snapper, particularly Dougherty, who Paschall said changed his body this offseason and is seeing the results in his snapping. While Butler remains the high-talent long snapper with the leg up in this group, Paschall notes he now has options behind Butler that he trusts to call on if needed.

The tighter position battles are at kicker and punter, with New Mexico transfer Zach Benedict, a kickoff specialist for the Lobos known for his distance, brought in to push Rankin at both place kicker and on kickoff. Jacob Taylor, a freshman from Oakland High School just down the road in Murfreesboro, has also provided consistency in practice early in his career, having both kicked and punted for the Patriots.

"It's having that shadow, having someone looking over your shoulder all the time," Rankin said, embracing the pressure of the competition in camp. "Knowing that if I mess up bad enough, there's somebody else there that can do my job. It brings out the best in you."

The battle at punter, Paschall said, is also tight through the first week, with Turk being pushed by highly touted freshman Grant Chadwick from Tullahoma, a 2023 Mr. Football semifinalist as a specialist that was ranked as the No. 11 punter in his high school class, in a battle that will likely come down to the final week ahead of the season opener against Tennessee Tech.

"There's competition in the room," Paschall said. "If you're a true competitor, the competition will raise your game. If you're not a competitor, you'll probably fall to the wayside."

In the return game, Paschall said the Blue Raiders are sorting through many options on both kick and punt. Brain Brewton, a transfer running back from UConn, has the flashiest kick return numbers on paper, with a pair of kickoff touchdowns to his name in his career with the Huskies. He's someone Paschall remembers having to take time to put in game plans for a special teams coordinator at UMass. But other Blue Raiders, Omari Kelly, Kellen Stewart, Cam'Ron Lacy, Mitchell Howell and Hays Sutton have also stepped up their game in camp so far.

"We've got some pieces back there, that we'll find out in the coming weeks, that are going to do what we ask them to do," Paschall said, noting that decision making is a more important evaluation metric than raw talent and skill when chosing a return man. "It's my job to make sure the other ten guys are good and the guy that's back there just has to do his part."

MTSU Women's Golf Sets 2024-25 Fall Tournament Slate

MT ATHLETICS

The Middle Tennessee women's golf program has released its fall slate of tournaments for the 2024-25 season. Head coach Lauren Giesecke's first fall campaign features two in-state tournaments and four out-of-state competitions in September and October.

"This is a really stacked fall schedule for us," said Giesecke. "We are going to play against historically some of the best teams in the nation. This slate of tournaments is going to be a good test for us right out the gate that I strongly believe we can handle. The team has been working hard all summer at tournaments and individual training. I've got a really good feeling that we're going to come out and surprise some people."

The fall schedule kicks off at the Bettie Lou Evans Invitational, hosted by the University of Kentucky. The tournament takes place at Champion Trace at Keene Trace Golf Club in Nicholasville, Ky. from Sept. 8-10. Staying in Kentucky the following week, the team will travel to Simpsonville to compete in the Cardinal Cup. The Blue Raiders will travel to the University of Louisville Golf Club Sept. 13-15 to take part in the competition for the first time since the 2019-20 season.

Middle Tennessee will close out the month of September at the Mason Rudolph Championship in Franklin, Tenn. The squad has participated in the tournament every year since 2015. The championship, hosted by Vanderbilt, will be held at the Vanderbilt Legends Club and will run from Sept. 20-22.

The Blue Raiders will open the month of October with the longest road trip of the fall slate, traveling to Highlands Ranch, Colo. to take part in the Ron Moore Intercollegiate, run by the University of Denver. The team will compete at the University of Denver Golf Club Oct. 4-6, which offers striking views of the Rocky Mountain front range.

The final tournament of the fall campaign is the Mercedes-Benz Intercollegiate, hosted by Tennessee. MT last competed at the Cherokee Country Club in Knoxville during the 2021-22 season. The contest runs from Oct. 20-22.

MTSU Men's Tennis Adds Josh McDermott to Staff

MT ATHLETICS

Middle Tennessee men's tennis head coach Jimmy Borendame has announced the addition of assistant coach Josh McDermott to the coaching staff for the upcoming 2024-25 season.

McDermott is a native of Queenstown, New Zealand and has served as a graduate assistant coach with the Belmont men's tennis program for the previous two seasons. He also served as an interim head coach for a portion of the spring 2024 season.

In 2024, McDermott helped the Bruins win their second consecutive Horizon League regular season title. Senior Alfred Wallin received Horizon League Player of the Year, and three players received First Team All-Conference honors. Wallin also reached the final round of Qualifying at the ITA All American Championships.

During the 2023 season, he helped lead Belmont to a 21-6 record and the program's first ever national ranking at 74. The Bruins won the Horizon League regular season title and Horizon League Conference Championship, to go with an NCAA Tournament berth.

During his tenure at Belmont, five players received First Team All-Conference selections, two players received Second Team All-Conference and doubles pairing Marko Ilic and Riccardo Trione received a national ranking of 72.

Prior to his coaching career, McDermott played three seasons at Ferris State University. He graduated in 2022 with a degree in Professional Tennis Management with a minor in international business, earning cum laude honors. He was also awarded GLIAC All Conference honors two years in a row.

"Coach McDermott is a knowledgeable, driven and motivated coach. At Belmont, he was successful, and I instantly sensed his competitiveness years ago when we played against them. I am excited to work side by side with him and Coach Kreis with this new squad."

The Blue Raiders are set to kick off their 2024 fall campaign with the annual Wally Tidwell Pro-Am on Sept. 6-7 at the Adams Tennis Center and the MTSU Outdoor Tennis Facility.



New Market Tax Credit Lenders Invest $40.7 million in Cooper Steel

Financing said to create 122 new jobs

STAFF REPORT

Cooper Steel, a family-run company specializing in steel fabrication and erection, has secured $40.7 million in New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) financing from four lenders to support its expansion project in Shelbyville. The lenders include The Innovate Fund ($13 million), Pathway Lending ($12 million), Heartland Renaissance Fund ($11.7 million), and Truist Community Development Enterprises ($4 million).

The NMTC funding will be used to assist in an expansion that includes land acquisition, new fabrication offices and clinic, enlargement of the Shelbyville fabrication facility, and equipment purchases, allowing Cooper Steel to increase production to meet growing demand. The project is expected to create 122 new jobs, retain 210 jobs, and have an equivalent impact of creating 43 full-time jobs elsewhere in the economy. Cooper Steel provides great jobs to their employees, including a full benefits package, on-site health clinic for employees and their families, and fully air-conditioned fabrication facilities.

Cooper Steel CEO and Chairman Gary Cooper expressed his gratitude for the NMTC program, stating, "The NMTC program is connecting Cooper's goal of community impact with the local need for quality jobs and providing entry-level, low-income workers of this community with opportunities to make above average wages now while training for future advancements in their careers."

The NMTC is a flexible source of financing with better rates and terms than traditional financing for businesses and community organizations in America's most distressed rural and urban communities.

Without the NMTC many projects in these low-income communities would not be able to move forward.

"The Innovate Fund is proud to provide a $13 million allocation of NMTC to the Cooper Steel project," said David Barnett, Chairman of The Innovate Fund Board of Managers. "We highly value the creation of quality jobs in low-income communities, and Cooper Steel has done a fantastic job of giving people a good place to work with plenty of opportunities for advancement."

"As a Tennessee-based community lender, Pathway Lending has provided instrumental capital to businesses like Cooper Steel since 1999," said Pathway Lending EVP, Hank Helton. "Our $12 million NMTC allocation underscores our dedication to supporting economic growth and job creation in distressed communities through strategic investments. We are proud to be part of Cooper Steel's expansion and help drive positive community impact."

"Heartland Renaissance Fund and Arkansas Capital are proud to be one of the financing partners supporting Cooper Steel's expansion," said company CEO Sam Walls. "This project is an important part of growing Shelbyville's economy and providing accessible, quality jobs for local residents."

Despite facing challenges due to rising interest rates and inflated construction costs, the NMTC investment has ensured the success of Cooper Steel's expansion project. Once fully operational in May of 2025, the steel company is projected to create/retain 333 permanent, full-time jobs and induce an estimated $18.5 million of additional earnings throughout the region, catalyzing further growth for Shelbyville.

PICK TENNESSEE PRODUCTS GEARS UP FOR STATE FAIR

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Department of Agriculture is excited to announce that the Pick Tennessee Products Experience at the Tennessee State Fair in Lebanon.

"Fairs center on agriculture, and the Pick Tennessee Products Experience is no exception," Agriculture Commissioner Charlie Hatcher, D.V.M. said. "We are eager to welcome fairgoers back to the Pick Tennessee Store. The store was a huge hit last year and is going to be even bigger and better this year. Be sure to stop by and shop for yourself or find gifts for friends and family."

Visitors to the fair can purchase Tennessee-made foods, beverages, spreads, as well as soaps and wood products at the Pick Tennessee Store.

The Pick Tennessee Products Experience includes daily agricultural demonstrations of interest to all ages. Check out sessions on cooking, Christmas tree trimming, wool spinning, cut flower arranging, canning, pickling, and even an insect petting zoo.

A different free food sample will be available each day such as Moon Pies, Little Debbie's, watermelon, cheeses, bacon, beef sticks, ice cream, and watermelon. Free samples of whole milk and chocolate milk will be available every day inside the Pick Tennessee Products Experience space.

Adults and children will love the new commodity room where they can learn about various commodities in the state through immersive experiences. There are games, visuals, touch and feel activities, and more that will facilitate learning.

The Tennessee State Fair runs from Aug. 15-24, 2024 at the James E. Ward Agricultural Center in Lebanon.



Traditional sausage balls get a fall boost with tart apples. This is a great appetizer before the state fair.

Heat oven to 400 degrees and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Heat a skillet over medium-high heat, add 1 tablespoon of butter and the diced apples, and cook until softened, about 5 to 8 minutes. Place the sausage and cheese in the bowl of a stand mixer (or any large bowl, if using a hand mixer), and mix until thoroughly combined. Add the cooked apples and remaining 3 tablespoons of melted butter, and mix until combined. Add the baking powder, salt, fennel and flour, and mix well. 4. Scoop about a tablespoon of dough out and roll into a ball. Place on the sheet pan. Repeat with remaining dough, and bake for 28 to 30 minutes or until crispy and golden brown.

Shopping List
1 pound ground sausage
2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, grated
2 green apples, peeled and diced
4 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
3 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground fennel
1 cup flour

Artificial Intelligence, Storytelling, and Psychology Taking Center Stage at TEDxNashville Undercurrent on August 25

NASHVILLE, TN - (August 8, 2024) - TEDxNashville presents the latest edition of its annual event on Sunday, August 25, from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Schermerhorn Symphony Center. This year's theme explores the unseen forces shaping our reality, including artificial intelligence, psychology, the new era of marketing, and the power of language.

Attendees will hear from a diverse lineup of speakers including Donald Miller, best-selling author of Building a Story Brand, who will explain why "no one is listening to you," and Shauna Sprague, a manager of Intelligent Automation and Analytics who will share why she has automated her life.

The event also features Jeremy Cowart, an influential photographer, who will demonstrate his groundbreaking photography technique, documentary filmmaker Luanne Dietz, and G. Preston Wilson Jr., PhD with the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

This flagship conference is one of the largest TEDx events in the country, bringing together over 1,500 leaders, thinkers, and creatives to experience cutting-edge ideas and foster meaningful connections.

Attendees will also enjoy networking opportunities, access to an on-site bookstore, and the chance to join the TEDx Nashville Cohort for 2024-2025, extending the conversation beyond the event.

Tickets are available now at the TEDxNashville website: https://tedxnashville.com/

About TEDx, x = independently organized event

TEDx is a grassroots initiative, created in the spirit of TED's mission, "ideas worth spreading." It supports independent organizers who want to create a TED-like event in their community. TEDxNashville has become one of the largest and most influential TEDx events in the United States.

About TED

TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of short, powerful talks. TED began in 1984 as a conference were Technology, Entertainment, and Design converged. Today, TED covers a broad range of topics — from science to business to global issues — in more than 100 languages.

For additional information, please contact Jeremy Snow at Jeremy@tedxnashville.com.

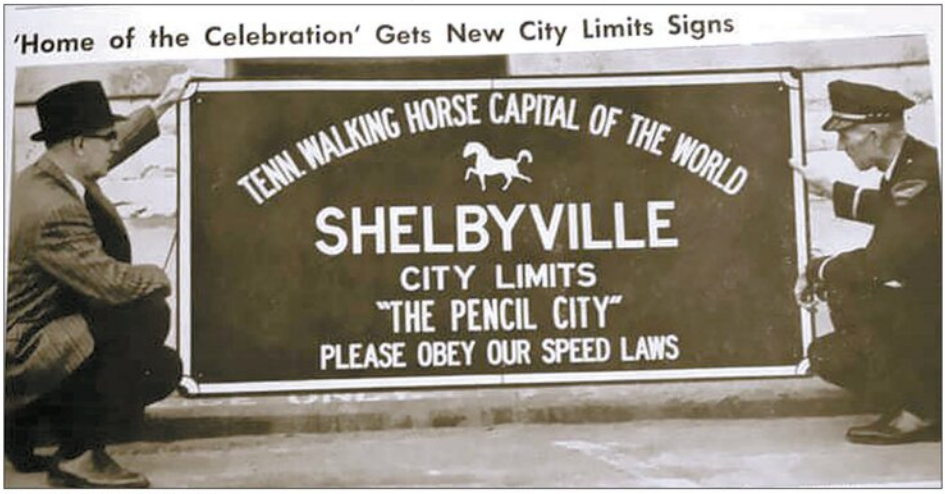
1ST ANNUAL MANDY JEAN MEMORIAL TOY DRIVE

Shelbyville Police Department Detective Carol Jean lost her daughter, Mandy Jean, on 12/12/2023. In honor of Mandy's 31st birthday (which would have been on 08/18/2024), we are collecting toys and gift cards for Junior's house. We are accepting donations at the Shelbyville Police Department until August 19th. Please drop off items between 8 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday. If you cannot come during those times, contact Detective Carol Jean at 931-684-5811 to make other arrangements. Some items needed are new stuffed animals, blankets, small games, Play-Doh, art supplies, grooming kits, and $5 or $10 gift cards for Walmart or fast food establishments.



Junior's House Child Advocacy Center provides free services to child victims of abuse in Bedford County, including Trauma Counseling and Forensic Interviews. The CAC staff collaborates with the Child Protective Investigative Team to ensure thorough investigations and appropriate services are provided to the children.

The T-G celebrates past and present TWHNC

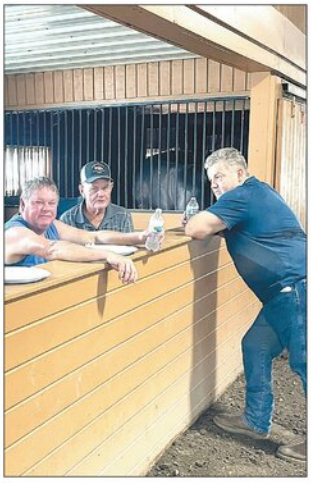


IT'S ALL STILL GOOD

Photo submitted by Elaine Butner

Everyone's sure enjoying the past and present TWHNC photos submitted to the T-G. Send us more for the next two issues! This sign from days past still works today. We are still "The Pencil City" and we ask everyone to please obey our speed laws. Email Celebration photos to: dawn@richardsonmediagroup.net. We are also still accepting ads welcoming visitors and showing support for the TWHNC. Let 'em walk on!

Counting down to the 86th Celebration!





THE DILLINGHAMS REFLECT ON GREAT CELEBRATIONS



Wayne Dillingham tailgating at the celebration.



Jeong Hee Dillingham enjoyed in 2012 some picnic/tailgate fare (a variety of Asian treats) that she and her husband, Wayne, prepared for their box seats. (Please note that outside food rules have changed. Please check ahead for TWHNC 2024 food rules.)



Jimmy McConnell and friends celebrated on Tuesday with a fish fry lunch. Those in attendance enjoyed a great lunch and cold watermelon. But most of all, got to do a little catching up before the TWHNC, which starts next week.

T-G Photos by Renee Brown



Here's a great tailgating recipe for your TWHNC Celebrations with friends and family!

Easy Crab Rangoon

Servings: 12

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 12 wonton wrappers
- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 4 ounces lump crabmeat
- 1 scallion, sliced thin, green and white parts separated
- 1 teaspoon fresh ginger, grated
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce

1. Heat oven to 350 F.
2. Spray muffin pan with nonstick cooking spray. Press wonton wrappers into muffin cups. Lightly spray wrappers with nonstick cooking spray and bake until lightly browned, 6-9 minutes. Let cool slightly.
3. In medium bowl, beat cream cheese until smooth. Combine with crabmeat, scalling whites, ginger and soy sauce. Fill each wonton wrapper with filling. Bake until filling is heated through, 6-8 minutes.
4. Sprinkle with scallion greens. Serve warm

SOURCE: Culinary.net

