COMMUNITY NEWS

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So, what's planned for the 2024 Celebration?

One of the most popular classes, likely ever, is back-yes-the Stick Horse Class. Everyone loves to watch the little ones canter around the center ring.

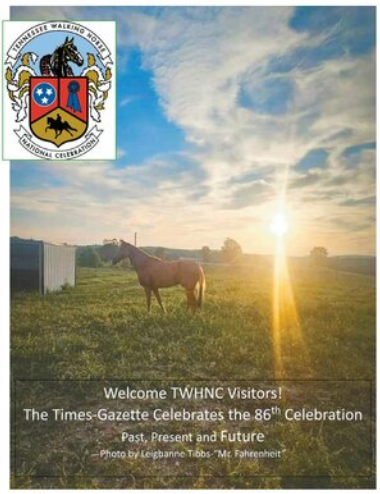
The Stick Horse Class will be the first class of the final night. See the barn office (Barn 10) to enter. All entries must be in by Wed. 8/28 @ 8 pm. The first 28 entries will receive a new stick horse, complements of WRANGLER. Now, that's exciting!

See inside today's issue about the upcoming Sunday Worship Service, which will be in the evening this year. A trade fair will be held in Cooper Steel Arena from 8:30 a.m. to the conclusion of the show each evening. And don't forget about all the delicious food. And you guessed it-the Optimist doughnuts!

The T-G will have more coverage of the TWHNC in its next edition and on Facebook and t-g.com.

Below is a list of things-something for everyone.

- **8/21-Wednesday-Spotlight on our Schools**
  - Eakin Elementary and East Side Elementary
- **8/22-Thursday-Spotlight on our Schools**
  - Harris Middle School and Webb School
- **8/23-Friday-Wild West Celebration**
  - Wear your best western bling, photo competition, and fun!
  Spotlight on our Schools
  - Thomas Magnet and South Side Elementary
  Racking Horse Exhibitions
- **8/24-Saturday-Hat Night**
  - Join the tradition! Wear your best derby hat! Contest for creativity and overall winner
  E.L. Adamson Award Presentation
  Spotlight on our School
  -Cascade Elementary, Middle, and High School
  WHTA Scholarships and TWHBEA Scholarships
  TWHBEA Judging Contest and Creative Contest Awards
- **8/25-Sunday-Church Night**
  - Special opening at the beginning of the show
  Spotlight on our Schools
  -Victory Baptist Academy and Cooper Christian Academy
  Stable Decoration Contest Awards and Golf Cart Decorating Contest Awards
- **8/26-Monday-Fan Appreciation Night**
  -Select items at participating concession stands are $1.00
  General Admission Tickets are $1.00
  Spotlight on our Schools
  -Bedford County Learning Academy and Shelbyville Central High School
- **8/27-Tuesday-Fan Appreciation Night**
  -Select items at participating concession stands are $1.00
  General Admission Tickets are $1.00
  Spotlight on our Schools
  -Community elementary, Middle, and High School
- **8/28-Wednesday-Spotlight on our Schools**
  -Liberty School and Learning Way Elementary
- **8/29-Thursday-Throwback Thursday**
  -Get ready for some "old time" Celebration fun with oldies music and Celebration history!
- **8/30-Friday-Red, White and blue Ribbon Night**
  -Military and First Responders Appreciation, honoring of Gold Star families, and exhibitors ride in honor of fallen heroes. Woody Williams Foundation, and Tribute to the Flag Ceremony
- **8/31-Saturday-Stick Horse Championship Class Crowing of our 2024 World Grand Champion and special owners ceremony**



Traffic stop leads to big fentanyl discovery

On Aug. 13, Deputy Tylar Prosser and his K9 partner, Ranger, conducted a traffic stop in Shelbyville. While questioning the occupants, Deputy Prosser said his suspicions were raised and K9 Deputy Ranger performed an open-air sniff around the vehicle.

After K9 Ranger alerted on the vehicle, a search was conducted which resulted in approximately 200 blue pills believed to contain fentanyl being recovered from the vehicle along with a stolen firearm and a small amount of methamphetamine.

The result of this traffic stop led to a search warrant being obtained and executed by the 17th Judicial Drug Task Force. This search warrant resulted in the discovery of approximately 800 more blue pills also believed to contain fentanyl being confiscated along with an AK-47 style carbine.

The Sheriff's office reports that these are the same type of pills that are responsible for many of the overdoses and deaths that have destroyed so many families in this community. As a result of this traffic stop, over 1,000 of these pills have been removed from the streets.

While this investigation continues, BCSO thanks Deputy Tylar Prosser and his K9 partner Ranger for their solid police work which led to this discovery. As well, the 17th Judicial Drug Task Force was greatly thanked for their partnership and assistance in moving this investigation beyond the traffic stop.

Bedford County Sheriff Austin Swing said during the law enforcement committee meeting Tuesday night that the department now has 3 canines-one will be for corrections and the other 2 will be for patrol. The canines were made possible by grants this year.



Merchant spotlight: J Jordan Boutique

Staff Report

Jennifer Jordan Thompson, owner of J Jordan Boutique on the historic public square, recently shared with the T-G that 19 years ago, she was talking with friends about what she wanted to do with the rest of her life.

"I had been working in finance and accounting for 15 years, but my first degree was in fashion merchandising. As a child, I wanted to be a designer and buyer of women's fashion clothing. I remember seeing a picture in my marketing book of a runway with models showing the latest fashions and there were buyers watching the fashion show."

Jennifer notes she was fascinated with all aspects of the fashion world, and wanted to do it all.

Fast forward to the spring of 2005, she had moved back to her hometown of Shelbyville and had friends and family tell her how they were surprised that she had not opened her own boutique. So, that April, she started planning her store and opened J Jordan Boutique on Aug. 1, 2005.

"Thanks to a great team of employees and family members, we just celebrated 19 years in business."

Over the years, Shelbyville Woman's Club has hosted spring and fall fashion shows-a wonderful opportunity, she adds, to show the latest trends and fashions.

"My favorite part of my job is helping customers pick out an outfit for a special event or put together a

wardrobe for work or travel. My mission is to help women feel good and confident about themselves in

what they are wearing. When I go to market, I keep my customers in mind as well as the season and events coming up."

Through Labor Day, of course it's about the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration. Jennifer says she loves to visualize her customers wearing the latest trends to their special event.

"One trend that stands out is fringe and it has lasted for years it seems. We would see fringe down the side of a sleeve or the leg of a pant, on the hem of a dress, or as an adornment on jewelry, purses, shoes and boots. In fact, it really has never gone out of style because it is always popular on western wear."

Jennifer has always loved being a local business owner and part of a small community. "I especially love being on the square. The square has such a hometown atmosphere and is so much fun when lots of people are strolling around.

Special fun times are when the merchants give back to the community by handing out candy at Halloween, she adds. Each year, the public square merchants give out over 1,500 pieces of candy to kids that come by.

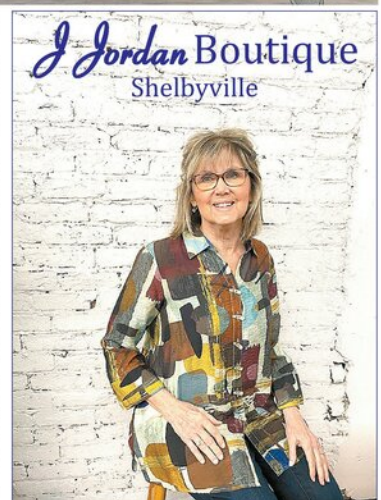
She notes how Christmas is fun too when First Community Bank sponsors the Small Business Saturday on the square. During this event, there are opportunities for people to win gift certificates for local Christmas shopping.

It all brings back a lot of memories for Jennifer. "I remember as a child shopping on the square at Castner Knot and Mrs. Christian would help me, my sisters and mom pick out our dresses for Easter. She was an inspiration to me with how pleasant she was and seemed to love helping people."

If anyone knows how important it is to support local businesses, that's Jennifer. "Local businesses support the school teams and charitable organizations by advertising and donating to their causes. It helps everyone when we support and work together."

J Jordan, no doubt, has become more than really Jennifer could have ever imagined. From the sparkling jewelry to Boutique shoes that are always fashionable, everyone loves to browse her store. During the Celebration, Jennifer has an assortment of fashionable jeans like Judy Blue.

"We appreciate all our customers and Shelbyville has truly supported J Jordan Boutique by shopping with us. This brings me back to what I love the most about my job and that is the customers!"



Thanks to Jennifer Thompson of J Jordan Boutique, 104 Public Square East, in Shelbyville for sponsorship of this week's TWHNC special edition.

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Charles "Charlie" Curtiss spoke to Bedford County Rules Committee members Tuesday about bylaws. He is reviewing the newly revised document.

State executive dips into County bylaw revision

By DAWN HANKINS
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Charles Curtiss has been at the state legislative level for several years. And so, he knows the rules as they pertain to County Commissions.

Curtiss shared his knowledge and experience with the Rules Committee Tuesday night at the historic courthouse.

Executive director of Tennessee County Commissioners Association at Tennessee General Assembly, Curtiss spoke about the importance of reviewing and implementing County bylaws.

The Rules Committee has been reviewing this county's bylaws for several months and deferred, again, on Tuesday any approval of the document until the September committee meeting.

Curtiss was asked by Commissioner Linda Yockey to review the bylaws and let them know if there are any concerns, before they are officially approved. Yockey and Commissioner Biff Farrar, chair of the Rules Committee, have retyped, reworked and discussed the document with Commissioners for a while now.

Curtiss advised, "I'm glad you all are looking at your bylaws; it's good exercise. There are some counties that have them but they don't know where they're at."

Curtiss suggested that Bedford County Commission-Rules Committee-go over the rules for Commissioners and meetings at least once a year.

He said he wanted everyone to understand about Commission meetings minutes. With that, he said the County Clerk, which is for Bedford County, Donna Thomas, keeps the minutes.

"Those are what are known as draft minutes. They do not become your minutes until you all approve them. Once you approve them, they become your minutes."

The next month, the prior month's minutes are submitted for approval. For example, July's meeting minutes won't be officially "approved" until August meeting.

The agenda is the same animal, Curtiss said. At the meetings, that's only a "draft agenda."

Curtiss said there's a logical reasoning for that process, mainly, because more times than not, there will certainly be last minute changes-like the order of speakers etc.

The main thing about parliamentary procedure, Curtiss said, is the way you govern yourself. He impressed upon Commissioners that state law always has precedence. Then second, come the County's bylaws.

Curtiss said as well, people have the right to be heard. There are rules regarding how long Commissioners can speak. There are also rules now about allowing public comments.

This is crucial to decision-making, according to the state executive.

"They have a right to be heard," said Curtiss. "If you're in a minority and your side hardly ever wins, at least you're getting to say what you feel about what they're voting on. You're being heard. That's important because sometimes that changes the way somebody's going to vote."

A couple of questions were asked by Commissioner Greg Vick. One pertained to how Commissioners can get a resolution onto the monthly meeting floor.

To this, Curtiss said it all depends on the bylaws (say two people requirements to put a resolution or item on calendar.) But then he questioned why one person would even want to put a resolution before the Commission, especially if he or she's only in favor? There would likely not even be a second to the motion by fellow Commissioners.

Vick also asked, "Do you think the Commission has the authority to limit the duties of any committee?"

Curtiss responded, "Yeah, I think the whole Commission has. You've got committees."

He added, "You can't put any restrictions on the financial management . . . ."

Curtiss said it all goes back to what is state law and what is included in the County bylaws. He advised the Commission-Rules Committee to define what those committee responsibilities are.

He further suggested, "I think you should define what a quorum is."

The question was also asked of Curtiss, "Does the County Commission committees or the individual County Commissioners have the authority to instruct or correct County department heads?"

The executive said County Commissioners do not have any "employees." There might be a few exceptions to that rule, such as a private act for a Commission to have authority over solid waste, for example.

But Curtiss said it goes back to legislative authority vs. executive authority. He also said that a County Commissioner basically has responsibility for two things – passing the budget and the tax rate.

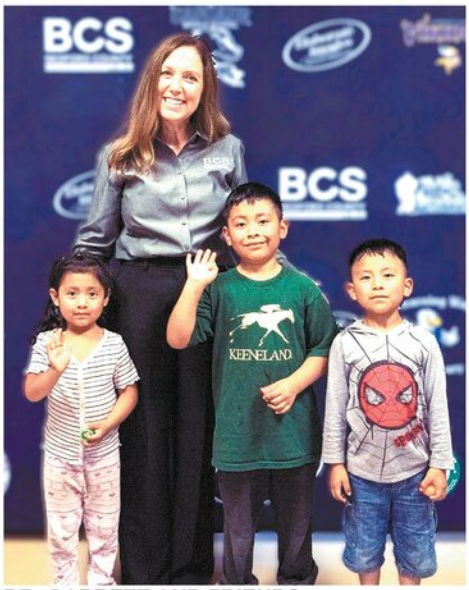
Curtis agreed to review the Bedford County Commission bylaws. His findings are expected at the next Rules Committee meeting.

The Tennessee County Commissioners Association (TCCA) was created in 1969 to promote efficiency in county governments through their legislative bodies. TCCA Executive Director Curtiss represents all 95 counties before the Tennessee General Assembly and the Governor's office. The association also works closely with all Tennessee state departments.

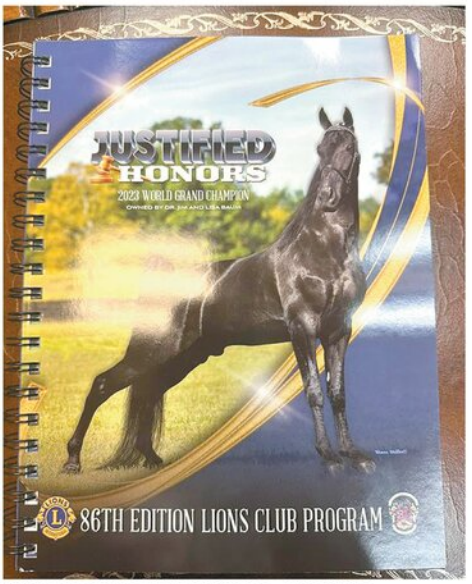
TCCA is an affiliate of the Tennessee County Services Association (TCSA), sharing office space with TCSA and the Tennessee County Highway Officials Association.



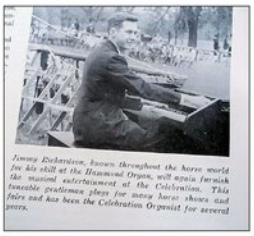
Mayor Chad Graham spoke for a few minutes during the County bylaw review. Charles "Charlie" Curtiss talked about the role of County Commissioners.



DR. GARRETT AND FRIENDS
Superintendent of Schools Tammy Garrett made some new friends during the annual Resource Night at Harris Middle School. All reports indicate it was a great success.



THE 86TH PROGRAM HAS ARRIVED
TWHNC Photo
Get your TWHNC program from the Lions Club at the gate at the Celebration. $20 each.

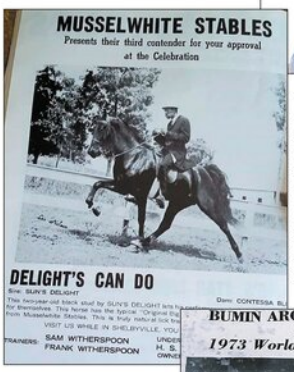


Jimmy Richardson, known throughout the horse world for his skill at the Hammond Organ, will again furnish danceable gentleman plays for many horse shows and fairs and has been the Celebration Organist for several years.





Aged Stallion Champion PRIDE'S JUBILEE STAR joined by the Bob Parks family and trainer Ramsey Bullington, his family and staff.



There are 86 years of TWHNC memories floating around out there. These are just a few that have been submitted or the T-G pulled from its archives. We will have more in next week's special Celebration edition.



BUM and Billy Gray in action with the roses



SAY HEY TO THE INSTRUCTIONAL TEAM

School System Photo

This is a team that supports Bedford County teachers every day in reaching their learning goals! Instructional coaches and central office instruction team ensure students reach new heights.



DREMC Holds Membership Meeting

Photos by DREMC

These photos feature a few of the highlights from Duck River Electric Membership Corp's (DREMC's) annual meeting and include members registering and receiving attendance gifts at the event and Board Chairman Anthony Kimbrough (at top) and Interim CEO Troy Crowell (at left) sharing their thoughts and updates with attendees. Board directors who will serve another term are (center, from left) Brent Willis, Wayne Tucker, Lyn Stacey and William Henley (not pictured.) Other photos include students who participated in the Washington Youth Tour; United Communications team members and DREMC's Project UNITE partners; and DREMC's member services representatives and registration assistants.

THE ISSUE

TWHNC: Do You Remember?

I'm better known as "a horse show baby." I was born right smack in the middle of the Celebration. Well, in the local hospital.

When I think back over the years of the Celebration, I can reflect on many fond memories. There are some I encountered as a journalist that weren't as fond. But, overall, most were great.

I felt so honored once to be a ribbon girl. I remember when family stood beside the World Grand Champions. I remember all the great times.

But now that I'm older, I see more of why the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration should continue for many, many more years. There's a greater mission at hand, I believe, than meets the eye.

Sure, the food is delicious and the entertainment super.

But I was reminded last week how the TWHNC has deeper meaning for some families. I received an email from Delora Slade of Shelbyville.

Her sister, Janet Murphy, totally blind and at age 17, participated in the 1972 Walking Horse Celebration. Janet sadly passed away at age 52 in 2007 from stomach cancer. Her sister says she was an "extraordinary person."

This publication was from Nashville Municipal Auditorium news Vol. 3 No 6 September-October 1972 edition.

No doubt this was an honor for Janet. It surely gave her a sense of purpose.

This is why we do what we do for 10 days straight every year. It goes deeper than shoes, saddles and barns.

Let 'em walk on . . . for many more years!

CROWD SPELL-BOUND FOR BLIND RIDER



Miss Janet Murphy, 17, a student at the Tennessee School for the Blind in Nashville, gave a thrilling exhibition, riding a gaited saddle horse at a walk, trot and cantor in both directions of the ring at Shelbyville, Tenn., Sept. 1st, 1972. This was done without the aid of a hearing device. She was introduced by announcer Emmet Guy, who advised the audience and the spectators in the boxes and at the rail to keep quiet the next few minutes. Apparently the advice was unnecessary for the audience sat spell-bound during the performance and gave Miss Murphy their heartfelt appreciation as she left the arena. She was rewarded, in addition to the thunderous applause, an official celebration ribbon.

The person that made all this possible for Janet is, 19-yr. old Miss Elaine LaGarce, Forrest Hills Stable, 815 No. Cortinwood La. Originally from St. Louis, and a former Championship Rider, Elaine is interested in visually handicapped children. When other instructors across the country told her this could not be done, Elaine went to work, and within two months Janet mounted a horse in the arena at Shelbyville. Janet rode a horse for the first time on July 10th. Miss LaGarce says the gaited horse is the most difficult horse to ride.

When Janet was six months old, her doctor discovered she had eye trouble. After four unsuccessful operations Janet was totally blind at age 18 months. She will be a senior at the Tennessee School for the Blind in the spring of 1973. Her grades have been among the top of her class each year. She likes to swim and has been on the swim team at school and a cheerleader last year. With her spirit and determination, Janet will succeed in whatever interest she might have. More power to you Janet!

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Town Hall Meeting held at Fly Arts Center

Submitted by Jennifer Meloy, director of marketing

A town hall meeting was held Monday night at the Fly Arts Center.

It's hard to believe that the newly elected and appointed Board of Trustees at The Fly Arts Center have been in service for less than two months. Many new programs, services and events are quickly being developed and planned. The Fly's leadership team hopes each new offering will add value to the community, while also delivering on their mission — *"To encourage, promote, foster, sponsor and develop the cultural arts in Bedford County and the surrounding areas for the benefit of the general public."*

From the beginning, President Jody Barnes-Turner and her executive leadership team knew that community involvement would be essential to success for The Fly Arts Center. With this guiding principle, a Town Hall Meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 19. Dozens of people, both organization members and non-members, joined the board to discuss ideas on how The Fly could better serve the community going forward.

Mary Margaret Edwards was the first recognized speaker from the community. Ms. Edwards was recently appointed by the board to be the Committee Chair-person for The Fly's new Youth Advisory Committee. She focused on her plans to offer two new programs at The Fly Community Theatre that would split the current children's theatre program into two offerings. The first proposed group would be the "Metamorphosis" program for children ages 11 and under. The second, dubbed the "Emerge" program, would be for kids and teens ages 12-18. Two plays, instead of one, will be presented by the children's theatre for the 2025 season — one for each of the newly developed theatre youth groups.

Edwards, a professional educator, stressed the need and importance of age-appropriate activities for our community's children. She also noted the need for all types of artist volunteers, who would help teach and support the planned workshops and productions for the children's theatre. For those who do not consider themselves to be artistically inclined, Edwards called for adult chaperones who could volunteer to help ensure a safe environment for kids as they participated in program activities. In addition, a panel made up of teens and preteens is planned to gauge what our community youth members are most interested in doing with the arts.

The night's second speaker was Donna Smith, who addressed the need for a handicap accessible restroom for women at The Fly. Smith, who was born and raised in Bedford County, stated that she had been asking for the addition of such a space since 2011. She also offered to help throughout the planning and construction phases alongside The Fly, as she has served on the Shelbyville ADA Committee for two terms.

President Barnes-Turner replied that the arts center is on track to have the addition of a handicap stall added to the women's bathroom by November of this year, and invited Smith to work alongside the Building Maintenance Chair, Rick Clanton, as he moves forward with construction plans.

Smith also expressed the desire for The Fly Community Theatre to add appropriate wheelchair accessible seating to the main part of theatre seating. President Barnes-Turner shared plans for better accommodations in the theatre to better accommodate patrons with disabilities.

These accommodations are scheduled to be in place for the upcoming dinner theatre presentation of "Sorry, Wrong Chimney" in early December.

First Vice President Jennifer Dawn Smith spoke next and presented a "Question and Answer" session to update the public about a decision regarding theatre seating. No further questions were raised by meeting participants.

First VP Smith also announced that over $7,000 had been raised through private donations to help replace the seats in The Fly Community Theatre by the end of November of this year.

Santha Koonce, the newly appointed Gallery Chair-person, spoke next about the arts center's plethora of upcoming art classes, the quality of those classes, new artwork additions to The Fly Art Gallery and called for interested members of the community to join the Gallery Committee. Koonce, who was an art teacher in Bedford County for 20 years, spoke about the need for more arts activities in our community, and expressed the hope sparked inside of her with the new changes being brought forward by the new leadership team.

Community member Lauren Bean introduced her idea for The Fly to host a Youth Open Mic night, in which kids could be comedy sets and showcase other talents. Bean will be joining both the Youth Advisory Committee and the Literary Arts Committee as a volunteer member of each.

Jennifer Dawn Smith spoke once again about The Fly's upcoming Toy Drive planned for Saturday, November 30, 2024 to benefit area children in need. The day is also known as "Shop Small Saturday". The Fly Arts Center hopes that shoppers on the square will stop by to see the Festival of Trees display and donate a toy to the drive. Smith said that even Santa would be on hand to greet those stopping by to donate.

The meeting ended after hearing from several other community members, who all had great ideas and suggestions for the arts center and its programs. The Fly and the volunteers on the board are excited to partner with so many passionate people within the community to create positive and valuable programs for Bedford County.

If you missed the Town Hall Meeting, don't worry. Those interested in sharing their talents with The Fly Arts Center may send their contact information in by filling out our website's volunteer intake form. For a full list of volunteering opportunities, please check our website's Volunteer page. Do you have a great idea? We'd love to hear it! Please use the Contact Us form on the bottom of each website page at FlyArtsCenter.com.







Bedford County Ministerial Association will once again sponsor the Celebration Worship Service

Sunday night, Aug. 25, at 5:30 p.m. is Faith and Family Night. This year, instead of the usual Sunday morning service, there will be a Sunday evening service with Pastor Jimmy West from Edgemont Baptist Church bringing the message.

Special music will be presented with By Faith.





Community CALENDAR

FUMC Worship Service

Join Shelbyville First United Methodist Church for a spiritually enriching worship service this Sunday. Pastor Abe Zimmerman is preaching "Divine Interruptions: Part 4" from Mark 4:35-41. This series explores the interruptions and unexpected moments in Jesus' ministry. FUMC-S will examine how Jesus reacted to these moments and how we can use similar 'interruptions' in our own lives for God's glory. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 am, followed by the Worship service at 10 am. For those unable to attend, we offer a livestream on Facebook and a broadcast on WLIJ 1580 AM.

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 and Labor Day(No School)

County Government Dates to Remember

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

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

August 28: The Tire Depot is closed

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

Retired Teachers' Meeting

Bedford County Retired Teachers will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 11:00 AM at Emmy's Restaurant (formerly Urban Plantation.) Guest speaker will be Lieutenant Chris Cook from Bedford County Sheriff's Department. Chris will be describing a new initiative, "A Pathway Back," an educational program that is showing success with female inmates. Looking forward to seeing everyone on September 4, 2024.







NEW BCSO DEPUTIES

BCSO Photo

Bedford County Sheriff's Department recently inducted two new deputies, Mark Fox and Cameron Stacy. Fox is transferring to the patrol division after serving the last 2 years in corrections. Stacy, said Sheriff Austin Swing (center), has served 6 years in the U.S. Marine Corps. The officers were sworn in by Bedford County Clerk Donna Thomas.



Traffic stop leads to big fentanyl discovery (see page 1A)

Office of the Sheriff
Bedford County Tennessee
Sheriff - Austin Swing

ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF: July , 2024

TOTAL MILES:	72,801		
TOTAL CITATIONS:	16		
TOTAL WARRANTS SERVED:	772		
TOTAL ARRESTS MADE:	182		
TOTAL INMATES CURRENTLY IN HOLDING:	JAIL: 300		
TOTAL PERSONS PROCESSED THROUGH:	JAIL: 413		
10-27 (Burglary):	1	(Assault/Agg. Assault):	21
10-42 (Alarms):	27	10-64 (Motorist Assist):	59
10-43 (Investigations, etc.):	353	10-72 (Fire):	4
10-44 (Stolen Vehicle):	3	10-86 (Domestic):	5
10-45 (Auto Acc. No Injury):	57	10-14 (Escort - No Arrest):	21
10-46 (Auto Acc. W/Injury):	6	10-15 (Transport In Custody):	89
10-49 (Drunk Driver):	2	10-81 (Traffic Stop):	310
10-56 (Prowler):	3	911 (Hang-up & Other):	91
(Child Abuse):	0	Other:	102
		Total:	734



TACTICS AND OPERATIONS

BCSO Photo

Bedford County Sheriff's Office recently participated in some tactical training with the Tactics and Operations Group-US. This was a Tier 3 training on retaking disruptive housing units using small team tactics.

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS!

It's almost Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration time again! This year, we would like to feature as many of your photos as possible-past and 2024.

We welcome photos of contenders for this years' Celebration. Tell us the name of the horse, riders, owners, etc. Let us know which show.

We'd love to have pictures of your walking horses from your farms as well.

We look forward to sharing these with the readers now and throughout the Celebration.

Please email to *dawn@richardsonmediagroup.net.*

We are also now accepting ads for the TWHNC season. ***Let's make this the best ever in support of our Celebration!***



Photo submitted by Elaine Butner

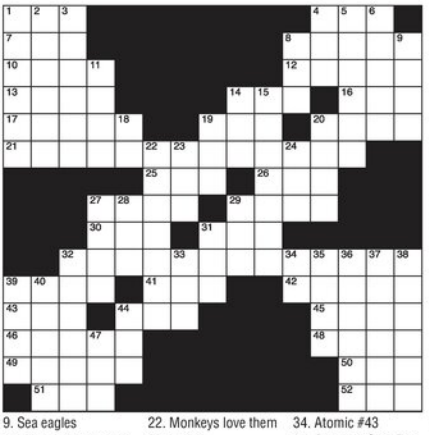
Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

1. Microgram
4. After B
7. Everything
8. An unfortunate development
10. Coat with sticky substance
12. Cylinder of tobacco for smoking
13. Minimum interval take off
14. Yuck!
16. NBA sensation Jeremy
17. Where some rockers work
19. Midway between northeast and east
20. Snake-like fishes
21. Groups of homes
25. Swiss river
26. Useful towel
27. "The Wire" character "Moreland"
29. Oafish creature
30. A major division of geological time
31. Bird-like Chinese dinosaur
32. Sporting events
39. Body part
41. Clerical vestment
42. Shows data
43. Some are "special"
44. Expression of disappointment
45. Students' rights document (abbr.)
46. Vacation locale Costa __
48. Pop singer
49. Distract outside a city
50. Mark Wahlberg comedy
51. Coniferous tree
52. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

1. Lunatic
2. Actress Danes
3. Buttock muscles
4. The 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet
5. Popular 70s rockers
6. Electronic communication
8. Trigraph
9. Sea eagles
11. Low-pitched, resonant sound
14. Northeastern US university (abbr.)
15. Home of the Bulldogs
18. Exclamation of surprise
19. Make a mistake
20. Advantage
22. Monkeys love them
23. Wood
24. Paddle
27. Past participle of be
28. Tall, rounded vase
29. Device manufacturers
31. Financial institution (abbr.)
32. Paper product
33. A type
34. Atomic #43
35. Red Hot Chili Peppers' drummer
36. Behaviors
37. Decays
38. Walked confidently
39. Voice (Italian)
40. Class of adhesives
44. Bar bill
47. One-time aerospace firm



Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

You may have a renewed sense of energy and motivation right now, Aries. Capitalize on that to tackle a laundry list of projects that have been sitting on the back burner.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, your sense of humor and quirky personality could get you a few extra chuckles from friends this week, but try not to take it too far. Factor in time for serious pursuits.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, when focusing on your health this week, remember that stress reduction is an important component of getting healthy. Aim for activities that focus on relaxation.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Everyone's heads are seemingly in the clouds right now, Cancer. It may feel like you are the only person with your feet on the ground ready to get down to business.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, people have been gravitating in your direction for some time seeking advice. You can open up conversations to other topics that are important to you with such a captive audience.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Strong emotions could be drummed up this week and may cause you to be distracted more so than usual. Try to get a break so you can make some time sort things out.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, being honest with yourself is important as you confront a notable challenge. Accept a self-assessment and devise a plan to make the most of this opportunity.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

You have to develop a strategy before making your next move, Scorpio. Whether it is a business proposal or something with a friend or family member, don't be too hasty.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you may notice that people are very sensitive to what you are saying, so you may have to change your approach if you want your message to be well-received.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Something could be brewing but you can't identify what it is just yet, Capricorn. This could lead you to feeling restless and out of sorts. Give it some time and it will work out.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Others' words are meaningful to you right now, Aquarius. Consider these opinions and spend time figuring out how to incorporate this advice.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, often it can be challenging to take the high road But that's just what you have to do right now. Others will recognize your willingness to set a good example.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST 25
Blake Lively, Actress (37)
AUGUST 26
John Mulaney, Comic (42)
AUGUST 27
Aaron Paul, Actor (45)
AUGUST 28
Shania Twain, Singer (59)
AUGUST 29
Liam Payne, Singer (31)
AUGUST 30
Cameron Diaz, Actress (52)
AUGUST 31
Jeff Hardy, Wrestler (47)

FROZEN DESSERT WORD SEARCH

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T	D	Z	M	D	H	X	S	X	W	E	X	O	P	B	P	R	F	T	D

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

WORDS

BANANA SPLIT
BROWNIE
CHERRY
CHOCOLATE SYRUP
COLD
CONE
COOKIE DOUGH
CUP
FROZEN YOGURT
GELATO
HOT FUDGE
ICE CREAM
ICE MILK
ICES
MIXED
NUTS
PEANUT BUTTER
REFRESHING
SHERBET
SORBET
SPRINKLES
SUNDAE
WAFFLE
WHIPPED CREAM

SUDOKU

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

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Level: Advanced

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Level: Intermediate

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Level: Beginner

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to bargain hunting. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 13 = O)

A. 19 23 12 10
Clue: Lowered price event

B. 7 6 19 5 13 18 1 24
Clue: Money off

C. 7 10 23 12
Clue: Good purchase price

D. 5 13 18 25 13 1
Clue: Clip it to save money

Answer: A. sale B. discount C. deal D. coupon

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to bargains.

LUEVA

Answer: Value

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B.



Answer: 1. Girl's shirt missing pattern 2. No window on house 3. Surf board upside down 4. Extra bag of stuff on ground

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JUSTIN TYLER MARTIN V. KANSAS MICHELLE HARRIS
NOTICE OF COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE, AND
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MICHELLE MAULDIN
Attorney for Petitioner
1509 11th Avenue, Unit A
Haleyville, Alabama 35565
205-269-8484

Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: August 13

Location: Millhouse Rd; Seller, Karen Hamill, Karen Hamil; Buyer, Sharon A Piercy; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 185 Big Springs Rd; Seller, Padgett Law Group, Tabitha D McFee, Coleman McClure; Buyer, United Wholesale Mortgage LLC; Price, $311,500 (TRD).

Location: 140 Tanner Circle Shelbyville; Seller, David E Welch, Ann L Welch; Buyer, Makayla Rose, Wyatt Okelly; Price, $250,000 (Deed).

Location: 144 Carlton Rd Chapel Hill; Seller, Drees Premier Homes Inc; Buyer, Lillared T Walker III; Price, $1,636,719 (Deed).

Location: 707 Hoover St Shelbyville; Seller, Clear Recon LLC, Dustin W Williamson; Buyer, James Farrar Jr; Price, $155,000 (TRD).

Location: 2146 Hwy 82 S Shelbyville; Seller, Brenda Ryan; Buyer, Steven Schloss, Jena Schloss; Price, $275,000 (Deed).

Location: Halls Mill Rd; Seller, Adam Brown, Sallye Crowell Brown Schumacher, Horace J Brown; Buyer, CK General Partnership; Price, $805,440 (Deed).

File date: August 14

Location: 1853 Old Nashville Dirt Rd; Seller, Stones River Construction LLC, Howard Roberson, Darrell Cantrell; Buyer, William Cox III, Hope Cox; Price, $449,000 (Deed).

Location: 1704 Valley Rd Shelbyville; Seller, Betty G Nelms, Leigh Anne Nelms; Buyer, Amanda Tran; Price, $177,000 (Deed).

Location: Sunlite Rd; Seller, WDD Realty, Susan Willis Devening, Mary Alice Willis; Buyer, Boys and Girls Club of Rutherford County Inc; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: Longview Rd; Seller, Ruby Johnsey Estate, Jeffery David Crowell, Ruby G Johnsey; Buyer, Jacob Adcock; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: Coopertown Rd Unionville; Seller, MSQD Holdings LLC, William Moorehead; Buyer, Erin K Johnson; Price, $120,000 (Deed).

File date: August 15

Location: 420 Riverview Dr Shelbyville; Seller, Raymond Dunn; Buyer, Aundre Simmons, Stephanie Simmons; Price, $220,000 (Deed).

Location: Whitaker Rd; Seller, Charlie L Cook; Buyer, James R Warner, Christy Warner; Price, $750,000 (Deed).

Location: Cooper Rd; Seller, George L Cooper Estate, Greg Heerdink, George Lytle Cooper; Buyer, Mary Elizabeth Cooper Marsh; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: Hwy 41A South; Seller, Megan Cope, David Cope; Buyer, Earnest Timothy Cook; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Earnest Timothy Cook; Buyer, Megan Cope, David Cope; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: North Main St; Seller, Mary Diane Cook; Buyer, Earnest Timothy Cook Jr; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 112 Northfork Dr; Seller, Glenn Eychner Estate, Teressa Marie Beiriger, Glenn C Eychner; Buyer, Jennifer Layton; Price, $202,750 (Deed).

Location: Rosewood Dr; Seller, Robert Maxwell; Buyer, James Henneman; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: August 16

Location: Hwy 41A; Seller, Nancy lee Pitney, Bill Puckett; Buyer, King Land Investments LLC; Price, $700,000 (Deed).

Seller, Arianna Wilt; Buyer, Brandon Foster; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, David Holton, Mary Holton; Buyer, Ashlynn Paige Steadman, Matthew Russell Stacy; Price, $0 (Deed).

File date: August 19

Location: 108 August Way Shelbyville; Seller, Marcos A Tadeo II, Naw M Bwe; Buyer, Antonio De Jesus Arroyo Diaz; Price, $295,000 (Deed).

Location: Austin St; Seller, David Tate Peoples; Buyer, Barbara J Peoples; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Austin Ave; Seller, David Tate Peoples; Buyer, Barbara J Peoples; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 426 Dover St Shelbyville; Seller, Robert Wayne Carter, Jane Lane Crowell, Jane Lane Carter; Buyer, DCC Strategic Realty Partners LLC; Price, $110,000 (Deed).

Location: 166 Hazelnut Ln Unionville; Seller, Joshua A Rogers, Rachel Rogers; Buyer, Kimberly Hayes; Price, $350,000 (Deed).

Location: Hickory Dr; Seller, Lorrie Thompson; Buyer, Jay Merrell, Mary Frances Merrell; Price, $130,000 (Deed).

Location: Shelbyville Unionville Pike; Seller, Ursula Weber, Thomas F Weber Jr; Buyer, Thomas F Weber Jr; Price, $0 (Deed).

Seller, Shirley J Clanton; Buyer, Joseph R McGill Jr, The McGill Company; Price, $485,000 (Deed).

Location: Nashville Dirt Rd; Seller, Charles Scales, Domonique Lajannaku Strickland; Buyer, Charles Ervin Scales; Price, $0 (QD).

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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ANSWER: Level: Beginner

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ANSWER: Level: Intermediate

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ANSWER: Level: Advanced

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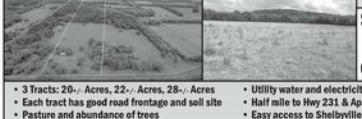
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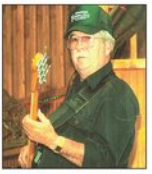
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Clyde Thomas Ervin



Clyde Thomas Ervin, age 81, of the Hardison Mill Community in Maury County, passed away on Monday, August 19, 2024 with his family by his side from a long battle with Parkinson's Disease and dementia.

Clyde was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Clyde was a musician and had a God-given talent to play any instrument he picked up, but he was a true bass player. Clyde touched so many lives throughout his years of playing music. Clyde loved going to flea markets and collecting junk that he could tinker with.

Clyde was preceded in death by his parents, Archie and Florence Cozart Ervin; three brothers, Claude "Tootsie" Ervin, William "Bobby" Ervin, Wilburn "Pig" Ervin; sister, Betty Ervin Brannon; nieces and nephews.

Clyde is survived by his loving wife, Cathey Ring Ervin of the Hardison Mill Community; daughters, Karlyna (James) Lane of Unionville, TN, Cathey "Homer" (Adam) Ashworth of the Hardison Mill Community; 5 grandchildren, Kayla Smith, Kassidy Stacy, Kizzie Adcock, Corde Lane, Harden Ashworth; 5 great grandchildren, Laighton Smith, Nash Stacy, Karolyne Stacy, Cole Stacy, Nola Stacy; 3 sisters, Dot (James) Young of Lewisburg, TN, Lula (Jack) Crigger of Lewisburg, TN, Eleanor Rubert of Culleoka, TN; a brother, Jackie (Sue) Ervin of Pulaski, TN; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation with the family will be on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 from 4 PM until 8 PM at Lawrence Funeral Home. Funeral services followed at 11 AM on Thursday, August 22, 2024 from the Chapel of Lawrence Funeral Home with Bro. Bill Mathis officiating. Burial was in Allen Cemetery in the Caney Spring Community of Marshall County.

Cameron Stacy, Corde Lane, Buba Hodge, Scottie Crigger, Ronnie Ring, Brian Rubert, and Eric Fuller will serve as pallbearers. Lawrence Funeral Home and Cremation Services in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to charity of choice.

Toyna Sue Warren Chunn



Toyna Sue Warren Chunn, loving wife, mother, grandmother, and sister, passed away on August 14. She was 62 years old. Toyna was born on December 26, 1961, in Shelbyville to the late Maude Sheffield Warren and Charles Warren Sr.

Toyna is survived by her husband of 43 years, Keith; her children, Broderick (Ashanti) and Crystal; her grandchildren, Joshua, Natasia, Mariah, Stenyelee, Ezequiel, Matthias, Esvanyelis, Lydia, and Genesis; her siblings, Jesse Warren, Carolyn Buckingham, Delbra (Jaimie) Gattica, Robert Warren, Terry Warren, Charlene Warren, and Lee Warren; sisters- in-law, Kawenna (Watsman) Lewis and Kathy McGee; brothers-in-law, Kenneth (Michelle) and Kevin, and brother-in-law and cousin, Benjamin Chunn. She is survived also by aunts, Euralene Sheffield and Frances Arnold, and a host of other family, both physical and spiritual.

Visitation for Toyna was held Wednesday, August 21, at Nelson & Sons Memorial Chapel, 824 Lipscomb St, Shelbyville, from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Services will be Thursday, August 22, at Bird Street Church of Christ, 428 Bird St., Shelbyville. Family visitation begins at noon with the funeral to follow at 1:00 p.m. Burial will be at Hillcrest Cemetery.

Services are in the care of Nelson & Sons Memorial Chapel.

Stephen "Steve" Bruce Swain

Stephen "Steve" Bruce Swain, age 76, of Shelbyville, passed away Tuesday, August 13, 2024, in Pulaski. Steve was born in Chapel Hill and was a son of the late Jimmy Lee Swain and Marion Day (Scott) Williams. He was of the Methodist faith. Mr. Swain served our country in the United States Army during the Vietnam Era. Steve retired as a machinist.

Mr. Steve was a member of the American Legion. He enjoyed music and playing his guitar. Steve found joy in fast cars, spending time with his family, and enjoyed watching television shows such as the Andy Griffith Show and Gunsmoke.

Mr. Swain is survived by his children, Zachary Swain, Jena Swain, and Kyle Swain, all of Shelbyville; 2 grandchildren, Evanly Swain and Presley Swain; brother Ben Williams, II, of Shelbyville.

Visitation with the family was on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 from 11 AM until 1 PM at Lawrence Funeral Home. The funeral service was conducted at 1 PM on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, from the Chapel of Lawrence Funeral Home. Burial followed in Swanson Cemetery in Chapel Hill.

For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

Maria Lucas Gaspar

Funeral services for Maria Lucas Gaspar, age 16, of Shelbyville, will be held 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 24, 2024, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Esteban Baltazar officiating. Burial will follow at Willow Mount Cemetery. Visitation will be held prior to funeral services beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the funeral home.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Elizabeth Gayle Beech



Elizabeth Gayle Beech, age 81, of Shelbyville, passed from this life on August 18, 2024, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Born June 15, 1943, in Shelbyville, Gayle was the daughter of the late Horace Lamb and Ollie Ruth Loyd. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 57 years, Joe Harry Beech, Sr.; brothers, C.J. Lamb, Kenneth Lamb, and Doyle Lamb.

Gayle was a selfless individual that loved being helpful to others. She was the owner of Center of Attention child daycare for many years before retiring. She was a longtime member of Horse Mt. Church of Christ and in her free time she loved coloring books and preparing wonderful meals for family and friends.

She is survived by her son, Joe Harry "Joey" Beech, Jr.; granddaughter, Ashlei; two great grandchildren, Keylei, and Alawna; and siblings, Clyde Lamb and wife Vicky, and Sarah Frances Gillespie and husband Jimmy.

A private entombment will take place at Willow Mt. Cemetery and no public services will be held.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Jimmy Wayne Brannan



Jimmy Wayne Brannan, age 80, of Shelbyville, passed away, Sunday, August 11, 2024.

A memorial service was held Friday, August 16, 2024, at Eastview Baptist Church. Pastor Mark Rosson will officiated.

Visitation was one hour prior to the service.

Mr. Brannan was born, January 22, 1944, in Winchester, TN, to the late Gary and Nellie Grants Brents Sudberry. He was a Private First Class in the Army.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded by his wife of 50 years, Leila Mae Brannan. Survivors include his step-children, Vicky Sudberry, Danny Sudberry, Terry Sudberry, and Gary Sudberry.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Sandra F. Still



Sandra Lucille (Forgay) Still was born April 19, 1947, in Atlanta, Ga., the eldest child of Robert Coy Forgay and Lela Voncille (Shook) Forgay. Throughout much of her childhood, she lived in Atlanta, with her parents and younger siblings.

Sandra enrolled at the University of Georgia, and graduated with a bachelor's degree from UGA. She later received a master's degree from the University of West Georgia.

For 40 years, she devoted her career to teaching children, in public elementary schools and in Sunday school classes in Georgia and Tennessee. Early in her career, she was introduced to a young man from Monroe, Ga, and, from the moment they met, William Still and Sandra were inseparable. On March 21, 1970, they were wed and embarked on 54 wonderful years of life together.

Together, Sandra and William raised two sons (William, Jr. (Billy), and Robert (Bart)), living in Monticello, Ga., Dallas, Ga., and Bold Springs, Ga. When the boys were grown, Sandra retired from teaching in Georgia, and the couple moved to Shelbyville, Tenn. There, she embraced the Walking Horse community, the Bedford County Republican Party, as well as her church home of Fair Haven Baptist Church. She also taught for another 10 years in Bedford County schools, before retiring again.

Not one to sit still, her second retirement allowed Sandra to devote more time to volunteering and leadership roles with the Bedford County Republican Party. Through the years, she served as Chairwoman of both the Bedford County GOP and the Bedford County Republican Women, as well as Treasurer and other leadership positions. She was a fixture at the Tennessee Walking Horse Celebration, a member of the Walking Horse Trainers' Auxiliary, an active member of Fair Haven Baptist Church, the Shelbyville Woman's Club, and helped create and lead the Community Bible Study.

Always giving of her time and talent, Sandra practiced what she preached and set a Christian example for all who knew her.

She is survived by her loving husband, William R. Still, Sr.; her son, William R. Still, Jr. (Cheryl-Keith); grandchildren Anne Elise Still, Mary Isobel Still, Emma Katherine Still, and William Khristopher Still; as well as her three siblings, Robert Alan Forgay (Becky), Susan Lynn (Forgay) Payne, and Thomas Coy Forgay (Shannon).

She was predeceased by her father and mother, Robert and Cille Forgay, and her son, Robert Lumpkin Still.

Arrangements are being handled in Shelbyville by Doak-Howell Funeral Home and in Monroe, Ga., by Meadows Funeral Home. There will be a visitation at Fair Haven Baptist Church, 2726 Hwy 231 N, Shelbyville, on Wednesday, August 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., immediately followed by a funeral service.

There will be a second visitation in Monroe, Ga., at Meadows Funeral Home, 760 State Hwy 11, Monroe, GA, on Thursday, August 22, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The family will host a graveside service Friday, August 23, at West Lawn Memorial Cemetery,1900 Hwy 11 Monroe, GA, beginning at 1 p.m.

The family requests donations be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Fair Haven Baptist Church, 2726 Highway 231 N., Shelbyville, TN 37160.

Charles "Chuck" Wareka Dickey



Chuck Dickey, age 59, of Unionville, passed away August 15, 2024.

Funeral services were at 2 PM Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. His son, Chad Dickey, officiated, with burial following in the family cemetery.

The family received visitors 12 noon until 8 PM Tuesday, and again 12 noon until service time Wednesday, at the funeral home.

He was born June 19, 1965, in Houston, Texas, to the late Charles Nathaniel and Rose Nell Stevens Dickey. He, along with his family, owned and operated CW Paving, an asphalt paving business.

Survivors, include his wife, Shannon Dickey; a son, Chad (Victoria) Dickey and a daughter, DiHanna (Justin) Bass; stepdaughter, Serena Underwood; grandchildren, Lamar Bass, Elleana Bass, Jaleena Bass, Azriella Bass, Grace Edwards, and Elias Dickey; a brother, Joseph (Tambra) Dickey; nieces, Jennifer (Daniel) Metcalf, Crystal (Jeffrey) Comstock; nephew, Brandon (Shellie) Dickey; great niece, Alexis Comstock; great nephews, William Metcalf, C J Metcalf, Landon Comstock, Moxon Comstock, Carson Sparks, Trager Dickey, and Ollie Dickey; an ex-wife, Kimberly Dickey.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Barbara "Bobby" Elizabeth Peach



Barbara Elizabeth "Bobby" Peach 75, of Nashville, Tennessee, passed away on August 16, 2024.

Funeral services were 1 PM Monday, August 19, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Rev. Alan Baggett officiated, with burial following in Hazel Cemetery in Bell Buckle.

The family received visitors 4-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, and again Monday from 11 a.m. until service time.

She was born on February 9, 1949, in Shelbyville, to the late Martha Jane Burks and Ernest Brooks Harrell.

A beacon of love and gentleness, Bobby will be deeply missed by her family and all who knew her.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Kevin, David, and Jack Harrell, and stepfather, Doyle Wilhoite.

Survivors include her devoted children, Debra (Ernest) Walker and Fred (Tabitha) Peach, Jr.; her caring siblings, Ron (Aurther) Harrell and Gail (James) Watkins; her adoring grandchildren, Brittany (Connor) Mitchell and Timothy Piercey; and her cherished great-grandchildren, Skylit and Holden Mitchell.

Bobby's warmth and kindness were the hallmarks of her character, leaving an indelible mark on the lives she touched. Her family will carry forward her legacy of love and compassion.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

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Sausage French Toast Roll-Ups



Great breakfast idea-quick and easy-for those on the go during the horse show or other events.

Servings: 12
- 12 sausage links
- 2 eggs
- 2/3 cup milk
- 3 teaspoons almond extract
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 6 bread slices
- 3 tablespoons butter
- syrup

1. In skillet, cook sausage links according to package directions. Set aside.

2. In medium bowl, whisk eggs, milk, almond extract and cinnamon.

3. Dip bread slice in egg mixture. Wrap bread slice around cooked sausage link, pressing seam to keep from unrolling. Repeat with remaining bread slices and sausage links.

4. In large skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Place roll-ups in skillet, seam-side down, and cook until all sides are browned, approximately 10 minutes.

5 Drizzle with syrup.

SOURCE: Culinary.net

Residential Refresh: Personalized touches for your home

(Family Features) Your home is an expression of you, your personality and your lifestyle. When it comes to personalizing your home's aesthetic, try leaning into your senses to inspire change within your space.

Inspiration can be found everywhere around you – from taking cues from Mother Nature to "shopping" your own house or, with a little help from Air Wick, finding and incorporating your home's signature scent.

Give yourself a residential refresh with these tips:

Rearrange Living Spaces

Breathing fresh air into a room doesn't always require a complete overhaul, or even any construction or DIY projects. Sometimes all you need is a little rearranging. Shifting furniture to better suit your needs or let more natural light in can significantly improve the space's aesthetic.

Additionally, the items you currently own are most reflective of your style; try "shopping" your own house by repurposing items from other areas or rooms to give them a fresh feel. When decor pieces are overused in one spot, they may feel brand new in a different space. These are practical and cost-effective tactics to create a new and inviting space for both you and any guests entering your home.

Introduce Plants and Greenery

When sourcing your design inspiration from nature, adding greenery is an inherent way to bring in the beauty and freshness of the great outdoors. To personalize your home with plants, visit a nursery or local flower shop and choose ones that are appealing to you based on their shape, color or size. Live plants offer multiple benefits, like naturally purifying the air, and studies have shown numerous therapeutic benefits of spending time with nature. Therefore, designing with natural elements, like house plants or flowers, can bring a sense of serenity into your home.

Find Your "Scentscape"

A home upgrade rooted in nature includes more than just what you can see and feel, it also includes engaging the sense of smell. One of the latest home decor trends, "scentscaping," is growing in popularity as a way for individuals to enhance the ambiance of their homes through tailored scent.

"Scent is an often-overlooked aspect of design," said Egypt Sherrod, HGTV personality who is both an interior designer and real estate broker, and Air Wick partner. "People tour homes and experience spaces with all their senses. It adds a new layer to home personalization, as an authentic fragrance experience often heightens the aura of your space beyond its physical layout. Scentscaping is the perfect way to add a bespoke vibe for your home that reflects your personal style, in turn creating a welcoming atmosphere."

With innovative devices designed to deliver carefully blended scents like Air Wick's Advanced Plug-In Scented Oil, you can enjoy long-lasting pulses of scents inspired by nature in the comfort of your home for up to 60 days on low setting. With anti-fading technology, an on-demand boost button and adjustable intensity settings, you'll notice the fragrances from the first drop to the last.

Update Colors

Introducing color to a room can transform its look, and the scale of change is up to you. You might repaint the entire space, simply paint an accent wall or even just spruce up a corner with a pop of color. Incorporating accessories or decorative elements with new colors can also create some variety, such as including pops of seasonal-inspired colors in artwork and textiles.

Switch Out Light Fixtures

A room's lighting is an important detail for personalizing the type of mood and ambiance you are trying to achieve. Swapping out light fixtures for dimmers, for example, can create a brand new atmosphere, allowing you to adjust the light to the time of day and for your intended experience. Consider updating old lighting fixtures with new ones to enhance the presence of natural light or changing the bulb wattage to further impact the mood.

Embrace the Scent of the Season



Photo courtesy of Shutterstock

If you tend to make frequent edits to your home's design, you may also find the idea of experimenting with different fragrances appealing. A short-term scent can be ideal for seasonal swaps, like trading fresh spring blooms for sweet summer citrus, for example. Lasting for up to 45 days on low setting, Air Wick's Essential Mist Diffuser fills the room with a gentle, fragrant mist with natural essential oils so you can set it and forget it. Adjustable settings are included on the device, and the cordless and portable design allow it to blend seamlessly into any home decor.

Explore more inspiring ideas for incorporating a breath of fresh air into your home at airwick.us. *Scentscaping to Give Your Home a Personalized Style*

Achieving your perfect scentscape begins with nature-inspired fragrances, including classics like White Sage + Mahogany, Lavender + Waterlily and Eucalyptus + Wild Berry. If sweeter scents are your preference, consider enticing blends like Pink Watermelon + Mimosa, Lush Honeysuckle + Raspberry or Hawaiian Guava + Tropical Flowers.

To establish a one-of-a-kind scentscape for your home, start with these tips from Sherrod:

Identify your scent preferences, whether leaning toward citrus, spicy, fruity, floral or woody notes.

Consider the scent's intensity and the scent level you and your guests find pleasing.

If you plan on creating room-specific scents, or want to use different fragrances in each room, consider how these scents interact with one another to harmonize the scents with contrasts that add dimension.

Consider rotating your seasonal scents to freshen up your home and bring new energy to your space at different times of the year.

Maintain a scent balance so different scents do not overpower each other. Rather, create a soft and pleasing aroma that establishes inviting spaces throughout your home.

SOURCE: Air Wick

New Program Creates Leadership Training for Agriculture, Forestry Industries

It's time for the Tennessee agriculture and forestry industries to develop new crops of leaders in their field.

The Naifeh Center for Effective Leadership, an agency of the University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service (IPS), the UT Institute of Agriculture (UTIA), the Tennessee Department of Agriculture and other partner agencies have developed the Tennessee Agriculture and Forestry Leadership Program (TAFLP). TAFLP provides leadership and networking opportunities for farmers, foresters and the agriculture community.

"The farm community is the backbone of rural Tennessee. It's exciting to bring our Naifeh Center's expertise in executive and community leadership to support food, fiber and forestry producers in this personal growth experience. In turn, we expect the participants in the program, with the tools, skills and network it provides, to have a meaningful impact on rural vitality across the state," said IPS Vice President Herb Byrd III. "The partnership and support of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Tennessee Farm Bureau, UTIA, Farm Credit MidAmerica, Tennessee Farmer's Co-op and other commodity groups demonstrates a strong commitment to rural leadership."

UTIA continues to educate undergraduate and graduate students in agriculture and forestry and looks to expand those efforts with this new partnership.

"By providing Real. Life. Solutions. to Tennessee and beyond through teaching, research and service, the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture is invested in preparing Tennesseans to help lead the future of agriculture and forestry in our state," said Keith Carver, senior vice chancellor and senior vice president of UTIA. "We are excited to join with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture to support the Tennessee Agriculture and Forestry Leadership Program and its first cohort of participants."

TAFLP is an 18-month program that includes travel across the state, an out-of-state industry trip and a visit to Washington, D.C. It connects cohort participants with others in the agriculture and forestry industry, and includes tours of farms, forests and businesses. Participants will attend leadership development sessions to enhance communication, leadership, critical thinking, entrepreneurial and strategic planning skills.

"Agriculture and forestry are the foundation of our state," Commissioner of Agriculture Charlie Hatcher said. "We want to invest in the people who are passionate about learning and leading in these industries. This program is a significant step toward ensuring continued success for the farms and forests of Tennessee for generations to come."

By improving communication skills, broadening understanding of major policy issues, especially issues facing agriculture and rural communities, and gaining an understanding of the effects of globalization on agriculture and rural communities, TAFLP graduates gain the self-awareness and confidence to be effective leaders.

"Tennessee Farm Bureau is thrilled to partner with agriculture industry partners to provide Tennessee farmers with a premier leadership training opportunity," said Tennessee Farm Bureau President Eric Mayberry. "Our farmers here in Tennessee are exceptional in what they do on and off the farm, and our hope for this program is to further develop their leadership skills for their farm, family, community and beyond. This program is a long time coming and we are eager to see the great benefits it will yield for our farmers and agriculture in Tennessee."

Those interested in participating can self-nominate or be nominated by someone else for the program. Ideal candidates are residents of Tennessee, actively involved in farming, ranching or a business closely related to agriculture or forestry including the food and fiber industries. They will be self-motivated and eager to take advantage of the learning opportunities provided by the program.

Similar programs are in existence in Kansas and Kentucky. The Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program (KALP) launched in 1985 and has graduated more than 300 individuals since that time.

Land loss is an issue across the U.S. and Tennessee is one of the states that has seen the most loss. In 2020, the American Farmland Trust ranked Tennessee as the fourth most threatened state for farmland conversions. According to Charlie Martinez with UTIA in 2017 86 percent of Tennessee was covered in ag and forestry land. From 1997 to 2017, Tennessee lost 1.1 million acres of ag and forestry land and from 2017 to 2022, the state lost another half a million acres. All of the partners involved with the TAFL program hope it is one step to help rejuvenate agriculture in the state.

For more information on TAFLP visit https://tiny.utk.edu/taflp or contact Kim Harmon at (423) 368-4183.

BARN DECORATING CONTEST

8/25- Sunday- Barn Contest

The barn judging will be on Sunday afternoon from 1:00 -3:00 All barns are automatically entered in the contest.

5 ways to win! This is a Celebration tradition and we look forward to seeing the best barns ever!
The top 5 barns will be recognized and awards will be given out in the center ring on Sunday night.

Awards will be given out for the following categories.

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First Place
Second Place

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Lady Champs Ground Lady Rockets Late In Home Opener

BY NOAH MADDOX
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The Cascade Lady Champions rode four second half goals against the visiting Forrest Lady Rockets to pick up an important district win in their home opener, 4-0, on Tuesday night.

It took just over an hour to break through the Chapel Hill defense, but once senior midfielder Sophie Ray poked home a loose ball in the box past the Lady Rockets' Haddie Van Patten off of a free kick in the 61st minute, the floodgates opened for the hosts.

Seven minutes later, freshman midfielder Olivia Winnett chipped home Cascade's second goal in the 68th minute. Junior midfielder Ella McGeary would rocket home the Lady Champs' third goal of the night into the top right corner in the 70th minute from 23 yards out, and then senior Ellie Chapa provided the finishing touch with just over three minutes left to play from a corner for the fourth and final goal.

For most of the first half, Cascade seemed unable to find the clinical finish, as evidenced by the scoreless draw at the break. In the opening ten minutes, the visiting Lady Rockets actually controlled the run of play. However, after the 10 minute mark or so, the Lady Champs began to find their footing both in attack and in possession.

Ray seemed to win back every loose ball in the midfield that Chapel Hill attempted to clear away, and the freshmen attacking trio of Lexi Comstock, Olivia Winnett, and Kaylee Martin seemed to grow more and more confident as the game went on. Crisp one touch passing that sparked swift attacking movements had the visitors scrambling in their defensive third, and it was around the half hour mark in the first half that Cascade probably should have taken the lead.

Chapa slipped through a tantalizing through ball to Winnett across the box that cut through four Forrest defenders, leaving her all alone against Van Patten, but she managed to make an incredible diving save off the line down to her right at the back post to keep her team on level terms.

That was really the best and most clear-cut scoring opportunity that either team created in the first half, but once the second half began, it was only a matter of time before the hosts found a breakthrough. Eight minutes into the second half, Comstock had a glorious opportunity to pounce on a free kick in a one-on-one chance with Van Patten, but in the end she pulled the ball just wide of the post.

13 minutes later, in the 61st minute, the scoring began, and the rout was on. As the second half played on, it became clear that the Lady Champs' have some extremely promising talent in the freshmen class, especially in the attack, that should cause problems for just about every team that they play this season.

Chapel Hill falls to 0-3-0 (0-1-0) on the season and will play at Community on Friday night.

Cascade improves to 2-2-1 (1-0-0) and will travel to Huntland on Thursday with kick-off scheduled for 6:30 p.m.



Ellie Chapa (27) scored Cascade's 4th and final goal on Tuesday. *Photo by David Smith.*



Sophie Ray (5) broke the deadlock against Chapel Hill on Tuesday in Cascade's 4-0 home district win. *Photo by David Smith.*

MTSU Fan Day Slated For August 24 At Floyd Stadium

MT ATHLETICS

MTSU Athletics welcomes Blue Raiders to Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium for our annual Fan Day on Saturday, August 24. This year's Fan Day is uniting with the University Convocation, an annual event that welcomes students and family members to the University and kicks off the beginning of a new academic year.

The FREE and open-to-the-public event runs from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Fans of all ages are encouraged to dress accordingly to enjoy both wet and dry inflatables. Other returning fan favorites include live music from "The Bizz and Everyday People", face painting, and balloon artistry that will entertain fans on the field. Many of MTSU Athletics' Corporate Sponsors will also be on hand to pass out promotional materials to all.

The Blue Zoo will be on the field to help students claim their mobile tickets and answer questions about Blue Zoo Bash and Family Weekend. MTSU Fraternity and Sorority Life Organizations will be present to educate students on how to get involved.

MTSU Football, Volleyball, Soccer and Cross-Country student athletes will be in attendance to sign autographs. New this year – the Middle Tennessee Dance and Cheer squads will also be signing autographs!

The first 500 fans to enter the stadium will receive a clear Game Day bag for August 31.

Floyd Stadium Clear Bag Policy is below to prepare you for the season:

The Ticket Office, Blue Raider Athletic Association (BRAA) and MTSU Athletics marketing staff will be on hand to answer any questions fans may have about the upcoming season, with plenty of giveaways to go around from all three groups! The 2024-25 Blue Raider Kids Club membership boxes will also be available for pickup.

MTSU Athletics will also have #BLUEnited Yard Signs available for pick up and encourage all MTSU fans to show their Blue Raider pride by placing the signs in their front yard.

For fans looking to restock, or just stock up, on new Blue Raider gear for the upcoming season, Lightning's Locker Room, powered by Textbook Brokers, will be open at their Gate 2 location.

Full of Bologna food truck will be available on the concourse with food for sale. In addition, Sodexo Concessions will have a limited menu available for fans to purchase.

Parking in the Greenland Lot will be limited due to the expected attendance at the University Convocation, which starts at 2 p.m. on August 24 in the Murphy Center. See the map below for alternative on campus parking near Floyd Stadium. Lots that are colored green or yellow will be free for fans.

Fans are encouraged to help with MTSU's donation drive for Murfreesboro City Schools by bringing prepackaged individual snacks to help fight food insecurity in the Rutherford County community:

Fruit snacks
Rice Krispy Treats
Pop Tarts
Granola Bars and Cereal Bars
Jello and Pudding Cups
Fruit Cups and Applesauce Packets
Chips, Crackers, Pretzels, and Goldfish



MTSU's annual "Fan Day" is set to take place this Saturday, August 24th. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

Middle Tennessee Football's "Party In The Grove"



MTSU's Football Team takes their traditional pregame walk through the grove. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

MT ATHLETICS

Middle Tennessee State University's Walnut Grove, the traditional pre-game gathering spot for students, alumni and fans of Blue Raider Football, will be louder and prouder this season with the addition of Party in the Grove, which will feature live music, food trucks and other fun activities.

The centerpiece of Party in the Grove will be a performance stage for bands, artists and DJs, set to start three and a half hours before kickoff of the six home football games. Two food trucks and several new sponsor tents and activities will be added to the mix as well.

Raider Walk, the traditional arrival of the team two hours before kickoff, remains in place, as does the family favorite features such as the Band of Blue, cheer and dance teams, bouncy houses and face painting. Space also remains for fraternities and sorority tents, as well as tailgating for alumni and others.

The party will wind down 45 minutes prior to kickoff with a "Follow Me to Floyd" parade, led by Student Government Association President Michai Mosby and Blue Zoo President Bretlyn Warner, who will also be the event's emcees.

"Our goal with this, and our many other new initiatives tied to Athletics, is to build excitement and engagement on our campus during game days," said MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee. "I appreciate the hard work and collaboration by the many offices and groups across the University to make this new event possible."

The power behind the Party in the Grove is a partnership led by the Division of Student Affairs, the College of Media and Entertainment and Blue Raider Athletics.

"Party in the Grove is just one of many great additions in the works this season to improve the game-day experience for our fans," said Athletics Director Chris Massaro. "We are all excited to begin this new era of Blue Raider Football."

McPhee said the artist lineup for Party in the Grove will be announced shortly. However, the president said, "I'm looking forward to welcoming some of our music industry alums to help us get the Party in the Grove started."

Information about each Party in the Grove will be featured on the Blue Raider Athletics website, gobluraiders.com, as part of its game day information for fans.

Walnut Grove, an open field between Peck Hall and the Cope Administration Building, has long been a focal point on the MTSU campus.

It got its name after J.H. Bayer, a custodian at then Middle Tennessee State Teachers College, visited Mount Vernon, George Washington's home in Virginia, and filled a paper bag with nuts that had fallen from trees growing when the nation's first president lived there. Bayer planted the walnuts in the grove and the resulting trees became a source of beauty and shade throughout the years.

Blue Raider Football's season begins at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, with the home opener at Floyd Stadium against historic rival Tennessee Tech.

"We Are Slowly But Surely Becoming Player-Led" – Shelbyville Central Football Head Coach John Dryden Talks Upcoming 2024 Season

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The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles are coming off of their first 10-win season since 2019, and as the defending Region 5-4A champions, they are looking to see if they can reach those heights once again this year.

Despite losing 11 seniors to graduation, including their starting quarterback, Ean Matusek, third-year head coach John Dryden is sneaky confident about the group he has in preparation for the 2024 campaign. With a trip to Murfreesboro to play the Siegel Stars on tap to open the season on Thursday night, the Golden Eagles will be looking for revenge after last season began with a 55-43 home defeat. In the build up to Thursday's matchup, Shelbyville has used three different scrimmages during the month of August to get ready for Week One.

"Overall we played well through all three, and guys are starting to come back now off of some injuries," Dryden said. "We did some good things, which is what you want to see from scrimmages, and you also want to see things you need to correct right away."

One of those things that the coaching staff has had to work through in both the offseason and fall camp is the void left by not just Matusek at the quarterback spot, but gaps left by all the graduating seniors on both offense and defense. They were such a massive part of the program's two year turnaround from 1-10 in Dryden's first year to 10-2 last season, but there is quite a bit of young returning talent on the roster.

"It's been a tight race, but we're going to be going with Stephen Bobo at quarterback," Dryden revealed. "Mason Shavers is going to take over a starting wide receiver spot, and that will be a good fit for him. We've got to have his leadership on the field. He is such a great young man that there was a place for him and he's going to do well out there. As a whole at wide receiver, we are in good shape. Replacing the offensive line, however, with the guys that left us, it's been tough. We are very talented but inexperienced."

Bobo, a sophomore lefty and standout for the Golden Eagles' baseball team as both a pitcher and a batter as a freshman, will have a very promising tailback in the backfield with him in junior Robert Bailey. Sophomore Nate Zimmerman along with Torrion Mathis will look to spell him at times, but Dryden has made it clear that Bailey is the "bellcow" at running back.

Bailey has also impressed the coaching staff by taking a leadership role as a junior. In high school this is something that you simply don't see everyday, but Bailey has taken it in stride in the build up to the regular season. If the offensive line can progress in the way that Dryden thinks they have the potential to, Shelbyville's offense will have a chance to make some noise once again this year.

On the defensive side of the ball, the biggest place of concern after last season is at the linebacker spot. Even with that concern, there are some sophomores who have shown flashes in camp.

"Coming into the offseason and into the season itself we were worried about inside linebacker after losing Logan McBee, but we've had two different guys step up to be able to play there," said Dryden. "We've moved Robert Bailey back to the outside linebacker spot, and Jackson Themm has played really well as a sophomore through the spring. Nate Zimmerman is a really great young man, a sophomore, talented, hard-nosed, does everything you want, so he's going to play a lot at both linebacker spots."



Stephen Bobo (16) and Robert Bailey (31) headline the new-look Golden Eagle offensive backfield. *T-G Staff Photo.*



Shelbyville Central simluates game reps during the final days of fall camp. *T-G Staff Photo.*

The defensive line is another group that is replacing a couple seniors, specifically at defensive tackle.

"We struggled at first with how we were going to replace Raydaun Crenshaw and Tarvis McClain," Dryden continued. "Coach Ransom and Coach Curtis have done a great job, and we look to be as good there as we were at any point last year basically through a rotation. It's taking more than two guys to do it, but it still looks pretty good."

After so much talk about last year's senior class, this year's batch of seniors have continued to raise the standard of what it means to be a Golden Eagle in 2024.

"These seniors have really and truly bought in to what it means to be part of our culture, and all the facets of that culture that play out," Dryden explained. "They have not only bought into it, but they have the expectation that everyone else will follow. That has been huge for us. It's one of the reasons we played well in the first three scrimmages, and it's one of the reasons we played well in the spring scrimmage. They are out here doing the work and doing the job, and we are slowly but surely becoming player-led. Any team that is player-led the correct way has a chance to be great, but at the end of the day we don't know, all we can do is show up, put the effort in, do the right things, and then the Lord takes it from there."

"They have been instrumental in getting us to where we are right now," he said with a smile.

The non-region schedule this season for Shelbyville Central is unforgiving, starting with Siegel and Marshall County in the first two weeks, but the outlook going into every game is still the same.

"It's [Siegel] is a game just like any other, and you obviously want to win as many as possible in the season. Being the season opener, obviously you want to come out and make a statement and you want to play well, knowing that there are still going to be mistakes," Dryden acknowledged. "Playing a team like Siegel out of Rutherford County, who plays a tough schedule which in and of itself makes them a tough ball club, it's good for us to see where we are at. It's a great test for us to know what we're working with. Following that up with Marshall County, one of the top 4-A programs in Middle Tennessee, if not the entire state, going back to back like that tells us exactly where we are at, so we are pretty excited."

To add some extra motivation, next Thursday, August 29, is when Marshall County makes the trip east to Shelbyville, and the Golden Eagles will be honoring the Bedford County Training School before kickoff.

With three of the first four games coming against non-region opponents, the development and growth of some sophomores at key position groups will be instrumental in building towards region play.

"Sophomores, we've got some guys that are playing well right now," Dryden said. "We're fixing to start a sophomore quarterback, we've got a sophomore tight end that is going to be starting for us, two sophomore offensive linemen, so they are going to play a lot. They're talented, it's just that maturity that comes with experience, not that they are immature at all, but experience plays. That experience is what hurts about losing those offensive linemen from last year, but like I said we have progressed and we feel like we are getting there."

Shelbyville Central went 5-0 in Region 5-4A play last season, highlighted by a 29-27 home win over Columbia Central early in the season, but they recognize that nothing comes easy no matter what happened a year ago. Every game matters, whether it's a region matchup or not.

"Last year proved there are no easy wins in this region," Dryden emphasized. "Yea, we won a couple of them relatively easily on the scoreboard, but you've got to come in prepared and ready to play because everything in this region, there's no guarantee that you're just going to walk in and win. So the outlook on it is pretty simple: we need to take these first three games and use them for what they are to get ready for our first region game against Columbia Central who year in year out is the most talented team in this region top to bottom. We'll get one more non-region game against Wilson Central to try and fix whatever we saw from Columbia, and then we hit the meat of it. At that point, you better show up and play football. It doesn't matter where anybody finished last year because everything changes every year. We've got to be ready and we've got to be prepared and these guys have got to be focused on it."

How do you make sure every guy is staying ready and prepared in the necessary way to play at a high level? Focusing on the process.

"Not to steal from Nick Saban, but we truly focus on effort and process," Dryden explained. "The mechanics of a play, we focus on the mental and physical effort that it takes to play, the emotional regulation that it takes to play, we zero in on those things that we can control, and then we allow everything else to play itself out. Sometimes it ends up positive for us on the scoreboard, sometimes it ends up negative, but at the end of the day it's about these guys maturing in experience and learning how to play a game that leads them into life."

Focusing on the details to an almost exhausting level is how great teams are built, and Shelbyville Central doesn't take any shortcuts in that department. However, that doesn't mean that the team isn't fun to be around for everyone associated.

"All of our upperclassmen are fun – they're not the same as last year, but they're not supposed to be – and focused, and when they show up, they work, and when the work is over, they're fun to be around," Dryden concluded. "That's what I love about this group, and I have loved it since I took over three years ago. They're just fun to be around because they've come to understand when to flip the switch to work, and when they can go play. One of the best things about it is they have truly taken on the family and brotherhood aspect of this game, this team, and this culture, and that just warms my heart."

"I think that sets us apart."

Shelbyville Central opens the season on the road against Siegel at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 22, live on WLIJ 98.7 starting at 6:45 p.m.



THE FUTURE: RIDER OLIVIA



Submitted Photo

This is Olivia Stembridge and her lead line pony The Kickin Chicken. They will show Saturday, Aug. 24, in class 88 (first class that night.) Olivia says they hope to be the TWHNC 2024 WGC Lead line Champs! She is 4 and this is her 2nd time showing at the Celebration but her 4th year attending.



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