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$6 million airport grant reviewed at called Council meeting

One councilman attends to hear future airport plans

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A special called City Council meeting recently included a community funding project review led by Shelbyville Airport Director Paul Perry. No action of any kind was taken as there was only Mayor Randy Carroll and Councilman Henry Feldhaus present, which meant there was no quorum for any kind of vote.

City Treasurer Kay Parker and City Recorder Lisa Smith were also present for the meeting.

Perry began the overview by stating, "If you recall in April of '23, we took before the Airport Authority and then before the City Council a request for support, basically, for a community project funding grant. With that, MTSU submitted to Congressman Scott DesJarlais' office a request for $8.9 million."

Perry said that was backed up by the City with a resolution for the Airport Improvement Project (AIP). A letter of support was sent from the City to Congressman DesJarlais' office.

DesJarlais then sent a letter to the Committee on Appropriations to Washington, D.C. Into the House appropriations bill 2024, within the department of transportation, was a line item for Shelbyville for $6 million to be used for Bomar Field at Shelbyville Municipal Airport.

Perry said this money has few strings attached and he believes that Shelbyville Municipal can get several projects completed with that $6 million. The funds are administered through the FAA and there must be a 10% local share match.

It was understood in 2023, that Middle Tennessee State University would cover the matching funds. MTSU is planning for an aviation school near the airport to be completed in about 3 years.

"This is a project we would not be doing if it were not for MTSU," said Perry.

Perry said this is a project that will benefit the City of Shelbyville as well as MTSU Aviation Academy. One part of this project is a runup that Perry said has been in need at the airport for a while.

Another part of the project is the taxiway that has been in "dire need," Perry said, for quite some time. The airport director said the taxiway will utilize several nearby City acres.

The next project, which has formerly been set aside, is a new hanger. Federal funds will now build the hanger. Perry presented a conceptual idea of what that might look like. This one will include some office space and enable the airport to handle multiple, large aircraft.

It would bring in about $5,000 a month, conservatively, in rental fees, Perry said.

Perry told the mayor and Councilman Feldhaus that the airport main terminal would become ADA compliant. In addition, there would be ADA accessible bathrooms at the front of the terminal.

He said plans also include a front of the terminal remodel which will give people access to inside the front of the terminal in case of inclement weather or during times of waiting for flights. Local codes would be given to those that require after hours service.

Perry said Hawkins Flight School has already done some remodeling to the terminal. Within this proposed project, he said some of the façade would change. Windows will be across the back and additions will include a deck.



Perry said many parents come to the Shelbyville Airport to watch their flight student do his or her solos. They could watch all that from the back of the airport, with the addition of a deck. Some square footage additions could help with meeting areas as well, Perry said.

Perry presented what he called "very broad numbers" of the cost of each project included in this $6 million grant. (See the graphic this page.)

"With those numbers, we're still about a half million dollars shy," said Perry, "mainly because those are such broad numbers."

A terminal parking lot is within the project plan but is something that will happen only if dollars are available, the director said. The airport director said the Enterprise company has ve-

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ENJOYING DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

What better way to enjoy the Dog Days of Summer than with a cool serving of ice cream. Lindsey Harper and children, Chandler (baby), Holly, and son Bennett (not pictured) enjoyed a cool, afternoon treat recently at Nash Creamery in Unionville.

Caregiver Relief going strong

Team ready for fall fundraiser

Caregiver Relief Program of Bedford County

Supporting families impacted by Alzheimer's disease & related dementias.

The Caregiver Relief Program of Bedford County has been supporting families impacted by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias in this community for 30 years! As Caregiver Relief prepares for its fall fundraiser, board members invite the community to participate in sponsorships.

"This year we will host a community Scavenger Hunt and Chili Supper," said Caregiver Relief Program Director Dana Bobo. "The scavenger hunt will begin on Thursday, September 26, with the release of our Scavenger Hunt list on our website and Facebook page. It can also be picked up from our office.

The Hunt will end at the chili supper, Saturday, September 28, 2024, at 5 p.m., at Fair Haven Baptist Church, 2726 Highway 231 North, in Shelbyville. The winners from the Scavenger Hunt will be announced at 6:00. A silent auction will also be held during the chili supper.

Chili Supper tickets are $10 each and available at the door or by calling 931-685-9039.

"This year, we have seen tremendous growth in our program," said Bobo. "In December 2023, we had 13 families on our census. As of August 16, 2024, we have 30 families on our census. We have also doubled the number of people we have educated about caregiving and dementia through the Virtual Dementia Tour and speaking engagements. As our population ages, the need for the Caregiver Relief Program will continue to grow."

Please request an invoice at admin@caregiverreliefbedfordco.org or make checks payable to Caregiver Relief Program of Bedford County and mail to PO Box 584 Shelbyville TN 37162

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Celebrating birthday 98, with Dorothy Elkins, Bell Buckle

Staff Report

Hundreds helped celebrate the 98th birthday of its beloved and long-time resident, Dorothy Elkins, at the fire hall last Thursday night and at the Webb School last week.

"Mrs. Dorothy," as she's affectionately known, no doubt is fairly well-known all over this state, having stories written about her many times throughout the years. She is especially well-known for the amount of dollars she has raised for her beloved Webb School with her pies. Some have sold at fundraisers for thousands.

She's as equally as important as the loving and supportive wife of the late James Elkins-a World War II veteran. James was injured while repairing the Ludendorff Bridge in Remagen, Germany.

When James returned to Bell Buckle in 1946, he reunited with his high school sweetheart, Dorothy Powell, and they were married on August 29, 1946.

In 1948, James opened the Elkins Garage, which he operated for 25 years. In 1950, he became Bell Buckle's first Fire Chief, a position he held until 1992. James continued to support the Bell Buckle Fire Department after his retirement, and the new fire hall was named for, and dedicated to, him on October 8, 2006.

So, it was only fitting last week that Dorothy's celebration be held at the fire hall. The Elkins made a great life in Bell Buckle and many memories will be forever woven into the fabric of the community.

Many Webb alumni, faculty members, and friends were in attendance including Margaret "Maggi" Britton Vaughn, Poet Laureate of Tennessee, who said a few words to honor the birthday lady. (See photos on page 3 today.)

During Chapel last week, the Webb School community celebrated Ms. Elkins' birthday where she was the guest of honor. Jim Callis, associate head of school, honored her with kind words and led in singing "Happy Birthday" while Ken Cheeseman, head of school, delivered her beautiful flowers to the stage in Follin Chapel.

Cheeseman shared the following about Mrs. Dorothy, "She is a treasure to Webb and emblematic of our deep and abiding sense of community."

Mrs. Dorothy is also celebrating her 68th year as a Webb employee where she currently serves as the Alumni and Development Office's research assistant. Mrs. Elkins joined Webb in 1957 and served as assistant to six heads of school and secretary to the Board of Trustees.

Jonathon Hawkins, director of alumni and development said recently, "We're continually amazed and inspired by Mrs. Dorothy's commitment to The Webb School and our alumni. She truly represents the heart of Webb, reflecting our mission with her tireless work and strong moral compass. It's a privilege to work alongside her in making Webb an even better place."



Photo by Lisa Scimeca

Over 250 people attended the birthday celebration last Thursday of Dorothy Elkins. She is no doubt now and always one of Bell Buckle's favorite citizens.

We wait for it every fall.

Friends of the Library Annual Author's Luncheon tickets will be available on Sunday, Sept. 8, for $20 each!

The luncheon is planned for Oct. 1 @ Noon at the Blue Ribbon Circle on the Celebration grounds.

Guest author this year will be Debra Webb.

Webb was born in Scottsboro, Alabama and grew up on a farm. The third of four children, there was no end to the adventures she and her siblings shared. One of her fondest memories from childhood is her maternal grandmother's storytelling. When Debra's mother bought her an old typewriter at a tag sale, her interest in storytelling took on a life of its own. She wrote her first story at age nine and her first romance at thirteen. A collision course between suspense and romance was set.

Debra went on to sell her first book in 1998. Today, she is the USA Today bestselling author of more than 175 novels, including reader favorites the Finley O'Sullivan and the Faces of Evil series. She is the recipient of numerous readers' choice awards, a career achievement award and the prestigious Centennial Award for the publication of more than 100 novels. Since the publication of her first book, her work has expanded into compelling suspense and thrillers.



Author Debra Webb

Debra's work has been featured in Cosmopolitan magazine, Romantic Times, and Thriller Magazine as well as several newspapers. In addition to the USA Today bestseller list, her books have risen onto the Publishers Weekly, Wall Street Journal and Waldenbooks best seller lists.

With more than 175 books published and ten million copies sold in numerous languages and countries, Debra is one of the most prolific authors of our time. Visit her at www.debrawebb.com.

"Webb is the queen of smart suspense." Greg Olsen, #1 New York Times Bestseller

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"A gripping read." Sandra Brown, #1 New York Times Bestseller

"Twists and turns...taut drama. I bid a grand welcome to a new voice in the thriller world." Steve Berry, New York Times Bestseller

Don't miss this great opportunity to hear this best-selling author but mostly to support the local library.

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hicles which are left behind and the airport shares parking with Fire Hall 3.

Perry further explained when there are big events at the airport, parking is an issue. He said the airport needs more than double the amount of its current parking space.

Over the next 8 months, the airport board plans to put all the moving parts of the $6 million project together. "The aircraft runup area is the hold up, because we have to design it from scratch," Perry said.

More concrete numbers are expected to be coming to Council project by project so that everyone is on the same page.

Perry said he continues to request the bipartisan infrastructure deal, a part of the Biden administration, which apparently still has funds. He said he continues to make the City request and nearly $1 million in funding is still a possibility.

The Airport director explained that TDOT's Aeronautics Division can offer possible support to offset the burden of the local share of the $6 million project. This would constitute a 50/50 split grant up to $500,000.

The City can utilize the federal money as it would be a local share of a state grant. With this grant, Shelbyville could potentially only need $100,000 for its local share for the $6 million project.

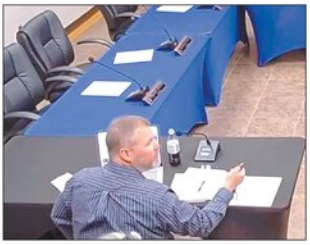
Perry talked about the larger picture of what needs to happen in the way of the Airport Capital Improvement Plan. He said it will be at the October Council meeting, at least, when work orders and processes begin moving in the right direction.

Because there was no quorum, it was stated at the close of the special called meeting that absent Council members will be encouraged to watch the live stream of the meeting. This way, Perry does not have to repeat the entire presentation live.

City Mayor Randy Carroll asked about using funds for a potential traffic light at the airport, especially when MTSU starts construction. Perry said discussions are taking place currently with TDOT.

Carroll also asked about any additional purchases of property. Perry said potentially there might be more property acquisition but that's been pushed down the road a few years.

Councilman Henry Feldhaus said he wanted to give a "big shout out" to MTSU for hand walking this $6 million grant project- a multi-year process- through to Congress. He said MTSU walked it through and got it done for the benefit of the City of Shelbyville.

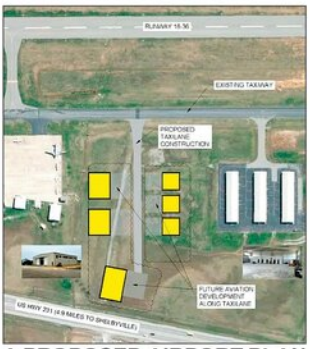


Shelbyville Airport Director Paul Perry



SIMILAR ADDITION AT LOCAL AIRPORT

This hangar is similar to the one that Shelbyville Municipal Airport board has on its master plan to build with some recent grant dollars. The City must find a way to match those funds so that this plan comes to fruition. Airport officials said last week this type of hangar could bring in significant rental dollars each month to City coffers.



A PROPOSED AIRPORT PLAN

Shelbyville Municipal Airport Director Paul Perry explained during a called City Council meeting last week a plan for some significant upgrades at Bomar Field.

Library receives $5,399 state technology grant

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NASHVILLE – Secretary of State Tre Hargett, State Sen. Shane Reeves, and State Rep. Pat Marsh announced Tuesday a technology grant totaling $5,399 for the Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library.

The funding, state representatives said, will help cover the cost of laptops, software, monitors, and tablets.

"Libraries provide transformational environments where communities can come together, learn, and grow," said Sen. Reeves. "Enhancing digital platforms within our local library system will help ignite curiosity in all who visit."

Margaret Petty, library director, said Wednesday, "We are so excited and thankful to have received $5,399 through the 2025 Technology Grant from the Tennessee State Library and Archives! We will be using these funds to replace some of our staff workstations, front desk barcode scanners, and to purchase iPads for staff use; as well as new laptops to be used for programming signups and proctoring boating exams. Our public use computers will also be getting the newest upgrade of Microsoft Office and Security Software."

Petty advised that without the assistance of such tech grants, the local library would not be able to continue to offer the best equipment for our patrons and staff.

"It is our goal @ SBCPL to continue to do what's best for our patrons and to equip our staff with what they need to offer the best service to everyone who comes through our doors!"

Technology grants are administered by the Tennessee State Library & Archives, a division of the Secretary of State's Office. These grants are funded through the Library Services Act (LSTA), as administered through the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Each grant is matched with local funds.

"As our world continues to evolve, public libraries remain a consistent beacon of knowledge for the communities they serve," Marsh said. "These grants will help modernize the technology we have in Bedford County to ensure citizens are best served."

This year $373,869 was awarded in technology grant funding to 98 libraries across the state. These grants are used for the purchase or replacement of computers, software, networking software, and other electronic equipment for library staff and patrons.

"Thank you to Sen. Reeves and Rep. Marsh for their continued support of our local libraries," said Secretary Hargett. "Technological upgrades at libraries address the unique needs of patrons in the communities these facilities serve. I appreciate Sen. Reeves' and Rep. Marsh's partnership, dedication, and advocacy on behalf of Tennessee's libraries."

To learn more about grants for public libraries administered by the Library & Archives, visit sos.tn.gov/tsla.



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A red, white and blue night was celebrated last week at TWHNC. The military was honored.





FIRST WORLD GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SMITH

CAVENDER TAKES THE ROSES

TWHNC Photo by Shane Shiflet

Cavender was announced Saturday evening as the 2024 TWHNC World Grand Champion. This was the first WGC for exhibitor Tim Smith. Horse owners are Bruce and Robin McDonald of Shelbyville.

T-G Photo by Renee Brown

Cavender and Tim Smith dominate the Celebration ring Saturday night.



THE ISSUE

Is the '81 Act antiquated or still viable for the County?

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This is the second part of a feature on the validity of the County's '81 Financial Management Act. Part I ran in the 8/29 Times-Gazette.

Bryan Burklin, assistant director of financial and compliance audits for local governments, spoke during the County Financial Management Committee meeting recently. He said while the '81 Act can be a little "long in the tooth" he believes it is still the best operating system for county governments.

Despite it possibly being around for a while now, Burklin still spoke positively about the '81 financial management system.

Questions have been raised within County government and by constituents about areas of financial management. Hence the reasoning behind the state visit, Mayor Chad Graham explained.

Burklin stated emphatically that the '81 Act is as solid as it was when Bedford County chose to operate under it a few years ago.

It should be explained that 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.

Traditional structure is another alternative. Under this type of financial management, counties may operate under a traditional structure with elected officials such as the county executive, sheriff, trustee, register of deeds, and others, independently managing their respective departments.

The '81 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, school funds are managed under this system just like all other county funds.

The '81 Act provides for the consolidation of financial functions and establishment of a financial management system for all county funds operated through the county trustee. As well, it 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.

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office representative said Tuesday there are other options for local governments but this act is still pretty streamlined and works pretty efficiently.

Before the '81 Act, Mayor Chad Graham was director of EMS. His group had a board which he said wrote its own specs and worked its own bids.

The mayor explained during Tuesday's meeting how the '81 Act streamlined that process for departments like EMS. Then the boards became of an advisory capacity.

Burklin said in response, "I think the beauty of that is the EMS can still say 'here's what we want' but they don't have to go through the technical specs and all that."

Commissioner Linda Yockey said she came onboard as a County Commissioner in 2006-the year the Commission talked about switching over to the '81 Act. She said she was amazed at all of the purchasing going on within departments.

"The selling point to me was that the education department would be under the same umbrella as the highway department. Therefore, kind of everybody would know everything, at least the financial director would have a value on that."

She had two questions that she simply asked the state to answer 'yes' or 'no.'

She said all things considered, is the '81 Act is the best fit for this county?

Burklin said yes but said he did want to elaborate on that.

He said as things become modernized; the County might want to consider a private act.

This would allow some provisions from the '81 Act to be tweaked. But he said from what he knows, he doesn't see the need to do this in Bedford County.

Yockey told Burklin she had questioned that four Commissioners, rather than professional citizens, serve on the financial management committee. She said it was explained to her this gives the Commission a direct voice in financial matters.

She asked Burklin if this is a good thing.

He explained that is fine. He said some Counties have 3 Commissioners and school board members and others have CPAs.

There were also some discussions during the meeting about conflicts of interest. Here is basically what the '81 Act states in regard to conflicts of interest.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 5-21-121 now provides in part: (a) The director, purchasing agent, members of the committee, members of the county legislative body, other officials of the county, members of the board of education, members of the highway commission, and employees of the finance department and purchasing department shall not have a direct interest in the purchase of supplies, materials, equipment, or contractual services for the county. (b) No firm, corporation, partnership, association or individual furnishing any such supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services, shall give or offer, nor shall the director or purchasing agent or any assistant or employee accept or receive directly or indirectly from any person, firm, corporation, partnership or association to whom any contract may be awarded, by rebate, gift or otherwise, any money or other things of value whatsoever, or any promise, obligation or contract for future reward or compensation. "Direct interest" means a contract with a person personally or with a business in which the person is the proprietor, a partner, or the person having the controlling interest in the business. "Controlling interest" means sufficient ownership in a business or company to control policy and management, including the ownership or control of the largest number of outstanding shares owned by any single individual in a business or company. In addition to direct interests, those individuals named in the statute can't have an indirect interest in the purchase of supplies, materials, equipment, or contractual services for the county unless the person publicly acknowledges the interest. A person who is not a member of a governing body and who is required to publicly acknowledge an indirect interest must do so by reporting the interest to the office of the mayor to be compiled into a list that must be maintained as a public record. As used in this statute, "indirect interest" means a contract in which a person is interested, but not directly so, and includes contracts where the person is directly interested and is the sole supplier of goods or services in the county. (County Technical Services-UT.)

NOT A LOCAL ISSUE: THANK GOODNESS!

LESSON TO BE LEARNED AND EVENT BEST AVOIDED

This report from the education department in regard to the Memphis-Shelby County was disturbing on many accounts. Let it be a lesson of what NOT TO DO as a school district. This will be a scar on this system from this point forward.

Let us continuously ask ourselves these days, how does this happen over a 3-year period? Are we so busy? Perhaps not as other school systems seem to have less of such problems.

While it may be a tedious read, it is a lesson to be learned. Sadly, it's all at the expense of the victims-those who will live with their terror the rest of their lives.

The school system did comply with a resolution agreement, which states in part: Shelby County School District Compliance Review 04-20-5001 The Shelby County School District (District) agrees to resolve Compliance Review 04-20-5001 initiated by the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR) by voluntarily entering into this Resolution Agreement (Agreement) to address the findings that OCR identified during its Compliance Review 04-20-5001, covering the time period of 2017-2020. The District submits this Agreement to ensure compliance with the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), 20 U.S.C. Sections 1681 et seq., and its implementing regulation, at 34 C.F.R. Part 106, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex by recipients of federal financial assistance.

Here's the tough part of reading the whole thing about the response: "Nothing in this Agreement constitutes an admission by the District that it failed to comply with any relevant law."

U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights Resolves Sexual Harassment Compliance Review of Memphis-Shelby County School District in Tennessee

Today the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) resolved a compliance review of the Memphis-Shelby County School District with a resolution agreement to address the district's handling of sexual assault cases, including those involving student and staff misconduct.

Memphis-Shelby County is the largest school district in Tennessee.

District documents reflect reports that teachers or substitute teachers sexually assaulted students in seven incidents across three school years at all school levels in the district: elementary, middle, and high school. District documents reflect 53 more cases of reported staff-to-student sexual harassment, not including sexual assault, as well as a total of 88 cases of student-to-student sexual harassment during the same time period.

These same documents as well as witness interviews reflect clear district violations of Title IX in addition to raising serious concerns regarding the efficacy of the district response to satisfaction of Title IX. For example, district documentation regarding an elementary school teacher who was ultimately convicted of soliciting sexual exploitation of a minor and who was reported to have encouraged boys and girls to touch each other inappropriately during class, in addition to other alleged misconduct, does not reflect any involvement of the Title IX coordinator in investigating the teacher's conduct, any supports provided by the district to affected students to ensure their equal access to education, or any notice to the parties regarding any district determination under Title IX.

Based on these among other records, district documents suggest the district did not respond either promptly or equitably to complaints of sexual harassment, including assault, of students. In addition, OCR determined that the district violated Title IX by:

• Not having a designated Title IX coordinator for substantial portions of OCR's compliance review period.

• Not coordinating its response to reports of sexual harassment, including sexual assault, through its Title IX coordinator as required during the time that a Title IX coordinator was designated.

• Not involving the Title IX coordinator in the majority of sexual harassment files reviewed for this investigation, including not involving a Title IX coordinator in any of the staff involved incidents.

• Not maintaining a nondiscrimination statement and harassment policies that comply with Title IX.

• Not fulfilling the Title IX obligation to maintain records sufficient for the district or for OCR to make compliance determinations, including with respect to inconsistent reporting to OCR for the Civil Rights Data Collection and for this compliance review.

• The resolution agreement commits the district to take the following steps to resolve this investigation:

• Adopt and publish a compliant notice of nondiscrimination.

• Designate, train, and publicize the contact information for, its Title IX coordinator(s).

• Revise all policies that describe the district's response to sexual harassment to ensure the policies are compliant with the requirements of Title IX and consistent with each other.

• Review all complaints of student and staff involved sexual assault during the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years to ensure each complaint was resolved in compliance with Title IX, and if not, offer appropriate remedies.

• Conduct training on the Title IX process and its revised grievance procedures for district staff.

• Develop or revise its procedure for documenting or tracking complaints of sexual assault, including the steps taken as part of the district's investigation into such complaints.

• Conduct a survey of students and parents to determine if the district needs to take additional steps to address sexual harassment in its schools, with OCR approval for any next steps.

• Develop a plan to ensure timely submission of complete and accurate data to the CRDC in the future and ensure that all employees who are responsible for reporting data to the CRDC receive instructions regarding how to report data to the CRDC in accordance with the plan.

"Students in the Memphis-Shelby County School District deserve the safety and freedom from discrimination that Congress promised them in Title IX, and the District now commits to fulfill its Title IX obligations to these students" said Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights Catherine E. Lhamon. "The Office for Civil Rights will monitor the school district in the coming years to be sure it complies with Title IX."



THE PERFECT VENUE

Photos by Lisa Scimeca

The Bell Buckle Fire Department was the perfect venue for Dorothy Elkins' birthday party. Her husband, the late James Elkins, was Bell Buckle Fire Chief for over 40 years.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY "MRS. DOROTHY!"



Joining Dorothy Elkins (seated, left) for her birthday celebration last Thursday in Bell Buckle were Nancy Phillips (standing) and Margaret "Maggi" Briton Vaughn, Poet Laureate of Tennessee.

Dear Editor:

Ms. Hankins' article (8-29-24) concerning journalism is thought provoking. Her professional definition of a journalist is an objective view and one that should be followed by current journalists; especially those who appear on the TV medias offering up their own ideas and personal persuasions in an attempt to sway the public into their political corners.

Journalism should be impartial, middle ground and with no personal attacks on political candidates regardless of party affiliation. However, the current methodology of the liberal media is to distort the true facts on any political issue contrary to their beliefs if presented by conservatives or the republican party and to utterly lie outright with no attempt to check for actual supporting facts in their lambast of endless babel and often laced with profanity to emphasis a point because obviously they do not have an English vocabulary of any decency or substance.

To point out their abysmal reporting they were the champions of Biden until he reached an obvious point of failing mental acuity that even the liberals could not ignore. And then when the democrat party turned on poor clueless Joe and sold him down the river picking another brainless failure as his replacement, the liberal media lashed out like a striking copperhead and washed Joe down the drain with their tongue-in-cheek praise of his "legacy" and wished him the best in his golden years; the same action a firing squad will take when offering a last cigarette to their condemned victim before shooting. So, these scourges of journalism will continue to mislead and lie to their audiences as grade 'b' movie actors who can't even articulately deliver their lines in an understandable dialog.

However, their lack of truth and professionalism in reporting unbiased news is not entirely a modern-day happenstance. During the Civil War there was the nineteenth century CNN equivalent who hated President Lincoln and the democrat led northern newspapers wrote endless derogatory editorials about him. Some northern news reporters embedded in the Union Army actually printed troop numbers, commanders and movements that was very damaging and actually bordering on treason. Confederate General Robert E. Lee was actually given copies of these papers by southern sympathizers in the northern border states that helped him plan battle strategies accordingly. Union General William Sherman tried to ban them from his camps and once quoted: "If I had my choice I would kill every reporter in the world, but I am sure we would be getting reports from Hell before breakfast."

There are some journalists who currently conduct their profession in the manner in which it was intended and do not let personal beliefs or political affiliations cloud their unbiased reporting, but for sure the ultra-far left media has none on their staffs, and have all been politicized into a brainless clone for the liberal left and it is disturbing that no doubt some of their audiences are influenced by their 7-24 barrage of lies and ranting.

Hopefully those same people are the ones too lazy or caring to vote.

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Flock cameras found useful by SPD

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The Flock Safety Camera System is a public safety operating system used in thousands of U.S. cities, including Murfreesboro. The City of Shelbyville recently approved for the police department to use such a system on a trial basis.

After one month, the cameras are proving to be quite effective, according to a report given by Shelbyville Police Chief Jan Phillips during Council study session Tuesday night.

It is possible the City of Shelbyville may eventually try to invest a number of dollars necessary to have such technology. Each camera can cost upward of $3,000 a year plus fees and maintenance charges.

In the past, SPD has borrowed this type of system when needed from other precincts. The cameras to the Flock System capture rear license plate images and automatically alert police of stolen vehicles or vehicles wanted or missing persons.

The City might be tempted to approve this new system for SPD, based on SPD Chief Phillips' positive report of the system after just a month.

Chief Phillips told Council that since Aug. 14, multiple alerts by the two Flock systems have led to local arrests. Those arrests involved stolen vehicles, violent persons and 18 sex offender hits, to name just a few.

He said that in August, Lowe's reported theft and that person was charged and quickly taken into custody, as a result of the Flock system.

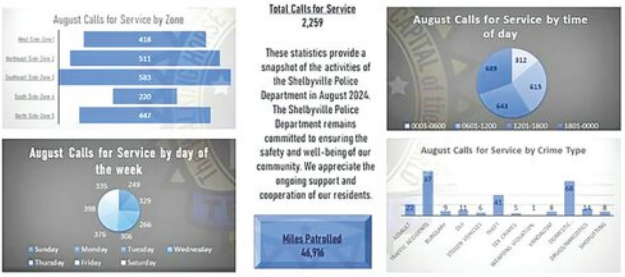
Chief Phillips said the cameras, while sometimes making multiple hits, have proven to be a great asset to police. Officers are able to act quickly upon notification by the Flock system and make quick arrests.

The Flock system is a fixed, pole-mounted license plate reader camera system. The system captures the rear of a car and the car's license plate number then searches the national wanted database for stolen vehicle information or national alerts.

The system alerts officers in their patrol cars when one of the cameras recognizes a license plate listed on a local "hot list" and state or federal databases.

SPD used a Flock system a few months ago to track down Nicole Burk, who is charged with the stabbing death of Ronald Travis in Shelbyville in the Gateway Church parking lot. Burk fled the state and it was the borrowed Flock system which ultimately led to her arrest in Alabama.

The cameras have even helped locate missing children across the United States.



THE FLOCK SYSTEM IN ACTION

BY DAWN HANKINS
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On August 26, the Flock Safety License Plate Reader, which Shelbyville Police Department is using on a trial basis, alerted officers to a stolen vehicle entering Shelbyville. The vehicle was confirmed stolen and SPD officers quickly located it at a local laundry. The driver attempted to flee and, in the process, officers found marijuana and cocaine in the driver's possession. John Pickelsimer was arrested and charged with possession of stolen property, drug possession and driving on a revoked license.



Photo courtesy of the SPD.



Jail Intake Bedford County Sheriff's Office

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Deonta Nicholas Johnson, Chattanooga, driving on suspended license, speeding

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Charles Michael Reed, violation of probation

Brian Keith Powell, reckless/careless driving

Marcus Roman Bailey, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest

Jessica Dean Barrett, McMinnville, hold extradition another state

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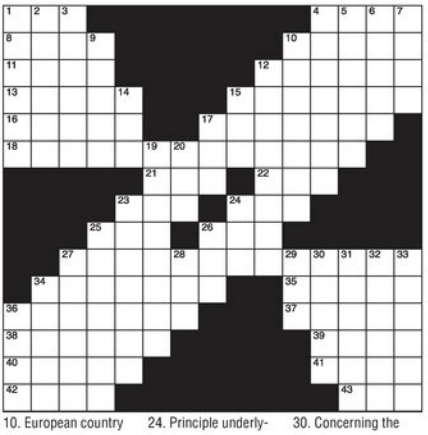
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18. Lived up to a standard
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22. Time units (abbr.)
23. Ad __
24. "Partridge" actress Susan
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27. League titles
34. More intensely black
35. Slang for lovely
36. Petrarch is known for them
37. Old Eurasian wheat
38. Body part
39. Swedish rock group
40. They're worth avoiding
41. Rising and falling of the voice
42. Wings
43. Enzyme import for respiration

CLUES DOWN

1. Idyllic
2. South Pacific island nations
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4. Boundaries
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6. Weights
7. Samberg is one
9. Sheep sound
10. European country
12. Respected group of people
14. Trigraph
15. Prosecutors
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19. Huge size
20. Partner to cheese
23. Fastballs
24. Principle underlying the universe
25. Distinct units of sound
26. Title of respect
27. Against
28. Foot (Latin)
29. One point east of due south
30. Concerning the blood
31. Type of pentameter
32. North American peoples
33. Layers of rock
34. Georges __, French philosopher
36. Lengthy tale

Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you are quick to spend money lately, and that can prove problematic in the long run. It may be a good idea to sit down with a financial planner and sort out spending and saving habits.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, this week you have free rein to follow your intuition and express your emotions to those around you. It's beneficial to get in touch with how you are feeling and explore things further.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

There is some unfinished business you need to clear up before you can fully focus on the week or even month ahead, Gemini. It may be scary, but you need to put it behind you.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, it is time to rally the troops, as many hands will make much faster work of something you need to get done. Ask your friends or family to pitch in as much as possible.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, you're finally ready to take a sizeable step toward completing a goal that has been on your list for what seems like an eternity. It will feel so great when it is far behind you.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Do you have an appetite for adventure this week, Virgo? You may not have to travel too far for all of the thrills and chills you desire. Look around for options close to home.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

You may not be feeling like yourself, Libra. There's something rumbling beneath the surface that you don't want to share with others just yet. There's time to be patient.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, as you move through the week, a certain relationship could begin weighing heavily on you. You're not sure if you should commit further or move on.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you're not just ready to hit the ground running, you have the stamina to sail through at a rocket's pace. This renewed sense of urgency can help you achieve great things.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, the week may start off on a good note with plenty of entertaining distractions. Keep the fun going throughout the week.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Your attention span is limited this week, Aquarius. You may need to work from home or block out as many distractions as possible if you hope to get a single thing finished.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Make a point of delegating if your to-do list gets a little long over the next few days, Pisces. Your phone will be pinging constantly with alerts, so a little help can go a long way.

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

WORDS

ASANA
BANDHA
BODY
BREATH
CENTER
CHAKRA
CHATURANGA
CORE
ENERGY
FUNDAMENTALS
HATHA
MANTRA
MIND
MUDRA
NAMASTE
POSE
POSTURE
PRANA
SACRUM
STRENGTH
STRETCH
STYLE
UJJAYI
YOGA

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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			6					4
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Level: Intermediate

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	3	5						
9		2			6		3	
8	1	7	4	9				

Level: Beginner

CRYPTO FUN

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Solve the code to discover words related to yoga. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 3 = T)

A. **12 3 26 9 3 7 13**
Clue: Elongate the body

B. **21 20 12 9**
Clue: Stand in position

C. **12 3 11 4 19 20**
Clue: Artistic or athletic space

D. **19 25 12 3 26 11 7 3**
Clue: Teach

Answer A stretch B pose C studio D teacher

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to yoga.

EMATNAS

Answer: Namaste

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B.



Answers:
1. Missing tomato on sign 2. Extra lemon on water jug 3. Cups are taller 4. Extra row of melons in background

Auctions

GET THE WORD OUT about your next auction! Save Time & $$$. One Call For All. Your ad can appear in this newspaper + 97 other TN newspapers. For more info, contact this newspaper's classified dept. or call Becky Moats 931-624-8916. (TnScan)

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PRODUCTION MANAGER is sought by an electrolyte manufacturing company in Shelbyville, TN: Min. bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering or closely related is required. Send resume to Duksan Electera America, Inc. @ 100 Public Square W, Suite 210, Shelbyville, TN 37160 (worksite: 210 Frank Martin Rd., Shelbyville, TN 37160

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Prepare for power outages today with a Generac Home Standby Generator. Act now to receive a FREE 5-Year warranty with qualifying purchase. Call 1-888-869-5542 today to schedule a free quote. It's not just a generator. It's a power move. (TnScan)

Eliminate gutter cleaning forever! LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. 20% off Entire Purchase. Plus 10% Senior & Military Discounts. Call 1-855-389-3904 (TnScan)

Notices

NOTICE OF GARAGE KEEPERS LIEN
VEHICLE: 1980
Datsun Pickup
VIN: KH720134633
Previous Owner: unknown
Lien Amount $5,809.08
Contact: Daniels Paint and Body Shop
(931)-680-0777
2111 N Main St.
Shelbyville, TN 37160

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Wanted

PAYING CASH For vintage sports, comics, antiques and card collections. Unopened boxes, cases and sets 931-492-4304

Yard Sales

Huge Back Yard Sale
SAT. 7a.m.-4p.m.,
SUN. 8a.m.-2p.m.
202 South Linda Dr.

Lots of Collectibles: CROCKS, Lighthouse Decor, Silver, Crystal Glassware, Southern Living Cookbooks), Sewing & Craft Books, YARN, Workshop Tools (Planers, Drill Press, Band Saws & Misc) Coffee Makers & Kitchen Items, Sheets, Bedspreads, Tablecloths, Quasar Video Camera, Kodak EasyShare Camera, Toys, Nice Womens Clothing (Sm & XL), Lots of Misc Items!! Priced to Sell! Don't miss this one!

YARD SALE
906 Adams Drive
Saturday 8 a.m.-?

Contents Estate/Garage Sale
Fri 9/6 and Sat 9/7 (8A-4P)
305 Amos Smith Rd,
Shelbyville
Couch/love seat, lift chair, full mattress/box spring (smoke home), recliner, file cabinet, dresser, desk(s), stove, luggage, chairs, cane, wheel chair, etc.

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monthly Commissioner Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 10, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.
Bedford County Historic Courthouse
1 Public Square, 2nd Floor, Courtroom
Shelbyville, TN 37160
Meeting agenda can be found at www.bedfordcountytn.gov.

Public Comment Procedure: State law provides for a period of public comment at local government meetings to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on matters that are germane to items on the agenda. Any person interested to speak should:

1. Record name and address on a sign-up sheet that will be provided, prior to the meeting being called to order.

2. When called upon, address comments to the Chairperson in a respectful manner.

3. Limit remarks to three minutes for items(s) germane to the Agenda.

Persons with a disability who wish to request special accommodation to participate in the public meeting should notify Suzanne Alexander one business day prior to the meeting if at all possible, by calling (931) 684-7944 or email your request to suzanne.alexander@bedfordcountytn.gov to discuss accommodations. Every reasonable effort will be made to meet your need.

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the debts and obligations secured to be paid in a certain Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing executed on May 21, 2021, by Boulevard Terrace SNF Realty LLC, Glen Oaks SNF Realty LLC, Boulevard Terrace Healthcare LLC, Glen Oaks Healthcare, LLC, each a Tennessee limited liability company, individually and collectively as Grantor, to Old Republic Title Company of Tennessee, Trustee as same appears of record in the Office of the Register of Bedford County, Tennessee, recorded June 1, 2021, under instrument number 21004879, Record Book TD1009, Pages 494-531, the beneficiary being Sterling National Bank. Subsequently, the Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing was assigned by an Assignment of Mortgage executed on May 22, 2024 assigned the Deed of Trust from Webster Bank, N.A. as successor in interest to Sterling National Bank to Momentum III LLC, which was recorded May 24, 2024, under instrument number 24003451, Record Book TD1119, Pages 101-106 in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee. Subsequently STONE, HIGGS & DREXLER, P.C. was appointed substitute trustee by appointment recorded July 31, 2024, under instrument number 24005061, Record Book TD1125, Page 475 in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee;

and the owner of the debt secured having requested the undersigned to advertise and sell the property described in and conveyed by said Deed of Trust, all of said indebtedness having matured by default in the payment of a part thereof, at the option of the owner, this is to give notice that Stone, Higgs & Drexler, P.C., as Substitute Trustee, will on Thursday, September 19, 2024 commencing twelve o'clock, noon, local time, at the usual and customary location at the Main Entrance, Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160, and proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, paid at the conclusion of the sale, the following described property to wit:

Situated in the City of Shelbyville, County of Bedford and State of Tennessee:

Beginning at an iron pipe, the northwest corner of the William M. Pietkewicz and Miriam K. Pietkewicz property of record in Deed Book 177, page 450, the northeast corner of the Pamela Brasher property of record in Deed Book 178, page 12 and the southwest corner of the property described. Thence N04°06'16"E 509.40 feet to an iron rod in a fence corner, the northwest corner of the property described; thence S78°50'44"E 340.83 feet to an iron rod; thence S77°05'44"E 16.26 feet to an iron rod 25.00 feet west of the approximate center of Glen Oaks Road, the northeast corner of the property described; thence along said road, S24°07'44"E 428.75 feet to an iron rod; thence S15°05'44"E 49.75 feet to an iron rod; thence S15°18'03"E 83.07 feet to an iron rod 25.00 feet west of the approximate center of said road, the southeast corner of the property described; thence leaving said road N79°33'07"W 131.78 feet to an iron rod; thence N84°03'22"W 202.14 feet to an iron pipe; thence N82°38'43"W 89.55 feet to an iron rod; thence N82°10'00"W 90.12 feet to an iron pipe; thence N82°01'27"W 88.96 feet to the point of beginning.

This being the same property conveyed to GLEN OAKS SNF REALTY LLC by deed from GSJ LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP of record in Instrument No. 19008153, Book D354, Page 219, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

Property address: 1101 Glenoaks Road, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160-2529
Parcel No. 078G-D-010.01 and 078G-D-010.00

This sale is subject to 2022 and 2023 Shelbyville city taxes, and 2021, 2022 and 2023 Bedford County taxes. This sale is subject to 2015, 2021, 2022, and 2023 Shelbyville city personal property taxes and 2021, 2022 and 2023 Bedford County personal property taxes. This sale is also subject to 2024 City and County taxes, both real and personal property, not yet due and payable.

The sale is subject to a permanent Public Drainage Easement in favor of the City of Shelbyville, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Tennessee, recorded July 14, 2004, in Book D263, Page 498, in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

This sale will erase the UCC Financing Statement in favor of Sterling National Bank recorded on June 1, 2021, under instrument number 21004881, Book TD1009, Pages 543-550, in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee. The UCC Financing Statement was subsequently amended on October 12, 2021 and recorded under instrument number 21009166, Book TD1027, Pages 640-643. The UCC Financing Statement was subsequently amended on September 20, 2023, and recorded under instrument number 23006322, Book TD1097, Pages 546-549. The UCC Financing Statement was subsequently amended on September 25, 2023, under instrument number 2514978, Record Book 2379, Pages 2615-2618.

This sale will erase the junior Notice of Judgment Lien lien in favor of Dixon Management Group, LLC d/b/a SERVPRO of Belle Meade / West Nashville, recorded August 2, 2023, under instrument number 23005212, Book L30, Pages 146-150, in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee. The holder of the lien has been given notice of the sale.

This sale will erase the junior Notice of Lien Claim in favor of Dixon Management Group, LLC d/b/a SERVPRO of Bell Meade/ West Nashville, recorded April 6, 2023, under instrument number 23002319, Record Book L29, Pages 584-586 in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee. The holder of the lien has been given notice of the sale.

This sale will erase the junior judgment lien in favor of AllPro Staffnet, LLC, recorded September 1, 2022, under instrument number 22007278, Record Book L28, Page 567, in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee. The holder of the lien has been given notice of the sale

All right and equity of redemption, Statutory and otherwise, homestead and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but will sell and convey only as substitute trustee.

The sale date and time may be adjourned and rescheduled, without additional newspaper publication, within one year from the originally scheduled date, by announcement at the date, time and place of the new postponement date and time in accordance with T.C.A. 35-5-101.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
STONE, HIGGS & DREXLER, P.C.
Substitute Trustee
By: Brittan W. Robinson, Attorney at Law (8293t)

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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ANSWER: Level: Beginner

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ANSWER: Level: Intermediate

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ANSWER: Level: Advanced

Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: August 27

Location: 101 South Linda Dr; Seller, Marcus N Young; Buyer, Kevin Adkins; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Hwy 82; Seller, Thanongsack Oudomsouk, Khemphone Chanmavong; Buyer, Jack G Heffington; Price, $1,500,000 (Deed).

Location: 313 Spring St Wartrace; Seller, Michelle Lawson, Richard Swain Estate, Richard G Swain; Buyer, Robert Flade; Price, $90,000 (Deed).

File date: August 28

Location: Evans St; Seller, Thersia L Smith; Buyer, James Whittaker; Price, $50,000 (Deed).

Location: Evans St; Seller, James Whittaker; Buyer, Valencia Rippy; Price, $10 (QD).

Location: Union Ridge Rd Wartrace; Seller, George Allen Nelson, Robbie Nelson; Buyer, 24 Wartrace 74 LLC; Price, $720,000 (Deed).

Location: 107 Lee Lane; Seller, Danny Rogers, Patricia Armstrong Estate, Patricia Dean Armstrong; Buyer, Jacob Miller; Price, $261,000 (Deed).

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

Location: 1111 Winners Circle; Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, Graham Hall, Grace Hall; Price, $319,730 (Deed).

Location: 109 Keystone Rd; Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, Kyo Sangxaygnaraj, Mallie Seerason, Bradley Sangxaygnaraj; Price, $341,800 (Deed).

Seller, Evelyn Kay Cook; Buyer, Amanda Cook Brown, Jason Robert Cook; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: August 29

Location: 307 South Fairoak St; Seller, Anthony Shane Coles; Buyer, Shawnna Fay Coles; Price, $0 (Deed).

Seller, Dianne Milligan; Buyer, Brian Watson, Kira Watson; Price, $249,000 (Deed).

Location: 106 Miller Cemetery Rd; Seller, Jana L Sanders; Buyer, Clarence Sanders; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 325 Spring St Wartrace; Seller, Patsy M Throneberry, Laura Pruitt, Guy E Throneberry; Buyer, Julie Willingham, Melissa Belcher; Price, $215,000 (Deed).

File date: August 30

Seller, Celebration Feeds LLC; Buyer, City of Shelbyville; Price, $75,000 (Deed).

Seller, Charles W Baker Jr; Buyer, Clifton A Beasley, Alicia K Beasley; Price, $390,000 (Deed).

Location: 624 Whitthorne St; Seller, Lee Roy Cunningham, Elizabeth Cunningham; Buyer, Elizabeth Rhea Hiett; Price, $245,000 (Deed).

Location: 314 Kingdom Rd Unionville; Seller, Daniel Siblini; Buyer, Sara Cook, Joel T Cook; Price, $645,000 (Deed).

Location: 1110 Winners Circle South; Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, Andrew Phengmany, Bounmy Nothobgham; Price, $353,240 (Deed).

Location: Anchor Mill Rd; Seller, Melodie Ann Allen Cotes, James W Allen; Buyer, James E Farrar Sr; Price, $120,000 (Deed).

Seller, Vanessa Borja; Buyer, Brian Beaird; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 116 Taylor Creek Lane; Seller, Gary L amastus; Buyer, Rebecca Lemastus; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: Maplewood Dr; Seller, Joe Crowell, Peggy Sue Sweeney, William Bryant Pinkston, Tammy Lynn Bonner; Buyer, Glen Ray Crowell; Price, $0 (QD).



Burnice Batts

A celebration of life service was held 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at Scott United Methodist Church in Shelbyville for Burnice Batts. Visitation with the family was held from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Saturday at the church.

The Service of Committal & Interment will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, at Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery in Pegram.

Mr. Batts was born on October 26, 1934, to the late John Henry Batts and Ethel Elmo Seay Batts. He entered into a peaceful rest on August 24, 2024, at NHC Nursing Home.

Burnice was born in Rutherford County, Tennessee and was educated in the Rutherford County Public School System. He was drafted into the United States Army in 1957. After returning home, he lived on the farm with his parents. He later moved to Shelbyville, Tennessee, where he met his wife, Rachel Easley. They fell in love and married on December 14, 1968. Burnice loved his family and was always there to support them.

Burnice was employed with Samsonite Inc. until the plant closed in 1997. His nickname there was "Bat Man" and that's how he was known by all employees. After the plant closed, he started landscaping. He worked all over Shelbyville, keeping the yards looking good until his health failed him.

Burnice accepted Christ at Rockvale Original Church of God. At the time of his passing, he was a member of Scott United Methodist Church in Shelbyville. He was a faithful member until he was no longer able to attend. He loved the Lord and enjoyed talking and giving praise to Him.

In addition to his parents, Burnice was preceded in death by paternal grandparents, Henry and Rebecca Batts; sisters, Lillian Murray, Odessa Murray and Gladys Smith; and brothers, Bishop John Willie Batts Sr., Robert Lee Batts and Floyd Batts.

Burnice leaves to rejoice in his memory, Rachel Batts, a devoted wife of 56 years; daughter, Sylvia (Harry) Braston; son, Tyrone Batten; grandchildren, LaTisha (Michael) Emery, LaToya Williams, Thaddeus Braston, Shancka Batten and Erica (Daniel) Ford; great-grandchildren, Tykeon Clark, Makenzie Bell, Katario Tucker, Areyia Mathers, Michael Hayworth, Indyia Emery, Eriyahl Ford, Daniel Ford Jr. and Bella Ford; and great-great grandchild, Pierce Smith; sisters, Argaither Leslie and Ella Mae Greer; brother, Melvin Batts; sisters-in-law, Sylvia Batts, Ella Louise Batts, Shirley Batts, Mary Frances Batts and Birdie Smith; brother-in-law, Hershal Brown; dear friend, Vernon Hume; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Scales Funeral Home in Murfreesboro is handling the arrangements.





Ralph Earl Dietz

Vietnam War Purple Heart Recipient Ralph Earl Dietz, age 74, of Shelbyville, passed from this life on August 23, 2024, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Born January 6, 1950, in Cleveland, Ohio, Ralph was the son of the late William Dietz and Mary Thomas Dietz. Ralph enlisted in the US Army and served in Vietnam as a jungle fighter and tanker. He was wounded in action on March 21st 1969 and awarded the Purple Heart on July 18th 2002. He wore many hats throughout his life, he was a project and electrical engineer, fireman, boxer, paramedic, and bouncer. He was a loving husband to his beloved wife of 20 years, Heather Marie Moore Dietz.

He loved being outdoors on his ranch, observing animals, and working on projects around his home. He was also a talented writer and loved to write poetry. He enjoyed collecting glassware, antiques, and participating in the Veterans Day parade by showing off the Vietnam Era Veterans float, an event he looked forward to every year.

Including his wife, he is survived by his fur babies, Sundae, Oreo, Phantom, and Arlo. Also, extended family members and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, by his brothers, George Dietz, and Don Dietz.

Ralph's wishes were for his remains to be cremated and his ashes will be scattered on his ranch. No public services will be held.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.



Jack "Brother" Henry Martin

Jack, who was affectionately known as "Brother" to his family and friends, left this world too soon (Aug. 25) at the age of 21. He was a talented 3rd generation welder and fabricator. Co-owner of Martin and Son Welding, Jack worked side by side with his dad every day. Jack was a hard worker and did not quit until it was too dark to see, or the job was done. He was an avid reader and history buff, and never forgot anything he read. He loved tools, knives, and anything with a motor, especially motorcycles and trucks. Jack enjoyed collecting many things and working on challenging projects.

Preceding him in death were grandparents, Valton and Angie Martin, of Lewisburg, who he dearly loved.

Survivors include his parents, Keith and Tracy Martin, of Belfast, Tennessee; his sister, Sara Kate (Sam) Dotson, of Belfast, Tennessee; favorite aunt, Gail Stokes, of Petersburg, Glenda (Lee) Kraft, of Nashville, Karen (Chris) McNutt, of Lewisburg, and Kyle (Tracy) Martin, of Shelbyville; many cousins, and his devoted girlfriend, Makayla Hamlin, of Flintville, Tennessee. Also left to mourn his passing are loving companions, Dixie and Daisy.

He was joy to his family and will be dearly and forever more missed.

There will be no services at this time.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.



Bonnie Grubbs Whipple

Bonnie Grubbs Whipple, 73, of Shelbyville, died August 29, 2024. Funeral Services were held 3 p.m. Tuesday, September 3rd, at Hillcrest Funeral Home. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation began at 12 p.m.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents, Norman Grubbs and Lera Hazelwood Tucker; her

husband, Tommie Whipple; a son, Michael Galligan; step-children, Bobby Whipple, Tony Whipple, Debra Pursley; brother, Kenneth Grubbs; sisters, Brenda Martin, Louise Mathis and Donna Prince.

She is survived by her children, Brandy Ann Cox, Tina Alvarez, Jason (Teresa) Tankersley; step-children, Cathy Corbin, Greg Whipple, Mark Whipple, Steve Whipple; 20 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.



Jimmy L. "Jim" Hutson

Jimmy L. "Jim" Hutson, age 56, of Spring Hill, passed from this life on Monday, September 2, 2024, at NHC-Maury County Regional Transitional Care Center surrounded by his loved ones.

Born in Hartselle, AL, on April 17, 1968, Jim was the son of the late Jimmy Dallas Hutson and Barbara Ballentine Hutson.

He moved to Nashville in 1988 and held a variety of jobs until he found his true calling as an entertainer coach driver. Jim's quick wit, exceptional driving skills and ability to work with many types of personalities made him a favorite of such artists as Little Big Town, the Doobie Brothers, Boz Scaggs, and Lee Ann Womack - just to name a few. He especially enjoyed the opportunity this gave him to travel and experience the U.S. and Canada in a unique and adventurous way. Although complications with his health caused him to retire early, he was always quick to tell a fun "behind the scenes" story from his days on the road.

Jim is survived by his five children: Brittni Nicole Bagsby of Spring Hill, Seth Thomas Hutson of Nolensville, Michael Hunter Hutson (wife, Ginger) of Chapel Hill, Alexis Marie Pigg (husband, Cody) of Chapel Hill, and Hailey Kaitlan Skates of LaVergne. He is also survived by his two sisters: Valerie Denise Jones (husband, Eddie) of Danville, AL, and Sue Ann Hemphill (husband, Joey) of Nashville, TN.

In addition to being a loving father and brother, one of his greatest joys was being "Papaw" to his 10 grandchildren: Tynleigh Lancaster, Timber, Forest, and River Bagsby; Raeliegh, Lela, and Michael Pigg; Willow Carter; Olive Jarman and Zoey Skates.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.



T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

FORMER GLEN OAKS-VIVIANT PROPERTY UNDER FORECLOSURE

The property which once belonged to Viviant Healthcare (former Glen Oaks Nursing Home), 1101 Glen Oaks Road, Shelbyville, is now involved in Trustee's Sale. See page 7 today for legal notice. The healthcare facility, which is a part of Boulevard Terrace in Murfreesboro, permanently shut its doors last fall and has remained vacant since.

Tennessee traditional dove season opens

Tennessee's dove season opened Sept. 1 at noon (local time) and is one of the state's most long-standing outdoor sports traditions.

Tennessee's dove season is once again divided into three segments: Sept. 1-Sept. 28; Oct. 12-Nov. 3; and Dec. 8-Jan. 15, 2025. Hunting times, other than opening day, are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

Doves are found throughout the various regions in the state, but the highest concentration is in farming areas. The hunter must have a valid state hunting license and Tennessee Migratory Bird Permit at all times while hunting. Hunters must have landowner's permission to hunt on private land.

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency manages dove hunting fields in each of the four regions. For more information and location of fields visit https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/twra/hunting/migratory-birds/dove.html#fields.

The daily bag limit for mourning doves is 15. There is no limit on collared doves. Doves not readily identifiable as collared doves will be considered mourning doves and will count toward the mourning dove daily bag limit. No person shall take migratory game birds by the aid of baiting, or on any baited area. Any auto-loading or repeating shotgun must be incapable of holding more than three shells while being used for dove hunting.

In addition to the start of dove season, the early season for Canada geese, brant, blue, snow, and Ross' Geese (light geese) also started on Sept. 1 and runs through Sept. 22. Refer to the 2024-25 Tennessee Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Guide for daily bag limits.

Other hunting seasons that opened Sept. 1 are moorhens, gallinules, and rails (Virginia and sora) with a closure on Nov. 9. The Tennessee Migratory Bird Permit is also required to hunt these species.

A short crow hunting season overlaps with the opening week of dove season, Sept. 1-5. It will resume Sept. 13 through Dec. 20 and hunting is allowed Friday, Saturday, and Sunday only in this segment.

More information on Tennessee's dove and other migratory birds can be found on the TWRA website (www.tnwildlife.org) in the Hunting section. The 2024-25 Tennessee Fishing, Hunting & Trapping Guide can also be viewed on the website, the TWRA App, or a copy may be obtained at any TWRA regional office or license vendor.



Important changes for the 2024–25 TN hunting season

Deer Hunting

• New deer management units adopted as part of a new management framework.

• There is no longer a "Unit CWD".

• Statewide antlered bag limit of two (2).

Turkey Hunting

• New turkey management units adopted as part of a new management framework.

• Statewide spring season bag limit of two (2) male turkeys, no bearded hens allowed.

• Fall season closed in select counties.

• New quota hunt opportunity on Tumbleweed WMA.

Bobcats and Coyotes - New Night Hunting Season

• Private land only, requires landowner permission (written, text, or email).

• One bobcat per night, no limit on coyotes.

• Hunting with dogs is prohibited.

• 2024 Season Dates: Aug. 1–Aug. 11

• 2025 Season dates: Jan. 18–March 9. and June 7–August 10.

• Shotgun only, no single projectile.

• Night vision and thermal imaging devices allowed.

Bear Hunting

• New Spring bear dog training season for Zones 1, 2, and 3 for private lands only.

• New private land only two-day gun hunt added in Zone 4. Dogs allowed.

• New Bear Hunt Zone 5 was created in Hawkins and Hancock counties.

Bridgestone Firestone Centennial Wilderness WMA

• Created four (4) quail quota hunts.

• One-day hunts with a bag limit of three (3) birds per person.

WMA Properties

• New Catoosa Ridge Refuge, a 1,750-acre property adjacent to Catoosa WMA.

• Arnold Hollow WMA was removed from the WMA system.

• Hardin's Creek WMA was removed from the WMA system.

• The placement of salt products, minerals, and other consumable products on WMAs is prohibited.

• Dogs must also be restrained on WMAs unless hunting or training.

• No person shall be in possession or under the influence of any alcoholic beverage while on Wildlife Management Areas, Refuges, or other Wildlife Resources Agency-controlled lands.

Information for 2024-2025 season is available by PDF download at the TWRA website (TN.gov.) Or, find a printed guide at TWRA agents such as sporting goods stores, hardware stores, and marinas.



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ORGANIZING YOUR REMOTE WORK

START WITH THE OFFICE SETTING

Making sense of a year's worth of paperwork and clutter can take some serious time, especially as many people have been working from home more than normal, but getting organized can help you tackle home management tasks more efficiently. Making the office a priority can reduce frustration when it comes to spending additional time in your office while working from home.

These five tips can help get you started:

1. Make sure you have furniture that can adequately store your stuff, including plenty of space for files, reference books and computer equipment. Pieces need not be costly to be functional and there are plenty of attractive options available online and at both small and major retailers.

2. Arrange the space with its intended use and your own work style in mind. For example, if you don't need ample space to spread out over a large, flat work area, eliminate that space – it's simply an invitation for clutter.

3. Place items you rely on frequently, such as a calculator or ruler, within arm's reach so they can easily be put away between uses. Capture these items in containers and bins to keep the space looking neat and free of clutter.

4. Establish a filing system that lets you keep track of important papers you need to keep and have a shredder handy to help you discard any sensitive documents. Whether you alphabetize, color code or use some other method, group paperwork into segments for categories such as bills, banking, health care, auto, insurance and so on for easy access in the future.

5. Tangled cords can make even the most organized spaces look messy, and they may pose a fire or tripping hazard. Get control of your cords by storing devices you don't use regularly and securing the remaining cords with twist ties or clips. Remember to use a surge-protected power strip to minimize the chance of damage should a power surge occur.

Find more tips to make your workspace tidy and organized at eLivingtoday.com.

Community CALENDAR

FUMC Worship Service

Join Shelbyville First United Methodist Church for a spiritually enriching worship service this Sunday. Pastor Abe Zimmerman is preaching "Bad Words: Part 2" from Ephesians 4:25-32. This series will explore Scriptures about the power of words and discover the real, God-honoring purposes of our words. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 am, followed by the Worship service at 10 am. For those unable to attend, FUMC-S offers a livestream on Facebook and a broadcast on WLIJ 1580 AM.

VFW Meeting

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5019, and Auxiliary, will hold their monthly meeting next Monday, Sept. 9, at the VFW Post on Depot Street. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with a business meeting for members immediately following.

VFW Fundraiser Breakfast

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5019, and Auxiliary, will host their 2nd Saturday of the month FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST Saturday, Sept. 14, from 7AM to 9:30AM at the VFW Post, 1320 Depot St. Great company and great home cooked food (sausage, bacon etc.) Carry-outs are available. For more information call Alex at 615/513-7959.

Raus Potluck and Program

On Sept. 14, at Raus Community Club, a potluck supper will be held, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Carolyn Brinkley Connor who will reminisce what it was like to grow up in Raus.

Veteran Resource Fair

The Crawl, Walk, Run Job and Veteran Resource Fair is coming up, on Sept 14th, from 10 am - 2pm at Bedford County Courthouse. Vendors should be there and set to go by 9:45 am. Set up will start at 8 am. Those who have not RSVP'd by now, there are some open slots left, but not many, so reach out now. The program starts at 10 am with flags by Tullahoma HS MCJROTC. The pledge by Scout Troop 699 and the National Anthem by a Shelbyville Central High School student. Guest Speakers include State Sen. Shane Reeves. Bedford County District 5 Commissioner Scott Johnson, Shelbyville Bedford Chamber President Dana Rodriguez and a Humana Representative.

Music during the event by Southern Klass. Call 631-838-8944 for more information.

Democratic Party Meeting

Bedford County Democratic Party will meet at 6:00 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16, at its headquarters in the Executive Building (yellow brick building next to the Fly) at 210 South Main in Shelbyville.

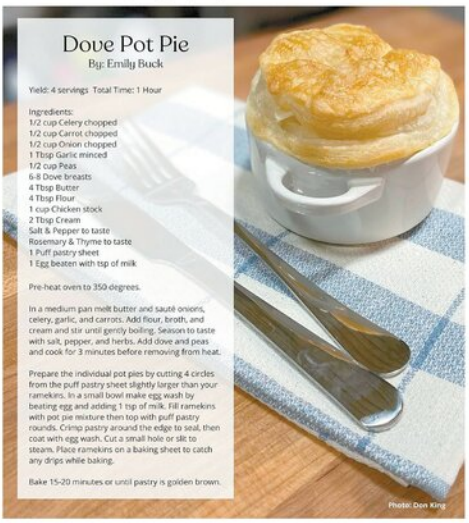
Arts Collective Show

Bedford Arts Collective will hold its Invitational Art Show Sept. 26-28 at Bedford County Agriculture and Education Center, 2119 Midland Road. The exhibit will include works from a number of local artists. Some art will be available for purchase.

An artists' reception will be held Thursday, Sept. 26, from 6-9 p.m., featuring hors d'oeuvres and music from pianist Carter Elliott. Participating artists will attend the reception.

The exhibit will then continue from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 27-28.

For more information, call 931-619-6248.



Project Milkweed 2024



TWRA Photo

The Monarch butterfly is in a critical situation. Since 1992, their population and their vital host plant, milkweed, have declined by 90%. Milkweed is crucial for monarch caterpillars as their sole source of food and habitat. However, habitat loss from land development and the use of herbicides and pesticides are causing milkweed to vanish rapidly.

As part of the TDOT Pollinator Habitat Program's efforts to protect the Monarch butterfly, the Pollinator Habitat Program, a part of TDOT, is offering free milkweed seeds to all Tennessee residents. Get involved! Take action to help create a thriving habitat for these beautiful pollinators.

How to Participate:

1. Starting during Pollinator Week, place your order online to receive milkweed seeds by mail.

2. Ensure successful germination by planting the seeds before winter. The winter cold is essential for their growth.

3. Spread the word and encourage your friends and neighbors to join the effort to support Monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) announced the start of the 2024 Milkweed Giveaway during National Pollinator Week in June!

After an overwhelming response in 2023, with 780,000 seed packets distributed, the state is ready to continue this successful initiative to restore landscapes and preserve habitats for monarch butterflies and other pollinator species.

This year, there are a total of 350,000 packets available, with an equal number of Red Milkweed and Common Milkweed. Please note that orders will stop once limits are reached for this year, so be sure to place your order early. Thank you for your enthusiasm and support!

To ensure successful germination, it is recommended to plant the milkweed seeds before October 15th. The winter cold is essential for the germination process of milkweed seeds.



Champs Fall To Richland In Home Opener

BY NOAH MADDOX
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The Cascade Champions were simply outmatched in their home opener against the Richland Raiders on Friday night with the visitors taking the win, 54-14, in Jared Carkuff's long-anticipated return to The Stable.

After losing starting quarterback Peyton Wireman and key two-way senior lineman Noah Hawkins to long term injuries against Moore County in Week One, as well as a stomach bug spreading through the rest of the camp, Cascade knew they would have to fight an uphill battle all night long. The visiting Raiders brought in more than 35 upperclassmen, and that unusual amount of experience at this level itself along the line-of-scrimmage on both sides of the ball more or less had their way all night against the youth of Cascade.

To replace Wireman, wideout Christian Casey, who was practicing as the team's emergency backup quarterback throughout the entire offseason, moved to under center. He finished 9/22 for 50 yards and 1 INT passing while rushing for 44 yards on 11 carries.

Meanwhile, Richland's senior quarterback Blaine Woodard was extremely impressive all night long, starting out the game completing his first ten passes and finishing with a statline of 13/17 for 255 yards and 1 TD. The Raiders' rushing attack compiled over 200 yards on the ground as well.

Cascade's Kaden Hill was the game's leading rusher individually, amassing 87 yards and 1 TD on 13 carries.

The scoring started off almost immediately for the visitors. A 70-yard TD drive ended with a five-yard TD run for Andrew Huff less than 90 seconds in, and after Cascade had to punt on their opening possession, Woodard bombed a 51-yard TD to Aylin Kennedy to put Richland ahead 14-0 with 8:00 left in the opening frame.

Cascade desperately needed a response, and they got it with a 13-play, 90-yard TD drive that ended with a Hill 10-yard TD run with 2:26 to go in the quarter. The Champs really found their rhythm on the ground with both Hill and Casey toting the rock multiple times on that possession.

After Richland responded with a long drive that ended with a one-yard TD run by Luke Eslick to go up 21-7, Corey Gooch electrified the home crowd with his lightning speed on a 95+ yard kick return TD down the right sideline that cut the lead in half again at 21-14 with 10:22 to go in the first half.

However, this would be both the closest Cascade would get to Richland and the final time the hosts managed to find the end zone. After a Cascade three-and-out was sandwiched between two long Raiders' TD drives, the Champs went into the halftime locker room trailing 34-14 against a now-suffocating Richland defense.

The Raiders scored three more touchdowns in the third quarter to push the score to 54-14 before subbing out the vast majority of their starters for the final frame.

Corey Gooch, along with his kick-return TD, was Cascade's leading receiver with five catches for 25 yards. The loss of Wireman is certainly a difficult one to swallow for first-year head coach Jared Carkuff, but he has confidence in the next man up to continue improving and start building towards some wins moving forward.

Richland improves to 1-1 on the season.

Cascade falls to 0-2 and are set to travel to play at Huntland on Thursday night, LIVE on WZNG The Zinger 100.9 and AM 1400 starting at 6:45 p.m.

Late Peasant Touchdown Secures Win No. 1 of the Mason Era

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — The Blue Raiders were pushed to the brink late Saturday night at Floyd Stadium, but held on thanks to a late touchdown from Frank Peasant, defeating Tennessee Tech 32-25.

Middle Tennessee (1-0) struck on the very first drive of the night, converting three third downs on Nicholas Vattiato passes before Frank Peasant's three-yard run on third and goal gave MTSU a 7-0 lead after just over eight minutes of play. Four different running backs earned carries on the drive, while Vattiato completed his three passes to three different receivers.

After a fourth down interception from John Howse IV set MTSU up inside the Golden Eagles 30-yard line, MTSU converted on fourth down to get inside the red zone, capping off the seven-play drive with a seven-yard touchdown pass from Vattiato to Myles Butler, doubling the Blue Raiders' lead. The Blue Raider run game continued to pile it on the next drive, with Jaiden Credle scampering in for a 10-yard score after an 11-play, 59-yard drive, stretching the lead to 21-0 midway through the second quarter.

The Golden Eagles (0-1) would get a safety after pinning MTSU on their own one-yard line following a punt, and then capped off their drive following the free kick with a field goal as time expired in the first half to cut the lead to 21-5 at halftime.

Tennessee Tech took advantage of third quarter struggles from the Blue Raider offense to cut the lead to 21-11 with a late touchdown pass in the frame. A 33-yard Zeke Rankin field goal in the fourth quarter gave MTSU a bigger cushion, but the Golden Eagles responded quickly with a touchdown drive to cut the lead to 24-18 with 4:38 to play.

Middle Tennessee's longtime rival would take the lead late in the fourth quarter on Jordyn Potts' third touchdown pass of the night, taking a 25-24 lead after the PAT with 1:06 left on the block. MTSU then had their backs against the wall in their final drive of the game, facing a fourth-and-five on their own side of the field. But Vattiato stepped up in the pocket to avoid the pressure and found Omari Kelly in the middle of the field, getting to the Tennessee Tech 30-yard line.

Frank Peasant took advantage of the field position to become the hero of the night, taking the shotgun handoff 30 yards to the left pylon on the very next play to put the Blue Raiders back on top, 32-25, after the two-point conversion was good on a pass from Vattiato to Kellen Stewart. Good pressure from the Blue Raider front on the final Tennessee Tech drive helped ice the contest, as the Golden Eagles' lateral attempts failed on the final play of the game.



Frank Peasant (3) dives into the end zone for the game-winning TD vs Tennessee Tech with 15 seconds left in the fourth quarter. Peasant finished with 10 carries for 49 yards and 2 TDs on Saturday night. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

By the Numbers

9-for-17: MTSU's success rate on third down. The Blue Raiders started the game 8-for-10 on third down in the first half, before going just 1-for-7 in the second half.

210: Passing yards for MTSU.

13: Blue Raiders made their first collegiate start today against Tennessee Tech – Slade Alexander, Brandon Buckner, Miles Butler, Anthony Bynum, Trevon Ferrell, Daniel Gonzalez, Mateo Guevara, John Howse IV, Omari Kelly, Marcus Miller, Damonte Smith, Jordan Thompson and Simon Wilson.

Blue Raider Notes

• Middle Tennessee kicked off its 110th season of football with today's 2024 season opener against Tennessee Tech.

• The Blue Raiders move to 63-45-2 all-time in season openers.

• The Blue Raiders registered seven tackles for loss and a pair of sacks on the evening.

• Tonight's win marked the Blue Raiders' 300th win in Floyd Stadium.

Head Coach Derek Mason Notes

• Today's game marked the first game of the Derek Mason era at Middle Tennessee, and featured a two-hour and 40-minute weather delay.

• Coach Mason's first game at Vanderbilt on August 28, 2014, against Temple featured an hour and 42-minute weather delay, with the game concluding at 1:14 a.m. CT.

• With today's win, Coach Mason moves to 1-0 at MTSU and 28-55 all-time.

Offensive Player Notes

#1 | Omari Kelly | WR | Jr.

• Tallied a team-high 47 yards on four catches.

#3 | Frank Peasant | RB | r-Sr.

• Rushed for 49 yards and a pair of touchdowns on 10 carries.

#5 | Myles Butler | WR| r-Jr.

• Recorded his first career touchdown at the FBS level in the second quarter on a seven-yard pass from Vattiato.

• Tallied 43 yards and a touchdown on four catches.

#11 | Nick Vattiato | QB | r-Jr.

• Finished 20-for-35 with 210 yards and a touchdown.

• Reached 200+ passing yards for the 15th time in his career, ranking fifth all-time.

Defensive Player Notes

#7 | Brendon Harris | S | Gr.

• Registered a team-high six tackles, including four solo and a pass breakup.

#31 | John Howse IV | S | r-Jr.

• Logged the Blue Raiders' first interception of the season, the second of his career –previously against Kentucky (2023).

Special Teams Player Notes

#7 | Zeke Rankin | PK | r-Sr.

• Tallied four of PATs on the evening to moved to 128-of-131 on his career.

• Hit a 33-yard field goal – his first of the season.

• With today's field goal, he moved to fifth all-time in career made field goals (37-of-48).

#97 | Grant Chadwick | P | Fr.

• Recorded his first career punt in the third quarter against Tennessee Tech – a 38-yard boot.

Thoughts from Head Coach Derek Mason

"Tonight was an interesting night to say the least. I want to say hats off to Tennessee Tech, Coach Wilder and that crew. They came in here and they played one heck of a ball game. First games are what first games are. You look early and you think you're going to have an opportunity to go boat race somebody a little bit and just keep going. And then all of a sudden you sputter out. Football is a game of momentum. I thought we had it early, Tennessee Tech marched back, they took it.

"And that was ok. I don't think this group panicked. We wanted to play better. What you saw from this team was growth. A lot of new faces, some adversity. And you have to learn how to win in a lot of different ways in college football. You've got to learn sometimes how to play from ahead. You've got to learn how to play from behind. I think we got it all-in-one. Rain delay, playing from ahead, coming from behind. I didn't want to draw it up that way, but what I felt was this football team learned a lot about itself."

Up Next

The Blue Raiders will hit the road for the first time in 2024, heading to Oxford, Miss. to take on Ole Miss on Saturday. Kickoff is scheduled for 3:15 p.m. on the SEC Network and the Blue Raider Network.



Nick Vattiato (11) finished 20/35 for 210 yards and 1 TD with 1 INT against TTU. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

Marshall County's Air Attack Too Much For Golden Eagles In Second Half At 'Eagles' Nest'

BY NOAH MADDOX
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The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles fell to the Marshall County Tigers, 47-35, in their home opener at the Eagles' Nest on Thursday night.

On a special night where Shelbyville Central honored the history of the all-black Bedford County Training School pregame as is annual tradition under Head Coach Jud Dryden – including presenting a framed #50 jersey to former player Joe Frazier – the Golden Eagles simply ran out of gas on both sides in the second half of their second consecutive non-region contest to open the season.

"It's always a big game for us to be able to celebrate and recognize them," Dryden said, "We have a lot of guys on this team that are great-grandsons and grandsons of people that played there and went to school there, so it's always a big deal."



Joe Frazier (left of jersey) was honored pregame on Thursday as a former player at the Bedford County Training School. *T-G Staff Photo.*

Frazier, who played both Center and Linebacker and graduated from the Bedford County Training School one year before schools were officially integrated, said that "it's a blessing to see how things have progressed since 1966," after he was appeared taken aback when he was presented with the framed jersey.

"I knew we were coming out here to be recognized, but I didn't know I was going to be recognized," Frazier said. "I look forward to this every year because it was an honor to be in the Bedford County Training School, and I am truly thankful that this school and the football team is still recognizing that."

On the field, the Golden Eagles sputtered coming out of the gates, falling behind 14-0 after Marshall County's Tyler Thompson rolled out to his right and found senior wideout Aja Jones wide open behind the secondary for a 65-yard touchdown with 22 ticks left in the first quarter. Thompson would finish the game going 14/25 for 339 yards, 5 TDs, and 1 INT. He averaged over 24 yards per completion.



Labraun Random (2) had a pick-six INT taken away via penalty in the first half. It was his first INT of the season. *T-G Staff Photo.*

After Shelbyville's Robert Bailey finally found a couple of holes to run through, the hosts found themselves at the Marshall County 19-yard line. Three plays later, Bailey punched home his first touchdown of the game from five yards out to cut the lead to 14-7 one minute into the quarter.



Robert Bailey (31) recorded three rushing TDs against Marshall County on Thursday. *T-G Staff Photo.*

The Tigers responded, driving the ball down the field seemingly at will. After a crucial defensive pass interference penalty negated a third down stop for Shelbyville, Marshall County would cash it in from five yards out on a Jones carry this time to extend their lead back to 21-7 with 5:25 left in the first half.

"They came out in a few things defensively that we hadn't seen," Dryden said about their slow start offensively, "We're still in that learning curve with our offensive line, but once we started to adjust and got it sorted, we started moving the ball and doing some really good things that continued into the third quarter."

Things did begin to click for the Golden Eagles' offense after the Jones rushing touchdown as they would respond with 21 unanswered points to take the lead, 28-21, after Stephen Bobo sprinted 77 yards down the left sideline to the end zone with 7:36 left in the third quarter. Included in that run was a 56-yard touchdown scamper from Bailey – his second TD of the night – to open the third quarter and an 18-yard touchdown pass from Stephen Bobo to his older brother, William Bobo, near the end of the first half. That's not including the pick-six from Labron Ransom that was negated via a chop block on the return that ended up keeping the hosts off the scoreboard completely following the INT. Bailey finished north of 250 yards rushing for the second consecutive game.

The Golden Eagles as a team dominated on the ground, finishing with 373 yards rushing as a team on just 34 carries, but the passing attack struggled to get going. Bobo finished 7/15 for 77 yards and 1 TD. He also threw one interception.

"We got in our own way, made some mistakes, and let it slip away from us," said Dryden.

In a contest that more resembled a basketball game at times with the massive momentum swings and scoring runs both teams went on, the Tigers would outscore Shelbyville 26-7 in the final 19:36 to win, 47-35.

The game was tied at 28-28 entering the fourth quarter, but after Marshall County reached the end zone on the very first play of the final frame, Shelbyville Central responded with a game-tying touchdown march of their own that took 6:04 off the clock and ended with Bailey's third rushing touchdown from five yards out with 5:11 left in the fourth.

However, Marshall County's passing attack quickly struck back with Thompson finding Jamahl Gentry on a wheel route down the left sideline for a 50-yard go-ahead touchdown with 4:25 to go, but after the ensuing extra point doinked off the left upright, the hosts still had plenty of life.

That life would die out almost immediately after the first play of the drive ended in a tip-drill interception on a high throw that careened up into the air off the outstretched fingertips of Ransom and into the arms of a waiting Marshall County defender. Thompson would eventually run it in from five-yards out with 1:19 left to secure the win for the visitors, but this game was much closer than the two-score final might initially suggest.

"They have athletes all over the place," Dryden said about Marshall County postgame. "They've got a good quarterback, they're well-coached, they do everything well. You have to play good football against a team like that and we didn't play enough good football tonight to come away with the win."

Marshall County improves to 2-0 on the season.

Shelbyville Central falls to 1-1, but have a chance to rebound on the road at Coffee County in their first Friday night game of the season, LIVE on WLIJ 98.7 and AM 1580 starting at 6:45 p.m.



SCHS' John Dryden (center) on the sidelines against the Tigers. SCHS has started 1-1 back-to-back seasons. *T-G Staff Photo.*



Facts for National Hispanic Heritage Month

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Editor's Note: We will share Hispanic stories the month of September. Please email Dawn at dawn@richardsonmediagroup.net to be included with your business and or family.

Fall provides plenty of opportunities to celebrate. For people of Hispanic and Latino descent, the weeks between mid-September to mid-October can be exciting and proud times to commemorate their unique heritage. That's because National Hispanic Heritage Month (HHM) occurs from September 15 to October 15 each year.

Here are eight facts that offer insight into the Hispanic population across the country.

1. HHM started out as a week-long recognition.

In 1968, the country originally observed the event as Hispanic Heritage Week It was later extended to a month-long commemoration in 1988.

2. HHM celebrates independence.

HHM is celebrated between mid-September and mid-October because those weeks coordinate with the Independence Day celebrations of several countries with large Hispanic populations. Such nations include Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua on September 15; Mexico on September 16; and Chile on September 18.

3. HHM recognizes special Hispanic contributions as well.

HHM also honors contributions such as Virgin Islands-Puerto Rico Friendship Day that is celebrated in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

4. The 2023 theme is: Latinos: Driving Prosperity, Power, and Progress in America

Hispanics have made significant contributions to the economic, social and political growth of the U.S. This theme focuses on these contributions and the representation of Hispanics in these key areas.

5. Millions of people comprise the demographic.

The U.S. Census Bureau says that more than 60 million people identified as Hispanic or Latino in 2020. That figure represents a 25 percent increase since 2010. Hispanics and Latinos now comprise about 18 percent of the U.S. population.

6. There are many different celebrations.

HHM is celebrated nationwide through festivals, art shows, conferences, community gatherings, and many other unique and festive events.

7. Mexicans are the largest Hispanic group in the U.S.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health notes that, among the 62 million Hispanics and Latinos living in the U.S., those who trace their heritage to Mexico ranked as the largest demographic at 61.6 percent, followed by those of Puerto Rican descent (9.6 percent as of 2020).

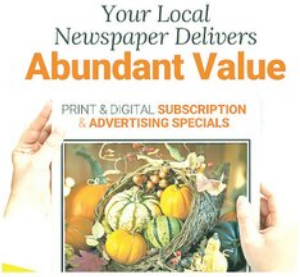
8. More and more companies are celebrating HHM.

In 2022, many different companies of varying sizes and in an assortment of industries celebrated HHM. These included Vanguard, T. Rowe Price, Samsara, Nestlé, Google, United Health Group, and many more.

National Hispanic Heritage Month remains a popular time to spotlight Hispanic and Latino contributions to the country and the heritage of this influential demographic.







Hot to Cool Weeknight Meal Choices

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School is back in session in Bedford County after a 2-week break. Time to get back to the studies and extracurricular events.

Some days are hot and some are cooler. These meals are sure to please during the inconsistent early fall temperatures.

This Hot Pizza Dip is a great meal for those school nights. The kids are sure to love it. Serve with crisp flatbread, breadsticks or toasted Italian bread. Add a Cobb Salad for a complete meal.

An almond drink is perfect for the end of the meal. You may wish to omit the coffee crystals for younger kids.



Hot Pizza Dip

Recipe courtesy of the Dairy Alliance

6 ounces cream cheese
1/2 cup sour cream
1 teaspoon oregano
1/2 cup pizza sauce
1 cup shredded low-moisture mozzarella cheese
1/4 cup diced red peppers
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1/4 cup sliced green onions

Preheat oven to 350°.

Combine cream cheese, sour cream and oregano in bowl; stir until smooth. Spread cream cheese mixture evenly into 9-inch pie plate or quiche pan.

Spread pizza sauce over cream cheese mixture. Top with cheese and peppers.

Bake 20 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Top with green onions, optional.

Special Cobb Salad with Honey Mustard

Recipe courtesy of Family Features and Albertsons

Servings: 4

8 slices bacon
1 pint grape tomatoes
2 medium Hass avocados
4 romaine hearts
4 hard-cooked eggs, peeled
1 package (4 ounces) crumbled feta cheese
1/2 cup honey mustard dressing

Preheat large skillet over medium-high heat. Small dice bacon.

Cook bacon, stirring occasionally, until crispy, 4-5 minutes. Using slotted spoon, remove crispy bacon to paper towel-lined plate; set aside.

Wash and dry grape tomatoes, avocados and romaine hearts.

Using clean cutting board, roughly chop eggs. Place on large plate.

Halve tomatoes lengthwise. Add to plate with eggs.

Halve and pit avocados; using spoon, scoop out flesh and medium dice. Add to plate and set aside.

Chop (or tear) lettuce into bite-sized pieces.

To serve, divide lettuce between plates or bowls. Top with tomatoes, avocado, bacon, eggs and feta. Drizzle with honey mustard dressing.



Chocolate Almond Coffee Cooler

In a blender container, combine milk, cocoa powder, sugar, coffee crystals and almond extract. Cover and blend until smooth. Add ice cubes and blend until ice is crushed. Pour into chilled glasses and top with whipped cream and chocolate wafer crumbles.

Road-tested Tips For a Trip to Remember

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Passageways have been traversed for as long as there has been modes of transportation to get people from Point A to Point B. Although America's westward expansion spurred on by the Louisiana Purchase wasn't a road trip for pleasure, travelers were seeking a better way of life and the quest for land and riches, ultimately traveling thousands of miles in such pursuits.

Today, putting miles between oneself and home is a largely recreational pursuit. Road trips can be enjoyable ways to get close-up views of notable sights. When planned correctly, road trips can be affordable vacation options.

Establish a road trip budget

Even if a road trip is a frugal way to travel, it's important to set a budget for how much you'll be spending on the road and at various points of interest. A budget can help you decide how far you can go and which types of accommodations to seek.

Schedule a vehicle maintenance appointment

Be sure to schedule a pre-trip appointment at the service center to give your vehicle a once-over. Change the oil, if necessary, have fluids topped off, check the cooling or heating system, and get the tires inspected/rotated. Also, build a road trip toolkit in case of any emergencies or breakdowns.

Take frequent breaks

Even if you think you don't need to, pull off at a rest stop to walk around, stretch and use the restroom. If the next rest stop is far away, you won't be uncomfortable waiting to reach it. Various smartphone apps list what's available at each highway exit as well as rest stops nearby to help you plan accordingly.

Be smart about food and drink

If you have to stop for a meal, visit a grocery store instead of restaurants and fast food, as they offer healthier, less expensive options. Supermarkets also have restrooms and seating areas. If you're bringing along food, pack a cooler with frozen water bottles that can keep the food cold. As the water bottles melt, you will have access to drinks without having to compromise on cargo room.

Establish a special road trip treat

Plan something that you only enjoy on road trips. This can be an expensive package of chocolates, or dining out at a restaurant chain you don't have closer to home. It can enhance the anticipation and enjoyment of the long ride.

Download favorite songs, podcasts and more

Downloading ensures access to the songs and additional entertainment you desire without having to worry if a cellular connection is spotty. Take turns alternating between tunes, audiobooks, movies, and even standup comedy specials to help pass the time. Also, bring paper maps as backups to GPS systems.

Utilize coupon sites

Get on sites like Groupon to figure out what to do locally and grab deals in the process.

Road trips are enjoyable options for family or individual travel. Certain tips can make the ride go smoothly.

