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What do local veteran groups really need?

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Each veteran organization in Bedford County conducts its own functions. So, what do the DAV, VFW and American Legion groups really need?

This time of year, the American Legion raises money for Christmas food boxes. There are generally 250 food boxes organized for the needy of Bedford County. Many businesses pitch in-Tyson donates chickens and Piggly Wiggly helps out with food cost.

"Still, we come out owing $10,000," said Gary Leverette. "Right now, we're trying to raise money through donations for the American Legion Big Brothers project."

The American Legion Big Brothers program will provide food boxes again this year for veterans, widows, the disabled, and low-income families with children. To request a food box, call the county Veterans Service Office, 931-685-4838, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Date of delivery TBA.

BC Veterans parade 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9.

Those men who walked door-to-door are mostly gone now. And it's up to others to carry the torch for Big Brothers.

Leverette says this project goes back for many years here. He remembers as a kid

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THE T-G SALUTES SHELBYVILLE VETERAN

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Andrew P. Lane of Shelbyville, a U.S. Army veteran, served from Oct. 17, 1966 to Oct. 16, 1968, in Vietnam. He says, "I did my job!" In addition to his duties, he was also well known for making the guys ice cream, as shown in this photo.

SHELBYVILLE CITY MUNICIPAL WINNERS-COUNCIL SEATS



New Councilman Josh Blevins, Ward 5



Uncontested Incumbent Henry Feldhaus, Ward 1



New Council Person Betsy Noel, Ward 3



Vietnam Veteran Gary Leverette thankful for 'one more' day

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Gary Leverette often hears some of his fellow veterans say they aren't in bad shape and don't intend to seek VA services. But he tells them how thankful he is to have received medical care from the VA, following his cancer diagnosis a few years ago.

This local Vietnam Veteran spent 9 weeks in the VA Hospital. He had 14 chemo treatments after being diagnosed with Mantle Cell Lymphoma.

According to the Cleveland Clinic, Mantle Cell Lymphoma is a rare blood cancer that starts in the white blood cells in one's lymph nodes. It spreads quickly, as it did with Leverette.

Remission means there are no signs of cancer after treatments. Research continues and testing of new treatments is underway to potentially make remission periods last longer.

Leverette feels blessed to have been in the veteran system, considering the potential cost associated with such an ongoing illness. He also believes the VA has taken care of him, as promised, when he was drafted into service decades ago.

He said a catastrophic illness can happen to anyone, particularly a veteran. And those who aren't in the system, will otherwise pay dearly, potentially millions, for medical care, he advises.

Contrary to popular belief, he shared recently how a veteran does not have to wait on a primary care doctor. He advises to not wait and go immediately to the VA emergency room or urgent care.

"They will see you, take care of you, and then send your primary care doctor a report of what they did."

Leverette was told that he had cancer in his neck, stomach and groin. He recalled how he went from 220 pounds down to 150 pounds, very fast.

"If it hadn't been for the VA, where would I have been?" advised Leverette. "I think the VA's great, especially in Murfreesboro and Nashville."

His chances of survival weren't very good prior to remission.

To that the veteran said, "That it 'ain't over 'til God says it's over."

Obviously for this soldier, it wasn't over. He's been in remission for the last 5 years and checks in with doctors every 6 months.

"When I was in the hospital, everybody, but me, thought I was going to die. I never thought I was going to die."

What caused his cancer?

Leverette is assured it was agent orange-an environmental agent-that he came into contact with during his time in Vietnam. "You don't have Agent Orange . . . [AO] causes a disease, type 2 diabetes, bladder problems, cancer."

Leverette said veteran organizations can help disabled veterans and those suffering with PSD (post-traumatic stress disorder.) Some groups will even fly them across the country if they want to fly fish.

"It takes your mind off the stuff," professed Leverette, who has also been diagnosed with PTSD.

For him, it was Operation Song that helped him during his cancer recovery. Operation Song was started by Nashville songwriters to allow veterans the ability to share their thoughts. Then, the musicians go to work and put the lyrics to music, giving the soldier full credit.

Leverette has written three songs and one, "One More" is featured on You Tube. It was written for his wife about how she strengthened him through his cancer treatments.

Sadly, she and Leverette are now divorced. He admits that sometimes veterans don't make the best married partners, especially when the veteran becomes ill.

Married four times now, he realizes he's not alone. He admits if you're in a room full of veterans and ask how many have been married more than

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Staff Report

Donald J. Trump, based on AP projections, will be returning to the White House in January for a second term. AP News Service has projected him as the 47th president of the United States, based on votes cast across the country on Super Tuesday.

The "machine" as he's being called, said in his acceptance speech late Tuesday that he is ready to help the American people regain control of their country. Trump commented this was certainly a historical election. That is, he's the second president in U.S. history to serve two non consecutive terms.

"This will truly be the Golden Age of America," said Trump, quoting his campaign speech and keeping his promise to "Make America Great Again."

"We're going to make you happy, proud of your vote," said the 45th and now 47th President-Elect.

Trump will be working with mainly a Republican Senate, as a result of Tuesday's election.

Tennessee helped carry Trump to the White House with a large majority of votes as did all other southern states, including Georgia which has been predominantly Democratic in past elections. Trump also received a large percentage of votes from the midwest.

California stuck with its former attorney general-Harris, handing her 55 electoral votes. Northern states wanted the vice president to go back to the White House, though Harris still did not win in those states by a landslide, as predicted earlier this week.

Georgia and Pennsylvania were the key states that ultimately gave former president Trump his edge for the win. Trump carried all southern states, including Georgia, which was a surprise to some as it had for the last few elections favored the Democratic party.

But all of the country got on board which made for a predominately red electoral college salad.

Trump was announced president-elect after earning 277 electoral votes to Harris' 224. The number will be over 300 once all states complete reporting. Total votes counted as of press time are over 71 million for Trump (51%) and over 66 million for Harris (48%) Still counting votes are Arizona, Nevada and Alaska. Trump still leads all those states, so likely, he'll add those electoral votes to his count.

One of the last totals to come in will be Wisconsin, which Trump is carrying with nearly 50% of the votes as of Wednesday morning.

Harris has conceded, according to AP, though as of early Wednesday, she had not yet spoken to the country.

The Pennsylvania election team must have worked 24 hours to get all those votes in by early Wednesday for the battle ground state. Predictions earlier this week were that this process could have taken days!

Messages are pouring in all over the country for Trump, including one from Jordan's King Abdullah II. Jordan has been a key mediator for the U.S. over the past year as officials have sought to reach a cease-fire agreement between Israel and Hamas.

He congratulated Trump, saying that he was "looking forward" to working with him "in service of regional and global peace and stability for all."

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the Legion men all wearing their caps and carrying their containers, knocking on his door on Sunday morning. His father would always make a donation.

"Our problem is, there's nearly 4,000 veterans in Bedford County," advises Leverette. "The DAV is the largest, local organization. We have over 150 paid members. Out of those 150 paid members, I'd say 15 to 25 actually come to meetings."

The VFW has approximately 78 paid members and Leverette estimates there are anywhere from 15 to 25 coming to those meetings.

This saddens Leverette, a Vietnam Veteran, that no more veterans are involved in their local organizations. He advises there are a lot of Vietnam veterans still living in Bedford County and several Korean War veterans. Sadly, there are very few World War II veterans still alive.

So, you see, what the groups really need is for local veterans to participate. As well, they need those financial donations to help needy veterans.

There are very few of the "young" veterans involved, according to Leverette. "When I first took first commander of the American Legion . . . I had pushed to get young veterans in. We got them in but they didn't stay but about a year."

He asked why?

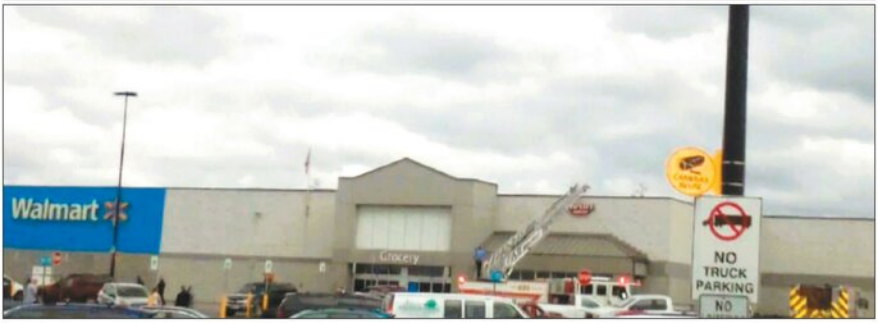
Leverette said family life often gets involved and younger veterans say they simply don't have time. He admits that he didn't become involved with local, veteran groups until his 50s.

Saying Leverette is a "part" of local veteran groups, as most know, is an understatement. Among many veteran aspects, Leverette is a part of the Bedford County Veterans Council which meets to discuss needs and events. Members of the Council include veterans who are paid up with dues and in good standing with the VFW, American Legion or DAV.

There are three members from each veterans group on this Council. The exception is that the organization that holds commandership for the year can have four members on the Council.

For example, VFW has commandership this year, so it has 4 Council members. Next year commandership will rotate to the American Legion and the following year to DAV.

Leverette said while the Council helps those veterans in need there's only so much to go around. So, time and donations are greatly appreciated from this community



A BIT SCARY BUT SFD HANDLED IT!

Photo by Charlie Jones

A fire broke out last week at Walmart. Reports are a grease fire, which billowed out a lot of smoke, started at Wayback Burgers. People in the store were safely evacuated and local fire fighters quickly got the issue under control.



Glory days for community development?

These days Thomas "Tom" Batchelor wears a lot of hats. He is now a Bell Buckle alderman and serves as planning director for the City of Shelbyville. The T-G recently asked him a few questions about local development.

We will have more discussions with Batchelor in the future.

Here's a start:

T-G-- What is one of the greatest strengths regarding Shelbyville housing development at this time?

Directly, economic influences are driving diverse housing types from single family, duplexes, apartments, for example. **Many people worry about traffic woes associated with development.** Traffic management is and should be a concern and is also identified in the Comprehensive Plan as condition of development to address. There have been concerns on traffic since I have been with the City and one of the reasons the department is prioritizing implementation strategies related to transportation for the next two years.

T-G-- What are maybe two difficulties facing the planning commission at this time?

The Planning Commission is faced with identifying and considering the unintended consequences of development and making decisions that either eliminates or mitigates for those unintended consequences. **Could it possibly be the development plans being returned to commission by the current City Council?** No. **What are you all doing to try to improve this process?** I believe in evidence-based decision making and am also an adherent to the principle of marginal gains, or strategy of improving everything 1%. One of the improvements the department is working on is raising the quality of references, for example, by eliminating vagueness in the code.

T-G--What is one development project at this time that you think is going to be a great asset to Shelbyville and Bedford County/Wartrace?

I will not call out one because I believe all the developers are working to improve quality of living in the City.

T-G--If there happens to be a new 1, 3, 5 Ward set of council persons, after the Nov. 5 election, what would you advise those coming onto Council about the inner workings of the planning department?

I would offer my time and make myself available to discuss and educate on the planning process.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Food Distribution at Scott UMC

Seasoned with a Touch of Salt Food Pantry will distribute food Saturday, Nov. 9, at Scott's Chapel UMC, 940 Morton Street, Shelbyville. The event starts at 9 a.m. For more information, go to scottchapelumc.org.

Church Revival

Grace Baptist Church, 1019 Madison St., will host a Revival Nov. 10-13. Sunday services-10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday-Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

FUMC-Shelbyville Worship-Event

The Women of Shelbyville First United Methodist Church (on the square) will be holding their annual Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale on Friday, Nov. 22, in the fellowship hall, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pastor Abe's sermon this week is, "A Thankful Heart: Part I." Text is from Psalm 95.

This is also Veterans Recognition Sunday when the church honors military veterans in the congregation.

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9 a.m., followed by worship at 10 a.m. The nursery and children's church are available during worship. For those unable to attend in person, services are live streamed on Facebook and broadcast on WLIJ 1580 AM.

VFW Breakfast

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

Democratic Party Meeting

Bedford County Democratic Party will meet at 6:00 p.m, Monday, Nov. 18, at its headquarters in the Executive Building (yellow brick building next to the Fly) at 210 South Main St. in Shelbyville.

Upcoming County Events/Meetings

Nov. 9: Veterans Day parade (11 a.m.)

Nov. 11: County offices, Highway Department offices, convenience centers closed for Veterans Day

Nov. 12: Bedford County Board of Commission regular monthly meeting, 7 p.m., historic Bedford County Courthouse

Nov. 19: Rules and Legislative Committee (5 p.m.), followed by Law Enforcement Committee, then Courthouse and County Property Committee, historic Bedford County Courthouse

Nov. 26: Financial Management Committee, 4:15 p.m., 200 Dover Street, Suite 110

Nov. 28-29: County offices, Highway Department offices, convenience centers closed for Thanksgiving

Dec. 3: "A Bedford County Christmas," lighting ceremony and festival, 3-9 p.m. on the courthouse lawn and throughout the downtown area

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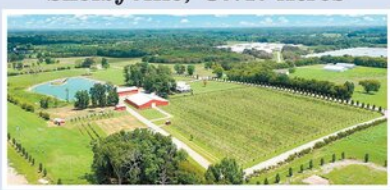

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THE ISSUE

A historic election year

Anti-incumbency, climbing over national blue walls

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Well, well. This has to have been the most exciting and yet tense Super Tuesdays in many years. Congratulations to the winners!

Let's start with our local election. Shame on those who didn't turn out to vote for the Shelbyville Municipal election for City Council wards 1, 3 and 5. Still, Shelbyville gained two new Council members, Josh Blevins and Betsy Noel, and will see incumbent Henry Feldhaus, Ward 1, who was uncontested, return for another term.

Congratulations to Josh and Betsy who've knocked on more doors and greeted more people than I've seen in a very long time. Most of all, like Trump, they had a well-thought-out plan for their term. You guys rock for wanting to help Shelbyville prosper and become an even better community.

Thanks, Henry, for all your years of service. You are appreciated.

I don't always hit predictions this close in local elections but I must give myself a slap on the back for this one. We are in a country of change and with the PAC group being involved in this local election, seems that's what Shelbyville wanted as well. The only wards with open seats during this election were wards 1,3 and 5.

Still, I want to give a shout out to outgoing incumbent Gary Haile-a person I greatly admire for his service and Godly approach to serving as a Councilman. Also, thanks to Stephanie Isaacs for her term of service; she made no bones about the fact that she ran last election to help those in need of better housing.

Thank you! Both of you will be missed at City Hall. Your community still needs your passion and faithfulness so we'll see you around town!

But as one political professor said last night, we have seen a movement of anti-incumbency all across the country. People want immediate change in the economy and in domestic, economic and immigration policy and it was evident in this election. Trump gained a fair number of Hispanic voters in many states.

State-wide Electors for Donald J. Trump for President and JD Vance for Vice President (R) was 1,964,499. Electors for Kamala D. Harris for President and Tim Walz for Vice President (D)1,055,039.

What about Robert F. Kennedy Jr.? Did he just run to help out President Trump, because he certainly didn't hurt him in Tennessee as Electors for Robert F. Kennedy Jr. for President and Nicole Shanahan for Vice President was 21,511 in Tennessee.

Bedford County came on strong during the presidential election, assisting Donald Trump back to the White House with 64% of the votes. Wow! Who would have thought he would have swept so many swing states!

I found it interesting to see how Bedford County voted in the presidential election. It was no surprise about votes cast for Republican and Democratic candidates. What was interesting, to me, is that 116 people here voted for Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and 4 people voted for Rachele Fruit for president. Who? Here's how Bedford County voted for president:

Electors for **Donald J. Trump** for President and JD Vance for Vice President- 15,752

Electors for **Kamala D. Harris** for President and Tim Walz for Vice President 4,119

Electors for **Robert F. Kennedy Jr.** for President and Nicole Shanahan for Vice President 116

Electors for **Jill Stein** for President and Samson LeBeau Kpadenou for Vice President 37

Electors for **Jay J Bowman** for President and De D Bowman for Vice President 25

Electors for **Claudia De la Cruz** for President and Karina Garcia for Vice President 13

Electors for **Rachele Fruit** for President and Dennis Richter for Vice President 4

VOTES					
E	A	W	TOTAL	%	
					VOTE FOR 1
VOTES= 513					City Council Ward 1 City of Shelbyville
138	21	349	508	99.03%	(I) Henry Felchaus
2	0	3	5	0.97%	Write-In
					VOTE FOR 1
VOTES= 1,081					City Council Ward 3 City of Shelbyville
63	5	164	232	21.46%	(I) J.D. Daniel Jr.
113	7	235	355	32.84%	(I) Gary Haile
119	15	357	491	45.42%	(I) Betsy Noel
2	0	1	3	0.28%	Write-In
					VOTE FOR 1
VOTES= 1,005					City Council Ward 5 City of Shelbyville
68	9	353	430	42.79%	(I) Josh Blevins
55	6	130	191	19.00%	(I) Stephanie Isaacs
79	8	295	382	38.01%	(I) Dee McCullough
1	0	1	2	0.20%	Write-In
					VOTE FOR 3
VOTES= 518					Alderman Town of Wartrace
51	8	100	159	30.69%	Thomas F. Batchelor
59	12	118	189	36.49%	Benjamin Carasco
53	10	90	153	29.54%	Matthew Evans
1	0	10	11	2.12%	Write-In
0	0	3	3	0.58%	Write-In
0	0	3	3	0.58%	Write-In

Where do we go from here?

New council persons answer burning questions

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We have two new members of Shelbyville City Council and a returning, long-time, Councilman, based on Tuesday's local election results.

One of those new Council members, Betsy Noel, ran on the PAC ticket to her win.

David Coffey, PAC president, said today, "As a political action committee, we strive to support candidates that embody our organization's core values of collaboration, common sense, and visionary leadership. In the recent Shelbyville City Council election, we were proud to support the newly elected Councilperson from Ward 3, Betsy Noel. We believe that she will be a great addition to our local government, and we look forward to the hard work she will do on behalf of the City of Shelbyville."

Coffey added, "A Better Bedford will continue to take an active role in our local community as we look to support leaders and candidates who are committed to serving and representing our citizens and neighbors."

So now, for some answers to some burning community questions, post-election.

The T-G caught up with the new Council members on Tuesday. Here are questions and their responses.

1. How are you planning to assist local seniors?

Betsy Noel - As a newly elected council member, I am dedicated to supporting our local senior citizen center and its programs, understanding that a strong center is essential for every community. I also plan to work closely with South Central Tennessee Development District, which provides vital transportation services for seniors and residents without access to a vehicle, helping them reach medical appointments, hospitals, and the senior center. Additionally, with many seniors on fixed incomes, it is crucial to keep property taxes low to ensure they can remain in their homes without financial strain.

Josh Blevins - City council recently voted to increase funding to the Seniors Center by more than requested. I agree with that decision, and will look at that funding again come next budget cycle. I don't know if city council has any say in the matter, but I would be for freezing property taxes for seniors that are on a fixed limited income.

Henry Feldhaus - I would like to lower the property taxes for seniors. We dramatically increased the number of eligible seniors for tax rebates a few years ago. I believe it is time to revisit the tax rebate formula for seniors and veterans.

2. What are your plans for supporting local veteran organizations?

Betsy Noel - As a new council member, I firmly believe we can never fully repay the debt we owe our veterans for their service and sacrifice. Along with my commitment to supporting our seniors, I am equally dedicated to advocating for the needs of our veterans in our community. I am here to listen and assist with their concerns, ensuring they receive the support, resources, and respect they deserve.

Josh Blevins - I have great respect for our veterans. I am not aware of any funding in the city budget that goes directly to veterans. I do know the county has veteran services in the basement of the historic courthouse. Would be willing to meet and/or speak with any veteran organizations and look at any ways the city could be helpful.

Henry Feldhaus - Our veterans deserve the respect and admiration of every citizen. As the son of a World War II POW, I know the sacrifice so many gave for our freedom. Lowering the local property taxes for veterans should be a priority.

3. Taxes - everyone wants to know your stand

Betsy Noel - Keeping taxes low is crucial, especially with the economy on everyone's mind. It eases financial pressure, helping families and individuals meet their needs. A manageable tax rate supports a stronger community.

Josh Blevins - I would never make the George Bush mistake of saying "read my lips, no new taxes." However, I am going to look for ways to trim spending before I would ever consider any type of tax increase. Taxpayers and businesses have to balance their budgets and live within their means. Government should do the same.

Henry Feldhaus - Residential property taxes should be kept as low as possible, especially for low-income households. We should concentrate on improving commercial property taxes by attracting more grocery stores, retail outlets, and restaurants with higher paying jobs. The taxes generated by businesses will help lower the residential tax burden.

4. Community development - will you do anything different (have a different focus) this coming term?

Betsy Noel - I am committed to reevaluating and strengthening our long-term growth strategy to effectively address Shelbyville's infrastructure, traffic, and development needs. I'm very interested in the idea of redevelopment in blighted areas, where expensive infrastructure already exists, saving money, improving livability, and raising property values. One goal is to help foster lean, efficient government that serves residents transparently and responsively. By resolving the ongoing city-county lawsuit and fostering collaboration across our community, we can work together to attract new businesses, stimulate job growth, and ensure robust investment in public safety and infrastructure. This united approach will lay the groundwork for a sustainable and prosperous future for all Shelbyville residents.

Josh Blevins - I think the city needs to be looking to recruit more businesses that bring higher-paying jobs. Ultimately, I think that happens if we have a city that is business-friendly and keeps taxes low.

Henry Feldhaus - I wholly support the City of Shelbyville contributing the majority of the Hotel/Motel taxes to the Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership. This will allow the organization to return to its original focus for tourist and economic development goals.

5. Is any issue regarding education on your immediate radar?

Betsy Noel - I hope to have the opportunity to weigh in on this issue, as the lawsuit between the city and county over sales tax for school funding should be resolved quickly, either settled or dismissed. Court costs and huge legal fees for experts will ultimately be passed on to taxpayers, adding unnecessary financial burden. Education is crucial for better-paying jobs, a stronger economy, and the overall quality of life for our residents. The city and county should be working together, not litigating, to ensure a brighter future for our community. Additionally, during my campaign, the overwhelming majority of people I've spoken to are against this lawsuit.

Josh Blevins - All education spending is controlled at the county level; however, I think the city and county should be working more collaboratively on planning for future growth. Our biggest education issue I see upcoming is the continuing explosive growth which leads to a need for new schools.

Henry Feldhaus - I believe Shelbyville can contribute more to ongoing workforce development within Bedford County schools, TCAT, MTSU, and local industries. The Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership with Kelly North has developed a top tier training program cooperating with leading educational institutions and businesses.

6. Can local voters be assured that you are the right candidate for the Council seat?

Betsy Noel - Voters can be assured that I am the right person for the job. I will work just as hard as a council member as I did during my campaign. I am committed to learning, listening, and acting with the best interests of our citizens in mind. I am both grateful and humbled for the opportunity, and I will work tirelessly to make our great city an even better place to live and work for all residents.

Josh Blevins - I am grateful for the trust that voters in Ward 5 have put in me. I will continue fighting for my neighbors as I did during and before my campaign. I'm a huge proponent of transparency and openness in government and hope to get as much information on city government out into the open as possible while also listening and receiving as much feedback from residents as possible.

Henry Feldhaus - My lifelong pursuit of a better Shelbyville proves my passion for positive improvements to our community. My record of integrity along with my leadership experience allows me to set effective goals. I have always communicated my opinions, and I will continue to discuss the facts around any issue.

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Jeff Rowland
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Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 P.M.
Monday Night - Wednesday Night 7:00 P.M.

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to celebrate
Catherine Talley's 90th Birthday!
November 16
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Shelbyville
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With all safe in the ark, the rains came, for forty days, and the water covered the earth.

Noah and his family were secure in the ark, as it moved about on the water.

All things that were on the earth that breathe, died: birds, and cattle and beast and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. Only Noah and his 3 sons and the 4 wives remained alive. And the waters remained upon the earth 150 days.

Genesis 7

Next week: Deliverance

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FCB Photo

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FIRE SAFETY TALK

BCFD Photos

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JUST DESSERTS FOR THANKSGIVING

A simple meeting for coffee, tea and dessert can make for a memorable Thanksgiving Day.

This recipe for French Silk Cake from Emily Luchetti is for serious chocolate lovers. This fudge-like mousse cake pairs plenty of rich flavors and showcases the chocolate in this decadent cake.

So, if all you have time for this Thanksgiving, or are able to afford, meaningful time together can be the mainstay with this pairing.



French Silk Cake

Serves 12

Crust

3/4 cup walnuts, toasted
1 cup pecans, toasted
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
4 ounces (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter, melted

Filling

11/4 pounds bittersweet chocolate, chopped
6 ounces (12 tablespoons) unsalted butter, at room temperature
3/4 cup granulated sugar
6 large eggs (use pasteurized eggs if you are concerned about eating uncooked eggs)
1/4 cup heavy whipping cream
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Topping

1 cup heavy whipping cream
2 tablespoons granulated sugar

To make the crust: In a food processor, combine the walnuts, pecans, brown sugar, and cinnamon and pulse until the nuts are coarsely chopped. Pour the nuts into a bowl, add the butter, and stir until the nuts are evenly moistened. Press the nut mixture evenly onto the bottom of a 9-inch round springform pan. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.

To make the filling: Melt the chocolate in a double boiler. While the chocolate is melting, combine the butter and sugar in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment and add the eggs two at a time, mixing well after each addition. Scrape down the sides of the bowl, increase the speed to medium-high, and whip until well blended, about 2 minutes. The mixture will look curdled.

Remove the melted chocolate from the heat and stir until smooth and warm but not hot. With the mixer on low speed, add the chocolate to the egg mixture. Scrape the sides and along the bottom of the bowl and then continue to mix on low speed until the chocolate is fully incorporated. Add the cream and vanilla and mix until blended. Spread the filling over the crust. Refrigerate until firm, about 3 hours.

To make the topping: In a bowl, whisk together the cream and sugar until soft peaks form. Cover and refrigerate until serving.

Using a spatula, spread the topping over the top of the cake. Run a hot, dry knife around the inside edge of the pan to loosen the cake, then remove the pan sides and set the cake on a serving platter. Slice the cake with a hot, dry knife and serve chilled.

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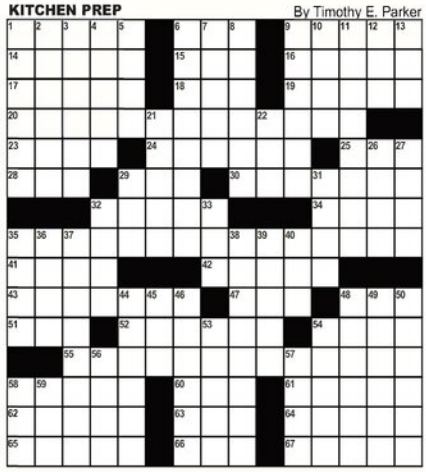

CLUES ACROSS

1) Cutting comments
6) Impressive degree, briefly
9) Monthly bill, for many
14) "Nixon In China," for one
15) Bit of deception
16) Barbecuer's cover-up
17) Type of battery
18) Priestly garb
19) Butcher's stock in trade
20) Tough chances for outfielders
23) "If all ___ fails ... "
24) Expulsion from office
25) Rocks in a bar
28) Comment from Homer Simpson
29) "When We Were Kings"hero
30) Finish a Big Gulp
32) Absurd
34) Assistant
35) Like an equivocal sword?
41) Shrek, e.g.
42) "Summer of '69" singer Adams
43) Forcefully urgent
47) Performed
48) "Dear" man
51) Prepare to fire
52) A B vitamin
54) ____ fide
55) Butcher's tool
58) Sedate
60) Actress Lupino
61) Hawaiian island
62) Multitude or throng
63) Elevator unit
64) Words of agreement on Sundays
65) Toadies' chorus
66) Cunning
67) Bed on board

CLUES DOWN

1) Ordered around
2) Early NASA program
3) Hotdog topper, sometimes
4) Knee steadier
5) Dress in India
6) Tormenting incessantly
7) Some things to climb
8) Accounting minuses
9) Smartphone feature
10) Impressionist
11) South American capital city
12) He had a salty wife
13) Annapolis grad's rank, briefly
21) Baseball legend Ryan
22) Still in its original packaging
26) "Buffalo" Bill
27) Some farm females
29) Singer DiFranco
31) Bowling green?
32) Anything on a list
33) Emulate a tide
35) ____-Cola
36) Certain Jamaican fruit
37) Some British transports
38) Everyday
39) Pulling even with
40) Possessed
44) Places of residence
45) Barely beat
46) Talking points
48) Oklahoma athlete
49) Chant
50) Debonair
53) Kind of wave
54) Hold responsible
56) Take cover
57) Divulge a secret
58) Not outgoing
59) Little piggy

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Think about resting and being a bit introspective, Aries. Focusing on your inner world can help you to recharge your energy levels. Solitude also may provide some clarity.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Personal growth and self-improvement may be on your mind right now, Taurus. Set some new goals that align with your values. You may want to take a class to learn new skills as well.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, focus on long-term financial goals in the days to come. If you don't have a plan for investing meaningfully, you could sit down with an expert and get some ideas.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Try to engage in some thoughtful conversations with greater frequency, Cancer. Accepting that you can learn from others is a great way to grow personally and professionally.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
You might want to stay closer to home this week, Leo. You've been burning the midnight oil quite a bit lately. Family matters need attention right now, so prioritize them.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, romance takes center stage for you, and you may find yourself suggesting new date ideas with your partner. Or this might be an opportunity to find a new romantic interest.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Don't let work and daily routines catch you off guard, Libra. Try to streamline your tasks and find more efficient ways to handle your responsibilities in the days to come.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, important negotiations or projects will certainly put your communication skills to the test. Keep an eye on the details and stick to the facts to avoid any misunderstandings.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, if you have been having any difficulties, voice your concerns to those who are willing to lend an ear. Keeping it all bottled up inside is not a healthy path forward.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Showcase your talents and ideas at work this week, Capricorn. Others can benefit from your experience and it may inspire changes or discussions that prove fruitful.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, stick to your personal values and don't make concessions, whether with friends or in the workplace. It's important to have conviction in what you do.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Use any momentum you have for tackling new projects, Pisces. There's much to do between now and the new year and you will have to get busy sooner than you may have thought.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER 10
Ellen Pompeo, Actress (55)
NOVEMBER 11
Patrick Starrr, Influencer (35)
NOVEMBER 12
Ryan Gosling, Actor (44)
NOVEMBER 13
Jimmy Kimmel, TV Host (57)
NOVEMBER 14
King Charles III, Monarch (76)
NOVEMBER 15
Paulo Dybala, Athlete (31)
NOVEMBER 16
Lisa Bonet, Actress (57)

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Estate Sale

ESTATE SALE
411 Perfection Drive
(inside)
Saturday, November 9
9 am to 2 pm
2 sofas, lighted China cabinet, 1 sofa table, 2 coffee tables, 2 end tables, serving cart, kitchen cart, countertop microwave, 1 wing chair, 1 recliner chair, 1 glider rocker, Desk, wall pictures, 2 cedar chests, cedar wardrobe, lamps, miscellaneous items

Wanted

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

Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: October 29

Location: 111 Central Ave; Seller, Michael H Owen; Buyer, Wendy Cinto Domingo, Basilio Maximo Cinto; Price, $40,000 (Deed).

Seller, Keith Raney, Roxanne Raney, Roxanne Rainey; Buyer, Belinda Vega, Jose Santos Vega; Price, $6,500 (Deed).

File date: October 30

Location: 101 Creighton Place; Seller, Keith Miller, Kimberly Miller; Buyer, James E Farrar Sr; Price, $235,000 (Deed).

File date: October 31

Location: Hwy 41 A; Seller, Floyd Don Davis, CB and S Bank, Southern Acquisitions LLC, Glen Cruzen Jr, Christopher Cruzen; Buyer, Ginger Jackson; Price, $600,000 (TRD).

Location: 2010 Cannon Blvd; Seller, Keith Miller, Kimberly Miller; Buyer, Kenneth L Banks; Price, $250,000 (Deed).

Location: 11 Main St Wartrace; Seller, William A Phillips; Buyer, Bodie Bemrose, Christy Bemrose; Price, $160,000 (Deed).

Location: 108 Country Estates Rd; Seller, Daniel H Brown, Sara K Brown; Buyer, Brown Income Only Trust; Price, $10 (QD).

Seller, Lance Bennett, Misty Bennett; Buyer, Lance Bennett, Misty Bennett, Davidson A Bennett; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 980 Goose Creek Rd; Seller, Jody Hensley, Dianna Prater Evans Estate; Buyer, Donald D Martin, Cynthia Ann Martin; Price, $300,000 (Deed).

Seller, Miriam Nelson Carrick, Mariam F Nelson; Buyer, Kelly D Wilson; Price, $135,000 (Deed).

Location: 752 Happy Valley Rd Bell Buckle; Seller, Chad Longshore, Tina K Longshore; Buyer, Tina K Longshore; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 2510 Midland Rd; Seller, Charles D Brown, Judy C Brown; Buyer, James E Farrar Jr; Price, $72,000 (Deed).

Location: Mill Road; Seller, Hal M Wiser; Buyer, Benito Rodriguez; Price, $375,000 (Deed).

Seller, Lula Faye Lyons; Buyer, Christopher Morris; Price, $260,000 (Deed).

File date: November 1

Location: 590 Warner Bridge Rd; Seller, Lance H Pierce, Tamra Pierce, Tamera J Pierce; Buyer, Ayla Rinkenberger, Bradley Dewayne Cole; Price, $359,900 (Deed).

Location: Pepper Hill Rd; Seller, James Brennan Sanders; Buyer, Robert E Molder, Betty M Molder; Price, $125,650 (Deed).

Seller, Christy Warner, James R Warner; Buyer, Michael J Withey, Tracey E Withey; Price, $425,000 (Deed).

Location: Trott Rd; Seller, James Brennan Sanders; Buyer, Inocencio Frias, Laura Pineda; Price, $236,250 (Deed).

Location: Wilson St; Seller, Robert L Fulton, Patricia A Fulton, Jason W Fulton; Buyer, Peggy Whitehead; Price, $50,000 (Deed).

Seller, Be The Bush Ministries; Buyer, Miriam House; Price, $20,000 (Deed).

Location: 335 Bethany Lane; Seller, Jeffrey Hurst, Donna Hurst; Buyer, Luis Carrillo, Rosalinda Cinto; Price, $125,000 (Deed).

Location: 215 Warren Circle; Seller, Jeffrey A Furnas, Joy Amburghy Measel, Jeffery A Furnas; Buyer, Jeffrey A Furnas Revocable Trust, Joy Amburghy Measel Revocable Trust, Jeffrey A Furnas and Joy Amurghy Measel Revocable Trust, Jeffery A Furnas Revocable Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 206 Edgeview Dr; Seller, William Dale Cheeseman; Buyer, Matthew B Adkins, Rebecca E Adkins; Price, $165,000 (Deed).

File date: November 4

Seller, Brent Mansfield, Victoria Mansfield; Buyer, Brent Mansfield, Victoria Mansfield, Amy Wilson; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: 331 Virgil Crowell Rd; Seller, David Keown, Angela Sue Brown; Buyer, Jason Sherwood, Clara Carress Sherwood; Price, $485,000 (Deed).

Location: 3280 Sims Rd; Seller, Robert A Neill; Buyer, Robert Landon Neill, Robert Michael Neill; Price, $10 (QD).

Location: 103 Main St E Wartrace; Seller, Terry West; Buyer, Anderson & Summitt LLC; Price, $215,000 (Deed).

Location: 200 Chevelle Court; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Ashton Crick; Price, $337,990 (Deed).

Location: 205 Chevelle Court; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Katherine Noelle Roden, Gary Justin Roden; Price, $340,990 (Deed).

Location: 201 Chevelle Court; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Nickolas Lee Shelton, Tina Shelton; Price, $350,990 (Deed).

Location: Burns Rd; Seller, Avalon Homes LLC; Buyer, Laura Jernigan, Matthew Jernigan; Price, $642,002 (Deed).

Location: 305 Graydon St; Seller, Joshua D Yates, Shana L Yates; Buyer, Micah Donegan, Laquita Troxler; Price, $299,900 (Deed).

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated July 22, 2022, executed by SHARIFF S BUREN and REBECCA BUREN conveying certain real property therein described to CLOSED NASHVILLE, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee recorded July 22, 2022, in Deed Book TD1060, Page 631; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to CMG Mortgage, Inc. who is now the owner of said debt; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned,Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on January 10, 2025 at 11:00 AM at the main entrance to the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, to wit:

BEING ALL OF LOT NO. 14, ORCHARD ACRES, ACCORDING TO PLAT AND SURVEY OF SAME APPEARING OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET "A", ENVELOPE 275, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE COMPLETE DETAILS AS TO LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SAID LOT. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO SHARIFF S. BUREN AND REBECCA BUREN, HUSBAND AND WIFE BY VIRTUE OF A WARRANTY DEED FROM MIKE PEDONE, AND WIFE KATHY PEDONE, DATED ON JULY 22, 2022, RECORDED ON JULY 22, 2022, OF RECORD IN BOOK D375, PAGE 470, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE. ATTACHED HERETO AND CONVEYED HEREWITH IS A 1999 FLEETWOOD MANUFACTURED HOME BEARING SERIAL/VIN NOS. TNFLX27AB527295R12.

Parcel ID: 031J-A-014.00

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 208 ORCHARD LN, BELL BUCKLE, TN 37020. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): SHARIFF S BUREN, REBECCA BUREN

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
rlselaw.com/property-listing
Tel: (877) 813-0992
Fax: (470) 508-9401 (1173tc)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Shelbyville Beer Board will meet in a Regular Session on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 6:00 PM, at the Shelbyville Building, Codes and Planning Department, 100 N. Cannon Blvd.

The following matters are up for consideration:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Public Comments
5. Approval of Minutes
   A. Special Called Meeting 10/30/24.
6. Old Business:
   A. Consideration of an application to sell beer (on premises) by Yeimy Paguada, Yeimy Paguada – Latin Drinks, 124 Sunlite Road, Shelbyville, TN 37160.
7. New Business:
   A. Consideration of an application to sell beer (on premises) by Brayan Pichardo, Aguascalientes, Inc., 109 Fairfield Pike, Shelbyville, TN 37160.
   B. Consideration of an application to sell beer (on premises) by Brayan Pichardo, Aguascalientes, 223 Lane Parkway, Shelbyville, TN 37160.
8. Other Business:
   A. Review of potential changes to the City of Shelbyville Beer Ordinance.
9. Reports from Staff
10. Adjourn

Brett Fisher, Chairman

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monthly Commissioner Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 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.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CDBG Project No. 16015

Town of Bell Buckle, Tennessee (Owner)

Separate sealed bids for the construction of the **2023 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project: DWR Grant No. 2023-10183: ARP SWIG Grant No. 2022-8378: CDBG 16015** for the Project consists of rehabilitating approximately 180 linear feet of 8-inch gravity sewer with Cured-in-Place Pipe (CIPP), 90 vertical feet of 48-inch diameter manhole lining, and rehabilitation of 17 laterals with CIPP. The Project also includes 12 total 8-inch open cut mainline point repairs, 35 open cut lateral replacements, and 2 manhole frame and cover replacements. The project will also include a sewer realignment consisting of a new 48-in diameter manhole, rehabilitation of 2 existing manholes on either end of the realignment, locating and connecting 4 service laterals, abandonment of approximately 210 linear feet of 8-inch pipe, and installing approximately 210 linear feet of new 8-inch pipe. The scope of the project will include all bypass pumping, pipe preparation, lateral reinstatement, property and pavement restoration and any necessary tools or equipment required to complete the jobs in accordance with the specifications. The scope of the project will include all necessary labor, tools, and equipment required to complete the jobs according to the specifications. The allotted construction time is 270 days for substantial completion and 300 days for final completion. Bids will be received at the office of the Owner, **Bell Buckle Town Hall, 8 Railroad Square, Bell Buckle, TN 37020 or mailed to P. O. Box 276, Bell Buckle, TN 37020** until **2:00** o'clock P.M. local time **December 10, 2024** and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined electronically at the following: Office of the Engineer LJA Engineering, Inc.; Town of Bell Buckle; Builders Exchange of Tennessee.

Electronic copies may be obtained at the office of LJA Engineering, Located at 265 Brookview Centre Way, Suite 504, Knoxville, TN 37919 upon payment of $no charge for each set. Contact Vickie Wilhite 865-328-3141 or vwilhite@lja.com to obtain electronic bidding documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders.

All bidders must be licensed General Contractors as required by the Contractor's Licensing Act of 1994 of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, and qualified for the type of construction being bid upon.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to the conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246.

Pre-Bid Conference

A **Mandatory** Pre-Bid Conference for the Project will be held on **Tuesday November 19, 2024** at **1:00 PM local time** at the office of the Bell Buckle Town Hall, 8 Railroad Square, **Bell Buckle, TN 37020. A Virtual meeting will also be held via Microsoft Teams. Interested parties should contact Vickie Wilhite vwilhite@lja.com for link to virtual meeting.** Bids will not be accepted from Bidders that do not attend the mandatory Pre-Bid Conference.

No Bidder may withdraw their bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

November 5, 2024 (Date) Mayor Ronnie Lokey

Steven Francis Bass



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Steven (Steve) Francis Bass, 72, of Tyler, Texas, formerly of Marietta, Georgia, on October 22, 2024. Steve was born February 17, 1952, in Shelbyville, Tennessee to Corinne and Sion Bass.

Steve was a lifelong member of Powers Ferry Methodist Church and later joined Eastminster Presbyterian Church where he made many dear friends. Steve graduated from Wheeler High School in 1970. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Administration with a minor in Business Administration from Middle Tennessee State University in 1973 followed by a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management in 1975. He later continued his education with a Master's in Business Administration in Aviation from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. Steve was in Risk Management for Fireman's Fund for most of his professional life and later retired from Risk Consultants of America. His retirement marked the end of a fulfilling career and the beginning of new adventures.

Steve was an avid Tennessee Vols fan with a deep passion for aviation, proudly earning his pilot's license. He found joy in the outdoors, whether cycling, playing tennis, or competing in a game of pickleball. Steve's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him, cherished for his friendship, kindness, witty sense of humor, steadfast faith, and unwavering devotion to those he loved.

Steve is preceded in death by his parents, Corinne and Sion Bass. He is survived by his loving family including his sister, Judy Bass Rowe; his nieces: Melissa Rowe Bennett and husband, Loren; Ashley Rowe Randall and husband, Mark; his cousins: Patricia Simmons Hubbard and Rick Simmons; nine great nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will take place at 11:00 am, Saturday, November 16, 2024, at Eastminster Presbyterian Church of Marietta. Memorials may be made to the Missions Fund at Eastminster Presbyterian Church.

Lula Mae Johnson



Lula Mae Russell Johnson, age 87, of Franklin, sister of Emma Jean Molder of the Deason community, passed away November 3, 2024.

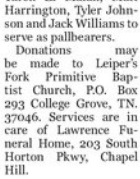
Lula Mae dedicated her life to her family. She helped nourish the lives of many children from birth through high school. Known as an excellent seamstress, she created baby clothing, wedding dresses, prom gowns and many other clothing items. She embodied the definition of a virtuous woman by being the wife of a minister who supported and cared for several churches.

Lula Mae is survived by her three loving children, Gary (Martha) Moore of Franklin, Donnie (Regina) Moore of Nashville and Donna Mae (Rick) Rice of Simpsonville, SC; grandchildren, Stacie (Landon) Cammilleri, Chelsie Louise (Lee) Claibourne, Cali Elizabeth (Matt Harrington) Moore, Kayla McKenzie Moore, Tarek (Katerina) El Malah and Mona El Malah; great grandchildren, Camren Lee Claibourne, Jaxson (Moore) Reid, Layla (Josh) Anderson, Aiden El Malah and Jasmine El Malah; sisters, Shirley Williams of Eagleville, and Emma Jean Molder of the Deason Community. Mrs. Johnson is preceded in death by her first husband, Garrett White Moore and second husband, Elder Clifton Johnson; parents, James and Myrtle Landers Russell; grandson, Christopher Gary (Reid) Moore; sisters, Dorothy Foster, Lorene Rigsby and Lucille Moore.

Funeral services will be held Noon Thursday, November 7, 2024, at Lawrence Funeral Home, Elder Travis Williams to officiate. Visitation will begin at 9:00 AM Thursday until Noon. The family will have a private burial at Johnson Family Cemetery. Landon Cammilleri, Lee Claibourne, Tarek El Malah, Matt Harrington, Tyler Johnson and Jack Williams to serve as pallbearers.

Donations may be made to Leiper's Fork Primitive Baptist Church, P.O. Box 293 College Grove, TN. 37046. Services are in care of Lawrence Funeral Home, 203 South Horton Pkwy, Chapel Hill.

Mario Eugene Lynn



Mario Eugene Lynn 58 of Wartrace died October 31, 2024 at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville.

He was born February 12, 1966 in Grand Junction, Colorado to his parents, the late Jack Adelbert Lynn and Darkasa Euna Vae Clemmons Lynn.

He is survived by his children, Abigail Marie Lynn of Lewisburg, Duke Martin Lynn of Wartrace; a sister, Marina Ellen Robins of Shelbyville and grandchildren, Gage Maddox Lanier and Griffen Lucas Lanier.

Per his request he will be cremated. No services are scheduled.

Michael Joseph Pregun



Michael Joseph Pregun, age 84, of Shelbyville, passed away peacefully at his home on November 1, 2024.

Michael was born on July 4, 1940 in Passaic, New Jersey, to the late Michael J. and Anne Stohl Pregun. He was a loving husband for 61 years, and a wonderful father and grandfather. He was honorably discharged from the United States Army, and enjoyed shooting and playing Old-Maid. He drove a Mack fuel truck for Blue Ribbon Trucking in Clifton, NJ, and enjoyed driving his Studebaker pick-up truck.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Policastro Pregun; a daughter, Christine (Bill) Conklin, of Bell Buckle,; a granddaughter, Taylor Conklin, of Bell Buckle, and a grandson, Will (Shauna) Conklin, of McMinnville, two daughters, June (Greg) Pepe, of Pennsylvania, their children, Kristen and Danny, of Pennsylvania, and Marlene (Henry) Pinto of New York.

Robert Bailey Cranch



Robert Bailey Cranch, age 84, of Shelbyville, passed away peacefully Sunday, November 3, 2024 at his home.

Funeral services were 1 PM Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Tim Gunnells officiated. Burial, with full military honors, followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

Visitation was from 11 AM – 1 PM Wednesday at the funeral home.

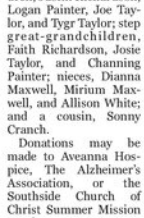
He was born, January 8, 1940, in Nashville, to the late Bailey and Bessie Neeley Cranch. He was honorably discharged from the United States Navy and worked as a tax accountant for many years.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a son, Richard Cranch. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Delores Cranch, a daughter, Lori Cranch; a stepson, Sam Taylor, a stepdaughter, Karrie Francis; step grandchildren, Justin Richardson, Logan Painter, Joe Taylor, and Tygr Taylor; step great-grandchildren, Faith Richardson, Josie Taylor, and Channing Painter; nieces, Dianna Maxwell, Mirium Maxwell, and Allison White; and a cousin, Sonny Cranch.

Donations may be made to Aveanna Hospice, The Alzheimer's Association, or the Southside Church of Christ Summer Mission Fund.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Clemente Godinez



Funeral services for Clemente Godinez, age 4 months, of Shelbyville, will be held 10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 9, 2024, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Willow Mount Cemetery. Clemente was born on June 28, 2024, and passed from this life on October 30, 2024, at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

Visitation with the family will be held prior to funeral services beginning at 9 a.m. at the funeral home.

Doak-Howell funeral Home is serving the family.

Los servicios funerarios para Clemente Godinez, de 4 meses, de Shelbyville, se llevarán a cabo a las 10:00 a.m. del sábado 9 de noviembre de 2024 en la capilla de la Funeraria Doak-Howell.

El entierro se llevará a cabo en el cementerio de Willow Mount. Clemente nació el 28 de junio de 2024 y dejó esta vida el 30 de octubre de 2024 en el Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

El velorio con la familia se llevará a cabo antes de los servicios funerarios a partir de las 9 a.m. en la funeraria.

La funeraria Doak-Howell está sirviendo a la familia.

Rickie Douglas Reese



Rickie Douglas Reese, aged 72, of Shelbyville, TN, passed away early Friday morning, November 1, 2024, at Hospice of Chattanooga.

Born on March 22, 1952, in Fayetteville, TN to the late Ralph Douglas Reese and Eula Bulean Fuller Reese. Including his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Roger Dale Reese and Mary Lou Stephens.

Rickie attended Shelbyville Central High School and served his country in the United States Army. Following his military service, he worked as a truck driver for 20+years, and in his free time, he enjoyed woodworking and leather crafting.

He is survived by his daughter, Christy Arnold; grandchildren, Caitlyn and Joshua Arnold; brother, Mickey Joe Reese and wife Jill; sister, Patsy Marie Andrews and husband Don, along with several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held 1:30 p.m. Friday, November 8, 2024, at Bomar Cemetery in the Raus Community.

Visitation with the family will be held 11a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Friday, at Doak-Howell Funeral Home prior to graveside services.

Contributions in Rickie's memory can be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org.

Edwin Adan Gaspar



Edwin Adan Gaspar, age 22, of Shelbyville, was born on February 27, 2002, and passed from this life October 29, 2024, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Funeral services will be held 3-5 p.m. Saturday, November 9, 2024, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home. Following funeral services Edwin's body will be sent to Guatemala to be laid to rest in his family's home country.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Edwin Adan Gaspar, de 22 años, de Shelbyville, nació el 27 de febrero de 2002 y falleció el 29 de octubre de 2024 en el Centro Médico de la Universidad de Vanderbilt.

Los servicios funerarios se llevarán a cabo de 3 a 5 p.m. el sábado 9 de noviembre de 2024 en la capilla de la funeraria Doak-Howell. Después de los servicios funerarios, el cuerpo de Edwin será enviado a Guatemala para ser enterrado en el país de origen de su familia.

La funeraria Doak-Howell está sirviendo a la familia.

Breast Cancer Awareness

Breast Cancer: Signs And Symptoms



Amanda Stovall is a family nurse practitioner at Vanderbilt Integrated Internal Medicine in Tullahoma, Tennessee.

Breast cancer remains one of the most common cancers among women and, while less prevalent, can also impact men. There are many aspects of the disease that go beyond checking for lumps in the breast or scheduling mammograms, making education and awareness important in the fight against the disease.

Breast cancer occurs when cells in the breast begin to grow uncontrollably, forming a tumor. These cells can spread, or metastasize, to other parts of the body if not treated early. There are different types of breast cancer based on where the disease originates in the breast tissue, such as ductal carcinoma that begins in the milk ducts or lobular carcinoma that begins in milk-producing glands. Each type has unique characteristics and characteristics, and understanding them helps in the treatment and management of the disease.

There are important signs and symptoms to be aware of to determine if breast cancer has developed.

These can include a new lump in the breast or underarm, thickening or swelling of part of the breast, and irritation or dimpling of the skin. Other symptoms might involve redness or flaky skin on the breast or nipple area, unusual nipple discharge (including blood), or changes in the size or shape of the breast. Pain in any area of the breast can also be a warning sign. If you notice any of these symptoms, it's important to consult a health care provider for further evaluation.

While it's true that being a woman and aging are the biggest risk factors for breast cancer, there are other factors that can influence the chance of developing the disease, such as family history, genetics, lifestyle choices and hormonal factors. Having a close relative with breast cancer can increase your risk, especially if the cancer is linked to genetic mutations in the BRCA1 or BRCA2 genes, which are associated with both breast and ovarian cancers. A poor diet, lack of exercise, smoking, and alcohol consumption can also raise your risk. On the other hand, maintaining a healthy diet and staying physically active can help lower your chances of breast cancer occurring. Lastly, hormones play a role in prevalence, and prolonged exposure to estrogen, such as starting menstruation at a young age or having late menopause, can also impact your risk. By being aware of these risk factors, individuals can make informed decisions about their health and take proactive measures to reduce their chances of developing the disease.

Early detection is one of the most powerful tools we have in reducing breast cancer deaths. The American Cancer Society recommends women begin regular mammograms at age 40 (or earlier if they are at high risk). In addition to regular mammograms, breast self-exams can help women get familiar with how their breasts normally look and feel. This makes it easier to notice changes that should be evaluated by a doctor. For those at higher risk, whether due to genetics, family history, or other factors, there may be options for more frequent screenings or preventive treatments. It's a good idea to talk to your doctor about your specific risk factors and what steps you can take to stay proactive.

Dealing with a breast cancer diagnosis can be an overwhelming experience. There are support groups and local services available that offer help for both patients and their families when dealing with a breast cancer diagnosis. Whether it's navigating treatment options, providing emotional support, or helping with everyday tasks, it's important to remember that no one has to face breast cancer alone.

Middle Tennessee State University to present Handel's Messiah

Middle Tennessee State University's School of Music students will spread melodic and lyrical joy as they help usher in the holiday season with George Frideric Handel's "Messiah" on Nov. 17.

The MTSU Schola Cantorum, comprising of MTSU's School of Music's top upper-division vocal majors and graduate students, will perform alongside a professional orchestra at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, at Hinton Hall inside the Wright Music Building at 1439 Faulkinberry Drive. Free parking is available on campus on weekends.

The performance will be conducted by School of Music's vocal performance professor Raphael Bundage, director of choral activities who has worked at the university for nearly 40 years.

Tickets are $25 and can only be purchased online at https://bit.ly/4fubLcc or the Tucker Theatre box office.

Doors open at 2 p.m. and entry will be prohibited after the performance begins. The concert, sponsored by MTSU President Sidney McPhee's office, is expected to last just over an hour.

"It's a Christmas favorite," Bundage said. "People feel like it's the holiday season when they've heard the performance of Handel's 'Messiah.'"



MTSU Photos
Student soloist Kevin Salter from a previous "Messiah" concert.



Middle Tennessee State University School of Music professor Raphael Bundage conducts the MTSU Schola Cantorum student ensemble.



The Middle Tennessee Choral Society and their orchestra in concert at Hinton Music Hall in the university's Wright Music Building. The Schola Cantorum will present Handel's "Messiah" Sunday, Nov. 17, at 3 p.m. in Hinton Hall.

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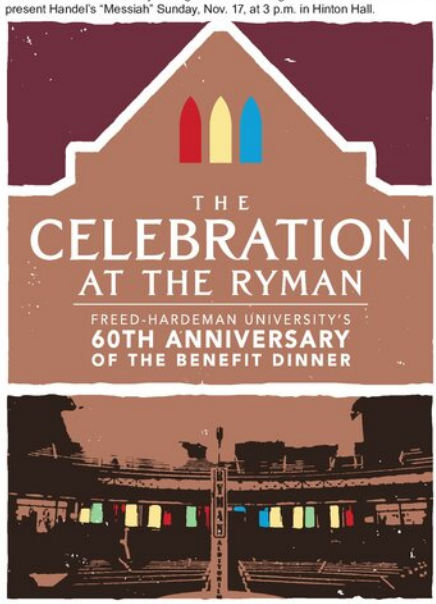

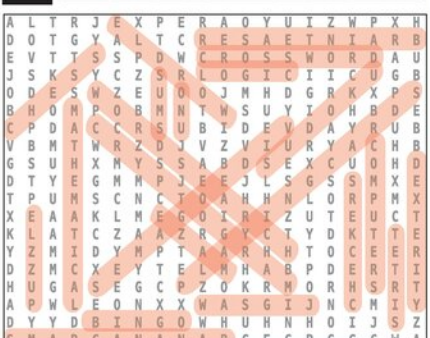

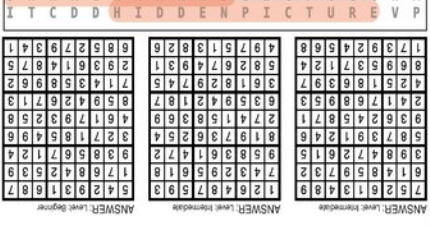

Champs' Season Ends Against Marion County on Senior Night

BY NOAH MADDOX
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Year One of the Jared Carkuff era came to a close in their final regular season game against Region 4-2A champions, the Marion County Warriors, 76-7, at The Stable on Friday night.

Marion County only attempted one pass all night, a 54-yard TD from Tilton Pickett to Sam Pickett III in the first quarter, as they ran for over 250 yards in the blowout win. Mason Mays led all rushers with 103 yards and 1 TD on just six attempts, all in the first half.

Braxton Burris led Cascade with 15 total yards, going 5/11 for 17 yards and 2 INTs through the air. Before a 15-yard loss on a bobbled snap, he was leading Cascade with 11 yards rushing and 1 TD on 8 carries. Christian Casey led the Champs with 15 receiving yards on 4 catches in his final game for Cascade.

The Warriors defense was on point all night long, not allowing the hosts to get into any rhythm offensively at any point, and their offense created chunk plays seemingly at will. On the second play of the game, Sam Pickett III jumped a Burris pass attempt and picked it off, returning it 43-yards for a pick-six to give Marion County a 7-0 lead with 11:10 to go in the opening period. After forcing a three-and-out, the Warriors quickly doubled their lead on a 12-yard Tilton Pickett TD run with 8:27 left in the first quarter.

Marion County tacked on two more touchdowns before the quarter ended, starting with a 1-yard Chris Kilgore TD run with 5:25 left before the Warriors lone pass completion from Pickett to Pickett III from 54 yards out with 2:46 to go in the opening frame to end the first quarter up 27-0.

Mason Mays got the second quarter started with a 5-yard TD run with 10:54 left before Braxton Burris ended the lone Champions touchdown drive with a weaving 15-yard scramble to cross the goalline and cut the lead to 34-7 with 5:47 to go in the first half. On the ensuing kickoff, Zaiden Humphrey took it back all the way to the end zone to go back up 41-7. After Sam Pickett III ran it in for a 22-yard TD with 2:09 left, Myles Mays ended the dominant first half with a pick-six to go up 55-7 heading into the break.

In the second half, it was more of the same from the visiting Warriors despite benching the majority of their starters for the final 24 minutes with Ashton Richards finding the end zone from 11 yards out with 4:48 left in the third quarter to go up 62-7. Marion County tacked on two more garbage-time touchdowns in the fourth quarter to get to the final score of 76-7.

Marion County improves to 8-2 (4-0) and will host Smith County in the first round of the playoffs on Friday night.

Cascade ends its season at 1-9 (0-4).

Late Drive Pushes Blue Raiders Past Miners for First Road Win of 2024

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EL PASO, Texas — Middle Tennessee football's decision to play the field position game late in the fourth quarter paid dividends, as the Blue Raiders ate clock on a short field to score a final touchdown and left little time for a UTEP comeback in a 20-13 win in the Sun Bowl on Saturday afternoon.

The game started a bit unusually with both teams, with UTEP (1-8, 1-5 CUSA) attempting a fake punt on their first fourth down on the afternoon on the Miners' opening drive. Chris Johnson stayed with the gunner and broke up the pass from the punter to give MTSU (3-6, 2-3 CUSA) great field position. A jet sweep to Jaiden Credle got the Blue Raiders as close as the UTEP 1, but MTSU failed to punch the ball into the endzone, settling for a 21-yard field from Zeke Rankin. UTEP would get the chance to answer two possessions later after picking off Nicholas Vattiato off a deflection, but a strong defensive stand inside the MTSU 20 held the Miners to just a field goal, tying the game 3-3.

UTEP took advantage of a 24-yard punt return midway through the second quarter to get rolling on offense, scoring in four plays to take a 10-3 lead. But MTSU found a response two drives later, when Vattiato found Myles Butler in between defenders in the UTEP zone. The Central Arkansas transfer made the Miner safety miss in the open field and sprinted 61 yards into the endzone for touchdown, tying the game 10-10, a score that would hold through halftime.

Disaster nearly struck for MTSU to start the second half, as UTEP stripped the opening kickoff out of the hands of Cam'ron Lacy to give the Miners the ball inside the MTSU 20. But a strong defensive stand with a Tyrell Raby pass breakup and two short runs forced UTEP to settle for a field goal to give the hosts a 13-10 lead. MTSU needed some turnover luck of their own to tie the game, with Xavier Williams snaring a toe-tapping interception off a pass breakup from Marvae Myers, setting up a 10-play, 57-yard drive that ended in a game-tying 27-yard field goal from Rankin.

UTEP had a chance to take the lead with a 42-yard field goal attempt after a 13-play drive following Rankin's field goal, but a miss wide-left kept the tied with nine minutes to play. Facing a fourth and six on the UTEP 44 on the ensuing drive, MTSU elected to pin the Miners deep in their own territory with a Grant Chadwick punt that was fair caught on the UTEP 6, Chadwick's second punt downed inside the 20 on Saturday. MTSU forced a three-and-out that resulted in a punt giving the Blue Raiders the ball on the UTEP side of the field, captializing with a 10-play drive that ended on a QB-sneak from Vattiato breaking the plane of the goaline with some help from a push from tight end Evan Poticher, giving the Blue Raiders a 20-13 lead after the PAT.

The Miners were left with just 1:53 left on the clock to drive 75 yards down the field for a touchdown to tie the game. UTEP was able to get inside the MTSU 20, but tight coverage on the game's final two plays left no room for the Miners to get the ball into the endzone, with Jalen Davis breaking up the final pass of the game short of the goaline to clinch the win.

By the Numbers

7: Tackles for loss for MTSU, the most the Blue Raiders have recorded in a game this season. Defensive tackles Damonte Smith and Shakai Woods led the way with 1.5 TFLs each.

8-for-29: The combined conversation rate on third downs for both teams in a defensive game on Saturday. MTSU converted just three times on third down in 16 tries.

14: Tackles for linebacker Parker Hughes, the most any Blue Raider has recorded in a single game this season.

Blue Raider Notes

Today marks the first time the Blue Raiders have kicked off on a Saturday since Sep. 28 against Memphis – a 35-day span.

The Blue Raiders have 50 total interceptions over the last four years, including 17 in 2021, 20 in 2022, eight in 2023 and five this season.

Offensive Player Notes

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

Tallied career high 101 yards on a career high five receptions and a touchdown.

First career 100-yard receiving performance.

Logged a career long 61-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter.

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

Made his team-leading 21st straight start today against UTEP.

Finished 21-for-35 for 239 yards with a passing and rushing touchdown.

Recorded his 20th career 200 or more yard passing game – third all-time.

#32 | Jekail Middlebrook | RB | r-Fr.

Tallied 34 yards on a career high five receptions.

Rushed for 33 yards on seven carries.

#42 | Evan Poticher | TE | Fr.

Recorded a career high three receptions.

Defensive Player Notes

#9 | Parker Hughes | LB | r-Jr.

Registered a career high 14 tackles, including three solo stops and a tackle for loss.

#12 | Jalen Davis | LB | Gr.

Tallied a career high 11 tackles, including seven solo stops and a pass break up.

#49 | James Stewart | DE | r-Jr.

Posted a career high seven tackles, including four solo stops and a tackle for loss.

Logged his first career interception.

#98 | Shakai Woods | DT | r-Fr.

Posted a career high seven tackles, including four solo stops and 1.5 tackles for loss.

Special Teams Player Notes

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

Went 2-for-2 on the night, with a long of 47 yards.

Has connected on 43 career field goals – ranks third all-time.

Thoughts from Head Coach Derek Mason

"Happy for our guys. We just said that we needed to compete for four quarters and let's what that yielded us. Obviously, we haven't had a road win in 10+ games. The reality of it was you've got to get one before it all starts. I thought our guys came in with the right mentality. They were calm about it. I thought these guys had a good week of practice, but more than that, it took everybody. Offense, defense, special teams, eb and flow.

"It wasn't the prettiest of games. I thought defensively, it was a battle on both sides. There were turnovers. Special teams played a role, just in terms of flipping the field and trying to make long fields for (UTEP). But, what about guys you really don't hear about a lot? Evan Poticher, stepping on the field and making plays. Myles Butler, with the great catch and run after the catch for the touchdown. You look at Xavier Williams, he gets a fourth down run for the first down and then he turns around and gets a pick on the very next series, off a tipped ball. It took everybody we had to get through this game and get us to the other side."

Middle Tennessee returns home next Saturday, November 9, to take on Liberty in the program's annual Salute to Veterans and Armed Forces game. Kickoff is scheduled for Noon CT in Floyd Stadium and the game will be broadcast on CBS Sports Network and the Blue Raider Network.



Myles Butler (5) caught five passes for a career high 101 yards and one TD against UTEP.
Photo courtesy of MT Athletics

Golden Eagles Clinch Regular Season Region Title After Spoiling Tullahoma's Senior Night

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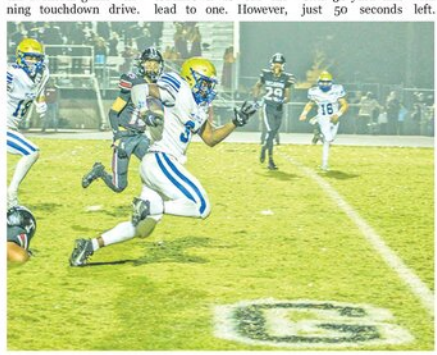
Shelbyville Central's Head Coach Jud Dryden addresses his team following the impressive 28-27 win at Tullahoma on Friday night to clinch their second-consecutive Region 5-5A regular season title. *Photo by Noah Maddox.*

TULLAHOMA, TN – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles won their second-consecutive Region 5-5A Regular Season Championship after outlasting the Tullahoma Wildcats inside of Wilkins Stadium, 28-27, on Friday night. The Golden Eagles finished their second straight season with an undefeated region record under third-year head coach, Jud Dryden, and wrapped up a top seed for the upcoming playoffs after sophomore Stephen Bobo's game-sealing diving interception at midfield with 44 seconds left to slam the door shut on the Wildcats. "He's a competitor," Dryden said about Bobo, who accounted for 237 total yards offensively as well as the game-winning INT. "He's just a great leader by example, great kid, I mean you can't speak kindly enough of him. He's very talented, but at the same time his character and competitive nature is just as big as his talent." A Chase Dodson missed extra point following Tullahoma's fourth and final touchdown proved to be the difference in the end. Marvancy Johnson was the game's leading rusher, tallying 151 yards and 2 TDs on 20 carries for the Wildcats to offset a passing attack led by Lucas Reed that struggled. Reed finished the night 5/14 for just 91 yards, but did throw 2 TDs along with 1 INT. Stephen Bobo went 6/14 for 109 yards and 1 TD while also running for 128 yards and 1 TD on 18 carries for the Golden Eagles. Robert Bailey also ran for over 100 yards, tallying 103 yards and 1 TD on 24 carries. After both teams ended their opening drives with a punt, Tullahoma got the scoring started after Marvancy Johnson scampered for 43 yards down the left sideline to the end zone with 5:43 left in the first quarter to give the Wildcats an early 7-0 lead. On the ensuing possession, Shelbyville got Stephen Bobo going on the ground to get inside the Tullahoma 30-yard line before he found his older brother, William Bobo, for a 21-yard completion to get to the Wildcats 5-yard line. After Bailey pushed forward for two yards, the younger Bobo pulled the ball on a read option to saunter in untouched for a 3-yard touchdown to tie the game at 7-7 with 1:17 to go in the opening period. After Tullahoma punted twice to sandwich a Shelbyville punt, the Golden Eagles got the ball at their own 20-yard line with just under seven minutes to go in the first half and began marching down the field. After Bailey ran for two yards on the first play, Shelbyville converted a Bobo-to-Bobo connection for 45 yards on a double move to the Tullahoma 36-yard line. Three plays later, Bobo ran for four yards on 4th-&-5, but a facemask penalty called against the Wildcats gave the Golden Eagles a first down inside the red zone. A few plays later, Nate Zimmerman punched it into the end zone from one yard out to give Shelbyville their first lead at 14-7 with 2:43 left in the first half. Neither team could get anything going on their next possession to close out the half, sending both teams to the locker room in a one-score game. To start the second half, the Golden Eagles came out of the break and went on an 80-yard touchdown march with an emphasis on the ground game. Robert Bailey punctuated the 13-play, 80-yard drive with an 18-yard touchdown run to double the Shelbyville lead to 21-7, taking 6:37 off the clock.



Labron Ransom (2) caught the game-winning 35-yd TD in the 4Q against Tullahoma. *Photo courtesy of Shelbyville Football Facebook.*

With their backs against the wall, the Wildcats responded with an 80-yard touchdown drive of their own that included a 40-yard bomb from Reed to Alex Bobo to get to the Golden Eagles' 21-yard line. A few plays later, Marvancy Johnson found the end zone for the second time on a 9-yard touchdown run with 2:45 left in the third quarter to cut the lead to 21-14. Then, Tullahoma was handed a gift from Schlbyville's special teams. On the kickoff, the Wildcats pooched the ball to one of the Golden Eagles' upbacks, and a miscommunication led to the ball falling to the ground and the hosts finding a way to recover at the SCHS 30-yard line. The Golden Eagles defense did all they could, but a few too many penalties all of a sudden in a game that was pretty flag-free before this possession gave Tullahoma extra chances. The Wildcats finally found the end zone on an 8-yard fade route TD catch by Alex Bobo to tie the game at 21-21 with 58 seconds left in the third quarter. However, on this kickoff, the Golden Eagles made a play on the pooch kick. Junior Xzayvier Jordan, one of the up-men, reversed field down the left sideline and was shoved out of bounds at the Tullahoma 41-yard line to set up the eventual game-winning touchdown drive. After two Bailey runs totaling six yards and a Bobo incomplete pass, the Golden Eagles faced a 4th-&-4 from the Tullahoma 35-yard line. Dryden decided to go for it, and Bobo dropped back, delivering a pump fake to Labron Ransom as the Shelbyville WR put a double move on his defender to give Bobo just enough space to drop it in over his shoulder for a 35-yard touchdown to give SCHS a 28-21 lead. "It was set up well earlier in the game, and a 4th & 4 is one of those where it could be a run or a pass and having something at that hitch level where it's a first down, that's big, and then being able to go score, it's awesome," Dryden said about Ransom's big play touchdown. On the Wildcats ensuing drive, Johnson quickly got Tullahoma to the Shelbyville 30-yard line. Reed then dropped back to pass for the first time on the drive, finding Khani Johnson on a post down the middle of the field for a 30-yard touchdown to cut the lead to one. However, what should have been an easy extra point was doinked off the right crossbar by Chase Dodson, preserving the Golden Eagles' one-point lead with 8:32 to go in the final frame. Following the kickoff, Shelbyville started what would be their final offensive drive at their own 28-yard line with 8:25 left in the fourth quarter. Leaning on their offensive line, the Golden Eagles went on a 13-play, 70-yard drive that stalled at the Tullahoma 8-yard line with 1:55 to go. Dryden sent out Ben Betzelberger for a 25-yard field goal, and after making the first attempt that didn't count because of offsetting penalties, he pulled the second kick wide left, giving Tullahoma the ball at their own 20-yard line, but with just 1:48 left in the fourth quarter needing to get in field goal range.



Robert Bailey (31) reaches the end zone on his 18-yard TD run on Friday. *Photo courtesy of Shelbyville Football Facebook.*

With the clock against them, Tullahoma managed to pick up one first down on a Reed third-down scramble at their own 30-yard line with just 50 seconds left. On the very next play, Stephen Bobo came up with his game-sealing interception off of a deflection at midfield to seal the victory.

"Nice and long...those drives are huge," Dryden said postgame about his offense's two long drives that drained the majority of the clock and limited possessions, "That's all Coach [Jc] Hunsaker and those guys on offense, and that offensive staff does such a great job."

Tullahoma falls to 6-4 (4-2) and finish third place in Region 5-5A.

Shelbyville improves to 9-1 (6-0) and will host Hillsboro at the Eagles Nest on Friday night, LIVE on WLIJ 98.7 at 6:45 p.m.



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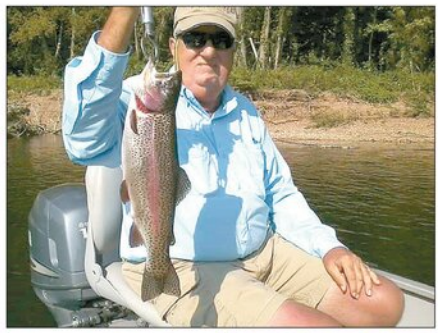
'God has a plan. But we go against his plan so much. We don't live God's plan for us. I try now but for years, I didn't. I was a rascal when I came back from Vietnam.'

- Gary Leverette







once, lots of hands will be raised.

"When I came back from Vietnam, I didn't care about anybody or anything. I was numb. That's why the first three did not make it. It wasn't their fault. It was my fault. I know that."

Veterans cannot change their war experiences. They can only pray, he says, and try to live better each given day.

Leverette has found that staying immersed in scripture and trying to be a Christian example, not perfect but forgiven, has helped him more than psychologists.

The Shelbyville native's story begins when he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1967. He had basic training at Fort Campbell, Ky., and went to Fort McClellan, Ala., for advanced individual training. He spent exactly 2 years, he said, in military service-one year of that fighting for this country in Vietnam.

"When I went to Vietnam, I was a PFC and that was in May '68. In February of 1969, I was promoted to Sgt."

He was with the first armored CAB [The Combined Arms Battalion (CAB)] which is the primary maneuver unit of the Armored Brigade Combat Team.

"I rode all over Vietnam in an armored personnel carrier, sitting behind a .50-caliber machine gun."

Leverette recalls that when he first arrived, he was assigned to 3rd Platoon, 37 track, which consisted of a track commander and two machine-gunners. They would eventually rotate.

"You make rank a lot faster in war-time than you do in peace-time," advised Leverette.

He was in the I-Corps the whole year he served in Vietnam, that is, in the northern sector. He will not talk about his combat experience, though he will share he lost a lot of friends.

"I can tell you some gory stuff but I don't want to," notes Leverette. "Now, if there were a group of veterans in here, we could talk, because they've been where we've been. That's why we don't talk about it."

Leverette, who grew up in Shelbyville, is convinced that it was his "praying Mama" who got him through and out of Vietnam. There is no doubt about that, he said recently.

The Unionville resident notes the American and North Vietnam fire fights were very short. For example, Americans had three tanks and seven APCs-armored combat vehicles with 27 machine guns.

He said that fire power would scatter the enemy. But the American soldier in Vietnam still had its short-falls. "Where they got us were the mines," Leverette recalled.

This veteran will admit that political forces wanted the American soldier in Vietnam to fight with a hand tied behind his back. "They didn't let us win. We could have won it. You can't win a war with no fire zones."

Not to sound like a barbarian, this Vietnam vet said when you go to war, it's just that-a time when you don't worry about collateral damage.

America today still needs to recognize "the enemy" he said. Leverette references the story of King Saul in the Bible.

"We want to fight a war without killing the enemy. How do you fight a war without killing the enemy?"

Leverette said if you do not kill in war, you fight the same evil in the next generation. He said history does have a way of repeating itself.

But now, he's an aging Vietnam veteran. He notes there are still many living in this County with families.

Those veterans understand that which is war, he advised.

Leverette quotes Joe Galloway, a reporter who turned combatant during the Vietnam War who said, "You can leave the war but the war will never leave you.'"

"That is so true. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think about Vietnam. But as bad as it was, I'd do it again."

He said when he was in Vietnam, he certainly wasn't honoring his Christian upbringing. It was the cancer that finally strengthened his faith and put him back on the path of living within what he deems "God's Plan."

"God has a plan. But we go against his plan so much. We don't live God's plan for us. I try now but for years, I didn't. I was a rascal when I came back from Vietnam."

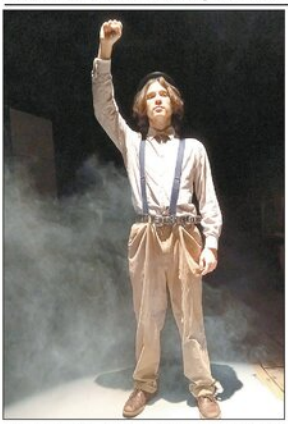
As for death scenes, the veteran will only comment, "I saw enough."

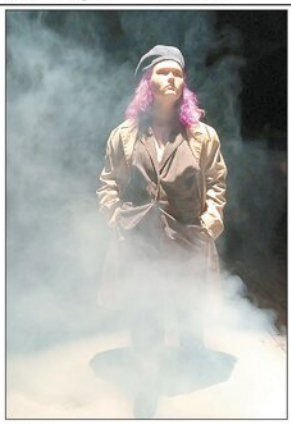
But over the years, he's had no choice to tell his story to the experts at the VA. One psychologist, he recalled, cried after he told his story.

A retired factory worker and former high school machine shop instructor, Leverette is now spending his retirement years as host of a WLIJ radio station program (1580 AM and 98.7 FM.) The program recently featured the veteran organization, the Fitzgerald Freedom Ranch, a retreat for disabled veterans.

Of course, he continues to work with the Veteran's Council. Leverette will be at the Veterans Day Parade Saturday, which begins at 11 a.m.

If you see him, please shake his hand and thank him. There's more to his story than we know.







COMMUNITY HIGH'S DRAMA CLUB

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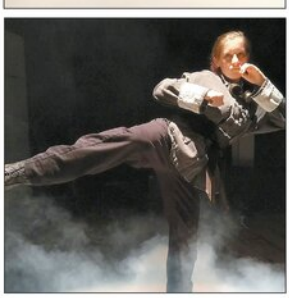
Community High's drama club, known as the Smokestack Theatre Group, will perform the dramatic thriller Sherlock Holmes and the Baker Street Irregulars on Friday and Saturday evenings, Nov. 8 and 9, at 7:00 p.m. Admission is $5 at the door of the CHS Auditorium.

The story centers around the (supposed) murder of Holmes and the five street urchins, orphans all, who show up to try and solve his murder. The children, it seems, were all taken in by Holmes at one time or another. He cared for them, respected them, and even taught them. Now they…the Baker Street Irregulars as they call themselves…will honor him by becoming investigators themselves.

The play stars Aaron Kight, Kenadie Behrns, Kalen Collins, Aralyn Hansen and Destiny Roaden as the Irregulars. Elizabeth Maxwell plays "Watson", Killian Millard is the uppity police chief "Lestrade" and Liam Simmons rounds out the major cast as the villainous "Morris."







WELCOME BACK, MR. TAYLOR!

SCSK Photo

Long-time Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen volunteer Walter Taylor has returned following a hiatus. Taylor has worked traffic control since the soup kitchen first opened at the Old Save-A-Lot building on Cannon Boulevard.