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Bedford County schools earn growth Level 5!

Student growth at highest of state expectations

By DAWN HANKINS
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Bedford County Board of Education had a lot to celebrate from several teachers earning the highest in state achievement-Levels 4 and 5-to the completion of athletic master plans during its regular monthly meeting last Thursday, held at Shelbyville Central High Auditorium.

Tim Harwell, assistant school superintendent, announced each Level 4 and 5 teacher and Superintendent Tammy Garrett and administrator Felecia Moon presented them certificates. This group of teachers, based on state standards, showed the greatest level of achievement and improvement within their respective classrooms.

The school system is on Thanksgiving break this week. The T-G will expand more on the Level 4 and 5 teachers in a future edition.

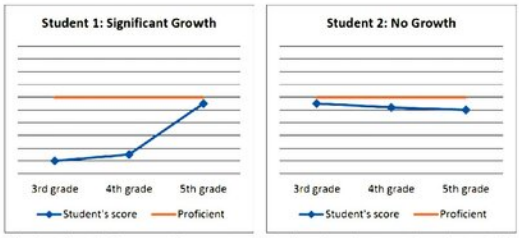
Implementation of those master plans approved for Shelbyville Central and Community High are in the infant stages but the board remarked it is good to know that educators and professionals have already got those story boards already on file. The board gave full approval to the plans (copies were in the board packets but were not discussed Thursday night.)

It was a lengthier board meeting this month with all the presentations. But the meeting was still over within about an hour and half.

Likely one of the greatest accomplishments acknowledged by BCBE on Thursday was growth and achievement scores for the 2023-2024 school year. The presentation was made by the assistant superintendent.

Level 5 is the ceiling for the highest levels of achievement based on state expectations for schools/classrooms. Level 4 scores mean schools have greatly exceeded state expectations and Level 3 scores

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This chart, from the Tennessee Department of Education, shows how growth can be tracked by the state from year to year.

CELEBRATING THANKSGIVING

Submitted Photo



Kim's Klassy Kuts, 617 South Cannon Blvd., always displays a holiday-themed tree. This Thanksgiving tree brightened up recent weeks with its bright colors. Thanksgiving is a great time to appreciate what we have. As well, to learn the hardships of the pilgrims but also how they persevered, turning tragedies into blessings. Enjoy the rest of your holiday!

Eakin student saves friend from choking

Edvin Godinez Martinez is "a hero"

By DAWN HANKINS

His name is Edvin Godinez Martinez. One educator says he's "precious" and others are calling him a "hero."

Perhaps the latter is even more correct this week.

Edwin recently saved a school friend from choking on a piece of candy.

It happened on the school playground. Edvin was scared but jumped right into action to save his friend.

"I was so nervous and worried about my friend," Edvin told school officials afterwards.

The friend is doing well, according to the school nurse. Could Edvin really have saved his life?

Likely, because he used the Heimlich maneuver and some first aid skills.

Edvin was recently presented the "Eakin School Principal Award" for his heroism.

Principal Meredith Gilliland said this week, "In third grade, he wanted to be a doctor. He would look up YouTube videos on how to be a doctor and watched a video on how to do the Heimlich.

Now he wants to join the Army, and after, he wants to become a doctor."

She said yes, Edvin is certainly the school's hero.



School Photo

Eakin Elementary recently recognized Edvin Godinez Martinez as a real hero. He saved a fellow student from choking on a piece of candy.



MS. CLAUS AND FRIEND

Festival Of Trees Draws Nice Crowd

Photo by Jennifer Meloy

Ms. Claus conducted a story time for kids during the Festival of Trees at the Fly Arts Center on Saturday. Accompanying Ms. Claus were several precious kitties ready for adoption through A Nutter Cat Rescue. A big thank you to Andrea Nix!

S-BC Community Foundation supports initiatives to enhance education

Fall 2024 total over $10,000

STAFF REPORT

The mission of the Shelbyville-Bedford Community Foundation is to support initiatives that enhance education, quality of life, and quality of place.

The Shelbyville-Bedford Community Foundation Teacher Grant initiative empowers local educators to enrich their students' educational experiences. This program allows dedicated Bedford County Schools teachers to submit funding requests for projects that positively impact their students and classrooms, according to Kelly North vice president of Shelbyville-Bedford County Partnership Designed to fund innovative and inclusive projects that fall outside the annual Bedford County Schools budget, the Teacher Grant program is offered to all Bedford County Schools staff annually, in the fall and spring. Collaboration among teachers is encouraged across classrooms and schools so as many students as possible can be impacted. The total grant allocated for the The Fall 2024 grant was $10,784.

The grants are required to be aligned with at least one of the three pathways to student success in Bedford County Schools:

- Academics: access to innovative, student-centered, research-based instructional

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TEACHER FALL GRANT AWARDEE RECEPTION

"On behalf of Bedford County Schools, we are honored to be working with the Shelbyville-Bedford Community Foundation and their board members and donors to support schools and teachers in our district. A thriving school system is key to economic development and a growing, thriving community, and this partnership helps us achieve this. Funding academic and student-readiness projects for our educators, things that are not otherwise funded, is so impactful and encouraging for our students and teachers. To know we have the support of many community partners matters so much and motivates us greatly." Carol Garrett, BC Schools communications director. See award recipient names in adjacent story.

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practices and materials.

• Student Readiness: creates an environment that serves and supports the academic and non-academic needs of the whole child.

• Educators: attract, retain, and develop educational professionals to advance our students and community.

The following received Fall 2024 Awardee Projects:

Malcolm Martin of Carwright Elementary for $1,000 for STEAM education.

Paul Alumbaugh of Harris Middle for $600 for Eagles Care Recycling Crew for CDC students.

Jesse Teal of Community Elementary for $1,000 for Squid Lab Dissection.

Holly King of Community High for$1,000 for T1-Calculator Connectivity in the Mathematics Classroom.

Marilyn Ralston of Community High for $290 for T1 Innovation in Coding Class.

Jamie Thomas at Learning Way for $1,000 for a Library Cozy Corner.

Maria Bobo and Laura Houp of Thomas Magnet for $850 for Positive Paint Project murals.

Bailey Catrell at Cascade High for $1,000 for T1-Nspire Calculators.

Lisa Crunk of Thomas Magnet for $756 for Orff Music Stands.

Rachel Grijalva of Thomas Magnet for $1,000 for a Thomas Middle Science Lab Project.

Sarah McKinney of Cascade Elementary for $288 for Lifecycles Alive!

Emily Mullins of East Side for $1,000 for "East Side Essentials" Parent Attendance Incentive



Store.

Erin Haywood of Community Middle for $1,000 for Collaborating in Math Class desks, tables, and chairs.

"In total, the Shelbyville-Bedford Community Foundation awarded 13 BCS Teacher Grants across 10 schools for the 2024-25 school year to total $10,784 given from their generous investors!" said North.

North said donations are tax-deductible and accepted at the link below:

https://shelbyville-bedford.com/pages/teacher-grants/

Community Partners this year are: Dennis Young Insurance, Ascend Federal Credit Union, Bell Construction, Dos Bros Fresh Mexican Grill, Chik-fil-A Shelbyville.

GROWTH

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mean schools are meeting required expectations.

Harwell said the Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System (TVAAS) data was all that could be released on Thursday. Other TVAAS data, achievement and accountability, was embargoed for release until Friday.

The school board will receive other data at its January board meeting, according to Harwell. Letter grade data for schools will also be released right at Christmas break.

TVAAS measures student growth, not whether the student is proficient on the state assessment. For example, a student who is behind academically may show significant academic growth but not be proficient on the end of year test. Another student may also not be proficient on the end of year test but not show any growth. The teacher added a lot of value to the first student's academic development (and increased their likelihood of being proficient in 6th grade), and little value to the second student's academic development. TVAAS allows educators to consider their students' achievement (their score on the end of year assessment), as well as their growth (the progress students make year to year.)

Harwell said student academic growth is something great to talk about in Bedford County. "We are proud to announce the Bedford County School System, system-wide, scored a composite of a level 5. We are very, very proud of that. This is the second year that we've scored at level 5."

Harwell said he was proud to announce that based on last year's state scores, TVAAS growth data, system-wide Bedford County scored a composite of a level 5-the highest level of significant growth achievable by state projections.

In system-wide numeracy, that includes every tested subject from 3rd grade math to Algebra II, Bedford County scored a Level 5. System-wide literacy, English language Arts from grade 3 to English II, the system achieved a level 3 in growth. System-wide social studies-a level 3 and science growth topped out with a level 5.

There was a level 4 status earned by early grades-3 and up.

"Bedford County had 11 of 14 schools that achieved a level 3 or above in growth," Harwell reported.

Cascade Elementary, Cascade Middle, Cascade High, Community High and Shelbyville Central all scored a Level 5, he advised. Community Elementary and Thomas Magnet scored a level 4; Eakin, East Side, Harris and Learning Way scored Level 3. (Cartwright Elementary was not a separate school during 2023-2024 testing.)

During her report, school superintendent Tammy Garrett also went over the recent graduation rate scores released by the state. She praised teachers and students for having achieved an overall score of 94.2%-the highest in many years.

Individually, schools scored (2023-2024) as follows: Cascade High with 98.5% of its students graduating last year; SCHS, with 91.8-one of the highest in years; and Community High with 96.5 of 12th graders having received their diplomas.

"As you can see on our strategic plan, we want to beat the state," said Superintendent Garrett. And we're proud to say we beat the state with our graduation rates."

Thanks to Bedford County's contributions to the overall graduation rate, the state hit the 91.2 percentile for graduating students, breaking the previous record achieved in the 2022-23 school year which was at 90.6%.

Tn Commissioner of Education Lizzie Reynolds remarked of the state success last week, "Once again, Tennessee's unwavering dedication to fostering student success had led us to achieve an extraordinary milestone, setting a new state record for graduation rates for the second consecutive years. This achievement reflects the tireless efforts of our district and school leaders, educators and families working together to help all our students achieve their goals and be successful."

Community CALENDAR

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Shelbyville-Bedford County will celebrate its Christmas Tree Lighting on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m. at the courthouse. A variety of activities will precede the tree lighting, beginning at 3 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Shelbyville Christmas Parade is Saturday, Dec. 7, at 4 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Jaycees.

BELL BUCKLE OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

Saturday, December 7th, 14th & 21st, 2024, 1 to 4 p.m. Enjoy sleigh rides with Santa, carolers, a s'mores pit and the look and feel of an Old Fashioned Christmas.

RETIRED TEACHERS TO MEET

The next meeting of the Bedford County Retired Teachers will be on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 11:00 AM at Emmy's Restaurant (formerly Urban Plantation). Elizabeth Stuart of Crossing Creek Farm will present the program. Retired teachers are encouraged to attend. The retired teachers' group meets four times a year for a business meeting, a program, lunch and most importantly, fellowship, according to retiree Mary C. Perry.

VFW MONTHLY MEETING

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5019, and its Auxiliary, will hold their monthly meeting next Monday, Dec, 2, at the VFW Post on Depot Street. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with a business meeting for members immediately following. For more information, contact Post Commander, James Painter, 503/853-9485.

VFW BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

COME HAVE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS. Bring your camera and take a picture of your children with Santa! Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5019, and it's Auxiliary, will host its 2nd Saturday of the month FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST Saturday, Dec. 14, from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the VFW Post, 1320 Depot St. Great company, INCLUDING SANTA, and great home-cooked food. Carry-outs are available. For more information, call Alex at 615/513-7959.

SERVICES AT FUMC-SHELBYVILLE

Join us at Shelbyville First United Methodist Church for a spiritually enriching worship service. Pastor Abe Zimmerman will preach a new Advent series, "Unwrapping Christmas" from Genesis 3:1-10. As we anticipate the arrival of Jesus and Christmas, we take a look at why Jesus had to come to Earth. This service will also include the Hanging of the Greens. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 a.m., followed by worship service at 10 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church are available during worship. For those unable to attend, we offer a livestream on Facebook and a broadcast on WLIJ 1580 AM.

Birth Announcement

Free birth announcement forms can be submitted to us through t-g.com.

Riley Pearl Enfinger

Ryan Keith and Amanda Pearl Enfinger of Shelbyville announce the birth of a daughter, **Riley Pearl Enfinger**. Little Riley Pearl entered this world at 12:44 p.m. on Nov. 18, 2024, at Vanderbilt Harton Hospital in Tullahoma.



She weighed 8 lbs., 10 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long.

Riley is sister to Kayleigh Hope Enfinger, age 3, and McKenzie Grace Enfinger, age 9 months.



Wartrace Christmas Marketplace

DECEMBER 7, 2024

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Santa & Mrs. Clause pictures in Town Hall 4 pm - 5:30 pm
Town tree lighting 6 pm

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Overindulgence of alcohol often encouraged during the holidays



By Nickolaus Hayes, guest columnist

The average person takes advantage of the downtime during the holiday season. As long as Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years have been celebrated, most people seize the opportunity to unwind, indulge, and participate in holiday cheer, especially with alcohol.

From prohibition years and to modern times, using alcohol to celebrate the holidays has never slowed.

Yet, the general attitude towards moderation has changed as we better know the short and long-term health impacts of alcohol use. (The average American adult is not drinking excessively daily, weekly, or monthly.)

Most people know alcohol is damaging to your mind and body. However, overindulgence is often encouraged during the holidays, and moderation and our knowledge of it conveniently no longer exists.

A big reason for this is that even a joyous holiday season can cause stress for most individuals and families.

According to the American Psychological Association, nearly 9 in 10 Americans say that concerns such as not having enough money, missing loved ones, and family conflict cause them stress during this time of year. Unfortunately, close to 2 in 5 adults who experience stress during the holiday season said they use harmful coping mechanisms such as drugs and alcohol.

While most agree that the holiday season is a positive experience, we are often encouraged to manage stress by overindulging in things like alcohol, food, or even drugs, and this has never changed in our society. Advertising is geared to play on this; bars, restaurants, liquor stores, and alcohol suppliers know alcohol sales increase this time of year, and the messaging is simple, which is buy our product and celebrate the festive season.

According to the National Center for Drug Abuse Statistics, 15.7% of Tennessee adults binge drink at least once per month. Binge-drinking adults in the state binge a median of 1.7 times monthly, and 25% of most active drinkers' binge 4.4 times per month. Unfortunately, there is an average of 2,057 annual deaths in Tennessee attributed to excessive alcohol use.

There are strategies and resources to help. For example, the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services has a statewide crisis line 1-855-CRISIS-1 (855-274-7471). Alternatively, you can text or call 988, the crisis lifeline, to talk to someone.

During the holidays, pay attention to your feelings and develop a plan for when you are feeling stressed, sad, or lonely. Avoid alcohol and drugs; while this is easier said than done for some people, the holiday season presents challenges that can trigger the use of alcohol, for example. It's wise to recognize these triggers and avoid alcohol.

If you are struggling, focus on practicing self-care and remaining connected with your friends, family, or local community. Feelings can amplify for some people this time of year, making it necessary to support others. Attend your local faith community, support group, community centers, or local meet-ups. Most importantly, know when to seek help. This can be especially important for anyone already struggling with a substance use disorder or mental health issues.

Don't let the holidays become something you dread. While society tells us to indulge in certain things and throw care and caution to the wind, we can choose not to listen. Focus on the more authentic meanings of the holiday season and encourage others to do the same.

Nickolaus Hayes is a healthcare professional in the field of substance use and addiction recovery and is part of the editorial team at Drug Rehab Services (DRS.) His primary focus is spreading awareness by educating individuals on the topics surrounding substance use.





READY FOR THANKSGIVING

Submitted Photos

Prior to Thanksgiving break, parents joined Eakin Elementary students for Thanksgiving food and fun.



SECRETARY OF STATE HARGETT ANNOUNCES 2024 CIVICS ESSAY CONTEST

(NASHVILLE, Tenn.) – Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett has announced the 2024 Civics Essay Contest and its theme: "Why Trusted Sources Matter."

"Voters today are inundated with significantly more information than those of previous generations, and the information shared across multiple platforms may or may not be accurate," said Secretary Hargett. "The 2024 Civics Essay Contest hopes to have students consider their sources of information, so they can grow to make informed decisions and encourage others to do the same."

Those interested in participating in the 2024 Civics Essay Contest can view the rules and submit essays online by visiting sos.tn.gov/civics-essay-contest. The submission deadline is Jan. 31, 2025.

The Civics Essay Contest is part of the Secretary of State's longstanding civics engagement program, designed to prepare Tennessee students to become actively engaged citizens. All public, private school, or home school association students in kindergarten through 12th grade are encouraged to participate.

Winners will receive a TNStars 529 College Savings Program scholarship and a trip to the State Capitol. First-place winners in each grade level will receive a $500 scholarship, with second and third-place winners receiving $250 and $100, respectively.

Additional resources to support civic engagement include lesson planning to help teachers incorporate civic engagement and citizenship into their curriculum. The Anne Dallas Dudley Award Program is also designed to increase voter registration thresholds among high school students who meet voting age eligibility requirements For more information, about the Secretary of State's civic engagement and education efforts, please visit sos.tn.gov/civics.

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Abram Builds Altars

Genesis 12

Abram left his homeland and his family as the Lord had told him to do. He took with him his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot and all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran and they went to the land of Canaan.

Soon there was a famine in the land and Abram took his family to Egypt for a time.

The group traveled into Canaan to Shechem. Although the Canaanites inhabited the land the Lord appeared to Abram and promised to Abram's offspring the land. Abram built an altar to the Lord. Next he traveled east of Bethel and pitched his tent and built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord.



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202 Baptist Church Rd., Eagleville
931-294-5840

SEVIER STREET FIRST BAPTIST
921 Sevier St., 931-684-7460

SHELBYVILLE FIRST BAPTIST
304 E. Depot St., 931-773-0145

SHELBYVILLE MILLS BAPTIST
900 Union St., 931-684-3625

SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST
900 S. Cannon Blvd., 931-684-6138

THOMPSON GROVE BAPTIST
2966 Sims Rd., 931-685-0025

TRINITY BAPTIST
1331 Horse Mountain Rd., 931-492-5480

TWIN OAKS BAPTIST
1710 Mount Herman Rd., Petersburg
931-993-8286

VICTORY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST
2200 N. Main St., 931-684-8114

CATHOLIC

ST. WILLIAM OF MONTEVERGINE CATHOLIC
500 S. Brittain St., 931-735-6004

ST. WILLIAMS CATHOLIC
719 N. Main St., 931-694-6154

CHRISTIAN

BETH SHAH SHALOM CHRISTIAN
207 April Lane, 931-680-9777

FIRST CHRISTIAN
309 Madison St., 931-684-7467

CHURCH OF CHRIST

BIRD STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
428 Bird St., 931-684-3876

CHURCH OF CHRIST
115 High St., Bell Buckle
931-813-3079

EASTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
1803 Madison St., 931-684-8521

FAIRFIELD CHURCH OF CHRIST
3521 Fairfield Pike, Wartrace
931-394-4090

FAIRLANE CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 Dow Dr., 931-684-1583

FLAT CREEK CHURCH OF CHRIST
1404 New Center Church Rd.
931-684-1360

GREEN MEADOWS CHURCH OF CHRIST
355 Squire Hall Rd., 615-233-5420

RAUS CHURCH OF CHRIST
Smith Chapel Rd. Hwy. 13, 931-857-3362

SOUTHSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
106 Narrows Rd., 931-684-1805

WARTRACE CHURCH OF CHRIST
107 Bridgeview Ave., Wartrace
931-389-9496

CHURCH OF GOD

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD
278 Anthony Lane, 931-684-4646

NEW HALEY CHURCH OF GOD
2220 Patricia Dr., 931-685-1159

SHELBYVILLE CHURCH OF GOD
1014 W. Lane St., 931-492-4747

WHITTAKER CHURCH OF GOD
1200 Bethlehem Church Rd.,
423-618-9920

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

BRIGHT TEMPLE COGIC
516 Elm St., 931-684-7356

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LDS
2508 Hwy. 231 N., 931-450-6848

EPISCOPAL

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
203 Lane St., 931-684-5506

EVANGELICAL

EAST PARK EVANGELICAL
103 E. Pkwy., 256-378-8565

METHODIST

CANNON UNITED METHODIST
1001 S. Cannon Blvd., 931-684-4767

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
122 Public Square N., 931-684-2535

MULLINS CHAPEL AME
601 Ledbetter Rd., 931-685-4547

PLEASANT GROVE UNITED METHODIST
1597 Hwy. 130 W., 931-294-5477

SCOTT UNITED METHODIST
940 Morton St., 931-684-2297

ST. JOHNS AME
1512 Raby Ave., 931-684-9931

WHITESIDE UNITED METHODIST
2400 Midland Rd., 615-828-8292

WOODFORK CHAPEL AME
1011 Lipscomb St., 931-684-4817

NAZARENE

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
834 Union St., 931-684-3664

HILL TOP NAZARENE
1007 Smith Chapel Rd., 931-65-5234

HIMESVILLE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
1614 Hwy. 82 S., 931-694-6920

PENTECOSTAL

EMMANUEL PENTECOSTAL
1005 Belmont Ave., 931-685-6999

IGLESIA APOSTELIC PENTECOSTAL
2216 Hwy. 61 W., 931-680-1539

SHELBYVILLE UNITED PENTECOSTAL
1701 Green Lane, 931-685-9731

WHOSOEVER WILL PENTECOSTAL
219 E. Cedar St., 931-684-4384

PRESBYTERIAN

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
600 N. Brittain St., 931-684-6541

GREEN HILL CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN
1900 Unionville Deason Rd., Bell Buckle
931-294-2040

NORMANDY PRESBYTERIAN
108 Center St., Normandy
931-857-9395

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

FIRST SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
101 Church St., 931-685-9588

OTHER

ABUNDANT LIFE
600 Landers St., 931-703-0016

AGAPE WORSHIP CENTER
340 Maplewood Dr., 931-684-1243

BEREAN WAY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
209 Thompson St., 931-703-7076

BLANKENSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH
3602 Midland Rd., 931-437-2599

CHURCH AT ZION HILL
510 Thompson Rd., 931-581-4777

FELLOWSHIP FOR CHRIST
142 Richdale Lane, 931-684-0949

GATEWAY
1250 Madison St., 931-684-2794

HOUSE OF PRAYER
86 Union St., 931-703-5162

HOUSE OF PRAYER MINISTRY OF FAITH
907 W. Lane St., 931-639-1368

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF PRAYER
865 Union St., 931-703-5162

KING CHAPEL CHURCH AT UNION RIDGE
510 Union Ridge Rd., Wartrace
931-389-6248

LIGHTHOUSE
111 Church St., 931-684-4900

LIVING STONES COMMUNITY
304 Old Nashville Dirt Rd., 931-684-6883

LIVING WATER
3383 Hwy. 41A N. Unionville
931-993-2477

MIRACLE TABERNACLE
507 Coble Circle, 931-224-5184

MOUNT VIEW
1331 Horse Mountain Rd., 931-685-0337

MULLIN CHAPEL
601 Ledbetter Rd., 931-685-4547

NUEVA VIDA
1304 Madison St., 931-580-0365

NEW LIFE
111 Church St., 931-735-6720

PEOPLE'S CHURCH
1690 Madison St., 931-680-4880

THE SHELBYVILLE CHURCH
1014 W. Lane St., 931-492-4747

SHILOH OUTREACH CHURCH
2547 Hwy. 64 W., 931-684-0972

VICTORY CELEBRATION REVIVAL
1000 Colloredo Blvd., 931-680-0302

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Commissioner Pinson receives heart-felt letter

The message: *An MRT program success story*

By DAWN HANKINS
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County Commissioner Sylvia Pinson has worked with the local MRT since the program's inception in 2022. When she reads success letters, it makes her involvement, she says, even more meaningful.

MRT means Moral Reconation Therapy. Many through the local corrections department are becoming more involved.

"We have had six women and male graduations, pending the seventh graduation in early February 2025," said Pinson.

That's 150 graduates, she's proud to announce.

"I am truly blessed to work with Lt. Chris Cook. His passion in helping inmates get over addiction through MRT has become my passion to help ladies and gentlemen start a new life for themselves and family members. Shawna's letter states it so well in her written story."

Success letters like these, she said, keep the passion burning inside to do more to help make 'Bedford County Better' for all.

"Yes. I'm truly blessed to be a part of the Bedford County Correctional Jail System," said Pinson, who gave other commissioners a copy of the letter recently.

See Shawna's letter below:

Dear County Commissioner Pinson,

My name is Shawna, and I am justice involved. I grew up in Lynchburg, Tennessee. Growing up, I knew about the Bedford County Correctional Complex. It was never a place I thought I would end up. As children, we all remember what we wanted to be when we grew up. In my childhood, I was always drawn to math and science. I saw myself as a teacher, in a bank, as a doctor, never Prisoner Number 00660725 at the Bedford County Correctional Complex.

My pathway to becoming a habitual offender began after a major car accident. I began abusing prescription drugs, which led me to illicit drugs. Drugs became my way to stop the pain and silence the noise. I was in and out of prison from 2020 to 2022 and had many chances to turn my life around. However, in 2022, I found myself serving a two-year prison sentence for drugs. This was the longest I had ever found myself incarcerated in a higher security correctional facility. I was scared out of my mind.

In 2022, my life changed after I was accepted into the Moral Recognition Therapy (MRT) program. MRT gave me the tools to live a normal life. It helped me understand that addiction is a disease and taught me time management skills, conflict resolution skills, and critical thinking skills. Most importantly, it gave me the chance to be introspective about my past. When you're in survival mode, living day to day, you don't have the chance to step back and look at the "why" of it all. I grew up with influential family members who would drink to ignore life's challenges. That was a behavior I learned to model in my own life, but instead of alcohol, I used drugs to ignore the hard truths. When prison took all of that away from me and I replaced it with MRT, everything made sense. Under the direction of Lieutenant Cook, I was able to take a step back and examine that "why." The biggest lesson it taught me was accountability. At the end of the day, it is my choice and my choice alone to make the right decisions. MRT taught me to look within myself while having the bravery and grace to ask for help when I felt like I was falling.

As I approached my parole, I had many decisions to make. Another benefit of MRT was finding my faith. After prayer and utilizing the growth techniques I learned from MRT, I decided that Tennessee Prison Outreach Ministry (TPOM) was the best option for me. Nashville was bigger, had access to more resources, and offered more opportunities for growth. TPOM supported my aspirations while anchoring me to my faith. I was fortunate enough to be selected for the Tennessee Builders Alliance (TBA) while I was residing at TPOM. That love I had for math and science was reawakened as I spent three weeks learning how to be a tradeswoman. It connected me to those happy memories of helping my dad on his job sites and at our home. My whole life I was searching for myself, and I found a piece of it at TBA.

An important part of working in the trades is understanding the construction cycle. A TBA, a partner called Skilled Workforce saw my potential, which led me to Lee Company. If anyone had told me I would be cutting pipes, welding, analyzing blueprints, and learning about fittings, I would have laughed. However, here I am, a testament to many people believing in me and my ability to do more.

Every day, I wake up excited about my career path at Lee Company. Megan Hendrickson, my HR partner, has been a huge influence in my life. She exemplifies what it means to be a tradeswoman, and I look up to her as one of my biggest cheerleaders in developing my career. She has explained all the possible career paths in detail, and I am now considering pursuing an associate's degree in business administration along with certifications offered by Lee Company. Alan and Jeremy are two other co-workers I admire. Though I was initially intimidated at Lee Company, their kindness, training, and ability to develop my skillset have given me the confidence to grow in this career track and stay with Lee Company for years to come.

While I look back at my time in prison with regret, I also see it as the wake-up call I needed. MRT was the gateway to finding myself, believing in myself, and loving myself as an adult. We all remember that childlike wonder of "I can be anything," and now, I have that feeling back again. I feel like a teenager where the world is my oyster, and I'm just getting started.

Without MRT, the Tennessee Builders Alliance, Tennessee Prison Outreach Ministry, Skilled Workforce, and most importantly, Lee Company, I cannot imagine what my story would have looked like. I aspire to be a role model to others and help my community in the way it rallied around me to give me a better, brighter future.

Grieve with Me Community Center, 810 Union St., is now open. Grieving is hard. You don't have to do it alone, especially during the holidays, says Mom Jamie Dickerson who lost her daughter. Hours of operation are Mondays 2 to 7 p.m., Wednesdays 2 to 7 p.m. Friday 2 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This organization is nonprofit and runs off funds through community support.





Tennessee Red Cross Chapter Prepares for Holiday Season

As the holiday season approaches, the American Red Cross is launching its Year End Holiday Campaign—a vital fundraising effort to ensure the organization's continued mission of preventing and alleviating human suffering.

In the Heart of Tennessee Chapter, volunteers have been on the front lines, providing critical aid to families impacted by disasters. In the past year alone, 381 volunteers responded to 134 disasters and assisted 183 families impacted by 138 home fires across the Heart of Tennessee Chapter. The Red Cross also collected 13,537 units of blood and provided 608 emergency critical case services to military members, veterans and their families.

The Red Cross is there for those in need—providing food, shelter, comfort, and recovery assistance to disaster survivors, as well as support to military members, veterans, and their families. All of this is done at no cost to the individuals and families we serve. And while we are always prepared to respond when disaster strikes, our work goes beyond that. We also help families, organizations, and corporations prepare for crises through free educational presentations and resources—equipping them with the skills and knowledge that can save lives.

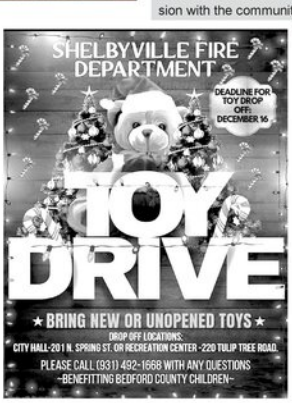
As America heads into the holiday season, continue to support the American Red Cross. Your coverage and partnership in sharing its mission with the community will make a meaningful difference.

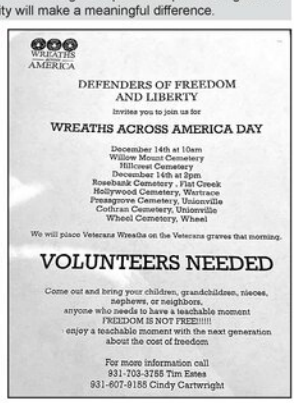


PREMIER OUTDOOR GO-KART RACING FACILITY OPENS HERE

Facility Photo

Music City Kartplex, a premier outdoor motorsports entertainment complex, has just opened in Shelbyville. Kartplex features a .5-mile track, with karts capable of speeds of over 50 MPH. It's the home of the Italian-made go-cart! Kartplex is located at 3225 Highway 231 North. Call 931-437-3225 or book a race at www.musiccitykartplex.com.





Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

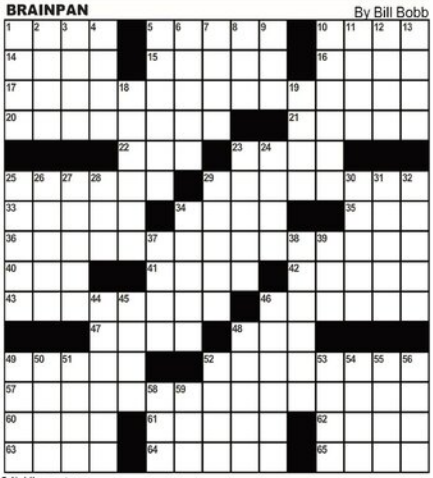
1) Not for
5) Light-headed?
10) Give up land
14) Creature for Crockett's cap
15) Tattered and torn
16) Catch wind of
17) Vamoose
20) City sought by Raleigh
21) Thing in the plus column
22) Suffix for "acrobat"
23) "...slithy toves did ___ and gimble" ("Jabberwocky")
25) Enter a pool
29) Homestyle entree
33) Dull, hollow sound
34) Oscar winner Sean
35) Direction away from "to"
36) Make a beeline toward
40) Money roll
41) Superior rating
42) Construction support
43) School gathering
46) Bart and Belle
47) Use a beam for surgery
48) Summa ___ laude
49) "Who knows?"
gesture
52) Apprehended by cops
57) Traveling straight up?
60) Allocate (with "out")
61) Alpine tune
62) Common food fish
63) Lofty poems
64) How coquettes chat
65) "Clapping" aquatic animal

CLUES DOWN

1) Result of overtraining, perhaps
2) Christmas tune
3) Frog's relative
4) Chinese leader?
5) Bring up, as a subject
6) Adds fat for cooking
7) Football great Graham
8) Extreme utmost degree
9) Do a salon job
10) Carpentry tool
11) Congers and such
12) Chip's cartoon chum
13) Prefix with "while," once
18) Searches for weapons
19) Rind's mate
23) "Arabian Nights" character

BRAINPAN

By Bill Bobb



24) Yin partner
25) Upside-down "e"
26) Answers to charges
27) Readies, as a rifle
28) "Go on ... "
29) Irving's "A Prayer for Owen_"
30) Bidder's amount
31) Loud, as a stadium crowd
32) Government paperwork
34) Member of the wking. class
37) File folder parts
38) Contract workers?
39) Unknown, on a TV sched.
44) Dodges
45) The kings of "We Three Kings"
46) "____ you jest!"
48) Barbaric
49) Schmendrick
50) Act on, as advice
51) Assign stars to, perhaps
52) Mark of "Game of Thrones"
53) Drunkard
54) Not false
55) Sicilian hothead?
56) Indian lentil dish (Var.)
58) Empire State Bldg. site
59) Baby's first word, sometimes

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MERRY CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

P	E	I	K	R	U	U	S	R	S	H	T	A	E	R	W	M	H	E	T
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

ANGEL
BIRTH
CAROLS
CHRISTMAS
CHURCH
COMPANY
DECEMBER
DINING
EVERGREEN
FRIENDS
GARLAND
GIFTS
GREETING CARD
HOLLY
MAGICAL
MANGER
MERRIMENT
MISTLETOE
REMINISCE
ROAST
STAR
TRAVEL
TREE SKIRT
WREATHS

SUDOKU

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

		6						
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Level: Beginner

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Level: Intermediate

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Level: Advanced

Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, your energy is impressive and contagious this week. You can put it to use tackling tasks that you have been putting off. A surprise message could brighten your weekend.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, review your budget and consider a new investment opportunity. This week brings a chance to reconnect with someone special. Don't avoid vulnerability, as it could enhance things.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
You might find yourself in discussions that lead to exciting new projects, Gemini. Be open to collaboration and work on improving your communication skills. Time for fun comes later.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
This week is all about self-care, Cancer. Take some time to focus on your emotional well-being and nurture it as much as you can. A midweek work opportunity could arise.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, dive into artistic pursuits or share ideas with others this week, as your creativity will be shining brightly. A social engagement may bring new connections that lead to exciting prospects.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Get down to business and organize your workspace or tackle a project that has been pushed aside, Virgo. If you feel overwhelmed, be sure to ask for some help from those you trust.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, it's all about balance this week, something you know a lot about as the scales sign. Make time for both work and play so you can make the most of every opportunity.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Intensity and passion might define your week, Scorpio. Delve into a project that excites you. By the middle of the week, news reaches your ears and it could be very exciting.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
This is the week for exploring new ideas or planning a trip, Sagittarius. It's only a matter of time before you realize that adventure awaits. Get started on what awaits.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, try focusing on your long-term goals this week. Strategic planning will pay off in the long run. If you need help, seek a mentor who can offer advice.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
A surprise opportunity might arise for you midweek, Aquarius. Don't hesitate to snatch it up quickly, as others also might be interested. Leave weekend plans open for now.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, if you feel your emotions are running high this week, try to channel your feelings into a creative project that will use them in a smart way. A friend may call asking for advice.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER 1
Zoë Kravitz, Actress (36)
DECEMBER 2
Lucy Liu, Actress (56)
DECEMBER 3
Ozzy Osbourne, Singer (76)
DECEMBER 4
Blake Snell, Athlete (32)
DECEMBER 5
Shalom Harlow, Model (51)
DECEMBER 6
Judd Apatow, Producer (57)
DECEMBER 7
Nicholas Hoult, Actor (35)

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 April 22, 2003, executed by Justin C. Jones and Brenna K. Jones, husband and wife, to Joe M. Lambert, Jr., as Trustee, for EPCO Credit Union, and appearing of record on April 28, 2003, in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, at Book TD 507, Page 732, and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust, the party entitled to enforce said security interest; and having appointed Clear Recon LLC, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustee by instrument filed or being filed for record in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, with all of the rights, powers, and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust, and that the undersigned, Clear Recon LLC, 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 December 12, 2024, at 11:00 AM, local time, at the Bedford County Courthouse, located in Shelbyville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, paid at the conclusion of the sale, the following described property situated in Bedford County, to wit:

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Bedford, State of Tennessee, and is described as follows:

Certain tracts or parcels of real estate situated in the Seventh (7th) Civil District of Bedford County, Tennessee more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a stake in the south margin line of Butler Street; said stake marking the northwest corner of the Moore property; thence south 2 degrees 15 minutes west a distance of 150.0 feet to an iron pipe; thence north 85 degrees 30 minutes west a distance of 75.0 feet to a stake; said stake being the southeast corner of Dickens property; thence North 4 degrees 15 minutes east a distance of 150.0 feet to a nail and cap driven in an existing driveway and being the south margin line of Butler Street; thence south 84 degrees 30 minutes east a distance of 75.0 feet along the south margin line of said street to a stake; the point of beginning, and being the eastern half of Lot #43, Scotland Hgts. Subdivision, as shown by plat of record in Deed Book 20, Page 367, Register's Office, Bedford County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID: 078O-L-031.00-000

Commonly known as 123 Butler Ave Shelbyville, TN 37160

The street address and parcel number(s) of the above described property are believed to be correct; however, such references are not a part of the legal description of the property sold herein, and, in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

This sale is subject to tenant(s)/occupant(s) rights in possession.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; 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. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: Justin C. Jones and Brenna K. Jones, Heritage South Community Credit Union.

If the United States or the State of Tennessee have any liens or claimed lien(s) on the Property, and are named herein as interested parties, timely notice has been given to the applicable governmental entity, and the sale will be subject to any applicable rights of redemption held by the entity as required by 26 U.S.C. § 7425 and/or Tennessee Code § 67-1-1433.

All right and equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good; however, the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

The transfer shall be AS IS, WHERE IS, AND WITH ALL FAULTS, and without warranties of any kind, express or implied, as to the condition of the Property and the improvements located thereon, including merchantability or fitness for particular purpose. Trustee shall make no covenant of seisin or warranty of title, express or implied, and will sell and convey the subject real property by Substitute Trustee's Deed only.

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.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded by the Substitute Trustee at any time.

THIS OFFICE IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Clear Recon LLC, Substitute Trustee
651 East 4th Street Suite 200, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37403
Phone: (877) 319-8840, File No: 1263-4035A
Newspaper: Shelbyville Times-Gazette
Publication Dates: 11/21/2024, 11/28/2024, 12/5/2024(112131)

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on January 9, 2025 at 11:00AM local time, at the south door, Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, Tennessee pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by Michael Wade Hargrove and Lorie E. Huskins, to Megan K. Trott, Trustee, as trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Community Mortgage, Inc. on August 7, 2017 at Book TD886, Page 877, Instrument No. 17005005; conducted by LLG Trustee TN LLC, having been appointed Substitute or Successor Trustee, all of record in the Bedford County Register's Office. Default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable.

Party Entitled to Enforce the Debt: Truist Bank, its successors and assigns.

The real estate located in Bedford County, Tennessee, and described in the said Deed of Trust will be sold to the highest call bidder. The terms of the said Deed of Trust may be modified by other instruments appearing in the public record. Additional identifying information regarding the collateral property is below and is believed to be accurate, but no representation or warrant is intended.

Street Address: 204 Red Bud Lane, Unionville, Tennessee 37180

Parcel Number: 028L C 016.00

Current Owner(s) of Property: Wade Hargrove

This sale is subject to, without limitation, all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory right of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances including those created by a fixture filing or any applicable homeowners' association dues or assessments; all claims or other matters, whether of record or not, which may encumber the purchaser's title and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

The following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property to be affected by the foreclosure: any judgment creditor or lien holder with an interest subordinate to the said Deed of Trust or any party claiming by, though, or under any of the foregoing. Such parties known to the Substitute Trustee may include: Ascend Federal Credit Union; Mariner Finance.

Terms of Sale will be public auction, for cash, free and clear of rights of homestead, redemption and dower to the extent disclaimed or inapplicable, and the rights of Michael Wade Hargrove and Lorie E. Huskins, and those claiming through him/her/it/them.

Any right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are waived in accord with the terms of said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

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. If you purchase a property at the foreclosure sale, the entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of a certified/bank check made payable to or endorsed to LOGS Legal Group LLP. No personal checks will be accepted. To this end, you must bring sufficient funds to outbid the lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser at the time the foreclosure deed is delivered.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded only by the Substitute Trustee at any time. If the Substitute Trustee rescinds the sale, the purchaser shall only be entitled to a return of any money paid towards the purchase price and shall have no other recourse. Once the purchaser tenders the purchase price, the Substitute Trustee may deem the sale final in which case the purchaser shall have no remedy. The real property will be sold AS IS, WHERE IS, with no warranties or representations of any kind, express or implied, including without limitation, warranties regarding condition of the property or marketability of title.

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File No. 24-125166 (112131c)



AEDC Photo

Arnold Engineering Development Complex Commander Col. Grant Mizell speaks during the Nov. 11, 2024, meeting of the Tullahoma Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Mizell, who spoke at the Tullahoma Veterans Day event earlier in the day, attended the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting to introduce himself to the board and discuss partnerships between the city and Arnold Air Force Base, where AEDC is headquartered. Mizell assumed command of AEDC in June 2024.

Liberty FCE Meeting

Liberty Family and Education Club (FCE) meeting was held Nov. 18 with Judy Smith presiding and reading the poem, "Leaves." Bonnye Catron gave devotion. She also attended the county-wide meeting "Holiday Cooking with Small Appliances." She shared program copies.

Minutes were read and approved.

The club will give a memorial to Pleasant Grove Methodist Church in memory of Troy Turrentine, son of Dorris Turrentine (Alvis.)

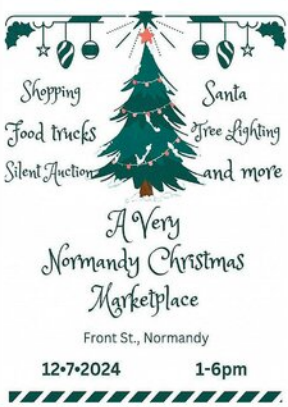
Club members will bring packages of children's underwear and socks to the December meeting for a special project-Clothe Our Kids.

Club demonstration was a display of tin can carolers presented by Dorris Turrentine.

The Christmas meeting will be held Dec. 16 at the Turrentine home.

Judy Smith read the adjournment.

Ann Spencer reported.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bedford County Beer Board will meet on Monday, December 9 at 5:00PM in the Duck River Room, 1st Floor, Bedford County Courthouse, located at 1 Public Square in Shelbyville, TN to consider the following application: Katrina Suzette Carlton (Miss Mary's Hideaway) 1612 Sims Rd Shelbyville, TN 37160.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Shelbyville City Council will meet in regular study session on Thursday, December 5, 2024, at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers at the Building, Codes and Planning Building, 100 N. Cannon Blvd., Shelbyville, TN. - PLEASE NOTE THIS MONTH'S MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY.

The Shelbyville City Council will meet in a regular Business Meeting on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers at the Building, Codes and Planning Building, 100 N. Cannon Blvd., Shelbyville, TN.

Full Agendas will be posted on the City of Shelbyville Website 48 hours prior to the meetings. Please call City Hall with any questions or concerns.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ACQUISITION OF A BANK BY A BANK HOLDING COMPANY

First Commerce Bancorp, Inc., 500 N. Ellington Parkway, Lewisburg, Tennessee 37091, intends to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to acquire control of Peoples Bank of Middle Tennessee, 1122 North Main Street, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the application, including the record of performance of banks we own in helping to meet local credit needs.

You are invited to submit comments in writing on this application to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, 1000 Peachtree Street N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309-4470. The comment period will not end before December 21, 2024, and may be somewhat longer. The Federal Reserve Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262. Procedures for processing protested applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board's procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the application, contact Erien Terry, Assistant Vice President, at (404) 498-7106. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the application if they are received in writing by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Wartrace Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Special Exception concerning an application for multifamily dwellings on property located at the intersection of Blackman Boulevard (Hwy 64 E), and northside of Ferrell Lane. The Special Exception Hearing will be held on December 4, 2024, at the Town of Wartrace, 29 Main Street East, Wartrace, Tennessee at 6:00 PM. Anyone wishing to view the proposed Special Exception application may do so during normal business hours at the Town Office, Monday through Friday, 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM, with the exception Wednesday, hours from 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Bedford County - Parcel: 071 054.00



The application for Special Exception, proposed multifamily development, and information on the subject property will be available in the Town office for inspection. This notice shall be posted in the local newspaper and other media used by the Town for Public Notices.

Tyra Haught, City Recorder

Shelbyville Times-Gazette

Obituaries/News

Aubrey Cecil Haynes



Aubrey Cecil Haynes, 85, originally of Shelbyville, passed away on November 22, 2024, at Aspire Rehab Facility in North Fort Myers, Florida.

Mr. Haynes was born on August 4, 1939, in Shelbyville, and was the son of the late Howard C. Haynes and Pauline Earnhardt Haynes. He was a graduate of Community High School class 1957 and served his country in the U.S Air Force. He worked in auto sales for many years.

He is survived by his sons Ryan Haynes and Randy Haynes both of North Fort Myers, Florida; sisters, Annie Bell Beckler, and Georgia Mae Hutchinson. Along with his parents he was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Nelle Helton.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 1, 2024in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Rob McKamey officiating. Burial will follow in Pressgrove Cemetery.

Visitation will be held prior to the funeral service on Sunday, beginning at 12 noon at the funeral home.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Mary Emily Overcast



Mary Emily (Hudson) Overcast passed away in the comfort of her home on November 20th, 2024, after a long battle with multiple health issues. While she will be so missed, the family finds peace in knowing that Emily has been reunited with her mother Sarah Louise Hudson, father Walter Robert Hudson Jr., and brother Walter Robert Hudson III.

Emily was born on July 14th, 1962, at Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg, VA. She graduated from Stuart Hall Boarding School in 1980. She then attended Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA. After college, she returned back to Tennessee and worked various jobs in Nashville before moving to Shelbyville with her former husband Stephen Mark McGee and only daughter, Sarah Margaret McGee.

She is survived by her husband Richard "Dickie" Overcast; daughter Sarah Margaret (McGee) Stone, and son in law Roy H. Stone III. Emily was also excitedly anticipating being a grandmother to Parker Emily Stone in January of 2025. Other surviving family members include her sister Cathcart (Hudson) Louque, nieces and a nephew, and favorite cousin Mary Hicks.

Emily had a lifelong love for animals. She had many pets throughout her life, and will be especially missed by her surviving beagle daughter Katie Lynn Overcast. She will have a large welcome of many cats, dogs, and even a hamster that will be thrilled to see her again.

Emily's other passion was music, specifically Rod Stewart and Donny Osmond. She spent her life seeing countless shows, and continued that tradition with Dickie and Sarah Margaret by seeing the band Hawk Nelson in over 70 shows around the US.

The family would like to thank Dr. Howard Rupard and Dr. Byron Haitas for their continued care of Emily.

In addition, we would like to thank Kathy Prater and Tammy King for throwing the last event Emily was able to attend, her granddaughter Parker Emily's baby shower.

A Celebration of Life Service was scheduled for Saturday, November 23rd, at 1pm, at Grace Baptist Church at 1019 Madison Street, Shelbyville.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Joann Henderson Wells



Joann Henderson Wells, 88, of Shelbyville, died November 20, 2024.

Funeral Services were held at 3:00 P.M. Sunday, November 24th, at First United Methodist Church Rev. Abe Zimmerman officiating. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation began at 2:00 P.M.

Joann was born February 18, 1936 in Giles County; she was a retired employee of Economy Pen and Pencil Co. and a member of First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Lesa Kay (Al) Bellenfant of Shelbyville; a sister, Shelby Morris of Franklin; two grandchildren, Ashton (Jake) Harrell, Kara Brooke Bellenfant and a great grandchild, Adley Harrell.

Joann was preceded in death by her husband, William Turner Wells, a son, Steven Turner Wells and her parents Clen River Henderson and Iva Stevenson White.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church or Junior's House, Inc.

Yvonne Denise Carroll



Yvonne Denise Crim Carroll, of Shelbyville, passed away Thursday, November 21, 2024, in Nashville.

Funeral services were 12:30 PM Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. The family will have a private burial at a later date. Visitation was Tuesday, starting at 11 AM until the service time.

She was born November 20, 1957, in Nashville, to the late Kenneth Harlan, and Macia Marie Naron Crim. She worked as an inspector general for the State of Tennessee.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Gary Lee Caroll in 2017, and a sister, Marilyn Diane Brown.

She is survived by her daughter Cathleen (Justin Lee) West, and a son, James (Sarah Beth) Kenneth Carroll.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

David Miguel Majano



Mr. David Miguel Majano, of Shelbyville, passed away Sunday, November 17, 2024, in Nashville.

There are no services scheduled at this time.

He was born, May 3, 1993, in Nashville, to Daniel Majano and Crissy Smith. He was a graduate of Smyrna High School, class of 2012. He worked as a Fiber Design Coordinator.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Daniel Majano, Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Meghan Cody Majano, of Shelbyville, 3 children, Ellie, Paisley, and Regan Majano, all of Shelbyville; a step-father, Christropher Singer; a brother, Juan (Johnna) Majano, of White Bluff, TN; a nephew, Monster Majano, and nieces, Peyton and Laulia Majano, all of White Bluff, TN.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.



Serenity Rose Coleman

Serenity Rose Coleman was born on and passed from this life on Nov. 19, 2024, at Ascension St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital.

She is survived by her parents, Charity Nicole Faulk and Albert Jason Coleman; brothers, Cordell Leverette and Jase Coleman; sisters, Claire Fletcher, Lylah Trumble and Makenna Coleman; grandparents, Terry Wayne Faulk, Terry Michael (Susan) Coleman, Sr., and Patti Allison; her mimi, Kimberly Faulk; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Serenity was preceded in death by her grandmother, Rose Marie Hernandez; step-grandfather, Brett Allison.

A private funeral service was held Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024. Serenity was laid to rest at Willow Mount Cemetery in Shelbyville.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Thanksgiving Prayer

A past message from the late Billy Graham

Are you thankful no matter what? Look at the story of a man who had every right to be bitter-but wasn't.

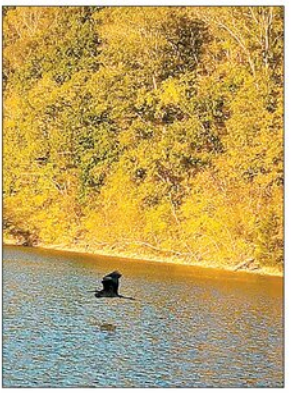
The next footsteps in the corridor, he knew, might be those of the guards taking him away to his execution. His only bed was the hard, cold stone floor of the dank, cramped prison cell. Not an hour passed when he was free from the constant irritation of the chains and the pain of the iron manacles cutting into his wrists and legs.

Separated from friends, unjustly accused, brutally treated- if ever a person had a right to complain, it was this man, languishing almost forgotten in a harsh Roman prison. But instead of complaints, his lips rang with words of praise and thanksgiving!

The man was the Apostle Paul-a man who had learned the meaning of true thanksgiving, even in the midst of great adversity. Earlier, when he had been imprisoned in Rome, Paul wrote, "Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:19-20, NIV).

Think of it: Always giving thanks for everything- no matter the circumstances!

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!
For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.
-Psalm 100:4-5



T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

Middle Tennessee High School Seniors: One Month Left to Apply for the Scarlett Family Foundation College Scholarship *Deadline: December 15, 2024*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (Friday, Nov. 15) — The Scarlett Family Foundation is reminding Middle Tennessee high school seniors interested in STEM or Business degrees that there is just one month left to apply for their college scholarship. The application period, which began on September 15, will close on December 15, 2024. Graduating seniors from any of Middle Tennessee's 40 counties are encouraged to apply.

Scholarship amounts range from $2,500 to $30,000 per academic year and are based on financial need and merit. The awards are renewable for up to four years or until the recipient completes their undergraduate degree, whichever comes first.

Full eligibility requirements for applicants are as follows:

Must have obtained a high school diploma or GED as a resident of one of the qualifying Middle Tennessee counties.

Must intend to enroll full-time as a college freshman, sophomore, junior, or fourth-year senior for the upcoming academic year.

Demonstrate financial need, as determined by a 1040 tax return and the cost of tuition at the college or university they plan to attend.

Plan to pursue a Business or STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics) degree at a 4-year, not-for-profit college or university.

A minimum ACT score of 21 and a GPA of 2.5 or higher are required for high school seniors.

The Scarlett Family Foundation scholarship was established in 2006. To date, the Foundation has awarded over 750 scholarships totaling more than $20 million.

Qualifying Middle Tennessee counties include:

Bedford, Cannon, Cheatham, Clay, Coffee, Cumberland, Davidson, Dekalb, Dickson, Fentress, Franklin, Giles, Hickman, Houston, Humphreys, Jackson, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Marshall, Maury, Montgomery, Moore, Overton, Perry, Pickett, Putnam, Robertson, Rutherford, Smith, Stewart, Sumner, Trousdale, Van Buren, Warren, Wayne, White, Williamson, and Wilson.

Scholarship recipients are studying at, or have graduated from, 60 universities across 18 states and the District of Columbia.

Eligibility requirements are available at scarlettfoundation.org/students.

About the Scarlett Family Foundation

Founded in 2005, the Scarlett Family Foundation advocates, invests, and works to ensure that all students in Middle Tennessee have access to a high-quality education. Since 2018, the Foundation has helped more than 500 Middle Tennessee students attend college and awarded over 250 grants to local organizations.



For the love of veterans

Dave Rogers: still cookin'

By DAWN HANKINS
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Cooking with a Veteran Inc. started during the pandemic to help older veterans who were not getting meals. Dave Rogers is still cooking for them and sharing cooking skills with videos on YouTube and Facebook.

"The organization has spent the last 4 1/2 years working to help veterans learn to make better food choices, find new ways to explore food and ways to save money," Rogers said this week.

Over that time Cooking with a Veteran has helped to feed over 500 veterans and their families, cooked for some 200 first responders, created 490+ videos on cooking, published 5 cook books, and raised money to help other programs assist veterans in the community."

Earlier this year Cooking with a Veteran formed its own nonprofit to help expand its mission by raising money to help veterans directly. Since forming in June, founder Rogers has held a job and resource fair for veterans, helped 4 veterans apply for benefits, found 3 veterans' jobs, connected 3 veterans with programs to assist them, collected and distributed gift cards and donations to 75 veterans, and has donated 65 grocery shopping cards worth $100 each to veterans in the community through the Veteran Service Office and the VA.

Dave himself is a 14-year veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in The Gulf War, Bosnia, as a First Responder at the World Trade Center on 9-11 and Homeland Security missions for NY State. Rogers is also a New York based Neo-POP and Neo-Surrealist Sculptor, Painter, Installation artist and independent curator, who has shown his work nationally in such areas New York and also internationally in such countries as China and Germany. His works are in several private and public collections, as well as having been displayed in museums, national libraries, universities and cultural centers.

Rogers belongs to The Guild of American Paper Cutters, the Art and Oil Painting Associations of Jiangmen China, The Huntington and Patchogue Arts Councils, and Studio Montclair. His work has been featured in Long Island, Miami, Chinese, Korean, Japanese and Dominican Republic newspapers and magazines as well as on Fios1 Long Island and Guangdong Television in China and Miami TV.

Rogers spent seven years as a professor of art and visiting lecturer in art and design through China before returning to New York. He worked as an instructor at two different art organizations on Long Island, He is an art advisor and lecturer for emerging artists. Rogers has won awards for his work with the Disabled Peoples Union of China, and the Art Association of Jiangmen, China and the Chinese Government, several veteran organizations, and from several art organizations on Long Island.

Rogers has done several artist-in residence in China and New York and is also the winner of the O'Malley Grant in Fine Art from Long Island University. He received his BA in Visual Arts with Honors from SUNY Old Westbury, attended the Academy of Art University, and an MFA in Sculpture from Long Island University.

But his true love, locally, is still, cooking for veterans. Though he did recently complete some art work at the Fly Cultural Arts Center.

Dave continues to help veterans through his show with stories, featuring veteran programs and showing them how to reduce spending and time during cooking. For Dave, the VFW saved him after his service, so he continues to give back, by helping veterans through his cooking, and now bringing his book so that he can continue to help veterans though the VFW Unmet Needs program which helps veterans who are in need of financial assistance.

Gift cards are a big part of their program as Cooking with a Veteran Founder Dave Rogers once struggled with food insecurity when he first got out of the service. He understands that not every veteran who needs help with food has access to food banks, or can get some of the items they need.

Dave's adamant that the goal for this holiday season is to help 50 veterans and their families put food on their table. So far, $3,000 has been raised towards this goal, allowing them to purchase 30 grocery shopping cards to give out to veterans in the community. Those that would like to donate can go to cookingwithaveteran.org to learn more. Dave welcomes people to donate gift cards directly so they can add a personal thank you to veterans with the card.

Along with the gift cards, Bedford County Senior Services Program is donating 50 gift bags for veterans and Cooking with a Veteran is working with local schools for holiday cards.

For more information or to find out other ways you can help veterans this holiday season, reach out to Dave on his Cooking with a Veteran page. He's a wealth of information.

Gift suggestions include socks, gloves, wool caps, and scarves.

Dave is cooking up a storm this Thanksgiving. So, what do you do with the leftovers?

Again, we went to a good cooking source. Dave supplied us with a great post-Thanksgiving recipe.

Thanks, Dave!



Dave Rogers recently completed some art work for the Fly Arts Center.

Turkey or Chicken Pot Pie

Cookin' with a Veteran-Dave Rogers

Dave Rogers notes that one of his favorite holiday "go to" dishes is Turkey or Chicken Pot Pie. And he's not talking about the store-bought kind but rich homemade. "The reason this is a great holiday dish is while it is easy to make, it can be made in a variety of sizes and works well for those who don't have a lot of time and are on a budget."

Ingredients:

1 lb. of meat (your choice of chicken or turkey) I like to mix both light and dark meat.
1/2 cup peas
1/2 cup diced carrots
1/2 cup corn
(To save time and money you can go with 2 cans of mixed veggies)
1 cup heavy cream
3 Tbsps. flour
1 Tbsp. corn starch
(To save time and money I will sometimes use 2 cans of Campbell's Cream of Chicken. You can also mix and match Cream of Mushroom and Cream of Celery)
1 1/2 cups chicken broth
2 cloves minced garlic
1/2 white onion chopped
salt, pepper, smoked paprika, rosemary, thyme and sage to taste
1 egg
1 Tbsp. olive oil
1 pack pastry dough

Start by heating your pan, sprinkle in the olive oil, when hot sauté the onion. When almost done add your garlic and sauté to light brown. Powder the chicken with flour and brown in the pan. This will create a roux on the bottom. Usually, I deglaze this with a little white wine, or you can use a little of your chicken broth.

Add your seasoning and fresh herbs, cook until the chicken is browned. Add in 1/2 the broth, peas, carrots and corn (or the mixed veggies). Cover and let cook on a low heat for 12-15 min or until the chicken is almost done. Preheat your oven to 375-degrees F

Add the heavy cream (or cream of soup) whisk in flour and cornstarch until the level of consistency you want. If it gets too thick you can add a little more cream or milk, too thin just add a little more cornstarch.

To ensure the cornstarch is fine you can rub it in the palm of your hands.

Cover and let simmer for 3-5 min.

Place 1 piece of the dough in a 9-inch pie pan (I like to use a cast iron pan)

Place the filling in the pie pan, cover with second crust, knead the edges to create a seal, and cut a few holes in the top so it does not burst during cooking.

Be sure to place on a sheet pan to catch any run off. Cook for 15 min, then brush with egg wash and cook until golden brown (I like to mix 1 egg with a little heavy cream).

Once golden brown, remove, and let sit 5 min before serving.



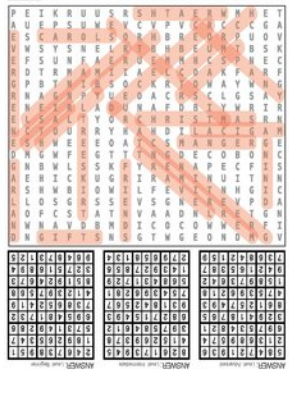


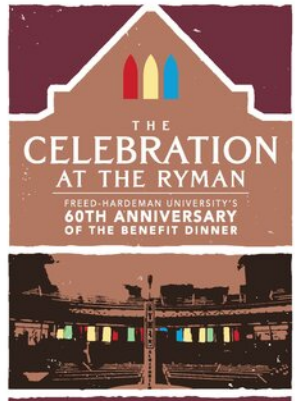
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By Bill Bobb

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However, in the third quarter, Shelbyville began to assert themselves, led by Taylor's 11 third quarter points. Gray and Cannon each scored seven points in the quarter as well, leading to a 38-17 quarter to give Shelbyville a commanding 77-35 lead going into the fourth quarter.

The Golden Eagles outscored the Colts, 5-4, in the final frame just for good measure to put the finishing touches on an 82-39 home-opening victory.

Shelbyville improves to 2-0 (0-0) on the season and will play at Northeast on Black Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Eaglettes Blow Out Glencliff in Home Opener

BY NOAH MADDOX
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SHELBYVILLE, TN – The Shelbyville Golden Eaglettes, perhaps frustrated with the result of their season opener, opened the 2024/25 home slate with an emphatic win over the Glencliff Colts from Class 3-A, 78-10, on Saturday afternoon to pick up the first win of the Keshia Garrett era.

Jada Berry led the way with a game-high 21 points for the Eaglettes, and she was joined in double-figures by both Jaz Western and Lanaya Young, who finished with 11 points apiece. Destiny McCullough connected on a pair of three-pointers and finished with eight points. Morgan Pridemore and Rayne Pointer finished with six points each as well.

Glencliff, who only had six girls on their roster active, didn't connect on a field goal until the second quarter, and didn't score a single point in the third quarter either. Nyavvach Goach led the Colts with six points, all in the first half. Faith Amouzou chipped in with three points, all coming at the free throw line, while Manuela Lewis split a pair of free throws in the fourth quarter to complete the scoring.

Shelbyville led 20-4 after the opening period with Western leading the way with seven points as six different Eaglettes found the bottom of the net to get in the scoresheet. This continued in the second quarter, as Shelbyville outscored Glencliff 16-5 to take a 36-9 lead into the halftime locker room.

Things got worse for the visitors in the second half, as Shelbyville scored 29 points in the third quarter alone while pitching a shutout to take a 67-9 lead into the final frame. Berry led the way with 10 points in the period while nine different Eaglettes scored at least a point in the third quarter. Shelbyville outscored the Colts 11-1 in the fourth quarter to pick up their first win on the season.

Champs Falls by One Point in Overtime to Coffee County

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BELL BUCKLE, TN – The Cascade Champions led for a good portion of the second half against the visiting Class 4-A Coffee County Central Red Raiders, but were unable to hold off a late comeback attempt, falling 55-54 in OT on Friday night at home.

A two-point fourth quarter ultimately doomed the Champions, as Coffee County came back from a 47-41 deficit at the start of the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime tied at 49-49.



Cascade Head Coach, Chris Lawson, gives pregame instructions to his starting lineup before taking the court against Coffee County on Friday night. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

Cascade saw three players score in double-figures with Noah Watson, Henry Stone, and Kaleb Kelso scoring 12 points, 11 points, and 11 points, respectively. Jason Cullum chipped in with eight points, and Tyler Rodgers added seven second half points as well.



Noah Watson (2) scored 10 of his team-high 12 points in the first half on Friday. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

For Coffee County, the Red Raiders also got three scorers in double-figures with Brady Wright, MJ Rollman, and Audie Nicoll scoring 13 points, 11 points, and 10 points, respectively.

Coffee County got off to a torrid start on the road, taking a 21-15 lead at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter, Cascade outscored the visitors, 14-11, to cut the lead to 32-29 going into the halftime locker room.

The Champions' run continued in the third quarter, as Cascade jumped on the Red Raiders with an emphatic 18-9 period to take a 47-41 lead into the final frame. However, the Champions could not maintain the same level of offensive output in the fourth quarter, only managing to score two points against Coffee County's eight, sending the game into overtime tied at 49-49.

Despite connecting on seven three-pointers as a team compared to just four for Coffee County, the Red Raiders took advantage of a discrepancy in free throw shooting to slowly but surely get back in the game late. Rodgers connected on two free throws in the second half, but that was all Cascade could muster up at the charity stripe. Noah Watson, who had 10 first-half points, ended up fouling out in the second half as well.

In the extra session Coffee County outscored Cascade, 6-5, to pick up their first win of the season in exhilarating fashion, 55-54.

Cascade falls to 2-1 (0-0) and will continue their homestand on Tuesday night against Summertown, LIVE on The Zinger 100.9 starting at 5:45 p.m. with tip-off scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Blue Raiders Drop Final Home Game of the Season, Fall to Aggies 36-21

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Middle Tennessee football could not keep pace with New Mexico State on Saturday afternoon in Floyd Stadium, falling 36-21 in the program's final home game of the 2024 season.

The Blue Raiders (3-8, 2-5 CUSA) put themselves in a bad position early when a Nicholas Vattiato quick pass came in too high for Holden Willis on MTSU's first drive. The tight end was able to get a hand on the throw, which batted the ball in the air, resulting in a NMSU defensive back snagging the ball and sprinting 30 yards for an intereception touchdown that gave the Aggies (3-8, 2-5 CUSA) an early 7-0 lead. After NMSU forced a MTSU punt, the Aggies' first offensive possession resulted in a 42-yard field goal, stretching the lead to 10-0, one that would hold until the end of the first quarter.

Middle Tennessee kept grinding, however, finding success going under center on offense on a 12-play, 75-yard drive that was capped off by a three-yard touchdown run from Jaiden Credle, cutting the deficit to 10-7 early in the second quarter. The Blue Raiders were driving to take the lead late in the frame and looked to have converted on fourth and short with a quarterback sneak, but Vattiato was ruled short of the line to gain, giving the Aggies the ball with just over two minutes left in the half. NMSU would drive into the red zone before halftime but only got a field goal to take a 13-7 lead into the locker room at the break.

MTSU started the second half strong, forcing a three-and-out on the Aggies' first drive, but Vattiato and Gamarion Carter were not on a same page on a pass near midfield, resulting in another interception that turned into points for the Aggies on a 12-yard touchdown pass on the ensuing drive, stretching the lead to 20-7. The Blue Raiders showed poise, however, marching 78 yards on 11 plays for a touchdown of their own, with Vattiato finding Holden Willis wide open on a play-action pass for a 12-yard score, cutting the NMSU lead to 20-14. But the Aggies quickly responded on their ensuing drive, going 75 yards in just five plays, but failing a two-point conversion to stretch the lead to 26-14 at the end of the third quarter.

MTSU stayed balanced on the ensuing drive, finding success with the run and the pass, but faced a fourth and five on the NMSU 19. Vattiato was given time on the conversion attempt, finding Omari Kelly open one-on-one with the Aggie defensive back for a 19-yard touchdown catch, cutting the lead to 26-21 after the Zeke Rankin PAT. MTSU had the Aggies in two third and long situations on the next drive, but NMSU converted both times, eventually turning the drive into their fourth touchdown of the game to increase the lead back to 12 points, 33-21.

The Blue Raiders were able to get on the other side of the 50 thanks to an explosive pass to Willis, but Vattiato was pressured almost immediately when MTSU needed to go for it on fourth down, giving the Aggies the ball back up two scores with under six minutes to play. An Aggie field goal kept the lead only two scores at 36-21, but made the last gasp comeback all the more difficult for MTSU.

By the Numbers

6.1: Yards per carry for MTSU, the Blue Raiders' best mark of the season in that stat. Jekail Middlebrook led the way with 8.0 yards per carry (10 carries for 80 yards).

14: Points off turnovers for the Aggies, who turned a pair of interceptions into touchdowns. MTSU failed to turn NMSU over a single time on Saturday.

16.9: Yards per completion for the Aggies. NMSU entered Saturday with a bottom three passing offense in FBS football, but threw for 237 yards on just 14 completions.



Holden Willis (83) had 3 catches for 67 yards and 1 TD vs NMSU. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

Blue Raider Notes

Redshirt senior Terry Wilkins logged his first career start at running back against the Aggies.

The Blue Raiders logged 447 yards of total offense on the day – the second most of the season. MTSU totaled 514 yards of offense against WKU.

Middle Tennessee tallied a season high 170 yards on the ground against NM State – previously 168 against Duke.

Offensive Player Notes

#4 | Terry Wilkins | RB| r-Sr.

Recorded his first career start against the Aggies.

Logged 47 yards on six carries with a long of 23 yards.

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

Tallied 80 yards on 10 carries.

Also recorded five receptions for 29 yards.

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

Made his team-leading 23rd straight start today against NMSU.

Finished 30-for-45 for 277yards and two touchdowns.

Vattiato recorded his 23rd 200-yard passing game which ranks second all-time and is 12 behind career leader Brent Stockstill. Vattiato has now topped the 200-yard mark 19 times in his last 22 games.

With 277 passing yards, Vattiato surpassed Kelly Holcomb (7,064) for fifth place on the all-time list

#22 | Jaiden Credle | RB | Jr.

Tallied 27 yards on seven carries and a touchdown.

With 27 yards on the day, Credle has logged a career-high 435 yard son the season.

Defensive Player Notes

#40 | Anthony Bynum | DE | r-Fr.

Posted a career high 11 tackles, including three solo stops, 2.5 tackles for loss and a sack.

#18 | Xavier Williams | S | Gr.

Notched seven tackles, all solo stops.

Thoughts from HC-Derek Mason

"Not the outcome that the Blue Raiders wanted today. Penalties, turnovers, critical mistakes in situations. Not very good defensively on third down getting these guys off the field. Those things are the sort of things that take you back a little bit. I just told our guys I wasn't surprised that we could run the football. We had a good offensive game plan, we had a good week going in. I thought, even at times, we tackled better defensively. Today was about busts, it wasn't so much about tackles. There were some leaks. For us, it was more miscommunication and more busts than anything else, guys running free because we just don't communicate.

"When you get the back end of the season, these are the things that we commonly work on in practice. But again and again, as a fairly young defensively unit, and when I say young, I'm just talking about playing, the reality of it is communication is not a one man job and when you don't communicate, bad things happen. Today, I saw just enough bad things to happen. We did great things, but enough bad things happened to us where we couldn't shrink the margins."

Golden Eagles' Season Ends At Page in State Quarterfinal

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The Shelbyville Golden Eagles' thrilling 12-win season came to a close at Page on Friday night in the State Quarterfinal round.
Photo courtesy of Shelbyville Football Facebook.

FRANKLIN, TN – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles's historic season came to a close on the road against the Page Patriots, 28-6, on Friday night in the TSSAA Class 5-A State Playoffs Quarterfinal.

Shelbyville's star tailback, Robert Bailey, was held to just 31 yards rushing on 12 carries after averaging 155 yards rushing per game this season coming into the night. Stephen Bobo also finished 7/14 passing for 79 yards and 1 TD while also adding 35 yards rushing on 12 carries as the Golden Eagles struggled to sustain drives against a dominant Page defense led by three-star linebacker, Eric Hazzard, who is currently committed to Louisville..

"They [Page] are just that good," Shelbyville Central Head Coach Jud Dryden said postgame, "They're loaded with seniors on defense, and multiple seniors that have been starting since they were freshmen that have played in three state title games. That fact alone, you just can't get much better than that in developing a group of young men in your system."

"They are a force, and everybody that plays them is going to have to play their best game."

The hometown Patriots utilized their standard dual-quarterback system effectively with Mitchell Granjean getting the start under center and William Wiebush finishing things off. Grandjean operated the offense efficiently, finishing 4/5 passing for 77 yards and adding 27 yards rushing and 1 TD on six carries. Wiebush finished 2/6 passing for 44 yards and 2 TDs with 1 INT along with 64 yards rushing and 1 TD on just five carries in relief.

In all, Page utilized seven different ball carries on the night, finishing with 192 yards on the ground in total. Isaac Otey, who got the start at tailback, finished with 39 yards rushing on 11 carries. Colt Brown spelled Otey with eight carries for 40 yards as the game went on.

For the most part, Shelbyville bottled up the Page offense about as well as anybody has all season. However, a handful of big plays ended up being the difference between both teams.

"We would have a great stop, great stop, great stop, and then all of a sudden an explosive play would hit, and it was just that kind of night," said Dryden. "Again, well coached football team, if you don't play assignment football the way you're supposed to and with integrity, and they pop you."

Page won the opening toss, electing to defer to the second half, but both teams traded three-and-outs on their opening possessions. On Shelbyville's second drive, the offense picked up one first down, but then ended up having to punt from the Page 46-yard line. Unfortunately for the visitors, a shanked punt ended up giving Page the ball with excellent field position at their own 40-yard line.

The Patriots took full advantage of a shorter field, capping off a 3:31 minute, 9-play, 60-yard TD drive that included a 16-yard completion on 4th-and-3 and was punctuated with a 3-yard TD run by Brenden Anes on his only carry of the game to put Page up 7-0 with 1:21 left in the opening period.

On the first play of the ensuing drive, Stephen Bobo found space for his longest run of the night (16 yards) but ended up fumbling the ball straight into the air. Colin Mulick recovered for the Patriots at their own 46-yard line, and the hosts' offense would take advantage of the gifted short field once again.

Spurred on by a 54-yard screen pass to Reece Lomenick, the Patriots doubled their lead after Grandjean found the end zone with his legs from eight yards out to put Page up 14-0 with 11:50 remaining in the first half.

Both teams traded a pair of punts before Page found themselves in the red zone at Shelbyville's 19-yard line with just under five minutes to go in the second quarter, threatening to break the game wide open. Instead, Labron Ransom came up with a key intereception at his own two-yard line, nearly returning it to the house before being tackled at the Page 42-yard line with 4:38 to go in the first half.

However, the Golden Eagles could not pick up a first down, turning the ball back over to the Patriots on downs at the 34-yard line with 2:57 left. Page looked like they were content to run the clock out and get to halftime up two scores, but then Wiebush had other ideas. Shelbyville's defense forced Page into a 3rd-and-16 situation at their own 28-yard line, but Wiebush broke multiple tackles on his way to the end zone to cap off his backbreaking 72-yard TD run. With 1:11 left, Page would take the 21-0 lead into the halftime locker room, leaving Shelbyville shellshocked.

In the second half, Shelbyville's defense came out with the necessary adjustments needed to give their offense a chance, even down three scores. They forced a punt out of the half, then forced a turnover on downs after Shelbyville's offense had to punt it back to the Patriots.

Shelbyville couldn't pick up a first down, having to send out the punt team with 11:47 to go in the fourth quarter. However, Page pounced on the muffed snap at Shelbyville's 13-yard line looking for the kill shot. The Golden Eagles' defense held strong, forcing the Patriots backwards and into a 4th-and-27, but Wiebush used his legs to extend the play and find a wide open Anes down the field and into the end zone to go up 28-0 with 10:20 to go in the game.

Shelbyville's offense finally got going on their ensuing drive, capped off with a 36-yard TD pass to William Bobo on a brilliant play-action fake by Stephen Bobo, but the extra point was blocked to keep it at 28-6 with 6:39 left.

The Golden Eagles recovered the onside kick, injecting one last rush of hope through the visitors' side, but that hope was quickly dashed by a suffocating Page defense. On 4th-and-9, Bobo lofted a pass down the right sideline intended for Bailey, but the ball fell incomplete to turn the ball over on downs for the final nail in the Shelbyville coffin.

Afterwards, Dryden talked extensively about the impact this year's senior class has left on the program as his third season at the helm in Shelbyville came to a close.

"I've had them as the head coach since their sophomore year, and they're a phenomenal group of young men," he said. "They've worked hard, they've played hard, they created a brotherhood, and it's going to be hard for these next classes to live up to the legacy they've left because it's not just wins and losses that they leave. It's their character, it's their leadership, it's what they've done to improve this program, and how they're unselfish with everything, so it's just a big deal with what they've done."

"They are a high character group, and they want everyone to live up to and play up to their standard, and that's what has happened this year."

Dryden also talked about how this season has been a joy to be a part of, and how having an excellent culture massively contributes to the success of any given program, especially his.

"This season has shown us what a good culture can do," Dryden explained. "We've got talented football players up and down the line, but what has really stood out this year is the way these guys have created a brotherhood within the locker room and how they play for each other and support each other and push each other. Everything they've done has been together. It's going to be hard for any class coming through to live up to the standard that they have raised, and that's going to be the key moving forward. All these younger guys have seen what it looks like to do it right, and so that's what they have to live up to."

Shelbyville's magical season ends in the Class 5-A State Playoffs Quarterfinal round at 12-2 (6-0).

Golden Eagles' Dominate Home Opener Against Colts

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SHELYVILLE, TN – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles opened the 2024/25 home slate with an impressive 43-point win, 82-39, against the Class 3-A Glencliff Colts on Saturday afternoon.

Powered by a 38-point third quarter, the second year of the Shane Young era has started with a pair of wins in as many tries.

Jordan Taylor scored 11 of his team-high 17 points in the third quarter and was one of three Golden Eagles to reach double-digit scoring. Three others, Tommie Cannon, Malek Johnson, and Idris Grey, scored nine points apiece. Javon Lee and Tae'Shawn Shelton were the other two in double-figures with 15 points and 12 points respectively.

For Glencliff, Lazaros Odwar led the way with a game-high 18 points with 11 of them coming in the third quarter. Curtis Wonderly was the only other Colt to reach double-figures with 10 points.

Shelbyville's defense led the way from the opening tip, holding Glencliff to just six points in the opening eight minutes to jump out to a 22-6 lead. Shelton outscored the Colts by himself, connecting on four field goals for eight first-quarter points. Javon Lee chipped in with six points in the quarter as five different Golden Eagles got on the scoresheet early.

Lee led the way in the second quarter with six more points as Shelbyville outscored Glencliff 17-12 in the period to take a 39-18 lead into the halftime locker room. Odwar, after being held scoreless in the first quarter, scored seven of his team's 12 points in the second quarter.

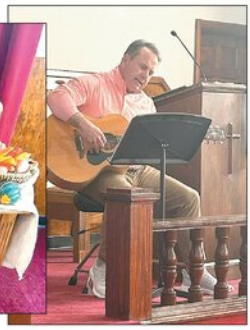
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