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New City Council members take oath of office



Henry Feldhaus



Josh Blevins



Betsy Noel

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Betsy Noel and Josh Blevins were sworn in last Thursday as new Shelbyville City Council members. They won during the November election their respective ward seats. Long-time Council member Henry Feldhaus, incumbent, was also sworn into office by Judge Wyatt Burk.



WAY TO GO!

Submitted Photo

Community High School's CTE Department recently teamed up to bring joy to those in need. The Criminal Justice Student Organization, TSA, FBLA, TSA, Cosmetology and the CTE-Annex recently collaborated, collecting enough toys to provide for numerous children and families in need for Christmas.

Shelbyville Police control Carlisle Avenue hostage situation

Fugitive Barnes surrenders, taken into custody



SPD Photos

On December 4, Shelbyville Police Department was notified by the Franklin County Sheriff's Department of the possible presence of Matthew Paul Barnes in Shelbyville. Barnes was wanted in Franklin County for multiple felonies, including aggravated burglary, felony theft, domestic assault, and two counts of evading arrest. Sgt. Michael Taylor attempted to stop Barnes, who fled in a red Ford Expedition, leading officers on a high-speed chase into Lincoln County. Barnes ultimately evaded capture at that time.

On Tuesday night, December 17, officers spotted the red Ford Expedition parked at 101 Carlisle Avenue. Barnes was seen working on the vehicle but quickly retreated into the house upon noticing police. After learning Barnes had taken his girlfriend hostage, officers obtained a search warrant and coordinated efforts with the Bedford County SWAT Team.

Patrol units, Directed Patrol, Detectives, and Bedford County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team surrounded the home, deploying K-9 units and initiating negotiations. After about an hour, Barnes surrendered peacefully. The female was rescued unharmed, and Barnes was taken into custody without further incident.

County's own Johnny Reed selected as MT Outstanding Register 2024

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Earlier this year, Bedford County Register of Deeds Johnny Reed talked with the T-G about his journey with diabetes. Blessings do seem to come to the faithful.

On Tuesday, it was announced by the County that Reed was surprised at a registers' meeting with the news that he has been named 2024 Middle Tennessee Outstanding Register of the Year by the Middle Tennessee Registers Association.

The engraving on the award stated: "Thank you for always going above and beyond for registers across the great State of Tennessee! You are always ready to help in any situation. Your wonderful prayers sustain us and your humor brightens our day! Your fellow Middle Tennessee registers appreciate your dedication and professionalism. This award is given by your peers in honor of your service...."

Reed has also been named 2024-25 chaplain for the statewide Tennessee Registers Association.

The congratulations started pouring in as the announcement hit social media. While Reed is a great guy and a super register of deeds for Bedford County, there's more to his story. And most in the community know he's come a long way in the last year.

A diabetic most of his life, Reed became an amputee in 2023. After months of recovery, he shares the tough story of what happens so often to diabetics like himself.

Proactive care is essential, he says in hindsight.

Still, being a recent amputee hasn't by a long shot gotten him down. In fact, he's more determined to keep fighting the disease.

His new goal is to help others who may be struggling as a recent amputee. He says or maybe there's someone who needs advice on how to live a cleaner lifestyle in order to prevent adult-onset diabetes.

For him, it was too late to save his left foot. Now he has an artificial one.

Reed was first diagnosed with adult-onset diabetes in 2002. It wasn't a great big surprise, really, as he has many on his paternal side having had high blood sugar.

He's battled the disease for 22 years.

He started out taking oral medicine. "I'd get on the wagon, off the wagon, trying to eat right."

He now knows that kind of lifestyle can be deadly. It nearly was for him.

In less than a year, he went from walking stairs to having to negotiate a wheelchair ramp. He had to learn how to shower, shave and get dressed, all over again.

"I have my diabetes better in control now, better than I ever have in my life. I feel better than I have in a long time."

While he's taken better control of his health, Reed gives credit where credit is due. "God has a plan for me and always has. He gave me a wonderful wife and family, my office staff and a wonderful place to live."



He added, "Bedford County people have been praying for me and [I] know it works. I'm so thankful for all."

He has a great "love" for his community. He wants to give back.

"If I can talk to or help anyone going through this awful disease of diabetes, I'm your cheerleader."

Reed says he's up for re-election as Bedford County Register of Deeds in 2026. He says with certainty that he plans to run again and continue to serve the community-this time with a new perspective on life.

And, now he's got an honor, recognizing his hard work.

Reed is truly thankful.

Dig deep this Christmas

Help Thomas Magnet Beta Club achieve goals

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By now, most everyone has a Christmas wish list. Schools like Thomas Magnet are no exception.

Beta Club students are looking toward summer 2025, when they hope to attend and compete in the National Beta Convention in Orlando, Fla. Sponsors note they need A LOT of community support to get there.

"The projected cost to take students who qualified is around $40,000!" advised Courtney Bogle, TMS Beta sponsor. "We are the only Beta Club that is still active in Bedford County. Our students have worked so hard to get to where they are in only 2 years. For them to be able to say they are STATE CHAMPIONS in performing arts is a huge deal! We cannot wait to see what they do next. We hope this community is as proud of them as we are."

Middle school is relatively new at TMS. Because of this, there wasn't much in terms of extracurricular activities and clubs that were geared specifically to the middle school students, according to Bogle.



Emily Dunnavant, a member of Thomas Magnet School Beta Club, was Premier Performer Singer and invited to perform in the opening ceremony of the National Beta Convention this summer.

In return for community support, the Beta Club's big project will be to grant a child's wish to go to Disney World. The students are partnering with Make a Wish of Middle Tennessee to fulfill this.

There's a whole bigger picture to the Beta Club experience-a program that started with collaboration between

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educator Bogle and Principal Tracy Watson 2 years ago.

The rest is history, as they say.

Bogle, Thomas' ELA instructor, said this week that in her hiring interview with Principal Watson in 2022, she was asked what new clubs she would be willing to start for the middle school students.

"I had researched the National Beta Club just to see if it still existed in the weeks leading up to my interview," shared Bogle. "I was a Beta in middle school and really wanted to start a club that would teach students not only how to be leaders, but how to serve others."

She admits that she did not know everything that Beta entails. "I didn't even know conventions and competitions for Beta existed! I started to tell Mrs. Watson my ideas of a middle school Beta Club and after I was hired, she immediately jumped on board with the idea. Getting started was the easy part."

Bogle said as many people know, Thomas Magnet is a small school. Many students, she advised, have been in the TMS "bubble" since kindergarten. That is, except those who play rec league sports or sports at Harris, many students do not have the opportunities for social interaction outside of their classmates.

"Emotionally, Beta has given them an outlet. We had several students who were set on leaving TMS after their 6th and 7th grade years, but because of what Beta has offered them, they have chosen to stay and I don't think any of them regret it. When we attend conventions and leadership summits, they have the opportunity and are even encouraged to not stay with their schoolmates."

Bogle said as a result, the Beta students have all learned to step outside of their comfort zones and meet students from other schools. Several have exchanged phone numbers and still keep in contact with Betas from all across the state.

"Academically, Beta gives them an achievement to strive for. We not only require that students maintain A/B Honor Roll to stay in Beta, but we also have opportunities for them to compete in academic competitions."

The idea, Bogle said, is to give students another reason to WANT to learn-not just because the state tests at the end of the year and requires them to learn.

"It gives them ownership of their learning," the educator further advised.

Luis Carrillo (8th grade) said this week that he joined Beta because it sounded fun and he wanted to improve his social skills by learning to talk to new people. "My future ambition is to own my own business. Beta's focus on teaching me how to be a leader will help me talk to others and take control of situations whenever I need to. I have made a lot of new friends through Beta."

'My teacher came to me in 7th grade and told me how she was planning on starting a Beta club and she wanted me to be in the starting group. We started with 15 students, and now we have 31 members. Beta has given me plenty of life lessons and friends that I never would have gotten from just school alone. I want to be an orthodontist, and Beta has shown me that if you want to do something bad enough, it's going to take a lot of work, but you can accomplish your goals.'

Hadlee Cooke, Thomas 8th grade
—Beta Club Vice President

Blake Harris (8th grade and club president) stated, "I was invited to join Beta, but I didn't really know much about it. I didn't know what I was getting into, but it turned out to be a good decision. Beta has helped me get over stage fright and improve my public speaking abilities. In the future, I want to visit different places and do something mechanical."

As for 7th grader Kennedy Burk: "I joined Beta because I thought it would be fun and would give me the chance to meet new people. It has given me the opportunity to help others and helped teach me time management skills. I want to do something with sports when I grow up and the communication and time management skills that I have learned in Beta will help me to do that."

According to Daisy Davidson (8th grade), she chose Beta because she loves doing service projects and helping others. "It has taught me to be more organized and helped me gain leadership skills. I want to become a teacher and Beta has helped teach me patience and responsibility. I have had to be patient when working in teams for competitions."

Bogle recalled how last year, the Beta Club attended Nationals in Savannah, Ga. They were lucky, she recalled, to witness TMS students doing things to serve each other.

Several got up and cooked breakfast for everyone and offered to wash dishes and clean the kitchen after dinner. She said to see the middle school students offering to help outside of the "have to" setting was amazing.

"I always tell everyone that Beta is about the WHOLE student, not just the student who achieves academically. There is a place for everyone in Beta. It is our goal, at this age, to instill confidence and leadership qualities in our members. We hope that by doing this, when our students get to the high schools, they will want to be involved in other clubs and activities."

She further advised Thomas Magnet is trying to teach the Beta students to give back to their community and serve as active members of society. They want them to learn how to have compassion for others who might not be like them.

She believes the Beta experience builds great character. "Students are responsible for building service projects from the ground up. Through this, they learn responsibility, organization skills, and how to be socially aware (they identify a need and try to fill it.)"

Last year, students researched the socioeconomic levels of students in the local school system and created a Happy Hygiene service project. Through a hygiene supply drive, the Beta teens were able to create over 150 hygiene boxes for students in need in the school system.

As well, they made their pitch at Leadership Summit in Gatlinburg. "We received a lot of positive feedback from area guidance counselors and requests to continue this project in the future. We will do it again this spring."

Requirements to be in Beta:

- To be invited to join as a 6th grader, students must have all As for their entire 5th grade year and positive teacher recommendations based on their character, leadership abilities, and their ability and willingness to serve others.
- 6th and 7th graders must maintain all As and Bs for the entire school year in order to be invited to join the following year and the same teacher recommendations.
- All members must complete at least 20 hours of community service each year. One Thomas Beta member, Caroline Turner, has made it her goal to complete 100 hours of community service this year; she is already over halfway there. This is a goal she set for herself, so Bogle and Principal Watson both believe the program is really motivating students to give back.







THOMAS BETA STUDENTS SERVE STRONG!

Service projects completed by Thomas Magnet Beta students over the last two years include being Christmas helpers, that is, helping teachers in younger grades with such events as student ornament day and wrapping presents.

As well, they've served as field day helpers, collected soda tabs for Ronald McDonald House, held a sock drive, giving over 1,600 pairs of socks to schools and nursing homes.

Thomas Beta students have donated supplies to Hurricane Helene victims, provided holiday meal baskets to student families in need and have adopted Christmas angels. Caroline Turner has made it her goal to complete 100 hours of community service this year; she is already over halfway there. This is a goal she set for herself, so Thomas sponsors feel like they're really motivating students to give back.

Last year, Lorelei Smith placed 4th in 6th grade Language Arts at the state level and 10th in 6th grade Language Arts at the National level. Thomas Beta also placed 7th at Nationals in the Beta Serves service project competition.

This year, the Thomas Beta performing arts group placed FIRST in the small group performing arts competition at the state level. Lesly Soriano—2nd place drawing (state); Oliver Sanchez— 5th place 6th grade computer science; Aiden Trott—3rd place 6th grade science; Catalia Diaz—5th place 7th grade spelling; Scrapbook—4th place; Book Battle—4th place.







This community: The H.E.A.R.T of Christmas

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Over the last month, the City and County have joined forces to make a very beautiful Christmas season for this community. Thank you.

I know many of the leaders personally and they just have a heart for our town. Maybe they don't always please everyone but you know what they say . . ..

While some might be doing it all for personal glory/politics, I believe most have a heart for making Bedford and Shelbyville a better place. I've known the two mayors all my life and I've never known them to do anything but serve.

The saying is that "it takes a village." This is very true.

Richardson Media/ Shelbyville Times-Gazette has passed its first-year milestone as your local news source. We appreciate all those in the community who have confidence in our local news coverage.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention Bedford County administrative executive Suzanne Alexander, who is always at the county meetings, answers all our questions and even had a hand in making the Christmas extravaganza special. She wears a lot of hats and should be acknowledged for all she does.

As well, City Recorder Lisa Smith is an invaluable member of the administrative team. How does she do it all?

Shops have rolled out the red carpets this year in the way of service. It's an effort to get people to "shop at home."

Kudos for the Merchant Window contest.

From Santa visits to catering, it's all been done.

From personal parties to company parties, how many soft drinks and punch have we actually consumed? And, sausage balls, my favorite. (Yet, I digress.)

No town is without its issues. Shelbyville/ Bedford certainly has its own but we should be proud that we have dignified leaders who speak their mind but do it currently in a non-obtrusive way.

I can tell you; not all town councils and commissions act as civil toward one another in and out of the arena.

Crime is bad. But still, there's a majority of good people serving those incarcerated and their families at Christmas. That says a lot.

We care for those who served this country by placing of beautiful Christmas wreaths at cemeteries. We feed the veterans and low-income families who are hungry.

We are teaching our kids in school to collect toys, food and show care for others-even if they're different than us.

This Christmas, despite that dreaded lawsuit that continues in court between both County and City, differences have been put aside this season for the betterment of this community.

By the way, we're in the process of seeing who is right and who is wrong. Bless the judge in this case.

So, this leads me to the acronym I used in the title of this column.

I think that is best explained by the folks of FUMC Shelbyville who sat outside Friday afternoon with their precious, live nativity scene to show the real reason for the season. That is the Baby Jesus.

Keep the H.E.A.R.T. in Christmas. By that I mean: Hold (close to heart) Every Awesome Remembrance in our Town.

It's been a great season.



FUMC Shelbyville conducted its live nativity scene last Friday at the historic courthouse. The greatest story in history was portrayed with Baby Jesus, animals, shepherds and manger.



OUTGOING COUNCILPERSONS RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

Outgoing Councilman Gary Haile was recognized during Council meeting Thursday and thanked for his service, which included many projects. Outgoing Councilperson Stephanie Isaacs was also recognized for her service to Council and community. She was unable to attend the meeting due to sickness. "It was an honor to serve," she later told the T-G.







CITY MERCHANTS' BEST WINDOW DÉCOR

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

Winners were announced last Thursday prior to Council meeting in the City's first Downtown Merchants Holiday Window Decorating Contest. First place went to Finn and Riley; second place went to J Jordan Boutique and third place went to Glass Hollow Table & Tavern. A total of 11 entries were judged on creativity, originality, execution, workmanship and use of lights. City officials said they look forward to adding to this contest in the future.



SAFETY GRANT CHECK PRESENTATION

School System Photo

Bedford County Schools Maintenance Department recently received a $19,190 safety grant check from Tennessee Risk Management. Funds will be used for safety harnesses, welding helmets, desk movers, a pallet jack and other safety equipment. Mark Bilyeu (center) recently presented the check from TRM.

El Bethel Center now accepting glass

Beginning Wednesday, Dec. 18, glass recycling will be offered at the El Bethel Convenience and Recycling Center, 1760 U.S. 41A North, Shelbyville. This is the **only convenience center** that will accept glass.

Types of glass that will be accepted: food containers or any other glass used for food and drink purposes, window panes (without wood.)

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TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

Lot, Abram & Melchizedek

Genesis 14

Lot's neighbors were at war. Four kings against five.



Sodom and Gomorrah were routed. The victor took away the wealth and provisions. And they also took away Lot and his goods. Abram pursues the captors and causes them to release his nephew (Lot) and all of his goods.

Returning to his home, Abram met Melchizedek, King of Salem (late called Jerusalem) priest of God Most High. Melchizedek provides bread and wine for the company of people with Abram.



Melchizedek blessed Abram in God's name and offered blessing, praise and glory to God, "who had given Abram's foes into his hands."

Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of all he had taken from the enemy. This is the first mention of a priest of God and of the tithe as being a tenth of one's increase.

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CHRISTIAN
BETH SHAR 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., 931-450-8848

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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Kroger Introduces New Security Measures

Protecting Holiday Shoppers from Gift Card Theft

NASHVILLE, TN – [December 16, 2024] – As the holiday season approaches, Kroger is taking proactive steps to ensure a safe shopping experience for its customers by implementing new security measures designed to combat gift card theft and fraud. These enhancements aim to provide peace of mind for customers during the busiest shopping period of the year.

Convenience and Variety:

Kroger is your one-stop destination for all your holiday gift card needs. Offering a wide assortment of gift cards, we have something for everyone on your list. Whether it's for a winter adventure or everyday essentials, our gift card selection meets every shopper's needs.

Savings with 2X Fuel Points:

To add even more value, Kroger offers 2X Fuel Points on gift card purchases every day. It's a fantastic way for customers to save on fuel while giving the perfect gift.

Enhanced Security Measures:

Kroger processes thousands of gift card transactions daily, and fraud incidents are very rare. Understanding the importance of security during the busy holiday season, we have implemented a layered fraud deterrent strategy to protect our customers:

Locking Pegs: A highly visible solution, locking pegs ensure that customers can remove gift cards without associate assistance, enhancing both security and convenience. Kroger has rolled out locking pegs across all 91 stores in the Nashville division that includes Middle and East Tennessee, Southern Kentucky and North Alabama reinforcing its commitment to customer safety.

Layered Mitigation Strategy: Behind-the-scenes fraud deterrents work to ensure the integrity of gift card transactions.

Dedicated Associates: Each store has identified associates to monitor and implement secure gift card activity throughout the season.

Well-Supplied Stores: Our stores are well-stocked to handle the high demand for gift cards, ensuring that customers can find exactly what they need, when they need it.

Additional Customer Support:

If customers suspect suspicious gift card activity, Kroger encourages them to contact Customer Assistance at 1-866-544-8062 (select option 2 for gift card support) to open a case for research and response. Our team is dedicated to answering any questions and addressing concerns.

"Protecting our customers and their purchases is a top priority," said Lauren Bell, Corporate Affairs Manager. "By introducing these measures, we are addressing potential vulnerabilities and ensuring our shoppers feel confident and secure when buying gift cards from our stores."





COOPER STEEL CELEBRATES ITS EMPLOYEES

Photos by Julie Smith

Cooper Steel Fabricators Inc., of Shelbyville, held its annual employee Christmas party last weekend at Calsonic Arena-complete with live animals and a build a Christmas bear workshop. Little Lathan Smith, son of John Robert Smith, holds on to his special bear and Dad. John Robert was in town spending time with family and friends and attended the event with his sister, Julie Smith, and her boyfriend, Daniel Calahan, an employee of Cooper Steel. This lazy camel stole the show, they admit.



Tennessee Highway Patrol Graduates 13 State Troopers

NASHVILLE, Tenn --- On Dec. 12, Department of Safety and Homeland Security Commissioner Jeff Long and Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) Colonel Matt Perry welcomed the newest graduating classes of Tennessee State Troopers. Lateral Trooper Cadet Class 1224 completed a rigorous 11-week training. Commissioner Jeff Long served as the keynote speaker during the graduation ceremony and delivered the oath of office as the graduating class was sworn in.

"All 13 of the members of this class that started in September, graduated together today," said Commissioner Long. "I commend them on their ability to work together and support each other through this demanding training program. Congratulations to each of these cadets for earning the right to be called a Tennessee State Trooper."

The Lateral Trooper Cadet Class 1224 graduated 13 troopers composed of all prior Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (P.O.S.T.) certified law enforcement officers from across Tennessee. The lateral class brings 93 years of previous law enforcement experience to the THP.

"You, the graduates of Tennessee Highway Patrol cadet class 1224, are not newcomers to the profession," said Colonel Matt Perry. "Each of you brought with you a wealth of experience, insight, and dedication from your service with other agencies. And now, you've chosen to join the Tennessee Highway Patrol—a choice that reflects your commitment to serving with excellence and purpose."



TDEC includes SCTDD in grant dollars

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) has announced 36 Brownfield Redevelopment Area Grants (BRAG) totaling $718,757 for remediation projects across the state. South Central Tennessee Development District (SCTDD), whose territory includes Bedford County, received $20,000.

Lisa Cross and Misti Baker of SCTDD celebrated the grant during a recent meeting at the historic Bedford County Courthouse.

BRAG grants are derived from the Rural Brownfield Redevelopment Investment Act, which protects the environment and creates economic opportunities, especially in rural settings. The legislation empowers local governments and development boards with resources needed for investigation, cleanup, and redevelopment of blighted properties.

A brownfield is a property vacant or underutilized due to contamination. Remediation minimizes threats to public health, safety, and the environment. Brownfield sites vary in size, location, age, and past use.

BRAG grants are awarded in three categories – identification, investigation, and remediation. The grants announced today are for the identification category, which allows applicants to apply for up to $20,000 to conduct brownfield inventories. Grants in the other categories will be announced later.

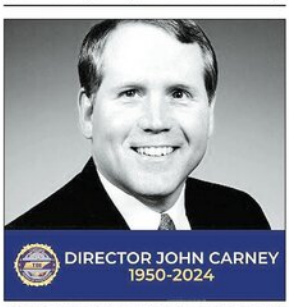
"These grants address significant issues with blighted properties across Tennessee," recently said Gov. Bill Lee. "The process of cleaning up a contaminated property and turning it into an asset is an important step in environmental stewardship. We commend the communities who have gone through the application process."

In this first year of the BRAG program, TDEC received overwhelming interest in the grants. Many high-quality and critical projects are being addressed with these funds.



Bedford County Government Photo

Bedford County Finance Director Robert Daniel, Lisa Cross of South Central Tennessee Development District and Misti Baker of SCTDD pose with a replica check celebrating a $20,000 grant for identifying brownfield redevelopment areas in the district.



FORMER TBI DIRECTOR PASSES

TBI PHOTO

Word has been received of the passing of former Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Director John Carney, who led the agency from 1990 to 1992. He was best known also for his career as elected district attorney general for the 19th Judicial District, serving Montgomery and Robertson counties.

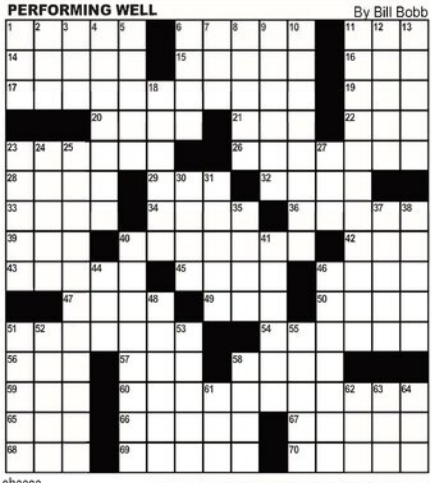
Office of the Sheriff
Bedford County Tennessee

Activity Report for the month of November, 2024

Total Miles: 81,253?
Total Citations: 2
Total Warrants Served: 671
Total Arrests Made: 182
Total Inmates Currently in Holding: Jail: 310
Total Persons Processed Through: Jail: 336
10-27 (Burglary): 0
10-42 (Alarms): 42
10-43 (Investigations, etc): 388
10-44 (Stolen Vehicle): 0
10-45 (Auto Acc. No Injury): 69
10-46 (Auto Acc. W/Injury): 5
10-49 (Drunk Driver): 5
10-56 (Prowler): 4
(Child Abuse): 3
(Assault/Agg. Assault): 17
10-64 (Motorist Assist): 60
10-72 (Fire): 4
10-86 (Domestic): 4
10-14 (Escort - No Arrest): 23
10-15 (Transport In Custody): 69
10-81 (Traffic Stop): 342
911 (Hang-up & Other): 46
Other: 102
Total: 749

Crossword

PERFORMING WELL By Bill Bobb



CLUES ACROSS

1) "Toodle-oo!" in Honolulu
6) Not at all kind-hearted
11) Ball star, briefly
14) A type of blockade
15) Expenditures
16) Food for a smelter
17) Get increasingly angry
19) Was light on one's feet?
20) Personal quirks
21) Command to a dog
22) Chewed the fat?
23) Mouse or muskrat, e. g.
26) Biofuel option
28) Computer symbol
29) Venomous snake
32) Realtor's favorite sign
33) Holster items
34) Electrical unit
36) Fair attractions
39) Branch of the U.N.
40) Native inhabitant
42) Lennon's wife
43) "My sentiments exactly"
45) Dress line
46) Jacket closure, sometimes
47) One for the books
49) ____Lanka
50) Cut into metal
51) Hot, in Vegas
54) Barest minimums
56) ____ Altos, Calif.
57) Tie-breaking periods (Abbr.)
58) Arcade failure
59) "Help wanted" ?
60) Pay it forward
65) Chang's twin
66) Certain Art Deco works
67) Celebrity bovine
68) "Classical" start
69) Tournament flora
70) Check sums

CLUES DOWN

1) What "&" means
2) "7 Faces of Dr.___"
3) Eggs, biologically
4) Makes it snappy
5) Exhausted
6) 67 -Across and others
7) Chafe
8) Horseshoe-shaped lab item
9) Some plume suppliers
10) Type of cattle or cheese
11) Basic guidelines
12) One of the Muses
13) Some kind of nut
18) Pianist's span
23) Unbending
24) Dome openings
25) Part of a Monopoly directive
27) Boxing legend from Kentucky
30) Katie Eider's brood
31) Ballet knee bends
35) Bygone Russian leader (Var.)
37) Make it so, legally
38) Froshs no more
40) Well-meaning sort
41) Acting Estevez
44) Pitching choice?
46) "Frasier" setting
48) The matador's opponent
51) "Daily Planet" photographer
52) Not you, I or them
53) Early law school exams
55) Born first
58) Play with a Frisbee
61) "Hmm, I don't know!"
62) " Anytown, ____"
63) Make free (of)
64) Beatty of "Deliverance"

FreeDailyCrosswords.com

NOSTALGIC TOYS WORD SEARCH

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

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

WORDS

ATARI
BARBIE
BEANIE BABIES
BIG WHEELS
CABBAGE PATCH KIDS
COLORFORMS
EASY BAKE OVEN
ERECTOR SETS
FASHION PLATES
FURBY
GI JOE
HE-MAN
HOT WHEELS
HULA HOOP
JACKS
KOOSH
LINCOLN LOGS
LIONEL TRAINS
LITE-BRITE
MASTERMIND
MATCHBOX
NOK HOCKEY
RUBIK'S CUBE
SHRINKY DINKS
SILLY PUTTY
SIMON SAYS
SIT'N SPIN
SPEAK AND SPELL
TEDDY RUXPIN
TINKER TOYS
TROLL DOLLS
VIEW-MASTER
WEEBLES

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!

		8			1		3	
	7		5	3	9	8		1
4	3	1				5		9
							9	8
			3	9				
6		9		2		4		
		3		6	7			4
	8		4		3			
7				5			1	

Level: Beginner

7		5			4			
			5					
			9			3		
	2				3	6	8	
	1	8		2				7
		6				9		
6			2	1				
3				4	8		9	
					7	2		

Level: Intermediate

2			7					1
		1		9	6	4		
			1	8				
	4	6						
9							1	
		7		4			2	8
6								
		3		6	8			7
	9		3	7		2	5	

Level: Advanced

Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
It's easy for your mind to wander and get caught daydreaming, Aries. You could be feeling a little restless and in need of a change. A vacation or a night with friends may just do it.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, even if you are trying to save money, this week some situations will arise that will require you to open your wallet. This is why you have an emergency fund.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, sometimes people do not know which side of you they might encounter and might keep you at arms' length as a result. Try to be more open this week.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Exciting things are on the horizon, Cancer. This might be something you have been anticipating for some time.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, this week you might need to stick up for someone or fight for a cause you believe in, even if it adversely affects your popularity. Stand your ground in these situations.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you might want to swallow your pride and ask for help rather than trying to do everything on your own. Going it alone hasn't helped you in the past, so why should it now?

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Someone steps in and helps you along at work, Libra. Instead of feeling he or she took liberties, thank this person for giving you the extra boost you likely needed at the time.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, try to look at a situation from a new angle and then you might get some of the answers you desire this week. Is someone acting out of character?

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Learn how to deal with conflict in a productive way, Sagittarius. Then you won't get bogged down by others when they are going head-to-head. Aries might play a role this week.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
This week you may find that all of your efforts to build up to a pinnacle moment perhaps didn't give you the feelings you desired. Try getting back to basics.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, something that has been stretching on for quite some time finally gets finished, giving you the closure you need. Share the news slowly with others.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, if what you are doing right now is giving you gratification, you might not need to make many big changes in the weeks to come.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER 22
Ralph Fiennes, Actor (62)
DECEMBER 23
Dev Hynes, Singer (39)
DECEMBER 24
Louis Tomlinson, Singer (33)
DECEMBER 25
Sissy Spacek, Actress (75)
DECEMBER 26
Jared Leto, Actor (53)
DECEMBER 27
Walker Hayes, Singer (45)
DECEMBER 28
John Legend, Singer (46)

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE

BRENDA WEST
Petitioner,
VS
SYDNEY SMARTT and PRESTON FRAZIER
Respondent
CASE NO. 2019-JV-412
TO: SYDNEY SMARTT and PRESTON FRAZIER
Order of Publication

It appearing from the from the bill in this cause, which is the Last known residence and current address of the above listed defendants, SYDNEY SMARTT and PRESTON FRAZIER, are unknown and cannot be served with process, It is ordered that publication be made for four consecutive weeks in the Shelbyville Times-Gazette a newspaper published in BEDFORD COUNTY, TN requiring the said defendants, SYDNEY SMARTT and PRESTON FRAZIER To appear before the clerk of said Court on or before thirty days after the last Publication hereof and make defense to the bill filed in the above cause, which seeks Dependency and Neglect and Custody or otherwise said bill be taken for confessed and cause proceeded with experte. This the 6TH day of December, 2024

Solicitors for Plaintiff: HUNTER FOWLER (12124tc)

Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: December 10

Location: Hwy 82; Seller, SCF Properties LLC; Buyer, Michael Henry Owen; Price, $31,000 (Deed).

Seller, Black Diamond Construction LLC; Buyer, C Kelly Wilson; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 1517 South Cannon Blvd; Seller, Kendall Cook, Matthew Reed; Buyer, Brayan David Figueroa Choguix; Price, $359,000 (Deed).

File date: December 11

Location: Old Center Church Rd; Seller, SCF Properties LLC; Buyer, Mann & Deep LLC; Price, $225,000 (Deed).

Seller, May Tory Homes LLC; Buyer, Nickole Lyne Solis, Jeremy Van Solis; Price, $589,900 (Deed).

Location: 322 Coopertown Rd; Seller, Katerina V Summers; Buyer, Brandon Joseph Barber; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 617 Deery St; Seller, Kasey Norris, Derrick Norris; Buyer, Jason Earl McAfee; Price, $265,000 (Deed).

Seller, Timothy Bruce Moulder, Susan Edwina Moulder Simmons Estate, Susan Moulder Simmons; Buyer, Joshua Cain Cook; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: Coble Rd; Seller, Peggy Campbell Thomas; Buyer, Peggy Thomas Campell; Price, $80 (QD).

Seller, William R Still Sr; Buyer, James Lee Morton, Sabrina Marie Morton; Price, $260,000 (Deed).

File date: December 12

Seller, Taylor A Deberry; Buyer, Lucas D Gleaves; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 2721 Hwy 231 N; Seller, Donald Dewayne Damron, Donald Henry Damron Estate; Buyer, Donald Dewayne Damron, John Paul Damron, Cindy Damron Goodwin; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: 967 Horse Mountain Rd; Seller, Black Diamond Construction LLC; Buyer, B & B Investment Partnership; Price, $319,000 (Deed).

Location: 208 Canova Court; Seller, Amy Schultz, Stephan Schultz; Buyer, Billy Knox; Price, $215,000 (Deed).

Location: Shipmans Creek Rd; Seller, Ruth Ann Carlton Clowers; Buyer, John B Clowers, Ruth Ann Clowers; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: December 13

Location: 2136 Old Unionville Rd; Seller, Grace E Bergloff, Karen D Raymond; Buyer, Jovani Roberto Aparicio Lopez; Price, $370,000 (Deed).

Location: Bills Rd; Seller, Juanita Vale, Cary Bills, Joe Bills, Don Bills, Keith Bills; Buyer, Joseph Morris Bills, Jo Ann Bills; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: 1126 F Horse Mountain Rd; Seller, James Lewis Taylor; Buyer, James Lewis Taylor, James Walter Taylor; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Timothy F Moore Jr, Lisa D Moore; Buyer, Timothy and Lisa Moore Living Trust, Lisa D Moore, Timothy F Moore Jr; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Timothy F Moore Jr, Lisa D Moore; Buyer, Timothy and Lisa Moore Living Trust, Lisa D Moore, Timothy F Moore Jr; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 1101 Bluegrass Dr; Seller, Timothy F Moore Jr, Lisa D Moore; Buyer, Timothy and Lisa Moore Living Trust, Lisa D Moore, Timothy F Moore Jr; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Rippy Ridge Rd; Seller, Linda Kay Bruce; Buyer, Brian Bruce; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 129 Bruce Meadows Dr; Seller, Bruce Meadows Partnership, Donald E Henley Jr; Buyer, Henley Homes and Construction LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 129 Bruce Meadows Dr; Seller, Henley Homes and Construction LLC, Cory Henley; Buyer, Bassham Family Trust, Steven M Shaw Living Trust; Price, $664,999 (Deed).

Location: 1006 Winners Cir S; Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, Duvall Tayo Bailey, Brett Duvall, Tayo Bailey Duvall; Price, $342,740 (Deed).

File date: December 16

Location: 102 Stardust Dr; Seller, Donald L Lynch, Shannon M Lynch; Buyer, Lindsey Danielle Wilson; Price, $310,000 (Deed).

Location: Cortner Hollow Rd; Seller, Kristen Cashion; Buyer, James Trey Cashion, Kristen Cashion; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Anthony Rd; Seller, William D Harrison Jr, Reva M Harrison; Buyer, Randall Wayne Harrison Jr, William D Harrison Jr, Reva M Harrison; Price, $60,000 (Deed).

Location: 185 Big Springs Rd; Seller, United Wholesale Mortgage LLC; Buyer, Matthew Shawn Jones; Price, $312,000 (Deed).

Location: 202 Jordan Ave; Seller, Zachary L Warren, Kristin N Warren; Buyer, James Kobe Simmons, Madison Riley Simmons; Price, $295,000 (Deed).

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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 June 30, 2017, executed by WILLIAM R HOFFMAN, JR. and TRICIA L VAN NATTA conveying certain real property therein described to J. TRENT LEHMAN, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee recorded July 6, 2017, in Deed Book TD884, Page 152; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC who is now the owner of said debt; and

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

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

LAND IN BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, BEING LOT NO. 3 ON THE PLAN OF COVERED BRIDGE ESTATES, AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF RECORD IN CABINET A, ENVELOPE 158, AS REVISED IN CABINET A, ENVELOPE 269, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAN REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN BY DEED OF RECORD IN BOOK 2006, PAGE 733, REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 020N-A-003.00

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 790 HAPPY VALLEY RD, BELL BUCKLE, TN 37020. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): WILLIAM R HOFFMAN, JR., TRICIA L VAN NATTA

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

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

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

Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
rlselaw.com/property-listing
Tel: (877) 813-0992
Fax: (470) 508-9401 (12531c)

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on February 28, 2025 on or about 11:00AM local time, at the South door of the Bedford County Courthouse, Shelbyville, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by MACK DEKLE, to Andrew C. Rambo, Trustee, on April 7, 2006, at Record Book TD619, Page 231-247 as Instrument No. 06003384 in the real property records of Bedford County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: U.S. Bank National Association, successor trustee to Bank of America, NA, successor in interest to LaSalle Bank NA, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Washington Mutual Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, WMALT Series 2006-7 Trust

The following real estate located in Bedford County, Tennessee, will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:

Lying and being in the Third (3rd) Civil District of Bedford County, Tennessee, as follows:

Beginning at a metal pin on South margin of Mullinwood Road at the Northeast corner of Lot 9 and the Northwest corner of the property herein described; thence following the said South margin North 75 degrees 02 minutes East, 140.00 feet to a metal pin; thence leaving the said South margin South 14 degrees 08 minutes East, 272.36 feet to a metal min; thence South 78 degrees 28 minutes West, 150.15 feet to a metal pin; thence North 14 degrees 08 minutes West, 265.57 feet to the point of beginning and being Lot No. 10 in Mullins Mill Estates Subdivision, according to plat recorded in Plat Cabinet "A", Envelope 268 (formerly of record in Plat Book 2, page 179), of the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

Being the same property conveyed to Mack Dekle, an unmarried person, by Deed from Richard F. Gardner and wife, Vickie Gardner, dates October 7, 2005, of record in Deed Book 272, page 879, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

This conveyance is made subject to the minimum building setback line and utility easement as shown on said subdivision plat, and to restrictions of record in Deed Book 161, page 828, of said Register's Office.

Tax ID: 090 17300 000000

Current Owner(s) of Property: MACK DEKLE

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 2518 Mullinswood Road, Shelbyville, TN 37160, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

SALE IS SUBJECT TO OCCUPANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION.

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. THE TERMS OF SALE ARE CASH. ANY TAXES OR FEES WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASER. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE PURCHASE PRICE. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE TRUSTEE.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: FIRST COMMUNITY BANK OF BEDFORD COUNTY AND MIDSTATE FINANCE COMPANY, INC.

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

If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-101 have been met.

All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor or Workforce Development are listed as Interested Parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and the Sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities' right to redeem the property as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. §67-1-1433.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

MWZM File No. 23-000020-850-3
Mackie Wolf Zientz & Mann, P.C., Substitute Trustee(s)
Cool Springs III
725 Cool Springs Blvd, Suite 140
Franklin, TN 37067
TN INVESTORS PAGE: HTTP://MWZMLAW.COM/TN_INVESTORS.PHP (12193tc)

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on January 10, 2025 on or about 11:00AM local time, at the South door of the Bedford County Courthouse, Shelbyville, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by MARK E. MASHE AND PENNY E. MASHE, to John B. Philp, Esq., Trustee, on December 20, 2006, at Record Book TD650, Page 347-362 as Instrument No. 07000809 in the real property records of Bedford County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: Mill City Mortgage Loan Trust 2018-3

The following real estate located in Bedford County, Tennessee, will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:

A certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the Twenty-third (23rd) Civil District of Bedford County, Tennessee, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

PROCEEDING from a metal pin on the North margin of Tennessee Highway 130 East 50.02 feet East, measured along the margin from the Southeast corner of the Thomas A. Franklin property (Deed Book 140 Page 559) ;

THENCE leaving the margin of the road North 0 degrees 36 minutes, East 203.94 feet to a metal pin;

THENCE North 3 degrees 23 minutes, West 430.95 feet to a metal pin;

THENCE North 33 degrees 34 minutes, West 30.25 feet to a metal pin;

THENCE North 35 degrees 06 minutes, West 187.95 feet to a metal pin, Southwest corner and true point of beginning of the herein described tract;

THENCE North 37 degrees 23 minutes, West 205.34 feet to a metal pin;

THENCE North 3 degrees 23 minutes, West 389.90 feet to a metal pin at the base of a 60 inch oak at fence corner in the South line of the Bert Cathey property, the Northwest corner of the herein described tract;

THENCE with Cathey South 87 degrees 54 minutes, East 373.91 feet to a 12 inch sassafras at fence corner;

THENCE South 16 degrees 54 minutes, East 500.56 feet to a point, the Northeast corner of the herein described tract;

THENCE South 80 degrees 52 minutes, West 376.32 feet to the point of beginning, containing 5.00 acres, according to survey description of Rex Northcutt, Registered Land Surveyor, Tennessee License No. 77, 117 Hickory Drive, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160, dated March 10, 1992.

The above herein described tract is conveyed with a 50 foot easement for ingress and egress (30 feet at center) and for utilities (10 feet on the sides) said easement being described as follows: Beginning at a metal pin on the north margin of Tennessee Highway 130 East 50.02 feet east, measured along the margin from the southeast corner of the Thomas A. Franklin property (Deed Book 140, page 559); thence leaving the margin of the road north 0 degrees 36 minutes east 203.94 feet to a metal pin; then north 3 degrees 23 minutes west 430.95 feet to a metal pin; thence north 33 degrees 34 minutes west 30.25 feet to a metal pin; thence north 35 degrees 06 minutes west 187.95 feet to a metal pin; thence north 37 degrees 23 minutes west 205.34 feet to a metal pin; thence north 3 degrees 23 minutes west 389.90 feet to a metal pin at the base of a 60 inch oak at fence corner in the south line of the Bert Cathey property at the northwest corner of the herein described tract, said easement being approximately 50 feet in width along the west side of the above-described line.

PARCEL NO: 112-029.01

Tax ID: 112-029.01-000

Current Owner(s) of Property: MARK E. MASHE AND PENNY E. MASHE

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 2827 Highway 130 E, Shelbyville, TN 37160, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

SALE IS SUBJECT TO OCCUPANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION.

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OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: ESTATE OF PENNY E. MASHE AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PENNY E. MASHE

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor or Workforce Development are listed as Interested Parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and the Sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities' right to redeem the property as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. §67-1-1433.

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MWZM File No. 24-000253-505-1
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PUBLIC NOTICE
City Hall Christmas Holiday Closing and Trash Schedule

Christmas:

City Hall will be Closed on Tuesday, December 24th, and Wednesday December 25th in observation of the Christmas holiday.

Public Works will be closed on Tuesday, December 24th in observation of Christmas Eve. Tuesday's trash will be picked up on Monday, December 23rd with Monday's regular route.

Public Works will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th in observation of Christmas Day. Wednesday's trash will be picked up on Thursday, December 26th with Thursday's regular route.

Please be advised per the Residential Solid Waste Rules of the Shelbyville Public Works Department trash must be curbside no later than 6:00 AM on the scheduled day of collection. To see a complete list of Rules & Regulations please refer to the Public Works Department website https://www.shelbyvilletn.org/departments/public_works/index.php

Lisa Smith, City Recorder
Buck Vallad, Public Works Director

Rocky Joe Cook



Funeral services for Rocky Joe Cook, age 64, of Shelbyville, were held 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 18, 2024, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Brother Jeff Curtis officiating. Burial followed at Willow Mount Cemetery.

Rocky passed from this life on Saturday, December 14, 2024, at his mother's home, under the loving care of his family and Hospice Compassus after an extended illness.

A Bedford County Native, Rocky was the son of Thelma Smith Cook and the late James Elton Cook, born on June 2, 1960. Along with his father he was preceded in death by his grandparents, Guy H. & Alleaner Jones Smith, and Elton Madison & Minnie Demonbreum Cook.

Including his mother, Rocky is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Frances Sue Ervin Cook; sons, Dustin Cook, and Matthew (Julie) Cook both of Shelbyville; grandchildren, Jaden Cook, Alexander Puckett, Makenzie Cook, and Joseph Cook; brothers, Roger Cook of Shelbyville, and Darron (Dawn) Cook of Pikeville; and nephew, D.J. Cook.

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

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Jerry A. Bell



Jerry A. Bell, 92, was born in Shelbyville, on February 26,1932. He was educated in the Bedford County School System and attended Western Kentucky University on a basketball scholarship. Later transferring to Middle Tennessee State University, where he also played basketball. On summer leave, while working at Uniroyal, Bobbie Bell caught his eye and they were married in September 1953 and raised two children, Sherry and Jay.

Jerry was a career employee with Arnold Air Force Base in Tullahoma for 36 years, serving as supervisor in various areas. He was a TSSAA official for 28 years, officiating basketball, football, and softball. Following his retirement, he was an avid golfer, tennis and basketball player.

He was a long-time member of Shelbyville Mills Baptist Church, which was very important to him. He served as music director for 18 years, served as deacon, director of Sunday School and numerous committees throughout the years.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Bobbie Bell, parents, Artie S. and Pearl R. Bell, his brother H. Carlton Bell, and sister Jane McAdams.

He is survived by his two children, Sherry Wiser, Shelbyville and Jay (Dianne) Bell, Ninety-Six, South Carolina. Also survived by his sister, Virginia R. Clark, Clarksville; 5 grandchildren Jeri (Mike) Clements, Eric (Rachel) Wiser, MacKenzie (Tyler) Kuhlman, Evan (Ava) Bell, and Kendall Bell (Abby Dickerson) and 1 great-granddaughter Gracie Bell.

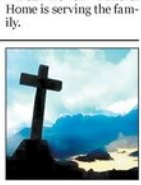
Visitation with the family was held 4-7 Sunday, December 15, 2024, at Doak-Howell Funeral Home.

Funeral services were held 11 AM Monday, December 16, 2024, at Shelbyville Mills Baptist Church, 900 Union St, Shelbyville, with Brother Jonathan Simms officiating. Burial will follow in Willow Mount Cemetery.

The family requests that memorials be made to Shelbyville Mills Baptist Church.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Suzy Lynn Travis



Suzy Lynn Travis, of Shelbyville, passed away Saturday, December 14, 2024.

Funeral services were Wednesday, December 18. 2024, at Fairhaven Baptist Church in Shelbyville.

Visitation was 3:00 to 7:00 Tuesday December 17, 2024, at the church. Burial followed at Cothran Cemetery in the Rover community.

Suzy Lynn Travis was born November 18, 1970, in Baton Rouge, LA, to Donald Ray and Mary Jane Barnett Pierce. She was a graduate of Riverdale High School, worked as a florist and assisted husband Mark with his insurance business. Suzy held membership at Fair Haven Baptist Church, and was a follower of Jesus, and would be hopeful that you are as well!

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her husband of 24 years, Mark Travis and Rat Terrier, Silbley; a sister, Sherri Pierce and her husband Joseph Cocchiarella; a brother, Jeff (Jodi) Pierce, nephews, West (Abby) Pierce, Logan (Ginny) Pierce, Brian Travis, Josh Travis, Jake (Mariah) Travis and Garrett Lavine; nieces, Jessalyn (Turner) Olson and Olivia Lavine; and a great nephew, Hunter Travis.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

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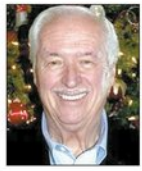
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Henry Steven Childress



Henry Steven Childress, 88, of Waxhaw, NC, died Saturday, December 14, 2024, at his home.

There will be a family viewing on Friday, December 20, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel, Shelbyville and interment will follow at 2:00 p.m. at Hillcrest Funeral Home and Cemetery in Shelbyville with full military honors. Brother Jimmy Gray will be officiating.

Born July 27, 1936, in Richlands, VA, he was the son of the late Henry S. and Ruth Lambert Childress of Beckley, WV.

Steve served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1958 as a Military Policeman with the Headquarters, Allied Land Forces Southeastern Europe, Izmir Turkey, attaining the rank of Specialist 3rd Class. He earned a B.A degree in 1961 from the University of Southwestern Louisiana. Steve served as a U.S. Capitol Police officer in Washington, DC, in the offices of U.S. Sen. Russell Long and briefly served as a fingerprint clerk with the Federal Bureau of Investigation followed by five years in the Washington, DC, area as a sales manager for Sinclair Oil Corporation.

Steve found his true calling in 1969, working in cemetery sales, marketing and management. Over the course of his career, he became the National Sales Director for Southeastern Advertising and Sales Systems headquartered in Atlanta, GA, owned six cemeteries and one funeral home, served on Board of Directors for the American Cemetery Association, and was the Vice President of Cemetery and Combination Operations and on the Board of Directors for the Loewen Group, Vancouver, Canada, until his retirement in 1997.

In retirement, Steve was fixated on building a home for himself and his wife Doris and selling it before the address could officially be recorded by family, only to move on to build the next one. His hobbies included fishing, playing chess, and trying his best at playing golf but what he enjoyed most of all is spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren who grew to know him as a goofy but loving prankster.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a daughter, Joella Elizabeth Carlyon and brother John Joseph Childress. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Doris Childress; three sons: Steven Anthony Childress and his wife Tracy of Waco, TX, Alexander John Childress and his wife Kim, of Richardson, TX, and Anthony Henry Childress and his wife, Amy, of Plano, TX; a step-daughter, Debbie Robertson Steele and her husband, Terry, of Weddington, NC, and a step-son, Dan Keith Robertson and his wife, Vesta, of Woodstock, GA; and 14 beloved grandchildren: Stefanie Mikala Childress, Steven Austin Childress, Stedson Ace Childress, Amanda Mary Davila, Ashley Elizabeth Childress, Emily Taylor Marquez, Preston Anthony Childress, Andre Alexander Childress, Alexis Michelle Childress, Taylor Gray-Childress, Sarah Alexandra Carlyon, Matthew Grant Carlyon, Katie Steele Hall, and Anna Steele Pickard; and 9 precious great grandchildren: Emma Austin Childress, Olivia Marie Childress, Gabriella Kate Childress, Kolton Connor Childress, Ruby Joy Davila, Deacon Davila, Bryce Sheppard Hall, Harlyn Leigh Pickard and Anson Michael Pickard.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes for contributions to be made to the American Heart Association or American Cancer Society.

Bobby "Cowboy" Marlin



Bobby "Cowboy" Marlin, age 76, of Unionville, took his final trail ride on Tuesday, December 17, 2024. Bobby was born in Marshall County to the late Joe Marlin and Edith Sheffield Marlin. He rode as a cowboy for two years in Texas, worked for Heil Quaker for 22 years, and was a carpenter. Bobby was a true horseman, and a maker of knives and furniture. He was a member of Chapel Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and parents.

Bobby loved being a cowboy and riding horses. He enjoyed his dogs and his tractor. He had a passion for his knives, woodworking, and gardening. He loved to joke and tease others. Most of all he loved his family, especially his girl, Rebecca Clark.

Mr. Marlin is survived by his loving wife of 31 years and been with for 37 years, Becky Marlin of Unionville, TN; children, Kim Wilhoite of Unionville, TN, Anthony Wilhoite of Unionville, TN, Candace Marlin of Petersburg, TN; brother, Jimmy (Dorothy) Marlin of Shelbyville, TN; his goddaughter, Rebecca Clark of Chapel Hill, TN; several nieces and nephews.

Visitation with the family will be from 4 PM until 8 PM on Friday, December 20, 2024 at Lawrence Funeral Home. The funeral service will be conducted at 10 AM on Saturday, December 21, 2024 from the Chapel of Lawrence Funeral Home with visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow at Sheffield Cemetery near Chapel Hill, TN.

Dylan Flippo, Ray Flippo, Alan Hinson, Matthew Isley, Bryan Lynch, Bud Reeves, Jacob Watkins, and Blake Watts will serve as pallbearers.

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

Lawrence Funeral Home And Cremation Services, 203 South Horton Pkwy, Chapel Hill, Tennessee, 931-364-2233 in charge of local arrangements.

Create a gingerbread house with your senior loved one

By DAWN HANKINS

Making a gingerbread house with a senior loved one, especially one that might have some health issues, might seem daunting. But it can make for a lasting memory.

We often do not give our seniors enough credit for what they've learned and experienced in the past. Some may actually be able to out work you on such building projects.

So, what if it doesn't turn out like Martha Stewart's and more like the "Messy Artist?" It will still be fun and around our house, it can create a lot of laughs.

So, give it a try. You can always scale down this recipe and make a simpler version.

If your senior gets tired fairly easy, then simply spread this project over several days. Do as much as the difficult work as you can ahead of time.

The main thing is to spend some time with the one you love.

As families prepare to celebrate the holiday season, they can work together to create this impressive, and edible, "Gingerbread House" courtesy of Lines+Angles.

Makes 8 servings or 1 house

For the house:

3 1/4 cups all-purpose flour, plus extra as needed
3 tablespoons cornstarch
1 tablespoon ground ginger
3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
3/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup unsalted butter, at room temperature
3/4 cup molasses, warmed
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

For the frosting:

2 cups confectioners' sugar, plus extra as needed
1 1/2 tablespoons meringue powder
1 to 2 tablespoons warm water

To decorate:

Assorted colorful candies, sugared chocolate candies, round peppermint candies, candy canes, etc.

1. **For the gingerbread:** Combine the flour, cornstarch, spices, and salt in a large mixing bowl. Stir well and set aside.

2. Beat the softened butter with the molasses and vanilla in a separate mixing bowl until pale and creamy, about 2 to 3 minutes.

3. Beat in the flour mixture in 4 additions, mixing well between additions until you have a rough dough; add more flour as needed to form a stiff dough.

4. Turn out and knead briefly. Shape into a round, wrap in parchment paper, and chill for 2 hours.

5. After chilling, preheat the oven to 325 F. Grease and line 2 large baking sheets with parchment paper.



6. Remove the dough from the refrigerator. Roll out to about 0.333" thickness on a lightly floured surface.

7. Cut out two rectangles approximately 4.5" x 4" for the roof. Cut out 2 pointed rectangles approximately 5" at their tallest points and 3.5" wide at the base; these will be the front and back of the house as per the image. Make sure that one side has a round window cut out.

8. Using some of the remaining dough, cut out the 2 rectangles to be the sides of the house, approximately 3" x 4" in diameter. Use the remaining dough to cut out 4 even rectangles, approximately 2" x 1.5", to shape the chimney.

9. Arrange the pieces across the baking sheets. Bake for about 25 minutes until browned and dry to the touch. Remove to cooling racks to cool.

10. **For the frosting:** Combine the confectioners' sugar, meringue powder and 2 tablespoons warm water in a large mixing bowl.

11. Beat with an electric mixer until the frosting is thick and glossy, about 4 to 5 minutes; beat in more confectioners' sugar if too thin and more water if too thick.

12. Spoon into a piping bag fitted with a thin, round nozzle. Chill for 15 minutes.

13. **To decorate:** Using the frosting as 'glue,' assemble the chimney using the 4 even rectangles of gingerbread. Let dry and set.

14. Start to assemble the rest of the house by gluing the pieces together, attaching the front and back of the house to the sides before attaching the roof in place. Let set dry and set at each building interval.

15. Once the sections are dry, pipe more frosting onto the edges of the roof and down their sides, shaped as icicles.

16. When the chimney is set, attach it to the top, cutting the pieces to fit if necessary, and decorating the outside with frosting.

17. To decorate: Attach the assorted candies to the house, decorating the roof with a tiled pattern using the frosting.

18. Let the house dry and set until ready to serve.

Preparation time: 2 hours
Cooling time: 2 hours, 15 minutes
Total time: 4 hours, 15 minutes

Tips: Some of the gingerbread pieces will bake quicker than others depending on their size; keep an eye on them and remove from the oven when ready.

Meringue powder is available online or from specialty cookware stores.



LOTS OF FUN!

T-G Photos by Dawn Hankins

Mid-State Cloggers entertained during Christmas in Lynchburg on Dec. 7.



HANDBELL PRESENTATION

The children's handbell choir at First Methodist Church in Lynchburg presented a special program at the Gazebo on Saturday morning, Dec. 7.









'TIS THE SEASON FOR FUN

Photos by Julie Smith

Daniel Calahan and friends enjoyed a night of great food and Bingo recently at Pope's Café on the public square.

Farm Credit Mid-America, Rural 1st, Tennessee Farm Bureau and Tennessee Farmers Cooperative come together to raise over $300,000 to fight food insecurity

Annual Shooting Hunger events reach a new milestone in Tennessee.

(December 17, 2024) – Farm Credit Mid-America, Rural 1st, Tennessee Farm Bureau and Tennessee Farmers Cooperative raised more than $300,000 for more than 100 regional and local food banks, schools, churches, and other community organizations with backpack programs that give meals to children. The annual sporting clay shooting events occur at three different locations in Tennessee to raise money to fight food insecurity throughout the state.

"With almost a million people in Tennessee facing food insecurity it's truly inspiring to witness our communities coming together to support their fellow Tennesseans," said Jason Alexander, senior vice president of agricultural lending for Farm Credit Mid-America in Tennessee. "We are providing immediate relief and fulfilling our broader mission of securing the future of rural communities and agriculture. This event embodies our commitment to making a lasting impact on the lives of countless individuals and families across Tennessee."

Since 2015, participants have provided more than two million meals to Tennesseans in all 95 counties. In addition to meals, Farm Credit Mid-America and Rural 1st present scholarships to the top youth shooter in each flight. Since the program's beginning, Farm Credit Mid-America and Rural 1st have given more than $30,000 in scholarships.

About Shooting Hunger

Tennessee Farm Bureau, Farm Credit Mid-America, Rural 1st and Tennessee Farmers Cooperative partner with Tennessee agriculture to feed the hungry through sporting clay shoots. Shooting Hunger has provided over two million meals for hungry Tennesseans. For more information, visit shootinghunger.com or email info@shootinghunger.com.

About Farm Credit Mid-America

A proud member of the Farm Credit System, Farm Credit Mid-America exists to secure the future of rural communities and agriculture as a leading provider of reliable, consistent credit and financial services to farmers, producers, agribusinesses and rural residents in Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio and Tennessee. The customer-owned cooperative serves more than 140,000 customers and manages a portfolio of $39.5 billion in total earning assets owned and managed. Farm Credit Mid-America's products and services include loans for real estate, operating, equipment, rural living, crop insurance and vehicle, equipment and building leases. For more information, visit www.fcma.com.

About Rural 1st

Rural 1st is the rural residential lending division of Farm Credit Mid-America, a financial services cooperative whose purpose is to secure the future of rural communities and agriculture. Rural 1st is the leader in rural lending, offering tailored products options for lot, land, construction, and home loans to rural consumers living in the territories of participating Farm Credit System Associations. For more information, call 1-844-GO-RURAL or visit Rural1st.com. NMLS 407249. Equal Housing Lender.



Red Velvet Cake Balls

Recipe courtesy Family Features

- 1 red velvet cake mix
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 heaping tablespoon cocoa powder
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup milk
- 3 eggs
- 1 stick melted butter

Frosting:

- 1 /2 stick softened butter
- 4 ounces softened cream cheese
- 1/8 cup heavy whipping cream
- 2 1/2 cups powdered sugar, plus additional for rolling, divided

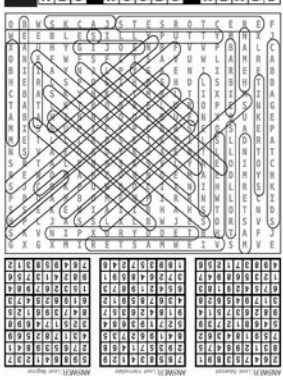
1. Heat oven to 350 F.
2. In mixing bowl, mix cake mix, flour, cocoa powder and sugar. Blend in milk, eggs and butter.
3. Grease 9-by-13-inch pan and pour in batter. Bake 45 minutes.
4. Remove from oven and use fork to crumble cake then place in large bowl.
5. **To make frosting**: In bowl, mix butter, cream cheese and whipping cream. Slowly blend in powdered sugar. Mix frosting into bowl with cake.
6. Form cake mixture into balls then roll in powdered sugar.

PUZZLE SOLUTION

PERFORMING WELL

By Bill Bobb

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Lady Champs Fall at Hot-Shooting Central Magnet Despite Parker's 14 Second-Half Points

BY NOAH MADDOX
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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – The Cascade Lady Champions were unable to contain the Class 3-A Murfreesboro Central Magnet Lady Tigers on the road, suffering their fifth defeat in the last six games, 66-52, on Monday night.

Cascade was able to cut it to as close as five points, 48-43, after Caroline Parker blew by Clara Johnson for two of her 14 second-half points with about three minutes to go, but a Bethany Jackson four-point play on the next possession put a stop to the run and secured the game for Central Magnet.

Jackson finished with a double-double, scoring a game-high 23 points and grabbing 11 rebounds while shooting 5/7 from three-point range and converting 6/7 at the charity stripe. Clara Johnson knocked in four three-pointers, ending the night with 14 points while Julia Stuible finished with a double-double of 13 points and 11 rebounds.

In total, Central Magnet shot 51.2% from the field and dominated on the glass, outrebounding Cascade, 35-16, as the Lady Champions shot just 33.3% from the field despite connecting on seven threes as a team.

Caroline Parker finished with a team-high 16 points. Sophie Ray, who scored the first seven points of the game for Cascade, finished with 13 points after scoring 11 in the first half. Kaegan Young was held without a made field goal through the first 16 minutes, but still ended the night with 10 points.

Thanks in part to Ray's fast start, Cascade ended the opening period tied at 13-13. Coming off the disheartening loss to Huntland on Friday, the energy from Janie Demonbreun's team looked more like what she has come to expect to start.

In the second quarter, Central Magnet switched to a zone to slow down both Ray and Cascade's offensive movement, and it worked. The Lady Tigers outscored the Lady Champs, 14-7, to take a 27-20 lead going into the halftime locker room. Stuible's size in the paint proved difficult to navigate over for Cascade, forcing the visitors to settle for tough mid-range shots or rushed three-pointers.

In the third quarter, Central Magnet narrowly outscored Cascade, 13-11, to take a 40-31 lead into the final frame.

Cascade made a run in the fourth quarter thanks to some turnovers by the Lady Tigers – the Lady Champs forced 16 total Central Magnet turnovers – and went on a quick 10-3 run to cut the lead to 48-43 before Jackson's back-breaking four-point play abruptly ended the run and the comeback attempt.

Central Magnet improves to 3-6 on the season.

Cascade falls to 3-5 overall. They are scheduled to travel to Gatlinburg to play in the Smoky Mountain Classic starting on Thursday.



Caroline Parker (2) continued her recent strong run of games for Cascade, scoring a team-high 16 points in Monday's loss at Central Magnet. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

Kelso's 20-Point Night Leads the Way in Cascade's 29-Point Win at Central Magnet

BY NOAH MADDOX
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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – The Cascade Champions continued their hot shooting stretch on the road against the Class 3-A Central Magnet Tigers on Monday night, coming away with a 29-point victory, 67-38.

After connecting on a season high 16 three-pointers in their last game against Huntland, Cascade got off to another fast start, connecting on four three-pointers in the opening period to help open up a 19-6 lead at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Cascade outscored Central Magnet, 21-7, to take a commanding 41-13 lead into the halftime locker room. Kaleb Kelso scored 15 of his game-high 20 points in the first half, including a pair of threes, and Noah Watson scored seven of his 11 points in the opening 16 minutes as well.

In the third quarter, Cascade continued to extend their lead, outscoring the Tigers, 17-12, to take a 58-25 lead going into the final frame.

In the fourth quarter, the result was a formality, allowing both teams to empty their respective benches. The Tigers outscored the visitors, 13-9, but Cascade still came away with the win, 67-38.

For Cascade, Tyler Barrett put in a season-high 14 points, Kelso led the way with his 20 points, and Watson reached double-figures again with 11 points himself. Jason Cullum, after scoring 21 first-half points against the Hornets, only needed to chip in with eight points.

For Central Magnet, Hollis Jackson was the only one to reach double-figures in scoring with 10 points, nine of which were in the second half. The Cascade defense had a stranglehold on the game from the opening tap, and they were ale to pick up their seventh win of the season because of it.

Central Magnet falls to 4-7 on the year.

Cascade improves to 7-4 overall. They are currently scheduled to play in the Outback Christmas Classic in Murfreesboro on Saturday against Blackman at 2:00 p.m.



Kaleb Kelso (5, with ball) gets ready to break down Central Magnet's Henry Long (20) as his teammate, Henry Stone (10), looks on. Kelso reached the 20-point threshold for the second consecutive game in Monday's blowout victory. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

MTSU's Allan Kiplagat brings home Conference USA Athlete of the Year

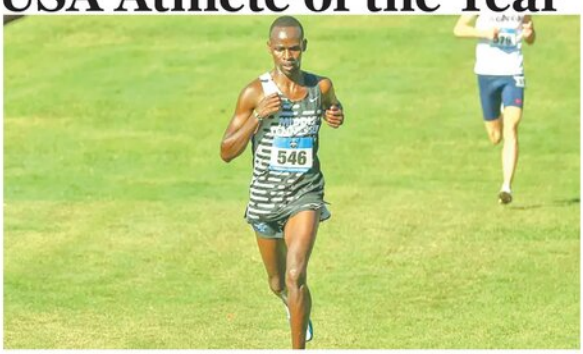
MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -

Allan Kiplagat has been awarded the 2024 Conference USA Cross Country Athlete of the Year after a sensational freshman year campaign for the Blue Raiders.

Kiplagat finishes his cross country season with many honors including CUSA Freshman of the Week 3x, CUSA Athlete of the Week, CUSA Athlete of the Year, CUSA Freshman of the Year, All-Region first team, and All-American. He also finished in 19th place at the NCAA National Championship, to bring home the best finish in MTSU history in the championship race.

Coach Vroman's Thoughts "Allan came in and worked hard all season and progressed continually throughout the year. He got fitter and fitter, and is a great teammate. As far as student-athletes go, you can't ask for any better. He's obviously one of the best freshmen I've ever had. He excelled as an individual and as a team player. We're excited to see what he can do on the track."



Allan Kiplagat (546) was awarded the 2024 CUSA Cross Country Athlete of the Year award. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

Eaglettes' Defense, Young's 22 Points Key in Win Over Tullahoma in 'Battle of Highway 41-A'

BY NOAH MADDOX
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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes overcame an early 13-3 deficit to take down the visiting Tullahoma Lady Wildcats, 46-41, in the second meeting of the "Battle of Highway 41-A" on Tuesday night inside of Rick Insell Gymnasium.

Lanaya Young scored a game-high 22 points to lead the way for the Eaglettes as the only scorer to reach double-figures, but defense was the name of the game for Shelbyville and their head coach, Keshia Jarrett. Jarrett's high energy on the sidelines was infectious, helping the hosts force 14 Tullahoma turnovers and countless other rushed shot attempts that led to fastbreak opportunities as they outscored the visitors, 24-17, in the second half.

For the Lady Wildcats, McLayne Bobo was the only one to score in double-digits, finishing with 16 points. Lizzy Sharpton chipped in with seven points, all of which came in the first half.

Both teams got to the free throw line often, but they both struggled immensely once they got there. Tullahoma shot 17/28 while Shelbyville finished just under 50%, shooting just 14/30 at the charity stripe despite holding on to win.

After falling behind by 10 points early on, Shelbyville roared back, going on an extended 14-4 run that lasted into the second quarter after Tullahoma held a slim advantage, 15-11, at the end of the opening period of play.

In the second quarter, Shelbyville began to assert themselves on both ends, outscoring the Lady 'Cats, 11-9, in the period behind Young's eight points. Bobo, not to be outdone, put in six points of her own to send Tullahoma into the halftime locker room with a 24-22 lead.

Heading into the third quarter, the Eaglettes defense took over, turning stops into runouts and easy baskets on the offensive end. Shelbyville outscored Tullahoma, 17-8, in the quarter, punctuated by a Lanaya Young buzzer-beating three-pointer to cap off the dominant period of play and give the hosts a 39-32 lead going into the final frame.

Tullahoma actually outscored Shelbyville in the fourth quarter, 9-7, as the Eaglettes continued to struggle at the free throw line, connecting on just 5/16 attempts at the charity stripe to leave the door open for the Lady 'Cats. In the end, Tullahoma just could not generate enough clean looks against the Eaglettes' tenacious defense, and Shelbyville would hold on to win, 46-41.

Tullahoma falls to 6-4 on the season.

Shelbyville Central improves to 6-5 overall. They are scheduled to take on Cullelooka and Centennial in the Classic at Marshall County in Lewisburg, TN, on Thursday and Friday, respectively.



Lanaya Young (24) sets up the offense against Tullahoma. She scored a game-high 22 points on Tuesday night to help lead the Eaglettes' comeback. *T-G Staff Photo*

Tullahoma Completes Season Sweep of Golden Eagles in 'Battle of Highway 41-A'

BY NOAH MADDOX
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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles trailed the Tullahoma Wildcats by just six points at halftime, but ultimately could not find enough points on the offensive end to muster up a comeback attempt, losing 63-43 on Tuesday night inside of Rick Insell Gymnasium.

The second matchup between these two rivals in the "Battle of Highway 41-A" proved to be more of the same as the first matchup that Tullahoma won by 19 earlier this season. The Wildcats saw four different players score in double-figures while Shelbyville Central had none.

For Tullahoma, Xavier Ferrell led the way with a game-high 19 points, including 11 in the second half. Khani Johnson, Austin Tinnon, and Jayden Thompson chipped in with 14 points, 13 points, and 12 points, respectively.

After the first quarter, the Golden Eagles struggled to find any consistent offense. Tae'Shawn Shelton and Ladd Sparrow tied for a team-high seven points while Jordan Taylor and Malek Johnson chipped in with six points apiece.

It was a promising first quarter for the home side, only trailing the Wildcats, 17-14, at the end of the opening period. Johnson connected on a pair of three-pointers against the Tullahoma zone while Shelton and Tommie Cannon each put in a pair of two-point field goals – including a pair of Shelton dunks – to keep pace with the Wildcats.

In the second quarter, Tullahoma slowly grew their lead to six points by halftime, 29-23, as they outscored Shelbyville, 12-9, in the period after switching to a man-to-man defense. Thompson put in 10 of his 12 points in the first half to lead the way for the Wildcats.

Then, as the second half got underway, Tullahoma began to impose their will on the Golden Eagles, outscoring Shelbyville, 16-11, in the third quarter to take a 45-32 lead into the final frame. Tullahoma utilized a balanced offensive attack between Johnson and Farrell with the two combining for 11 of the 16 points scored in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Tullahoma ensured the result was a formality, scoring 18 more points in the period to take home the 20-point road win. Shelbyville Central scored just 20 points in the second half compared to 34 for the Wildcats, and that proved to be the difference between the two sides.

Tullahoma improves to 9-1 on the season.

Shelbyville Central falls to 5-7 overall. Their next game is scheduled for Friday afternoon against the Blackman Blaze at the Outback Classic in Murfreesboro at 2:00 p.m.



Tae'Shawn Shelton (2) attempts to save the ball before it goes out of bounds against Tullahoma. He finished tied for a team-high with seven points on Tuesday night. *T-G Staff Photo*



Decorating your home this Christmas 2024

Homes are often described as sanctuaries for their residents. Homes also provide a great way for homeowners to express themselves, an opportunity that is amplified during the holiday season.

Holiday decor takes center stage come December, and there are a number of ways for homeowners to utilize their homes to showcase their holiday spirit during this special time of year.

· Wrap the front door. Gift-wrapped front doors have been popular for some time, and they remain a great way to utilize a home's entryway to spread a little holiday cheer. Shiny, single-color door wraps may never go out of style, but homeowners can choose patterned wraps as well. A bow door cover lets all visitors know a home and its residents are full of holiday cheer.

· Go for the garland. Garland can add a touch of the holiday season to any room of the house. Wrap garland around a staircase, alternating between the banister and spindles so residents and guests can still safely navigate their way up and down. Garland streamed along foyer tables sets a decorative tone for all guests, and living room television stands and dining room banquets also can be made a touch more festive with some garland.

· Hang stockings throughout the house. Stockings have long been hung by chimneys (with care), but they also can be incorporated into holiday decor throughout a home. Spread holiday cheer in each room with brightly colored holiday stockings, which can be hung along a staircase wall as well.

· Don't forget the kitchen. Realtors and contractors often note the popularity of the kitchen, a room where families tend to congregate each day before work and school and then again upon returning home. Some festive kitchen accessories, like a holiday-themed cutting board, jar sets and table settings can bring the spirit of the holiday season into the busiest room in the house.

· Create some pinecone Christmas trees. Involve the whole family in holiday decorating by spending a weekend afternoon creating pinecone Christmas trees. Gather pinecones from your own backyard, if possible, or take a trip to some nearby woods for some supplies. There's no shortage of websites offering instructions on crafting pinecone trees. Once completed, the trees can be placed in various rooms to spread holiday cheer throughout the house.

Decorations are a big part of the holiday season. Families can make their homes holiday central by ensuring each room is decorated for this special time of year.



T-G Photos by Dawn Hankins

Friends and family of Jana Swann helped her decorate her home this Christmas in memory of her husband, Charlie. He spent countless hours in the yard each holiday putting up lights and his favorite inflatables. His sister-in-law Ann Gibson also had a big part in the decorations this year.





Picking out a theme for home decorating isn't always easy. But snowmen make the best choice, many people agree. This snowman was a part of Lynchburg décor last weekend and this family in the Cessna Lane area off Frank Martin Road in Shelbyville made Frosty their pick this year.

Have a white Christmas-even without the snow!

By DAWN HANKINS

While the weather outside in this area isn't predicted by the Farmers Almanac as being really frightful this year, you really never know until Christmas Eve around here. So, keeping with the potential situation, we feature several snow-like recipes today for your holiday pleasure.

Everyone can certainly dream of a white Christmas and have great food to remind us of cherished snow days.

Yes, you might have to go into states like Kentucky and Iowa this year to see the white stuff we all love this time of year. Well, most do really love it, while they're home.

In the meantime, Merry Christmas and keep singing, "Let it Snow. Let it Snow. Let it Snow."

Eggnog

Makes 2 Servings

2 ounces brandy or cognac
2 ounces dark rum, plus more for sugar rim
1 cup eggnog, prepared
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
1/8 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon light brown sugar
2 sticks cinnamon, for garnish (optional)
2 pods star anise, for garnish (optional)
Shortbread or gingerbread cookies, for garnish (optional)

1. In a cocktail shaker with ice, add the brandy, rum and eggnog together, cover and shake.

2. Add the nutmeg, cinnamon and sugar to a small plate and stir around to combine. Wet the rims of 2 glasses with rum. Roll the rims of the glasses in the spices to coat.

3. Strain the eggnog mixture into the two glasses. Garnish with cinnamon sticks, star anise pods and festive shortbread cookies, if desired.

Peppermint Milkshake for Santa and Elves

Dairy Alliance

A perfect sip for kids and adults alike, this peppermint milkshake is so easy to make. Blend 2 cups vanilla ice cream, 1/2 cup milk, and 1/4 cup crushed candy canes. Pour into a glass and top with whipped cream and even more crushed candy cane. It's a winter wonderland for just a little longer with this sweet treat.

Basic White Bread Using LACTAID

By Dairy Alliance

2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
1 package active dry yeast
2 cups LACTAID reduced-fat milk
2 tablespoons sugar
1 tablespoon butter
1 ½ teaspoons salt
Yield: 2 loaves
Instructions

In a large mixing bowl combine flour and yeast; set aside.

In a medium sauce pan heat and stir LACTAID® reduced-fat milk, sugar, butter, and salt just until warm (120˚ to 130˚) and butter almost melts. Add milk mixture to flour mixture. Beat with an electric mixer on low to medium speed for 30 seconds, scraping sides of bowl constantly. Beat on high speed for 3 minutes. Using a wooden spoon, stir in as much of the remaining flour as you can.

Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Knead in enough of the remaining flour to make a moderately stiff dough that is smooth and elastic (6 to 8 minutes total). Shape dough into a ball. Place in a lightly greased bowl, turning once to grease the surface of dough. Cover; let rise in a warm place until doubled in size (45 to 60 minutes).

Preheat the oven to 375˚.

Punch dough down. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Divide dough in half. Cover; let rest for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, lightly grease two 8-x-4-x-2-inch loaf pans.

Shape dough into loaves by patting or rolling. To shape dough by patting, gently pat and pinch each half of dough into a loaf shape, tucking edges beneath. To shape dough by rolling, on a lightly floured surface, roll each half of dough into a 12×8-inch rectangle. Roll up starting from a short side. Seal seams with fingertips as you roll.

Place shaped dough in prepared pans. Cover and let rise in a warm place until nearly double in size (30 to 40 minutes).

Bake for 40 minutes or until bread sounds hollow when lightly tapped (if necessary, cover loosely with foil the last 10 minutes of baking to prevent overbrowning). Immediately remove bread from pans. Cool on wire racks.

Community Calendar

FREE FOOD AT GTWY CHURCH

Gateway Church on Madison Street will have a food give-away on Saturday, Dec. 21, from 8 to 10 a.m.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE

Pastor Abe Zimmerman of Shelbyville First United Methodist church will continue his Advent series, "Unwrapping Christmas: Part III." This week, the church will explore Luke 2:1-7, where Joseph and Mary find surprising accommodations for the birth of Jesus. Discover how, on the very first Christmas, the world needed to make room for Jesus, and how we still need to make room for him in our lives today. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 a.m., followed by the worship service at 10 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church are available during worship. For those unable to attend in person, FUMC-S offers livestream on Facebook and a broadcast on WLIJ 1580 AM. Christmas Eve Candlelight Services will be at 4 p.m. and 11 p.m.

BEDFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT DEC. SCHEDULE

- Dec. 23-26: Highway Department offices closed for Christmas
- Dec. 24-26: County government offices closed for Christmas
- Dec. 24-26: County convenience centers closed for Christmas
- Dec. 30-Jan. 1: Highway Department offices closed for New Year's
- Dec. 31-Jan. 1: County government offices closed for New Year's
- Dec. 31-Jan. 1: County convenience centers closed for New Year's

CITY HALL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLOSINGS & TRASH SCHEDULE

Christmas: City Hall will be Closed on Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday Dec. 25 in observation of the Christmas holiday. Public Works will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 24 in observation of Christmas Eve. Tuesday's trash will be picked up on Monday, Dec. 23 with Monday's regular route.

Public Works will be closed on Wednesday, Dec. 25, in observation of Christmas Day. Wednesday's trash will be picked up on Thursday, Dec. 26, with Thursday's regular route.

Please be advised per the Residential Solid Waste Rules of the Shelbyville Public Works Department trash must be curbside no later than 6:00 a.m. on the scheduled day of collection. To see a complete list of Rules and Regulations please refer to the Public Works Department website https://www.shelbyvilletn.org/departments/public_works/index.php



