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HE'S MAKING A LIST...

School System Photos

Santa was special guest at Cartwright Elementary's recent STEAM Festival. See page 3 for more STEAM photos.



School board approves new athletic lighting

Money coming from savings on Cartwright Elementary

By DAWN HANKINS

They've been around the schools since the 1970s. No, we're not talking about long-time educators but outdoor athletic field lights at local schools.

Bedford County Board of Education approved last Thursday to use the $2.4 million saved through construction efforts at Cartwright Elementary to upgrade light fixtures in athletic areas at local schools.

This project is expected to start in January and continue until spring- about 7 to 9 weeks.

The sports lighting company Musco won the bid. Several crews, it was stated Thursday night, will be coming into various schools to do the work.

Board chair Michael Cook said he wasn't aware until now that TSSAA had standards regarding athletic lighting.

The board was assured by the company doing the work that it will be finished before baseball season.

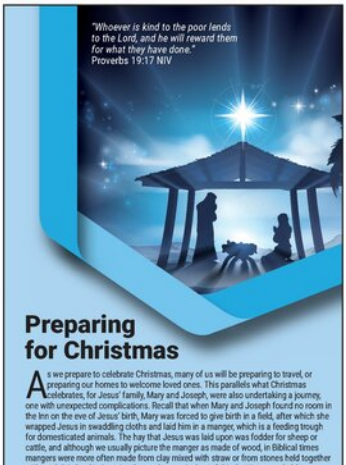
School Superintendent Tammy Garrett told the board that it is becoming impossible to order the older type of lighting. In addition, it was discussed how dark it is behind the Cascade Middle facility. So, safety measures also played into the board's unanimous decision.



30 YEARS SERVICE

Submitted Photo

Lori Saddler, purchasing agent (administration) for the City of Shelbyville recently accepted her employee award for 30 years of service. At left is City Manager Scott Collins and at right is City Councilman William Christie. Saddler began with the City in August of 1994 as the first purchasing agent with responsibility to centralize purchasing and implement purchasing policies adopted by the City Council earlier that year. "I truly enjoy my job. It's a great day when I can help City departments find the resources they need to do their jobs well at the best price," said Saddler. See more City employee service year photos on page 2 today.



Preparing for Christmas

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, many of us will be preparing to travel, or preparing our homes to welcome loved ones. This parallels what Christmas celebrates, for Jesus' family, Mary and Joseph, were also undertaking a journey, one with unexpected complications. Recall that when Mary and Joseph found no room in the Inn on the eve of Jesus' birth, Mary was forced to give birth in a field, after which she wrapped Jesus in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, which is a feeding trough for domesticated animals. The hay that Jesus was laid upon was fodder for sheep or cattle, and although we usually picture the manger as made of wood, in Biblical times mangers were more often made from clay mixed with straw or from stones held together with mud. It is hard to imagine the modern equivalent of this, but it was probably more like giving birth in the open and then placing the newborn in a wheelbarrow rather than being born in a barn or even a shed. As we consider this, we really ought to consider opening our hearts and homes (and our wallets) to the homeless, as this is precisely what Jesus' family was at this time. "Homeless" or "unhoused" or however we choose to describe them, they had nothing but the clothes on their backs, and even the swaddling cloths which Mary wrapped him in were probably borrowed from the shepherds, who used strips of cloths to wrap the lambs. It is interesting to consider how this family would be treated today in similar circumstances. Would they be helped, or would they be arrested for trespassing, or perhaps referred to a social services agency? As we prepare for Christmas, consider reaching out to the least fortunate among us. This can be as simple as buying a sandwich for someone or giving a nice tip to a service worker, or perhaps helping someone with their luggage on public transportation.

– Christopher Simon

Historical Society has Christmas program

"The Christmas Star, An Astronomer's Journey"

SUBMITTED REPORT

Bedford County Historical Society held its winter quarter meeting on Monday evening, Dec. 2, in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church on the square in Shelbyville. Bedford County's own, Billy Hix, presented a program on "The Christmas Star, An Astronomer's Journey," which featured a Christian-based, scientific search for the Star of Bethlehem using historical documents and computer simulations.

Hix's program included a computer simulation of the night sky over Bethlehem 2,000 years ago, just as it looked to the Magi as they made their way following the star.

Guests for this meeting included Libby Whitson, Ken and Tracey Corwin, Shane Baker, Larry Walker, Les and Sherri Walker, Betty Pendergrast, Rafaela Bielecki-Weyenberg, Meredith and Nicolas Higgs, Keith, Jessica and Will Cook, Sharon Bell, Rick Dickson, and Sarah, Adeline and Ellis Nance.

A potluck supper kicked off the meeting at 6:30 p.m., hosted by Larry and Patti Watkins, Marty Gordon, David and Marie Parks, Marc Majors, and Mary Ruth Simmons.

Hall decorations featured a holiday theme with floral and Christmas décor and complimenting silver and blue serving and dining table accessories.

Following the potluck meal, the Society held a business meeting to inform members of current Society initiatives.

Recording Secretary Freda Head gave the secretarial report, followed by Treasurer Hazel Foster's financial report and Carolyn Smotherman's membership status. Carolyn reported that membership in 2024 reached an all-time high of 363 members. She urged members to promptly renew their 2025 memberships during the renewal period which began on Dec. 1.

Al Simmons thanked Carolyn Smotherman, Elizabeth Saine, and the Franklin County Historical Society for materials and articles used in the Winter issue of the Quarterly. He reported that the Society is progressing toward electronic availability of past issues of the Quarterlies and that should be completed by early 2025.

The Society has ordered a historical marker for the Parsons cemetery in northern Bedford County. Delivery is expected in early April 2025 in time for the cemetery's May Decoration Day.

In other business, the next meeting of the Society Board of Directors is on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025, at the public library at 2:00 p.m.

John Cortner, Gene Williams, and Claudia Curl were elected to serve 3-year terms on the Society's Board of Directors. Simmons thanked retiring board member Vavial Jamison and the current officers and board members for their service over the previous year.

After the business meeting, Simmons introduced Hix and the evening's program.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Simmons reminded members that the next meeting will be held on March 17, 2025, at the same place and time.



Historical Society Board members John Cortner (left) and Burt English (right) chat with Society meeting speaker Billy Hix about astronomy data and Biblical references used in his program presentation, "The Christmas Star, An Astronomer's Journey."



Photos by Al Simmons

Meeting Hosts, from left, Larry Watkins, Patti Watkins, Marie Parks, David Parks, Marty Gordon, and Mary Ruth Simmons pause for a moment before serving up the Historical Society's potluck supper.

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New Community head football coach

Glenn Tidwell, talks new Opportunity with Vikings' program

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The City of Shelbyville recognized the following employees reaching long-term years of service at its annual employee recognition luncheon held on Monday, Dec. 9.



20 Years

Bill Woods (Fire)



15 Years

Front Row: L to R: Sheri Rhodes (Police); Lilia Torres (Police)
Back: Kenneth Holley (Fire)



10 Years

Front Row: L to R: Letisia Diaz (Police); Tammy Lynch (Administration)
Back Row: L to R: Ronnie Blakenship (Police); Josh Wilson (Fire)
Not Pictured: *Steve Grissom (Fire)*



25 Years

Front Row: L to R: Cindy Allen-Medley (Parks & Recreation); Glenn Campbell (Fire); Brian Redd (Fire); Ben Swing (Fire); Alicia Holliman (Administration)
Back Row: L to R: Shane George (Police) Cody King (Police); Tripp Kingree (Fire); Jerry Lawrence (Police); John Young (Fire)



5 Years

Front Row: L to R: Amber Chapman (Police); Frances Simpson (Parks & Recreation); Jacky Goodwin (Public Works); Buck Vallad (Public Works)
Back Row: L to R: Jonathan Bedwell (Public Works); Dylan Bliss (Police)
Not Pictured: *Toby Dugger (Public Works); Donnie Jacobs (Parks & Recreation); Kay Parker (Administration)*

Lee University Announces Dean's List for Fall 2024

Lee University congratulates students who earned Dean's List honors during the Fall 2024 semester. Dean's List recognition is earned by full-time, undergraduate students with a semester grade point average between 3.7 and 4.00.

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Mary Did You Know? Perhaps Not but God Did

By DAWN HANKINS
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While we make jokes about all the songs we have to listen to over and over at Christmas, where would we be without some of them in our lives this time of year.

There's probably no more beloved Christian Christmas song than "Mary Did You Know?" by Mark Lowery.

I've heard the song performed by sweet innocent children. I've seen grown ups shed tears during dance performances to the song.

It's one that has no boundaries as far as the lives it can reach.

I also love the "Magnificat" or "Mary's Song" (Luke 1:46-55)-scripture verses which have been set to every genre of music from country to opera.

Mary's Song

46 And Mary said:
"My soul glorifies the Lord
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
48 for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.
From now on all generations will call me blessed,
49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name.
50 His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.
51 He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.
52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.
53 He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.
54 He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful
55 to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors."

We don't know a lot of Mary's personal thoughts about what she felt of the future coming of The King. That wasn't her purpose. What she did throughout scripture was obey the Lord and commit to do His Will. That was her purpose-to be a vessel for The Son of God-The Messiah.

And thankfully for all of us, she did.

While we ask, "Mary Did You Know?" It's interesting to think that she didn't know we would lose so many loved ones to war in the future generations. She had no idea of the amount of poverty that would still exist 2000 years later. She didn't know the strife the world would suffer during COVID-19.

But at the end of Jesus' time on earth, she accepted the purpose of the suffering. Most of all, she realized the purpose of her son's suffering.

Jesus was born to save the people of the world from their sins. And 2,000 years later: "honestly, we just need Jesus." (Another great song more on the contemporary level by Terrian.)

This Christmas, share the hope that the tiny baby brought into this world.

As Mary said, "His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation."

No matter what your circumstances are this Christmas and New Year, know there is a peace and joy greater than no other through Jesus. Even if you're grieving, incarcerated or homeless, you are not alone.

Thank you, Mary, for being the vessel of love for Baby-King-Savior Jesus.



Submitted Photo
Scene from live nativity scene presented recently by FUMC Shelbyville on the public square.







AND TO ALL . . .
A GOOD NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY

Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library recently held a very magical visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus during its Holiday Toy Drive. Children visited with Santa to tell him what they wanted for Christmas. Santa then read "The Night Before Christmas." An impromptu caroling session began with Christmas songs in both English and Spanish. Children were invited to take home a toy and a wrapped book. The library was handing out toys last week.











COLTS HOST STEAM FESTIVAL

School System Photos

Cartwright Elementary recently hosted over 500 people for its first STEAM Night and Winter Festival. Within displays, students and teachers showcased interactive projects that incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM). The theme for the evening was Snowy Trails and Colt's Tails. There were a lot of kids who enjoyed seeing Santa as well. Students are on Christmas Break is Dec. 23 through Jan. 3. Staff Development Day is Monday, Jan. 6, so students will be out of school that day as well.

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FEATURES FROM THE BIBLE

TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

Another Promise to Abram
Genesis 15

The Lord spoke to Abram in a vision promising him protection and a great reward.

Abram complained that he had no children to inherit the blessing that God would give him. The Lord promised him as many descendants as there were stars in the sky.

Abram believed God and God counted it to him as righteousness. Although He believed, Abram asked for a sign of God fulfilling His promise.

While Abram was in a deep sleep, God told Abram about a sojourn to Egypt by his people where they would remain for 400 years and then return to the land of Canaan.

And God promised that upon their return, Abram's descendants would possess the land from the river of Egypt to the great river Euphrates.



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Tennessee Equine Hospital Expands Network of care with fifth location

Group Partnering with Wilhelm Equine Services to Form Tennessee Equine Hospital East

THOMPSON'S STATION, Tenn. – Tennessee Equine Hospital (TEH), a trusted leader in equine care across the southeast, is expanding its service area with the opening of Tennessee Equine Hospital East in Shelbyville at 2769 Highway 231 North.

TEH's fifth location is in partnership with Wilhelm Equine Services, which has served the community in Shelbyville for over 20 years.

TEH East completes the hospital group's extensive care network, with the main facility in Thompson's Station acting as a referral center for four satellite hospitals located in Gallatin and Eads, Tennessee; Harvest, Alabama; and now Shelbyville. This integrated model ensures continuity of care across all facilities, with 24/7 availability and a dedicated team.

"Our love of horses is at the heart of everything we do, and through this partnership, we are able to fulfill our dream of making quality care accessible across Tennessee – and beyond," said. Dr. Monty McInturff, Co-Owner and President of Tennessee Equine Hospital. "Dr. Richard Wilhelm brings a deep understanding of the East Tennessee equine community, and we are excited to combine our expertise and passion."

TEH East will feature a team of experienced veterinarians and support staff who will provide ambulatory services throughout the region, bringing veterinary care directly to area farms and homes at the convenience of horse owners. There are also plans for an urgent care haul-in facility to open in early 2025.

"Partnering with Tennessee Equine Hospital is a natural step forward for us," said Richard Wilhelm, DVM, founder of Wilhelm Equine Services. "I'm excited to continue serving this vibrant community, now with even more resources and direct access to Tennessee Equine's specialty team."

TEH's specialty team – one of the largest in the southeast – provides a heightened level of care for equine patients in the areas of internal medicine, emergency/critical care, surgery and sports medicine.

TEH East is now serving patients. To learn more or make an appointment, visit tnequinehospital.com or call (931) 685-1529. You can also follow TEH East on Facebook and Instagram.



About Tennessee Equine Hospital: Tennessee Equine Hospital provides exceptional medical and surgical care with a talented team of doctors and technicians focused on patient care. They are industry leaders and have established a legacy of compassionate care in the local and regional horse community.

County IT department suffering excessive demands which could surpass its capacity: Director

By DAWN HANKINS
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Bedford County IT Director Josh Carney discusses the demands on his department with Property and Courthouse Committee members. Commissioner Scott Johnson is in the background.

County IT supports technology needs of all appointed and elected offices with the exception of schools. But director Josh Carney reported recently that he's barely got enough employees to go around.

"When we first built the facility, we added a person to our team," Carney said at the monthly Property and Courthouse Committee meeting. "We currently have four people right now in the IT department."

Carney said he's working with County Mayor Chad Graham on how to best plan for the future. But for now, he's just trying to manage all the County's technology needs.

"Not only are we supporting the in-users, the need for our IT people is increasing and we can only be in so many places at one time," said Carney.

For example, the court system is such now that a lot of younger attorneys coming on board are requiring more access to televisions that they can use for presentations and to display photos of evidence.

This is turning into a necessity as opposed to an option, according to Carney.

He further advised that a couple years ago, the County court system would occasionally use the available information system-the one IT put in a few years back. It wasn't something used every session because it involved time and technical abilities.

Now, someone from IT has to be out there to support the court system all the time, according to Carney.

He told property committee members that with all the added technology over the years, there's now a greater need to help the public and users/employees. He's confident of that.

He said three or four IT employees have been moved to different areas. "We were moving them back and forth between the justice center complex and this side of town. It's a 7 mile drive out there from this building."

He added, "We're finding now that we have to have someone out there full-time. That takes away from the staff here."

He mentioned the new juvenile detention center which IT will be heavily involved in once it is built out at the justice complex. He said 9-1-1 upgrades are coming and other new facilities are planned to be built with technology systems.

Then there are the older buildings the County maintains. He said even the archives building needs IT attention.

He advised the committee that some techs are also having to work at night to support EMS or corrections. County events like the Christmas event on the square held earlier this month also require IT presence, he said.

Carney added that the 10-year ago statements, "We can't compare Bedford County to . . . Williamson County" has faded away with increased population.

Carney said he's sought out suggestions from IT departments in larger neighboring counties. He asked them about how they're going about creating life cycle plans for their computer hardware.

He said he's been talking with Mayor Graham about a software cycle plan. He said it can get expensive when there's 200 computers at $1,000 each and the standard is for the County to cycle out every 5 years and the school system every 3. (The school system has its own IT department.)

He said Rutherford County has departments solely dedicated to just social media and streaming. Carney said his IT department manages all the streaming and social media as well.

"We are limited on our resources. As we go into a season of preparing a budget, we're going to look into that because there may be a need for an additional person at some time."

Property and Courthouse Committee Chair Drew Hooker asked Carney about his reference to 9-1-1 and sheriff's department IT support, since they have separate funding sources inside the County budget. He also asked Carney if the IT department has been reimbursed for IT services from other County departments.

He agreed about the potential reimbursements. Carney advised much has changed in the IT landscape over the last few years.

Carney advised that the IT department was initially created as just a support position which came out of the finance department. Then it was moved under the planning and zoning department with Chris White.

In 2015, the County created the IT department and separated it out as it operates today. He and Josh Wiseman, he said, who worked for planning at that time, were the ones moved into the IT department.

He said the different departments had their own hardware budgets. But now Carney's looking into the bigger picture of the IT department's financial needs.

Hooker advised 9-1-1, the judicial department, etc. are separate funds within the County's general budget. For example, 9-1-1 is a line item funded by cell phone payments, etc.

He said some departmental funds may need to be moved to compensate the IT department. Hooker advised Carney how this needs to be studied in order to see what type of loss in funds is potentially being incurred by IT.

Carney said while it's all manageable, he, as director, just needs to have control over fiscal aspects. "When you start putting money into small budgets, it can be difficult to track. I'm trying to get a bigger picture view of that and explain to the mayor, and work with the mayor, to determine what the big picture looks like down the road."

"There is an increase on software services every year, 10% increase historically on software alone, " said Carney. "If you're spending $200,000 on software every year, that's significant every single year. We've got to plan down the road."

The IT director clarified that his department doesn't spend A LOT of time with 9-1-1 services. But safety is always inadvertently connected to the bigger picture. He said a synergy between his department, again, charged with information safety, and 9-1-1, in case of an emergency or disaster.

But as for the justice center, that's different, he said. The administrative office of courts (AOC), Carney explained, used to be on site every day and support all those computer systems. He advised that the plan now is for the court clerks to call upon the County IT department for in-house support.

"They're trying to move to that model, which puts a little more strain on me and my people, right?

I just want to try to give a realistic view . . . only so many resources we have. We might want to look at augmenting that at some point so that we can provide the same level of service we've been able to provide the last 12 years."

Hooker said his recommendation would be for the Property and Courthouse Committee to move this conversation to the County Finance Committee for review.

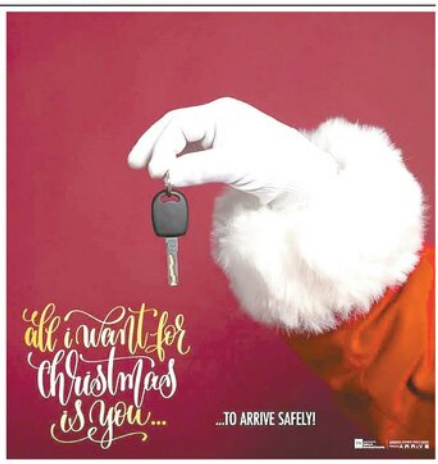
Serving on the Property and Courthouse Committee with Commissioner Hooker are Commissioners Troy Thompson, Diane Neeley, Keith Davis and Adam Thomas. Davis and Thomas were absent for this month's meeting but there was still a quorum.



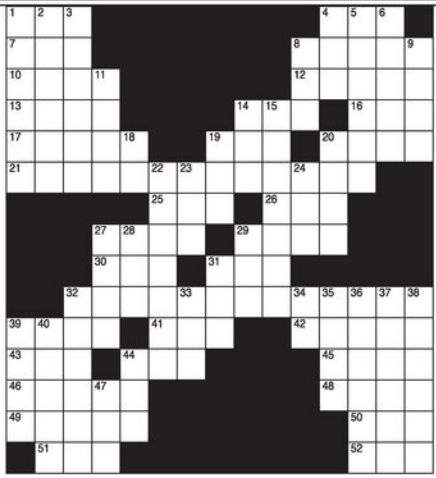
NEW SHELBYVILLE POLICE OFFICER

SPD Photo

Shelbyville Police Department recently welcomed Officer Cameron Brooks to SPD. After completing the field training program, Officer Brooks will officially join the patrol division.



Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

1. Central processing unit
4. Taxi
7. Body part
8. Papal court
10. Young women making their public debuts
12. Metal shackles
13. Joseph's wife
14. Licensed professional
16. Partner to cheese
17. Mild fruits
19. File format
20. Province of Indonesia
21. Beloved grilled foods
25. Bar bill
26. Don't know when yet
27. Whale ship captain
29. Touches softly
30. Mock
31. Red-brown Pacific sea bream
32. Summer entertainment options
39. Protective crust
41. Cool!
42. Behave in a way that belittles
43. Denial
44. A place to sleep
45. Electronic counter-countermeasures
46. Intestinal pouches
48. SE Asia family of languages
49. Sound
50. Select
51. Give the impression of dishonesty
52. Witness

CLUES DOWN

1. Of cadmium
2. Deliver a sermon
3. Inner regions of a shadow
4. Aggressive dog
5. Smells
6. Twofold
8. Former OSS
9. Computer language
11. Indian groom
14. Automobile
15. Hairstyle
18. Atomic #76
19. Guy (slang)
20. Ladies' undergarments
22. Furniture with open shelves
23. Back-arc basin
24. Partner to flow
27. A type of horse
28. Possesses
29. Split pulses
31. Small amount
32. Flat-bottomed riverboat
33. Not good
34. Atomic #31
35. Assist in committing a crime
36. Chauvinists
37. Get away
38. One of a people who speaks a Semitic language
39. Civil rights college organization
40. Combustible dark rocks
44. Grocery container
47. Central nervous system

Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

You are likely to question information you receive this week, Aries. Investigate things further, but remain receptive to what others are saying.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, it is time to solidify plans and any grand schemes you may have; otherwise, you may not know which path to take. For now, start outlining your ideas.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Practice your communication skills, Gemini, as you are likely to need them this week. You may need to resolve a sticky situation and serve as a voice of reason.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, this week you may be looking to clean house, so to say. You are tossing away old beliefs and habits and are ready to embrace something new. It might be an exciting time.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, everything that you are going through right now is part of a cycle that has a beginning and an end. If you wait it out, you will find that patience pays off.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, maintain open lines of communication. Some may offer advice, while others may seek it. Be receptive to the former and do your best to accommodate the latter.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Do what you can to help others in need, Libra. Offer your services and insight, and be prepared to help in other ways as well.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you are giving off an energy lately that others might be attracted to. Don't be surprised if your fan club increases in the next few days. Enjoy the attention.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Communication from a former friend or an old roommate may catch you by surprise this week, Sagittarius. Embrace this opportunity to reconnect.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, you've been waiting patiently to say something and looking for an opportunity to share your input. You might need to interrupt if you feel it is important enough.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Your mind feels as if it's going in a million different directions, Aquarius. One way to alleviate distractions is to direct your energy to an assortment of small projects.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, sometimes it seems like what you are saying is going in one ear and out the other. Don't let your frustration get the best of you. Keep trying to be heard.

DECEMBER HOLIDAYS WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

AFRICA
BIRTH
BLESSING
CANDLES
CELEBRATION
CORN
DREIDEL
EIGHT
EVE
FAITHFUL
GELT
HALLEL
HANUKKIYAH
HARAMBEE
IMANI
KISLEV
KUJICHAGULIA
KUUMBA
KWANZAA
LATKES
LIGHTS
MACCABEE
MENORAH
MIRACLE
NIA
OIL
PARTY
REDEDICATION
RELIGION
RESOLUTION
SHAMASH
SUFGANIYOT
TEMPLE
UJIMA
UMOJA
YULE

SUDOKU

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

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Level: Beginner

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Level: Intermediate

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Level: Advanced

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER 29
Jude Law, Actor (52)
DECEMBER 30
LeBron James, Athlete (40)
DECEMBER 31
Val Kilmer, Actor (65)
JANUARY 1
Poppy, Singer (30)
JANUARY 2
Dax Shepard, Actor (50)
JANUARY 3
Eli Manning, Athlete (44)
JANUARY 4
Coco Jones, Actress (27)

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 exparte. This the 6TH day of December, 2024.

Solicitors for Plaintiff: HUNTER FOWLER (121214tc)

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 52 minutes East, 150.00 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 208 (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 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 (121193tc)

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Default having been made in the terms, conditions, provisions and payments made and provided for in a Deed of Trust dated February 10, 2005, executed by James Womack and Ada Womack, husband and wife, to FMLS, Inc., Trustee, and recorded in Book TD578, Page 340 in the Register's Office for Bedford County, Tennessee, to secure the indebtedness therein described to AmSouth Bank, and the entire indebtedness having been called due and payable as provided in said deed of trust by FirstBank as successor-in-interest to AmSouth Bank, and said payment not having been made, and the lawful owner and holder of said indebtedness having appointed the undersigned, David G. Mangum, as substitute trustee by written instrument dated November 12, 2024, recorded in Book TD1137, Page 919 in the above mentioned Register's Office, notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned substitute trustee, or my designated agent, under the power and authority vested in me by said deed of trust, and having been requested to do so by the lawful owner and holder of said debt, will on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 10:30 am at the main entrance of the Bedford County Courthouse located at 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160 sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, free from the equity of redemption, homestead and dower, and all other exemptions and rights of every kind, all of which are expressly waived in said deed of trust, the following described tract or parcel of land more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land situated in the Seventh (7th) Civil District of Bedford County, State of Tennessee, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Same being Lots #68, #69 and #70 and the adjoining 5 feet of Lot #67, Block "F" of the Highlands Subdivision to the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee. A plat of which is of record in Deed Book 30, Page 326, Register's Office, Beford County, Tennessee to which reference is here made for a more complete and accurate description.

DEED REFERENCE:

Being the same property conveyed to Jim Womack and Ada Womack hold a life estate by deed recorded 09/28/1998 in the Register's Office for Bedford County, in Book 227, Page 417.

Subject to any and all existing ROW, easements, setback lines and restrictive covenants of record in said Register's Office.

This description was taken from the deed of trust being foreclosed on of record in Book TD578, Page 340, said Register's Office.

TAX MAP-PARCEL NO.: 089O-E-022.00
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 305 Carter Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160, as shown on the tax maps for the Assessor of Property for Bedford County, TN.

This sale is subject to any and all unpaid real estate taxes; restrictive covenants, easements and setback lines; any and all redemption rights, including rights of redemption of any governmental agency, State or Federal, and any and all prior liens or encumbrances against said real property. Said sale is further subject to matters that an accurate survey of the property might disclose.

The property sold pursuant to this notice shall be sold "AS IS" and neither the Substitute Trustee nor the beneficiary of the Deed of Trust, nor any agent or attorney therefore, makes or shall make any warranty, whether express or implied, as to the condition, quality or quantity thereof, including, but not limited to, the enforceability of any lease affecting the property, the existence or absence of defaults under or the effect or this sale upon the rights of any party under such lease. The Substitute Trustee shall make no warranty of title, express or implied, and will sell and convey the subject real property by Substitute Trustee's Deed only.

The substitute trustee may adjourn or postpone the aforementioned sale of real property by public announcement at such time and place of sale, and from time to time thereafter may postpone such sale by public announcement at the time and place fixed by the preceding postponement or subsequently noticed sale, and without further notice make such sale at the time fixed by the last postponement, or may, in its discretion, give a new notice of sale. If applicable, the Notice requirements of T.C.A. § 35-5-117 have been met.

The failure of any high bidder to pay the purchase price and close the sale shall, at the option of the Substitute Trustee, be cause for rejection of the bid, and, if the bid is rejected, the Substitute Trustee shall have the option of making the sale to the next highest bidder who is ready, willing, and able to comply with the terms thereof. The proceeds derived from the sale of the property will be applied as provided for in said deed of trust.

Terms of sale:	Cash
Substitute Trustee:	David G. Mangum
Substitute Trustee	
2303 8th Avenue South	
Nashville, TN 37204	
(615) 255-8690	
Interested Parties:	Bedford County Trustee Bedford County Clerk & Master
Publish Newspaper:	Shelbyville Times Gazette
Editions dated:	12/26/24, 1/2/25, 1/9/25
File #76345 (12-26-3tc)	

Tennessee's Electors Cast Electoral College Ballots



NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Tennessee's presidential electors gathered at the State Capitol on Dec. 17 to cast their ballots for Donald J. Trump for President of the United States, and JD Vance for Vice President of the United States.

"Tennessee's electors casting their ballots marks the conclusion of our electoral process," said Secretary Hargett. "This achievement is the culmination of months of hard work, and dedication by our Division of Elections, administrators in all 95 counties, the more than 19,000 poll workers whose efforts resulted in an accurate and secure presidential election, and 3.08 million voters who cast their votes in the presidential election."

The Volunteer State has 11 of the total 538 electoral votes that make up the U.S. Electoral College. Each state gets two at-large electors and one elector for each congressional district. Tennessee has nine congressional districts.

"By casting ballots, our electors are ensuring the voices of Tennessee voters are reflected accurately in the Electoral College process," said Coordinator of Elections Mark Goins. "Thanks to all who joined us today, as well as those who stepped up to serve their communities during the 2024 election cycle."

By law, Tennessee is a winner-take-all state. In the Nov. 5, 2024, general election Donald J. Trump and JD Vance received 1,966,865 votes, and Kamala D. Harris and Tim Walz received 1,056,265 votes. Therefore, the presidential electors representing Tennessee were those chosen by the Tennessee Republican Party's executive committee.

The electors who cast Tennessee's U.S. Electoral College ballots were:

Congressional District 1: Linda D. Buckles
Congressional District 2: Jane Chedester
Congressional District 3: Emily Beaty
Congressional District 4: Jim Sandman
Congressional District 5: Ron McDow
Congressional District 6: Terri Nicholson
Congressional District 7: Larry Hillis
Congressional District 8: Lee Mills
Congressional District 9: Tina McElravey
At-Large 1: Lee Beaman
At-Large 2: Charlotte Kelley

For more information about the 2024 election including official results visit sos.tn.gov.

Ascend Federal Credit Union Contributes $12,556 to Susan G. Komen® in Central Tennessee

Ascend Federal Credit Union, announced today it has donated $12,556 to Susan G. Komen Central Tennessee. The contribution includes $10,000 from the credit union – $5,000 to sponsor the 2024 fundraising initiative the MORE THAN PINK Walk and $5,000 to sponsor the VI-Pink Backstage Bash. The contribution also includes $2,556 donated by Ascend employees. The money will help fund local breast cancer detection and support projects for those with critical needs, with the goal of eliminating barriers to life-saving services.

Ascend employees contributed to the fundraising campaign by participating in an employee fundraising program during October. Including this year's donation, Ascend employees have raised $24,909 for Susan G. Komen since 2018.

"Susan G. Komen is deeply grateful for Ascend's continued partnership in our mission to end breast cancer," said Joshua Daniel, Executive Director of Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi at Susan G. Komen. "This generous contribution will assist those facing not only the physical challenges of their health journey, but also the financial strain it often brings. Ascend's support empowers us to bridge the gap between diagnosis and quality care, ensuring that no one has to choose between life-saving treatment and everyday necessities."

"As we mark our 21st year of partnership with Susan G. Komen, Ascend Federal Credit Union remains committed to the fight against breast cancer," said Matt Jernigan, Ascend president and CEO. "This collaboration reflects not just our corporate values, but the unwavering dedication of our employees to making a tangible difference. Together, we're not only funding vital care but also investing in a future where breast cancer no longer threatens the lives and well-being of our friends, family, and neighbors in Middle Tennessee."

Susan G. Komen, the world's leading breast cancer organization, is focused on saving lives and creating a world without breast cancer. Since 1982, Susan G. Komen has collectively invested $1.1 billion in lifesaving breast cancer research. In the state of Tennessee, 1,900 people each week seek help and information from Komen and 95 counties in the Tennessee area are served by Susan G. Komen.

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City Hall New Year Day Closing & Shelbyville Trash Schedule

City Offices including Public Works will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2025, in observation of New Year's Day. Wednesday's trash will be picked up on Thursday, January 2nd 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

www.shelbyvilletn.org/publicworks.htm

Lisa Smith, City Recorder
Buck Vallad, Public Works Director

PUBLIC HEARING

The Shelbyville City Council will hold a Public Hearing on the following Ordinance at the Council Chambers, Planning & Codes Building, 100 N. Cannon Blvd, Shelbyville, Tennessee at their Regular Session Meeting of January 8, 2025, at 6:00 PM. Anyone wishing to view the Ordinances may do so during normal business hours at City Hall, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ordinances

An Ordinance of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee to approve the rezoning of all portions of approximately (+/-) 1.7 acres owned by DCC Strategic Realty Partners, LLC, addressed as 426 Dover Street and further referenced in Bedford County Tax Records as Tax Map 079, Parcel 041.00 and attached as Exhibit "A" from Residential-1 (Low Density Residential), to Residential-2, (Medium Density Residential) and repealing any ordinance or portion of ordinance in Conflict therewith.

Lisa Smith, City Recorder

Edwin Lee Ruth



Edwin Lee Ruth, Jr., age 77, of Shelbyville, passed from this life on November 22, 2024, at his home. A Celebration of Life service was held 1:00 p.m. Saturday, December 21, 2024, at the Fellowship for Christ Church with brother Ray Armstrong officiating. Visitation with the family was held prior to memorial services beginning at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, at the church.

Originally a native of Baltimore, MD Edwin was born on August 17, 1947, to the late Edwin Lee Ruth Sr. and Eileen Dorothy Kriener Ruth. Along with his parents he is preceded in death by his daughter, Kara O'Carroll, one brother and two sisters.

Edwin served his country in the U.S. Army for 21 years (December 29,1964 - December 31,1985) as a food service specialist and motor transport operator. A career that led him to many places throughout the world including serving in Vietnam.

He worked as a district manager for KFC for many years before retiring in 2010. He always enjoyed the food service industry and the people he worked with. In his free time, he enjoyed watching westerns, action movies, and simply relaxing at home with the family and pets.

He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Tina Lynn Beebe Ruth; children, Krisi (Kyle) Turner of TX, and Derick (Gabriella) Ruth of Shelbyville; and grandchildren, Adelyn O'Carroll, Kaylee Ruth, Eileen O'Carroll, Kara Ruth, Khristy Ruth, Karalynn Turner, and Zoe Turner. He is also survived by his brother Allen Ruth, and many nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project @ www.woundedwarriorproject.org, Paralyzed Veterans of America @ www.pva.org, or to the Special Olympics @ www.support.specialolympics.org.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Janie Bartlette



Janie Bartlette, age 99, of Shelbyville, passed away Monday, December 16, 2024.

Graveside services were 10 AM Saturday, December 21, 2024, at Willow Mount Cemetery in Shelbyville.

She was born October 16, 1925, in Shelbyville, to the late Carl Brandon and Mattie Frost Brandon. She was a lifelong educator and taught business courses at Central High School. She held membership at First Christian Church, enjoyed being a member of the Shelbyville Garden Club, and had a passion for antiquing.

Also preceding her in death was her first husband, William Hulan and second husband, Roy Bartlette, as well as a daughter, Laurel Hulan Coleman. She was the last surviving of six siblings, Boone Brandon, Naomi Milner, Morton Brandon, Coy Brandon, and Joy Brown, all preceding her in death.

Her caregivers in recent years were, her nieces, Linda Kilpatrick of Winchester, and Connie Gowen, of Nashville; and three loving caregivers, Iris Rieben of Franklin, Patsy Porter, of Wartrace and Jim Walls, of Murfreesboro; and also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Delphie Hicks Burrahm



Delphie Hicks Burrahm, 82, of Shelbyville, died December 17, 2024. Funeral Services were held 11:00 A.M. Saturday, December 21st, at Hillcrest Funeral Home Rev. Rob McKamey officiating. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation was Friday evening from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

She was born April 20, 1942, in Marion County, former employee of the F.B.I., Washington, D.C.; Tyson Foods and Fly's Manufacturing. She was an avid bowler and a member of Northfork Baptist Church.

Delphie was preceded in death by her parents, James Leslie Hicks, Lillie Marie Layne Hicks and her husband, Raymond Eugene Burrahm.

She is survived by two sons, Roger Eugene Burrahm (Monica), Josh Burrahm (Casey); five grandchildren, Makayla Foster, Mya Burrahm, Montana Burrahm, Caroline Burrahm and Jack Burrahm; sisters, Roberta Batten, Imogene McGowan (Wayne), Dalphine Shadrick (Jerry), Lorene Blackburn (Durward) and brother, Jerry Hicks.

Frederick Neal Hicks



Frederick Neal Hicks of Shelbyville, formerly of Eaton Rapids, Michigan, passed away December 15, 2024, at the age of 76.

Neal was born in Lansing, Michigan on December 12, 1948, the son of Frederick and Phyllis (Olin) Hicks. He went on to serve as a missionary in Japan for much of his life, later returning to the U.S., specifically Nashville, to minister to the Japanese community living there. He loved connecting with people and doing his best to genuinely care for them, which included cooking for and counseling those in need. When he wasn't working, he loved spending time with his wife and kids, driving his Corvette and playing golf.

Neal is survived by his wife, Shirley Hicks of Shelbyville; children, Neal (Neeva Chitrakar) Hicks Akasaka of Nashville and Phillip (Marina Pearce) Hicks Akasaka of Orlando, FL; granddaughter, Ayana Chitrakar Akasaka; brother, Michael Hicks. He is preceded in death by his first wife, Mari Akasaka Hicks; siblings, Karen Glynn and Candice Hardenburg.

A Funeral Service was held at the First United Methodist Church of Eaton Rapids on Saturday, December 21, 2024, at 10:30 am with visitation from 9:00-10:30 am. Interment followed the service in Rosehill Cemetery.

For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to Crossroads of the Nations, 7116 Crossroads Blvd, Brentwood TN 37027 in loving memory of Frederick Neal Hicks.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Mills Funeral Home, Shelly-Odell in Eaton Rapids. To leave condolences for the family, visit our website www.millsfuneral.com.

Eunice Alvenia Sudberry



Eunice Alvenia McCarty Sudberry, age 92, of Shelbyville, passed away Wednesday, December 18, 2024.

Funeral services will be 11:00 AM Monday, December 23, 2024, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Rev. Lisa Cook will be officiating. Burial will follow at Willow Mount Cemetery.

Visitation will be 9:00 AM until service time, Monday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Sudberry was born February 21, 1932, in Bell Buckle, to the late James Freeman and Albeulah Elliot McCarty. She worked for many years in manufacturing for GE in Murfreesboro.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Danor Landers Sudberry, Jr. in 1999; they were wed in 1947. Also preceding her in death was her brother, Carlton "Mac" McCarty, a sister, Jesse Lee Hart, and a grandson, William Christopher Moore.

She is survived by her daughter, Diane Jernigan and Marie Moore, both of Shelbyville; seven grandchildren, Michael (Cheryl) Moore, Jeff (Sandy) Moore, Monte (Lacy) Moore, all of Shelbyville, Eric (Tisha) Jernigan, of Texas, Christopher (Julia) Jernigan, of Coffee County, Phillips Jernigan, of Shelbyville, and Samuel Jernigan, of Franklin, TN; twelve great grandchildren, Lance Moore, Jesa Moore, Addison Moore, Matthew Moore, Zeda Moore, Aveli Moore, Kiala Moore, Nacolda Moore, Mereedes Jernigan, Maedyn Jernigan, Alexander Jernigan, and Teagan Jernigan; and one great-grandson, Koagrey Moore.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

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How to host a New Year's brunch



New Year's Day unofficially marks the end of the holiday season. After the turkey and trimmings of Thanksgiving and the gifts galore of Christmas and Chanukah, New Year's presents one final chance to toast to fun and fortune. Chances are good that after an evening of ringing in the New Year and dancing until dawn, most people sleep in and catch up on a few extra hours sleep on January 1. Breakfast may come and go before tired revelers are ready to greet the day. That is what makes brunch so popular on January 1. Brunch is a meal eaten in the late morning or early afternoon — generally between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. It consists of a blend of breakfast and lunch foods. Historical evidence suggests that brunch originated in the British upper classes in the late 19th century. Many upper-class people gave servants partial or full days off on Sundays. Staff would set out buffet spreads in the morning before leaving, enabling homeowners to graze among breakfast and lunch items. It may be challenging to compete with the excitement of New Year's Eve, but a New Year's Day brunch can be just as memorable, especially when planning is a priority.

- **Send invitations early on.** The holiday season is a busy time and people often commit to invitations early on. If you want to host certain guests at the brunch, send out those invitations several weeks in advance.
- **Keep it intimate.** Individuals will be feeling the effects of a late night of partying and it's likely you will be as well. Make things easier on yourself by keeping the guest list on the small side. In turn, there will be less food required and perhaps less mess to clean up afterward.
- **Serve familiar foods.** Brunch combines the best of breakfast and lunch. Guests will be expecting some of the standards, including omelets, French toast, bagels, deli meats, and salads. If you want to get creative, change up these recipes in subtle ways, such as serving French toast stick dippers with a warm maple-caramel dipping sauce or bite-sized omelets baked in small ramekins.
- **Keep the coffee flowing.** Coffee, teas and hot chocolate are great at brunch. It's easier to recover from New Year's Eve overindulgence with a warm jolt of caffeine. Set up a nice beverage bar, and be sure to include other drinks that enable guests to rehydrate after a night of revelry.
- **Keep it simple.** Soft music and nice conversation may be all that's needed to entertain during a New Year's brunch. Another low-key option is to queue up a lighthearted movie or play a relatively easy trivia game.

New Year's brunches can close the door on another successful holiday season with a relaxing afternoon spent in the company of family and friends.



Wrap up this app at your holiday cocktail party

Cocktail parties feature prominently on social schedules each holiday season. Such get-togethers are convenient because the foods and beverages served are designed to be small and portable. That can save any holiday host time in the kitchen. There may be plenty of prepared foods in the grocer's freezer that can be served for gatherings, but the taste of easy, homemade offerings can mingle with the time-savers when guests arrive. "Bacon-Wrapped Goat Cheese Stuffed Dates" are an easily prepared appetizer that pairs sweet with savory. Even better, these morsels are delicious served warm out of the oven or can be eaten at room temperature when late-arriving guests stroll in. Wrap up cocktail party spreads with this recipe, courtesy of "Spectacular Spreads: 50 Amazing Food Spreads for Any Occasion" (Rock Point) by Meagan Brown.

Bacon-Wrapped Goat Cheese Stuffed Dates

Makes 16

16 pitted dates
8 thin slices bacon, halved
4 ounces creamy goat cheese
Toothpicks
Hot honey, for garnishing
Chopped fresh parsley, for garnishing

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Lightly grease a rimmed baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside.

If your dates are not already pitted, slice the dates lengthwise on one side, but not all the way through, to create an opening. Remove the pit.

Using a teaspoon measure, fill the cavity of each date with a heaping teaspoon of the goat cheese and then gently press the sides together to close a bit.

Wrap each date with a half slice of bacon and secure with a toothpick. Arrange the bacon-wrapped dates on the prepared baking sheet. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes, turning the dates halfway through so the bacon is evenly cooked. Transfer the bacon-wrapped dates to a serving platter and drizzle with the hot honey. Garnish with the parsley. Serve warm or at room temperature.



Cooking with a Veteran assists during Christmas season

Photos by Christy Maxwell Fuentes





Cooking with a Veteran Inc. 501c3 in Bedford County collected donations to present Bedford County Veteran Service Office and the Alvin C. York VA Medical Center with 50 x $100.00 Grocery Shopping Cards to be distributed to veterans in need in the middle Tennessee area. Twenty cards were presented to Karah Cox and Benjamin Fley of Bedford County Veteran Services and another 30 to Thomas Gallagher and Adam Sykes of the Alvin C. York VA Medical Center in Murfreesboro. This is the main program through Cooking with a Veteran Inc. which aims to help veterans and their families put food on their tables. Since starting the program in June, Cooking with a Veteran has been able to help 120 veterans through Middle TN with Grocery Shopping Cards.

Also donated were gift bags presented by the Bedford County Senior Service Providers, presented by Amanda Lankford, Kala Hargrove, and Marissa Grinstead, which included toiletry items, blankets and small gifts. Also donated from Andrea Lovvorn of the New Covenant Christian Bookstore were books by Ret. Lt. Col. Herman C. Statum Vietnam Veteran books Ethos: Challenges of Right and Wrong, as well as Handmade Christmas cards from Co-Director Jesus Fuentes kids Landon and Jesus Fuentes III through their school Kittrell Elementary with special thanks to Mr. Anderson, Kittrell Rising Lady's Society, Dr. Boyd, Mrs. Campbell.

Wrap up a loaf of tasty bread for others this season

This holiday season, think about giving a loaf of fresh bread to someone in need. This Lemon Quick Bread, shared by the Dairy Alliance, wraps nicely and fits beautifully into decorative bags.

Maybe there's someone in your area who needs this comfort food?

These make great gifts for friends and family as well.

Lemon Quick Bread

PREP TIME: 20 minutes
COOK TIME: 1 hour
SERVINGS: 1 loaf
TOTAL TIME: 1 hour and 20 minutes

Ingredients
For Bread:
1/3 cup butter
3/4 cup milk
2 eggs, beaten
3/4 cup sugar
2 cups flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon lemon zest
For Glaze:
Lemon, juice
2 tablespoons sugar
Notes: Source of recipe: Tennessee Technological University Dietetic students

Instructions
Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Use butter to grease bread loaf pan. TIP: Save your butter wrappers! They are great for greasing pans.

Cream butter and sugar together until well combined.

Add eggs and lemon rind (about 1 tbsp). Mix well.

Add some of the flour to mixture, then some milk, alternating until all ingredients are combined. End with flour.

Pour into greased pan and bake for 55 minutes to 1 hour. Check with a toothpick for doneness; it should come out clean.

Combine lemon juice (about 1 tbsp) and sugar. Pour over hot loaf in pan and let cool 10 minutes before turning out of pan. Enjoy!

Great Bake for any occasion

(Family Features) If blustery conditions are giving you the blues, come inside from the cold for a winter warmup in the comfort of your own kitchen. Cold-weather favorites that are baked, roasted or slow cooked are usually equal parts easy, delicious and filling, making them perfect solutions for chilly, perhaps snowy, days.

Add a bit of comfort to your weeknight menu with this Loaded Chicken Bake that's ready in about half an hour. A short list of ingredients and allowing your oven to do most of the work for you mean it's ideal for saving time (and money at the grocery store) while still satisfying winter appetites.

Loaded Chicken Bake

Recipe courtesy of Hungry In LA
Prep time: 20 minutes • Cook time: 15 minutes
Servings: 8

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 2 cans (15 ounces each) READ German Potato Salad
- 4 cups shredded rotisserie chicken or other cooked chicken
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon finely ground black pepper
- 3/4 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cups crumbled, cooked bacon
- French fried onions (optional), plus additional for serving (optional) divided

1 . Preheat oven to 375 F.
2. Lightly coat 9-by-13-inch baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.
3. Spread German potato salad evenly in dish. Top evenly with chicken.
4. In small bowl, stir heavy cream, salt and pepper. Pour mixture over chicken.
5. Sprinkle with cheese, bacon and onions, if desired.
6. Bake 15 minutes, or until casserole is bubbly. Let stand 10 minutes. Top with additional onions, if desired.





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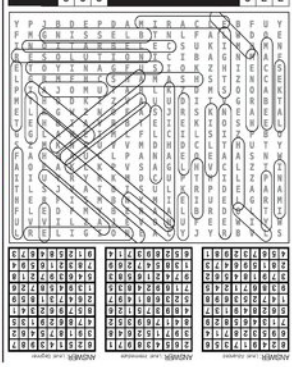
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Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen held its Christmas Dinner last week. Gifts were available for wish list guests, the homeless of the community and other special guests. There is no excuse to be hungry in this community, which one person said happens because of a community with a big, big, heart.









Middle Tennessee Hangs on to Beat Lipscomb 67-65 in Final 2024 Home Game

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn.— With less than 10 seconds on the clock and the ball in Lipscomb guard Will Pruitt's hands, Middle Tennessee fans cheered loudly as the ball rolled off Pruitt's fingertips. The three-point attempt smacked off the backboard and into Middle Tennessee's Essam Mostafa's hands for his 10th and final rebound of the night. The big man let out a yell that could be heard over the raucous crowd, signifying the end of a hard-fought 67-65 win for Middle Tennessee (9-3, 0-0 CUSA) over the Lipscomb Bisons (7-5, 0-0 ASUN).

Middle Tennessee was able to storm out to a quick five-point advantage thanks to a step-back three-pointer followed by a nice mid-range jumper from Justin Bufford to give the Blue Raiders an early 13-8 advantage heading into the game's first media timeout. Both teams traded blows throughout the rest of the first half, with each also surviving cold spells that spanned over three minutes in total scoring droughts.

Coming into the game, Middle Tennessee ranked fifth in the country nationally in defending the three-pointer, with the fifth lowest three-point field goal percentage allowed. In the first half, the Blue Raiders held the Bisons to a mere 10% from beyond the arc, which helped Middle Tennessee to a 37-30 advantage on the scoreboard at the half.

Though Camryn Weston had a 30-point outburst Monday night against California Baptist, the Blue Raiders had a balanced offensive attack, and that remained the same throughout the first half tonight against Lipscomb. At the break, Middle Tennessee had a total of five players that had at least five points. That list included: Jlynn Counter (6), Jestin Porter (7), Kamari Lands (5), Bufford (5) and Tre Green (5). Lipscomb was paced on the scoreboard by big man Jacob Ognacevic, who had 15 first-half points to go along with two rebounds.

Middle Tennessee led by as much as 10 points at 54-44 with just over 10 minutes to go in the game, but the Bisons wouldn't go away. With 5:54 to go, Lipscomb came all the way back to tie the game at 62 a piece before Porter hit the eventual game-winning floater for Middle Tennessee with just over a minute to go.

In the second half, a big advantage that helped the Blue Raiders was their consistency at the free-throw line. Middle Tennessee continued to limit Lipscomb's ability to shoot the three, as the Bison's final three-point field goal percentage on the night was 22% on 4-of-18 from long range. Middle Tennessee also did great work on the boards, outrebounding Lipscomb 47-29. Mostafa led the charge with 10 rebounds. Porter had eight boards and Bufford and Torey Alston also had five a piece.

Ognacevic continued to lead the way in the second half for Lipscomb, as the big man finished with 32 points on 12-of-18 from the field. For Middle Tennessee, two-guard Porter led the way with 14 points and eight rebounds. Mostafa had 12 points and 10 rebounds, good for his seventh double-double of the year. A trio of Blue Raiders that included Alston, Counter and Lands finished with eight points.

By the Numbers:

4: Lipscomb is the fourth opponent the Blue Raiders have faced this season that was picked to win its conference.

22%: The final three-point field goal percentage for Lipscomb. Middle Tennessee was only allowing opponents to shoot 24.6% from distance coming into the night.

47:29: The rebounding margin in tonight's contest, in favor of the Blue Raiders.

Player's Perspective: SR G Jestin Porter

"We knew it was going to be a tough one," Porter said. "After every timeout and at the start of the first and second half, they liked to go to those backdoor plays, so we tried to really be aware of that. We missed a lot of shots (down low) and they got a lot of fouls called for them in the second half, so we had to battle. I just want to give a shoutout to my teammates. We've been watching a lot of film and we've been really locked in over these past few games. It was packed in here tonight. We'd love for everyone to keep coming back out."

McDevitt's Mic:

"We talked about being able to string together multiple stops in the last media timeout," said Head Coach Nick McDevitt. "We got two in a row coming into that timeout and nearly three. I told the guys we'd need one more to win, and we got that. We got a big stop at the end to win. You can see why Ognacevic was the preseason player of the year in their conference. He's a matchup nightmare and can shoot with good foot speed. (Lipscomb's) a great team. Anytime you can find a way to beat them, you have to earn it. Fortunately, we got a few offensive rebounds that really helped down the stretch."

Blue Raiders Snap Two-Game Skid, Route Cal Baptist 74-54

MT ATHLETICS

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders (8-4) return to the win column in their final game prior to the winter break with a dominant 74-54 win over the Cal Baptist Lancers (2-11) as part of the WAC/CUSA Challenge at the Dale E. and Sarah Ann Fowler Events Center.

Despite the lopsided final score, the opening seven minutes of the first quarter remained relatively even on the offensive end with the Blue Raiders controlling an 11-7 lead at the 3:17-minute mark. MTSU would close out the quarter on a 10-3 scoring run, jumping out to a 21-10 advantage.

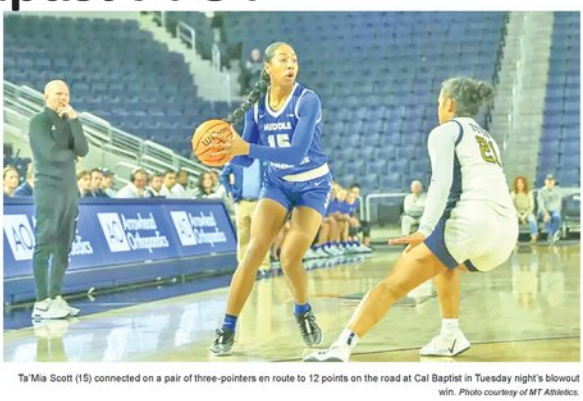
Middle Tennessee tightened its control of the game further into the second quarter, seeing their advantage grow to 45-18 heading into the halftime break. The Blue Raiders received solid contribution from each of the starters during the second period, led by Anastasiia Boldyreva and Courtney Blakely with six points each, as well as a layup from Jada Grannum off the bench as the half expired.

The Lancers outscored Middle Tennessee 23-17 in the third, but were only able to cut the lead to 62-41 by the quarter's end. The Blue Raiders created many easy looks in transition by turning Cal Baptist over 19 times for the game off nine steals, led by Blakely with five, leading to a season-high 27 points off turnovers and nine fast-break points.

MTSU coasted through the final quarter of play to secure their second true road victory of the 2024-25 season, the first coming against Northern Kentucky in the season opener on Nov. 4, with a 74-54 win over Cal Baptist to snap a two-game losing streak and improve their overall record to 8-4.

Jalynn Gregory led the Blue Raiders in scoring tonight with 20 points, her third 20-point outing of the season, on 7-10 shooting from the field, including a 6-8 clip from three, the highest mark of the season for both Gregory and MTSU. Boldyreva finished with 14 points, her fourth double-figure performance of the season, along with a career-high 16 rebounds, as well as tying a career-high with eight blocks.

As a team, Middle Tennessee shot 46% from the floor and 47% from three, eclipsing a previous season-high of 40%. The Blue Raiders won the battle on the glass, outrebounding Cal Baptist 40-34, despite falling to -4 on the offensive end. MTSU assisted on 14 of their 26 made field goals, led by Blakley with six.



Ta'Mia Scott (15) connected on a pair of three-pointers en route to 12 points on the road at Cal Baptist in Tuesday night's blowout win. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

By the Numbers

16 & 8: Boldyreva recorded her career-high in rebounds with 16 and tied a career-high with eight blocked shots.

47.8: The Blue Raiders shot 47.8% from beyond the arc, the team's highest mark of the season.

16: Gregory posted her 16th career game with five or more three-point field goals, making six on eight attempts tonight.

Thoughts from Head Coach Rick Insell

"The difference in the game was that Nas (Boldyreva) came to play in the first half. The second half we let them push us around a little bit on the inside. We have to do a better job of that. We got tired and they had two post who could shoot threes, and they moved them out on the perimeter. They were going to win or lose it out there."

"Glad to get out of here with a win. Glad everyone is healthy."

Blue Raider Notes

Middle Tennessee improves to 148-18 when making 10+ three-point field goals under Rick Insell. The Blue Raiders blocked 10 shots tonight for the first time since Nov. 20 of last season in a 64-57 win over Memphis.

Up Next

Following the winter break, the Blue Raiders will return to action on Sunday, Dec. 29, as they are set to take on the Princeton Tigers in the non-conference finals at Jadwin Gymnasium in Princeton, N.J. at 1 p.m. ET.

Blue Raiders' Holden Willis Earns All-America Recognition

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – HERO Sports announced the 2024 Group of Five All-American Teams and Middle Tennessee's Holden Willis was among those honored. Willis, who was a College Football News Honorable Mention All-American in an announcement Wednesday, was selected as a second team tight end.



Holden Willis (83) finished the 2024 season with 53 receptions for 871 yards and 6 TDs en route to a second-team Group of Five All-American selection. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

Willis, a redshirt senior from Greenback, Tenn., enjoyed a career season in 2024 with 53 receptions for 871 yards and six touchdowns. He led the team in touchdown grabs and yards while sharing the team lead in total catches.

Willis, who was second on the team with 12 explosive plays, is currently ranked third nationally in receiving yards for a tight end and is sixth in total receptions.

MTSU Women's Soccer Inks Opie, Best to 2025 Signing Class

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – The Middle Tennessee women's soccer program and head coach Aston Rhoden has announced the additions of incoming senior transfer Hannah Opie and freshman Olivia Best to the 2025 signing class.

Opie is a defender from Murfreesboro, Tenn. She will enter her senior season after playing three seasons with the Chattanooga Moes from 2022-2024. Opie appeared in 18 matches in 2024, making 15 starts on the backline. She played a career-high 1,198 total minutes for the season, logging the full 90 minutes in five games.

Quote from Coach Rhoden

"Hannah is an experienced and tenacious defender. She has a good engine, can play inside or outside and is very good in 1v1 situations."

Best is an incoming freshman forward, hailing from Apex, N.C. Prior to joining the Blue Raiders for the upcoming fall season, she will graduate from Crossroads Flex High School in the spring of 2025. On the club level, she has played for the NC Courage Academy since 2019. Prior to that stint, Best spent six seasons with the Mustang Soccer Club in Danville, Calif. from 2012-2018. Best also featured for the Northern Ireland U17 team during the Euro Qualifiers in Malta, which included two starts and two wins.

Quote from Coach Rhoden

"Olivia is very versatile attacker who can play centrally or wide. She has incredible pace, awareness, and is a strong 1v1 attacker. She will be a fun and exciting player to watch."

‘We get to build things from the ground up” – New Community Head Football Coach, Glenn Tidwell, Talks New Opportunity With Vikings’ Program

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UNIONVILLE, Tenn. – With the announcement of Glenn Tidwell becoming Community’s new Head Football Coach on Monday, December 9, Tidwell is set to replace Chris Grooms following the Vikings winless 2024 campaign.

Tidwell, who took the past year off from coaching, was most recently the defensive coordinator at Cascade under then head coach, Jake Tyre, from 2021-2023. Tidwell has 22 years of coaching experience in total. Before that, he served as the defensive coordinator at Shelbyville Central under now-Forrest head coach, Justin Palmer, and was coaching in Virginia before moving back down to Middle Tennessee.

“I coached for a number of years up in Virginia as an assistant, DC, and a head coach before coming down here as the defensive coordinator for Coach Palmer at Shelbyville Central for a couple of years, and then of course the three years with Coach Tyre,” says Tidwell.

Now, Tidwell is diving headfirst back into coaching, this time as the head coach in Unionville at Community High School following the Vikings’ 0-10 season last year.

“You never lose the itch to coach,” he says. “Taking the year off to recharge the batteries, and being in Bedford County, you hear about Community and Cascade and Shelbyville Central all the time. I’ve got some familiarity with some of the kids there, and I know there is talent there.”

“It’s kind of like it’s a blank slate, and we get to build things from the ground up. Starting over, so to speak, where you can do it the way you want to do it, and that’s what was really attractive about it.”

Tidwell cut his teeth starting in 1999 after graduating from the University of Alabama in December of 1998 when he landed a job in Virginia at Warwick High School one year after Tidewater legend, Michael Vick, graduated and went on to play at Virginia Tech for the legendary Frank Beamer. Instead, he coached Vick’s younger brother, Marcus, at Warwick before moving on to another opportunity.

However, Tidwell says he didn’t initially even want to go into coaching while attending Alabama.

“I never wanted to go into coaching. I mean, I loved football, but I wanted to go into the FBI,” he remarks. “Back in the 90s we didn’t have all this social media stuff, so you would have all these football players from around the country that for some reason couldn’t pass the SAT or ACT, depending on the state they were from. That made me think maybe I need to go into teaching and coaching because I’ve been part of this system here and I can help show them the path to get to where they want to go.”

Usually, the path for coaches is coaching first and teaching second, but for Tidwell, it was the opposite. Fast-forward 25 years, and he is getting set to begin his 23rd season coaching football, completing the Bedford County trifecta at Community. He recognizes the challenging past of the Vikings program – Community has not won more than three games since going 4-6 in 2017 – but following an introductory meeting last week, he is focused on building the program from the ground up the right way.

“We had a player-parent meeting last week – kind of a meet and greet type deal – and the word that I told them was ‘focus,’” says Tidwell. “We are just going to focus on getting better in the weight room and getting better at fundamentals and doing things they may not have been used to doing. Once we get ready for summer and fall practice, we’ll switch to whatever the topic is that we’re going to go with for the season, but for right now, we’re focused on getting better in the weight room and getting stronger because I think that’s a need they need to have.”



Glenn Tidwell (middle) during his time as the DC at Shelbyville Central. *Submitted Photo.*

Community competes in Class 3-A for football with schools the size of Giles County and Watertown in the Vikings’ region last season. Watertown’s enrollment of 681 students and Giles County’s enrollment of 713 students vastly outnumber the 577 students that attend Community in 2024-25, and this puts even more pressure on the football program to maximize the weight room as much as possible.

At the moment, Tidwell is splitting time at Cascade and Community until March when he will transfer over to Community full-time. In the meantime, he is busy putting together a tentative staff and schedule to try and begin building the foundation. As such, his focus on expectations in the win/loss column aren’t necessarily at the forefront of his mind with the seasons little over eight months away.

“Of course, as a coach, you’re wanting to win more than one game, win more than two games, but I mean it’s hard to put expectations on. Like everyone wants to win their region championship and everybody wants to win the state championship,” Tidwell says. “I think, with the program, it’s been where it’s at for so long that you need to find little wins and build off those until you get to where you want to be.”

“On the staff, it’s kind of a wait and see for some of those guys,” he says. “The biggest thing [between now and August] is just the weight room. We’ll start conditioning and looking at installing offense and defense. Basically, I’m going into it and we’re going to act and go off the assumption like they don’t know anything and just start from scratch just so we know for sure that they do know what we’re talking about. Right now, we don’t know what they don’t know, so we’re just going to treat it as a whole new learning experience.”



Glenn Tidwell (middle) in his previous stint at Cascade. He was the Champions’ defensive coordinator from 2021-23 before getting hired to lead the Vikings’ program. *Submitted Photo.*

A whole new experience that will also include the team’s playstyle looking a tad different out on the field as well. Last season, Community leaned on sophomore quarterback, Nyles Barnett, to distribute the ball out wide to some talented skill guys, including Charlie Haskins, highlighted by nearly 50 pass attempts in their shootout loss, 49-34, in the “Battle of Bedford” at Cascade.

“As far as offense, we’re going to run the ball,” Tidwell emphasized. “I just think we need to be a team that also runs the clock as much as we can to, in part, try to keep scores down on teams that maybe have better personnel than we do right now, so we’re going to have more of a Wing-T/Option look to us. On defense, our base will be a 3-5-3, but we will be able to be real multiple out of that look.”

In addition to the on-field improvements, Tidwell will be pushing for off-the-field improvements just as hard in preparation for next season.

“We are currently in the process of trying to upgrade the facilities, and anyone in the Unionville community that wants to be involved in that would be greatly welcomed,” Tidwell explains. “We are in the early stages of trying to figure out a field house. The goal is to have a place for the guys to go because Community is the only school of the three main high schools that is lacking that. That’s really the biggest thing, just trying to upgrade some things and show the community that we are going to be serious about playing football and we are going to try and have the best things for the kids and go from there.”

Tidwell also addresses the need for a booster club, an entity that he is currently working on even as the Christmas break gets closer and closer with each passing day, and he encourages anyone and everyone that is associated with Community football or interested in helping out in any way to reach out and contact him or the school.

“We are looking to have the booster club up and running in the next two months or so, and if anyone wants to help out with that, they can either call the school, or email me at ‘tidwellg@bedfordk12tn.net’.”

Tidwell is looking to build up the Community Vikings’ football program from the foundation up, and he wants the fans to be able to be proud of the product on the field next fall. For now, winter workouts and offseason conditioning are the name of the game, so as he prepares for the long but hectic offseason leading up to the season opener in August, he understands that it will be a long but rewarding process.



Dear Santa Letters from Wendy Littrell's kindergarten class at Cascade Elementary

Dear Santa,
I hope you're having a great year! This year for Christmas I would like a barbie doll, an LOL doll, a new princess Belle dress and a big LOL surprise doll. I can't wait to leave out cookies for you. Thank you Santa.
Love, Ariya

Dear Santa,
I hope you're staying warm! For Christmas this year I would like a barbie doll, a baby doll, and a Christmas tree topper in the shape of a star. I would also like to get a car for my brother. Also, candy would be nice! Thank you!
Love, Olivia

Dear Santa,
I can't wait to see you. I would like magnetic house, a toy gun, and v-bucks. I would also like a new huggy wuggy game. I am going to give you a big hug. Thank you Santa.
Love, Phoenix

Dear Santa,
I am so excited for Christmas! This year for Christmas I would like a LOL doll, and a barbie doll. I would love a new rainbow water bottle and a new pretty rainbow backpack.
Love, Kacey

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa. This year I would like a blanket and a Christmas sweater. I would also like house shoes and a new hat and necklace. I will leave you a bunch of chocolate chip cookies.
Love, Briley

Dear Santa,
I love you, Santa. This year I would like lots of presents. A toy bus, firetrucks, and cars. I would like a train and train tracks. A soccer ball too please. Thank you soooo much.
Love, Barima

Dear Santa,
I can't wait to see the snow. For Christmas I would like a mermaid Lol surprise ball, a new barbie doll, and other toys please. Can I please have a school bus too for my brother. Thank you Santa
Love, Layla

Dear Santa,
Christmas is so close I can feel it! I would like to get everything. I have been good. I'd like a new scooter and some paint to color. I promise I've been good
Love, Harlee

Dear Santa,
I hope your elves are working hard. For Christmas I would like an iphone 16, a pretend kitchen with cleaning toys and toy food. I want you Santa for Christmas too.
Love, Clark

Dear Santa,
I hope you're having a great day Santa. For Christmas I would like a new mortorcycle, a new toy from Minecraft and a bracelet. I love you Santa, you are the best.
Love, Asher

Dear Santa,
I have been extra good this year and I would like a monster jam truck with a racetrack, and a new pair of shoes. Thank you so much.
Love, Jaxon W

Dear Santa,
I am so excited for Christmas this year. I would like a dinosaur, a motorcycle, and drag truck this year. Also an ultimate garage too. Thank you Santa.



Love, Bennett

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like to get a squishmellow pillow, I would love a water toy to play with and hair bows. I am so excited!
Love, Eloise

Dear Santa,
I cant wait to see you. For Christmas I want Roudolph the reindeer stuffed animal, a football, necklaces and a flower pot. I hope you're staying warm and comfy.
Love, Ava

Dear Santa,
I am so happy for Christmas to come. I would like monster truck, a tractor toys and remote control car. I have been very good. I also would like a bike. Thank you Santa
Love, Jaxson P

Dear Santa,
Please bring your elf to my house. For Christmas, I would like to have a new scooter and a new fake mailbox. I would also like some fake food. Thank you for the presents.
Love, Dylan









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Community Calendar

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 NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY CLOSINGS & TRASH SCHEDULE

City Offices including Public Works will be closed on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025, in observation of New Year's Day. Wednesday's trash will be picked up on Thursday, Jan. 2, 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 6:00am on the scheduled day of collection. To see a complete list of rules and regulations, please refer to the Public Works Department website www.shelbyvilletn.org/publicworks.htm.



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