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Clock running out on City garbage disposal options

By Dawn Hankins
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Tick tock. Tick tock. Despite an April deadline, how to best haul garbage out of Shelbyville continues to be an on-going issue with City Council, based on discussions at last Thursday's monthly meeting.

It was an overflow crowd again this month. Council currently meets in the former Chamber building, now codes office, on South Cannon Boulevard.

Initially, the agenda included the approval of an ordinance to implement supplemental changes to the City regulations for transfer stations. There were varying opinions from Council on this subject.

Basically, discussions went down a rabbit hole before the ordinance was finally deferred. Mainly because most Council persons said they didn't know a thing about transfer stations and some others said the idea is concerning.

At least they were honest. They want to meet in a less formal workshop or study session.

Councilman Bobby Turnbow said he would like to have a special study session about transfer stations. But on the eve of the predicted snow storm, he wasn't in favor of using Council monthly meeting time.

To the contrary, Councilman Josh Blevins said because several with an interest in a potential transfer station were in attendance, he wanted to hear them speak. He said mainly, because they took out of their time to show up to the Thursday night meeting.

Councilman Henry Feldhaus made an amendment to Turnbow's original motion. He asked that discussion be deferred completely until February. Turnbow agreed to accept that amendment.

Feldhaus said he had no intention of voting yes that night on first reading of the supplementary regulations. He said it's been an agenda item to have a transfer station in Shelbyville for a while now but he has serious reservations.

"Everything in my body tells me that a transfer station like this is almost like a landfill," said Feldhaus. "You have to be very cautious and very careful about what you allow."

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From left, Landon Richardson of Richardson Waste, discussed potential trash transfer business with the City of Shelbyville last Thursday. Middle photo: Councilmen William Christie and Josh Blevins. At far right is City Manager Scott Collins.



CASCADE CHEERLEADERS REPRESENT IN ORLANDO

School System Photo

Cascade High cheerleaders participated in the half-time performance at the 2024 Citrus Bowl, held on Dec. 31, in Orlando, Fla. Congrats!



FIRST SNOWFALL OF 2025 FOR COUNTY

Photo submitted by Jennifer Clark

Arie Clark and Bo Clark had a friendly snowball fight during last weekend's snowfall. Most roads were clear by Monday. Government offices were back open. Schools remained closed Monday due to some lingering road conditions but reopened on Tuesday. Night time temperatures remain below freezing next week. Rain is forecast for the weekend.



SPD ARREST MADE DURING SNOWY WEATHER

Truck Driver Charged With Attempted Child Rape

SPD Photo



On January 10, 2025, Shelbyville Police Detectives arrested Edward Charles Cress, an over-the-road truck driver from Kearney, Nebraska, after a six-month investigation. SPD reports that Cress altered his truck routes to meet a 12-year-old female for sexual purposes and distributed multiple images and videos of child pornography.

Cress faces charges of solicitation of a minor, attempted rape of a child, and two counts of aggravated exploitation of a minor. Cress is currently held at Bedford County Corrections on a $500,000 bond.

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First snowfall of 2025

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Career-High from Watson leads Cascade to blowout win

27 points on eight three-pointers from Noah Watson secures win.

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GARBAGE

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Landon Richardson, representative of Richardson Waste, which is interested in doing waste management for the City of Shelbyville and the County as well, fielded some questions.

Councilman Blevins asked if the plan of concern is to help the City and County with cost savings. And, he asked if Richardson would solicit other jurisdictions to bring trash into the transfer station contracted by Shelbyville and Bedford County.

Richardson said being in the waste industry, he would work with their trucks and the City and County interest. He said he's not interested in opening this transfer station to the general public.

"Well, I'm not saying the general public," said Blevins. "I'm saying what if the City of Murfreesboro said, 'we want you to handle our waste.' Are you going to run their trash through the City of Shelbyville?"

Richardson, which is already contracted through the ISWA (Inter Local Waste Association which involves several area counties) said that wouldn't be geographically or financially feasible. The interest right now, he said, is with the trash disposal needs of the City and County.

Turnbow said it sounds feasible, especially if trucks aren't having to run back and forth from Shelbyville to Lewisburg. There is potentially cost savings as well, he suggested.

Richardson said ISWA rates are already laid out. The bigger picture, he stated, is that it's an answer for the long-term trash disposal problem for Shelbyville and Bedford County.

Trash has previously been sent to Lewisburg and that contract is no longer an option and runs out in April. Without a transfer station here, City officials have said trash might have to be taken as far away as Huntsville, Ala.

Tentative plans are for the transfer station to be located near Railroad Avenue and Eaton Drive. Pricing would be honored, based on contract.

Betsy Noel, a new Council person, asked if the City's leftover trash trucks that have been hauling to Lewisburg could be sold. The transfer station would be located in her ward.

Richardson said there would be no need for them, so yes, they could be sold by the City.

In other business, Council approved:

An emergency purchase of an HVAC unit for the Shelbyville Municipal Airport terminal at a cost of $19,421.36.

Lori Saddler, City purchasing agent, brought forth that purchase report.

Under "old business" an ordinance on second and final reading for the rezoning of all portions of approximately 1.7 acres, owned by DCC Strategic Realty Partners, LLC, addressed as 426 Dover St. from residential low density to medium density residential. A public hearing initially sealed the deal, as there were no comments from the general public on this ordinance.

VOLUNTEERS CONTINUE TO SERVE AT SCSK

SCSK Photos

Calvary Baptist and South Side Baptist members helped serve the meals on Monday at Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen. The churches served breakfast-complete with scrambled eggs, biscuits, grits, gravy, pancakes and juice!







UT-Knoxviille has named more than 16,000 students on its Fall 2024 Dean's List

To qualify, an undergraduate student must earn a term GPA of 3.90 to 4.00 (summa cum laude), 3.7 to 3.89 (magna cum laude) or 3.50 to 3.69 (cum laude). Students must complete at least 12 credit hours, not counting work taken on a satisfactory/no-credit basis, to be eligible.

Students making the Fall 2024 Dean's List from Bedford County are listed below:

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Collin P. Cates	Summa Cum Laude
Emma C. Gospodarek	Cum Laude
Cecilia M. Jones	Magna Cum Laude
Aria R. Majerus	Summa Cum Laude
Philip Newton	Cum Laude
Sean D. O'Gorman	Magna Cum Laude
Kylie B. Parsons	Magna Cum Laude
Disha P. Patel	Summa Cum Laude
Sophia L. Reed	Summa Cum Laude
Emma G. Rose	Summa Cum Laude
Siena T. Smith	Summa Cum Laude
Caroline R. Whitaker	Cum Laude
Evan E. Woosley-Reed	Magna Cum Laude
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Sophia A. Ball	Magna Cum Laude
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Laurel I. Cox	Summa Cum Laude
Hanah B. Crego	Cum Laude
Althea G. Lloyd	Magna Cum Laude
Caleb L. Molder	Cum Laude



WINTER WEATHER PLANNING MEETING

Bedford County Government Photo

Bedford County emergency service and highway officials met with County Mayor Chad Graham on Jan. 8 to discuss the expected winter storm event, which turned out to be a little less severe than predicted. Still, some roads became very slick and unpassable as a result of the 2.5 to 3 inches in most areas of BC. At the time of this meeting, the National Weather Service was projecting 4-6 inches of snowfall. Please monitor the Bedford County website, https://www.bedfordcountytn.gov/urgent_weather_information/index.php , and the Bedford County, Tennessee, Facebook page for future weather updates and more information.

The highway department ordered new snow plows in February 2024, after a major winter storm last year, but they have still not been delivered. The department currently relies on graders and will work with a third party to use plows as available.

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THE ISSUE

Would a local uptick in recycling help future trash issues?

By DAWN HANKINS
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This I admit is a little trashier column than usual.

After listening to several recent City meetings on the topic of trash transfer stations-to be or not to be- it's kind of scary what kind of issues our future generations might have to face regarding trash disposal.

That is if we don't try to fix this problem, NOW.

With 10% or more predicted future growth in this County and City, there should be serious concerns about trash and on-going expense to take care of it on a weekly basis. Restricted funds are going to have to be set aside in a designated account-not just for 5 years-but for the future.

In the old days, back in the country, we dumped. That's not suggested.

I've begun to research whether or not recycling might be the answer to these on-going trash issues. But I'm talking about an all-out dedicated recycling program-not one where we just throw a few papers aside a week.

As they say, it takes a village. It takes local commitment. Is it there for recycling?

Diane Forbes, the County's solid waste coordinator, shared this week how the County's recycling programs are going very well. The County currently accepts metal, cardboard, news/mix, used motor oil, e-waste (computers, monitors, TVs.) The County is now accepting plastic at Tollgate, Unionville and El Bethel convenience centers. Glass is currently accepted at El Bethel, only.

From a political standpoint, there are about to be more regulations, I believe from what I'm reading, regarding e-waste and landfills. But that's another topic.

Tonnage of all recycled materials for 2024 was 1,036 tons, according to Forbes. That is up about 40 tons from 2023, she shared. Markets as far as revenue have been down for nearly a year. Metal prices are about half of what they were last year.

The County just started glass recycling in mid-December and is still getting the word out. Basically, the County is trying to recycle everything there's a market for at this time.

It's not so much a dollar issue, though revenue is nice, this is about disposing of as much waste as we can in a greener way.

The City does not have a recycling program, according to Buck Vallard, public works director. I'm researching why.

But one thing is for certain, more people are moving into the City, as well as the County. So, recycling should be majorly on the table for both governments.

While we've always recycled for green purposes, it's even greater regarding our future living conditions. It can well become a humanitarian effort.

Recent City discussions have surrounded how the City may have to hire a private business to act as its trash transfer station. (See page 1 for story.)

Would recycling at a full speed level actually help in the future with trash issues? Many cities have given it up, for various reasons. On the top of the list-cost, cost, cost. And, there are politics involved in the recycling market across the country as well. That creates what is being deemed "contamination" issues with recyclable materials. The list does on and on, as it does with most things in the world today.

But if we "give it up," what does that do for our future generations. We need to stop leaving our problems behind.

Trash may be one of those.

Some research I've found indicates that there are some solutions to making recycling work in your community. Mainly, educate, educate, through newspapers. Yes, I agree. We reach a broad span of readers in many areas. We also like lists of solutions.

One solution is to target "non-recyclers." Consider targeting a recycling message to the community. Municipalities are urged to use social media and the web to their fullest advantage to promote your recycling programs.

It could well be worth money to hire someone just to oversee a recycling program. Staff issues also contribute to lag in recycling programs. But wouldn't special education programs be nice?

An article in "Waste Advantage Magazine" (now there's a little easy reading for ya) discusses urbanization and smart cities in relation to waste management. It's actually really interesting material.

Here's a recent quote: "Urbanization continues to rise, with a significant portion of the global population expected to reside in urban areas by 2050. This trend necessitates the development of smart cities that leverage innovative waste management solutions to become more efficient, competitive, and sustainable. Early initiatives, such as the 15-minute city concept, aim to localize essential services within a short distance. While some of these initiatives may face challenges, the underlying principle remains that localization benefits waste management. Efficient collection, processing, and reintroduction of materials are more achievable when waste does not need to move far."

So here we are with local discussions. Believe it or not, folks, waste disposal issues, mainly costs, are falling back on local governments. And it is not going to be cheap.

So, it's time to start thinking ahead for the benefit of future generations. I think the City and County are on the right track-possibly moving it out soon with the help of professionals.

But as some council persons continue to bring up, in that process, we need to make sure that we only have to deal with our own hamburger papers, toilet paper, drink cans, etc. Accepting trash from other areas, even in the way of transfers, conjures up a lot more problems.

It was a bit vague during a recent Council meeting with a private company. Hopefully, more answers are forthcoming.

And since we just came off the holiday watching Jim Carrey's "The Grinch," I'll leave this editorial with words straight from the curmudgeon, "One man's toxic waste is another man's potpourri."

I prefer the rebuttal often heard from little Cindy Lou Who: "I don't think so."

County quarterly reports indicate offices busy managing and taking in dollars

By DAWN HANKINS

Quarterly reports were given by the County Trustee and Register of Deeds Tuesday night during the monthly Bedford County Commission meeting. Despite being overly busy, those reports indicate the County is in good financial shape.

County Register Johnny Reed discussed how homes are going up all over Bedford County and at a very fast rate. He said there were 326 deeds filed just last quarter.

In addition, there were 125 quick claims, 45 green belts (ag or forest improvements), 63 notices of completion and 48 plats, which are being required more and more, according to Reed.

There were three Trustee deeds filed in his office, which Reed said is sad because that means someone lost their home.

Reed advised Commissioners that 2,919 documents were recorded and $615,000 circulated through his office last quarter.

Tonya Davis, Bedford County Trustee, told Commissioners she was not going into a lot of detail with her quarterly report, mainly because her department is in the midst of a busy tax season. But she had some good news-County revenue is up to just over $1.5 million in property tax collections-current and prior.

Davis advised how on March 26, the Clerk and Master will turn over any delinquent taxes, which are due by Feb. 28.

Some of the busyness in Davis' office lately is that they're working with a new bank, which she said is a process that could take at least a year. They're having to reconcile with two different banks.

"The good news is, in this change, we were able, with different options, to get a better interest earning," advised Davis.

Instead of the public funds interest bearing account, which she said would have dropped the County on the target rate minus 20-basic points, the Trustees' office is going with a new fund called insured cash sweep, where funds are swept into an amplified network, which bears a better interest rate.

As well, funds can be managed daily online. That's going to be a big impact on future budgets, according to the Trustee.

"We are sweeping money now."

Davis said in forthcoming reports she will provide true numbers on the tax season and what is resulting with the new interest-bearing account.

"It's new for us. There are a lot of moving parts. It sweeps daily, constantly. So, we are starting with a zero-statement balance. We are walking backwards to reconcile."

She complimented Robert Daniel's financial office because it's been a team effort to make this type of financial changeover. She said this move is for the better of the County and the budget.

During her report, Davis reminded that the annual income cap for tax relief is $36,370.

She said the Trustee office is meeting its predictions. "So, we are in very good standing."

In other business, the County Commission took the following action on some rezoning issues:

• Unionville businessman Andy Haynes was seeking to have 2531 Hwy 64 West (Map 085; Parcel 024.00) rezoned from A-1 (Agriculture-Forestry) to C-1 (Rural Center District.) This met with a favorable recommendation by the Rules & Legislative Committee (unanimous) and by the Planning Commission (unanimous.) Given the planning commission approved, the Commission voted in favor as well 17 to 0. Commissioner Tony Smith was absent.

• One rezoning request was denied 17 to 0 by the Commission, due to an unfavorable recommendation by the Rules and Legislative Committee and the planning commission (unanimous.) This resolution for rezoning was requested by Cesar Gomora Diaz and Jimmy Paola Paniagua who were seeking to have 2640 Hwy 41-A North (Map 048; Parcel 033.01) rezoned from A-1 (agriculture-forestry) to C-2 (general commercial district) for a grading business office and parking space for construction equipment.

County Planning Director Chris White clarified after the vote why the planning commission gave an unfavorable recommendation to this request. Quite simply, the planning commission is only allowed to make favorable recommendations when the application is within boundaries where C-2 is allowed in the County. This request for rezoning is at the Highway 270 (Old Columbia Road entrance) and Highway 41-A North and is outside those allowable C-2 boundaries.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FUMC WORSHIP

Pastor Abe Zimmerman's sermon this Sunday at First United Methodist Church-Shelbyville will be from Psalm 46:1-3, a new series called A Mighty Fortress. Join FUMC as they reflect on Psalm 46's worshipful meditation on God as our refuge. 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, the church offers a livestream on Facebook and a broadcast on WLIJ 1580 AM.

GOVERNMENT OFFICES CLOSED FOR MLK DAY

Bedford County Government and the City of Shelbyville non government offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The City reports that Monday's trash route will be picked up on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, with Tuesday's regular route.

COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Bedford County Commission Committees will meet Tuesday, Jan. 21, beginning at 5 p.m. at the historic courthouse.

Jan: 28: Financial Management Committee, 4:15 p.m., Bedford County Business Complex, 200 Dover Street, Suite 110.

VFW MUSIC

VFW Post 5019, 1320 Wartrace Pike (Depot Street), will hold its monthly third-Saturday music night this Saturday, January18. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with the event from 6-9:30 p.m. James Smotherman & Friends will be featured but other acoustic musicians and singers are welcome. Admission is $3, and there will be a potluck meal. No alcohol or outside beverages are permitted. For more information, call 931-607-3149 or 931-684-2523.

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TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

LAUGHING AT GOD
Genesis 17 and 18

Laughing at God? Some do. Both Sarah and Abraham did it. They did not see how God could fulfill His promise that in their old age they would have many descendants. Abraham even asked if his son by Sarah's handmaiden, Hagar, could live under God's blessing.

Sarah's laughter came when three visitors came to Mamre to visit with Abraham and Sarah. A warm welcome was extended to the visitors and a fine meal was prepared for them. One of the visitors was the Lord. He was the spokesman and told Abraham that the next year he would visit again and that by that time Sarah would have a son. Sarah heard this conversation and laughed. Her thoughts were that she and Abraham were both too old for this to happen.



The Lord heard Sarah laughing and questioned her about it. She tried to deny that she had laughed, but the Lord knew that she had.

The Lord asked Abraham, "Is there anything too hard for the Lord?"

He then stated that he would return at the appointed time next year and Sarah would have a son.

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SNOW ENJOYED BY K9

SPD Photo

Shelbyville Police Department K9, Jerry, enjoyed the snowfall this week.





SPD Photo

Shelbyville Police Department officers captured these great snow scenes last week around the town square.

SEEING RED THIS SEASON

SOME CRIMES MAKE ME ANGRY RED

By DAWN HANKINS



I've really been into the color red, lately. I'm not sure why.

From red and black bows to a plaid purse, I've been all in this year.

I received the warmest fleece jacket, yes red and black, this Christmas. It was sure warm on those chilling days, recently.

Even when I look out my window, I see two beautiful red cardinals every morning.

But let's say I was seeing red this week, out of anger, when I read about the truck driver soliciting that 12-year-old child. Thank you to Shelbyville Police for getting out in that weather and getting this man off the streets.

Honestly, it's happening a lot. So yes, it's OK to see "red" in these types of situations. It must stop!

As someone who reads the court records every week, it sadly is happening a lot, even right here in our hometown. That is, child abuse.

Yes, that makes me see red. When you're a parent and grandparent, it should infuriate you!

Contact your legislators about stronger jail sentences for these folks. I'm sorry but our children's lives are on the line. Let's get to it!

As the nation observes Monday, Jan. 20, 2025, as Martin Luther King Jr., Day, here is a chronology of major events in Dr. King's life:

· January 15, 1929: Martin Luther King, Jr. is born to the Reverend and Mrs. Martin Luther King, Sr. in Atlanta, Georgia.

· September 20, 1944: After graduating from Booker T. Washington High School a few months earlier, King begins his freshman year at Morehouse College in Atlanta. King graduates from the college in 1948 with a degree in sociology.

· February 25, 1948: After time spent in Crozer Theological Seminary, King is ordained to the Baptist ministry at the age of 19.

· September 13, 1951: King begins graduate studies in theology at Boston University.

· June 18, 1953: Coretta Scott and King are married at the Scott home near Marion, Alabama.

· September 1, 1954: King begins his pastorate at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama.

· June 5, 1955: Boston University awards King a doctorate in systematic theology.

· December 1, 1955: Rosa Parks is arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a public bus to a white passenger. A few days later, the Montgomery Improvement Association is formed to lead a boycott of the segregated buses and King becomes the group's president.

· January 30, 1956: King's home is bombed while he is away at a speaking engagement. Later, he addresses an angry crowd that gathers outside his home, asking for nonviolence.

· November 13, 1956: The U.S. Supreme Court declares bus segregation laws unconstitutional.

· February 17, 1957: King appears on the cover of Time magazine.

· May 17, 1957: King delivers his first national address at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

· 1958: The U.S. Congress passes the first Civil Rights Act since reconstruction.

· September 17, 1958: King publishes a book, Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story. During a book signing a few days later in Harlem, New York, King is stabbed by Izola Ware Curry and rushed to Harlem Hospital.

· February 3, 1959: King embarks on a visit to India to meet with many of Gandhi's followers and study the philosophy of nonviolence.

· 1960: With his family, King relocates back to his native Atlanta and becomes co-pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. King devotes most of his time to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a group he and other activists established in 1957.

· June 23, 1960: John F. Kennedy, the Democratic presidential candidate, meets privately with King in New York.

· October 19, 1960: King is arrested during a sit-in demonstration at a department store in Atlanta.

· October 16, 1961: King urges President John F. Kennedy to issue a second Emancipation Proclamation to end racial segregation.

· September 28, 1962: A member of the American Nazi Party assaults King during a closing session of the SCLC in Birmingham, Alabama.

· April 12, 1963: King and Ralph Abernathy are arrested in Birmingham. King pens his "Letter from Birmingham Jail" four days later.

· June 23, 1963: King leads 125,000 people on a Freedom Walk in Detroit, Michigan.

· August 28, 1963: The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom takes place, attracting more than 200,000 demonstrators at the Lincoln Memorial. Here King delivers his "I Have a Dream" speech. Later in the day, King and other civil rights leaders meet with President Kennedy in the White House.

· January 18, 1964: President Lyndon B. Johnson meets with King and seeks support for his War on Poverty initiative.

· March 26, 1964: King meets Malcom X in Washington, D.C. This was their first and only meeting.

· December 10, 1964: King receives the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway.

· August 12, 1965: King publicly opposes the Vietnam War at a rally in Birmingham.

· March 28, 1968: During a march of 6,000 protesters in support of striking sanitation workers in Memphis, King is rushed from the scene after violence and looting begins.

· April 3, 1968: King delivers his last speech, "I've Been to the Mountaintop," in Memphis.

· April 4, 1968: King is fatally shot while standing on a balcony at the Lorraine Hotel.

· November 2, 1986: A national holiday is proclaimed in King's honor.

Tony Barrett retires from BCSO

Bedford County Commission recognized Lt. Tony Barrett Tuesday night on his retirement from law enforcement after 46 years, effective Jan. 1.

He's a familiar face to many in Bedford County, the state and area. He most recently worked with security at the corrections system and with SROS in the schools.

Scott Johnson on his WLJJ radio program, "Government Talk," recently congratulated Barrett on his retirement from BC Sheriff's Department. Johnson graciously agreed for us to reprint a portion of this broadcast.

Sheriff Austin Swing said Barrett has probably done it all as far as local law enforcement. Barrett agreed.

Barrett said he was raised near Normandy Lake, where he used to ride horses. He attended school in Coffee County and Tullahoma.

He started out building houses with an uncle-a job which he enjoyed. He said it was truly general contractor work.

He started out in law enforcement with the late Sheriff BH Sanders and the sheriff's department in 1978. He said there were only 6 patrol officers working for the County. Herman Sanders later took office as sheriff. There was a warrant officer.

A lot of time if someone was sick, an officer would cover the entire county, which was about 20,000 people total back then. Barrett said there would be one on duty in the daytime and two at night.

"You knew a lot of times you didn't have any backup," said Barrett.

He said officers had to be close back then, for obvious reasons.

He said his first handgun belonged to Herman Sanders, because he didn't own one. He carried a .38 Smith and Wesson and would later buy a 357 Colt revolver.

Why did he get into law enforcement?

An outdoorsman/hunter, he had considered TWRA. He went up to Dale Hollow Lake and shadowed a family member who was a federal game warden for Kentucky and Tennessee.

But his life changed.

He married Melissa; her family was in law enforcement. They had two children, Julie and Ben.

His wife was teaching business at Community High School.

He said remember that the sheriff takes office Sept. 1, which is the opening for dove season. Ironically, that was his first call-to a dove field.

"I became a game warden anyway," laughed Barrett.

The first four years of his career, he said there was never more than a day off at a time for officers. If you worked two days straight, you got off one day off, he recalled.

He remembers his younger days as an officer, walking up to the old rock jail. He said prisoners were yelling out the windows.

He wondered then, he said, what in the world he had done.

Did anyone ever escape? asked Johnson.

Barrett said he had to go to Boston, Mass., to pick up a man who says he slipped out one of those windows. He said he greased himself up and slipped out. A local photographer allowed the criminal to reenact that event and captured it on film.

Johnson asked Barrett about changes in law enforcement. Of course technology and electronics are much more sophisticated these days, he said.

As for his first patrol car, Barrett said was a Ford LTD, canary yellow, with a vinyl top. Before that, they gave deputies stipends to use their own cars. It was hard to find six of same color cars.

As far as incidents, Barrett said one thing that's changed, because county has grown, is answering City and County calls. "I've actually worked some homicides in the city limits," shared Barrett.

His favorite job in law enforcement?

"I was the youngest one by 20 years when I started with BH," said Barrett. "I was on patrol and enjoyed that."

He moved on to chief deputy and enjoyed that. Barrett also served as a district attorney's investigator for a short period of time.

But the one he enjoyed the most, he said, was probably the SRO program. He was one of the first SRO officers, operating off a grant.

The sheriff said there's so much to say about Tony Barrett. "It's really a sad time for everybody at the Bedford County Sheriff's Office. I mean that sincerely. Everybody loves Tony-the young ones, the old ones and the in between ones. I think so many of them look at Tony as a rock. Whatever they need to know, he's always there to give then advice and his opinion. He will definitely be missed."

Barrett, who has worked for five sheriffs, said at the end of the program, "I appreciate Sheriff Swing keeping me." (When sheriffs are elected, they can hire their only personnel.)

Since he turned in his card/key to the corrections department, he said with a laugh that hopefully, they'll now let him back in.

The sheriff said Barrett is welcome back-anytime.

PUZZLE SOLUTION

SEMI-TOUGH — By Mary Jersey

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Crossword

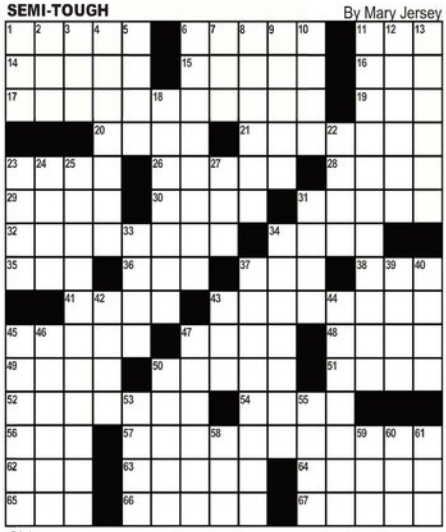
CLUES ACROSS

1) Parrot with bright colors
6) Monastery's main man
11) Violin part
14) Drop in one's two cents
15) Beast of burden
16) What some winners take
17) With very little strength
19) Thai's neighbor
20) Russian mountain range
21) Destinies
23) Big clumsy goofs
26) Thesaurus man
28) Pub pours
29) Fort location, sometimes
30) Wildebeests
31) Denzel Washington Oscar film
32) Arctic ocean covering
34) Equestrian sport
35) Boo-hoo
36) Come-___ (inducements)
37) Ta's counterpart
38) College party staple
41) Worst finish
43) Stack of logs
45) Not foggy-headed
47) Low-___ diet
48) Pt. of MIT
49) Moore of films
50) About
51) Improves, as cheese
52) Postal worker
54) Touchdown guesses
56) Room lender
57) Useless
62) Curtain support
63) Linenlike fabric
64) Team racing event
65) Widths of some spaces
66) King-size antelope
67) Uneven, like a leaf edge

CLUES DOWN

1) Do a suburbanite's chore
2) Hairy creature
3) Secretive government agency
4) Elephant goads
5) Gradual deterioration
6) California seafood treats
7) "Mac" alternative
8) Car stoppers
9) Circle, as planets
10) Dolls, balls, etc.
11) Appearing sickly, in a way
12) Click beetle
13) Certain photo type
18) "Bewitched" actor Dick
22) Teen's hangout spot
23) Elevator pioneer
24) With a bow, to the orchestra
25) They're not think tank material
27) Instinctive, as a reaction
31) "Nice!"
33) Party thrower
34) Estate court
37) Compelled to eat
39) "If all___ fails ... "
40) Comes down with
42) Seed covering
43) Major conflict
44) Former Turkish coin
45) Hold in esteem
46) Get emotional support from
47) Picture theater
50) Barge route
53) Boggy area
55) Piece of farmland
58) Shark "trademark"
59) U.N. workers' agcy.
60) "___ in victory"
61) Pupil's location

SEMI-TOUGH By Mary Jersey



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Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you feel loved and appreciated this week and you would like to share those feelings with others by being supportive of their needs. Focus your attention on a close friend.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, even if you do not have anything in common with someone, you can find a way to be friends. Open a dialogue to get the ball rolling.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, accept that you cannot change some things and look for a silver lining. Soon enough you'll come out on the other side.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you are getting hungrier and hungrier, which makes you determined to get ahead. Just be sure this determination is balanced by a little reservation as well.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Could it be that you are in the market for some romance, Leo? If so, make a plan for rekindling the flame with a current partner or finding someone new who also is looking for love.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Challenges may arise in your relationship this week, Virgo. A serious approach to the partnership is required by both side. Work toward resolving the situation as a couple.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, although your creative juices are flowing, some type of roadblock pops up and restricts your path. Explore ways to work around this obstacle.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, take a deep look at yourself this week, examining all facets of your personality. Instead of being judgemental of others, you may need to make some changes yourself.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, emotions are running high for you and you may not be able to focus on what needs your attention most. If you can't get a hold of things, try delegating some of your tasks.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Be careful when listening to what another has to say, Capricorn. Read their body language instead of just their words. The two may not match up with one another.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Opportunities you may never have expected are presenting themselves, Aquarius. Find time to process these unexpected developments and mull the best approach.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, resist hurried efforts to get to a destination without enjoying the journey. There is a lot to see along the way, so it's best if you savor all of it while you can.

AT THE RINK WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

AXEL
BLADE
BREAKAWAY
CHECK
COAST
COMPETITION
DISCIPLINE
EDGE
FLIP
HOCKEY
ICE
JUMP
LIFT
NOVICE
PROGRAM
RINK
ROLLER
SEASON
SINGLES
SKATING
SPEED
SPIN
WARMUP
ZAMBONI

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: Intermediate

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Level: Advanced

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY 19
Shawn Johnson East, Gymnast (33)
JANUARY 20
Skeet Ulrich, Actor (55)
JANUARY 21
Billy Ocean, Singer (75)
JANUARY 22
Caitlin Clark, Athlete (23)
JANUARY 23
Mariska Hargitay, Actress (61)
JANUARY 24
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JANUARY 25
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South Central Tennessee Development District Executive Director

Executive Director
Definition:
Under the general direction of the Board of Directors of the South Central Tennessee Development District, the Executive Director maintains overall responsibility for the management, development, implementation and administration of the programs and policies of the development district.
Application Process:
Interested candidates may contact Kayla Eubanks, Executive Assistant, via phone or email. The salary will begin at $125,000 a year based on experience. This position will remain open until filled.
Master's degree required for this position.
Apply to:
Kayla Eubanks, Executive Assistant
South Central Tennessee Development District
101 Sam Watkins Boulevard
Mount Pleasant, TN 38474
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the terms, conditions, and payments provided in a certain Deed of Trust dated OCTOBER 19, 2023, executed by CHARLES T. NORMAN, SINGLE MAN, to MEGAN K. TROTT, Trustee, of record in BOOK TD1100, PAGE 239, for the benefit MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR FIRST COMMUNITY MORTGAGE, INC., in the Register's Office for BEDFORD County, Tennessee and to J. PHILLIP JONES AND/OR JESSICA D. BINKLEY, either of whom may act, appointed as Substitute Trustee in an instrument of record in the Register's Office for BEDFORD County, Tennessee, to secure the indebtedness described; WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was last assigned to TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, the entire indebtedness having been declared due and payable by TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, being the present owner/holder or authorized agent, designee or servicer of the holder/owner of said indebtedness, has requested foreclosure proceedings to be instituted; and as provided in said Deed of Trust, I, J. PHILLIP JONES/JESSICA D. BINKLEY, will by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Substitute Trustee, on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M., LOCAL TIME AT THE FRONT STEPS OF THE BEDFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN SHELBYVILLE, BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, sell to the highest bidder for cash, free from the equity of redemption, homestead, and dower, and all other exemptions which are expressly waived, and subject to any unpaid taxes, if any, the following described property in BEDFORD County, Tennessee, to wit:

PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF BEDFORD, TENNESSEE:

Land in Bedford County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the center of Goose Creek Road being South 37 degrees 08 minutes 53 seconds West 484.91 feet to a P.K. nail new in the center of Chestnut Ridge Road in line with the center of said Goose Creek Road and being the Northwest corner of the Jolley property (Deed Book 226; page 203) and being the Southwest corner of the herein described property; thence with said center of the road the following calls: North 42 degrees 54' 09" East a distance of 47.66'; thence North 46 degrees 47' 09" East a distance of 79.89'; thence North 52 degrees 59' 20" East a distance of 47.44'; thence North 61 degrees 49' 45" East a distance of 35.46'; thence North 68 degrees 03' 47" East a distance of 30.15' to a point in the center of said road at the Northwest corner of the herein described property; thence leaving said center of road South 30 degrees 04' 04" East a distance of 24.60' to an iron rod new; thence South 30 degrees 04' 04" East a distance of 223.98' to an iron rod new; thence North 63 degrees 47' 39" East a distance of 64.00' to an iron rod new; thence South 67 degrees 0 l' 11" East a distance of 383.70' to an iron rod new by a poplar tree; thence South 40 degrees 18' 17" East a distance of 120.51' to an iron rod new by a metal fence post in the West line of the Ballenger property (Deed book 152; Page 462 or Deed book 56; Page 20) and same being the Northeast corner of the herein described property; thence South 45 degrees 53' 42" West a distance of 48.64 to an iron rod new by a fallen fence corner post; thence North 78 degrees 04' 20" West a distance of 175.34' to a fence corner post at the Southeast corner of the Smith property (Deed book 147; Page 196); thence North 17 degrees 54' 40" East a distance of 92.50; thence North 18 degrees 59' 40" East a distance of 130.60' to a corner post; thence North 50 degrees 37' 37" West a distance of 237.77' to a fence post at the Northeast corner of the said Jolley Property; thence North 50 degrees 32' 16" West a distance of 252.83' to an iron rod new; thence North 50 degrees 32' 16" West a distance of 24.99' to the point of Beginning, and containing 5.01 acres, based on a survey by Lincoln Northcutt, dated September 6, 2011, located at 117 Hickory Drive, Shelbyville, Tennessee.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO CHARLES T. NORMAN, A SINGLE MAN, BY WARRANTY DEED DATED OCTOBER 19, 2023 OF RECORD IN BOOK D385, PAGE 495, REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

THIS IS IMPROVED PROPERTY KNOWN AS 1397 GOOSE CREEK ROAD, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160.

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THE SALE OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, AND IS FURTHER SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF ANY TENANT(S) OR OTHER PARTIES OR ENTITIES IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY. ANY REPRESENTATION CONCERNING ANY ASPECT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY BY A THIRD PARTY IS NOT THE REPRESENTATION/RESPONSIBILITY OF TRUSTEE(S)/ SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE(S) OR THEIR OFFICE.

THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO ANY UNPAID TAXES, IF ANY, ANY PRIOR LIENS OR ENCUMBRANCES LEASES, EASEMENTS AND ALL OTHER MATTERS WHICH TAKE PRIORITY OVER THE DEED OF TRUST UNDER WHICH THIS FORECLOSURE SALE IS CONDUCTED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE PRIORITY OF ANY FIXTURE FILING. IF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY/ INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, OR THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORK FORCE 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 ALL APPLICABLE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES RIGHT TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY, ALL AS REQUIRED BY 26 U.S.C. 7425, T.C.A. 67-1-1433, AND 28 U.S.C. 2410 (C). THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF T.C.A. 35-5-101 ET SEQ. HAVE BEEN MET.

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 TRUSTEE/SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RESCIND THE SALE

IF YOU PURCHASE A PROPERTY AT THE FORECLOSURE SALE, THE ENTIRE PURCHASE PRICE IS DUE AND PAYABLE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE AUCTION IN THE FORM OF A CERTIFIED/BANK CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO OR ENDORSED TO LAW OFFICE OF J. PHILLIP JONES. NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED. TO THIS END, YOU MUST BRING SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO OUTBID THE LENDER AND ANY OTHER BIDDERS. INSUFFICIENT FUNDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. AMOUNTS RECEIVED IN EXCESS OF THE WINNING BID WILL BE REFUNDED TO THE SUCCESSFUL PURCHASER AT THE TIME THE FORECLOSURE DEED IS RECEIVED.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR FIRST COMMUNITY MORTGAGE, INC., - SERVICER, TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY/VMLS

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

This is improved property known as 1397 GOOSE CREEK ROAD, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE STATE OF TENNESSEE, Bedford COUNTY WHEREAS, Marco Vinicio Peralta and Rosa E. Molina Quezada, husband and wife, as borrower(s), executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as a nominee for First Community Mortgage, Inc., a Corporation, Lender, and Megan K. Trott, Trustee(s), which was dated 1/19/2022, and recorded on 1/21/2022, as Instrument No. 22000665 in Book TD1040 Page 1-14, securing the payment of a Note in the amount of $209,632.00 in Bedford County, Tennessee Register of Deeds. WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust; Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Vylla Solutions Tennessee, LLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Vylla Solutions Tennessee, LLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on 4/1/2025, at or about 12:00 PM at the usual and customary location at the At the main entrance to the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, to wit: Land situated in Bedford County, Tennessee: SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF A certain tractor parcel of land lying and being in the 7th Civil District of Bedford County, Tennessee, being bounded and described as follows: Being all of Lot No. 22 of Fairway Estates Subdivision, Section II, as shown on plat of record in Plat Cabinet B, Envelope 18, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, to which plat reference is hereby made for a more complete and accurate description. Subject to Restrictive Covenants of record in Book 231, page 68; to Easement to Shelbyville Sewerage Board of record in Book 231, page 183; to Easements of record in Book 210, page 142, Book 141, page 869, and Book 163, page 532; and Matters as shown on plat of record in Plat Cabinet B, Envelope 18, Plat Cabinet A, Envelope 177, and Plat Cabinet A, Envelope 191, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee. Being the same property conveyed to DANNY ROBINSON, by deed of record in Book 304, page 871, said Register's Office. Tax Parcel ID: 088C-D-022.00 Address/Description: 204 FAIRWAY GRN, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160 Current Owner(s): Marco Vinicio Peralta and Rosa E. Molina Quezada, husband and wife Other Interested Party(ies): Secretary of Housing and Urban Development The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. If the Internal Revenue Service/U.S. Department of Treasury and/or the Tennessee Department of Revenue and/or the Tennessee Department of Labor and Work Force Development are listed as interested parties in this advertisement, then the notice of this foreclosure is being given to those entities as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425, T.C.A. 67-1-1433 and 28 U.S.C. 2410(c), and the foreclosure sale will be subject to the governmental right of redemption in the property. 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 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. Except to the extent that the Substitute Trustee may bind and obligate Mortgagors to warrant title the Property under the terms of the Deed of Trust, conveyance of the Property shall be made without any representations or warranties whatsoever, express or implied. All sales are "as is", "where is". The entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of certified funds. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser. This property is being sold with express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by lender or Substitute Trustee. This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Vylla Solutions- Tennessee, LLC, Substitute Trustee P.O. Box 3309 Anaheim, California 92803 (888) 313-1969 TS#: 24-32494 A-4832445 01/16/2025, 02/27/2025, 03/06/2025, 03/13/2025

NOTICE

TIA LOVE:
The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a **petition against you for dependent and neglect and for change of legal custody of Clark Love, DOB: 07/06/2018**. It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby ORDERED to appear in Bedford County Juvenile Court on the 3rd day of March, 2025, to answer this. If you fail to do so, a default judgment will be taken against you pursuant to Rule 55 of the Tenn. R. of Civ. P. for the relief demanded in the Petition. You may view and obtain a copy of the Petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents at the Bedford County Juvenile Court Clerk, Shelbyville, Tennessee. Further questions may be directed to: Elizabeth G. Spurbeck, Associate Counsel, State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, 1400 College Park Drive, Columbia, TN 38401, 931-777-9022.

Juvenile Judge Charles L. Rich

Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: January 7

Location: Barnett Rd; Seller, Linda S Perryman; Buyer, Auburn Elise Harris, Kristen Sterling Harris; Price, $425,000 (Deed).

Location: Whitaker Rd; Seller, Adam L Williams, David E Williams; Buyer, David A Puff, Marilyn A Puff; Price, $33,000 (Deed).

Location: 113 Hampshire Rd; Seller, Robert Wade Jr, Robert Ellis Wade Jr; Buyer, Travis Jost; Price, $247,500 (Deed).

Location: 104 Michael Lane; Seller, Felicia Acosta, Aaron Acosta; Buyer, Lori Denise Brown; Price, $260,000 (Deed).

File date: January 8

Location: Hwy 41 A; Seller, Martin K Shofner, Corabel A Shofner; Buyer, James; Martin King Shofner Family Limited Partnership, $0 (QD).

Location: 418 Fairground Heights; Seller, Efrain Barrios, Efrain Barrios Cruz; Buyer, Antonio Hernandez Paladez; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: January 9

Location: 121 Lorien Circle; Seller, Delisa D Russell; Buyer, Jakori Boykin Jones; Price, $297,000 (Deed).

Seller, Nicholas E Platt, Sara Beth Platt; Buyer, Malia M Genn, Robert William Genn; Price, $487,900 (Deed).

Location: 123 Baker St; Seller, James Paul Nowlin; Buyer, Greg T Curl; Price, $20,000 (Deed).

Location: Fifth St Bell Buckle; Seller, Venson Hawkins, Faye Hawkins, Hawkins Builders; Buyer, HP Realty Co LLC; Price, $55,000 (Deed).

File date: January 13

Location: 576 Bottle Hollow Rd; Seller, Mark Murphy, Lisa Murphy; Buyer, John Luther Thaxton Jr, Jill Suzanne Thaxton; Price, $1,700,000 (Deed).

Location: Quintec Rd; Seller, Industrial Development Board; Buyer, Quintec Financial LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

The Board of Mayor and Alderman will hold a Special Called Meeting on Monday January 20, 2025 at 6:00pm at Town Hall. This meeting will be for the discussion of personnel matters and a job posting for the Wartrace Water Department. All meetings are open to the public.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Wartrace will be holding 2 public hearings on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public

1. Public Hearing for Ordinance 2024-008 – Event Venue Amendment

2. Public Hearing for Ordinance 2024-009 Ordinance to amend the Municipal Code for the Town of Wartrace Title 18 "Water and Sewers" to provide for adoption of all water system rates and fees within the Municipal Code.

PUBLIC NOTICE

City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2025, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Monday's trash route will be picked up on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, with Tuesday'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 and Regulations, please refer to the Public Works Department website www.shelbyvilletn.org/publicworks.htm.

Lisa Smith, City Recorder
Buck Vallad, Public Works Director

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Obituaries

Kenneth Paul Hargrove



Kenneth Paul Hargrove, age 66, of the Ray's Chapel Community in Bedford County, died on December 25, 2024, at his residence. Kenneth was a native of Marshall County and a son of the late Thomas Freeman Hargrove and Edith Pauline (Compton) Hargrove. He was a mechanic working in the automotive industry. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death with his wife, Shirley Irene Ray Hargrove, and by a son, Jimmy Freeman Hargrove, and brothers, Larry Hargrove and Ronnie Hargrove.

Mr. Hargrove is survived by his son, Lee Paul Hargrove of Shelbyville and a sister, Debbie Hargrove of Unionville.

The family has chosen cremation and there will be a Memorial Service at a later date.

Lawrence Funeral Home, 203 South Horton Pkwy, Chapel Hill, is in charge arrangements.

Shirley Irene Hargrove



Shirley Irene Hargrove, age 62, of the Ray's Chapel Community in Bedford County, died on December 25, 2024, at her residence. Shirley was born in Nashville and a daughter of the late John Henry Ray and Mary Lucas Ray. She was a homemaker. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death with her husband, Kenneth Paul Hargrove, and by a son, Jimmy Freeman Hargrove.

Mrs. Hargrove is survived by her son, Lee Paul Hargrove of Shelbyville.

The family has chosen cremation and there will be a memorial service at a later date.

Lawrence Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 203 South Horton Pkwy, Chapel Hill, is in charge arrangements.

Ernest Larry Simpson



Ernest Larry Simpson, (known as Larry Simpson), born on August 14, 1944, to Earnest and Mary Foster Simpson, passed away at the age of 80 on November 24, 1924, in Lexington, KY. He left behind his wife of 35 years, Elaine Hamilton Simpson; his step-daughter Cara Beserra of Sidney, Australia; and his grandson Lucca Beserra. He was preceded in death by his parents, and beloved grandson, Noah Beserra, age 3. Larry graduated from Middle Tennessee University and received his CPA Certification in 1966. After moving to Lexington, KY in the 1979, he had a distinguished career as the Chief Financial Officer of KY Mortgage Co., and later retired as Controller from the Lexington YMCA. He continued to serve individual clients for tax services. He was an enthusiast of snow skiing with his wife, step daughter and friends. In addition, he enjoyed European vacations with his wife and friends, as well as golfing. He was a member of The Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington.

Carl Keith Ensey



Carl Keith Ensey was born September 15, 1957, in Bedford County, to the late James and Annette Ensey. He was also preceded in death by his brother, David Karroll Ensey.

Keith passed away at home Wednesday, January 8, 2025, surrounded by his family.

Keith is survived by his loving wife, Gloria Renegar Ensey and his children Ashlee (Judson) Hover, Brad (Jaimi) Ensey, and Mindy (John) Harker. He is also survived by 6 grandchildren: Prentice Hover, Laurel Ensey, Cayson Hover, Kayleigh Harker, Conrad Ensey, and Kyland Harker. Keith also leaves behind a brother, Kenneth (Gay) Ensey of Rockvale.

In addition to being co-owner/operator of Keith's One Stop Exterminating, Keith was a devoted Christian, brother, husband, father, grandfather (Diddy.) God gave us Keith to be a well-known witness for Christ; "The Bug Man;" sideline coach, energetic and shameless singer and dancer; Mr. Fix-It Man; builder of playgrounds, churches, and houses for others; basketball superstar (at least in his own mind); comedian; peacemaker; kind and generous friend; an all-around good buddy and mentor to many.

Visitation was Monday, January 13, 2025, 10:00 am – 11:00 am with a funeral service at 11:00 am at Murfreesboro Funeral Home. Burial followed at Cothran Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Ronald McDonald House, Nashville. (https://rmhcnashville.com/donate/)

Terry Alton Goin



Terry Alton Goin, age 73, passed from this life on January 5, 2025, in his hometown of Shelbyville. Born on June 17, 1951, in Shelbyville, he was a lifelong resident of the area.

Terry graduated from Shelbyville Central High School in 1969, and later received his bachelor's degree from MTSU. He served proudly and honorably in the U.S. Navy. After his military service, Terry had a successful career as a carpenter, dedicating many years to both commercial and residential construction.

A member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and was also a member of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), demonstrating his continued commitment to fellow veterans.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alton Goin and Ruby Gannon Brown.

Terry is survived by his siblings, Judi Burton and Christopher Brown.

Per the family's request, they chose cremation and his ashes will be interred at Chattanooga National Cemetery at a later date. No public services will be held. Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

James Leonard Stafford

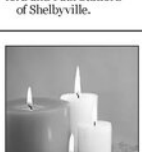


James Leonard Stafford, 64, of Shelbyville, died January 7, 2025 at his home after an extended illness. Per his wishes, he will be cremated. No services are scheduled.

He was the son of the late Charles Leonard Stafford and Dorothy Paulene Dorton Stafford.

James is survived by his son, Jason Leonard Stafford; two grandchildren, Jason Lee Stafford and Chloe Stafford; his sister, Cathy Hurt and two brothers, Billy Stafford and Paul Stafford of Shelbyville.

Anita Marie Griffith



With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Anita Marie Griffith, who died peacefully at home on January 1, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. She was 79 years old.

She was born November 18, 1945, in Florence, KY. Her life is marked by her unwavering devotion to her family. Her passion for literature, arts, gardening and gourmet cooking was a testament to her creativity and love for life.

A private memorial service will be held for immediate family and close friends on Saturday, January 18, 2025.

The family deeply appreciates your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Euless "Wendell" Philpott



Euless "Wendell" Philpott was born June 23, 1935, in his family cabin in Bedford County. He passed away January 8th, 2025, at Alive Hospice in Murfreesboro. He was 89 years old.

He loved his wife, family, friends, God, St. Marks Methodist Church, Old Fort Golf Course family, and he took pride in his Shelbyville family farm.

Wendell loved the outdoors. He never knew a stranger and was always willing to help. He liked to travel with his family, loved playing golf, and loved working on his farm, home, and loved his Koi fish pond.

He loved eating out and conversing with family and friends at Farmers Family, Cracker Barrel, Far East, and Grannies Fishes in Tullahoma. His favorite foods were catfish, tomatoes, ice cream, watermelon and cantaloupe.

Wendell loved all sports and played them great; he played golf, bowled for Samsonite Mfg., played tennis, pickleball, and softball.

Wendell was very involved in his community. He was a member with St. Marks Methodist Church, UMC Sages, Disaster Team, and even washed the dishes at church. He was the St. Marks Methodist Church softball founder and coach for the men and co-ed teams for over 40 years. Wendell coordinated many golf tournaments for church, community charity fundraisers, and he and Myra also volunteered for Meals on Wheels.

Wendell worked at Old Fort Park Golf Course for about 26 years. He retired from Samsonite Mfg., after 30 years of employment, where he worked as a tool and die maker and welder.

Over the past year, Wendell tried to fight long and hard through many strokes. He overcome a lot to stay with us longer.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Myra Philpott of Murfreesboro; son, Michael "Mike" Philpott of Murfreesboro; daughter, Teresa "Terry" (Mike) Philpott Earl of Lawrenceburg; and grandsons, Alex Earl, and Austin Earl.

Surviving siblings who love him dearly are Charles M. Philpott of Manassas, VA, and Billy G. Philpott of Braselton, GA.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin Euless Philpott and Alvie Arnold Philpott; sister, Annette Philpott Woods; and half-sisters, Gertrude Landers Philpott Hasty, and Mary Ruth Philpott Grubbs.

Funeral services will be held Saturday January 18th, at St. Marks Methodist Church in Murfreesboro. Visitation at 10 am and Celebration of Life Ceremony at 11 am. with Dr. Jim Clardy officiating. Burial will follow at Rosebank Cemetery, in Flat Creek, Bedford County, TN.

Pallbearers and Honorary pallbearers are the St. Mark's United Methodist Church Softball team and Old Fort Golf Course members.

The family suggest memorials be made to the St. Mark's United Methodist Church Youth Recreational Ministry Fund or the Disaster Ministry Fund.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Karin Renate Roper



Karin Renate Roper, age 70, passed from this life on January 6, 2025, in Shelbyville.

Born on July 8, 1954, Karin was the daughter of the late Renate Freida Tarras Morrow and George Dwain Morrow. She known for her feisty and witty personality. She never hesitated to speak her mind and often brought joy to those around her through her humorous antics.

After graduating from high school in 1972, Karin worked as an administrative assistant for several years. She later chose to dedicate her life to her family as a full-time homemaker, a role she cherished and excelled in. She was the love of Jack Roper, 11's life. They met in high school and they have been together ever since, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary last March.

Karin had a passion for golf and could often be found on the course, perfecting her game. She and her husband also enjoyed traveling across the United States in their motor home.

She is survived by her loving husband of 50 years, Jack Roper, 11; children, Jack "Shane" (Kailauni) Roper, 111 of Clarksville, and Shauna Renate Mora of Shelbyville; grandchildren, James, Michael, Gabriel, Marisol, Mea, Everleigh, Brayden, and Jax; and siblings, Michelle Endlich, and Gary Morrow both of Texas.

A Celebration of life service will be held 4:00 p.m. Saturday, January 18, 2025, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Brother Jim Gray officiating.

Visitation with the family will be held Saturday, Jan. 18th 3-4 p.m. prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Red Cross @ www.redcross.org

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Ruby Nell Lowe Morgan



Ruby Nell Lowe Morgan, age 95, of Shelbyville, passed peacefully from this life on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at Lynchburg Nursing Center.

Mrs. Ruby was a lifelong resident of Bedford County, born on July 20, 1929, as the youngest of three children to the late Olin C. and Jessie Crutchfield Lowe. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Gentry Morgan; her sister, Pauline Winchester; and her brother, Lester Lowe.

She graduated from Bell Buckle High School in the Class of 1948 and married Gentry Morgan on November 11, 1951. Ruby dedicated 40 years of service to First National Bank before continuing her career at Howell Lawrence Funeral Home. Later, she served as secretary at Southside Church of Christ until the age of 87, where she was also an active and devoted member.

In her free time, Ruby was an avid game enthusiast, especially enjoying Dominoes and Rummikub, which she often played with family and friends.

Mrs. Ruby is survived by her loving daughters, Connie (John) Boutwell and Lisa Coop; her cherished grandchildren, John Amos Boutwell, Spenser (Sophie) Coop, Everett (Kirstie) Boutwell, and Claire (Josh) Coop-Parsley; and one treasured great-grandchild, Morgan Boutwell.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home, with Jeff Smith officiating. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

The family received friends from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, prior to the funeral service at the funeral home. Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family. www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com.

Evelyn Elizabeth "Eve" Wells



Evelyn Elizabeth "Eve" Wells 58 of Shelbyville, died January 8, 2025. Funeral Services were held 2:00 P.M. Sunday, January 12th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home with the Rev. Scotty Sorrells officiating. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation was at 12:00.

She was a native of Bedford County and a member of Mount Olivet United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Osborne Elijah "O.E." Wells and Sara Elizabeth Douglas Wells and a brother, Osborne Eugene Wells.

Eve is survived by her sister, Mary Cathryn (Allen) Perry of Shelbyville; a brother, Douglas (Brenda) Wells of Tullahoma; "Her Favorite Amanda", Amanda Scott; and several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

A special thanks to her Caretakers at Skills and Hospice Compassus who took such loving and wonderful care of Eve. Her beginning was difficult as her life has been. With the love shown her by the many people that touched her life, she is happy and loved. She is our blessing.

Memorials may be made to Skills Development Services "Helping Hands", 111 Prince St., Shelbyville, 37160.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers employee rescues Caney Fork River kayaker

LANCASTER, Tenn. – A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers employee played a crucial role in rescuing a kayaker who capsized on the Caney Fork River near Center Hill Dam on Dec. 31, 2024.

Kevin Salvilla, natural resource program manager at Center Hill Lake, responded to the distress call, ensuring the kayaker's safety in challenging conditions.

At approximately 12:30 p.m., Salvilla received a call from dispatch reporting a kayaker clinging to a tree in the river after capsizing. He learned that the individual was not wearing a life jacket and was submerged and showing signs of hypothermia. Salvilla, with assistance from the DeKalb County Rescue Squad, responded swiftly.

Salvilla met the rescue team at the Long Branch Day Use Area where he launched a USACE park ranger vessel and navigated downstream to reach the kayaker.

"We provided the distressed young man with a life jacket, brought him into the boat, and retrieved his equipment before returning him safely to shore," Salvilla recounted. "He was treated for hypothermia symptoms by DeKalb County EMS and released shortly after."

Salvilla noted that the incident occurred due to the kayaker striking submerged debris.

"Thankfully, he was able to call 911 using his phone that he was able to retrieve from his pocket," said Salvilla.

"This situation highlights the importance of being prepared, wearing a life jacket, and expecting the unexpected while on the water."

During a visit to Center Hill, the USACE Nashville District commander presented several awards to the team and to individuals for this incident response as well as other recent successes at Center Hill.

"The rescue on New Year's Eve highlights the professionalism and dedication this team brings to every response," said Lt. Col. Robert Green, USACE Nashville District Commander. "The team's actions reinforce one of our core missions to serve the public and protect lives, no matter the time or challenge."

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reminds everyone to prioritize safety when engaging in water-based activities, especially during colder months when hypothermia is a significant risk. Wearing a life jacket, staying aware of environmental conditions, and having emergency equipment can make all the difference. Additionally, in areas downstream from hydropower facilities, such as the Caney Fork River, it is important to be aware of generation schedules and how they impact water conditions. Hydropower generation schedules for all facilities in the Cumberland River Basin can be found at https://www.lrn-wc.usace.army.mil/preschedule.shtml.

The public can obtain news, updates and information from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District on the district's website at https://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/About/Districts/Nashville-District/, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/nashvillecorps and on X (formerly Twitter) at www.x.com/nashvillecorps.



Aerial view of the Caney Fork River taken from atop Center Hill dam in Lancaster on Jan. 8, 2024. (USACE photo by Michael Davis)

Clifford Dwayne Jones

Clifford Dwayne Jones, 66, of Shelbyville, died January 13, 2025.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Friday, January 17, at Hillcrest Funeral Home with the Rev. Tony Wales and Wayne Simpkins officiating. Burial will follow at Bethany Church Cemetery in Normandy. Visitation begins at 11 a.m.



Marie Lane Madeiros



Marie Lane Madeiros, age 90, passed away January 9, 2025, at home under the care of Compassus Hospice Care and her loving family. She was born Oct. 1, 1934, in Shelbyville, to the late John and Clara Yoes.

Marie was preceded in death by her first husband of 62 years, Omar Lane; daughter, Betty Lane; brothers, Frank Yoes, Lewis Yoes, and Larry Yoes; and a great grandson, Vincent Montalvo.

She is survived by her husband, J.W. Madeiros; her daughters Dianna (Brent) Haley of Shelbyville, Carol (Randy) Spray of Bedford, and Angela (Bryan) Boyce of Wheel; a son-in-law James Gray of Murfreesboro; a stepson Mark Madeiros of Alberta, Canada; and her sister Debbie Taylor of Pulaski.

She was known as Nanny by her many grandchildren, Cliff (Tammy) Trott of Shelbyville; Benjie (Sasha) Trott of Lynchburg; Hannah Lane Gray of Nashville, Brandy Dunn of Shelbyville; Kara Brooke Spray of Kansas; Tabitha Paschal and Everette (Nicky) Boyce, both of Wheel; great grandchildren, Jessica McPeak; Hunter Trott; Hailee Trott; Tori Trott; Cari Leverette; Zach Kelton; Colby Kelton; Darius Young; Brian Young Jr.; Mezzie Dunn; Vission Montalvo, Anna Barnes, Leah Barnes, Hollie Boyce, Heidi Boyce, Whitney Cawthon, Bryleigh Paschal, Fisher Paschal, Cole Madeiros and Dane Madeiros; and great-great grandchildren, Ryleigh McPeak; Lenox McPeak; Onyx Boyce; Ivy Sons; and soon to be Amelia Trott.

She has also left behind fur babies, Edie Mae and Diesel.

Marie was a member of Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church and was the oldest surviving member. She taught Sunday School for many years. A multi-talented woman, Marie will be remembered for her creativity, her folk art, her crafts, and the children's books she wrote and illustrated. Everyone loved her delicious vegetable soup that she made even when she wasn't feeling well. Her loved ones will keep her recipe going and think of her each time it is made.

She loved living on her farm on the hill with her goats and chickens, her garden, and flowers. She enjoyed keeping up on Facebook and would send Snap Chats to family and friends every day. The most important part of Marie's life was her family. She was the living embodiment of love, kindness, compassion, and forgiveness. She was the perfect example of being beautiful inside and out.

Funeral services will be held 1 PM Saturday, Jan. 18, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Visitation with the family will start at 11 am and service will begin at 1 pm, conducted by Bro. Doug Dezotell and Bishop Randy Taylor. Memorial contributions can be made to Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church or the American Cancer Society.

Micheal "Mike" Lowe McClanahan



It is with heavy hearts, that we announce the passing of Micheal "Mike" Lowe McClanahan, a beloved husband, dad, papa, and friend, who left us on January 10, 2025, at the age of 60. Born January 25, 1964, in Shelbyville, TN, Mike fought a courageous battle with cancer, showing strength, resilience, and an unwavering love for life, until the very end.

Funeral services were 11 AM Thursday, January 16, 2025, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel, Reverend Jeff Faulk officiated. Burial followed at Hopper Cemetery. Visitation was 3 PM to 7 PM Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel.

Mike was a dedicated husband to Venessa, with whom they shared 31 wonderful years of marriage. Together, they raised a family and created countless cherished memories, with a special place in Mike's heart, reserved for his grandkids, who brought immense joy to his life.

A passionate supporter of the Tennessee Titans, Mike enjoyed every minute spent cheering on the team. Whether it was watching football games, golfing, or working in his yard, Mike lived with enthusiasm and purpose. Family and friends knew him as a loyal and hard worker, as he dedicated almost 40 years to his job at Marelli (Calsonic).

While cancer may have taken Mike from us too soon, it will never take away the incredible spirit that defined him. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him – through the lessons he taught, the laughter shared, the love he gave so freely, and his amazing sense of humor. Mike will forever be remembered as a fighter, loving soul, and a cherished part of all our lives.

Mike was preceded in death by his mother and stepfather, Betty and Rod Thompson. He is survived by his wife, Venessa, and children, Michael Logan McClanahan, Shelley (Kevin) Lovvorn, and Brittney (Chris) Self; grandchildren, Stratton and Landon Lovvorn, Jaxson and Sadie Rose Self, Izzy, Ben, and LettiMae McClanahan, all of Shelbyville, TN; father and stepmother, Carl and Pam McClanahan, of Shelbyville, TN; sister, Amy (Steven) Molder of Shelbyville, TN; and brothers, Mark McClanahan of California, Chris (Tammy) Tucker, of Shelbyville and Charles (Melissa) Tucker, of Virginia. Mike is also survived by his loving nieces, nephews, aunts, and cousins.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Pass me another piece of that Cornbread, please!

By DAWN HANKINS

When it is cold outside, there's nothing better than fresh baked cornbread with, well, anything! Whether you like it sweet, unsweet, spicy or as a flat bread, it's all good.

So, cozy up to a warm bowl of soup, beans or salad even this winter. Be sure to have a piece of cornbread, or two, on the side

My Dad loves cornbread with just a cold glass of milk. I'm a fan of cornbread and stewed/canned tomatoes myself.

Whatever you pair cornbread with, know that it goes with just about everything! And especially butter. I miss my grandmother's churned butter and cornbread.

From settlers out west to right here in this area, cornbread has been around for the ages. And given we even have cornbread bakeoffs in the South, I dare say it will be here for generations to come.

Share these tried-and-true cornbread recipes, indicative of our southern heritage, with your family during these cold days.

Cheddar Cornbread Squares

Dairy Alliance

1 package corn muffin mix, plus ingredients to make mix
1 small onion, thinly sliced
1/2 cup red pepper, thinly sliced
1/2 cup green pepper, thinly sliced
1 teaspoon oregano
1 1/2 cup shredded mild Cheddar cheese, divided
Nonstick cooking spray

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Prepare corn muffin mix batter as directed on the package.

Spray an 8-inch square or round pan with nonstick cooking spray. Pour batter into the pan. Bake for 15 minutes, or until lightly browned. Do not remove cornbread from the pan.

While cornbread is baking, heat a skillet with nonstick cooking spray. Add onions and pepper; sauté until soft. Stir in oregano; set aside.

Sprinkle 1 cup of the cheese over baked bread; top with vegetable mixture and remaining 1/2 cup of cheese. Bake for 5 minutes, or until the cheese is melted. Cut into 2-inch squares to serve.

Broccoli Cornbread

1998 T-G Cookbook

2 sticks margarine, melted
2 boxes Jiffy cornbread mix
1 box frozen, chopped, broccoli
1 medium onion, chopped
4 eggs, beaten
8 oz. cottage cheese

Melt margarine in a 9x12 pan. Mix all other ingredients together. Add melted margarine and stir. Pour into the pan. Bake for 35 minutes at 350 degrees.

Sour Cream Cornbread

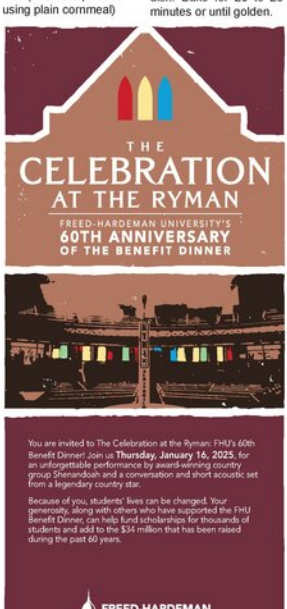
1998 T-G Cookbook
9 servings

1 C. all-purpose flour
1 C. plain yellow cornmeal or yellow cornmeal mix (add ½ tsp. soda if using plain cornmeal)



4 T. sugar
2 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
1 beaten egg
1/3 C. milk
4 T. (1/4 C.) melted margarine
1 C. (8 oz.) sour cream

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. In a large bowl, combine flour, cornmeal, sugar, baking powder, salt (and soda if plain cornmeal is used.) In a medium bowl, beat together the egg, milk and margarine. Add egg mixture and sour cream to flour mixture. Stir until blended. Pour mix into a greased 8-inch baking dish. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden.



Middle Tennessee Routes Jacksonville State 69-35 for Fourth Consecutive Win

MT ATHLETICS

JACKSONVILLE, Ala. - The Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders (12-5, 4-0 CUSA) continued their perfect start to the 2025 CUSA campaign with their fourth consecutive victory today, defeating the Jacksonville State Gamecocks (7-7, 1-2 CUSA) 69-35 in the second of three straight games on the road.

Middle Tennessee opened the game on a 14-2 scoring run behind seven early points from Ta'Mia Scott. The Blue Raiders' defense was stifling early on and seemed to set the tone from the opening tip, allowing just four first-quarter points to Jacksonville State, tying their season-low. The Blue Raiders domination of Jacksonville State led into the second quarter, extending their lead to 15 heading into the halftime break.

Middle Tennessee continued to shoot the ball well from the floor in the second half, with Anastasiia Boldyreva, Courtney Blakley and Elina Arike, all of which would finish the game in double figures, each added eight points to their tallies during the third quarter, including a pair of threes from Arike. The lead would grow to 26 by the end of the third. MTSU closed out their convincing performance in Jacksonville by outscoring the Gamecocks 15-7 over the final 10 minutes of the afternoon, resulting in a 34-point win on the road.

Boldyreva led all scorers with 21 points, shooting an efficient 8-13 from the field, to go with 13 rebounds and an impressive six blocked shots. Today's performance marked Boldyreva's fifth double-double of the season and her eighth game with 3+ blocks. In her third double-double of the season, Scott added 18 points, including a perfect 7-7 mark from the free throw line, and 11 rebounds.

As a team, Middle Tennessee held Jacksonville State to just 21% shooting from the field, the Blue Raiders' lowest opposing field goal percentage of the season.

By the Numbers

266: In their opening four games of conference play, MTSU has outscored their opponents 266-161, resulting in four consecutive wins, all coming by double digits.

10: The Blue Raiders tied their single-game season high in blocks today against the Gamecocks with 10, led by Boldyreva with six.

21 & 7: Middle Tennessee recorded seven steals, leading to 21 points off turnovers with Jalynn Gregory and Blakely both picking up three take aways.

Thoughts from Head Coach Rick Insell

"We've done a good job, and that includes our entire coaching staff, working on our defensive principles. We held their leading scorer to eight points."

"I'm really proud of the girls. They played hard and shared the ball."

Player's Perspective with Ta'Mia Scott

"Defensive is definitely what kept us in this game, and kept the score where we needed it to be. We found ourselves offensively in the second half, but that would not have come without our defensive intensity."

Blue Raider Notes

The Conference USA win streak extends to 33 for the Blue Raiders with the win today over Jacksonville State, as they continue to sit atop the conference standings with a perfect 4-0 start to league play.

Up Next

The Blue Raiders will close out their three-game road trip next weekend, as they are set to take on the WKU Hilltoppers on Saturday, Jan. 18 at 2 p.m. at E.A. Diddle Arena.



Ta'Mia Scott (15) scored 18 points in MTSU's big win at Jacksonville State. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

Golden Eagles Complete Second Half Comeback in OT Vs Coffee County

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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles opened District 9-AAAA play at home against the Coffee County Red Raiders, prevailing in overtime, 55-48, on Tuesday night.

The Golden Eagles outscored Coffee County, 11-4, in the extra session to pick up their first district win of the season. Jack Conditt scored 11 of his team-high 14 points in the second half, and connected on a trio of three-pointers on the night. More importantly, he finished 5/6 at the free throw line for the game. Javon Lee chipped in with 12 first-half points to keep Shelbyville within striking distance of the visitors while Malik Johnson stepped up with 10 points on the night as well.

For Coffee County, this loss continued their now six-game losing streak, and their third-consecutive road defeat. The Red Raiders saw three players, Cayden Trail, Brady Wright, and Courtland Farrar, all finish with 13 points, but the team only managed to score 19 points in the second half against Shelbyville's stingy defense.

To start the game, Coffee County took a meager two-point lead, 15-13, into the second quarter. In that second quarter of play, the Red Raiders extended their lead by outscoring Shelbyville, 14-10, to take a 29-23 lead into the halftime locker room.

With Tae'Shawn Shelton in foul trouble and Jordan Taylor only having three first half points, Shelbyville was kept afloat thanks to Lee's aggressive attacks on the Red Raiders' basket. Coming out of halftime, the Golden Eagles knew they needed to be ultra-aggressive, and they rose to the challenge.

Shelbyville put together an impressive third quarter, outscoring Coffee County, 16-8, while getting to the free throw line early and often. The Golden Eagles shot 10/11 at the charity stripe in the quarter to actually take the lead, 39-37, heading into the final frame.

However, in the fourth quarter, Shelbyville only managed to score five points, but their defense managed to at least force overtime by holding the Red Raiders to just seven points of their own. With the score knotted at 44-44, the Golden Eagles took the early lead and then finished things off by going 6/10 at the free throw line, coming away with the hard-fought 55-48 victory.

Coffee County falls to 6-11 (0-1).

Shelbyville improves to 6-11 (1-0).

Red Raiders Control Eaglettes to Begin District 9-AAAA Play Despite Young's 21 Pts

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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes' first game of the new year came after a 25-day layoff came against the second-ranked Coffee County Red Raiders to kick off District 9-4A play at Rick Insell Gymnasium on Tuesday night in a 30-point loss, 75-45.

The Eaglettes ran into an unbeaten buzzsaw in Coffee County. The Red Raiders were voted second in the first USA Today TSSAA rankings right behind Bradley Central after a blistering 18-0 start.

Shelbyville's Lanaya Young was the only Eaglette to finish in double-figures with a team-high 21 points. Janiya Leslie contributed with nine points of her own, including eight in the first half.

Meanwhile, Coffee County saw two players eclipse the 20-point mark: Channah Gannon and Jules Ferrell. Gannon got the party going early to lead the way with a game-high 28 points while Ferrell chipped in with 20 points exactly. They were joined by two other Red Raiders' in double-figures with Natalie Barnes and Olivia Vinson finishing with 12 points and 10 points, respectively.

One key statistical difference between the two sides was their free-throw shooting. The Red Raiders connected on 16/20 attempts while Shelbyville struggled, finishing 5/16 from the charity stripe.

The Red Raiders jumped out to a 27-8 lead after the opening eight minutes of play thanks to a 16-point first quarter from Gannon, whom the Eaglettes had no answer for in the low post.

In the second quarter, Shelbyville actually outscored Coffee County, 15-12, to marginally trim into the lead going into the halftime locker room, 39-23. Young scored six of her eight first-half points in the second period along with Leslie to lead the charge from Shelbyville on their home floor as Gannon sat for the entire quarter.

Ferrell and Gannon took over the third quarter for Coffee County as they outscored Shelbyville, 24-14, to take a 63-37 lead into the final frame. Ferrell scored 10 of her 20 points in the period while Gannon connected on a pair of three-point plays as part of her eight third-quarter points. Barnes also scored six of her 12 total immediately after halftime. Meanwhile, Lanaya Young led the way for SCHS with 10 of her 21 points coming in the third quarter, including a three-pointer followed by a pair of two-point field goals.

In the final frame, Coffee County outscored Shelbyville, 12-8, to put the finishing touches on a dominant district-opening victory, 75-45, and continue their unbeaten run.

Coffee County improves to 19-0 (1-0).

Shelbyville Central falls to 8-6 (0-1).

Viqueens Drop Home District Game to Lady Lions

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UNIONVILLE, Tenn. – The Community Viqueens (7-10, 0-2) returned to District 9-AA play on Tuesday night after a heart-breaking one-point loss in their district opener at Grundy County, but unfortunately for the Viqueens, the Cannon County Lady Lions (11-4, 3-0), handed the hosts their second consecutive defeat, 60-44.

Anna Haskins led the way for Community with a team-high 13 points, including 10 in the second half. Alyssa White was the only other Viqueen to reach double-figures, finishing with 10 points of her own. Brailey Whitehead chipped in with eight points as well.

For Cannon County, star point guard Abi Alexander led the way from the opening jump, scoring a game-high 22 points with half of them coming in the first quarter. Mylee Schwartz contributed with 10 points while Addie King chipped in with 12 points of her own.

To start things off, Alexander outscored Community all on her own, leading to the Lady Lions taking a 20-9 lead at the end of the opening period. Brooklyn Yoes, Haskins, and Whitehead each found their way into the scorebook for Community with four points, three points, and two points, respectively, but Cody Pierce's squad struggled to string together defensive stops early on.

Cannon County continued to extend their lead after outscoring the Viqueens, 15-10, in the second quarter, taking a 16-point lead, 35-19, into the halftime locker room. Nonetheless, White scored seven of her 10 points in the period to lead the way for Community.

Coming out of halftime for the third quarter, Community actually outscored the Lady Lions, 10-9, to trim the lead to 15 points, 44-29, after holding Alexander to her lowest scoring period of the night with just two points.

In the final frame, however, Cannon County found their groove again, outscoring the Viqueens, 16-15, to hold off the hometown rally and pick up their third district win of the season. Haskins connected on a pair of three-pointers in the fourth quarter to go with two free throws, but it was ultimately too little too late. The Viqueens only managed to hit one shot from downtown in the first three quarters thanks in part to the length of Cannon County on defense.

Cannon County improves to 11-4 (3-0).

Community falls to 7-10 (0-2).

Alexander's 33 Points Leads Cannon County Past Vikings

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UNIONVILLE, Tenn. – The Community Vikings (8-9, 0-2) returned to District 9-AA play on Tuesday, but ran into an avalanche named Miles Alexander for the Cannon County Lions (14-6, 3-0) in a 30-point home loss, 82-52.

Miles, the younger brother of Lady Lions star point guard Abi Alexander, had his district coming-out party on the Vikings home floor, scoring 33 points, including connecting on four first-quarter three-pointers as part of a 16-point period.

Community had almost no answer for the frenetic playstyle employed by Lions' head coach Jared Nave, and only saw two players finish in double-figures on the night. Charlie Haskins scored a team-high 16 points while Landon Lovvorn chipped in with 12 points of his own. Karson Boyce added eight points.

For Cannon County, Lukas Phillips stepped up behind Alexander with 18 points on the night, and Eli Pelham continued his solid run of games with a 13-point outing, including 11 points in the first half.

However, the real star of the night was the aforementioned Alexander, who connected on seven three-pointers overall as part of his career night.

To start the game, Alexander led Cannon County to a 23-15 lead after the opening eight minutes of play. He singlehandedly outscored the Vikings, 16-15, in an incredibly proficient display of outside shooting.

In the second quarter, the Lions kept the foot on the gas, outscoring Community, 25-10, to take a nearly insurmountable 23-point lead, 48-25, going into the halftime locker room. Alexander connected on another pair of triples to bring his halftime tally up to 23 points after he converted on a four-point play.

Coming out of the halftime break, Cannon County showed no signs of letting up, outscoring the Vikings, 17-13, to take a 65-38 lead as Phillips and Alexander kept the points coming for the visitors. Lovvorn and Boyce led Community with four points apiece in the period.

For the final frame, the Lions left no doubt, outscoring Community, 17-14, to reach the 30-point margin of victory. Haskins led the Vikings with eight points in the period, but the hosts could not find any other consistent scoring options to match the output from Cannon County.

Community falls to 8-9 (0-2).

Career-High 27 Points From Watson Leads Cascade To Blowout Win Over Moore County

BY NOAH MADDOX
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LYNCHBURG, Tenn. – A career-high 27 points on eight three-pointers from new sixth-man, Noah Watson, helped the Cascade Champions (9-7, 0-1) complete the season sweep on the road against the Moore County Raiders (2-13, 0-1) on Tuesday night., 78-31.

Chris Lawson made a slight tweak to his starting lineup for the first time this season for this game, swapping the scorching-hot Tyler Barrett for a struggling Watson, and this change prompted a historic display of shooting from the junior transfer from Community. Watson came into Tuesday's matchup having made just nine threes all season while averaging just 6.5 PPG, and he nearly matched that total with eight in one game to score a game-high 27 points.

Kaleb Kelso and Jason Cullum also reached double-figures scoring with Kelso finishing with 18 points while Cullum got back on track with 14 points from four three-pointers of his own.

For Moore County, Gavin Wise was the only one who managed to eclipse the 10-point mark, finishing with a team-high 12 points that all came in the first half.

Cascade, who scored 27 points off 19 Raiders' turnovers in the first matchup, did more of the same in the second game, turning defense into offense with a 31-point first quarter, taking a 31-11 lead. Justin Brown called two timeouts within the opening five minutes to try and jump-start his struggling Raiders, but nothing Moore County tried could slow down the Champs' avalanche.

Cascade came somewhat down to Earth in the second quarter, *only* outscoring Moore County, 17-9, to take a commanding 48-20 lead into the halftime locker room. Kelso led the way at the intermission with 13 points, while Watson had already connected on four triples for 12 points. Cullum also had 11 points at the break.

Cullum started the third quarter connecting on another three-pointer, and then Watson came back in off the bench as the sixth-man, continuing his torrid shooting display. Cascade took a 67-28 lead into the final frame.

In the fourth quarter, Watson punctuated his night with his eighth three-pointer and a runaway rimgrazing dunk before Lawson emptied the bench. The result was merely a formality, and when the final buzzer sounded, Cascade was on top by 47 points, 78-31.

Moore County falls to 2-13 (0-1).

Cascade improves to 9-7 (0-1) and will return home to take on Chapel Hill on Friday night, LIVE on The Zinger 100.9 starting at 5:45 p.m.



Noah Watson (2) fires away from downtown at Moore County. He finished with a career-high 27 points and eight-made three-pointers in his first game this season as the sixth-man. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

Blue Raiders Move to 3-1 in Conference Play With an 81-64 Win Over Jax State

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn.— Bulldozers lined the parking lot of the Murphy Center. Following a day of hard work, they cleared the way for fans to file into the arena for Middle Tennessee's (12-5, 3-1 CUSA) contest against the Jacksonville State Gamecocks (9-7, 1-2). Just like those machines did outside prior to the game, it took good, old-fashioned hard work from its two best scoring machines, Essam Mostafa and Jestin Porter, to help the Blue Raiders to an 81-64 win to continue the best start they've seen under Head Coach Nick McDevitt's tutelage.

Middle Tennessee stormed out of the gate on the offensive end, starting the game 6-for-8 from the field through the first four-plus minutes of play to jump out to a 15-4 lead. Mostafa had a pair of baskets to go with three-pointers from Justin Bufford, Porter and Jlynn Counter to cap off the game-opening run.

Middle Tennessee did end up coming back down to Earth, offensively, to finish the first half, but played great defense, holding Jacksonville State to just 35 percent shooting. The nation's fourth leading scorer, Jaron Pierre Jr, had just three points on 1-of-8 shooting heading into the locker room.

Similarly to Thursday night against Kennesaw State, Mostafa led the charge for the Blue Raiders with 12 points and five rebounds at the break. Guard Porter was also in double figures for Middle Tennessee with 14 points and an assist. Counter had five first-half points to go with a game-high four assists to help MTSU to a 37-27 lead at the half.

The Blue Raiders went to work on the offensive glass to begin the second half, helping them to a 7-2 run and a 56-43 lead with 12:00 to go in the game. After having four offensive boards in the first half, Middle Tennessee jumped out to five within the first 10 minutes of the second half that netted them 12 points in the paint and five second-chance points.

Two of the more important momentum plays in that stretch came from forward Torey Alston, who had a put-back dunk that put the Blue Raiders back up by nine and a layup he hit after grabbing a board over 7-foot Jacksonville State big man Iaroslav Niagu, drawing a foul on the play.

Where Middle Tennessee had its greatest advantage, however, was points in the paint, as they outscored Jacksonville State 36-28 down low. Mostafa led that charge, finishing the game with a season-high 22 points and nine rebounds. The Blue Raiders continued to show they are one of the best teams in the country defending the three, holding Jacksonville State to just four made three-pointers. Though he had a rough first-half, Pierre Jr. wound up being the top scorer for Jacksonville State with 22 points and nine rebounds.

After a tough week last week, Porter responded with perhaps the best two-game stretch of the season. The Houston, Texas, native followed up his season-high 27-point performance against Kennesaw State with a new season-high 29 points tonight. Counter had a near double-double with nine points while setting a career-high with nine assists. Bufford finished the game with a season-high seven rebounds and forward Alston had 11 points and seven rebounds for the Blue Raiders to cap off an undefeated week in conference play.



Jalyn Counter (2) scored nine points in MTSU's win over Jacksonville State. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

By the Numbers:

49: With tonight's win, Head Coach Nick McDevitt has tied Randy Wiel for fourth all-time in school history with 49 conference wins.

7: The season-high in rebounds for Justin Bufford, also the amount of 20-plus point games for Jestin Porter, who had a season-high 29 points tonight.

9: Career-high assists for Jlynn Counter

Player's Perspective:

"It's really fun, I haven't had that much fun playing a basketball game in a long time," said guard Jlynn Counter. "I've got to give credit to my teammates, I mean I put them in the position to score but at the end of the day, the ball has to go through the hoop. They just do a great job and they make me look good out there."

McDevitt's Mic:

"Really happy with our win," said head coach Nick McDevitt. "A lot of different contributions from different players. 29 points from Jestin Porter and nine assists with one turnover from Jlynn Counter. Essam (Mostafa) had another really good night and I think Torey is continuing to grow up and be good around the basket. I think our team has done a good job at respecting our opponent and the game and understanding what they've got to do in scout to earn wins."

Up Next

Middle Tennessee and Western Kentucky will play in this season's first edition of the 100 Miles of Hate rivalry next Saturday at 5:00 p.m. in the Murphy Center. The game will be streamed live on ESPN+ and can be heard on WGNS Radio.



Bedford County enjoys first snowfall of 2025

Most areas received between 2.5 to 3 inches

While it might not have been as much snow as earlier predicted by the National Weather Service, it was a wintry mix enjoyed by many last week. Here are a few reader-shared photos. Thank you for submitting!







BELL BUCKLE GLISTENS IN THE SNOW

Kim Purdom captured Bell Buckle's wintery essence with these awesome snow scenes.



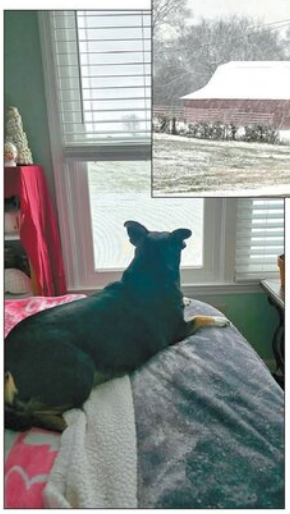




RAUS' FROSTY THE SNOWMAN

But he waved goodbye, saying don't you cry . . . Raus did all it could to save their Frosty when the sun popped out last weekend.





NORTH BEDFORD COUNTY SNOW SCENES

These photos were taken off Highway 41A North in Bedford County. Barbara Waterson took this winter wonderland scene with snow-capped trees. Joyce Jones took the beautiful winter farm landscape scenes.



BELL BUCKLE SNOWMAN

Layla, Tyner and James Shreve of Bell Buckle created this awesome snowman last week!

WARTRACE WINTER SCENES

David Burns of Wartrace took this picture of the Blue Victorian, home of David and Yvonne Moore Moon last week during the snow. He also captured some great photos of these triple snow angels and one of his granddaughter Autumn on the family tractor.





