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## It's freezing outside!

*Animal control director discusses state laws for shelter*




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During a very busy standing committee session Tuesday night, commissioners made time to discuss with Josie Lowery, animal control director, animal care during the current freezing temperatures.

Lowery told the law enforcement committee during her monthly report that Bedford County Animal Control had a tough December. The shelter is full.

However, the shelter did end the month with a 9.7 % euthanasia rate and the year with 5.9 % total euthanasia rate. Animal control has strived to maintain 10% and under.

She wanted to take a few minutes and talk about outdoor animal shelters during the freezing weather.

Commissioner Mark Thomas, director of Bedford County Fire Department, said this applies to not just dogs and cats but also farm animals.

On July 1, 2023, new state laws were passed for sheltering animals, shared Lowery. This includes shade for summer months and proper amounts of food, water and shelter. In certain winter months, animals

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## Do you like jazz?

*MTSU is sponsoring a concert right at your backdoor*

The second MTSU Jazz Artist Series concert is set for Feb. 6 on campus featuring vocalist Sandra Dudley, who will perform with members of MTSU Combo 1.

The concert will be held from 8 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, in the Hinton Music Hall of the Wright Music Building at 1439 Faulkinberry Drive. A parking map is available at https://bit.ly/MTSUParking.

The concert will feature members of the top student and graduate combo in the jazz studies program, including Dylan Kubilus (alto saxophone), Daniel Kuk (piano), Ethan Assad (bass) and Miles Damaso (drums). The concert will also include a guest appearance by faculty jazz saxophonist Don Aliquo.

"The evening concert will showcase the dynamic performing of one of Nashville's finest singers," said Director of Jazz Studies Jamey Simmons.

Tickets are $10 for the public and free for MTSU students, faculty and staff. Discounts are available for area band students and educators.

Tickets can also be purchased in the lobby of the Wright Music Building before the concert. For reserved tickets, call 615-898-2724 or email James.Simmons@mtsu.edu.

"The exciting thing for us as teachers is to showcase musicians who have a long-term commitment to the music, showing future generations the creative possibilities of jazz," said Simmons.

**About Sandra Dudley**

Nashville-based Sandra Dudley is a versatile singer who has entertained audiences for nearly 40 years. An educator and performer, Dudley has been an assistant professor of commercial voice at Belmont University for 30 years.

Dudley has sung with many jazz ensembles, including the Nelson Riddle Orchestra, the Jazz Orchestra of the Delta, the Ten-

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## Sheriff's Department considers Flock Cameras




*T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins*

Chief Deputy Nikia Elliott explained during standing committee meeting last night how the Flock Camera System has already benefited Bedford County Sheriff's Office in solving cases. From left, Will Pepper, representative of Flock Camera System, Elliott, Sheriff Austin Swing and Commissioner Keith Davis.

**By Dawn Hankins**

Commissioners learned during Tuesday night's law enforcement standing committee meeting about the important work being accomplished by the Flock Camera System.

Chief Deputy Nikia Elliott said the department has investigated the values of the system.

"We're always looking at whatever new technology might help us do our job a little better and be more efficient . . . every now and then something comes a long that might be a game changer for us," said Elliott.

He said the enhancement the Flock cameras might will bring to the department and community safety is well worth the money. BCSO has been working with the cameras on a trial basis.

From finding kidnapped children, dementia patients and even hit and run drivers, the Flock Camera system has proven itself worth the money municipalities spend for lease. And a few of those cases happened right here in Bedford County.

While no action was taken on whether the County will purchase the Flock Camera System, Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham said it will be discussed with the finance committee.

Flock Safety is an American manufacturer and operator of automated license plate recognition (ALPR), video surveillance, and gunfire locator systems. Founded in 2017, Flock operates such systems under contract with law enforcement agencies,

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### HE'S BACK!

***THE TRUMPS RETURN TO WHITE HOUSE***

*GOP Photo*

On Monday, Donald J. Trump was sworn in as the 47th President of the United States. Trump is the only president in history, besides Grover Cleveland, who will have served two, non-consecutive, terms as president. President Trump is pictured here with wife, Melania, during inaugural festivities on Monday. State Rep. Scott DesJarlais, 4th Congressional District, said, "President Trump's speech today gave the American people hope. Hope that we will once again make our national security a top priority so that our citizens will not live in fear. Hope that we will restore our economy so that families have relief at the grocery store and the gas pumps. Hope that the American dream will live on for generations to come."



### HAPPY RETIREMENT, JOHN!

*Bedford County Government Photo*

John Teague recently retired as extension agent for the University of Tennessee/Tennessee State University Extension Office in Bedford County. He's served this county since 1985. A reception was held last week in his honor. Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham congratulated Teague during the reception. State Rep. Pat Marsh (not pictured) also attended. Teague, who said he's judged over 200 livestock shows, said he plans to spend more time with his wife, Melody, children and grandchildren.

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must have bedding material that does not freeze, like straw.

"When we talk about that . . . blankets, sheets, towels; they're not a good idea. They collect moisture. And when you have temps, especially like today, they will freeze. The animal can freeze to them or certain body parts of that animal can freeze to them.

Area temps dipped below zero Tuesday night.

If you have animals outside, she said you should provide them with plenty of clean water and store it in heated water buckets. One of the commissioners suggested using a crock pot on low for the water.

Lowery said outdoor animal shelters should consist of three sides, a floor and a roof. The dog must be able to turn around and rest comfortably. She said straw is available through humane associations and retailers.

Thomas suggested, "If they're going to use heaters don't use extension cords to power them. We've seen that [fire] twice in the last week."

Lowery said make sure a guard is around the heat lamp and the apparatus is not too close to the ground. Thomas said a safety chain or wire should be used to secure the heat lamp, in case the clamp turns loose.

Lowery said their department is always available to assist community members. As well, many rescue organizations and humane associations can reach out as well.

She said right now there are some animals in the shelter which are part of an investigation and cannot be spayed or neutered. So, this has filled up several kennels. New Destiny Dog Rescue has helped with pulling some of the animals. Lowery said they will be rotating some of the animals but some unfortunately are not happy campers.

The animal control director warned, "Citizens, passers-by, if you see an animal and you pick that animal up, know you're taking responsibility for it. With that being said, I understand no one wants to see animals freeze . . . just know you might be taking responsibility for that animal longer than you had planned to."

She said setting traps to capture animals-not a good idea. Again, those animals may be staying with you longer than you thought.

Lowery said she has some outdoor animals. And by taking the proper precautions, as mentioned, the animals can stay warm.

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neighborhood associations, and private businesses, and as of 2024, claims to operate in over 5,000 communities across at least 42 U.S. states.

Will Pepper, Tennessee territory manager for Flock Safety, was on hand at the standing committee meeting to answer questions about the proposed cameras. And despite what people may think, they're not used to entrap speeders but rather as a tool that has proven itself as very valuable to law enforcement and its citizens, he advised through his presentation.

Pepper told commissioners that he's proudly working with Shelbyville Police Department, which recently was approved for a Flock camera lease. He gave several incidences of when the Flock camera has helped law enforcement agencies solve cases.

"Each camera is like hiring a deputy for $3,000 that works 24-7 . . . ."

Pepper said adding more deputies to the local department is six figures expensive, counting benefits. Still, he said the number one thing about using the Flock System is the priority to provide tools for community safety.

With just eight entry points in the county, the cost is $24,000, or $3,000 a camera per year. That is versus what would be $100,000 for the County to hire a new deputy plus benefits, according to Pepper.

Mayor Graham said the department is trying to get through the first year, that is the 12-month option. And, the path is very limited in the BCSO budget which means the finance committee would have to study potential funding.

He mentioned potentially capital projects funding. The cameras will perhaps meet the one-time criteria.

Elliott said by BCSO having access to a Flock system, they can communicate with other county law enforcement agencies, which can be crucial as far as time-saving. "We've had in Bedford County, even though we don't have Flock system, we've benefitted by luck, really."

He said an elderly person with dementia had left her Shelbyville home and was reported missing. One of the detectives started calling, got in touch with someone in Kentucky and law enforcement there entered information into their Flock system and the elderly person was found in East Tennessee.

He said you think of aspects in solving crime, but the cameras can be effective in everything BCSO does in protecting the community. He said while Bedford County is paying for its cameras, Flock allows the department to enter a net-a tool-which allows a wide-range of enforcement to work together.

Elliott said the County is currently working on a child pornography case and because they're trial testing the Flock camera, they already have a suspect they're tracking. He also mentioned the road rage incident last year on Normandy Road and how Manchester helped find the white Saturn through its Flock system.

The chief deputy said it would be so much faster of a process if BCSO had its own cameras. He said it could be extremely helpful in matters of security issues-threats-at schools.

Shelbyville Police, which agreed for him to mention, has already used its Flock system to make two arrests for perpetrators wanting to meet up with under age juveniles.

Thomas noted, "We're not going to be taking pictures of expired tags, running stop signs and sending them notices in the mail?"

Elliott said, "This is not traffic enforcement. Their cameras won't even do that. That's one of the first things I asked. I don't want people to think Bedford County is out here trying to make money on speeding."

Thomas said with earlier discussions on putting speed limits on County roads, he wanted to make that clear.

Pepper said one sheriff in another part of the state had asked to do that-put speeding ticket capability on their Flock system. But Pepper said the Flock System does not operate that way.

Commissioner Eric Maddox said, "I personally feel we would benefit from this technology for now, for what I see and here. I believe technology is definitely something that helps us as a society. I trust that your system would be a benefit from our County."

Maddox said his only challenge is from a budgetary standpoint. "I trust you all will look at your budget and make the best decisions for that budget."

# Local students among 6,478 on MTSU's fall dean's list

To qualify for this distinction, an undergraduate student must maintain a current semester grade-point average of 3.5 or above and earn at least 12 semester hours. Area students who made the list include:

Kyler Parker of Normandy, TN,
Hannah Campbell of Shelbyville, TN,
Lexi Bailey of Shelbyville, TN,
Katelyn Green of Rockvale, TN,
Leah Noel of Shelbyville, TN,
Austin Adkins of Chapel Hill, TN
Joseph Andrade of Shelbyville, TN,
Elijah Arnold of Wartrace, TN,
Emma Bentley of Shelbyville, TN
Madison Bowling of Unionville, TN,
Mary Beth Bryan of Rockvale, TN,
Kylie Calvert of Wartrace, TN
Zoraida Carrillo Rojas of Shelbyville, TN,
Kayla Crosby of Rockvale, TN,
Ethan Estes of Bell Buckle, TN,
Vivian Fernandez Cabrera of Shelbyville, TN,
Jared Habel of Shelbyville, TN,
Malana Harris of Rockvale, TN
Parker Johnson of Rockvale, TN,
Faith Klein of Shelbyville, TN,
Cole McBee of Shelbyville, TN
Genevieve McKaig of Chapel Hill, TN,
Manuel Menjivar-Pena of Beechgrove, TN,
Taylor Murphy of Shelbyville, TN,
Cason Neill of Shelbyville, TN,
Lida Phengmany of Shelbyville, TN,
Lydia Rowland of Bell Buckle, TN,
Rabeth Ryan of Chapel Hill, TN,
Taylor Smith of Chapel Hill, TN,
Laquita Jones of Rockvale, TN
Ryan Taylor of Wartrace, TN,
Abree Theriot of Bell Buckle, TN,
Katelyn Wilder of Bell Buckle, TN,
Tanner Wooten of Shelbyville, TN,
Julia Anderson of Shelbyville, TN,
Jamison Norton of Shelbyville, TN
Clay Morton of Shelbyville, TN,
Shelby Fortel of Shelbyville, TN,
Kelsey Cargile of Rockvale, TN,
Madelyn Taylor of Rockvale, TN,
Addison Brothers of Shelbyville, TN,
Joey Buckingham of Shelbyville, TN,
Carly Hall of Unionville, TN,
Abby Neeley of Shelbyville, TN,
Lorelynn Rowlett of Unionville, TN,
Skye Huffman of Shelbyville, TN,
Connor Hubble of Normandy, TN,
Abby Brooks of Shelbyville, TN,
Sam Brooks of Shelbyville, TN,
Jacey Collier of Shelbyville, TN,
Olivia Gabhart of Normandy, TN,
Hayden Jones of Normandy, TN,
Natalia Alcala of Unionville, TN,
Matthew Haynes of Shelbyville, TN,
Ashley Tapia Estrada of Shelbyville, TN,
Dawson Hasty of Shelbyville, TN,
Kolten Daniel of Rockvale, TN,
Berkley Allen of Chapel Hill, TN,
Brianna Anderson of Shelbyville, TN,
Joshua Baltimore of Rockvale, TN,
Harrison Bell of Beechgrove, TN,
Justin Blake of Rockvale, TN,
Alyx Bohlman of Shelbyville, TN,
Zoie Bondurant of Shelbyville, TN,
Nicholas Bridges of Unionville, TN,
Wendy Campos-Castro of Shelbyville, TN,
Shang Chen of Shelbyville, TN,
Emily Christopher of Rockvale, TN,
Ella Cobb of Shelbyville, TN,
Kennedy Cole of Shelbyville, TN,
Kaytlin Campbell of Rockvale, TN,
Madalyn Crosslin of Shelbyville, TN,
Jacob Damron of Wartrace, TN,
Peyton Davis of Shelbyville, TN,
Estevan Delgadillo of Shelbyville, TN,
Brad Dunn of Shelbyville, TN,
Ryan Eschliman of Wartrace, TN,
Jonathan Fernandez Cabrera of Shelbyville, TN,
Carli Guess of Bell Buckle, TN,
Scarlet Hall of Wartrace, TN,
Madelyn Harris of Shelbyville, TN,
James Hartung of Beechgrove, TN,
Jacob Hernandez of Beechgrove, TN,
Rylee Hooker of Bell Buckle, TN,
Tori Hull of Wartrace, TN,
Kiara Jacob of Bell Buckle, TN,
Molly Jensen of Shelbyville, TN,
Austin Johnson of Shelbyville, TN,
Aryn King of Rockvale, TN,
Frank Le Loup of Rockvale, TN,
Ethan Lukawitz of Beechgrove, TN,
Walker McNeal of Rockvale, TN,
Nathalie Meyers of Rockvale, TN,
Kennedy Miller of Shelbyville, TN,
Kyla Mooneyham of Bell Buckle, TN,
Feryn Moore of Rockvale, TN,
Bart Morton of Shelbyville, TN,
Kritzia Munoz of Shelbyville, TN,
Lady James-Pannell of Bell Buckle, TN,
Elizabeth Phillips of Rockvale, TN,
Connor Prim of Bell Buckle, TN,
Joshua Rains of Shelbyville, TN,
Reanna Richards of Bell Buckle, TN,
Larisa Rincon Molina of Shelbyville, TN,
Isaac Rippy of Shelbyville, TN,
Kaylee Ruth of Shelbyville, TN,
Deep Shah of Shelbyville, TN,
Elijah Smith of Bell Buckle, TN,
Faith Smith of Bell Buckle, TN,
Halli Smith of Unionville, TN,
Morgan Smith of Chapel Hill, TN,
Leah Solomon of Rockvale, TN,
Kyla Stewart of Rockvale, TN,
Tyler Stickel of Chapel Hill, TN,
Macy Tramel of Shelbyville, TN,
Caleb Voorhes-Fontenot of Shelbyville, TN,
Hayden Walker of Bell Buckle, TN,
Whitney Ward of Shelbyville, TN,
Matthew Waterson of Beechgrove, TN,
Devon Whitaker of Shelbyville, TN,
Sydney Williams of Rockvale, TN,
Tonyara Wilson of Bell Buckle, TN,
Lauren Wooten of Shelbyville, TN,
Caleb Andrews of Shelbyville, TN,
Sofia Cardoso Perez of Chapel Hill, TN,
Jonathan Castillo Rodriguez of Unionville, TN,
Milly Cope of Bell Buckle, TN,
Jordan David of Chapel Hill, TN,
Aldyn Harper of Chapel Hill, TN,
Miya Lemmon of Shelbyville, TN,
Emma Littlepage of Rockvale, TN,
Chloe McConnell of Shelbyville, TN,
Cristopher Ocasio Valentin of Shelbyville, TN,
Michael Olive of Bell Buckle, TN,
Hannah Osborne of Chapel Hill, TN,
Connor Sandel of Rockvale, TN,
Michael Tayman of Wartrace, TN,
Kyra Webb of Shelbyville, TN
Lucy Wilson of Bell Buckle, TN,
Miles Wine of Chapel Hill, TN,
Nicolas Zuasnava of Shelbyville, TN,
Paulina Fonseca of Rockvale, TN,
Marelle Jenkins of Rockvale, TN,
Donavin Pearson of Shelbyville, TN,
Brent Showalter of Shelbyville, TN,
Gabrielle Alexander of Shelbyville, TN,
Lili-Ann Briest of Rockvale, TN
Alejandro Cabrera of Shelbyville, TN,
Micah Ducett of Bell Buckle, TN,
Heather Fino of Rockvale, TN,
Jaden Flippin of Bell Buckle, TN,
Noah Garrison of Rockvale, TN,
Heather Grasmick of Chapel Hill, TN,
Bryson Holt of Shelbyville, TN,
Ben Hooper of Unionville, TN,
Andrew Ivey of Rockvale, TN,
Olivia James of Rockvale, TN,
Landon Lane of Wartrace, TN,
Esperanza Mendez of Shelbyville, TN,
Chloe Metzgar of Bell Buckle, TN,
Eileen O'Carroll of Shelbyville, TN,
Makenzie Parker of Shelbyville, TN,
Romeo Portillo of Shelbyville, TN,
Sarina Richards of Bell Buckle, TN,
Jordan Ring of Bell Buckle, TN,
Isabella Ross of Chapel Hill, TN,
Brooke Ryan of Bell Buckle, TN,
Leslie Ryan of Bell Buckle, TN,
Nathan Spicer of Rockvale, TN,
Shelby Trout of Chapel Hill, TN,
Shelby White of Rockvale, TN,
Trent Young of Rockvale, TN,
Vinny Dasch of Bell Buckle, TN,
Consondra Digruttolo of Shelbyville, TN,
Miguel Mateo of Shelbyville, TN,
Chandler Noel of Shelbyville, TN,
Marco Osorio of Shelbyville, TN,
Daisha Robinson of Shelbyville, TN,
Dylan Scott of Rockvale, TN,
Cason Seals of Petersburg, TN,
Will Thorpe of Shelbyville, TN,
Anna Welch of Chapel Hill, TN,
Chelsey York of Shelbyville, TN,
Trey Beahm of Chapel Hill, TN,
Kylie Boyette of Shelbyville, TN,
Desirae Bullington of Rockvale, TN,
Annabelle Calvert of Bell Buckle, TN,
Paola Cancino Ortiz of Shelbyville, TN,
Gimena Cante Cante Sifuentes of Shelbyville, TN,
Alexia Caruthers of Shelbyville, TN,
Leland Coleman of Unionville, TN,
Mylee Cox of Shelbyville, TN,
Patrick Crabtree of Petersburg, TN,
Jonathan DeTienne of Shelbyville, TN,
Nastacia Eden of Rockvale, TN,
Charlie Edmonson of Chapel Hill, TN,
Annika Gabhart of Normandy, TN,
Haley Gentry of Bell Buckle, TN,
Mariah Hammermeister of Shelbyville, TN,
Andrew Hansen of Shelbyville, TN,
Abby Harris of Normandy, TN,
Nick Harris of Bell Buckle, TN,
Grace Haynes of Shelbyville, TN,
Hunter Helmick of Chapel Hill, TN,
Jacquelin Hernandez of Shelbyville, TN,
Arleth Hernandez Ochoa of Shelbyville, TN,
Alexandrea Hill of Shelbyville, TN,
Luke Holton of Chapel Hill, TN,
Allison Jara of Bell Buckle, TN,
Joseph Johns of Chapel Hill, TN,
Presley Jones of Bell Buckle, TN,
Caryvette Juan-Lopez of Shelbyville, TN,
Andrea Juarez Alvarez of Shelbyville, TN,
Ansley Knott of Shelbyville, TN,
Ethan Larson of Unionville, TN,
Brendan Ley of Chapel Hill, TN,
Sawyer Lovvorn of Shelbyville, TN,
Gunnar McGowan of Shelbyville, TN,
Brennan Mealer of Chapel Hill, TN,
Makayla Meredith of Shelbyville, TN,
Tammy Mihm of Rockvale, TN,
Evelyn Morales Cortes of Shelbyville, TN,
Brooklynn Mullins of Unionville, TN,
Oscar Javier Padilla of Unionville, TN,
Chelsea Palacios of Shelbyville, TN,
Gael Paredes Lozano of Shelbyville, TN,
Prem Patel of Wartrace, TN,
Fena Phengmany of Shelbyville, TN,
Kaden Pugh of Wartrace, TN,
Britney Ramirez-Rodriguez of Shelbyville, TN,
Rebekah Rawlings of Bell Buckle, TN,
Addie Rueff of Shelbyville, TN,
Casidy Sanders of Wartrace, TN,
Edgar Solis of Shelbyville, TN,
Allison Welch of Shelbyville, TN,
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## THE ISSUE

# Commissioners raise concerns over borrowed dollars let by school board

*Should there be more transparency within contingency funds spending?*



From left, Courthouse and Property Committee members Adam Thomas, Troy Thompson, chair Drew Hooker, Keith Davis and Diane Neeley. Neeley discussed contingency funds for Cartwright Elementary spending and how the Commission was by-passed on this one.

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During the Bedford County Property and Courthouse Standing Committee meeting Tuesday night, Commissioner Diane Neeley brought up a point of order about whether the Commission should have been notified that the school board was spending contingency dollars from the Cartwright Elementary project.

It would seem there's a lot of transparency on the part of the BOE, but according to Commissioner Diane Neeley, one issue that has given her a slight bit of heartburn, has been apparently approved without Commission nod.

She said the project timeline of the new outdoor $2 million lighting program, recently approved by the school board, indicates the project has been finalized and wasn't discussed by the Commission.

As they say, the deal is done. John Sweeney, project manager for County, said upgraded outdoor lighting for area schools has started and money has been allocated to MUSCO, which won the bid.

Sweeney said there was a "timeline for the money to be spent." So, bids were recently let.

Sweeney said schools set for athletic area lighting updates (some which haven't been done since the 1970s) will be Community, Shelbyville Central, Cascade and Liberty.

Other members of the committee asked Mayor Graham to check with the finance committee on the funding amounts for this project. Graham said all actions for this project were done on the school board side.

Neeley said she doesn't disagree with the lighting program, because she realizes the need. She previously represented the Liberty School District while serving on the school board.

Neeley said it's just a matter of courtesy for BOE to advise Commissioners how they plan to spend millions of dollars in contingency funds.

How they spend state and federal allocated dollars for education, etc., she said, is not the issue. But in this case, the County borrowed over $43 million for the Cartwright Elementary project and if any funds were left over, the Commission should have been made aware of how it was to be spent.

I think that is known as checks and balances on the local level.

In simple terms, Neeley was trying to get across that it would have been nice to have been brought up to speed about the intentions for spending the leftover millions of borrowed dollars.

As much as I appreciate what the school board does for local students, teachers, etc., I must say I wondered about this myself when the lighting project was discussed at the BOE meeting last fall. There was an expediency that again should have been made a little clearer.

There should be established protocol in such large financial decisions. And Neeley wasn't alone in her thinking.

Courthouse and Property Committee chair Drew Hooker said he would have appreciated a heads up on the project as well. He said the contingency fund project was not on the December Commission agenda.

"It's more of a notification than an approval," Commissioner Hooker stated.

Neeley said the amount of contingency dollars hasn't been included in recent financial management reports. She said the Commission did not get the report about contingency money but the school board did.

"We should have also been included in the loop . . . the school board is going to use the other for this project. Which is OK but again, for me, but we need to follow the timeline."

Seemingly a little agitated about this discussion, County Mayor Chad Graham advised Neeley that when they were both on the school board, he didn't recall them having to check with the Commission for validation for education-related program expenditures. He said i.e., when the money is borrowed, it is designated to go for education purposes.

Graham advised, "I think for people throwing out transparency things, they should make a motion that all those actions from the school board come back to the Commission before they're acted on. This would be the cleanest and clearest way to make sure your intentions are put forward, so that nobody feels like somebody didn't tell somebody something."

He told her it was her prerogative to put such an issue on the next Commission agenda from the property and courthouse committee or the rules committee. Neeley responded, after being sort of needled about making a motion, "Not right now."

I think in all practical matters, there should be more discussions like these between the school board and the County Commission. Like Neeley said, constituents ask them questions like these that need to be answered.

The school board, in a sense, doesn't have to answer to the Commission on education-related ventures, I guess, but they should at least have some transparency when spending this amount of taxpayer money.

Simply put. Let's put things back on the meeting table. Let's not start minding our own store. That's when we get into trouble.

We're not talking about a few paltry dollars. We're talking about millions of taxpayer dollars.

But this lack of transparency is not just a local issue. It is really happening all over the country and to the extent that some decisions by school boards are pushing their county finances over the edge. (Forbes.)

I don't think that is the case in this County. But as Barney Fife would say, let's "nip it in the bud" before such issues start.

No, the school board shouldn't be micro-managed. They know education better than most. But when it comes to spending millions of borrowed dollars, that does throw up a flag on the field.

The Commission is sworn to uphold the fiduciary responsibilities of the County. It is up to the County Commission, as elected by the people of Bedford County, to understand all that's going on in local financial management, especially within multi-million dollar programs being conducted.

Email letters to the editor on this subject and other local matters to: dawn@richardsonmediagroup.net.

# State Rep. Marsh to chair House Ethics Committee, Workplace Discrimination

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Speaker Pro Tempore Pat Marsh, R-Shelbyville, was appointed Jan. 16 to serve as chairman of the House Ethics Committee and the Workplace Discrimination and Harassment Subcommittee for the 114th Tennessee General Assembly.

"The people of Tennessee deserve public servants who are held to the highest possible standards," Marsh said. "The Ethics Committee and Workplace Discrimination and Harassment Subcommittee further our commitment to transparency and accountability, and I look forward to ensuring that Tennesseans know their elected officials are serving them well. I'm honored Speaker Sexton selected me to serve as chair of these important committees."

The Workplace Discrimination and Harassment Subcommittee is an arm of the Ethics Committee, which is tasked with enforcing and advising on a code of conduct for the House.

The House Ethics Committee is responsible for establishing and enforcing a code of conduct for the House of Representatives. The committee will hear alleged violations of the code by House members and offer advisory ethics opinions.



"Representative Pat Marsh is a respected leader with a strong commitment to integrity and accountability," said House Speaker Cameron Sexton. "As chairman of the Ethics Committee, Pat will ensure that the highest standards of conduct are upheld in the General Assembly."

Marsh, a retired trucking professional, has represented House District 62 since 2009. He lives in Shelbyville with his wife, Mary, and has two sons, Rob and John.

During the 114th General Assembly, Marsh will also serve on the Commerce Committee, Banking and Consumer Affairs Subcommittee, Government Operations Committee, Naming and Designating Committee, Transportation Committee and Calendar and Rules Committee.

*State Rep. Pat Marsh represents House District 62, which includes Bedford, Moore and part of Lincoln counties.*



## CTE STUDENT OF THE MONTH

*Submitted Photo*

Criminal Justice student, Kamryn Farrell, was recently selected as CTE Student of the Month. Kamryn was selected for being "an exceptional young lady who currently serves as a Sergeant within the Criminal Justice Student Organization at Community High School," according to instructor Chris Hobbs, who recently made the presentation. She also was awarded for consistently displaying good behavior, with a high moral regard, combined with a strong work ethic. "This is just the beginning for this young lady!" advised Hobbs.



## READY OR NOT COMMUNITY, DUKSAN IS OPENING

*T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins*

Duksan Electra-located near Frank Martin Road and Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital, will celebrate its grand opening next week. Fire suppression issues have been resolved through a state investigation, and the City of Shelbyville has released Duksan's certificate of occupancy. Much of what has been said, and printed, in regard to Duksan as a dangerous chemical plant---not true---according to Councilman Henry Feldhaus. He explained in a Council meeting how Duksan is not a potentially ticking "time bomb" as questioned by some. He advised that is why the state did not jump as quickly on board with any investigations Duksan will be storing and transporting out the chemical used to make the batteries at its Shelbyville plant.

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**A Son Named Laughter (Isaac)**
**Genesis 21**

God fulfilled his promise to Sarah and Abraham.



The Lord was gracious to Sarah as he had said and the Lord did for Sarah what he had promised." Genesis 21:1

Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time he had promised him. Abraham gave his son the name Isaac, which means "he laughs". When Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him as God commanded him to do.

Sarah responded to the birth of Isaac by saying, "God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me." She continued, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children, yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

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Shelbyville Police Department recently celebrated K9 Officer Brock Horner for his 14 years of "outstanding service" with SPD. Officer Horner is known as a valued member of the SPD Directed Patrol Division, where he works alongside his skilled K9 partner, Trigger, to help keep the community safe. Officer Horner and Trigger are credited by SPD as vital in proactive law enforcement, tracking, and drug detection, reflecting their commitment to serving and protecting Shelbyville. "Together, they demonstrate the professionalism and excellence that define our department."



## SALUTING, RETIRED LT. TONY BARRETT

*WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU, HAPPY RETIREMENT!*

*BCSO Photos*

Lt. Tony Barrett was recently honored by Bedford County Sheriff's Department with a special retirement ceremony for his 46 years of service as a deputy, office investigator and county commissioner. School Resource Officers (SROs) shared how they will miss Barrett's expertise, mentorship and leadership. Barrett said recently that the SRO program was probably the most enjoyable aspect of his long law enforcement career. And, standing behind him all these years in his law enforcement duties was his wife, Melissa, who attended the ceremonies held in his honor.




## WHITESIDE ROAD CLOSED FOR THREE WEEKS

According to Highway Superintendent Mark Clanton, Whiteside Road from US 231 North to Midland Road will be shut down to thru traffic for the next three weeks (starting Monday, Jan. 20), due to sewer line work by Shelbyville Power, Water and Sewerage System. The contractor will notify the 911 communication center once they have the road blocked to thru traffic and when they will open the road back up to thru traffic. The Highway Department will notify the public when the road will be open. The road will only be open to local residents, those who live on Whiteside Road, during this time frame.

## JAZZ

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nessee Jazz Orchestra, the Nashville Jazz Orchestra, and the Nashville and Memphis Symphonies.

She has performed with Fred Hersch, Marvin Stamm, Dave Catney, Bobby Militello, Barney Kessel, her husband, Bruce Dudley, and many others.

She was among the winners of JAZZIZ Magazine's Vocals on Fire Songwriting Competition with her original song, "Billie," co-written by her husband. The song appeared on a compilation project called "The Voices of the New Jazz Generation."

The MTSU program will feature a diverse selection of jazz songs arranged by Bruce Dudley.

Sandra Dudley will also conduct a free and open masterclass and clinic on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 4:20 p.m. in Saunders Fine Arts Room 101 on the MTSU campus.

**Upcoming MTSU Illinois Jacquet Jazz Festival**

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 29, for the MTSU Illinois Jacquet Jazz Festival. It includes a full day featuring performances of school ensembles and MTSU groups, jam sessions, educational sessions and the 5:15 p.m. headline concert featuring dynamic Latin jazz saxophonist Miguel Zenon.

Dedicated to the memory of tenor saxophonist Illinois Jacquet, the festival seeks to educate, inspire and entertain audiences in the middle Tennessee area. For information, visit https://www.mtsu.edu/music/jazzfest.php.

For more information about the MTSU Jazz Artist Series, visit http://www.mtsu.edu/music/jazzseries.php.

See more upcoming, nonprofit, events on pg. 12.

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### Activity Report for the month of December, 2024

Total Miles: 72,013
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Total Inmates Currently in Holding: Jail: 314
Total Persons Processed Through: Jail: 329
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10-42 (Alarms): 30
10-43 (Investigations, etc): 290
10-44 (Stolen Vehicle): 2
10-45 (Auto Acc. No Injury): 50
10-46 (Auto Acc. W/Injury): 11
10-49 (Drunk Driver): 1
10-56 (Prowler): 2
(Child Abuse): 4
(Assault/Agg. Assault): 16
10-64 (Motorist Assist): 46
10-72 (Fire): 4
10-86 (Domestic): 5
10-14 (Escort - No Arrest): 21
10-15 (Transport In Custody): 45
10-81 (Traffic Stop): 330
911 (Hang-up & Other): 46
Other: 77
Total: 584



## CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENTS EARN FIRST IN "UNKNOWN CALLS"

*Submitted Photo*

Community senior Wilson Richmond and sophomore Kaylee Collins recently competed in a criminal justice competition as a team geared towards responding to unknown calls for service in law enforcement. They placed FIRST! Congratulating them were Chris Hobbs, left, criminal justice instructor, and Community High Principal Robert Ralston.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FUMC WORSHIP

This Sunday at FUMC Shelbyville, Pastor Abe Zimmerman will preach on Psalm 46:4-7, as the church continues its series A Mighty Fortress. The pastor will reflect on Psalm 46's reliance on God as our refuge and strength. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 a.m., followed by the worship service at 10 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church are available during worship. For those unable to attend in person, FUMC offers a livestream on Facebook and a broadcast on WLIJ 1580 AM.

COUNTY FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT MEETING

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

A WEE BIT OF THE IRISH, DON'T YOU KNOW

One of the world's top Irish dance shows, featuring a starry roster of international dance champions, A Taste of Ireland—The Irish Music & Dance Sensation comes to Tennessee, in March, for four performances only: 7:30 pm, Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at Tennessee Performing Arts Center's Polk Theater in Nashville; 3:00 pm, Sunday, March 16, 2025 at Clayton Center for the Arts in Maryville; 7:30 pm, Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at Krider Performing Arts Center in Paris, TN; and 7:30 pm, Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at Cannon Center for the Performing Arts in Memphis. Offering an exhilarating celebration delivered with more than a pint of Irish wit, A Taste of Ireland—The Irish Music & Dance Sensation is presented by Pace Live as part of its 2025 world tour.






# Crossword

**CLUES ACROSS**

1) "Bride or groom?" asker
6) Salsa choice
10) Arrived
14) Oft-recited Christmas poet
15) Brilliant flash of inspiration
16) It's shouted on Sundays
17) Mail may be sent to it
20) Series starter
21) Lately developed
22) Arm joint
25) As such
26) It's right on a map?
30) Become overdone
32) Political prisoner
35) Wool-bearing Peruvian
41) Way around London
43) Negates
44) Small, flavored tablet
45) Person between 12 and 20
47) "I___ man with seven wives"
48) Stone with curved, colored bands
53) Sharp mountain ridge
56) Drum roll start
58) Free, as from a duty
63) They're vacations, sorta
66) Architect's molding
67) Management level
68) Word before "cotta" or "firrna"
69) Librarian's urging
70) Smithsonian, e.g. (Abbr.)
71) Evil smile

**CLUES DOWN**

1) Boss on a shield
2) Mock turtle, for one
3) Word with "fire" or "garden"
4) "___ go bragh!"
5) Extend, in a way
6) Match head?
7) Checkpoint requests
8) Makeshift shelter
9) Carpenter's groove
10) Do a Thanksgiving duty
11) One spelling for a Bahrain bigwig
12) Peakless hills
13) Follow as a consequence
18) Demonstrate one's humanity?
19) Exact repro.
23) Ensured, as victory
24) Overnight-train car
26) Norse mythology source
27) Longest division of geological time (Var.)
28) Render speechless
29) Cologne that sounds improper
31) Long-haired mammals
33) Needing a doctor
34) Orioles are home here
36) Serve that's replayed
37) Straitlaced
38) Having sufficient skill
39) Group of zealots
40) Offshore, and then some
42) Word with "candy" or "sugar"
46) Has a traditional meal
48) Wooded recess
49) Speedometer or tach
50) Confused, but not to be confused with 40-Down
51) Broke, on a ranch
52) Efficiency symbol, in physics
54) ___ Aviv, Israel
55) Highway ramps, often
57) -lock brakes
59) Somewhere in Genesis
60) Mature female horse
61) Funeral flames
62) Onetime Kremlin dweller (Var.)
64) "For __ a jolly good ..."
65) Remnant for a house pooch

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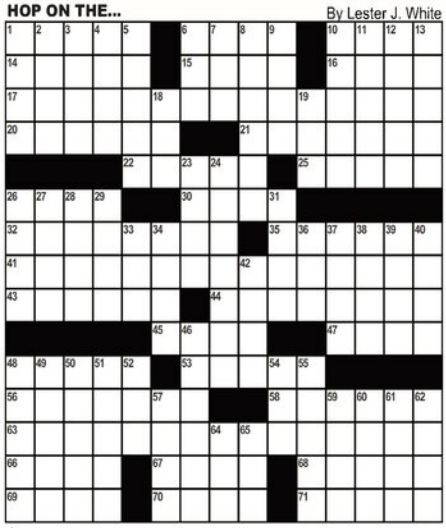

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

**WORDS**

ACTIVITY
CLOSETS
CLUTTER
COLLECTIBLES
COMMON AREA
CONTAINERS
DONATION
FILING
GARAGE
GROUPING
LABELS
MAINTENANCE
MANAGEMENT
ORGANIZING
PACKRAT
PERFECTIONIST
PROCRASTINATION
PURGING
REPURPOSE
SEQUENCING
SORTING
SYSTEM
TIDYING
VERTICAL SPACE

# SUDOKU

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

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Level: Beginner

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Level: Intermediate

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Level: Advanced

# Horoscopes

**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**
Express yourself with great confidence this week, Aries. You feel like you are in control and well organized. This is a recipe for success regarding the things you need to accomplish.

**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**
Taurus, you have a clear mind this week to put plans in place. But you might need some inspiration to get started. Avoid procrastinating.

**GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21**
There are many tasks that lie ahead this week, Gemini,. It will be essential that you stay focused. One of the areas to consider is changing personal health for the better.

**CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22**
Cancer, you may find you're an asset and sought-after among friends and coworkers. Use social situations to your advantage to network even more

**LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23**
Clear up some space at home so you can work more easily, Leo. Too much clutter in your home or work area can be a distraction. Disorganization can make tasks harder.

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**
Practice being smooth and professional in your manner, Virgo. This will be the best way to get good results at work. Others may be impressed by how you handle yourself under pressure.

**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**
Libra, you might be very popular with superiors at work this week. Use this to your advantage to seek out a raise. Ask to head an important project.

**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**
Scorpio, you can do anything you set your mind to. Share your ideas with others and determine which concepts have merit. If nothing comes up, go back to the drawing board.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**
Others admire your ability to be a good friend, Sagittarius. This week you will showcase your compassion and humility in myriad ways. It might garner you extra attention.

**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**
Capricorn, happy news is coming your way this week. Share the good fortune with others in your life, either a spouse or a sibling. These people can use some sunshine as well.

**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**
Aquarius, if at first you don't succeed, you may need to change your approach to things. Enlist the help of others to help turn your ideas into results.

**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**
Develop a better strategy for saving money, Pisces. You need some extra funds to pay for larger expenses, and clipping coupons alone might not be the answer.

**FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS**

JANUARY 26
Joseph Quinn, Actor (31)
JANUARY 27
Noah Schnacky, Singer (28)
JANUARY 28
Ariel Winter, Actress (27)
JANUARY 29
Madison Bailey, Actress (26)
JANUARY 30
Christian Bale, Actor (51)
JANUARY 31
Justin Timberlake, Singer (44)
FEBRUARY 2
Lauren Conrad, TV personality (39)

**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' 00" 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 420.64 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.

MAP 136 PARCEL 028.00

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 OR ANY 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 DELIVERED.

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.

J. PHILLIP JONES/JESSICA D. BINKLEY, SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
1800 HAYES STREET
NASHVILLE, TN 37203
(615) 254-4430
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F24-0940 (1163tc)

**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE**

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated November 25, 2014, executed by ROBIN L HOWARD conveying certain real property therein described to John T. Boho, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee recorded November 25, 2014, in Deed Book TD826, Page 104; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Tennessee Housing Development Agency, who is now the owner of said debt; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on February 25, 2025 at 10:00 AM at the front steps of the Bedford County Courthouse, Shelbyville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, to wit:

LYING AND BEING IN THE SEVENTH (7TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEING ALL OF LOT NO. 8 OF THE HICKORY GLEN SUBDIVISION, FINAL PLAT AS SHOWN ON SURVEY AND PLAT SAME APPEARING OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET "C", ENVELOPE 145, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE. FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF SAID LOT.

Parcel ID: 006.09

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 112 NUTMEG DR, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): ROBIN L HOWARD

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

BEDFORD BUILD HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, INC. - 3D FINANCIAL

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

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

Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
rlselaw.com/property-listing
Tel: (877) 813-0992
Fax: (470) 508-9401 (1233tc)

**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 14**

Seller, Bradley Alan Meyerring, Robert E Bear III; Buyer, Bradley R Panter, Penny F Panter; Price, $60,000 (Deed).

Seller, Jones Construction Company; Buyer, JC Builders LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 119 Annas Way; Seller, Stephanie Crittenden; Buyer, Jennifer Victoria McGuire, Gregory Joseph McGuire; Price, $315,000 (Deed).

Location: Ward Hollow Rd; Seller, Joseph Patrick Burns; Buyer, Gregory A Griffin; Price, $30,000 (Deed).

Location: 1894 Longview Rd; Seller, Bill J Brown Jr, Denis M Brown; Buyer, Pedro A Rodriguez Mendez, Nyeli De La Cruz Munives; Price, $690,000 (Deed).

**File date: January 15**

Seller, Jung S Gavlick; Buyer, Wingate Media Group LLC; Price, $3,000 (QD).

Seller, Guillermina Contreras, Carlos Moya; Buyer, Carlos Moya, Carlos Jaqvier Moya, Karrie Creason; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 1002 Winners Circle South; Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, Zachary A Pawlisa, Laura Pawlisa; Price, $349,990 (Deed).

Location: Midland Rd; Seller, Joey Clark; Buyer, Joey Clark, Jennifer Ashley Clark; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Midland Rd; Seller, Joey Clark, Jennifer Ashley Clark; Buyer, Daryl Stone, Brandi Stone; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 809 Deery St; Seller, Sol Johnson, Mamie Lou Johnson; Buyer, Tyrone Johnson; Price, $150,000 (Deed).

**File date: January 16**

Location: 218 Wall St; Seller, Varina C Cobb, Varina C Cobb Russell, Timothy Russell; Buyer, Varina C Cobb; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Northside Park Dr; Seller, DCC Strategic Realty Partners LLC; Buyer, Juan Pablo Enrique Rodriguez Rubio; Price, $150,000 (Deed).

Location: 105 Virginia Court; Seller, Alyssa N Roland; Buyer, Chance Toon; Price, $164,920 (Deed).

Seller, Matthew Shane Craig; Buyer, Matthew Shane Craig, Kim Heaven; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 1000 Winners Circle South; Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, Kaysy Dikhounphiphet, Andrew Robert Sharpe; Price, $389,990 (Deed).

Location: 105 Northside Circle; Seller, Jason Taylor, Sandra Taylor; Buyer, Oscar Membreno Marroquin; Price, $870,000 (Deed).

**File date: January 17**

Location: 110 Doak St; Seller, James C Crowell, Caitlin Crowell; Buyer, Frederick Genn, Belinda Genn; Price, $299,900 (Deed).

Location: 480 Fruit Valley Rd; Seller, Alan Stano, Michelle Stano; Buyer, Brandon Daniel Sherrill; Price, $358,500 (Deed).

Seller, James W Taylor; Buyer, Teresa L Taylor; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Myra Fishback, Hope M Fishback, Mattie L Fishback Estate, Mattie Fishback; Buyer, Myra Fishback, Hope M Fishback, Raymond Dewayne Fishback, Angela Fishback Johnson; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: Dysart Ford Rd; Seller, Richard Raymond Sears, Norma Sears Coats Estate; Buyer, Richard Raymond Sears, Cynthia Jean Sears Crigler; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: Cedar St; Seller, Carolyn Napper; Buyer, Rodolfo Contreras Flores, Guadalupe Cabrera Vasquez; Price, $65,000 (Deed).

Location: 620 Pinkston Rd; Seller, Justin Kuhn; Buyer, Kaelynn Noel Watts, Timothy Ian Watts; Price, $499,000 (Deed).

Location: 117 Hidden Circle; Seller, JC Builders LLC; Buyer, Sajak Properties LLC; Price, $319,900 (Deed).

Location: 2489 Horse Mountain Rd; Seller, Findley P Mahaffey; Buyer, Doris Brent Walker; Price, $77,200 (Deed).

Seller, Darron L Carpenter; Buyer, Shadley Pearce, Dana Pearce; Price, $340,000 (Deed).

### Help Wanted

MA/Receptionist
Busy medical practice looking for a medical assistant/receptionist to cross-train for both positions. Full time position/five days a week.
Experience and computer skills are a plus.
Send resume to:
PO Box 1279
Shelbyville, TN 37162

YOUR CLASSIFIED COULD BE HERE. Call 931-684-1200 Today.

### For Rent

2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex in Shelbyville. $200 per week, no deposit, no lease. $150 one time cleaning fee. Background check required.
Please call: 931-619-1290

### Wanted

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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**The Shelbyville City Council will meet in a Special Study Session on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 12:00 PM to review information concerning a change to a Zoning Ordinance related to Transfer Stations. The meeting will be held at the City Council Chambers at the Building, Codes and Planning Building, 100 N. Cannon Blvd., Shelbyville, TN. Please call City Recorder Lisa Smith at (931) 684-2691 with any questions or concerns.**

## Attention: 2023 City of Shelbyville Delinquent Taxpayers

**You are advised that after February 1, additional penalties and costs will be imposed in consequence of suits to be filed for enforcement of the lien for property taxes for prior tax years; until the filing of such suits, taxes may be paid in my office. (Notice required per T.C.A. 67-5-2401.)**

**Kay Parker, City Treasurer**
**201 N. Spring Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160**
**City Hall on the Public Square**

## In the Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee (Case #35189)

Tracy Ann Anderson VS Doran Cecil Anderson

Notice of complaint for divorce, and notice to Doran Cecil Anderson, whereabouts unknown.

Please take notice that the complaint for divorce in the above style matter has been filed in said county by Tracy Ann Anderson, Petitioner.

Please be advised that if you intend to contest this complaint for divorce, you must file a written response within 30 days with council for said petitioner to the Chancery Court.

Bedford County Public Court House
108 Northcreek Dr. Suite 155
Shebyville, TN
931-684-1672

# Obituaries

### Carol Fox Joseph



Carol Fox Joseph, age 78, of Murfreesboro, passed away Thursday, January 16, 2025. She was born in Shelbyville to the late Dee Fox, Jr. and Almeda Spence Fox.

Mrs. Joseph was a 1964 graduate of Bell Buckle High School. She worked at Cascade Elementary School for over 15 years as an educational assistant. Mrs. Joseph was proud to be a retired grandmother. She was a faithful member of Bell Buckle Church of Christ.

Mrs. Joseph is survived by her children, Britt Griffen and her husband, John, Betsy Coggin and her husband Robert, and Matthew Joseph and his wife, Chantell; and grandchildren, Nikolai, Parker, Katy, Jenna, Alexander, Brady, and Willa Jane.

Visitation with the family was Monday, January 20, 2025, from 11:00 am until noon at Woodfin Memorial Chapel in Murfreesboro. Funeral services were held Monday, January 20, 2025 at noon at Woodfin Memorial Chapel. Burial followed at Hazel Cemetery in Bell Buckle.

Woodfin Chapel Murfreesboro is in charge of arrangements.

### Gary Lewis Lamastus



Gary Lewis Lamastus, born on June 29, 1959, in Cheyenne, WY, passed from this life on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at the age of 65, at his home in Chapel Hill, under the care of his family and Aveanna Hospice. Gary was a beloved figure, known for his loving nature, diligent work ethic, and deep commitment to his family.

After graduating from Salmen High School in Slidell, LA, in 1977, Gary embarked on a career that led him to co-own and manage Uncle Bud's Catfish before he and his wife opening Chabbi's Sweets & Eats.

Gary was a man of many passions. He was always taking on projects around the house, always aiming to create a warm and welcoming home for his family. An excellent cook, he enjoyed preparing delicious meals and tending to his vegetable garden, sharing the fruits of his labor with friends and family. His love for the Tennessee Titans was well-known, and he cherished the memories of his youth as the lead singer of a rock band, where he was known as "Hollywood." In later years, he earned the nickname "Funcle Gary," a testament to his fun-loving spirit and the joy he brought to family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray & Sara Phillips Lamastus; brother, James Burton "Jim" Lamastus; and nephew, John Browne Champion.

Gary is survived by his loving wife of 14 years, Becky VanAlst Lamastus; children, Sean Lamastus of Columbia, Ambrie (James) Staggs of Lewisburg, Kaitlin "KK" (Eric) Wood of Mt. Juliet, and Robert "Robby" (Samantha) Sparks of Shelbyville; grandchildren, Abbigail, Charlie Deann, Peyton, Oliver, Isaiah, Kayden, River, and Easton.

Survivors also include his siblings, David (Dana) Lamastus, Lewis Ray (Brea) Lamastus, Sara Anne Champion, Patsy Aline (Ike) Youngs, and Lara Sue Fuqua all of LA; sister-in-law, Karen Lamastus; along with a host of nephews and nieces.

Per his request, he chose cremation and a Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date in the spring time of this year. Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

### Karla Veronica Cota



Karla Veronica Cota, aged 66, passed away on January 15, 2025, in Smyrna.

Born on February 19, 1958, Karla lived a life marked by joy and a spirited love for those around her.

Karla's warmth and generosity knew no bounds, traits that were evident in her love of caring for others, enriching the lives of many. Her joyful spirit will be deeply missed but fondly remembered by her family and all who knew her.

Karla is survived by her devoted husband of over 40 years, Robert Cota, and children, Christopher, Wendi, Damien, Doug, Tina, and Greg. Her legacy continues through her siblings Tish, Kathy, Jerry, Debbie, Bill, Lisa, and Danny, along with an abundance of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mary and Jerry Lang, and her sister Connie and daughter Kimberly.

Special thanks are extended to Holly and Doug for their compassionate care during Karla's final days.

Karla found joy in cooking and caring for others, always ensuring that those around her felt loved and cherished. Her life was a testament to the power of kindness and the deep impact one individual can have on a community.

A service to celebrate Karla's life was held at Shiloh Outreach Church, located at 2547 TN-64 Scenic, Shelbyville, on Saturday, January 18, 2025. Visitation began at 1:00 p.m., with the service following immediately at 2:00 p.m. Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

### Howard "Speedy" Speegle



Howard "Speedy" Speegle, aged 73, passed from this life on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at his home in Shelbyville, TN. Born on April 11, 1951, in Lynchburg, TN, he was the son of the late Gordon Eric Speegle and Inez Elizabeth Campbell Speegle. Along with his parents he was preceded in death by three siblings, Doris Jewel, Dale Speegle, and Jimmy Speegle.

Speedy was a graduate of Moore County High School, class of 1969, where he earned the nickname "Speedy". He dedicated 16 years of his career to the Bedford County Utility District, where he worked in maintenance before retiring.

Howard was an avid supporter of the UT Vols, a passion he shared with his family and friends. His hobbies included playing softball, going hunting and fishing, spending time with family and friends, and his favorite pastime, playing with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving wife of 34 ½ years, Shirley Moulder Speegle; children, Jeff Speegle of Winchester, Anthony (Nicole) Spence of Shelbyville, Jolynn Spence of Shelbyville, and Nathaniel (Paige) Speegle of Shelbyville. He was a proud grandfather of 15, and great grandfather of 5. He is also survived by siblings, Roy (Debbie) Speegle of Winchester, Lucky Speegle of Unionville, and Betty (Stanley) Burks of Shelbyville.

Funeral services were held 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 19, 2025, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Eddie Reed officiating. Burial followed at Willow Mount Cemetery.

Visitation with the family will be held Sunday, prior to funeral services beginning at 12 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial Donations may be made to the Bedford Cancer Foundation @ www.bedfordcancerfoundation.org or to the Ronald McDonald House @ www.rmhc.org.

### Betty Jean Endsley



Betty Jean Endsley, 88, of Shelbyville, died January 19, 2025. Graveside services will be held 2:00 P.M. Saturday, January 25th, at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. No visitation is scheduled.

She was a native of Shelbyville; a retired employee of Fly 's Manufacturing Co.; and a member of First Presbyterian Church. She had her own business sewing for the public. She loved her sewing, knitting, crocheting, embroidery and in later years reading.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dennis Harold Prosser and Hessie Mae Prater Prosser and her husband, James Howard Endsley. Betty is survived by her son, Chuck Endsley (Tammy) of Smyrna; 3 grandsons, Carson Endsley, Clark Endsley, Kyle Endsley; and 3 aunts, Polly Dotson, Grace Clanton and Shirley Robert.

### Annie Florence Cunningham



Annie Florence Scales Cunningham, age 82, of Shelbyville, passed from this life on Monday, January 20, 2025, at Life Care Center of Tullahoma after an extended illness.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, January 23, 2025, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Sharlene Brogdon. Burial will follow at Willow Mt. Cemetery.

Visitation with the family was held 3-6 p.m. Wednesday afternoon, January 22, 2025, at the funeral home.

A native of Bedford County, Mrs. Annie was the daughter of the late Frank & Lorene Batton Scales. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Kim Simmons; sister, brothers, Marvin Scales, Cecil Scales, JT Scales, Charles Scales, Leonard Scales, and Elmer Scales; and lifelong friend, Ruby Driver.

Mrs. Annie was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, and friend. She was a graduate of Community High School class of 1960 and would go on to become a wonderful homemaker. She was a loving and caring individual that was always willing speak her mind and tried to help anyone in need. She was a member of the Shelbyville Church of God Prophecy.

She is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Edward Eugene Cunningham; daughter, Ora Florence (John) Laizer of Shelbyville; son-in-law, Frankie Simmons of Shelbyville; grandchildren, Cassie (Justin) Simmons, and Lexi (Jamison) Simmons; and great grandchildren, Jasper, Jeremiah, Jett, Jace, John, and Jozie.

Memorial donations may be made to Doak-Howell Funeral Home to help assist the family with final expenses. Doak Howell Funeral Home is assisting the family.

### Richard "Buddy" Harden



Richard "Buddy" Harden, 76, of Shelbyville, passed away Friday January 17, 2025, at his residence. Buddy was born in Shelbyville but was raised in Baltimore, Maryland. He Loved Jesus and prayed every day. Because of his mental status, Buddy didn't go out a lot and meet people, but those he did know he loved very much. Buddy was a gentle soul. He loved watching westerns (John Wayne was his favorite) because he used to watch with his dad. He loved listening to the Grand Ole Opry on weekends. He loved old rock and roll like Jerry Lee Lewis. When he went to the doctor he would go to Arby's or McDonalds afterwards. He had a pet Dachshund named Jude who was very protective of Buddy. Jude passed away in November. Buddy had two cats that took turns getting petted by Buddy. He loved his care givers Haley Todd and Chelsey Phillips. Buddy was preceded in death by his parents, Richard V. Harden Sr. and Mary Frances Durham Harden.

He is survived by his sister, Billie June Harden and numerous other cousins and family and friends.

The graveside service was Monday, January 19, 2025, at Willow Mount Cemetery. The Visitation was held Monday from 1:00 pm till 3:00 pm at Gowen-Smith Chapel.

### Deborah Joan Riddle



A celebration of life service for Deborah Joan Adcock Riddle, age 70, of Wartrace, will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, January 25, 2025, at Wartrace Church of Christ with Chris Bobo officiating. Visitation with the family will be held prior to the service at the church beginning at 12 noon.

Debbie passed from this life Sunday, January 19, 2025, at Vanderbilt Tullahoma-Harton Hospital after an extended care at NHC in Tullahoma.

Debbie was born on November 19, 1954, in Bedford County, to the late John Doak and Marie Green Adcock. On April 21, 1973, she married Brent Allen Riddle. He preceded her in death in 2018 after 45 years of marriage.

She worked for World Book Encyclopedia as a Secretary after completing the secretarial program at the Area Vocational School. She spent many years helping the public employed with DHS & Healthy Families and worked at Head Start in Shelbyville. In her later years she attended education.

Survivors include her sons; Jon (Ashley) Riddle of Murfreesboro, Todd Riddle of Wartrace; grandchildren; Payton Riddle of Murfreesboro, Elizabeth Riddle of Unionville, Addison Riddle, Ashton Riddle both of Shelbyville; siblings; Jean (Don) Gallagher, of Wartrace, Don (Kim) Adcock of Sevierville, Brian (Tonya) Riddle of Shelbyville, Deborah (Paul) Bates of the Flat Creek community, and a host of nephews and nieces.

Memorial donations may be made to the Deborah Riddle memorial fund at Doak-Howell Funeral Home to assist with final expenses. Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

### Thomas Crockett Smotherman



Thomas Crockett Smotherman, Jr., 68 years old, of Bell Buckle, passed away Friday, January 17th, 2025, at Alive Hospice, Murfreesboro.

He was born in Shelbyville on November 13th, 1956. He attended Bell Buckle High School and worked in residential and commercial construction in Tennessee and Texas.

Crockett lived life on his own terms. If he saw you smoking, he would say, "Look at me. Put those things down."

He will not be forgotten. He was loved and he will be missed.

He was preceded in death by father, Thomas Crockett Smotherman, Sr. in 2021, and nephew, Dustin Mendez.

He is survived by his mother, Bennie Jo Helton Smotherman of Readyville; three daughters, Kesha Smotherman – Collier, of Pulaski, Varina Smotherman – Hinojosa, of Shelbyville and April (Rico) Coleman of Georgia; 10 grandchildren, Smith, Pierson and Emerson Collier, Isaiah Smotherman, Elijah, Aaliyah, Gabriella and Gabriel Hinojosa, Tristan Hendon and Kade Coleman; 6 great – grandchildren, Huntley Collier, Zaliegh Hinojosa, Zaiyden and Zomontai Brewer and Elliana and Ezekiel Edwards; two sisters, Debra (Kenneth) Parker of Readyville, Martha (Eddie) Mendez of Christiana; a nephew, Rodney Brandon; 4 nieces, Jennifer (Brad) Fletcher, Kim (Lonnie) Wheeler, Mitzi Mendez, Ashley (Josh) Purrington; along with numerous extended family members.

A graveside service will be held at a later date at Hazel Cemetery in Bell Buckle.

Alzheimer's Tennessee
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259-4283
NATIONAL
SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE
1-800-273-TALK (8255)
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

### Thank You

*During this time of loss, we want to extend our deepest gratitude for your support and kindness.*

*Mike was not only a beloved husband, father, papa, son, brother, uncle, cousin and friend, but also a source of joy and strength to all who knew him. Your thoughtful gestures, comforting words, and presence have been a great source of comfort to us as we navigate this difficult time.*

*Thank you for honoring his memory and for being there for us with love and compassion.*

With heartfelt thanks,
The Family of Mike McClanahan

# Medical vs. Surgical Weight Loss: What's Right for You?

*Roshni Venugopal, MD*

*Dr. Venugopal is an assistant professor of Clinical Surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Dr. Venugopal is accepting patients at the Vanderbilt Weight Loss Center, in Shelbyville, Murfreesboro and Nashville, Tennessee.*

Congratulations! 2025 has kicked into gear, and you may find yourself looking seriously at optimizing your health and weight with New Year's resolutions. Your motivation is at a high point, and it is important to harness the momentum and run with it toward a healthier you.

Weight loss looks different for everyone, and it is important to understand the many options available to you so you can make the appropriate choice for your lifestyle and goals. Your primary care provider can refer you to a specialized weight loss provider who can help you with powerful weight loss approaches. Weight loss specialists work on a team to support you with medical weight loss — also known as nonsurgical weight loss — and surgical weight loss options to help you achieve your goal. It's important to understand both approaches to see if you may benefit from these medically supervised approaches.

Medical weight loss usually consists of medically supervised lifestyle changes, alongside pharmaceutical aids as appropriate. Lifestyle changes include adjustments to your diet in terms of macronutrients, quantities and timing, as well as modifications of physical activity. Diet and exercise changes as well as attention to stress and sleep management can help you lose weight. Many medical weight loss programs have resources to help you along the journey, such as dietitians, personal trainers, and check-ins with a health care provider, such as a nurse practitioner or physician, to monitor your progress and help you reach your weight loss goals. Long-term weight management often integrates behavioral counseling as well to ensure lasting changes.

Certain FDA-approved medications, such as GLP-1s, may be able to help with weight loss by modifying some elements of your metabolism. These medications can be effective for individuals with a body mass index (BMI) between 30-35 when combined with diet and exercise. BMI is a medical screening tool that measures the ratio of your height to your weight and is correlated with categorizing excess weight along the spectrum of obesity, and categorizing the risk of severe health consequences associated with excess weight and obesity.

Medical weight loss can be a good starting point for those who aim to lose weight slowly or are hoping to lose 40 pounds or less. However, for those with weight loss goals higher than this, or for those who are suffering from more severe weight-related health conditions, surgical weight loss options are worth exploring.

Surgical weight loss, or bariatric surgery, is a more powerful tool than medical weight loss alone. Individuals with a BMI over 35 with additional medical conditions that stem from obesity (such as heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, sleep apnea and polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS)) are ideal candidates for a surgical approach to weight loss. The weight loss surgeries that are performed modify the body's naturally produced hormones and make direct changes to a patient's metabolism. These changes in your hormones and metabolism are how surgical weight loss can facilitate a person to not only lose more weight than medical weight loss alone, but also to keep the weight off for good.

Surgical options range from incisionless procedures such as endoscopic gastric balloons and endoscopic sleeve gastrectomy to commonly recognized minimally invasive bariatric surgeries. Surgical options include the gastric sleeve, the gastric bypass, and the single-anastomosis duodenal switch, or SADI, all of which create changes to the stomach, and sometimes to the intestines. These operations are performed with small incisions, over a few hours, with a planned return home after an overnight stay. While every surgery has risks, surgical weight loss procedures are widely known to be safe and effective, with a risk profile similar to gallbladder removal surgery.

Surgical weight loss can lead to significant weight loss that lasts decades and usually for a lifetime. As a result, weight loss surgery helps send associated health problems such as diabetes, high blood pressure, sleep apnea, PCOS and metabolic syndrome into remission. Importantly, weight loss surgery not only reduces the risk of cardiovascular disease, but also reduces the risk of cancer development and recurrence. In fact, weight loss surgery is now referred to as "metabolic surgery" because of the powerful effects on metabolism and metabolic disease associated with obesity.

Weight loss surgery can help you lose pills as well as pounds and feel more energized in your busy life. Weight loss surgery affects how much food you can eat in one meal, and it also affects how food moves through your digestive system. Weight loss surgery changes your digestive hormones and your metabolism, which results in powerful weight loss; with these metabolic changes, your weight loss will be durable and long-lasting. Surgery needs to be supported with lifestyle changes, and it is important to talk to a weight loss surgeon about whether surgical weight loss is appropriate for you.

For some individuals, medical weight loss methods provide the structure and support needed to lose weight safely and sustainably. For others, surgical weight loss may be the most powerful and most durable long-term weight loss solution. If you are interested in medical or surgical weight loss, discuss this with your health care provider to help get access to a medically supervised weight loss program for more information.

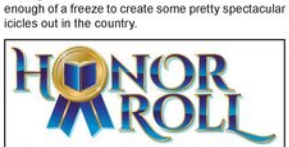
Many surgical and medical weight loss programs offer informational seminars or a consultation visit with a specialized provider to become informed about available weight loss options. You can meet with a medical weight loss provider or a weight loss surgeon to gain information about both types of interventions. Most importantly, your commitment to your health and your willingness to adapt to a healthier lifestyle are going to be the most important pillars of your success. Find out about how medical weight loss or surgical weight loss programs can help you achieve your goal of becoming your healthiest self in 2025.



**BEAUTIFUL FROZEN MOISTURE**

*T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins*

Temperatures were near zero earlier this weekenough of a freeze to create some pretty spectacular icicles out in the country.




See all the students listed on the 2nd Quarter Honor Roll for Bedford County Schools at t-g.com. This is free viewing to the public. Located in "Special Sections" on the home page.

## CHILI CONNOISSEURS, YOU'RE NEEDED TO SUPPORT ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH

Brookdale Tullahoma's Annual Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser in support of Alzheimer's research and care happens on Wednesday, Jan. 29, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. You will enjoy delicious chili, all the fixings, cornbread or chips, and a refreshing drink. It's a feast you won't want to miss!

Share your love of chili and make a difference! Every bowl sold helps support those affected by Alzheimer's and their families. Mark your calendars and come to Brookdale Tullahoma, 801 Wilson Avenue, for an unforgettable afternoon! Call 931-455-2000 to get involved or for more information.

Here's a great chili recipe to salute these cold winter months and the upcoming work with Alzheimer's being done by Brookdale.

### Barbecue Chili

*Family Features*

*Servings: 8-10*

- 1 pork loin (2-3 pounds)
- 1 can (10 ounces) diced tomatoes and green chilies
- 2 cups barbecue sauce, divided
- 1 cup water
- 1 can (29 ounces) tomato sauce
- 2 cans (27 ounces each) chili beans
- 1 package chili seasoning
- 1 tablespoon barbecue seasoning
- 1 tablespoon onion powder
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- sour cream, for serving
- shredded cheddar cheese, for serving
- corn chips, for serving



1. Place pork loin in slow cooker. Cover with diced tomatoes and green chilies, 1 cup barbecue sauce and water; cook on low 4-6 hours.

2. Cut up cooked meat and place in Dutch oven along with juices from slow cooker. Add remaining barbecue sauce, tomato sauce, chili beans, chili seasoning, barbecue seasoning, onion powder and garlic powder. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

3. Cook over medium heat 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve with sour cream, shredded cheese and corn chips.

**Tip:** Add can of beans if serving bigger crowd.

## PUZZLE SOLUTION

**HOP ON THE...** By Lester J. White

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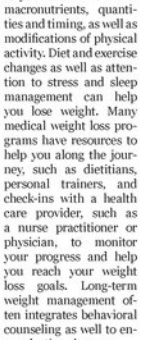
**Frances Marie Pack**



Frances Marie Hill Pack, age 75, of Shelbyville, passed away Sunday, January 19, 2025.

Funeral services will be Friday, January 24, 2025, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel.

Visitation will be 11 AM until service time Friday, at the funeral home.

Frances was born January 20, 1949, in Winchester, to the late Francis and Maggie Brinkley Hill. She was for a number of years at Musgrave Pencil Company in Shelbyville.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Barney Ray Pack, Sr.; sons, Terry and Jerry Pack; a great grandson, Luis Montejo, stepmother, Marie Hill, two brothers, Darrell and Austin Hill; and two sisters, Shirley Redfern and Leona Hines.

She is survived by her 5 children, Lonnie (Teresa) Pack, of Shelbyville, Nellie Mathis, of Beechgrove, Frances (Rebo) Byers, of Hillsboro, Barney (Renee) Peoples, of Manchester, and Misty (Peanut) Hill, of Tullahoma; 18 grandchildren, Jennifer, Jeremy, Jason, Niki, Brittney, Curtis, Dakota, Jacob, Austin, Zack, Corey, Pedro, Emilio, Tommy, Alizia, Selena, Claudia and Manuel; 8 great-grandchildren, Zander, Esmerelda, Dalia, Havey, Mandella, Lillian, Jayke, and Henry; a sister, Mary Ann King, a half-brother, Buffalo Hill, and a half sister, Shirley Myers, Mrs. Pack is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

# Blue Raiders topple WKU, 71-57, in the Glass House

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.



Middle Tennessee celebrates on the bench after a big play in their win over WKU at the Glass House. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

**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.

# Blue Raiders Fall at Western Kentucky, 63-58

MT ATHLETICS

**BOWLING GREEN, Ky.** - The Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders' (12-6, 4-1 CUSA) 33-game CUSA winning streak came to an end in a 63-58 loss to the Western Kentucky Lady Toppers (12-5, 3-2 CUSA) at the E.A. Diddle Arena in Bowling Green, Ky.

The Blue Raiders took a 34-25 lead into the locker room at the halftime break. Anastasiia Boldyreva led Middle Tennessee by collecting her sixth double-double of the year by halftime with 11 points and 12 rebounds. Junior guard Ta'Mia Scott led the Blue Raiders in scoring with 12 first-half points to with three rebounds and an assist.

Following a Savannah Davis three-pointer that cut the Hilltopper lead to one with just over a minute left, Western Kentucky scored the final four points of the game to avoid the Blue Raider comeback.

Senior Anastasiia Boldyreva finished the game with 17 points and a season-high 16 rebounds. The post player also contributed five blocks on the defensive end of the floor. Ta'mia Scott led all scorers in the game with a season-high 25 points and played the entire 40 minutes of the game. Scott also nailed a season-high nine free throws to contribute for a total of 15 total makes at the charity stripe for the Blue Raiders.

Freshman Savannah Davis had a good game off the bench, scoring six points including a big three-pointer to bring the Blue Raiders back to within a point with 1:11 left in the game. Davis also grabbed three rebounds.



Ta'Mia Scott (15) scored 25 points in MTSU's loss at WKU. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

**By the Numbers**

**16:** The season-high in rebounds for Anastasiia Boldyreva.

**25:** Season-high in points for Ta'mia Scott.

**15:** The lead in the rebounding margin for MTSU, who won the rebounding battle 47-32.

**Thoughts from Head Coach Rick Insell**

"They made some shots and made some plays, and we didn't. We had some timely turnovers as well. We missed our free throws. We didn't take care of the basketball and we didn't make shots down the stretch."

**Blue Raider Notes**

Following today's contest, the Blue Raiders lead the overall series over the Lady Toppers 43-33.

## Eaglettes Fall to Lincoln County Despite Young's 24 Points

BY NOAH MADDOX
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**Shelbyville, Tenn.** – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes (9-7, 1-2) struggled to slow down the Lady Falcons' (16-3, 3-0) high-octane offensive attack in Tuesday night's District 9-AAAA loss, 76-45, inside of Rick Insell Gymnasium.

Shelbyville's Lanaya Young led the way with a game-high 24 points with 19 of them coming in the second half, but she was the only Eaglette to score more than seven points on the night.

For Lincoln County, Abby Bryan, Molly Brown, and Grasen Tipps all reached double-figures in scoring. Bryan finished with a team-high 22 points, Brown scored 14 points, and Tipps chipped in with 12 points of her own.

To start the game, Lincoln County came out of the gates clicking on all cylinders on both ends of the floor, outscoring Shelbyville Central, 27-10, to end the first quarter. Bryan led all scorers with 11 points in the period.

In the second quarter, the Lady Falcons continued their onslaught, taking a 45-17 lead into the halftime locker room. Lincoln County, last season's district runners-up to Coffee County, had five different players score in the second period.

Coming out of halftime, the Eaglettes picked up the production offensively, mainly due to Young forcing the issue and putting in nine points in the period, but Lincoln County still outscored Shelbyville as a team, 21-16, to take a 65-33 lead into the final frame.

The result was a formality at this point, but Shelbyville did outscore the Lady Falcons, 12-10, in the fourth quarter to make the final score 76-45. Young scored 10 of the 12 points for the Eaglettes.

Lincoln County improves to 16-3 (3-0).

Shelbyville Central falls to 9-7 (1-2), and is scheduled to host Spring Hill on Friday night for Homecoming, LIVE on WLIJ 98.7 starting at 5:45 p.m.

## Golden Eagles Pull Away in 4th Quarter Against Falcons

BY NOAH MADDOX
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Shelbyville, Tenn. – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (7-12, 2-1) picked up a big District 9-AAAA win inside of Rick Insell Gymnasium against the visiting Lincoln County Falcons (6-11, 2-1), 66-48, to hand Lincoln County their first district loss of the season.

Jordan Taylor had his breakout performance of the season in the second half, scoring 15 of his 21 points in the final two quarters, while Jevon Lee led the way with a game-high 22 points, including 16 in the second half. Tae'Shawn Shelton also reached double-figures with 13 points.

For Lincoln County, Maddox Franklin scored a team-high 18 points. Reese Smith was the only other Falcon to reach double-digit points with 13.

To start, Shelbyville came out of the gates locked in defensively, taking an 18-9 lead after the opening period. Franklin scored seven of the nine points for the Falcons while five different Golden Eagles scored for Shelbyville.

In the second quarter, the roles seemed to reverse. Lincoln County stepped up the defensive pressure, holding Shelbyville to just seven points in the period while the Falcons scored 14 of their own. At halftime, the Golden Eagles clung to a two-point lead, 25-23.

Coming out of the halftime locker room, Lincoln County stayed within striking distance, outscoring Shelbyville by one point, 14-13, to get within one point of the Golden Eagles heading into the final frame, 38-37.

However, in the fourth quarter, the floodgates opened for the hosts. Lee scored nine points, Taylor led the way with 11 points, and the Golden Eagles outscored the Falcons as a team, 28-11, to pull away and win by 18, 66-48.

Lincoln County falls to 6-11 (2-1).

Shelbyville Central improves to 7-12 (2-1) and will host Spring Hill on Friday night, LIVE on WLIJ 98.7 starting at 5:45 p.m.

# Lady Champs Complete Late Comeback in 'Battle of Bedford' At Community

BY NOAH MADDOX
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**Unionville, Tenn.** – When Cascade (8-8, 2-1) went down 43-32 with less than five minutes to go, Community (8-12, 0-3) looked to have locked up a key District 9-AA and massive rivalry win inside of The Rogers Kent Brothers Gymnasium. However, Kaegan Young responded to Alyssa White's layup with a corner-three to jumpstart a 15-2 Cascade run that lasted almost three minutes, allowing the Lady Champs to re-take a two-point lead, 47-45, that they would never relinquish in a 55-51 road win on Tuesday night.

Kaegan Young led the way for the Lady Champs with 22 points for the second consecutive game on 7/9 shooting from the field, including an incredible 4/4 from downtown. She also connected on four free throws in the final two minutes to put the game on ice. Lizzie Keele scored 10 of her 12 points in the fourth quarter, going 5/5 at the charity stripe in the final frame along with connecting on a massive top-of-the-key three-pointer in the midst of Cascade's 15-2 run. Kaydence Miller also finished in double-figures with 13 points, including a trio of triples.

For the Viqueens, Alyssa White scored 10 points in both halves to finish with 20 points on the night while Sarah Flanagan finished with 16 points before fouling out late. Mattie Maxey chipped in with 10 points, all coming in the second half, but Cascade was able to hold Anna Haskins in check, finishing with just five points on 2/10 shooting from the field.

Cascade got off to a good start on both ends of the floor following the opening tip, opening up a 13-6 lead after the opening period. The Lady Champions connected on a few threes while Young also found a rhythm in the mid-range against Community's 2-3 zone.

In the second quarter, the Viqueens outscored Cascade, 13-12, to cut the lead to six points, 25-19, going into the halftime locker room, but it could have easily been a three-point margin. With the clock ticking down and Cascade in possession, Kaegan Young got an off-ball screen that allowed her to flare out to the left wing for an open three-pointer to beat the buzzer, and she calmly connected for her 13th point of the first half.



Lizzie Keele (11) finishes off a steal with an and-one layup on Community's Taylor Wessner. Keele scored 10 of her 12 points in the second half. *Photo courtesty of David Smith.*

Coming out of halftime, Community ramped their intensity up another gear, outscoring Cascade, 15-7, in the third quarter to actually take a two-point lead, 34-32, going into the fourth quarter. The Viqueens first lead of the night came with 3:40 left in the period at 28-27, and they quickly extended it to 34-27 before Cascade went on a 5-0 mini-run over the final 2:11 to close. Alyssa White scored eight of her 10 second-half points in the third period while Cascade struggled to generate quality shots on the offensive end.

In the final frame, the Viqueens continued their strong play, ballooning their lead to 11 points, 43-32, after holding Cascade scoreless for nearly three-and-a-half minutes to start the fourth quarter. Then, Young's three went down, Demonbreum called timeout, and this allowed the Lady Champs to set up their full court press. Demonbreum inserted Emerald Tillman for just her second varsity appearance of the season for defensive purposes, and this change worked to perfection. Tillman, Keele, and Miller made it extremely difficult for Community to inbound the basketball in the full-court 2-2-1 full court press, and after a quick pair of steals, Cascade had cut it to a three-point game, 42-39, in less than a minute. Tillman and Keele both came away with a couple steals, Keele and Miller finished around the basket, and before the Viqueens could blink, Cascade had taken a 47-45 lead with just over two minutes to go.

Following Maxey splitting a pair of free throws, Cascade had the ball on the baseline coming out of a time-out, looking to tack on to their one-point lead. Demonbreum drew up a simple play to get Keele a wide-open top-of-the-key three-pointer, and after she drained it, Cascade held a 50-46 lead with 1:55 left in the game. Both teams would get their final points from the free-throw line, but Cascade would connect on just enough to close out the Viqueens on their home floor, 55-51.



Kaegan Young (22) drives past Anna Haskins (3). Young finished with a game-high 22 points on Tuesday night. *Photo courtesty of David Smith.*



Viqueens HC Cody Pierce talks to Sarah Flanagan (21) who finished with 16 points in Tuesday night's loss. *Photo courtesty of David Smith.*

# Champs Pull Away From Vikings in Second Half Despite Lovvorn Scoring 1,000th Point of His Career

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**Unionville, Tenn.** – Community's Landon Lovvorn scored his 1,000th point of his career on Tuesday night inside of The Rogers Kent Brothers Gymnasium, but the Cascade Champions (11-7, 2-1) pulled out the important District 9-AA and rivalry win, 72-55, on Tuesday night.

Jason Cullum and Kaleb Kelso each scored 20 points for Cascade while Tyler Rodgers scored a season-high 12 points on the night.

For Community (10-10-0-3), Charlie Haskins led the way with a team-high 16 points – 14 of them coming in the second half – with Austin Stickler and Lovvorn also reaching double-figures with 13 points and 10 points, respectively.

Cascade took the lead early on and never trailed the entire night despite the Vikings keeping the game close for the first half. The visitors led, 19-16, at the end of a fast-paced opening period.

In the second quarter, the Champions outscored Community, 15-13, to head into the halftime locker room with a five-point lead, 34-29. Kelso started out on fire, finishing the first half with 14 points, but the Vikings seemed to be hanging around in a similar fashion to the first game of the night.

However, in the second half, Cascade took over, outscoring the Vikings, 22-10, in the third quarter to take a 56-39 lead into the final frame. Jason Cullum began to take over for Cascade in his first game back in Unionville since transferring to Cascade after his sophomore year. After being held out last season due to some disagreements between the two schools, Cullum made his name known in the second half, scoring 16 points to close out the Vikings.

Community cut it to as close as 11 points late in the third quarter, but a Cullum step-back three-pointer seemed to finally take all of the air out of Vikings rally. In the fourth quarter, Cascade's lead would balloon to as much as a 22-point lead before Chris Lawson emptied his bench to run out the final minutes on the clock. Community made one final push, but could only cut it to 17 points, 72-55.

This loss marked the third consecutive district game that the Vikings have lost by 15 points or more this season, and the third consecutive loss to the Champions dating back to last season.

Community falls to 10-10 (0-3).

Cascade improves to 11-7 (2-1).



Landon Lovvorn (11) scored his 1,000th career point in the fourth quarter against Cascade. *Photo courtesty of David Smith.*



# Coming Soon: Exciting local programs on the horizon

T-G Staff Report

**Fly Arts Center**, located at 204 S. Main St. in Shelbyville and home of the Bedford County Museum, is putting earned grant dollars to work!

With renovations and repairs currently in progress throughout the building, Bedford County Arts Council leadership has decided to begin a much-needed update to the museum in order to better showcase local history and cultural heritage of Bedford County.

Museum Co-chairs Gene Williams and Marc Majors will be working with Bedford County Historical Society, local government, area groups and businesses to help identify and properly catalog the Fly's current collection.

The leadership team will also be working on making the museum more accessible by creating self-guided audio tours complete with QR code scan points for displays.

The museum is currently seeking new exhibits and artifacts that are considered to be culturally or historically significant to Bedford County to put on display as a part of this refresh. Items could either be placed on loan with our museum for a limited time or could be donated for permanent display.

One area of interest for our organization would be any items from the original Fly Manufacturing Company.

Other areas of particular interest would be artifacts related to the Tennessee Whiskey Trail, the Tennessee Walking Horse industry and the Bedford County Arts Council's past events.

"We'd love to put together new displays centered on topics, like the Whiskey Trail," says Jennifer Meloy, director of marketing and public relations at The Fly. "Bedford County has such a rich tapestry of history and heritage. We want to showcase our local area in new and exciting ways that will help energize interest in everything Bedford County has to offer."

Individuals, organizations and businesses who are interested in contributing artifacts to Bedford County Museum should contact Fly Arts President Jody Barnes-Turner at president-flyarts@gmail.com or call 615-476-3274.

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**Dave Rogers** is no stranger at the Fly Arts Center. He recently contributed some outstanding artwork there.

But right now, he's working to get local Veterans the services and recognitions they so greatly deserve. He is as well looking to support the Arts Center too.

"2025 is looking to be a great year for @cookingwithaveteran and we are hoping to be able to count you in," said Rogers recently. "Our goal this year is to raise and donate $50,000 to help veterans and their families put food on the table, but that can only happen with the continued support from our friends, supporters and donors in the community."

Here are some 2025 events to mark on local calendars:

**Jan 25th - Kitchen TakeOver**

11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cajun burgers and sweet potato fries made by Chef Dave Rogers @ Whiskey City Grill 1020 N Main St, Shelbyville

**May 2025 - Cooking at the VFW National Home (Date TBD)**

Looking for sponsors, donors.

**July 19 - K9s and Warriors**

7-10 p.m. (doors open at 6:30) Night of Music, Food and Raffles at the Fly Arts Center, 204 S. Main St. Shelbyville. Looking for gift basket donations, sponsors. Proceeds to support Cooking with a Veteran Inc., The Fly Arts Center, and Better Days Dog Rescue

**Sept. 6 - Crawl, Walk, Run Health and Veteran Resource Fair**

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Health, Resource Fair, Car Show, Food Trucks to support veterans in middle Tennessee. Hosted by Cooking with a Veteran Inc., The American Job Center, and Arosa Care

Looking for sponsors, donors, vendors, food trucks. Should you want more information, or would like to be part of any of our events please feel free to reach out to Rogers at http://www.cookingwithaveteran.org or http://www.facebook.com/cookingwithaveteran

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Cooking with a Veteran Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. All donations are tax deductible.

"Proceeds from our programs buy grocery shopping cards to give to veterans in need, and support other veteran nonprofit organizations," said Rogers, who sponsored the first veteran's resource fair by Cooking with a Veteran Inc., last fall.

## SCHS HOMECOMING BASKETBALL COURT



Group photo, L to Right: Seriya Leslie, Yeraldy Hernandez, Asiah Benson, Keviyanna Chunn, Toriana Smith, Tatiana Clark, Aalayah Sims, Madison Warrick, Nadiya Locke



Senior attendants, L to R: Asiah Benson, Keviyanna Chunn, Toriana Smith



Freshmen attendants, L to R: Tatiana Clark and Aalayah Sims



Sophomore attendants, L to R: Nadiya Locke and Madison Warrick



Junior attendants, L to R: Yeraldy Hernandez and Seriya Leslie




