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Will the City rejoin Bedford County Partnership?

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During its study session Tuesday evening, Council was notified by Mayor Randy Carroll that the City's request to re-join Bedford County Partnership is back on the table.

Council will decide, likely next week, based on a letter of potential re-acceptance from Partnership Chair David Coffey. Council meets in regular session 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb 13.

After next Thursday's vote on which way to go, there may be some negotiations still, Council discussed on Tuesday.

Council learned that Coffey requested in the response letter that some of the hotel-motel tax dollars be returned to the Partnership. A couple of years ago, the City requested from the state that the hotel-motel tax dollars remain in the City's own tourism account, rather than with the Chamber of Commerce, which is now a part of the Partnership.

The City then left Bedford County Partnership (taking $100,000 of its initial partnership dollars with it.) Much of the reasoning was that the City was not informed on several areas of economic development.

All of this occurred during the tenure of former chief executive officer Shane Hooper. He has since moved on to other ventures.

City Manager Scott Collins said the discussions to rejoin the Partnership began following the Christmas extravaganza when the City and County worked together. Mayor Randy Carroll said he's met with County Mayor Chad Graham on this issue as well.

The City would apparently pay, based on this letter from Coffey, $25,000 a quarter to re-join the Partnership. So, in essence, the Partnership would regain the City's original seed money of $100,000 by this time next year.

Also to be included on the City Council agenda next Thursday are supplementary regulations regarding in-City transfer stations. City Attorney Ginger Shofner said there may be a few structural revisions that will be presented for next week's Council meeting.

New Council persons Betsy Noel and Josh Blevins have toured the Manchester trash transfer station. Both said it's "very tall" and described the set-up as quite organizational.

When asked, Blevins and Noel said they're O.K. with such a transfer station.

Council is still in discussion over whether to go into business with Richardson Waste and is yet to give a final vote on a contract. Public Works has renewed a 1-year extension contract with Lewisburg for a year, until such time Council makes its decision.

The City also discussed with Pat Mathis of Shelbyville Police Department animal control. See page 5 for story.



Shelbyville City Council was presented with its honorary check for $2.5 million from the state Tuesday. These funds will be used for the soccer field phase at H.V. Griffin Park. The City will be matching those dollars. Daniel Jackson made the presentation on behalf of the state prior to Council study session.

Governor's Education Freedom Act has passed

What does this mean for local schools?

State funding of educational vouchers of choice has been talked about at the Capitol for a few years. Gov. Bill Lee has literally had an up-Hill battle getting the Tennessee Education Freedom Act passed. In a historic move last Thursday, the Senate passed the bill in a 20 to 13 vote and the House passed it with a vote of 54 to 44 (1 member abstaining.)

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The Tennessee Education Freedom Act, which includes state funding of private school vouchers, is all about "choice," according to Gov. Bill Lee.

Despite the governor's favor of school vouchers, party lines have been split on this issue. State Sen. Shane Reeves (R) and State Rep. Pat Marsh (R) were among those voting for the act while Tullahoma's Ruch Bricken (R) voted no.

House Majority Leader William Lamberth (R) and Sen. Jack Johnson (R) are the bill's primary sponsors. Good or bad, the Education Freedom Act of 2025 (HB 6004) will offer 20,000 scholarships or vouchers worth just over $7,000 each in taxpayer funds to students statewide to attend Category 1-III state-accredited private schools.

Students attending independent home schools and umbrella church-related home schools will not be eligible.

In the end, this is all to the tune of over $440 million of state monies.

So how will this affect local, public schools? Superintendent of Bedford County Schools Tammy Garrett responded to some T-G questions.

T-G: As an educator who manages the school finances, how do you see this as affecting the overall picture of education as far as funding?

"The full impact on school funding remains uncertain at this time. We will need to review the guidelines established by the Tennessee State Board of Education to better understand how this may affect our financial outlook."

T-G: There is an incentive for teachers and extra dollars coming for other projects as an incentive. But is this really enough considering millions are going to be going out of the TN education system?

"Teachers put in tremendous effort and certainly deserve these bonuses as well as continued investment in education. I also hope that Bedford County will receive funding for capital projects, which have traditionally been a local responsibility." (There is included maintenance money for public school buildings across the state included in this education reform act.)

T-G: How do you stand as an educator/school superintendent on this issue?

Garrett: "I am a strong advocate for and supporter of public education and remain committed to ensuring the best opportunities for our students and educators.

Subject to appropriation, this new bill requires the Tennessee Department of Education to award a one-time bonus in the amount of $2,000 to each state K-12 public school teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Bonuses paid to teachers-pursuant to this bill-are not part of the TISA (state funding mechanism) and must not be considered salary payments or supplements.

The top priorities of the student scholarship include tuition and fees required by the private schools. But also allows for dollars to be used for textbooks, curricula, instructional materials, tutoring and uniforms required by the private school.

Where will the state get the revenue to support such a large fiscal bill?

Present law requires 80% of the privilege tax collected for sports wagering in this state to be distributed by the council to the state treasurer for deposit into the lottery for education account.

As of July 1, 2025, this bill revises this requirement for the state treasurer to now deposit those funds into an account for use by local education agencies for the construction and maintenance of public-school buildings.

When allocating funds for such purpose, the state treasurer, who is in charge of the funds, must consider several criteria before releasing funds. The top criteria is whether the local education agency is located in a county that is designated as an economically distressed or at-risk, as deemed by the department of economic and community development.

Bedford County and other public-school districts will have about three years to see how this all pans out. Private school leaders could have a bit of a wait. Setting up and administering such an opportunity for qualified, private schools may take months, the T-G has learned.

Barry Cooper, founder of Cooper Christian Academy, said Monday about the governor's new education reform act: "Cooper Christian Academy is very excited that the state legislature passed the Education Freedom Scholarship Act. We believe it empowers parents to provide their children with choices of where they will receive their education."

Cooper added, "We believe that choices are a good thing and can help achieve the best results in most all areas of life including education. We are providing such a choice to Christian families in Bedford County and the surrounding area."

Cooper advised that scientific polls show that a clear majority of parents want to have a voice in how and where their students receive their education. Unfortunately, most high-quality private school choices cost more than many families, particularly those with several children, can afford.

So, the school voucher element of this law makes all the difference by allowing children, regardless of family income or zip code, to have an opportunity to attend the school that best meets their needs. And presently, Cooper Christian Academy provides financial aid to several of its students, according to Cooper.

Cooper Christian Academy currently leases the educational wing at First Christian Church on Madison Street. A new facility, currently under construction just up the street on Bethany Lane, is scheduled to open for the 2026-2027 school year.

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Lady Champs get season sweep

Champs overtake Lady Eagles in a close 4 point win.

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BC'S EMMA ARMSTRONG WINS TOP MERCK AWARD

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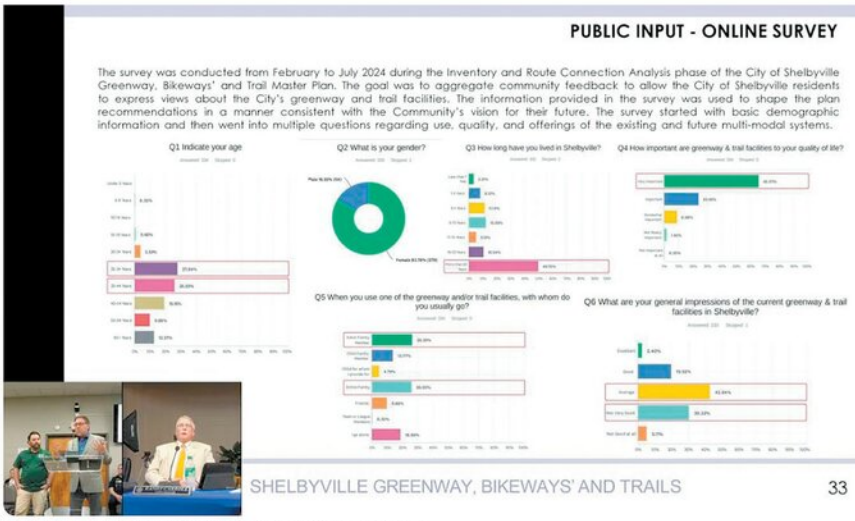
Emma Armstrong of Bedford County recently received top honors for the 2024 Tennessee Top Tier program, sponsored by Merck Animal Health Points. The Tennessee Cattlemen's Association (TCA) and Tennessee Cattlemen's Youth Association (TCYA) recognized over 35 youth members for their success in the 7th year of the program. See story for more pictures on page 9 today.



CASCADE HOMECOMING QUEEN SELECTED

Photo by David Smith

Laina West was crowned homecoming queen during recent festivities at Cascade High School. She was escorted by Noah Hawkins.



SURVEY DONE BY PARKS DEPARTMENT

Shelbyville City Council discussed briefly Tuesday with Shelbyville Parks and Recreation personnel the plan for a bike and trail area. This survey, according to park officials, was conducted as part of that plan.

Community Calendar



CALVARY BAPTIST "GOD AND COUNTRY EVENT" POSTPONED

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the "God and Country" program planned at Calvary Baptist Church for Saturday, Feb. 8, has been postponed until July.

SHELBYVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Council will meet on Monday, Feb. 10, at 12:00 p.m. at the Shelbyville Recreation Center, Meeting Room B, 220 Tulip Tree Road. This will be a combined meeting with the Shelbyville City Municipal Planning Commission and members of the Shelbyville Power, Water and Sewerage Department to discuss the City's Future Growth & Development.

Shelbyville City Council will meet in a regular business meeting on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at the Building, Codes and Planning Building, 100 N. Cannon Blvd. Full agendas will be posted on the City of Shelbyville Website 48 hours prior to the meetings. Please call City Hall with any questions or concerns.

COUNTY MEETINGS

- Feb. 11: Bedford County Board of Commissioners regular monthly meeting, 7 p.m., historic Bedford County Courthouse
- Feb. 17: Bedford County non-emergency government offices, and county convenience centers, closed for Presidents Day holiday
- Feb. 18: Rules and Legislative Committee, Public Safety Committee, and Courthouse and County Property Committee, 5 p.m., historic Bedford County Courthouse.
- Feb. 25: Financial Management Committee, 4:15 p.m., Bedford County Business Complex, 200 Dover Street, Suite 110.

VFW MUSIC

Come out and enjoy a (day after) Valentines Day potluck dinner at the VFW Post 5019, 1320 Wartrace Pike (Depot Street.) The VFW holds its monthly third-Saturday music night on Feb. 15. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with the event from 6-9:30 p.m. James Smotherman & Friends will be featured but other acoustic musicians and singers are welcome. Admission is $3, and there will be a potluck meal. No alcohol or outside beverages are permitted. For more information, call 931-607-3149 or 931-684-2523.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETING

Bedford County Democratic Party will meet at 6:00 P.M. Monday, February 17, at the El Mexico Mexican Restaurant at 724 N. Main Street in Shelbyville.

HEAD START COUNCIL MEETING

South Central Human Resource Agency Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council will meet at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 20, at the South Central Human Resource Agency Central Office in Fayetteville.

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BEDFORD COUNTY STUDENTS LISTED ON WEBB SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

BELL BUCKLE, Tenn. - The Webb School loves to celebrate the achievements of its hard-working scholars. Starting this school year, Webb will have two Honor Rolls with new names and a new set of criteria. High Honors represents students who have no grades lower than an A- that quarter. Honors represents students who have no grade lower than B- in the quarter, but must have a combination of As and Bs. Here are the honor roll names for the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year. This is the most recent Honor Roll from the Second Quarter of the 2024-25 school year.

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The following Shelbyville residents earned High Honors status:
Lyla Victory, Lily Tennant, Sullivan Townes, Ava Anderson, Jasmine Judge, Corbin Riley, Miles Shafer, Jayda Frazier, Anna Kate Gregory, Ellie Landers, Sterling Smith, Paizley Hodges, Grayson Anderson, Logan DiPietro, Ryan Edwards, Jayden Frazier, Mary Mosier, Lane Comstock, Jackson Howard, Macy Simon, Abigail Voorhes-Fontenot

The following Shelbyville residents earned Honors status:
Christian Baker, Addison LaHann, Gage Miller, Isaac Brown, Dara Frazier, Aiden Reeves, Lawson Simons, Zuri Cox, Blake Davis, Khloe McSwain, John Aymett, Drew Baker, Sahara Curtis, Hector Sanchez Valdivia, Harrold Thomas, Gavyn Anderson, Landon ONeal, Caroline Burrahm, Julia Callaway, Kennedy Clarkson, Ellabess Paladino, Andrew Reeves, Malinda Wilhelm

The following Bedford and Marshall County residents earned High Honors status:
Bell Buckle - Hailey Gay, Grace Shibayama, Kaleb King, Eleanor Loose, Alexander Ford, Luke Gay, Samuel Bradley, Shizuku Yanagida, Amelie Taucare, Abigail Cheeseman, Olivia Dugdale
Wartrace - Elijah Simons, Emery Potts, Grayson Harrell
Chapel Hill - Cosette Germain, Ryan Sublette

The following Bedford and Marshall County residents earned Honors status:
Bell Buckle - Easton Gallagher, Addison Gay, Hollyn Hutson, Mikaela Taucare, Charlotte Ring, Camden Collins, Joanna Powers, John Ford, Catherine French, Nicholas Allison, Donald Bradley, Anastasia Coonan
Wartrace - Morgan Ridner, Anne Beard, Carson Sutton, Chere Potts, Jacob Sutton
Unionville - Bentley Stacy, Erin Fisher, Emily Fisher
Chapel Hill - Rosemary Hanemann, Tula Sublette, Danica Crowley
Petersburg - Gerard Beasley

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THE ISSUE

U.S. District Court Rules in Case Against USDA's 2024 Horse Protection Act Rule

Amarillo, TX – In a significant ruling issued today, Judge Matthew J. Kacsmaryk of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Amarillo Division, largely sided with the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Association (Plaintiffs) in a legal challenge against the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The case, centered around the USDA's controversial 2024 Rule to enforce the Horse Protection Act (HPA), has profound implications for the equine industry, particularly for the Tennessee Walking Horse community.

In his decision, Judge Kacsmaryk emphasized that while both the USDA and the Plaintiffs agree on the HPA's primary objective—ending "soring"—the dispute lies in the scope and application of the new regulations. The judge noted, "The Congress, USDA, and equine organizations like the Plaintiffs all agree on the objective of the Horse Protection Act: to end 'soring.'" However, he further acknowledged that there were significant disagreements over the 2024 Rule's interpretation and enforcement.

The Court ruled in favor of the Plaintiffs on four of the five contested provisions of the USDA's 2024 Rule:

1. Prohibition of Action Devices and Pads
2. Prohibition of Substances
3. The DCIS Provision
4. Pre-and Post-Deprivation Review of Inspector Decisions

However, the judge did not agree with the Plaintiffs' argument regarding the DQP Program. In this instance, the Court ruled that the provision relating to the Designated Qualified Person (DQP) program did not violate statutory authority or fail to meet due process standards.

In his ruling, Judge Kacsmaryk held that:

- USDA exceeded its statutory authority by instituting a blanket prohibition on action devices, pads, and certain substances used within the industry.
- The DCIS provision that replaced the Scar Rule did not provide adequate due process protections.
- The absence of a proper pre- and post-deprivation review mechanism in the2024 Rule violated due process requirements.

However, the Court found that the provision of the 2024 Rule addressing the abolishment DQP program did not violate the Regulatory Flexibility Act nor was it deemed arbitrary or capricious.

The ruling marks a major victory for the Tennessee Walking Horse industry, which has long argued that the USDA's 2024 Rule overreached in its regulatory scope and posed unnecessary burdens on the industry.

Industry attorneys are currently reviewing the 28-page ruling in detail, and a more comprehensive summary of the decision and its potential long-term impact on the industry is forthcoming.

The Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebrations advocates for fair and reasonable enforcement of the Horse Protection Act, ensuring that efforts to eradicate soring do not unnecessarily stifle the legitimate practices of the equine industry.

This victory would not have been possible without the unwavering contributions from our donors to the Industry's legal fund. Your support—whether through direct contributions, exhibitor cards, horse cards, or at our various fundraisers—played a vital role in ensuring that we could take this challenge to court and fight for the future of our show horses. Your belief in our mission and dedication to standing with us made all the difference. This achievement also speaks to the power of unity, as the entire industry worked together in lockstep. The Celebration, TWHBEA, FAST, and The Walking Horse Trainers Association have all been key partners in this effort, and we are so proud of what we have accomplished together.

Additionally, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our incredible legal team at Torridon with help from Frank Eichler. Their expertise and dedication have been invaluable throughout this entire process.

Once again, thank you for your support in helping us secure this victory. Together, we are making a lasting difference.

Warren Wells, TWHNC chief executive officer





A MUSICAL JOURNEY AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

School System Photos

Band and music students from Community Middle, Community High and East Side Elementary recently had the opportunity to attend the Nashville Symphony's second annual Lunar New Year performance. The event was led by Ming Luke, principal conductor of the Nashville Ballet.



IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Library Photo

The Gilliland Historical Resource Center has fully stocked Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library with books from beloved black authors of Bedford County. Those featured include Fredia Flack Lusk and Estella Peacock Harvey.

Tennessee Board of Nursing approves LPN and RN apprenticeships

The Tennessee Hospital Association (THA), in partnership with TBR - The College System of Tennessee, has achieved a significant milestone with the approval of Tennessee's first-ever Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and Registered Nurse (RN) apprenticeship programs. This program was approved following a collaborative effort with the Tennessee Board of Nursing (BON), where Dr. Jothany Reed, TBR vice chancellor for academic affairs, joined THA to present the proposal.

Key highlights of this initiative include:

Expanding workforce pathways: These apprenticeship programs, developed through TBR's Office of Academic Affairs, aim to address the growing demand for skilled nurses in Tennessee.

Statewide partnerships: TBR's Center for Apprenticeships will work alongside the TCATs, community colleges, and healthcare partners to implement these programs.

Rural healthcare funding: A joint $300,000 grant application by TBR and THA for the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Rural Healthcare Initiatives was approved. These funds will strengthen apprenticeship opportunities for LPNs and RNs in rural healthcare settings.

This development represents a groundbreaking effort to support nursing workforce development across the state. It also highlights an innovative approach to addressing Tennessee's healthcare challenges by creating sustainable pathways into the nursing profession.

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TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

Abraham and Abimelech
From Genesis 20 and 21

Abraham was living in Gerar where he claimed that Sarah was his sister, fearing that one of the inhabitants would want her for himself and would kill Abraham. Abimelech did just as Abraham had thought and sent for Sarah to live with him.

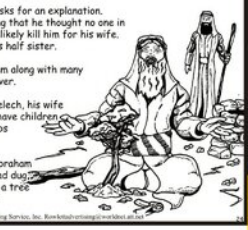
God came to Abimelech in a dream told him that Sarah was a married woman. Abimelech pleaded his innocence explaining that Abraham had claimed Sarah was his sister. Abimelech had not yet gone near Sarah.

Abimelech approaches Abraham and asks for an explanation. Abraham defended his action by saying that he thought no one in that region would fear God and would likely kill him for his wife. He explained that Sarah was really his half sister.

Abimelech sent Sarah back to Abraham along with many head of cattle and sheep and much silver.

Peace was made and God healed Abimelech, his wife and his slave girls so that they could have children again, for he had closed up their wombs because of Abraham's wife Sarah.

Later there was a conflict between Abraham and Abimelech over a well Abraham had dug. Peace was made and Abraham planted a tree and called upon the name of the Lord.



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Mathis gives City animal control report

By Dawn Hankins
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During study session Tuesday night, Council talked with Shelbyville Police Department Deputy Chief Pat Mathis about the City's animal control situation. The SPD has covered the bases for the City's animal control for a while. But Council agreed it is time to get serious about controlling the nuisance of animals running at large.

Mathis told Council, "I'm kind of at your disposal . . . . I can tell you that we're going to have to decide if we want to fine or chain dogs or collect them. If we collect them, we're going to need another animal control officer. We're also going to need more space to house them because 90% of the time our kennel's full."

Mathis said animal control did hire a tech last year but is still short one vehicle. So, he's studying the budget.

Because the City approved an ordinance just less than a year ago- one which states dogs in the City limits have to be tethered-City Attorney Ginger Shofner asked Mathis about how many citations have been issued since.

"Our biggest issue is dogs running at large," advised Mathis.

City Councilman William Christie thanked Mathis and the SPD for their work with animal control. He said he doesn't believe it is their responsibility to do this job.

Christie said as a private citizen, he's had to report some dog issues to animal control, especially the way animals are being sheltered outside. He said much cruelty is going on with chained animals.

"As far as I'm concerned . . . I would prefer no animals on chains," said Christie, who told Council he is willing to see the City spend extra time and money for animal control. SPD input would be included.



Councilman Christie added, "I believe we would be better people if we could simply pass a law that there are no dogs on chains."

He asked for a Council vote next week.

Mayor Randy Carroll asked if City enforcers can legally go into a home and retrieve an animal. Mathis said yes, if it is a cruelty case.

Shofner said the City has the power to decide if someone is in violation and take the animals. But she said the best rule is probably to cite and fine the person the allowable by law amount of $50.

As for chickens and roosters running at large in the City, that's another story, Mathis said. Again, he's more concerned with dogs running at large.

Mathis said if the tethering (tying with a chain) portion of the City's current animal control ordinance is removed, yes, this will require more law enforcement, i.e., at least one more animal control officer.

It was discussed by Council the possibility of adding sheltering temperature specifications into its animal control ordinance. Talks indicated that people are sheltering animals in come obscure ways.

City Manager Scott Collins said there's time to make corrections within the animal control department within upcoming budgetary perimeters. He said there needs to be clear direction from animal control/SPD going forward. He said a plan can start next Thursday during the Council meeting with that direction.

Council person Marilyn Ewing asked questions and then specifically wanted to know why roosters are still running at large after people pay fines and go to court. She said it seems there's no solution to this issue.

"There is a solution but it is expensive," advised Attorney Shofner.

She explained this issue is all on the table for the Council to make some decisions. Shofner said judgments on the offender (those who violate City ordinance) can always be an option.

Mathis, who has a lot of years' service under his belt with SPD, said that used to be the norm.

Eagleville FD earns Firehouse Subs Grant

NASHVILLE, TN (Feb 4, 2025) – The Eagleville Fire Department has been named a 2025 grant recipient by Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation®, receiving $26,061 to enhance its emergency response capabilities.

The grant will be used to purchase a spreader, ram and additional extrication accessories. These tools are crucial for saving lives as they allow first responders to quickly and efficiently remove trapped victims after motor vehicle accidents and structural collapses.

To commemorate this significant grant, members of the Eagleville Fire Department, local Firehouse Subs® franchisee Mark Watson and the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation hosted a celebratory event and check presentation on Thursday, Jan.30.

"We sincerely thank the Foundation and our local Firehouse Subs for their generous support," said Jonathan Armstrong, Fire Chief, Eagleville Fire Department. "These tools will greatly enhance our rescue operations, enabling our firefighters to handle complex situations like car accidents or structural collapses involving trapped victims."

Charitable donations have been the driving force behind Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation supporting first responders nationwide. This grant is one of more than 120 awards valued at $2.8 million given to public safety organizations across the U.S., providing critical lifesaving equipment. Since 2005, the foundation has supported first responders with 6,745 grants valued at more than $92 million.

Notice of THP roadblock

In compliance with a Tennessee Supreme Court ruling for all law enforcement to notify the public of when and where a roadblock will be held, the Tennessee Highway Patrol is advising motorists of the following upcoming checkpoints. The courts require proof roadblocks are conducted in the best interest of public safety and THP's checkpoint times and locations are strategically selected through crash and crime data to maximize their overall effectiveness and efficiency.

Recognizing the danger presented to the public by unqualified drivers, troopers will concentrate on vehicles being operated by drivers who violate the driver license laws of Tennessee and take corrective action for other violations observed.

The THP has found these driver license road safety checkpoints to be an effective means of enforcing driver license laws of Tennessee while ensuring protection of all motorists.

Sobriety Checkpoints:

1. Feb. 28, 2025, at 8 p.m. on Highway 41A North/ State Route 16 (.9 miles south of the 3-mile marker in Bedford County.) Officers will evaluate drivers for signs of alcohol or drug impairment and take corrective actions for other violations while ensuing the protection of all motorists. The THP recognizes that sobriety checkpoints are highly visible and an effective tool in the battle against impaired driving.

Safety Belt Checkpoints:

1. Recognizing the danger presented to unbelted vehicle occupants, Troopers will target those who operate a vehicle while unbelted and take corrective actions for other violations observed. The THP recognizes that safety belt checkpoints are highly visible and effective tools of enforcing the safety belt laws of Tennessee while ensuring the protection of vehicle occupants.



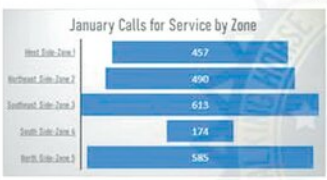
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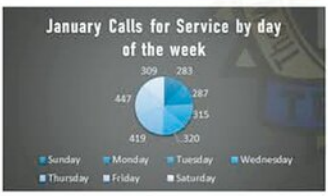
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When they're not fighting fires, fire departments always have some training or certification to complete. This group of fire fighters took advantage of the good weather on Tuesday.

Shelbyville Police Department

Monthly Statistics – January 2025





Total Calls for Service
2,380

These statistics provide a snapshot of the activities of the Shelbyville Police Department in January 2025. The Shelbyville Police Department remains committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community. We appreciate the ongoing support and cooperation of our residents.

Miles Patrolled
50,020
Average call response time
< 4.5 minutes





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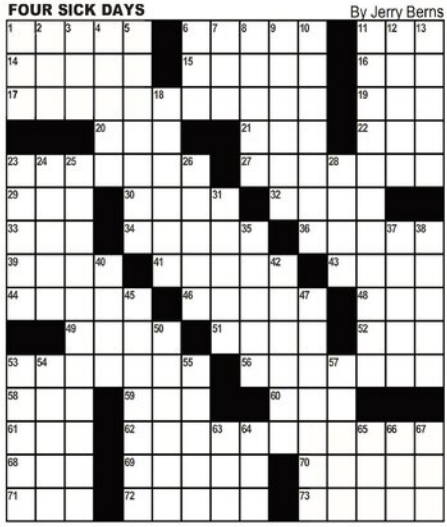
CLUES ACROSS

1) "____ like old times"
6) "Fear of Fifty" author Jong
11) Endorsing
14) Like draft beer
15) Union group
16) "Anytown, ___"
17) Hold grudges
19) Blazing
20) French wine classification
21) Australian with three toes
22) Doctor's due
23) Pathetically inept person
27) Cardinal
29) Japanese tie
30) Focal device
32) One-eighth of a piece of eight
33) Faux ___ (blunder)
34) Moved stealthily
36) Latin music type
39) Chancellor von Bismarck
41) Three-tone chord
43) Holier-than-thou
44) Jockey's controls
46) Like brains and ears
48) Alter ___
49) The moon in Paris
51) Double negative?
52) One of the Bobbsey Twins
53) Some wrestling holds
56) Prejudice
58) Historic time
59) Alternative to NC, once
60) Cleo's killer
61) Butter unit
62) Reason for many surgeries
68) Brunched
69) Disease of cereals
70) Establish as law
71) ___ Altos, Calif.
72) Does a casino job
73) Disney duck

CLUES DOWN

1) Weep
2) Memphis-to-Nashville dir.
3) Heathrow airport listing (Abbr.)
4) Chagall and Antony
5) DNA shapes
6) Architectural annex
7) Propel a boat
8) More frigid and slippery
9) Less agitated
10) Hints at (with "to")
11) Feeling of satisfaction
12) Basket weaver's material
13) Appraised
18) Giving off light
23) Deep sleep
24) Diminish in intensity
25) Some purified liquids
26) Small projecting ridge
28) Cotswold cries
31) Descendant or heir
35) Skewered fare
37) Common sweetener
38) Opposite of ecstasy
40) Unwelcome obligation
42) Rejection of a request
45) Emulated a bull
47) Iditarod vehicle
50) Curtain call
53) Country in the Himalayas
54) A Muse
55) ___ different tune (changed one's mind)
57) State one's views
63) Costa del ___
64) "___ a deal!"
65) Shooter's marble
66) Bar rocks
67) Where bacon is stored?

FOUR SICK DAYS By Jerry Berns



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

WORDS

ALBINISM
BLINDNESS
BRAILLE
CATARACTS
CONTRAST
DIABETES
EYES
GLAUCOMA
IMPAIRMENT
LOSS
LUMINANCE
MACULA
MAGNIFIER
NIGHT
NYSTAGMUS
OPTIC
OPTOMETRIST
PERIPHERAL
RETINA
SENSITIVITY
SPECIALIST
STRABISMUS
TECHNOLOGY
VISION

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!

	2	8		9			6	
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	6			2	9		1	
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		9		1			2	4
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		6				9		

Level: Beginner

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

Level: Intermediate

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Level: Advanced

Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
A good first impression is really important right now, Aries. Be sure to wear your best clothes and check out your appearance before you meet up with anyone this week.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you are bound to have a lot of fun this week, and you will spread cheerfulness to others. You might host a party or plan some sort of night out with friends.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
None of the usual strategies to confront family issues are working right now, Gemini. You may need to take a step away and give others distance for the time being until things cool off.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, some tech upgrades can help ensure an exciting new project starts off on the right foot. Enlist others to help and welcome any insight.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
This week is your chance to take a break and let someone else take center stage for a bit while you enjoy time out of the spotlight, Leo. Right now you may need a little alone time.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you know what you have to get done, so it is well past time to put one foot in front of the other and get moving. Others have helped, but you have to see it to completion.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Focus all of your energy on the important people in your life right now, Libra. Other things can wait for the time being. Don't be too hard on yourself for not getting everything done.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, as things in your life continue to evolve, you may be tempted to jump into something new. You might want to slow the pace and exercise due diligence first.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, have you bitten off more than you can chew this week? If so, you probably have to ask for some helpers to step up and pitch in. Teamwork is a good thing.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Some tough decisions are ahead of you, Capricorn. It might be best to think things through logically and leave emotion out of the equation for the time being.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, it can be dangerous to think you know everything. This week, listen to what others have to say before deciding if their ideas have merit. This approach can benefit all involved.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Step up this week with confidence, Pisces. Now is not the time to be inflexible or shy. Go with the flow as much as possible, and learn and listen along the way.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY 9
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FEBRUARY 10
Chloë Grace Moretz, Actress (28)
FEBRUARY 11
Jennifer Aniston, Actress (56)
FEBRUARY 12
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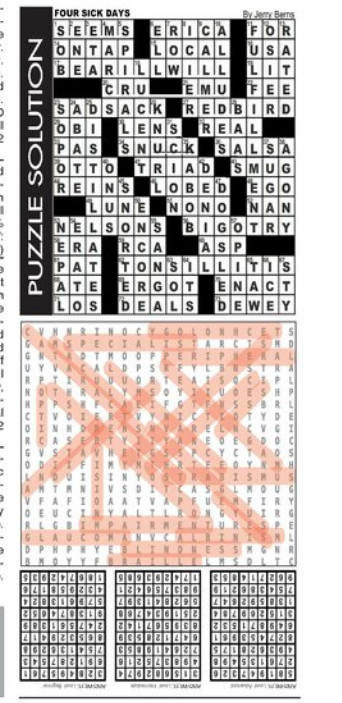
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Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: January 28

Location: 1102 Winners Circle S; Seller, SDH Nashville, LLC; Buyer, Gualbert Rodriguez, Emely Hernandez; Price, $324,530 (Deed).

Location: 773 Rattlesnake Lodge Rd; Seller, Particia Keele, Erica Freebury, Erica Keele Freebury; Buyer, Partricia Keele, Erica Freebury; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 773 Rattlesnake Lodge Rd; Seller, Particia Keele, Erica Freebury, Erica Keele Freebury, Erica L Keele Freebury; Buyer, Larry Claxton; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Unionville Deason Rd; Seller, Steve L Warren, Mary A Warren; Buyer, AJT Holdings LLC; Price, $80,000 (Deed).

Seller, Jack G Heffington; Buyer, David Kelley; Price, $275,000 (Deed).

Location: 305 Carter St; Seller, David G Magnum, James Womack, Ada Womack; Buyer, D and S Partners; Price, $120,000 (TRD).

File date: January 29

Location: Bunker Hill Rd; Seller, Thomas Dean; Buyer, James R Boyce, Mary Lee Boyce; Price, $40,000 (Deed).

Location: 112 Whispering Oak Dr; Seller, Brian Griffy, Beverly Griffy, Beverly Rhodes; Buyer, Robert Helton, Tamela Helton; Price, $245,000 (Deed).

Location: Lane Parkway; Seller, Steelcity Investments LLC; Buyer, Jeffrey Klein; Price, $615,000 (Deed).

Seller, Victor Alvarado; Buyer, Noemi Bravo Ramirez; Price, $14,000 (Deed).

File date: January 30

Location: 131 Ted Haskins Rd; Seller, Dawn E Bowden; Buyer, Alison Renee Green; Price, $535,000 (Deed).

Location: 303 Stardust Dr; Seller, Martin K Stewart; Buyer, Rebecca L Stewart; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Hickerson Rd; Seller, Terri Sarvis, Billy Sarvis Estate, Patrick Thomas Sarvis, Dawn Sarvis, Cheryl Sarvis, Caden Sarvis, Emma Sarvis; Buyer, Justin Youngblood; Price, $284,500 (Deed).

Seller, Yesica Viridiana Hurtado Ocegueda, Jonathan Jesus Hurtado Ocegueda; Buyer, Ma Carmen Ocegueda; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 1867 Old Nashville Rd; Seller, Stones River Construction LLC; Buyer, Duane Brown, Andrea Brown; Price, $449,000 (Deed).

Seller, Ginger Jackson; Buyer, Southern Land Acquisitions LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: January 31

Location: 211 Ledgeview Dr; Seller, Lauren Taylor Morrison; Buyer, Manuel Godines Godinez, Julia Irma Cinto Velasquez; Price, $330,000 (Deed).

Location: 206 Lane Parkway; Seller, James Freeland Comer; Buyer, J and L Co, J & L Co; Price, $300,000 (Deed).

Seller, Heritage Land Venture III LLC; Buyer, SDH Nashville LLC; Price, $348,000 (Deed).

Seller, Donna Ann Perryman; Buyer, Michael R Perryman, Michelle W Perryman; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Franklin Scott Meares, Heather Lynne Meares; Buyer, Christopher M Bell, Brittany R Bell; Price, $30,000 (Deed).

Seller, Franklin Scott Meares, Heather Lyne Meares; Buyer, Betty Bell; Price, $30,000 (Deed).

File date: February 3

Location: 123 Butler St; Seller, Justin Conrad Jones, Brenna K Jones; Buyer, Nashville Metro Holdings LLC; Price, $135,000 (Deed).

Seller, Robert G Crane, Rita L Crane; Buyer, Donald E Clemons, Beverly H Clemons; Price, $280,000 (Deed).

Seller, Peggy Barber; Buyer, Tad Everett Barber; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Courtney Linn Bowling, Derrick Kyle Martin, Carla A Martin Estate; Buyer, Courtney Linn Bowling, Derrick Kyle Martin; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: 262 Henderson Rd; Seller, Perry Walchshauser; Buyer, Diegos Properties LLC; Price, $250,000 (Deed).

Seller, Nancy E Cox, Evelyn N Cox, Evelyn N Thompson, Nancy Cox, Evelyn N Cox Thompson; Buyer, Zachary Bevins Stevens, Sarah Elizabeth Sevier Stevens; Price, $295,000 (Deed).

Location: Haley Rd; Seller, Gina Jones, Larry Avo Woodlee Estate; Buyer, Gina Jones; Price, $0 (QD).

Notice of Election for the Bedford County Soil and Water Conservation District

Pursuant to TCA §43-14- 201, DUE NOTICE is hereby given that an election will be held Thursday, February 20, 2025, for three positions on the Bedford County Soil Conservation District (SCD) Board 2013 Midland Rd Shelbyville, TN 37160. Polling location will be at the Bedford-Moore Farmers CO-OP, 222 South Cannon Blvd., Shelbyville, TN, from 8 am until 5 pm CDT. Nominating petition submittal deadline is by close of business Friday, February 14, 2025, by 3:30 pm CDT to the SCD office, at the address above. Per TCA §43-14-216, only persons holding legal title to lands in Bedford County are eligible to vote in this election. Call the SCD office at 931-684-1441 ext 3 for more information.

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monthly Commissioner Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M.
Bedford County Historic Courthouse
1 Public Square, 2nd Floor, Courtroom
Shelbyville, TN 37160
Meeting agenda can be found at www.bedfordcountytn.gov.

Public Comment Procedure: State law provides for a period of public comment at local government meetings to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on matters that are germane to items on the agenda. Any person interested to speak should:

1. Record name and address on a sign-up sheet that will be provided, prior to the meeting being called to order.
2. When called upon, address comments to the Chairperson in a respectful manner.
3. Limit remarks to three minutes for items(s) germane to the Agenda.

Persons with a disability who wish to request special accommodation to participate in the public meeting should notify Suzanne Alexander one business day prior to the meeting if at all possible, by calling (931) 684-7944 or email your request to suzanne.alexander@bedfordcountytn.gov to discuss accommodations. Every reasonable effort will be made to meet your need.

NOTICE

BONARD SINSEL:

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 Gavin Sinsel, DOB: 04/24/2023. 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 3 rd 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, 1106 Madison Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160, 931-309-5947.

Honorable Charles Rich
Bedford County Juvenile Court

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

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
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POSITION AVAILABLE

South Central Tennessee Development District Executive Director

Executive Director

Definition

Under the general direction of the Board of Directors of the South Central Tennessee Development District, the Executive Director maintains overall responsibility for the management, development, implementation and administration of the programs and policies of the development district.

Application Process

Interested candidates may contact Kayla Eubanks, Executive Assistant, via phone or email. The salary will begin at $125,000 a year based on experience. This position will remain open until filled. Master's degree required for this position. Please submit resume by February 14, 2025.

Apply to

Kayla Eubanks, Executive Assistant
South Central Tennessee Development District
101 Sam Watkins Boulevard
Mount Pleasant, TN 38474
931-379-2919
keubanks@sctdd.org

Shelbyville Times-Gazette

Obituaries

Paulette Ferguson



Paulette Ferguson, age 70, of Shelbyville, passed from this life on January 26, 2025, at Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital.

Paulette was born on November 21, 1954, in Princeton, West Virginia, and was the daughter of the late Paul McKinney and Nellie Bahen McKinney.

Paulette had a diverse and fulfilling career, most notably as a caregiver for Home Health Care. She served as a judge for the Tennessee Walking Horse Organization (WHO) along with being an avid exhibitor and fan. She also had a passion for photography, having owned and operated "Images by Paulette," capturing beautiful moments that reflected her artistic vision.

An avid animal lover, Paulette cherished her cats and dogs and held a deep affection for all animals.

She is survived by her loving life partner of 7 years, Rodrick "Rod" Cleveland; grandchildren, Atlanta and Seth Ferguson; and great-grandchild, Harper Oaklynn.

A Celebration of Life service was held on Wednesday, February 5th at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home, with visitation prior to the service beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made in Paulette's memory to the Bedford Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 1523, Shelbyville, TN 37162 @ www.bedfordcancerfoundation.org or to the Shelbyville-Bedford Humane Society, P.O. Box 391, Shelbyville, TN 37162 @ www.shelbyvillebedfordhumane.org.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Bradley Allen McTigue



Bradley Allen McTigue, age 53, passed from this life on February 2, 2025, at his home after an extended illness under the care of his family and Amedisys Hospice.

Born on July 2, 1971, Brad dedicated much of his life to education, serving as a math teacher in Tennessee for 30 years at institutions including Harris Middle School, Seigel Middle School, Riverdale High School, Shelbyville Central High School (SCHS), and Bedford County Learning Academy (BCLA). He was a softball umpire from the age of 14. He also refereed middle and high school basketball and football with TSSAA. After retiring in 2023, he continued to officiate but also engaged with the community as an Uber driver.

Brad was a graduate of Taylor High School in Kokomo, Indiana, class of 1989. He furthered his education by earning a Bachelor's degree from Bethel University followed by a Master of Education from Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU).

Brad was an avid sports enthusiast whose passion extended beyond officiating to golf and being a fervent fan of the Atlanta Braves and Indianapolis Colts. One of his cherished hobbies was stadium hopping, having visited 21 different MLB stadiums. He also enjoyed assembling jigsaw puzzles.

He attended Calvary Baptist Church, where he enjoyed singing in the choir and running the soundboard on occasion.

Brad is survived by his loving wife, Tracy Cole McTigue of Shelbyville; son, Braden McTigue of Shelbyville; stepsons, Garret Smotherman of Nashville, Jesse Smotherman of Nashville, and Cole Smotherman of Shelbyville; sisters, Susan Clark of Alexandia, VA and Kim Stuck of Austin, TX; stepfather, Clarence Moore; niece, Kayla Clark; and nephew, Joshua Miller. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jerry McTigue and Linda Mullens Moore.

Funeral services will be held 6:00 p.m. Friday, February 7, 2025, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Tyler Shoemaker officiating. Visitation will be held prior to funeral services beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Friday.

Memorial donations may be made to Gift of Hope @ www.giftofhope.org.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.



TWRA Fishing Report for Normandy Lake as of early January

Report Contributor Captain Jake Davis - midsouthbassguide.com - Follow on Facebook

We found some nice fish active in late morning and afternoon this week. The best areas have been upriver. Current water levels are at 865.56. Crankbaits, Texas Rigs or Tightline Jigs have been our go to. We found some good bass using Forward Facing Sonar in open water. I was told anglers are still catching a few nice Walleye can be caught trolling crankbaits or drifting minnows/crawler harnesses on flats and in the river. Crappie are doing good as well on standing timber and brush piles. Water temperatures range from 47 to 51 degrees.

Lots of habitat work has been done on Normandy over the last four weeks by the Tennessee Bass Nation High School and Conservation programs, I highly recommend that anglers get out before the water comes up and just look around. Keep in mind if you see habitat placed on the lake shore there is most likely habitat in the water just in front of these areas. They even fixed the ramp edge at Barton Springs. Photos of these areas can be found on the Tennessee Bass Nation Conservation Facebook page. Please wear those life vests and drain your trailers before you pull up the ramps. For more information, call Jake Davis at 615.613.2382 or msbassguide@comcast.net

Susan Carol Bolek Moore



Susan Carol Bolek Moore, age 65, of Eagleville, passed away Monday, Feb. 3rd, surrounded by love, her husband and her closest family and friends.

Susan had a passion for life and made the most of her short 65 years. She was a loving wife, supportive and proud mom, a best friend and her favorite people were her grandchildren. She loved the beach (but not the sand), was an amazingly talented and creative alterations specialist and just enjoyed being around family & friends the most. Susan had a zest for life, a love for bling (and crazy sunglasses) and loved without judgement or limits. The world was a brighter place because she was in it.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Anthony & Betty Lou Bolek. Susan is survived by her loving husband of 23 years Daniel M. Moore of Eagleville; her son Michael Burrows of Murfreesboro; and her two daughters, Dr. Molly (Todd) Rowland of Smithville and Maggie Mae Marquez of Murfreesboro and her two stepsons, Timothy Moore and Eric Moore.

Susan was known as Nana by her four granddaughters, Mia Alexis Marquez, Madison Burrows, Sophia Moore and Luna Moore and was a loving sister to Mark (Audrey) Bolek, Jeff (Nanette) Bolek & Colleen (Dennis) Adams.

Susan meant so many things to so many people. Susan was funny, compassionate, hardworking and even harder loving; she was always there when you needed. Susan was someone you could always count on, doing whatever she could for her family, friends and others. She is missed more than words could ever describe.

Pallbearers will be family members.

Donations may be made to Vanderbilt Ingram Cancer Center: https://give.vanderbilthealth.org

The visitation will be Saturday Feb. 8, from 12-2pm at Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill. The funeral service will be immediately following the visitation, followed by a gravesite burial at Rocky Glade Cemetery in Eagleville.

James William Sexton Jr.



James William Sexton Jr., 84, passed peacefully on January 25, 2025, with family by his side.

He was born in Shelbyville on July 28, 1940, to Frances Renegar and James Sexton.

In 1958, Jim graduated from Central High School, where he excelled as a football player and quickly married his beloved Helen Alexander whom he was happily married to for almost 65 years. Helen was also from Shelbyville and preceded him in death in April of 2023, having battled Alzheimer's for many years.

Jim started his career path by enlisting in the U.S. Air Force in 1958. He served for 21 years, attaining the rank of Chief Master Sergeant, having been deployed to Vietnam and South Korea.

He retired from the military in 1981 and began working for General Dynamics/Lockheed Martin as a logistical strategy consultant, which took him and Helen to Bangkok, Thailand for 4 years. They returned to Virginia in 1990, settling in Williamsburg. Jim continued to work as a consultant for several years until his retirement in 2004.

Jim enjoyed golf his entire life and was an avid Atlanta Braves fan. He was guided through life by his Savior, Jesus Christ, and served faithfully as a member and deacon in many of the churches he and his family joined.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his only sibling, John Milton Sexton of Atlanta in 2004.

He leaves behind three children. James "Jay" William Sexton III and his wife Caren of Williamsburg, VA, Cary Sexton Parron and husband Matthew of Suffolk, VA, and Cynthia Sexton Scheel and husband Craig Scheel of Cleveland. He was so proud of his grandchildren, Jamie Sexton, Taylor Sexton Simon, Helen Thompson, Audra Joyner, Beatrice Sykes, Chris Scheel, Caleb Scheel and Cory Scheel. He greatly enjoyed being with them and watching them also become parents to his 14 great grandchildren.

Jim will be buried along with his wife in Williamsburg, VA in the spring.

Memorials can be made in his honor to Williamsburg Faith in Action, 354 McLaws Circle, Suite 1, Williamsburg VA 23185 and/or Folds of Honor Department13, Tulsa, OK 74182. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.NelsenWilliamsburg.com.

During the loss of our loved one: *Husband, Father, Grandfather, friend, and neighbor, many acts of kindness, love, thoughts, deeds, and prayers were shown during the life and death of William and to his family.*

We wish to thank ALL of you for helping to make this great loss easier to bear. We will be forever grateful, humble and appreciative to ALL of you.

May the God of love, mercy, grace and peace continue to bless ALL of you.

The William H. McChristian Family

Ronnie Hord



Ronnie Hord of Wartrace passed away Sunday, February 2, 2025.

Funeral services will be 1 PM Friday, February 7, 2025, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow at Hord Cemetery in Wartrace. Visitation will be from 12 noon until service time Friday at the funeral home.

Ronnie was born March 14, 1950, in Wartrace, to the late Lonnie Hord and Willie Mat Reynolds Hord. He worked for Calsonic for many years and was a member of King Chapel Church at Union Ridge.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his sisters; Vicki Hord, Rita Hord Owens, Delphine Warren, and Melvina Ward.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Barbara Hord; two sons, Troy Hord, of Murfreesboro, and Greg (Carrie) Hord, of Murfreesboro; three brothers, Ricky (Rosa) Smith, of Shelbyville, Ricky (Vanessa) Hord, of Shelbyville, and Mark (Pam) Hord, of Chicago; and two sisters, Becky Hord, of Shelbyville, and Peggy Mumford, of Maple Heights, Ohio.

Shirley Ann Scott



Shirley Ann Scott, age 74, of Shelbyville, transitioned from her earthly home on January 28, 2025, at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville.

Shirley was born August 26, 1950, in Lewisburg, to Willis (Termite) and Kathleen Robinson Allen.

Shirley was baptized at an early age. She worked at several restaurants and retired from Tyson after several years of service.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Joe Russell Ross Scott; daughter, Valeria J. Brazelton and siblings, Lou Faye Perry and Missionary Erlene Ransom.

Shirley leaves to cherish her memories, two sons, Wyatt E. Allen of Shelbyville and Lonnie Bradford Kelley of Georgia; grandchildren, Carnisha (James) Foy of Shelbyville, Shelitta Allen of Georgia, Quintus Brazelton of Tullahoma, Brittany Kelley, Wyatt Robert Allen of Columbia, TN, Tristan Harden of Columbia and Amber Williams; sisters, Dora Tillman, Mary Young, Lydia Allen, Joyce Allen, all of Shelbyville, Mamie Allen of Antioch and Laura Perry of Sommerville, TN; brother, Edward Lewis Allen; devoted nephew, Cedric Anderson; brother-in-law, Richard Scott; and a host of great-grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and friends.

Services were held Tuesday at Galilee Primitive Baptist Church in Shelbyville and burial was at Mt. Ararat Cemetery. Nelson & Sons Funeral Home of Shelbyville assisted the family.

Samuel "Ward" Coats Jr.



Samuel "Ward" Coats, Jr., age 92, of Shelbyville, passed away Thursday, January 30, 2025.

Funeral services were 2 PM Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Brother Jimmy Kesey officiated. Burial, with full military honors, followed at Rosebank Cemetery in Flat Creek. Visitation was 4 PM until 8 PM Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at the funeral home.

Ward was born June 13, 1932, in Shelbyville, to the late Samuel Ward Coats, Sr. and Birdie Mae Overcast Coats. He was a member of the National Guard for 20 years, and retired from the service in 1969. He enjoyed farming and spending time with his family.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy "Dot" Rich Coats, and a granddaughter, Renee Gentry McCormick.

He is survived by his two daughters, Brenda (Graham) Bland of Wartrace, and Melissa (Paul) Tibbs of Manchester; one son, Samuel Ward (Gena) Coats, III, of Shelbyville; grandchildren, Jason Gentry, Samuel Coats IV, Laquita Curry, Cathy Blindt, and Robert DeLuca III, and 14 great grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren.

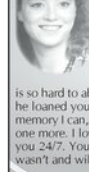
Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

In Loving Memory

Kimberly Loretta Newman Baltimore

Sadly missed

Oct. 3, 1968 — Feb. 9, 1995



Well, here we are again, my beautiful daughter, Kimberly. That dreaded day, Feb. 9. Thirty years ago today, that my heart was shredded into a million pieces. No matter what people say, or think, the heartbreak of losing a child no matter what age, never gets better with time. We are not to question God's decisions, but, oh boy, it is so hard to abide my that, I am so thankful that he loaned you to me for 26 years. I relive every memory I can, every picture I cherish, wish I had one more. I love you with all my heart and miss you 24/7. Your wings were ready, but my heart wasn't and will never be.

Love always and forever, Momma (Margaret Polk)

Bettye Lou Vance Burns

Tellico Village - Bettye Lou Vance Burns, 86, of Tellico Village, passed away peacefully on January 24, 2025 at L&L Home Care after a 14 year battle with Alzheimer's.



Our beloved mother was born August 29, 1938 in Bell Buckle, Tennessee to the late Kathleen Nelson Vance and Gray Epps Vance, Sr. Bettye attended Bell Buckle elementary school and graduated at the top of her class from Bell Buckle High School in 1956 where she excelled as a tenacious basketball player and gifted pianist.

After high school, she attended George Peabody College of Teachers in Nashville and graduated in May 1960 with a Bachelor's of Science degree with a Major in Secondary Education and a Minor in Business Eduction. While at Peabody, Bettye met a fellow student, John (Jack) William Burns Jr. from Nashville on a blind date. The couple eloped to Memphis where Jack was a second year dental student and were married at St. Patrick's church on September 26, 1959. After moving to Memphis, Bettye began her career in education as a home economics instructor at Humes High School in the fall of 1960. Upon Jack's completion of dental school in 1962, the couple moved to Stuttgart, Germany where Jack served as a captain in the US Army 92nd Medical Detachment and Bettye taught Math and Science for the University of Maryland Army GED Program.

The family moved back to the States in 1966 where Bettye began teaching with the Bedford County School System in Shelbyville, Tennessee until retiring from the classroom 1987. She was very accomplished in her profession and spent most of her early career earning advanced secondary education degrees during the summers when she was not teaching.

Bettye earned a Master's Degree in Secondary Education in 1980 and her Ed.S degree in 1982 both from Middle Tennessee State University. In 1988, she graduated at the top of her class with a Doctorate of Education Degree from Vanderbilt University and continued to teach educators part time at Vanderbilt University until 1994. She then began working for the State of Tennessee Controller's office as a consultant in nutrition, as this was the emphasis of her doctoral program. In 1996, Bettye and John moved to East Tennessee where she became the State of Tennessee East Tennessee Regional School Nutritional Consultant. She retired from the State Department of Education in 2012 after a beautiful 40+ year career in education.

Teaching was, without question, one of Bettye's greatest loves. She touched countless lives during her years in elementary and high school education. She continued to be a beacon of knowledge for the State Department of Education in attempting to make sure the children of Tennessee were provided the appropriate daily nutrition in order to excel in the classroom. Even after the horrible disease she battled daily began to cloud her mind in her later years it could not rob her of so many memories of being in the classroom making a huge impact on the lives of so many students over her tenure. Bettye spent many days reflecting on her years as a teacher and all the students she helped educate over her career. She also developed a love of drawing and left numerous gorgeous colored pictures for her loved ones to cherish.

Bettye was an amazing mother who lived her life trying to love and protect her children and grand children.

Outside of her love of her family and her profession, Bettye loved gardening in her yard and tending to all her gorgeous flowers. She was a lifelong avid fan of the University of Tennessee Volunteers. She enjoyed attending sporting events in Knoxville and followed the Vols throughout the country with her family and friends. She achieved the goal, along with her husband and daughter, of watching her Vols football team play at every Southeastern Conference stadium in addition to being present to see her team be crowned National Champions in the 1998 Fiesta Bowl. She coveted all the years of attending football games at Neyland Stadium with family and close friends and now has her favorite seat in an East Side skybox dedicated in her memory.

Bettye was preceded in death by her parents, Gray Epps Vance Sr. and Kathleen Nelson Vance, husband of 64 years John (Jack) William Burns Jr. and son, William Michael Burns.

Bettye is survived by her son John Gray Burns (Lisa) and daughter Dr. Angela Kathleen Burns both of Knoxville; Nana B's grandchildren, William Charles Burns and Megan Nicole Burns, both of Knoxville. Sisters Marie Edwards of Louisville, KY and Mary Gladys Wolfe of Nashville; brothers Gray (Joe) Epps Vance Jr. of Wauchula, FL and John Larry Vance of Buford, GA in addition to many nieces and nephews.

A church service/celebration of life will be held in Bettye's honor at the Tellico Village Community Church on Friday February 21st at 1pm.

A private family graveside burial service will be held at Hazel Cemetery in Bell Buckle, Tennessee followed by a reception for family and friends the date of which will be announced when determined.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Community Church of Tellico Village Scholarship Fund. Our family is in the process of establishing the Bettye Vance Burns Academic Scholarship at The Webb School of Bell Buckle and will be able to provide more information regarding this scholarship in the near future. Online condolences may be expressed at www.rosefuneraltn.com.

Tennessee Cattlemen's Association's Tennessee's Top Tier Program Winners Recognized

MURFREESBORO, TN—The Tennessee Cattlemen's Association (TCA) and Tennessee Cattlemen's Youth Association (TCYA) recognized over 35 youth members for their success in the seventh year of the Tennessee's Top Tier sponsored by Merck Animal Health points program. The winners were recognized at the TCA Youth Awards Banquet sponsored by Kubota Tractor Corporation, held on January 18, 2025, at the Lane Agri-Park in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

The Tennessee's Top Tier sponsored by Merck Animal Health program was created by TCA to increase youth involvement at cattle shows across the state and to create more opportunities for agriculture youth to be recognized. The program has continued to grow and draw interest from youth cattle enthusiasts across the state.

"The 7th year of the Tennessee's Top Tier sponsored by Merck Animal Health program was very rewarding for all involved," said Melinda Hart, TCA Director of Youth Programs & Outreach. "There were several new participants in the program this year, and we were able to recognize more youth for their hard work with their show cattle projects."

Participants can receive points in three divisions: heifers, steers, and showmanship. To receive points, exhibitors must be youth members of the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association.

Emma Armstrong from Bedford County and Cole Lehnert from Lawrence County received top honors for the 2024 Tennessee's Top Tier sponsored by Merck Animal Health program year. Armstrong was awarded show heifer of the year and Lehnert was awarded show steer of the year.

The other Tennessee's Top Tier sponsored by Merck Animal Health winners were as follows: Top five overall heifers (listed from first to fifth): Emma Armstrong, Bedford County; Kutler Tinin, Lawrence County; Caroline Huebner, Obion County; Laine Whipple, Henry County; Emeri Whipple, Henry County. Top five overall steers (listed from first to fifth): Cole Lehnert, Lawrence County; Tillman Staley, Lincoln County; Dani Wares, Overton County; Alex Cunningham, Washington County; Brevin Hutson, Henry County.

There are two additional divisions to showcase the heifer exhibitors. The Tennessee bred heifer division recognizes cattle that were raised by Tennessee cattle producers. Top five Tennessee bred heifers (listed first to fifth): Ethan Bartee, Robertson County; Avery Rowlett, Wayne County; Van Richardson, Union County (tie for 3rd); Lila Sims, Humphreys County (tie for 3rd); Remi Gardner, Henry County; Kutler Tinin, Lawrence County. The top two heifers in each breed were as follows: Angus- Avery Rowlett, Wayne County; Emma Armstrong, Bedford County; Charolais- Gracie Shults, Levi Shults, both of Unicoi County; Chi-Ethan Bartee, Robertson County; Hereford-Alyssa Meier, Anderson County; Evan Jackson, Benton County; Limousin- Remi Gardner, Henry County; Jake Ozburn, Bedford County; Red Angus- Van Richardson, Union County (tie for 1st); Lila Sims, Humphreys County (tie for 1st); Van Richardson also had second high point Red Angus; Shorthorn- Kutler Tinin, Lawrence County; Blaire Lamon, Henry County; ShorthornPlus- Caroline Huebner, Obion County; Kutler Tinin, Lawrence County; Simmental- Mason Harris, Unicoi County; Evan Jackson, Benton County; Percentage Simmental- Emma Armstrong, Bedford County; Emeri Whipple, Henry County; Commercial-Kutler Tinin, Lawrence County; Laine Whipple, Henry County; AOB- Maggie Ann Snapp, Hawkins County.

The following were the top five winners in each showmanship division, listed from first to fifth. Top five Senior Level II Showmen: Evan Jackson, Benton County; Dani Wares, Overton County; Emma Armstrong, Bedford County; Reagan Bostick, Henry County; Remi Gardner, Henry County; Top five Senior Level I Showmen: Van Richardson, Union County; Jake Ozburn, Bedford County; Ellie Hensley, Unicoi County; Alex Cunningham, Washington County (tied for 4th); Grant Kuhn, Coffee County (tied for 4th); Avery Rowlett, Wayne County (tied for 4th); Lucas Berner, Obion County; Top five Junior High Showmen: Kutler Tinin, Lawrence County; Emma Locke, Trousdale County; Emeri Whipple, Henry County; Jackson Overbay, Hamblen County; Walker Wilbanks, Obion County; Top five Junior Showmen: Gracie Shults, Unicoi County; Kelsey Widener, Sullivan County; Gavin Kuhn, Coffee County (tied for 3rd); Laine Whipple, Henry County (tied for 3rd); Kelbie Rowlett, Wayne County; Lona Sims, Humphreys County; Top five Explorer Showmen: Mason Harris, Unicoi County (tied for 1st); Caroline Huebner, Obion County (tied for 1st); Josie Ozburn, Bedford County; Ruby Hunigan, Washington County.

"Winning Senior Level II Showmanship means a lot to me," said Evan Jackson. "I have always been taught that heifers will come and go, but my integrity, character, and sportsmanship will define me forever. That's why I've always worked hard, shown my cattle to the best of my ability, and respected my fellow showmen."

In addition to the youth award winners, the Shelbyville Showdown Cattle Show was awarded the 2024 Show of the Year for the Tennessee's Top Tier sponsored by Merck Animal Health program. The Shelbyville Showdown is held each May in Shelbyville, Tennessee. Tennessee's Top Tier exhibitors and families voted the Shelbyville Showdown as the Show of the Year through an online vote.

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The eighth year of the Tennessee's Top Tier sponsored by Merck Animal Health program is now underway. Rules and a full list of shows on the points circuit can be found online at, tn-cattle.org/youth.

TCA was founded in 1985 and has more than 5,100 members from across the state and the southeast. The organization works to provide the cattlemen of Tennessee with an organization through which they may function collectively to protect their interests and work toward the solution of cattle industry problems and to build the necessary goodwill that will bring both governmental esteem and recognition to the industry.



The top 5 overall heifers for the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association's 2024 Tennessee's Top Tier program were (left-right), Emma Armstrong, Bedford County (1st), Kutler Tinin, Lawrence County (2nd), Caroline Huebner, Obion County (3rd) Laine Whipple, Henry County (4th), Emeri Whipple, Henry County (5th), Gary Dering, TCA President



Josie Ozburn, center, received 2nd overall in the Explorer Showmanship Division.



Jake Ozburn (second from left) received 2nd overall in the Senior Level I Showmanship Division.



Emma Armstrong (second from R) received 3rd overall in the Senior Level II Showmanship Division.

Golden Eagles Upset Warren County, Hand Pioneers First Loss in District 9-AAAA, 57-55

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Shelbyville, Tenn. – Heading into Tuesday's rematch against Warren County, the Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (10-13, 5-2) were looking to bounce back from a heartbreaking 44-43 loss at Coffee County, and that is exactly what they did, taking down the Pioneers (17-4, 6-1), 57-55, inside Rick Insell Gymnasium to hand the visitors their first District 9-AAAA loss of the season in a stunning upset.

Jordan Taylor had his coming out party against the Pioneers, finishing with a game-high 24 points with 15 of them coming in the second half alone to help the Golden Eagles recover from an eight-point halftime deficit. Tae'Shawn Shelton finished in double-figures with 10 points while Jack Conditt connected on two huge three-pointers and chipped in with eight points.

For Warren County, Nate Turner led the Pioneers in scoring with a team-high 18 points, including four made three-pointers in the first half. Deashawn Adams finished with just 13 points after scoring nine in the opening period of play, and Keyton Reno chipped in with 12 points of his own with nine of them coming in the first half.

To start, the visiting Pioneers jumped out to an early lead, 19-15, after the initial eight minutes of play. Adams got things going with an and-one layup followed by three more two-point field goals. Turner and Devin Fish each found the range from downtown, but the Golden Eagles weren't too far behind. Taylor and Shelton each scored four points in the period while Malek Johnson connected on a three-pointer for his only points of the game. Lee chipped in with four points as well.

In the second quarter, Warren County started to take control of the game. Turner exploded for three triples in the period as the Pioneers outscored Shelbyville, 16-12, to take a 35-27 lead into the halftime locker room. Conditt scored five points for the Golden Eagles, including the first of two threes, while Taylor also scored five to go with a two-pointer from Braylon Johnson.

Coming out of the locker room, Shane Young's Golden Eagles completely flipped the script, holding the Pioneers to just 12 points in the third quarter with no three-pointers. Meanwhile, Jordan Taylor began to take over on the offensive end, getting to his spots and punctuating his 11-point period with a three-pointer to trim the Warren County lead to just five points, 47-42, entering the final frame.

With all the momentum on the home side, Warren County just could not find an answer on the offensive end, scoring just eight points total in the fourth quarter. Turner was held to just four points as Shelbyville had five different guys score at least two points in the period. Conditt connected on his second three of the night, Taylor scored four more points along with Shelton, and Braylon Johnson, who finished with just five points on the night, connected on the two biggest free throws of the season to put Shelbyville up for good and into the win column, 57-55.

Shelbyville improves to 10-13 (5-2).

Eaglettes Complete Season Sweep Against Warren Co.

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Shelbyville, Tenn. – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes (12-8, 4-3) got back to winning ways against District 9-AAAA foe, the Warren County Lady Pioneers (7-17, 4-4), 63-49, inside of Rick Insell Gymnasium on Tuesday night.

Facing off against former head coach, Kyle Turnham, for the second time this season following a 50-43 Eaglettes' victory on the road back on January 17, the Eaglettes took an 11-point lead after the first quarter and never looked back.

Lanaya Young, after being held to just six points at Coffee County on Friday, found her offensive rhythm again, connecting on a team-high 16 points, including going 4/4 from the charity stripe down the stretch in the fourth quarter. Yasmine McFarland joined Young in double-figures with 12 points of her own, while Morgan Pridemore chipped in with 10 points on the night. Jada Berry and Janiya Leslie each scored eight points apiece as Shelbyville reverted back to a much more balanced offensive attack.

Warren County's Trinity Reynolds led all scorers with a game-high 20 points. She connected on three three-pointers in the first half, then scored her 11 second-half points all inside the arc and at the free-throw line. Brinlee Griffith was the only other Lady Pioneer to reach double-digits with 10 points.

To start, the Eaglettes' were dialed in defensively. Reynolds connected on a three, but that was the only field goal the Pioneers would score in the opening period. Pridemore connected on a trio of layups, Leslie found the range from downtown, and Shelbyville turned their defensive intensity into a 16-5 lead at the end of the first quarter.

In the second, Warren County dialed up three three-pointers as a team, but Shelbyville had five different players score a bucket in the period to match the Lady Pioneers. At halftime, the Eaglettes maintained their 11-point lead, 29-18, after both teams scored 13 points in the quarter.

Coming out of the halftime locker room, Warren County began to ramp up the defensive intensity while also finding some offensive flow of their own. Young was held to two points, Berry completed a three-point play the old-fashioned way, and Nijah Gray scored four of her five total points in the third quarter, but the Lady Pioneers outscored Shelbyville, 14-12, to cut the lead to nine points, 41-32, heading into the final frame. Reynolds connected on a pair of two-point field goals and also a pair of foul shots while teammates Griffith and Chloe Wanamaker each converted old-fashioned three-point plays.

In the fourth quarter, the Eaglettes finally began to pull away from the Lady Pioneers, outscoring Warren County by five, 22-17. As a team, Shelbyville converted on 9/12 free throws in the final frame alone with Young finishing a perfect 4/4 to help close out the 14-point home win, 63-49.

Shelbyville Tuesday's win, 14/20, which tends to be a recipe for success for the Eaglettes.

SCHS improves to 12-8 (4-3) and moves a half-game ahead of Warren County for third place in District 9-AAAA.

"Blue Bloods in the Round®" set for Feb. 13 at Nearest Green Distillery

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Derek Mason, head football coach at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), Chris Massaro, director of athletics at MTSU and ALC announce the "Blue Bloods Songwriters in the Round®" show at Humble Baron (touting the World's Longest Bar) at Nearest Green Distillery (3125 US-231, Shelbyville, TN) on February 13, 2025, from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. CT.

"This first-of-its-kind event celebrates some of the "blue blood" music nobility that MTSU has fostered along with the new athletic department endeavors to revenue-share with their athletes," said Mason.

Grammy® award-winning and decorated songwriters include MTSU alumnus Luke Laird, Jamie Moore, Natalie Hemby, and Gordie Sampson. The event will be hosted by film and TV star ("Last Man Standing") turned country artist Jet Jurgensmeyer.

There will be two songwriter rounds. The first round will feature "up and coming" MTSU student songwriter/artists Carter Elliot and Lauren Teel as well Amelie Sampson, daughter of Gordie Sampson. Grady Block (currently the touring drummer for Ernest) who is a staff writer for Big Loud. (Billboard's Country Label of the Year) will round out this new hot crop of writer/artists.

After the first round, the "blue bloods" Luke Laird, Natalie Hemby, Jamie Moore, and Gordie Sampson will take the stage. These high-brow writers/artists have multiple Grammy® awards, nominations, and over 30 number-one Billboard singles.

Luke Laird is a highly decorated MTSU alumnus who has won "BMI Songwriter of the Year" and is the co-owner of Creative Nation Music (touting over 60 Billboard number-one songs and multiple hit songwriters signed and developed). He will perform some of his 24 number-one Billboard singles, which include:

Carrie Underwood's "So Small," "Temporary Home," and "Undo It"; Blake Shelton's "Gonna"; Sara Evans' "A Little Bit Stronger" Rodney Atkins's "Take a Back Road"; Eric Church's "Drink in My Hand," "Give Me Back My Hometown," and "Talladega"; Little Big Town's "Pontoon" Luke Bryan's "I See You" and "Fast" Thomas Rhett's "T-Shirt" Kenny Chesney's "American Kids" Lady Antebellum's "Downtown" and Jon Pardi's "Head Over Boots."

He has also written and produced songs for Tim McGraw, Rascal Flatts, Kacey Musgraves, Toby Keith, Ne-Yo, John Legend, Darius Rucker, and many others.

Natalie Hemby is a Grammy® Award-winning writer/artist who first gained notoriety by penning hits for Miranda Lambert including "White Liar," "Only Prettier," and "Automatic" as well as Little Big Town's "Pontoon" and "Tornado." As a recording artist, Hemby won a Grammy® with The Highwomen, which featured her alongside Amanda Shires, Maren Morris, and Brandi Carlisle. She released her self-titled debut album in 2019 and a second solo album in 2021, "Pins and Needles."

Jamie Moore is a four-time Grammy® nominated songwriter and producer from Muscle Shoals, Alabama. He has a catalog of multi-genre hits and songs recorded by an impressive list of artists such as Carrie Underwood, Toby Mac, Chris Lane, Bren Joy, Blake Shelton, and Tim McGraw. His recent No. 1 hits "May We All" by Florida Georgia Line and "Chasin You" by Morgan Wallen have been recurrent hits at country and pop radio. He has also produced R&B artist Bren Joy and Motown Gospel artist Evvie McKinney.

Gordie Sampson is a Canadian singer-songwriter and producer from Big Pond, Nova Scotia, who lives with his family in Nashville. He has written hit songs for Carrie Underwood, Keith Urban, Faith Hill, LeAnn Rimes, Blake Shelton, Miranda Lambert, and Rascal Flatts. He has also released critically acclaimed albums with the Rankin Family and as a solo performer. Sampson has received a Grammy® Award for penning Carrie Underwood's "Jesus Take the Wheel," a Juno® Award, two ASCAP Awards, East Coast Music Awards, and honorary degrees from Cape Breton University and St. Francis Xavier University.

The event's host is singer/songwriter, Jet Jurgensmeyer, a Nashville native who grew up on stage at the famed Nashville Palace. He will perform some of his self-penned songs throughout the evening. As a child actor, Jet split his time between Nashville and the West Coast on the silver screen. He has appeared in:

The Oscar®-nominated Clint Eastwood film "American Sniper." Disney's "Adventures in Babysitting" Universal's "The Little Rascals Save the Day" as Spanky PureFlix Cinema's "Woodlawn," and alongside Reese Witherspoon in "Devil's Knot."

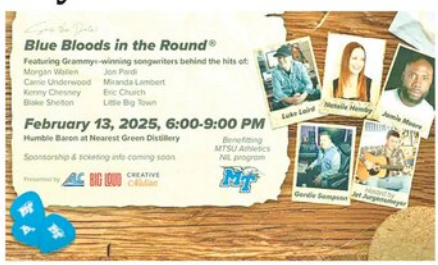
On the television front, Jet boasts an extensive list of credits, including: "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" (CBS) "Hot in Cleveland" (TV Land) "Marry Me" (NBC) "Grey's Anatomy" (ABC) "Austin & Ally" (Disney Channel) "Black-ish" (ABC) "Ozark" (Netflix) as the younger version of Jason Bateman's character, Marty Byrd.

He has also voiced several animated projects over the years, including series regular roles for Nickelodeon's "Shimmer and Shine" and "Bubble Guppies," Disney's "TOTS," and Young Guapo in the animated international film hit, "Ferdinand" by Blue Sky Studios and 20th Century Fox Animation.

The Blue Bloods in the Round is sponsored by the Athlete Licensing Company (ALC) and will be promoted by MTSU student-athletes, with the athletes receiving NIL money through the ALC CONIC app for their posts on social media promoting the show.

The show will be a Bluebird Café style In the Round® presentation with food and beverages available for guests to enjoy during the show at the "World's Longest Bar" at Humble Baron on the campus of the Nearest Green Distillery.

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Lady Champs Hold Off Lady Eagles to Complete Season Sweep

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Eagleville, Tenn. – The Cascade Lady Champions (10-11, 3-3) completed the season sweep of the Eagleville Lady Eagles (11-15, 1-3) on the road, 44-40, on Tuesday night.

It was a surprisingly close game throughout, especially in the second half. Kaegan Young led the way for Cascade with a team-high 15 points, including 11 coming in the second half, while Sophie Ray scored eight of her 14 points in the opening 16 minutes.

For Eagleville, Meah Thompson, after scoring 17 points in the first matchup back on December 10th, led all scorers with 20 points on the night with 18 coming in the second half. She was also the only Lady Eagle to finish in double-figures.

Early on, neither team was able to get into any sort of rhythm on the offensive end as the Lady Champs took a 7-4 lead at the end of the opening period.

In the second quarter, Cascade ballooned their lead to as much as 10 points before a pair of Eagleville triples in the final 90 seconds of the half cut the lead to 17-10 at the break. Brinli Bain and Sophie Lamb each hit from downtown to bring the hosts right back within striking distance.

Coming out of the halftime locker room, Eagleville maintained the momentum as Thompson began to relentlessly attack the basket. She led all scorers with 12 points in the third quarter as the Lady Eagles outscored Cascade, 18-14, to trim the Lady Champs' lead to just three points, 31-28, going into the final frame.

In the fourth quarter, both teams reverted back to their first quarter identity. Eagleville had cut the lead to 33-31 with just under four minutes remaining before a lightning-quick 7-0 run by the Lady Champs all but put the game out of reach for the Lady Eagles with 2:45 left at 40-31.

Eagleville connected on a couple of desperation threes, but Kaegan Young, Kaydence Miller, and Sophie Ray combined to miss just two free throws in the latter-half of the fourth quarter, allowing the Lady Champs to escape Eagleville with their second-consecutive win, 44-40.

Cascade improves to 10-11 (3-3) and will hit the road to play Chapel Hill on Friday night, LIVE on The Zinger 100.9 and AM 1400 starting at 5:45 p.m.



Sophie Ray (5) goes up for 2 of her 14 points on Tuesday. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*



Kaegan Young (22) went 7/10 from the FT line, scoring a team-high 15 points in Cascade's nail-biting four-point win at Eagleville on Tuesday night. *Photo by David Smith.*

"It doesn't just come from me" - Gregory sets All-Time Three Point record for Middle Tennessee

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Jalynn Gregory's 301st three-pointer as a Blue Raider looked like so many of the 300 that came before it.

It came on a play designed to get her open, one executed with such precision by her teammates that the sharpshooter was somehow left unguarded in the corner, resulting in the opposing coach (this time it was LA Tech's Brooke Stoehr) throwing their arms up in frustration at how could their team, who almost certainly spent a good part of their time in the film room emphasizing not to give Gregory any space on the perimeter, leave MTSU's best shooter wide open for a shot she'd made 300 times before in her career.

"The three-point record, it doesn't just come from me," Gregory reflected post-game. "Of course, I have to make the shot. But it comes from my teammates getting me open and just them passing me the ball. Nas working down low, drawing some people and then the kick out."

With the corner three, MTSU's first three points of a 61-43 win over the Lady Techsters, Gregory passed Courtney Whitson for the all-time lead in career three-pointers made at Middle Tennessee. The senior guard went on to nail three more threes on the afternoon, including the final basket of the day for either team.

After the final buzzer sounded, it was Whitson, now an MTSU assistant coach after being a long-time teammate and friend and even former roommate of Gregory's, who gave Jalynn her commemorative ball for taking the all-time lead in threes made.

"Just being able (for it) to come from her," Gregory said, "it was a special moment."

You don't get to those all-time career records at most programs, particularly programs with the success of Middle Tennessee women's basketball, without playing from the very start of your career. Jalynn Gregory has not missed a start for the Blue Raiders; she first stepped on court as a freshman, where her sharpshooting first caught the eye of a teammate from Moscow, Russia.

"The first couple of games, I definitely knew the second she shoots, I knew it was going in," Anastasiia Boldyreva said. "Obviously, I would always go for the rebound, but I knew I wouldn't have to work for the rebound, because I knew it was going in."



Jalyn Gregory (pictured) was all smiles following her record-breaking performance against LA Tech. Gregory scored 17 points, including four three-pointers, but it was the very first shot of the game that was the most memorable. *Photo by MT Athletics.*

Head Coach Rick Insell knew Gregory was a good shooter when he recruited her from Macon County High School, but he said you can't project players to become all-time program leaders in stat categories when you're making recruitment decisions. What you can do, he said, is recruit winners and that's all Jalynn Gregory's done at any level she's played at.

"As valuable as Nas is, getting rebounds and blocking shots, Jalynn Gregory is just as valuable on that perimeter," Insell said.

It's not just the shooting that Insell is referring to. Gregory has been the team's best perimeter defender for the past two seasons, maybe even her sophomore year too on some nights, when MTSU has the luxury of having both Gregory and Alexis Whittington shut down some Conference USA's best guard duos. As a senior, she's even found a secondary role as the team's second ballhandler when Courtney Blakely needed a break, handling point guard duties in the final five minutes on Saturday after Blakely fouled out.

But the shooting is the flashiest part of her game, one that is highlighted not just by her knack for getting open within Insell's offense, but also by the range with which Gregory has the green light, regularly taking and making shots well beyond the arc, forcing opposing defenses to stretch out even further than they'd like to. And it's what's gotten her in the MTSU record books, which will likely make her an easy choice for the Blue Raider Athletic Hall of Fame in just over a decade's time.

Most importantly for Gregory, the anticipation of getting the record is done. Which opens up more opportunities for the rest of her senior season.

"I could hear the talk about it," Gregory said. "Sometimes, it's hard to cancel out that talk, no matter if it's just about that record or other things in general.

"But I've broken it now, so we're in the clear."



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Children's Theatre at The Fly presents: "Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon"

"The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon" is a madcap ride through all 209 of the Brothers Grimm fairy tales. An ensemble cast zips from story to story, weaving each one together as to discover the origin stories of some of literature's most well-known characters.

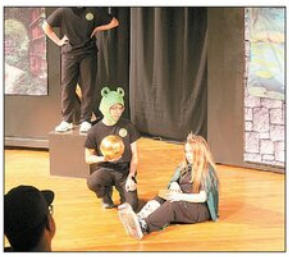
The event, by the Emerge Group of the Children's Theatre (ages 13-18), is being held through Sunday, Feb. 9, at the Fly.

Guided by the aptly-named Narrator One and Narrator Two, "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon" is a madcap ride through all 209 of the Brothers Grimm fairy tales. An ensemble cast zips from story to story, weaving each one together as we discover the origin stories of some of literature's most well-known characters.

Note: Members of The Fly Arts Center have access to special early access ticket purchases. Not a member? Join at FlyArtsCenter.com.











Super Bowl party ideas

Warm up with pre-game appetizers

Football season has been in full swing for several months, and will soon culminate in the game of all games - the Super Bowl.

Super Bowl LIX is set to take place on February 9, 2025, at the Caesars Superdome in New Orleans, featuring an exciting matchup between the Kansas City Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles.

Watching the action on the field is exciting, but game day experiences can be enhanced by sharing the festivities with friends or family. But everyone knows the food is really what it's all about!

Football parties can take enjoyment of the game to the next level. The following are some ways to score touchdowns when hosting game day gatherings.

Create a DIY football field table cover

Head to the nearest party store and purchase green craft paper or a plastic tablecloth. Stretch it over the expanse of the table you need to cover and secure it underneath with tape or clips. Use white tape or ribbon to mark off the field yard markings and utilize white stick-on numerals to enhance the yard line measurements. Such a festive table can double as the perfect playing field for table-top football.

Decorate a drink station

Dress up your cooler with team colors and logos. Make a goal post out of PVC piping to add a little extra whimsy to the design.

Create game-inspired foods

Football-shaped foods, from mini meat loaves to calzones to cookies to doughnuts, will make the event even more fun. Invest in a football-shaped cookie cutter to cut just about everything, from sliced cheeses to sandwiches to pie crusts to that pigskin shape.

Set up games of chance

Gambling isn't for everyone. Party hosts can come up with other clever ideas to give people chances to win prizes. Purchase a few inexpensive gift cards to local coffee shops, sporting goods retailers or to supermarkets. Give out raffle tickets to all in attendance. Each time the team scores, pick a raffle ticket out of a bag or bucket. The called number gets a prize.

Consider a tailgate theme

Evoke the feelings of a true stadium tailgate by hosting the party outdoors in the neighborhood. Each home can have its own station in the driveway, with party-goers walking from home to home to load up on snacks and talk about the game.

Here's a great recipe and two drink ideas that are sure to warm up your Super Bowl weekend events, whether at home or on tailgate. These still go great with chips, dip and beer, if that's your thing on Super Bowl Sunday!

Mushroom Sausage Frittata

Makes 4 to 6 servings

1 tablespoon good-quality olive oil
2 cups chopped smoked sausage
2 cups sliced mushrooms
2 cloves of garlic, peeled and minced
8 fresh eggs
31/2 tablespoons heavy cream
1 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup cheddar cheese, grated
1. Preheat oven broiler.
2. Heat the oil in a 10-inch nonstick, ovenproof skillet. Add sausage and sauté until it begins to brown, about 3 minutes. Add mushrooms and sauté until golden, about 3 additional minutes. Stir in garlic and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds.
3. Combine the eggs, heavy cream, salt, and pepper in a blender; process until frothy. Pour the egg mixture into the skillet with the sausage mixture and cook, undisturbed, until the sides and bottom are set but center is loose, about 4 minutes.
4. Sprinkle cheese over the top and place skillet under broiler and cook until mixture is just set on top and cooked through, about 3 to 4 minutes. Cool 2 minutes, slice and serve.

Preparation time: 10 minutes
Cooking time: 15 minutes
Total time: 25 minutes

Hot Punch

Makes 14 servings

16 cups water, divided
5 cups cranberries, fresh or frozen, plus extra for garnish
21/2 cups granulated sugar
1/2 cup red hots cinnamon candies
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
12 whole cloves
3 cinnamon sticks
1 lemon, sliced
Cheesecloth
1. In a large saucepan, set over medium-high heat, bring 1 quart of water and cranberries to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 8 to 10 minutes or until the cranberries begin to pop. Drain, reserving liquid and cranberries. Put cranberries through a fine mesh strainer or food mill. Set aside.
2. In a Dutch oven or large pot, combine sugar, red-hots, lemon juice, cranberry liquid and cranberry pulp, and remaining 3 quarts of water.
3. Place cloves and cinnamon sticks in a double thickness of cheesecloth. Tie with string to form a bag; add to pan with the punch. Bring to a boil; stir until sugar and candies are dissolved. Discard spice bag. Strain juice through a fine mesh strainer. Serve hot with lemon slices and cranberries.

This drink can be made into a hot toddy by adding a splash of your favorite whiskey.

Preparation time: 20 minutes
Cooking time: 15 minutes
Total time: 35 minutes

"Heart Starter" Bloody Mary

(Serves 8)

4 cups tomato juice
1/2 cup dill pickle juice
1/4 cup lemon juice, freshly squeezed
1 tablespoon grated horseradish
2 teaspoons Tabasco sauce
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/2 teaspoon celery seeds
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
2 cups vodka
Celery stalks for garnishing
Lemon wedges for garnishing

In a large pitcher, mix together tomato juice, pickle juice, lemon juice, horseradish, Tabasco, Worcestershire, salt, pepper, celery seeds, and cayenne pepper. Cover and chill in refrigerator overnight.

Pour Vodka into the tomato juice mixture. Stir. Pour into a highball or large, tall glass filled with ice. Garnish with celery, a lemon wedge, and a cocktail shrimp.