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County Mayor accuses Commissioner of 'grandstanding' during meeting

By Dawn Hankins

During Tuesday night's Public Safety (law enforcement) Committee meeting, Commissioner Eric Maddox presented an issue regarding County emergency communications. In the process of his presentation, he was called out by BC Mayor Chad Graham for "grandstanding."

Grandstanding during a government meeting refers to behaving or speaking in a way that is intended to impress others or gain an advantage, rather than achieving a genuine goal.

Maddox said he was merely presenting an issue that could cause irreparable damage in the area of emergency communications. And he explained to the mayor that such an issue, should it turn in the wrong direction, would fall in his lap, as the County leader.

Here's what was discussed by Maddox that seemed to ignite the mayor's comments.

"I know that communication is one of the biggest tools that first responders, law enforcement, have in their toolbelt," said Maddox. "I believe that if you are unable to communicate with your fellow first responder, law enforcement, it puts you in a bad place."

He said unfortunately, for several months, constituents and personnel from emergency agencies have voiced their concerns about the current

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COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY (LAW ENFORCEMENT) COMMITTEE

From left, Mayor Chad Graham, Committee Members Sylvia Pinson, Mark Thomas, Eric Maddox and Jason Boyette.

Ground broken in Normandy for new women's recovery home

Old school property becomes center of hope

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Pastor Caleb McCall was born on March 12, 1989, in Manchester and later moved to Unionville. He isn't shy about sharing how in his 20s he lived a life of crime, addiction, and violence-until the day he surrendered his life to the Lord Jesus Christ.

As a result of his criminal behavior, McCall was sent by the courts in 2015 to Adult and Teen Challenge, which is a year-long, faith-based recovery center and discipleship program. It has deep roots in the field of recovery, going way back to the 1950s.

"It is a discipleship program, basically getting men and women off the streets that are dealing with addiction problems and teaching them how to follow Christ . . . discipling them," notes McCall.

The young pastor explained how he spent a year in recovery at Challenge. He said it was during that time when he "devoured" God's Word.

"God got a hold of me," he shares in hindsight.

With his Bible in his hand, McCall graduated from the Challenge program in 2016, going to work with Campus Community Church, which is ironically the group which made his referral the previous year. He started out in youth ministry.

Soon McCall was on a path to leading an area church and developing two recovery programs in the Manchester area. In 2018, he opened Be the Bush Recovery Ministries.

McCall told the T-G recently that he truly understands what many of those suffering from addiction and other life difficulties are going through. It all puts a severe hold on your life, he explains.

The BTB's year-long curriculum, he advises, is based on what he studied in discipleship when he was in Challenge. He's added some of his own curriculum as well.

The pastor notes that this program helps individuals with life-controlling issues, such as addiction. But this very strictly structured program is not limited to just addiction.

McCall notes that each day starts with students making their beds. They are referred to as discipleship students, not clients.

After breakfast they enter into devotional time with local pastors. He said this is certainly the most crucial area for the program and he's been blessed with many dedicated volunteers.

He said there are three phases for students to cover during the course of that year.

McCall explains, "And once they get to the third phase, they two options; they can become an intern with the ministry or they can do what we call re-entry which is where I get them a job, teach them how to balance a checkbook . . . catch up on child support, do whatever they need to do to get on their feet once they are about to graduate."

In 2023, McCall closed on the current Bedford County property, which is the site of the old Normandy Elementary School. Currently, the 30 plus acres of scenery, which once used to instill the 3 Rs into local students, now shelters men and soon, women-persons wanting to make a more positive change in their lives.

"We are really excited to serve Bedford County . . . to move over to this area," says McCall. "So, both ministries are on the same property now."

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Pastor Caleb McCall is a busy person. He recently just became a father again and pastors The Legacy Church off 41 A Highway North in Tullahoma. He also recently led the groundbreaking ceremony for a new women's recovery ministry in Normandy. The new recovery center will eventually be next to the men's recovery ministry. McCall shares openly that he feels blessed, considering just 10 years ago, he was in drug recovery himself.



WANT TO PAMPER YOUR PUP?

Photo by Carol Garrette

Cascade High School's animal science class offers pet care during the week. Reach out to https://cascadehs.bedfordK12tn.com/CascadeCanineCare. Services include walking, flea test and bathing. Millie liked her bath.



FAVORITE PARK AREA FLOODED LAST WEEKEND

Park Photo

The picnic area of Henry Horton State Park in Chapel Hill was under water following the weekend storm. County emergency personnel noted Tuesday night that Bedford County was blessed with having a minimum amount of damage, compared to some areas. Some power lines were down and there was localized flooding. But there were only about 17 flood-related emergency calls, it was reported by emergency services.

BEDFORD BRIEFS



2023 WARNER'S BRIDGE RECKLESS HOMICIDE CASE

Ashton Wayne Koah has entered a plea (8 years @ 30%) and was sentenced in BC Criminal Court to serve 9 months in jail and the remainder of his sentence on supervised state probation. He was to report for jail on March 17. Koah was charged in 2023, with reckless homicide, aggravated assault, reckless endangerment, speeding and failure to exercise due care. Koah was involved in an accident in 2023, with another vehicle, on Warner's Bridge Road. The other driver was eastbound on Warners Bridge Road and attempted to turn left onto Rabbit Branch Road in front of Koah's westbound Dodge Dakota pickup. Koah was 18 at the time.

Koah's truck ran off the road and down an embankment, landing upside down in a creek and striking a concrete culvert with the passenger door. A passenger in Koah's truck was injured, according to the THP report. Three other juvenile passengers were injured in the accident, the report said. Bedford County's Technical Rescue Team was called to the scene, and members used ropes to remove one of the injured from Koah's truck.

Koah is to pay $9,000 restitution and $12,000 restitution, respectively, to the families of the victims.

BELL BUCKLE DAFFODIL DAY RESCHEDULED

Due to last Saturday's bad weather, the annual Daffodil Day festivities in Bell Buckle are planned for this Saturday, March 22.

COUNTY AND CITY COURT CASE SCHEDULED/BLEVINS SAYS ENOUGH LAWYER FEES SPENT

The City of Shelbyville vs Bedford County case will head to court April 28-30. This is an open, public trial. A court hearing was previously held. Presiding over the case is Judge Don Ash out of Murfreesboro. Local judges recused themselves.

Shelbyville City Council made the decision to take legal action against the County, regarding sales tax distribution for education. Bedford County contends it continues to meet all the conditions from the 1974 agreement, which directs that 100 percent of those funds are to be used for education purposes only.

The City is now seeking to end that agreement.

New City Councilman Josh Blevins was the only one last Thursday voting against the City paying $250,000 more in attorney fees. Council person Marilyn Ewing did ask how much longer this would continue, though she voted in favor of paying the extra money.

Blevins told the T-G, "I voted against the money last night because even though I agree that there need to be changes to the current sales tax agreement, I don't think spending hundreds of thousands and possibly millions of dollars in taxpayer money on legal fees is the way to get the changes made. It should have been negotiated, and if one side was unwilling to negotiate, that should have been made clear to the public and then voters would have had the opportunity to remove that person or person(s) at the voting booth in the next election."

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status of the radio communication system.

Maddox represents the Wartrace district and said he's also had complaints from there about emergency communications.

Maddox also mentioned response times are important to emergency services. "Unfortunately, there have been cases where folks have had to pick up their cell phone and call the com center because the current radio system wasn't working. There was a situation I heard of last Friday where a first responder had to use a land line in order to communicate with the com center because their cell phone did not have service."

Maddox said he had briefly talked with BC Emergency Management Agency Director David Kitchens about the radio communications needs. Kitchens, who was present at Tuesday's meeting, had given an update earlier on the radio communications.

Maddox said he was going to break down the history of the radio communications progress through County minutes from over the last few years. He said the County had received ARP (American Rescue Plan dollars due to COVID) a few years ago to the tune of about $5 million. The full Commission, he recalled, made the decision unanimously to spend the dollars on emergency radio communications.

Maddox said in October 2023, BCEMA continued to "work with Motorola." Then at another meeting the topic was frequency, etc., which was to be determined. Maddox said it was noted that everyone was excited about the new radios.

He continued that In 12-1 7-2024, minutes reflect how "EMA continues to work with Motorola . . . ."

Maddox said his concern at this point is that he believes someone "needs to pick up the ball" and call Motorola about "doing their job." He said he's not sure where the "buck needs to stop" but further advised how it needs to stop with someone.

Maddox said he's talked diplomatically with several people, without directing the steps of County employees, and now he continues to be concerned with the current communication tools used by emergency services.

Maddox came out of that diplomatic box when he said the Public Safety (Law Enforcement) Committee needs to be more concerned with radio communication issues rather than that of what the jail inmates had for lunch.

"Quite frankly, at this point, I'm pretty frustrated," advised Maddox. "I'm going on the record that we need a more firm update . . . . I expect this process to step into completion pretty quickly."

He said the County's priorities need to be realigned. He asked Kitchens for firmer updates though he explained he doesn't mean to put more responsibility squarely on his shoulders. Maddox reiterated that the County and its emergency employees "deserve better."

"Let's get some sort of communication system up and running so that they don't have to use land lines like they did in Mayberry," said Maddox.

Graham told Maddox he was aware that he's been talking to others about the radio communications issue, among other things. He then told Commissioner Maddox that he found it "interesting" that he's not talked with him.

"But it's a little bit interesting there could have been a lot more information shared with you besides grandstanding in a meeting, if you had just come to the source," Graham advised.

Then Graham went into explaining the Sunshine Law to the Commissioner. He told Maddox how it's not a violation, backed up by the state, for a commissioner and the mayor to talk over such issues.

"Now it is thought to be a violation of Sunshine when you all congregate out there on the lawn after meetings," Graham advised the Commissioner.

He reminded Maddox about the rule regarding two or more government officials gathering outside the public arena for discussion.

Graham said he would try to be transparent- a word he said which is often tossed around. The mayor explained how the County's been engaged with the Motorola people, who were actually here a few months ago. He stated there were company issues on their end which have hindered completion of the project.

"I'm happy to hear what magic bullet you think we can do that will then have the radio system live tomorrow," Graham advised.

Maddox told the mayor that he was glad he spoke up, because he believes the buck does stop at his office. The Commissioner said he didn't want to "go too far in the weeds" and vowed he was not grandstanding.

In the end, Maddox had some sage words of advice to share with the mayor.

"If you would do more than campaign, since the day you took office, we might be in better shape," quipped Maddox.

He told Graham he needs to get on the phone with Motorola and take firmer action on this radio communication problem. And he stated that those ARP funds need to be put to good use.

Graham asked Maddox for advice, that is, what would he do, if he were in his place.

Maddox advised, "I would be a leader."

Mark Thomas, committee chair and BC Fire Department Chief, called order and said some testing has been done on more difficult communication areas like Hawthorne Hill. He said that a tower was needed and that action falls on the state.

Director Kitchens added, "We basically had to update Hawthorne Hill from the ground up."

He said a cell tower building has been received and was 10 times better than the one before. Generator work is among other things having to be done in case there is power failure, according to Kitchens.

He further explained these types of things take a long time to accomplish. COVID, he said, was a hindrance and Motorola had difficulty getting chips, etc.

Maddox thanked Kitchens for his report. But he said that doesn't change the fact that the County is almost 3 years into this radio communications project. He advised that if he were in a full-time County role, it wouldn't take 3 years to bring the project to fruition.

"I'm coming to you on behalf of first responders," advised Maddox. "This is not a grandstand situation. I'm telling you what I'm hearing and I've politely, behind the scenes, tried to get things worked out.

At the close of the meeting, he added, "You know what Mr. Mayor, good call. I should have called your office. But unfortunately, your track record is not conducive for getting things done."

Chair Mark Thomas then closed the meeting.



AFTER THE MEETING

Commissioner Maddox and Mayor Graham have a private conversation after the Public Safety Committee meeting.



Mattie Pruitt

American Idol Photo used by permission

Eagleville native, Mattie Pruitt, age 15, will audition to be the next "American Idol" during the Sunday, March 23, episode (airing at 8:00PM ET/PT on ABC.) Helping determine who America will ultimately vote to become the next singing sensation are music industry forces and superstar judges Carrie Underwood, (new), Luke Bryan and Lionel Richie. Emmy Award-winning host and producer is Ryan Seacrest.

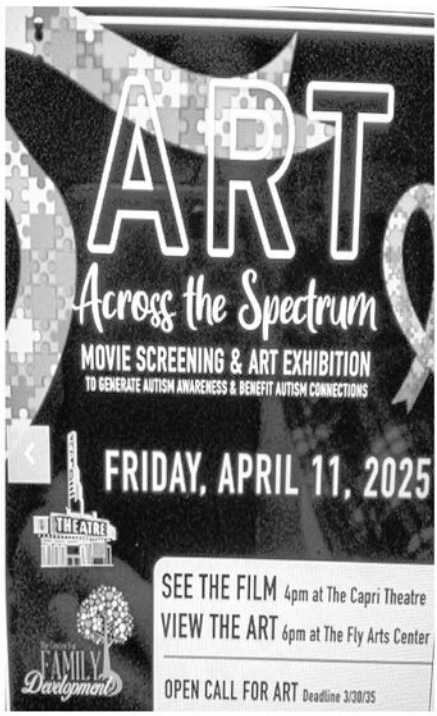


Most of Council agenda items "deferred" for a month

During its regular monthly meeting last Thursday, Shelbyville City Council voted 4 to 1 to provide its hired attorneys $250,000 more to continue to work the court case against Bedford County Government for its portion in the local option sales tax revenue. The case is scheduled for the last week of April. Council member William Christie was absent. Council member Josh Blevins, left, was the only no vote. Blevins is new to Council and was not a part of the original decision to bring legal judgement against the County. Mayor Randy Carroll is in the middle photo and at right are Council members Marilyn Ewing and Betsy Noel. Ewing said at some point, the legal charges have to stop.

In other business, Council is sending a proposal to Century Mold regarding its PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) program. Council plans to reduce prior time on Century Mold's historic PILOT program, likely from 14 years down to 5 or less with some claw back conditions. City Council has taken over the management of its PILOT programs, which in the past were strictly overseen by the Industrial Development Board.





THE ISSUE
POST 'SUNSHINE WEEK' REMARKS

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There was mention Tuesday night of the Sunshine law at the County Safety (Law Enforcement) Committee meeting. It got me to thinking about this since we journalists just observed Sunshine Week.

Now I know right off the bat many of my fellow journalists will TOTALLY disagree with me on what I'm about to write. I know my former editor, who reads the local news down in sunny Florida, might be one of them.

Some believe we're to be mad dogs when it comes to the Sunshine Law. Perhaps.

But the longer I stay in this field, I believe you have to pick your battles.

We journalists, just like politicians, (did I say that?) have to be careful what we print. And believe me, when it comes to the rules, print has a harder road to tow in this respect than broadcast.

But I know you're dying to know why the Sunshine Law (open meetings act or law) was brought up Tuesday night. Well, read my stories in today's paper.

I truly believe in the Sunshine Law. I believe it has had an important role in government and media relations for a long, long time.

In fact, I still have my first pocket sized copy of the Sunshine Law. Really.

But here's what I think in 2025. I know that politicians are human and they sometimes want to vent outside the building after a steamy meeting. But don't make it a habit or we'll be joining you.

I've really never had an issue with such. Most vent, then go home.

But when decisions are made outside the public arena, especially financial ones, that's when it gets sticky. The Sunshine law's protection then changes from sunny to dim.

I know there are meetings held-some in the guise of yearly retreats-others that are considered social. But as long as there are no votes, agreements, under the table deals or permanent decisions made, it's cool. It happens.

But its when a retreat is held and business is done and the issue is never mentioned as a matter of public record. We skim over the issue, say it's taken care of and file 13 it, leaving the public to figure it out for themselves.

You know, we journalists are tough-skinned. But really, we know more about what's said after the video closes than most people think. Then there's things we don't know. But I guarantee you some constituent will let us know sooner or later.

But the thing to remember is that when government decisions are made, mainly to get an agenda completed and the general public by-passed in the process, then there's a problem.

It is through open public meetings, where constituents are allowed to publicly comment at a meeting. If they can't attend a meeting, then they're allowed to read minutes-those which are public record and to be filed promptly for public review, not 2 months later.

It is only then that a community is well-informed of government intentions.

So, ask yourself, if you're a government official, have you been guilty at any point, post-election, of violating the Sunshine Law? If so, then maybe you need to apologize to your constituents.

Because folks, that's really who the law is meant to protect. Journalists are just the vessel which acts as the watch dog and demands information be made public.



BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISIONERS

Resolution No. 25-10
A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FIRE CODE

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of the residents of Bedford County, Tennessee, is of utmost importance to the county government; and WHEREAS, fires pose a significant threat to life, property, and the environment, necessitating comprehensive measures to prevent, control, and mitigate fire-related hazards; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of a Fire Code provides a standardized framework for fire prevention, safety protocols, and emergency response, thereby enhancing the protection of our community as well as the first responders charged with the responsibility for fighting fire; and WHEREAS, adopting a Fire Code aligns with the county's commitment to public safety, ensures consistency with state and federal regulations, and facilitates effective collaboration with emergency services and other relevant agencies; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a Fire Code is supported by the Bedford County Fire Department and other key stakeholders as a critical step towards reducing fire risks and improving overall community resilience; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of T.C.A. §5-20-101 ET SEQ. AUTHORIZES SUCH ACTION BY Bedford County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Bedford County, Tennessee, to adopt the 2021 edition of the *International Fire Code*; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this code is done to facilitate proper inspection activities of Bedford County, Tennessee related to construction and maintenance of buildings within the unincorporated boundaries of said County and within those incorporated municipalities has not otherwise adopted a minimum building code respecting the same subject matter as provided in T.C.A. §5-20-106 and relating to public safety, health and general welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Bedford County Board of Commissioners, that:

The 2021 International Fire Code, as adopted by the International Code Council (ICC), shall be and hereby is adopted by this reference as though copied herein verbatim subject to the amendments and deletions set forth on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Bedford County Board of Commissioners,

A. That to the extent any language in the said adopted Fire Code are in any manner contradictory to, or conflict with, any previously adopted or existing Resolutions of Bedford County, Tennessee, the provisions of such Fire Code shall prevail and any existing Resolutions to the contrary are hereby repealed and/or amended, as may be required to conform to the Fire Code, but shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

B. That when reference is made in the said adopted Fire Code to the duties of certain identified or named officials whose titles differ from the officials in Bedford County, then the designated official of Bedford County, Tennessee who duties correspond to those of the official named in said adopted Fire Code shall be deemed to be the person responsible for enforcing the provisions of said adopted Fire Code.

C. *112.4 of the 2021 International Fire Code.* ***Violation Penalties***. Persons who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter, repair or do work in violation of the *approved construction documents* or directive of the *fire code official*, or of a permit or certificate used under provision of this code, shall be guilt of a [Class A Misdemeanor], punishable by a fine of not more than [1,000] dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding [11 months and 29 days], or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

D. *112.4.1 of the International Fire Code.* ***Abatement of Violation***. In addition to the imposition of the penalties herein described, the *fire code official* is authorized to institute appropriate action to prevent unlawful construction or to restrain, correct or abate a violation; or to prevent illegal occupancy of a structure or premises; or to stop an illegal act, conduct of business or occupancy of a structure on or about any premises.

E. That the **Effective Date** of this Resolution shall be in force beginning on July 1, 2025, and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Bedford County Board of Commissioners on the 11 day of March, 2025.

BEDFORD COUNTY MAYOR

By: _____
Chad Graham, Mayor

ATTEST: COUNTY CLERK

By: _____
T.C.A. §5-20-101

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Code" means any published compilation of rules and regulations that has been prepared by technical trade associations or model code organizations

regulating building construction, plumbing and gas installation, fire prevention, any portion of such rules, or any amendment of such rules; and

2. "Governing body" means the county legislative body, board of commissioners, county council, or other body in which the general legislative powers of a county are vested.

T.C.A. §5-20-106

This chapter shall apply only to the unincorporated area of a county adopting such a code resolution and to those incorporated cities and towns within the county that do not elect, now or hereafter, to adopt their own codes regulating the same subject areas.

Exhibit "A"

Section 101.1 – Title. Delete the phrase "[name of jurisdiction]" and substitute with "Bedford County, Tennessee."

Section 103.1 – Creation of Agency. Delete the phrase "[Insert Name of Department]" and substitute with "Bedford County Fire Department."

Section 112.4 – Insert: [OFFENSE 1st Written Warning, 2nd $100.00 fine, 3rd $500 fine, 4th $1,000 and summons to court (Class A Misdemeanor).]

Section 105 – Permits. This section shall be adopted. See Permit and Fee Schedule.

Section 507.5.1 – Where Required. INSERT: Exception #3. For new residential subdivisions, hydrant distance requirements shall be 500 feet with the first hydrant location being at the entrance of the development.

Section 5704.2.9.6.1 – Delete the phrase "[jurisdiction to specify]" and substitute with "Bedford County, Tennessee."

Section 5706.2.4.4 – Delete the phrase "[jurisdiction to specify]" and substitute with "Bedford County, Tennessee."

Section 5806.2 - Delete the phrase "[jurisdiction to specify]" and substitute with "Bedford County, Tennessee."

Section 6104.2 - Delete the phrase "[jurisdiction to specify]" and substitute with "Bedford County, Tennessee."

Appendix B – Adopt Section B103 only. The remainder of this appendix shall NOT be adopted.

Appendix C – This appendix shall be adopted.

Appendix D – This appendix shall be adopted. Any and all references in Appendix D to any cul-de-sac sizes shall be amended to reflect a diameter of 80 feet and a minimum road width of 22 feet. (Minor and Dead-end Streets)

Appendix I – This appendix shall be adopted.

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FEATURES FROM THE BIBLE

TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

Isaac and Rebekah Face Famine

Genesis 26

There came a famine to the place where Isaac and Rebekah were living. The Lord warned Isaac not to go down to Egypt and directed him to live in the place where He told him to live. Isaac and his family went to Gerar.

"Stay a while and I will bless you," the Lord said to Isaac, affirming the promise He had made to Isaac's father, Abraham. Isaac obeyed.

In Gerar Abimelech was king of the Philistines. Isaac feared the men of Gerar would kill him and take his wife unto themselves. He claimed Rebekah was his sister. One day Abimelech observed Isaac caressing Rebekah and later asked Isaac why he had said Rebekah was his sister when she was really his wife. Isaac told of his fear of being killed and Rebekah being taken by the Philistines.



Abimelech explained the danger. Isaac had put them in, saying one of them might have slept with Rebekah, thinking she was not married.

Abimelech ordered that anyone of his men who molested Isaac or Rebekah would be put to death.

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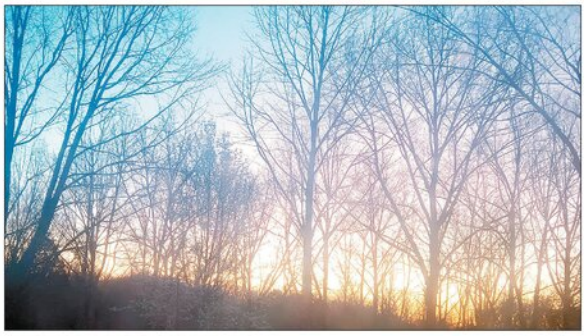
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Donna Thomas, Bedford County Clerk, said this week that she's sorry to say that someone is calling people and posing as her and asking for bank account information. "Our office will never ask for financial information over the phone unless you initiate the call to us. If you receive a call from any Bedford County office that asks for bank account information, hang up and call that office directly to protect yourself from possible fraud. Be diligent and stay financially safe!"



SPRING IS SO VERY NEAR

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

March morning breaks over a wooded area filled with life. This is a pretty scene, following last weekend's inclement weather.



Normandy Lake - 3-13-25

Forecast Contributor Captain Jake Davis - Follow on Facebook

There is some great fishing to be had on Normandy. While the best areas has been up river, don't over look that lower end in the Riley Creek Area. Current water levels are at 869.31 and will rise over the weekend with the inbound weather. Crank baits, 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 crank baits 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 50 to 58 degrees. Please Wear those Life Vest and drain your trailers before you pull up the ramps. For more information call Jake Davis at 615.613.2382 or msbassguide@comcast.net

Letter to the Editor

Neglected roads

This is to notify our 'overrated caring officials" for not tending to the safety needs of Bedford County's people.

Our roads are neglected by you all... yellow lines have faded or no longer exist. Some persons, unknowingly, make their way down the middle of the road until they discover the other car is approaching and swerve.

Shameful that uncaring officials drive over these same roads. WHY is this allowed to happen? WHY is it allowed to continue?

How about spending some of our tax dollars and some barrels of yellow and white paint and make our roads presentable and safe? Every road must be marked. Day driving is dangerous, but night driving is worse, it is hazardous.

Thank you,
Joan Livieri
Shelbyville



STACY SURPASSES THREE DECADES WITH SPD

SPD Photo

Shelbyville Police Department recently recognized Sergeant Rod Stacy for his 33 years of service with the force. Stacy oversees the B-Night Shift.



Office of the Sheriff
Bedford County Tennessee

Activity Report for the month of February, 2025

Total Miles: 68,680
Total Citations: 38
Total Warrants Served: 909
Total Arrests Made: 202
Total Inmates Currently in Holding: Jail: 334
Total Persons Processed Through: Jail: 316
10-27 (Burglary): 2
10-42 (Alarms): 25
10-43 (Investigations, etc): 296
10-44 (Stolen Vehicle): 3
10-45 (Auto Acc. No Injury): 45
10-46 (Auto Acc. W/Injury): 12
10-49 (Drunk Driver): 7
10-56 (Prowler): 7
(Child Abuse): 1
(Assault/Agg. Assault): 9
10-64 (Motorist Assist): 68
10-72 (Fire): 7
10-86 (Domestic): 7
10-14 (Escort - No Arrest): 22
10-15 (Transport In Custody): 39
10-81 (Traffic Stop): 275
911 (Hang-up & Other): 43
Other: 59
Total: 591

Community Calendar

FUMC WORSHIP

Pastor Abe Zimmerman of First United Methodist Church Shelbyville will preach this Sunday, "Heart Check: Part 3" from James 1:13-25. The church family will explore ways to draw near to Christ by examining the posture of their hearts in this holy season. Each message of Pastor Abe's will delve into the profound themes of repentance, renewal, and the transformative power of Christ's sacrifice. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 a.m., followed by the worship service at 10 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church are available during worship. For those unable to attend in person, FUMC-S offers a livestream on Facebook and a broadcast on WLIJ 98.7 FM and AM 1580.

FLY ARTS CENTER ACCEPTING VENDORS

The Fly Arts Center is now accepting vendor applications for its new monthly Marker Market- a place where local artists and artisans have a chance to set up shop each month at The Fly Arts Center at 204 S. Main St. in Shelbyville, TN. For shoppers, it's the perfect opportunity to shop locally, while finding unique handmade items.

UPCOMING DATES

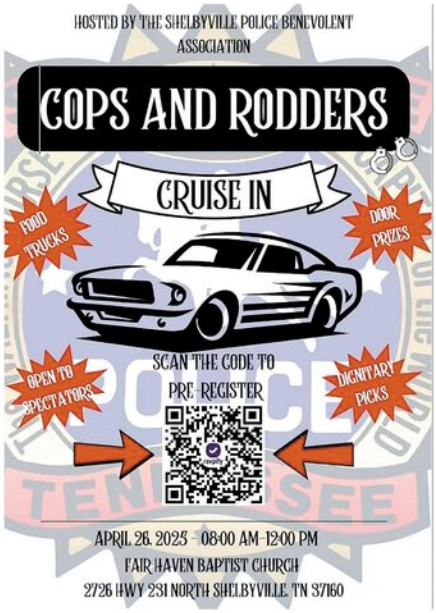
- Friday, April 4th - 4pm to 8pm
(Vendor Deadline: 3/21/24)
- Friday, May 2nd - 4pm to 8pm
(Vendor Deadline: 4/18/24)
- Friday, June 6th - 4pm to 8pm
(Vendor Deadline: 5/23/24)

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

Maj. Gen. Benjamin F. Cheatham Camp 72 will have its regular dinner meeting at 6:00 P.M., Thursday, March 27, at the Las Fajitas Restaurant, 1165 Woodbury Hwy. Manchester. The meeting will start at 7:00 P.M. The program will feature Clark Matthews who will present "Champ Ferguson, The Confederate Outlaw." Meetings are open to the general public and all War Between the States buffs have a special invitation.

TN VETERANS GUIDE AVAILABLE

Cooking with a Veteran recently announced the release of the 2025 TN Veterans Resource Guide. Veteran Dave Rogers says while he knows it may not be perfect, it's a good comprehensive guide for all programs, organizations and offices that assist active military, veterans, their families and organizations that help veterans in TN. https://cookingwithaveteran.org/tn-veteran-resource-guide/



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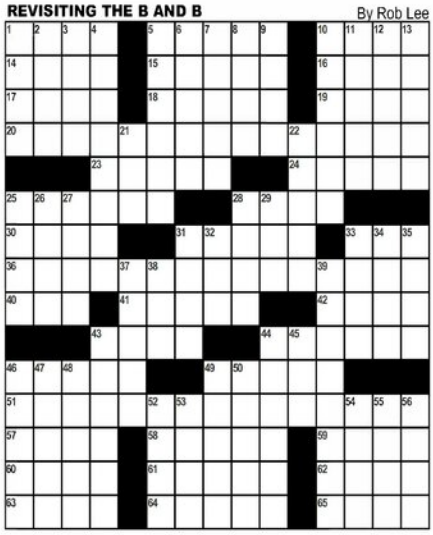
CLUES ACROSS

1) Moistens
5) Old Testament feature
10) Likeawrung-outdishrag
14) Cast-of-thousands production
15) Not called for
16) Eye feature
17) "Cheers" quencher
18) "Let's Make a Deal" options
19) Fish parts
20) Quaint accommodations
23) It's quickened by fear
24) Bones in arms
25) Where some people shop
28) Topmost point
30) Equine color
31) Columbus' port
33) Gave a meal to
36) Cheerfully energetic
40) Melancholy
41) Desert islands
42) Steakhouse specification
43) "Things that go_ in the night"
44) One with equal billing
46) Astrological ram
49) It's full of hot air
51) Product improvement slogan
57) "Unattractive" Jamaican fruit
58) Jungian "self"
59) A bit off-the-wall
60) "In a minute"
61) Remove a brooch
62) Buffalo is on its shore
63) Winged god of love
64) Hangs tough
65) They may cover a lot of ground

CLUES DOWN

1) Jack on "Dragnet"
2) Sword with a blunted tip
3) Going into overtime
4) Removing windshield ice, e.g.
5) Evidence of melting
6) People with upturned noses
7) Be extremely fond of
8) Angler's need
9) Costa _, California
10) Large over-the-shoulder bag
11) Birdlike
12) Brainy group
13) Attach with glue
21) Mother Teresa, e.g.
22) Harold's film partner
25) Eyes, poetically
26) Novelist Ephron
27) Placed down
28) "No ifs, ____ ..."
29) Com eater's leftover
31) Breathe convulsively
32) Suffix with "ethyl"
33) Daring deed
34) Cornell of university fame
35) Beautician, now and then
37) Casino, to a gambler
38) Scottish headcovering
39) Inferior substitutes
43) Originates
44) Bay of Pigs people
45) Small digit
46) Improper use
4 7) Extreme effort
48) Arctic dwelling
49) Cuts, as hair
50) Fess up to
52) Julia of "Addams Family Values"
53) "The King and I" role
54) Hawaiian crop
55) "National Velvet" novelist Bagnold
56) Some loaves

REVISITING THE B AND B By Rob Lee



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HOURS
HYBRID
LOCATION
MESSAGE
OFFSHORING
REMOTE
SOFTWARE
SOLOPRENEUR
TEAM
TELECOMMUTE
VPN
WORKLOAD
WORKPLACE

SUDOKU

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

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Level: Beginner

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Level: Intermediate

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Level: Advanced

Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you may encounter some stubborn people this week and that always has the potential for confrontation. Make yourself scarce if conversations veer in the wrong direction.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Things might not be lining up perfectly for a whirlwind trip right now, Taurus. Don't let it get you down. In a few more weeks, an entirely different story may emerge.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, this is a good opportunity to begin clearing up the clutter in your life. Start tackling the mess as soon as possible and enjoy the weight being lifted off your shoulders.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Try not to sweat the small stuff right now, Cancer. It often is easier said than done, but the little things could be dimming your light unnecessarily. Seek the support of positive people.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, there are plenty of opportunities available to you now whether you realize it or not. Keep an open mind and equally open eyes to see if you can spot chances to learn and grow.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, your mind and heart are simply not able to let something go that happened in the past. Your emotions may feel restricted because of it. It's a passing thing and will resolve.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, you are going through a period of evaluation of certain things in your life. This may bring about tension and even some friction, but it's a necessary step for you.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
This week there may be a weighty air that puts a damper on your jovial nature, Scorpio. Instead of getting down on yourself, use this time to focus and get a job done.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you have a chance to make tremendous progress and further your career. It will take hard work, but the rewards will start to roll in soon enough.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Avoid questioning superiors or those in positions of authority right now, Capricorn. This is a surefire path into hot water. Take a break and sort through negative emotions.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, you might be going through a time of great preparation with a focus on building a major life project. This is not to be taken lightly and will require a lot of attention.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
There may be a sober feeling to the week that leaves you feeling a bit down, Pisces. Focus on finishing projects and these feelings will pass by before you know it.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

MARCH 23
Kyrie Irving, Athlete (33)
MARCH 24
ValentinChmerkovskiy, Dancer (39)
MARCH 25
Elton John, Singer (78)
MARCH 26
Jonathan Groff, Actor (40)
MARCH 27
Jessie J, Singer (37)
MARCH 28
Reba McEntire, Singer (70)
MARCH 29
Elle Macpherson, Model (61)

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on May 30, 3023, by Tennessee Deed of Trust and Security Agreement (the "Deed of Trust") of record as Instrument Number 23003615 in Deed Book TD1086 and Paged 962-974, Register's Office for Bedford County, Tennessee, Barbara K. Adams, Trustee of the God's Grace Trust II, conveyed to Richard J. Schoepke, Trustee, the hereinafter described real property to secure the payment of a Promissory Note (the "Note") and other indebtedness as described in said Tennessee Deed of Trust and Security Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Richard J. Schoepke resigned as Trustee under the Deed of Trust, and Matthew R. Murphy was appointed as Substitute Trustee pursuant to a certain Appointment of Substitute Trustee of record as Instrument Number 25001250 in Deed Book TD1144 and Pages 585-586, said Register's Office, Beford County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, default in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust has been made; and the entire balance of which having been declared due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Note and Deed of Trust, the owner and holder of said indebtedness, GBC Senior Debt Fund, LLC, has directed me, the undersigned, Substitute Trustee, to foreclose said Deed of Trust and to advertise and sell the real property in satisfaction of said debt and the cost of foreclosure, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Note and Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by said Deed of Trust, I will on the 4th day of April, 2025, offer for sale and will sell the following described real property on the premises at 1608 Madison Street, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160, at 10:00 a.m., to the last, highest, and best bidder for cash, in hand, and free from the equity of redemption, any statutory right of redemption, homestead, dower, and all other exemptions and marital right, all of which were expressly waived by the terms of said Deed of Trust, subject to, however such prior encumbrances and priority tax liens as may appear of record in said Register's Office.

The property herein to be foreclosed is described as follows:

Land in the Third (3rd) Civil District of Bedford County, Tennessee bounded and described as follows:

TRACT NO. 1: Being all of Lot No. 1 and the East 30 feet of Lot No. 2 in the Forrest Hills Subdivision No. 3 to the Town of Shelbyville, a plat of which is of record in Deed Book 62, page 596, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee. Said property fronts 81.5 feet on the South side of U.S. Highway 41 A (Madison Street) and is bounded on the North by highway; on the East by Melton, on the South by Forrest Hills Subdivision and on the West by Brent.

TRACT NO. 2: Being within the Corporate Limited of the City of Shelbyville Tennessee, being an easter eleven (11) feet of the original Lot No. 3 in Forrest Hills Subdivision No. 3, a plat of which is of record in Deed Book 62, page 596, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, and is bounded on the North by Madison (sic) Street (U.S. Highway 41 A) on the East by Treemont Drive; on the South by Forrest Hills Subdivision No. 2; on the West by Cecil Milton.

TRACT NO. 3: Being the East 70 feet of Lot No. 2 and the West 20 feet of Lot No. 3 in the Forrest Hills Subdivision No. 3 to the Town of Shelbyville, a plat of which is of record in Deed Book 62, page 596, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, to which reference is here had for a more definite description. The combind frontage conveyed by this instrument is 90 feet by 200 feet.

The general boundaries of the above three (3) described as follows: Bounded on the North by Highway 41 A (Madison Street) approximately 185.5 feet; on the East by Treemont Drive; on the South by Wayne Adams, and on the West by O.V. Brent, noted as Parcel 90HC2, Tax Assessor's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

TRACT NO. 4: Being the East 22.5 feet of Lot No. 6 of the Forrest Hills Subdivision No. 2, a plat of which is recorded in Deed Book 62, page 371, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, reference to which is here made for a detailed description; to generally be bounded and front on the North by Highway 41 A (Madison Street) 22.5 feet; and run back South in parallel lines 160 feet noted as a portion of Parcel 90HC1, Tax Assessor's Office Bedford County, Tennessee.

INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION, BUT EXPRESSLY EXCLUDED FROM THE TRANSFER AND CONVEYANCE is a certain tract of land heretofore conveyed to Harold W. Adams and wife, Ethelene F. Adams, by Deed dated December 9, 1987, of record in Deed Book 188, page 599, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee: Beginning at a metal pin in a ditch on the West margin of Treemont Drive at the Northeast corner of the H.W. Adams property, and the Southeast corner of the property herein described, said metal pin being 200 feet South of the South margin of Madison Street; thence leaving the said West margin North 81 degrees 38 minutes West 182.50 feet to a metal pin; thence North 8 degrees 35 minutes East 18.0 feet to a point; thence South 79 degrees 07 minutes East 182.65 feet to a point on the West margin of Treemont Drive; thence following the said west margin South 8 degrees 35 minutes West 10.0 feet to the point of beginning, and being a portion of Lots No. 1, 2, and 3 of Forrest hills Subdivision, a plat of which is recorded in Deed Book 62, page 596 and a portion of the property in Deed Book 164, page 737, lying in the Civil District of Bedford County, Tennessee. As per the survey of Rex Northcut, a licensed surveyor, dated 12-01-87.

Being the same property conveyed to Chris Talley and Amy Talley, husband and wife, by deed recorded March 3, 2014, of record in Deed Book 319, page 502, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

Being the same property conveyed to John Adams, by deed from Chris Talley and Amy Talley, of record in Deed Book D374, Page 682, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

Also being the same property conveyed to Barbara K. Adams, Trustee of the God's Grace Trust II, by Quitclaim Deed from John K. Adams, of record in Deed Book D375, Page 605, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

The aforesaid sale was made subject to setbacks, easements and all other matters as shown or set out on plat recorded in Deed Book 62, page 596, and Deed Book 62, page 371, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

This is improved property with a mailing and street address of 1608 Madison Street, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160 (Tax Map 90H, Group C, Parcel 2). Others with an interest in the property include:

1. Tennessee Deed of Trust, Security Agreement and Financing Statement executed by John Adams to Jeremy B. Bell, Trustee, of record as Instrument Number 22005259 in Deed Book TD1057 and Pages 376-388, said Register's Office to secure Chris Talley and Amy Talley payment of a Promissory Note dated June 22, 2022, with an original balance of $940,000.00, payable as specified therein.

2. Tennessee Deed of Trust and Security Agreement executed by Barbara K. Adams, Trustee of the God's Grace Trust II, to Richard J. Shoepke, Trustee, of record as Instrument Number 22008906 in Deed Book TD1070 and Pages 359-371, said Register's Office to secure GBC Senior Debt Fund, LLC, payment of a Promissory Note dated December 2, 2022, with an original balance of $325,000.00, payable as specified therein.

3. Memorandum of Land Lease Agreement executed by Scotty Outdoor, LLC, and Adams Barbara K Trustee, of record as Instrument Number 24005205 in Deed Book TD1126 and Page 95, said Register's Office.

The sale will be for cash and without warranty of any kind, including the location, condition or setback of the improvements on the property. The property is subject to any and all easements or restrictive covenants of record with the Register's Office, Bedford County, Tennessee. Proceeds of the sale will be applied in accordance with the provisions of the Deed of Trust. If the highest bidder is unable to comply with the terms of the sale, undersigned reserves the right to sell the property to the next highest bidder able to comply or to re-advertise the sale if he so chooses. The undersigned also reserves the right to postpone the date and time of sale upon announcement at the time and place specified above.

WITNESS my hand this 4th day of March, 2025.

/s/ Matthew R. Murphy, Substitute Trustee (363tc)

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF GRUNDY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

JUANITA F. BURRUS, Plaintiff, -VS- STEPHEN DALE BURRUS, Defendant, (Case No. 7003

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

JUANITA F. BURRUS, Plaintiff -vs- STEPHEN DALE BURRUS, Defendant, formerly a resident of Grundy County, Tennessee, but now residing outside the State of Tennessee or whose whereabouts are unknown, Case No. 7003 in the Chancery Court of Grundy County, Tennessee.

In this cause it appears from the complaint which is sworn to that the defendant, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon STEPHEN DALE BURRUS.

It is, therefore, ORDERED that this notice be published for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Shelbyville Times Gazette, a newspaper published in Shelbyville, Tennessee, requiring the said defendant STEPHEN DALE BURRUS, to serve their answer upon Plaintiff's attorney, Russell L. Leonard, 1016 West Main Street, Suite 3, Monteagle, TN 37356 within thirty (30) days after April 3, 2025. Upon the defendant failing to do so, the same will be taken as confessed and Judgment by Default may be taken against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the Petition and the cause set for hearing ex-parte.

This the 10th day of March, 2025.

Patricia Campbell Clerk and Master Chancery Court (313tc)

NOTICE

ARIEL SUSTAITA-ACUNA:

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 **Jadelyn Powers, dob: 01/26/2017; Lucas Powers, dob: 03/09/2018; Scarlett Powers, dob: 06/08/2020; Mariah Powers, dob: 02/03/2022.** It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby ORDERED to appear in Bedford Juvenile Court on the 31st 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 file legal documents at the Bedford County Juvenile Court Clerk, Shelbyville, Tennessee. Further questions may be directed to: Elizabeth Spurbeck, Associate Counsel, State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, 1106 Madison St, Shelbyville, TN 37160, 931-680-6901. (313tc)

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Bedford County property transfers

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

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File date: March 10

Location: Burrum Dr; Seller, Ricky L Davis, Reba R Davis; Buyer, HDS Properties; Price, $203,500 (Deed).

File date: March 11

Location: 787 Pepper Hill Rd; Seller, Jerry M McGuire II, Jerry M McGuire; Buyer, Lawbs Holdings LLC; Price, $207,500 (Deed).

Location: 310 Durum St; Seller, Freedom Alliance Inc; Buyer, Xanthin Luptak; Price, $0 (Deed).

Seller, Heritage Land Venture III LLC; Buyer, SDH Nashville LLC; Price, $1,350,000 (Deed).

Seller, Laurie Davis; Buyer, Laurie Davis, Joyce Hancock; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 426 Shaw Road; Seller, Charles W Carter, Brenda Carter; Buyer, Carter Family Trust, Charles Wayne and Brenda Carter, Collings Family Trust, Charles Wayne Carter Family Trust, Brenda Collings Carter Family Trust, Charles Wayne Carter, Brenda Collings Carter; Price, $0 (Deed).

File date: March 12

Seller, James B Rollins; Buyer, Harney Homes LLC; Price, $220,000 (Deed).

Location: Madison St; Seller, James B Rollins; Buyer, Madison Towne Homeowners Association LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, James B Rollins; Buyer, Harney Homes LLC; Price, $220,000 (Deed).

Location: 118 Matt Dr; Seller, Malcolm Rose III, Malcolm Rose Jr, Malcolm Franklin Rose Jr; Buyer, Malcolm Rose III; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: Possum Trott Road; Seller, Carl Terry Craig; Buyer, Matthew Shane Craig, Kim Heaven; Price, $143,730 (Deed).

Location: 110 Stephens Lane; Seller, Tammy W Haddock; Buyer, Van E Johnson, Carol P Johnson; Price, $395,000 (Deed).

Location: 541 Powell Howell Rd; Seller, Don W Curl, Claudia H Curl; Buyer, Connie Meredith; Price, $436,000 (Deed).

Location: 121 Hazelnut Lane; Seller, Robert Anthony Delucia, Robert Anthony Delucia III; Buyer, Robert Anthony Delucia, Robert Anthony Delucia III, Amie Delucia; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Temple Ford Lane; Seller, Marcia Maria Herrera Pena; Buyer, Gabriel Fenandez Hernandez; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: March 13

Seller, Harold Clardy Smith, Pat A Smith; Buyer, Dustin Jay Myers, Corey Lawson Myers; Price, $12,500 (Deed).

Seller, Lori Lynn West, Roger Dean Floyd, Patricia S Floyd; Buyer, Lori Lynn West; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: Hwy 82 S; Seller, Rebecca Davis; Buyer, Riedell Jacobson; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: 2206 Hwy 231 S; Seller, Juan Manuel Pena, Liliana Chavarria Lopez; Buyer, Inocencia Santiago; Price, $200,000 (Deed).

Location: East Lane St; Seller, Stewart Cooper, Richard Charles Barber, Flora Fritzsche Barber; Buyer, William George Barber, Mary Ann Martin; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Dysart Ford Road; Seller, Richard Raymond Sears, Cynthia Jean Sears Crigler; Buyer, Matthew T Lippman, Gina Marie Silacci; Price, $975,000 (Deed).

Seller, Stephen R Atwood, Janeale B Atwood; Buyer, Todd Stephen Atwood, Troy Andrew Atwood, Trevor Matthew Atwood; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: March 14

Location: Hwy 64 W; Seller, Calvin Whalley, Mitzi Whaley; Buyer, Malachi McKinney Whaley, Emily Whaley; Price, $340,000 (Deed).

Location: Magnolia Lane; Eugenia Ruth Hall, Kimberly Jheaven, Thomas A Nevel, Ruth Nevel Roberts; Buyer, Bret Rollins; Price, $185,000 (Deed).

Seller, Maxine C Adcock, Melvin C and Maxine C Adcock Trust, Adcock Trust, Melvin C Adcock Trust, Maxine C Adcock Trust; Buyer, Betty Birdsong; Price, $465,000 (Deed).

Location: 800 Meade Dr; Seller, Vance D Clay Jr; Buyer, Jeremy Warner, Alana Bedgood; Price, $265,000 (Deed).

Location: 332 Durum St; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Jean C Cruz Hernandez, Arelis M Bozzo Figueroa, Figueroa Arelis M Bozzo; Price, $336,990 (Deed).

Seller, Wingate Media Group LLC; Buyer, Trailhead Media LLC; Price, $35,000 (QD).

Seller, Gail Randall; Buyer, Elisha Shere McMurphy, Philip McMurphy; Price, $570,000 (Deed).

Location: 1050 Madison St; Seller, Soma Investments LLC; Buyer, Madison St Properties LLC; Price, $625,000 (Deed).

Location: Homer Bryan Road; Seller, Stephen Vandergriff, Margaret Ann Throneberry; Buyer, Charles M Williams; Price, $36,000 (Deed).

Location: 316 Hannah St; Seller, Temple K Smith, Kimberly Smith; Buyer, Caleb M Walls; Price, $206,900 (Deed).

File date: March 17

Location: 106 Turning Leaf Court; Seller, Race A Applegate, Erika L Applegate, Robert H Applegate; Buyer, Brenda Weatherspoon; Price, $270,000 (Deed).

Seller, Taryn Smith Moore; Buyer, Blue Jays Rentals and Investments LLS; Price, $30,000 (Deed).

Location: 210 Meadowbrook Dr; Seller, Joan L Pepper; Buyer, Joan Larue Pepper, Joan Larue Pepper Revocable Trust, Pepper Revocable Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Henderson Road; Seller, Berry J Walchshauser; Buyer, Richard A Williamson, Mary E Williamson; Price, $122,590 (Deed).

Location: Henderson Road; Seller, Perry J Walchshauser; Buyer, Michael Jonathan Henry; Price, $163,500 (Deed).

Location: 108 Laurel Park; Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, Zachary Taylor Gustafson, Ashley Nicole Gustafson; Price, $337,365 (Deed).

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Public Notice - 2021, 2022 and 2023 Town of Wartrace Delinquent Taxpayers

You are advised that delinquent 2021, 2022, and 2023 Town of Wartrace taxes may be paid in my office at Wartrace Town Hall, 29 Main Street E., Wartrace, Tennessee, until close of business at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, March 26, 2025. After that date such taxes will be turned over to the Town Attorney for collection and additional penalties and costs will be imposed in consequence of suits to be filed for enforcement of the lien for property taxes for prior tax years.

Tyra Haught
Wartrace Town Recorder

Fashion Review-80s style

MTSU & TXMD present Retro Rewind fashions through March 22

MURFREESBORO — Step back in time to the of the vibrant fashions of the 1980s with the newest exhibit, "Retro Rewind: Treasures from the Historic Costume Collection which is on display through Saturday, March 22, in Todd Art Gallery on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University.

Hosted by MTSU's Department of Human Sciences, the exhibit features iconic 1980s couture from the Historic Costume Collection from MTSU's Textiles, Merchandising and Design Program, or TXMD, that captures the decade's diversity and extravagance.

"Students collaborated together to create the exhibit theme and name, develop the pieces used, the categories highlighted, and the stories told," explained TXMD professor Gina Pisut, Department of Human Sciences chair.

Student curators of the exhibit include:

• Brooklyn Barton, of Mount Juliet, a senior TXMD student with a concentration in apparel design

• Roe Brien, of Milan, an aspiring costume designer with a concentration in apparel design

• Jacob Jernigan, of Brentwood, a Public History graduate student with a concentration in museum management and an expertise in material culture and historic clothing

• Megan Le, of Murfreesboro, a TXMD student with a concentration in fashion merchandising.

"Students worked tirelessly to create our first exhibit for the Historic Costume Collection," Pisut said. "I truly appreciate and proud of all the work they have done."

This marks the first time the TXMD Historic Costume Collection is throwing open its archives to the public by exhibiting at Todd, part of the Department of Art and Design.

"We are excited for the success of the exhibit and look forward to showcasing many more of our 800-plus pieces from our TXMD Historic Costume Collection, which dates back to 1790," Pisut said.

Garments spotlighted in the exhibit are procured from the collection donated by Cecil Elrod III, whose father, Cecil Elrod Jr., was a high-end clothier who owned and operated the legendary French Shoppe in Murfreesboro. The collection includes designs by Galanos, Vicky Tiel Couture, Geoffrey Beene Couture, and Norma Kamali Couture.

"For this exhibit we focused on three types of styles to categorize our garments: work wear, casual wear and night life," Barton explained. "Through the exhibit we wanted to guide the viewer through what a woman's wardrobe may look like on a typical day in the 1980's."

Todd Art Gallery is located in Room 224A in Andrew L. Todd Hall, 542 Old Main Circle. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Admission is free.

Parking is free on Saturdays. Otherwise, off-campus visitors must obtain a temporary permit from the Parking and Transportation Services office at 205 City View Drive or print a visitor pass at https://mtsu.t2hosted.com. Visitor permits are $2 per day. A campus parking map is available at https://bit.ly/MTSUParking and more information about parking is available at https://mtsu.edu/parking/.

For further details about the exhibition, call 615 898-2884 or visit https://humansciences.mtsu.edu/.



MTSU Photo by J. Intintoli

Iconic couture from the 1980s are featured in the exhibit, "Retro Rewind: Treasures from the Historic Costume Collection, hosted by the MTSU Department of Human Sciences, on display in Todd Art Gallery in Todd Hall, 524 Old Main Circle. This is a free exhibit open through Saturday, March 22.

Obituaries

Thelma Sue Baker Darnell



Thelma Sue Baker Darnell, age 82 of Manchester, passed away on Monday, March 17, 2025, at Willow Branch Health and Rehabilitation Center in McMinnville.

Sue was born on December 25, 1942, in Winchester, to the late Edgar Isaac and Alma (Phar) Anderson. Before her retirement, she had been employed as a seamstress at PCA Clothing in Manchester for 40 years.

She enjoyed spending time working in her flowers, especially her roses, and was known for her wonderful cooking and baking skills with everyone loving her fried pies. But most of all, Sue cherished the time spent with her beloved family and friends. A loving mother, she passed down to her children the value of being a hard worker, as she had grown up on a farm with her siblings, as well as the ability to look at things with a positive and cheerful attitude.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her infant brother, Willis Anderson; brothers, Pleasy Anderson, and Edward Anderson; sister, Doli Mae Anderson; husbands, Bill Pearson, Kenneth Ray Baker, and William "Bud" Darnell; sons, Ray Baker and Timmy Baker; and grandson, Timmy Porter.

Sue is survived by her loving children, Charlotte (Malachie) Ringlieb, Rebecca (Tim) McNeese, Jennifer Frazier, Samantha (Johnny Ray) Porter, Bobby (Tracy) Baker, and Buddy Baker; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; brother, Robert (April) Anderson; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 12-2 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at Moore-Cortner Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Moore-Cortner Funeral Home. Interment will be at Prairie Plains Methodist Church Cemetery.

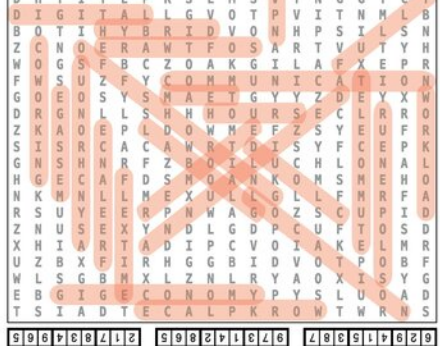
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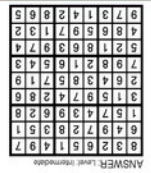
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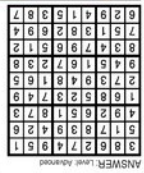
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U.S. Treasury Department Takes Correct Stance in Corporate Transparency Act Rollback



By Secretary of State Tre Hargett

Tennessee is the perfect place to do business. We have one of the best economic climates in America, a AAA bond rating, the second-lowest debt per capita in the entire nation, and a long history of fiscal responsibility that crosses party lines.

These are just a few areas where the Volunteer State stands out amongst its peers. Tennessee's business stability, the steady flow of companies moving here, and the incredible quality of life our citizens experience emphasize the importance of low taxes and a predictable regulatory environment — unlike what we have seen in Washington, D.C., in recent years.

Federal mandates stifle environments where businesses would otherwise thrive, and bureaucratic red tape tends to hit Main Street harder than Wall Street. One recent example is the Corporate Transparency Act of 2021. This regulatory wreck was buried inside a massive bill and enacted without much thought or basis. It was pitched to combat money laundering, tax fraud, and other financial crimes while increasing transparency around business ownership.

Instead, the Beneficial Ownership Information reporting mandate created confusion for mom-and-pop businesses. This unnecessary regulation made them jump through hoops, like excessive paperwork, tracking down owner identification, and sharing massive amounts of personal information with the federal government. Many small businesses made good-faith efforts to comply to avoid exorbitant fines and potential jail time. Meanwhile, bad actors simply found loopholes to bypass requirements.

Thankfully, the U.S. Treasury Department recently announced it will not enforce penalties or fines against U.S. citizens or domestic reporting companies related to the Corporate Transparency Act or the associated Beneficial Ownership Information mandate. Many small businesses are still recovering from inflation, supply chain issues, and other regulatory mandates. Getting this regulatory wreck off the tracks is a great victory for Tennessee's small businesses, as well as those across the nation.

Rules and regulations must be tailored to advance public interests while also ensuring businesses continue thriving — like we have seen here in Tennessee. I applaud Gov. Bill Lee, Lt. Gov. Randy McNally, Speaker Cameron Sexton, and the General Assembly for creating a predictable regulatory environment that continues paying dividends for Tennessee businesses, including the more than 405,000 businesses registered with our office. My continuing hope is that our leaders in Washington, D.C., will look more to Tennessee as an example of how government should work for the taxpayers and not the other way around.

March County Commission Meeting

Guest column
by Paul Engle

The March Bedford County Commission meeting was well attended. Not only was there a good sized crowd in the gallery, but several people provided public comments. One gentleman even handed me a document with evidence to prove his point. This shows that, if an issue is both impactful enough and made known to the people of Bedford County, there are those who will engage in the process.

Wastewater Authority

During public comments I reviewed my notes from the Study Session. During that session I asked two questions I find very important; Why do we need a Wastewater Authority, and why is the authority described the best solution. It appears there are two reasons why people are supporting the creation of an authority, to limit STEP systems and to limit high density housing.

Is the authority describing the best way to do this? Absolutely not. Such an authority would not be overseen or regulated by the County Commission, or, I believe, anybody. That means not only would such an authority not be compelled to fulfill the reasons the commission created it, it could actually do the exact opposite. There would be nothing to prevent the authority from approving or implementing more STEP systems and the infrastructure for higher density housing.

Before the resolution could be voted on, Commissioner Greg Vick pulled it from consideration, and asked the Planning, Zoning, and Rural Development committee to come back to the commission with a plan within the next six months. I do have an idea that could resolve the issues raised regarding why we need a Wastewater Authority, using zoning laws and existing processes. I have sent my outline to Chris White, Director of Planning, Zoning, and Rural Development. I also offered to answer questions and assist in any way I could.

Zoning Change

The other issue of concern I had was a proposed change to the temporary use regulations of the zoning laws. While Chris White provided a compassionate reason why the power to regulate these usually temporary buildings should be moved from Code Enforcement to Planning, Zoning, and Rural Development, there is a more fundamental question underlying the law.

While I believe the proposed changes would comply with state law, they also violate the Constitution of the United States. Let me explain.

Both the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States state that you shall not "be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law" (Constitution of the United States, Amendment V). Liberty is your ability to live your life as you see fit, without unnecessary external influence. Due process is defined as "An established course for judicial proceedings or other governmental activities designed to safeguard the legal rights of the individual." (The Free Legal Dictionary) While there are legitimate reasons for government to regulate how you use your property, they are limited to the infringement on the rights of others.

Take for example, wastewater. The improper dumping of a sanitary system is a public health hazard, since it can negatively impact others. However, rather than limit these zoning regulations to said public health and safety concerns, many of these regulations would regulate private health and safety concerns.

For example, if you wished to use a recreational vehicle, non-permanent mobile home, or other "temporary dwelling" on your own property, these regulations claim you would need a permit to do so. If you wished to convert a "mini-barn" to a tiny home, these regulations, and in fact Tennessee law, would prohibit you from doing so. These planning and code violations sound more like a Home Owners Association than a constitutional government. In fact, both those regulations, and Tennessee law, violate the Constitution of the United States.

Supreme Law

To understand just how important this constitutional is, we need to start with the supremacy clause, from Article VI, Clause 2 of the Constitution.

This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding.

This means that the Constitution supersedes Tennessee law, so even if the proposed regulation complies with state law, if it does not comply with the Constitution of the United States, the county creates a cause for litigation against it. Meaning, anyone who deprives someone of their liberty or property, even if based on Tennessee law and county regulation, could be sued in federal court. But there's more, because, under federal law, 18 USC §242, it is a federal crime to willfully, under color of law, subject someone "to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States." Under 18 USC §242, the punishment for willfully depriving someone of a right protected by the Constitution of the United States is the person "shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than one year, or both;" and the punishments go up from there.

Let's be blunt, the odds of a U.S. Attorney prosecuting such a case is small. When asked if a lawsuit was possible, the county attorney John T. Bobo stated that a lawsuit was always possible, but that the county has insurance to cover that.

What can we do?

If this resolution concerns you, please express to your county supervisor that you do not want them violating the Constitution of the United States, their oath of office, and committing a federal crime just to tell the people of Bedford County how they should live their lives. Also tell them that you plan to remember their vote come the 2026 election. And be sure you do so, if we do not hold our elected representatives accountable, we are responsible for their actions.

Paul Engel founded The Constitution Study in 2014, to help everyday Americans read and study the Constitution. An author and speaker, Engel has spent more than 20 years studying and teaching about both the Bible and the U.S. Constitution. He can be contacted via paul@constitutionstudy.com.

'Egg-ceptional' recipe substitutes this spring

By Dawn Hankins

A trip to the supermarket has become particularly expensive in recent months. How will we get through Easter if prices continue to be this high in the grocery line?

In the South, we traditionally cook a lot of eggs, particularly around Easter. We love our dressed eggs, our coconut cakes, pies and after all that, we hunt for fresh eggs many times in our front yards.

It's what we do.

I grew up with farm fresh eggs and built it into my lifestyle. So, I do pay the prices right now for my eggs. It's just a part of who I am.

But, with the rest of the country, I'm certainly not happy about the grocery store prices right now. But as any farmer knows, replenishing herds of chickens/eggs is not just an overnight job.

So, here's hoping by summer time.

The rising cost of eggs garnered considerable attention earlier this year as prices hit an all-time high in January. By that time, prices reached $5 a dozen for large Grade A eggs, according to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. However, some shoppers have encountered prices as high as $8 or $9 per dozen, depending on the brand.

Some estimate that egg prices may even increase throughout 2025.

It has been reported by government officials that a strain of highly pathogenic avian flu known as H5N1, decimated the country's poultry flocks and is largely to blame for the sticker shock. But do we really know?

Still, the truth is these prices are ruffling the feathers of consumers who have spent years confronting rising food costs. High prices on eggs are also being coupled with egg limits and shortages.

One of the ways to manage may be to temporarily reduce reliance on eggs by utilizing some alternatives. I have begun to experiment with substitutes for eggs and sugar in cookies and cakes.

While there are no perfect substitutes, these ideas from the Culinary Institute of America and Healthline may help you this Easter.

Flax

While flax may not be any cheaper than eggs, it certainly is sustainable. Mixing flaxseed meal with water can produce a flax gel that can add structure and bind ingredients in baked goods and sweets. Flax, which has a nutty flavor, contains fat, so this gel can add moisture and fat much like eggs. For each large egg, mix 1 tablespoon of flax meal with 3 tablespoons of water and let sit until it has thickened.

The good news is that Flax seeds are small oil seeds that contain omega-3 fats, fiber, and other plant compounds. Healthline reports that flax seeds may help improve digestion and reduce the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and cancer.

Applesauce

Applesauce can replace an egg in most recipes. Use 1/4 cup of unsweetened applesauce per egg. If you don't have unsweetened applesauce, reduce the amount of sugar or sweetener in the recipe. I admit this really works. I love applesauce in smoothies too.

Fruit purees

Applesauce isn't the only fruit that can replace eggs in baked items. Mashed bananas will work (1/2 of a large banana per egg), but the finished product may have a mild banana flavor. Avocado or pumpkin puree also can suffice and won't affect the taste as much as banana. Keep in mind that baked goods made with pureed fruits may not brown as deeply as if they had eggs in them, but they will be dense and moist.

Aquafaba

Egg whites can be whipped to make meringues or add a light and airy texture to various foods. Aquafaba can replicate this in recipes without a need for eggs. Aquafaba is the cloudy liquid that canned chickpeas (garbanzo beans) sit in. Drain and separate the chickpeas and use 1/4 cup of aquafaba for one egg and 2 tablespoons for an egg white. If the aquafaba seems too runny, simmer it to thicken.

Tofu

When seasoned with bold flavors and stirred well, firm tofu can mimic scrambled eggs. Silken tofu can be blended into a puree that is like the creaminess of eggs in sauces like hollandaise.

O.K. I've tried it. I really don't like it. But you make the choice.

Potatoes or pumpkin

Eggs often are used as a binder in ground meat dishes like meatloaf or meatballs. Eggs also help hold breadcrumb coatings on chicken or veal cutlets. Mashed sweet or regular potatoes can be used in place to help coatings cling or to hold together meat mixtures.

Egg baskets?

So how do we fill those Easter baskets with our traditional dyed hen eggs in about a month?

My advice is to seek out local and area folks who have farm fresh eggs and see if they'll make you a good deal. I believe there are some out there willing to help.

BC ranks in top 10 in TN for lowest credit card debt

According to a SmartAsset study, Bedford County ranked in the top 10 among places in Tennessee with the lowest credit card debt. The study aimed to find the places in the United States with the least credit card debt per capita as a percentage of income and net worth, looking at metrics such as income, credit card debt, debt as a percentage of income, and net worth to debt-adjusted scores. Here is how the top-ranking counties in Tennessee fared:

Rank	County, State	Income	Credit Card Debt	Credit Card Debt % of Income	Net Worth to Debt Adjusted Score	Overall Index
1	Johnson, TN	$22,955	$1,480	6.4%	82.86	95.17
2	Carroll, TN	$23,384	$1,796	7.7%	84.75	90.88
3	Bedford, TN	$26,134	$2,092	8.0%	74.69	89.58
4	Decatur, TN	$24,771	$2,049	8.3%	80.26	88.74
5	Lincoln, TN	$28,519	$2,421	8.5%	78.40	87.94
6	Obion, TN	$23,336	$2,054	8.8%	80.00	86.86
7	Crockett, TN	$24,769	$2,176	8.8%	75.34	86.85
8	Lauderdale, TN	$19,954	$1,755	8.8%	76.75	86.83
9	Giles, TN	$26,567	$2,346	8.8%	76.70	86.71
10	Benton, TN	$23,375	$2,079	8.9%	81.58	86.56
	TN	**$26,490**	**$2,870**	**10.9%**	**70.28**	

Blue Raiders' Season Comes to a Close against UTC in Triple OT

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – The Middle Tennessee men's basketball (22-12) season ended on Tuesday night in the National Invitation Tournament first round against Chattanooga (25-9), 109-103, in triple overtime.

Jestin Porter sent the game to its first media timeout with a game-tying 3-pointer, and Torey Alston pushed MTSU to an 11-9 lead with a basket in the lane after that. Kamari Lands knocked down a pair of 3-pointers on back-to-back possessions, but the Mocs kept it close.

Camryn Weston controlled the Blue Raider offense for the next segment of the game, scoring 14 consecutive points for his team as they took a 31-20 lead midway through the first half.

The Blue Raider offense then ran through Essam Mostafa to end the first half, as he scored 10 points in the final six and a half minutes and MTSU led 48-43 going into the locker room. Both teams shot the ball well in the first half, with Chattanooga pouring in 67% from the field and the Blue Raiders shooting 59%.

The second half got off and running with a Porter 3-pointer, but the Mocs roared back with a 10-0 run to retake the lead. Layups by Porter, Weston and Mostafa put the Blue Raiders on top again, 57-53, and the first five minutes of the second half rolled off the clock.

When the ball was inbounded after the under-12 timeout, the score read 64-64. Chattanooga won the ensuing segment and stretched its lead to a game-high seven until the Blue Raiders fought back in the final minutes. Porter drained another 3-pointer to cut the deficit to one heading into the final media timeout.

With 10.5 seconds left in regulation and the Blue Raiders down two, head coach Nick McDevitt called a timeout. Weston drove the lane, got fouled, and made two free throws with 4.9 seconds remaining to knot the game at 84. The Mocs couldn't get a shot off in time, and the game headed to overtime.

In the overtime period, Chattanooga was at the line with 38.1 seconds left and a tie game. The Mocs missed both free throws, and the Blue Raiders ended up with the ball and called a timeout with 12.2 seconds on the clock. Weston's jumper from the left side missed, and double OT began in Murphy Center.

Mostafa knocked in a game-tying 3-pointer with eight seconds left, and the Blue Raiders didn't allow the Mocs to get a shot off in time again, sending the game to a third overtime period.

Chattanooga then outscored MTSU 10-4 in the third overtime to win the game and advance to the second round of the NIT.



Cameron Weston (24) scored a team-high 31 points in his final game in a Blue Raider uniform on Tuesday night.
Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

By the Numbers

5 – Tuesday's game was the fifth 3OT game in program history.

14 – Mostafa notched his 14th double-double of the season with 30 points and 16 rebounds.

30 – Mostafa's 30 points ties his career high, which he previously set on March 6 against Liberty.

31 – Weston's 31 points is a new career high.

103 – MTSU broke Chattanooga opponent highs for points allowed (103) as well as field goals made (38) and tied the Mocs opponent high for points in the first half with 48.

Blue Raider Notes

A couple of NIT records were broken on Tuesday, including rebounds in a game (Mostafa, 16) and minutes played (Porter, 51; Mostafa, 48; Weston, 45). Weston (31) and Mostafa (30) are now second and third, respectively, in points in a single NIT game as a Blue Raider.

Head Coach Nick McDevitt:

"Congratulations to Coach Earl and his team for moving on in the NIT. What a great college basketball game. I told our team I was really proud of how we played, how hard we played. Our team looked excited to play. So were they. At some point, when it's late, somebody's going to get beat. The margin in a lot of games is thin – that one was razor thin. A call that could've gone this way, a shot that they made. I thought Essam was terrific. I thought Cam Weston was great. Obviously, him fouling out and not being out there down the stretch, when we had run a lot of things with the ball in his hands down the stretch, hurt. It looked like we weren't in the same offensive rhythm that we were before that. It just came down to a couple of plays."

Blue Raiders fall in CUSA Championship

MT ATHLETICS

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. – Middle Tennessee women's basketball's (26-8) Conference USA Championship run ended in the final game against Liberty (26-6) on Saturday, 53-48.

Courtney Blakely drained a corner three to open a fast-paced first quarter. Five minutes into the game, the Blue Raiders led 9-8 and Anastasiia Boldyreva had four rebounds. When the first 10 minutes ended, it was the Lady Flames who held the lead, 20-16.

The second quarter was much slower, as the first basket came by Ta'Mia Scott with 5:55 on the clock after Blakely tallied her second steal of the game. Scott then knocked in a wide open three from the left wing to put MTSU back on top 21-20 at the second quarter media timeout.

A physical remainder of the quarter passed, and the Flames led 30-25 as the teams headed to the locker room. Defense was tight for both teams in the first half, as MTSU shot 28% and Liberty shot 33% in the first 20 minutes.

The Flames took their largest lead of the game with 2:59 left in the third quarter, up by 11. Boldyreva laid it up, then Scott scored three the old fashioned way, and Blakely picked the pocket of a Liberty guard and returned it for a layup on the other end to cut the deficit to four as time expired on the third quarter.

Scott took control of the Blue Raider offense, scoring eight in the third and MTSU's first four fourth quarter points, and the deficit was five with 4:51 to play.

A Boldyreva turnaround jumper cut it to three. After a Liberty three, Gregory answered with one of her own, and MTSU trailed by three points with 45.9 seconds left on the clock. The Flames held on to complete the win.

Scott finished with 23 points and 10 rebounds, and Boldyreva followed with 12 points and eight rebounds. Blakely added seven and Gregory posted six on a pair of 3-pointers.



Ta'Mia Scott (15) scored a team-high 23 points against Liberty in the CUSA Championship Game on Saturday.
Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

Head Coach Rick Insell:

"We didn't finish. We had chances, we ran our offense, we thought we'd have more problems getting into our offense. We didn't, we just didn't put the ball in the hole like we should have. We had 10 turnovers, and some of those were costly, but we got out-rebounded 42-to-30. It's hard to win basketball games when you get out-rebounded that much. We didn't miss but four rebounds, but they were costly. I thought a couple of their players stepped up and made some shots. We had chances to win it. We wish Liberty all the luck in the world, and great game."

Viqueens Extend Winning Streak to Seven Behind Dominant Pitching At Blackman

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – The Community Viqueens (11-1-1, 1-0) won their seventh-consecutive game of the young season at Blackman (3-5, 0-1) on Tuesday night, 5-0.

Community pitching gave up just one hit all night, highlighted by another dominant outing from Annie Prince. Prince picked up the win, going 4.0 innings with nine strikeouts and two walks with no hits allowed on 68 pitches. Taylor Wessner came on in relief for the final three innings, giving up the only hit allowed by the Viqueens – a single – from Blackman's left-fielder, Jessica Kinderdine. Wessner struck out two while walking one and now allowing a single run on 39 pitches.

Blackman's Madison Keel got the start in the circle, throwing 3.0 innings and giving up four runs with two earned on three hits and two walks while striking out one batter on 47 pitches. Blackman committed a pair of errors in the field, allowing the Viqueens to tack on a pair of extra runs. Lilliana Acosta came on in relief in the fourth inning, closing out the final 4.0 innings while giving up one earned run on two hits and a walk with a pair of strikeouts on 61 pitches.

Neither team scored in the first inning, but in the top of the second, the Viqueens got on the board with a pair of runs to take a 2-0 lead. Community tacked on two more in the top of the fourth with no outs to chase Keel from the game, and then tacked on one more insurance run in the top of the sixth to finalize their lead at 5-0.

Haylee Webb led the visitors at the plate with two of the five total hits the Viqueens tallied on the night. Webb went 2-4 with a double and she came around to score both times she got on base. Wessner, batting sixth – one spot behind Webb – went 0-2 with a walk but got on base a second time via an error and came around to score both times she ended up on the basepaths. Carlie Blanton drew a pair of walks and had a sac-fly to drive home a run, and she too came around to score once. Prince tallied two RBI on a sac-fly as well. Victoria Wells, who came on to hit following Prince's removal from the game, laced an RBI double in her only at-bat of the game in the sixth inning.

In all, Community struck out just three times as a team despite only recording five hits total.

Tigers Hand Golden Eagles First Loss of the Season in Rebel Classic

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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (4-1) suffered their first defeat of the season in a rematch with the Murfreesboro Central Magnet Tigers (2-3) at home on Tuesday night, 4-2.

The two teams combined for just three hits all night in what was an incredible pitching duel between two aces in Stephen Bobo and John Roth. Shelbyville worked seven walks as a team on the night, but just couldn't get that one hit to drive home runners, ending the game with 10 runners stranded.

Stephen Bobo, the sophomore lefty, threw 5.0 innings and gave up just one base hit. However, both runs Central Magnet scored against Bobo were unearned thanks to three costly errors by the Golden Eagles' defense. Bobo's fastball peaked at 89 mph while hovering between 84-88 mph for the majority of the night. He was also able to throw his slider for strikes, and Bobo finished his outing with nine strikeouts to three walks on 91 pitches. He stranded three runners for Central Magnet to close the fifth inning with his ninth strikeout of the night to keep the Golden Eagles within one run.

Brody Thomas recorded three strikeouts in the sixth inning on 15 pitches, but he was forced to exit the game after being hit by a pitch on his left hand in the home half of the sixth. Caden Duggan came on in the top of the seventh, recording the Tigers' final three outs, but not before Central Magnet tacked on a pair of go-ahead runs on one hit and a walk despite Duggan striking out two on 21 pitches.

The Tigers' ace, John Roth, threw 4.0 innings, allowing just one earned run on a wild pitch, a single base hit, and a pair of walks while striking out five batters on 67 pitches. Braylon Dowell came on in relief to start the fifth inning, getting through 1.0 innings with one earned run given up despite allowing zero hits because of four walks. Dowell recorded all three of his outs via the strikeout on 40 pitches. Benson Reavis closed out the final two innings with a pair of zeros, striking out two batters and walking just one with no hits given up on 29 pitches.

After falling behind 2-0 going into the bottom of the fourth inning, the Golden Eagles were finally able to get on the board with runners on base. Eli Laye stepped up with runners on the corners and one out, seemingly lining an RBI-single into center. However, after discussion between the two umpires, Laye was forced to get back into the box due to time being called beforehand.



Stephen Bobo (15) threw five complete innings on Tuesday night, tallying nine strikeouts and allowing just a single base hit and zero earned runs. He also drew a pair of walks at the plate. *T-G Staff Photo.*

On the very next pitch, Roth tossed a wild pitch that found its way to the backstop, allowing Palmer Edwards to score and cut the Tigers' lead in half, 2-1.

After Bobo got out of the bases-loaded jam in the top of the fifth, he started a two-out rally by drawing a walk, eventually bringing up Brody Thomas with the bases loaded. Unfortunately for the Golden Eagles, Dowell was able to get Thomas to chase a slider outside of the zone for the inning-ending strikeout.

In the sixth, Lovvorn posted a quick 1-2-3 inning, and then the Golden Eagles found a way to eventually tie the game. Braxton Vari was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning, and then Eli Laye was also hit by a pitch with two strikes, putting the go-ahead run on first base. Lovvorn then tried to lay down a bunt and move the runners over, but in a 2-0 count, Dowell's pitch whacked Lovvorn on the hand. However, the home plate umpire ruled that he heard the ball hit the bat even though Lovvorn was forced to exit from the game with his left hand injured. Michael Estrada came in to hit for Lovvorn, and on the first pitch he saw he laid down a perfect sacrifice bunt to advance the runners, flipping the lineup over and bringing up William Bobo. A sacrifice fly scored Vari to tie the game at 2-2. A Caden Duggan popout stranded the runner at third.

In the seventh, Duggan was forced to come on to pitch for the injured Lovvorn, and the leadoff batter, Jensen Spry, drew a leadoff walk. Another batter reached base for the Tigers, and then with their second hit of the entire night, Central Magnet found a two-out two-RBI single back up the middle from their ace pitcher, John Roth, to take the lead for good, 4-2.

The Golden Eagles were unable to get anything going in the home half, ending their season-opening four-game winning streak. Shelbyville is scheduled to host Chapel Hill on Friday night with first pitch set for 6:30 p.m.

Eaglettes Dominate, Golden Eagles Survive Against Lincoln County

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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (9-0, 3-0) and Eaglettes (8-1, 3-0) took down Lincoln County for each team's third district win of the season, 4-3 and 6-1, respectively.

The Eaglettes got started early, winning both doubles points, 8-4 and 8-6, thanks to the duos of Lizzy Smith with Sophie Ray and Abby Thaxton with Addie Berry, respectively. The Lady Falcons duos of Kate Pierce with Chloe Gibson and Ella Morris with Maelee Robertson both put up a fight, but in the end Ray and Smith pulled away.

In the singles' matches, the Eaglettes won all but one. On Court One, Smith took down Pierce with relative ease, 8-2. Court Two saw the only Eaglettes' loss with Addie Berry falling to Chloe Gibson, 8-1. On Court Three, Sophie Ray ran away from Maelee Robertson, 8-2, while Elesa Aldis outlasted Aubree Howell on Court Five, 8-4, to clinch the win for Shelbyville. Abby Thaxton's match on Court Five against Ella Morris ended with Thaxton ahead, 7-4.



Sophie Ray (pictured) helped land a doubles point, 8-4, for Shelbyville against Lincoln County on Tuesday. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

On the boys side, the strong duo of Henry Stone and Tucker Johnson actually lost a doubles point to the Falcons' Jackson Porter and Talan McMeen in a hotly contested battle, 8-6. The second doubles duo of Justin Spence and Tanner Johnson ensured that Shelbyville broke even, defeating Noah Gibson and Auldon Watt, 8-5. Entering the singles matches tied 1-1, Shelbyville utilized their depth to wear down Lincoln County. On Court One, Porter outlasted Stone in a tiebreaker, 9-7, to give Lincoln County their second point. On Court Two, Justin Spence took care of McMeen, 8-3, to give Shelbyville their second point while on Court Three, Johnson also won his match, 8-3, against Noah Gibson, to give the hosts a 3-2 lead.

On Court Four, Tanner Johnson found a way to pull out an 8-6 win against Auldon Watt to secure the Shelbyville team win, 4-3, despite Carter Woodson's loss to Aaryan Patel on Court Five that allowed the Falcons to even things up initially.



Tucker Johnson (pictured) won his singles match against Noah Gibson, 8-3, in Shelbyville's win over Lincoln County on Tuesday. Photo courtesy of *David Smith.*

It was an impressive afternoon of tennis from the Golden Eagles, utilizing their depth to simply outlast the visiting Falcons to maintain their undefeated record. Both the Eaglettes and Eagles improved to 3-0 in district play.

Miriam House women's recovery center to open in Normandy this summer

By DAWN HANKINS

At just age 36, Pastor Caleb McCall, along with a dedicated group of volunteers and prayer partners, recently conducted a groundbreaking ceremony for the new women's recovery center and home in Normandy, called Miriam House.

The women's center is planned to be built on the same site as Be the Bush Recovery Ministries for men. It truly is a dream come true, Miriam House and BTB Pastor and Executive Director McCall shares.

The old Normandy Elementary School property is now a center of hope and recovery. Pastor McCall explains that he hopes soon moms/ students can be eventually reunited with their children and they can reside on site together in cabins.

'Our vision is to see them as Godly Proverbs 31 women who are productive members of society.' -Caleb McCall, director of Miriam House in Normandy.



Submitted Photo

A ground breaking ceremony was held this week for Miriam House in Normandy. The building is expected to house women students by summer. Pastor Caleb McCall is the founder and executive director.



McCall said the anticipated date of move in for the women should be this summer. He said this new center will allow a lot more space, unlike the current two-story duplex housing unit in Manchester. He said sadly, there is a need for such facilities in every county.

The pastor said the women's program is a bit different than the men's. He advises how there are abused women, i.e., students at Miriam House, so programming, activities, etc. can vary, but the mission is the same.

"They are there to learn about Jesus. The discipleship process is aimed at setting someone free-not just clean."

Miriam House is a faith-based, Christ centered, residential recovery program. The program is long term, usually lasting 12-18 months, because McCall advises it takes a person's body that long to recover from addiction.

To help assure everyone is in a good place and comfortable, staff live on site. While many students enter the program for drug or dependency related issues, Miriam House is for individuals dealing with various life-controlling issues that prevent them from living out their God-given destiny, according to the director.

"We believe that healing and wholeness are available and waiting for these individuals," says McCall. "Through their healing, their families can be restored, and generational cycles of dysfunction can be broken."

The pastor says while Miriam House is a structured environment with schedules, etc., he also guarantees it to be a "loving place."

"This is what a person with addiction really needs," he says.

The Miriam House mission is that of a woman, being born-again of the spirit and developing in the process of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The program is designed to give her a new identity, rather than the one associated with a former lifestyle full of regrets and mistakes.

"We believe that people can be recovered and not in a constant state of recovery like many secular rehabilitation programs teach. The Bible teaches that if any person is in Christ, they are a new creation."

Simply put, the pastor says, if they are reborn of the spirit, they are recovered.

It's all biblically-based, he notes.

Just as Moses led the men out of Egypt and taught them Torah, so too Miriam, Moses' sister, led the women and taught them Torah. Miriam was the daughter of Amram and Jochebed and the sister of Aaron and Moses, the leader of the Israelites in ancient Egypt.



As for the bush reference in the men's home, this is biblical as well. The burning bush is a manifestation of God's presence — and it is through the burning bush that God speaks to Moses and reveals His plan for the Israelites... In a similar way, the Holy Spirit is a manifestation of God's presence and it is believed that through the Holy Spirit that God speaks to His People and reveals His will for their lives. his life to the Lord Jesus. In 2018 he received

McCall can attest that faith-based recovery ministries like the Miriam House and Be the Bush have a much higher success rate as far as recovery graduation and recidivism rate. In fact, he says his long-term faith-based recovery program has a success rate of 86%.

McCall notes that the women have a cleaning service; they do class one day and work the next, etc. He said the business helps to fund the ministry.

The men have a lawn care business, a moving company and operate a thrift store. Students must complete the third phase of the program before getting these work privileges, he explained.

"Some program graduates have become full time ministry staff members," says McCall.

He gave credit to Josh Cantrell who is director of operations for the men's home and Tasha Hill, director of operations for Miriam House.

Recovered for 10 years now, this preacher understands how much better life can be without the struggles of addiction.

"I was very, very lost, violent, angry and was a bitter person, blaming everyone else for my problems. Then when I got to that program, I had an encounter with God. That's what changed me."

He's glad he could come home to Bedford County-a place where he played high school basketball. He said his current life is a testimony to when someone surrenders to God's will.

"I'm able to help other people, like I was helped."

He said Miriam House and BTB are the only faith-based centers in Bedford County which do residential housing. McCall said the programs are privately funded and some grants can be received from small business owners.



In 2018, McCall realized how his life had come full circle, receiving his pastoral credentials and shortly after was commissioned to begin BTB Recovery Ministries.

Since he's become widely known for his practical but passionate and dynamic teaching style that has landed him the opportunity to be featured in Charisma Magazine. In order to help people apply the Word of God to their everyday lives, he hosts a podcast with the nationally renowned Christian magazine as well.

McCall has been a featured evangelist and motivational speaker on television shows such as the 700 Club and the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN.)

The pastor and his wife, Kelsey, have been married since 2016. They are the proud parents of three children.

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'Break' out the spring craft ideas

Spring break is upon us. And it never hurts to have a few crafting ideas in our totes.

When the weather is accommodating, there's a seemingly endless list of ways to enjoy time spent outdoors. But as everyone knows, Mother Nature tends to be a bit unpredictable during the early days of spring.

Thunderstorms can roll in quite suddenly, or rain may persist for a few days as the atmosphere attempts to right itself after an abundance of steamy days. Keep a list of craft ideas at the ready to make the most of time spent inside or out. The following are a few ideas.

· Friendship bracelets: There have been different iterations of friendship bracelets for every generation. With some general craft supplies, such as embroidery thread, beads, plastic lanyards, or other jewelry-making materials, kids can make and share a variety of friendship bracelets.

· Seashell creatures: At the next beach excursion, pick up differently shaped shells. They can be painted and glued together to resemble different animals or whatever designs one can imagine.

· Sun prints: Check out the craft store for a special light-sensitive solution that can be painted onto thick craft paper. Set various natural items on top (such as fern boughs, shells, feathers, and more) and let the sun do its work. You'll ultimately be left with some beautiful silhouettes.

· Painted stones: Kids can have fun gathering smooth pebbles from trails or at the shores of lakes. They can be painted with various designs or sweet sentiments, only to be left around the neighborhood for others to discover.

· Sea glass jewelry: An adult can use a very thin drill bit to make holes in sea glass remnants that washed up on beaches. Feed through earring hooks or chains to create one-of-a-kind jewelry.

· Dyed shoes or accessories: Use commercially produced or homemade dyes made from teabags, berry juice, turmeric powder, or more to color certain items. Dress up canvas sneakers with springtime hues, or make colorful bandanas to help keep yourself cool.

