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"In addiction recovery, it only takes one who cares"

Ribbon cutting held to dedicate TRC's Lokey House

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In desperation on Dec. 11, 2023, a man named David T. arrived at the Tony Rice Center in Shelbyville in a state of what he describes as "a defeated, broken, bag of pitiful skin and bones, unsure of the possibility even of simply being able to sober up." He said it was within the TRC walls that he "rediscovered hope."

"It was the people, staff and clients alike, that renewed my soul and restored my very willingness to live and powerfully reinstated the notion that there is a solution to my dilemma, my disease, provided I am willing to get honest, open-minded, and admit my own powerlessness. In short, the people here rescued me . . . .Thank you, Tony Rice Center. You all saved my life one day at a time."

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Cody Harris, Tony Rice Recovery Center executive director

Such testimonies fill the record books at the Tony Rice Center, which held an open house and ribbon cutting Saturday at the Railroad Avenue facility. Staff and members of the community gathered to celebrate the opening of a new 28-bed transitional housing facility named Lokey House.

Beneath the sunshine and standing against strong spring winds, several speakers talked under a large tent in front of the center about the importance of continuing such a local treatment program.

Gov. Bill Lee, unable to attend, said via video, "This or-

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Tony Rice Center gave all attending the April 12 open house a purple balloon (the official color of recovery) tied with turquoise and silver ribbon (the official colors of addiction awareness and hope and healing) to release at the end of the event.



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Tony Rice Center Volunteer Chris Clay hugs Marie Lokey, the widow of Tim Lokey. TRC's new dormitory is named Lokey House in memory of Tim who served for 20 years as TRC substance abuse counselor. He served as Clay's mentor when he was in recovery years ago. (See more TRC photos inside today.)

State civics essay contest winner list includes local student

Staff and State Reports

Needless-to-say, there was one excited Bedford County kid recently when Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett announced the 12 winners of the 2024 Civics Essay Contest. This year's winners include a second-place win by Bedford County's own Nico Higgs.

A total of 4,356 students participated in the contest with the theme: "Why Trusted Sources Matter." Nico won second in his age division.

"Congratulations to this year's winners, and all who participated in the 2024 Civics Essay Contest," said Secretary Hargett. "Getting our information from reliable sources matters, and I hope all contest participants better understand to always consider their sources so they will make informed decisions."

Nico, a Thomas Magnet student, wrote an essay and completed a drawing of himself as a "Source Detective" evaluating sources as fact or opinion.

Along with a certificate from Secretary Hargett, Nico's win included a college scholarship and a trip to the State Capitol. Nico was very excited to win his first college scholarship, a TNStars 529 College Savings Program scholarship.

Nico also had a day to remember at the State Capitol. As Nico's family proudly watched from the gallery, he served as a Page for Speaker Pro Tempore Pat Marsh. Nico and his "Stuffy Mouse" were thrilled to represent Bedford County youth and received from State Rep. Pat Marsh a Page certificate, Flag pin, a signed Tennessee Blue Book, and a commemorative tote bag. Nico's teacher also received a signed Tennessee Blue Book for her "exceptional teaching."

After a tour of the Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nico and his family were treated to a luncheon award ceremony. Nico's parents told the T-G that it was a day to remember.

The Civics Essay Contest was created in 2016, and it is intended to better integrate civics into schools, encouraging students to contemplate their role as citizens. This year's contest was open to all public, private school, or home school association students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Ninety-three students have received awards through the program since its creation.

The Secretary of State's Civics Essay Contest, Anne Dallas Dudley Award, College Voter Registration Competition, and Student Mock Election are part of the office's longstanding civics engagement efforts to prepare students to be actively engaged citizens.

For more information about civic engagement and education efforts in Tennessee, please visit the Secretary of State's website.



Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett recently honored Bedford County's Nico Higgs as a Civics Essay Contest winner. Nico received a trip to the State Capitol and was awarded a scholarship.



HAPPY EASTER!

Photo by John Carney

The Easter Bunny was special guest during First United Methodist Church's Easter egg hunt last Saturday morning on the courthouse lawn. The Times-Gazette staff wishes you all a very blessed Easter weekend. As a reminder, government offices and many businesses will be closed in observance of Good Friday, April 18, and over the Easter weekend.

BEDFORD BRIEFS



GET READY TO "CRUISE-IN"

The Fourth Friday Cruise-In starts April 25 on the public square. This is the first event of season and the Cruise-In continues each fourth Friday through October.

AIRPORT AVIATION EDUCATION DAY

Shelbyville Municipal Airport will sponsor an Aviation Education Day on Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m. Free admission and parking. Food vendors will be available. On site will be vintage airplanes and flight simulators.

CONNECTED COMMUNITY 5K RUN/WALK

The inaugural Connected Community 5K Run/Walk, presented by Shelbyville-Bedford Community Foundation, will be held Saturday, May 10, beginning and ending on the historic Shelbyville public square. The run/walk will support local initiatives benefitting Shelbyville and Bedford County, in the areas of education and quality of life.

To sign up for the run, go to https://runsignup.com/Race/Info/TN/Shelbyville/CommunityConnection5K.

DECORATION DAY FOR ROSEBANK

Rosebank Cemetery in Flat Creek will have its Decoration Day 2 p.m. May 18, at the Flat Creek Community Center, New Center Church Road.

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TRC Director Cody Harris spoke with great passion about the substance abuse recovery facility on Saturday. He praised all who had a hand in making the center what it is today.



T-G Photos by Dawn Hankins

Tony Rice Center Recovery on Railroad Avenue, which is about to celebrate its 35th year in Shelbyville, held its ribbon cutting and open house Saturday at its Railroad Avenue location.



Dana Rodriguez, Chamber of Commerce executive director, presented the Tony Rice Center staff with their plaque of appreciation during the ribbon cutting ceremony. Cody Harris is TRC executive director and Sam Hillis is clinical counselor.

ganization plays an important role, ensuring that Tennesseans can break the cycle of addiction, giving individuals opportunities to thrive."

He added, "I'm proud to join you in celebrating this new transitional living facility which brings a new opportunity to transform even more lives in your care. Thank you for all that you do to give hope to Tennesseans and congratulations on this significant milestone."

Other government officials unable to attend but providing video messages were Congressman Scott Desjarlais and Sen. Marsha Blackburn. They both said TRC is to be commended for the work it is doing in recovery treatment for substance abuse across Tennessee.

State Sen. Pat Marsh, who was present for the event, said during his speech that he knew well one of the TRC founders and namesake, the late Tony Rice. He even remembers the proclamation signed for the center, then on Highway 41 A South, 35 years ago.

Since that time, he said he's often visited TRC. Marsh referred to himself as a TRC "fan."

You might say this state legislator has literally given the TRC people the shirt off his back. He shared that over the years, he's often donated shirts to TRC.

Marsh advised, before he presented TRC its state proclamation, "Your tireless work does not go unnoticed. You're not just helping individuals. You're changing lives and restoring hope and creating a more compassionate community."

Also present from the state was Sen. Shane Reeves who shared, "The reason centers like this matter, is because recovery really is possible. It is possible."

He said denying someone a second chance closes the door on transformation and redemption. He said the great thing about centers like Tony Rice is that they in turn allow those who become sober to help others struggling.

Reeves said his favorite Bible verse is from 2 Corinthians 1:3 & 4, which states: We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is our Father Who shows us loving-kindness and our God Who gives us comfort. He gives us comfort in all our troubles. Then we can comfort other people who have the same troubles. We give the same kind of comfort God gives us."

Reeves said TRC is in the business to give second chances and therefore the world needs more Tony Rice Centers.

Shelbyville Mayor Randy Carroll shared with the crowd how his dad was a local pastor; he learned early on to help others. He referred to the Good Samaritan story from the Bible and emphasized lifting people up, like TRC, rather than knocking them down during their hardships.

"My scripture does not tell me that there were a number of questions asked such as, 'why are you here?' . . . but he just reached out a hand and said, 'I want to help you.'"

Carroll thanked everyone associated with the Tony Rice Center. He recognized on behalf of the City of Shelbyville the service it has brought to the community the last 35 years.

"You can't go wrong, giving of yourself, and helping others," said Carroll.

TRC Board Director Dr. Howard Rupard spoke about medical issues, particularly those involving the brain and so greatly associated with addiction. He said the Center for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that between 45 and 50 million Americans have some degree of substance abuse disorder.

Therefore, Rupard said, such treatment programs like those of TRC are vital. He said

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An open house was held in the new transitional housing unit at TRC. The new dormitory-style building is named in memory of Tim Lokey, who served for over 20 years as substance abuse counselor. TRC is officially named after the late Tony Rice, who began counseling with those suffering from substance abuse many years ago.

World Outreach Church Easter 2025

World Outreach Church in Murfreesboro welcomes the community to their Easter Weekend Celebration kicking off on Friday, April 18, and continuing through Sunday, April 20. In addition to powerful worship with Crowder, Charity Gayle and The Katinas, each service will include an Easter message from Pastor Allen Jackson, dozens of food trucks, kids' activities, special children's ministry presentations, water baptisms and more. Services will take place both indoors and outdoors. Friday and Saturday night celebrations begin at 4:00pm with service starting at 6:00. On Sunday, service begins at 9:30am with food trucks staying for lunch after service. "It's going to be a beautiful Easter weekend, and we welcome the community to come celebrate with us and be a part of it all," said Pastor Allen Jackson. The following guest musical artists will lead worship throughout Easter weekend. Stay for a post-service worship concert after every service. Crowder - Friday, April 18, 6:00pm'; Charity Gayle - Saturday, April 19, 6:00pm and Sunday, April 20, 9:30am; The Katinas - Leading worship at all three Easter services April 18-20 This is a non-ticketed community event. For a complete list of details and additional information, please visit www.wochurch.org/spring.





THE ISSUE

EMERGENCY RADIO WORK CONTINUES

By Dawn Hankins

A Motorola representative attended Tuesday night's Public Safety Committee meeting, apologizing for dropping the ball on County emergency radio work that should have already been completed. They referred to it as Phase II.

She said the company "failed" the County. And she said she was "embarrassed" to be standing before the Commission at this juncture.

The representative said Bedford County was not the only area county to suffer in this enhancement project. But she admitted Bedford County will be the last to get theirs finished.

She said Mayor Chad Graham has been very "gracious" over the last year or so of this project. She said while of late the mayor has been very frustrated with the delays, she "owns that."

Phase I was a little over $5 million and began about 2.5 years ago and included 6 sites. She explained completions to date and said Rippy Ridge is about 99% complete. She talked about generators for areas and pads that would have to be installed.

She said Bedford County will be getting cost relief in the form of a reimbursement. She said work will continue through the summer and she will let the mayor know of the progress.

Had these representatives been before the County Commission last month, it would have likely saved a heated exchange between Mayor Graham and Commissioner Eric Maddox.

Maddox had asked in that earlier meeting to speak about the radios that were mentioned during the EMA report. Maddox said he understands that communication is one of the most important tools in the tool belt of first responders and law enforcement and if they are unable to communicate it puts them in a bad position.

He advised that response times are also critical. The commissioner said that several from the county and other agencies have voiced concerns about the current radio system.

Maddox said it was fortunate that the county had received ARP funds in the amount of $5.2 million and that a previous commission had voted to accept the grant funds for radios in 2022. He said that in 2023, committee notes indicated that work was ongoing with Motorola for the TACIN radio communication system and related projects and this was also mentioned in October 2023 committee minutes.

In November of 2024, Chair Mark Thomas had asked for an update on the TACIN system and Director Kitchens had reported that all agencies had met and decided on a frequency and how they wanted the channels to be laid out and portable radios were to be passed out for a test. A report from EMA indicated that again in December 2024, work was ongoing with the radios.

Maddox wondered when the current radios would be obsolete or the warranties expired and why the current system was not being upgraded or patched. He said the County deserves better in radio communications.

Maddox asked the representative during Tuesday night's meeting at what point did the company realize there was a problem. Basically, when did they decide to jump back on board with Bedford County's project?

The Motorola rep stated how she discussed with the mayor several weeks ago the delays. She said his response to her was "Just get the s*** done!"

She further told the committee there had been a different project manager prior to her stepping in to the Bedford County project. She admitted how a lot of money has been spent on Bedford County.

She said this project should have not been running this late which initially hindered the County from being connected. She said the project has previously been poorly run and there's no excuses.

SUPPORT OF THE P-25 'TRUNKING' RADIO SYSTEM



Special column by Curt Cobb, Chair of Bedford County Emergency Communications District

Bedford County Emergency Communications District, more commonly known as Bedford County 911, would like to reaffirm our steadfast support for the implementation of the P-25 "trunking" radio system that Bedford County Government, in collaboration with the County Mayor, County Commission, and EMA chose to purchase and integrate with the statewide TACN network (Tennessee Advanced Communications Network). Additionally, the City of Shelbyville has recently expressed interest in joining the TACN network.

For years, the State of Tennessee has partnered with Motorola to develop the TACN network infrastructure statewide. During a recent public safety meeting, Motorola openly acknowledged the ongoing delays affecting not only the Bedford County TACN project but also several other counties.

Taking full responsibility for these setbacks, the company committed to attending an upcoming County Commission committee meeting to provide further discussion and updates on these important issues.

These are several reasons why Bedford County 911 fully supports this project:

RELIABILITY, SECURITY AND COVERAGE

• TACN P-25 is the highest standard available for public safety communications

• The ability to join the TN emergency communications network

• TACN offers interoperability for, not only Bedford County agencies, but also statewide

• It greatly enhances radio coverage and clarity for Bedford County

• The State of TN requires that all EMS providers (public and private) have access to the statewide digital radio network

• Being a part of TACN will assist E911 and all our emergency agencies who are called on by the state when mutual aid is needed to assist other counties, or receive assistance from other counties, during any disaster situation

• This system offers encrypted channels to give our agencies an added layer of security

FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE SAVINGS FOR TAXPAYERS

• The State of TN agrees to manage and maintain the primary infrastructure of the radio system at their cost, which includes future upgrades

• There is a clear long-term financial benefit to Bedford County and E911

• The project was fully funded with ARP funds and not local property tax

EMPOWERING AND EQUIPPING FIRST RESPONDERS TO SAVE LIVES

• TACN is a force multiplier for first responders, directly impacting their ability to save lives efficiently and effectively

• TACN offers instant and clear communication in the most critical situations

• Dispatchers and emergency managers can deploy and track resources more efficiently, ensuring our first responders arrive without confusion or overlap

• TACN is a proven and trusted technology as it is the primary source of communications for THP across the entire state of Tennessee

It is the responsibility of our local officials and stakeholders to ensure that our citizens, the first responders, and the public they protect receive the best tools and resources to support the entire County's safety and well-being. Providing a TACN system is not just an investment in technology, it's a commitment to safeguard our citizens and those who put their life on the line for all the citizens and visitors of Bedford County.

Curt Cobb, Chairman, Bedford County Emergency Communications District

Co-Founder of TN911 (A Statewide Association of 911 Districts)

LOCAL AND STATE LEADERS ATTEND TRC CELEBRATION



T-G Photos by Dawn Hankins

State Sen. Shane Reeves and State Rep. Pat Marsh were guest speakers Saturday during the ribbon cutting and open house at the Tony Rice Recovery Center on Railroad Avenue. Marsh said he's a long-time supporter of the program and Reeves talked about how everyone deserves a second chance in life. (See page 1 story today.)



Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham talks with some of those in attendance at Saturday's celebration at TRC. Shelbyville Mayor Randy Carroll (not pictured) was also in attendance as well as some City Council members.

LOKEY HOUSE

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there are two terms used in rehab: dependence and addiction. In dependence, a person uses drugs to function. As for the term addiction, he explained that it involves a person who functions in order to support their drug abuse.

TRC Executive Director Cody Harris complimented the number of people who came out on a sunny Saturday afternoon to attend the event. He said the center is moving forward into the future and the new transitional house is a great start.

"It's been my personal goal to bring the Tony Rice Center into the new millennium to where we can be one of the best. And we are rated one of the best treatment centers in the state of Tennessee, which is a long way from where we started out there on 41 A," said Harris.

TRC's long-term residential program gives time to the co-occurring dependent man to build self-esteem and learn to better function within the family and to contribute to the community. Many of the guest speakers mentioned how vital this is to breaking the cycle of addiction.

The TRC mission is to prepare each man for an independent, enriched lifestyle. The treatment program begins with an individualized treatment plan tailored to the client's needs.

The TRC plan is based on information that is collected during an initial assessment interview. The information will include his history with drugs and alcohol, any prior attempts at recovery, his medical history, any co-occurring psychological concerns, possible legal situations and his family history.

When the treatment plan is in place, the core elements of recovery-physical, emotional, mental and spiritual can be addressed through Rational Emotive Therapy, individual counseling and process groups, peer groups, Cognitive Behavioral groups, lectures and 12-step facilitation.

In addition, all clients will participate in a daily living skills program to develop a sense of humility, personal responsibility and social accountability, all tools required to function in a sober, responsible manner after he leaves treatment.

Every member of the TRC staff understands the recovery process from a unique perspective that only another addict or alcoholic can. The goal of each of these highly skilled professionals is to provide every addict or alcoholic with the necessary tools and skills they will need to return to the mainstream of life a happy and productive person (TRC statement.)

For more information, call TRC at (931) 685-0957. Staff is available 24/7 or check out the TRC website or Facebook page.

State Senate passes bill that will require schools to check student immigration status

Tennessee Senate has passed legislation that will require all Tennessee schools to verify citizenship or legal immigration status from incoming students despite some GOP opposition and heated protests in the Capitol.

The controversial education measure would also allow Tennessee schools to charge tuition for students who can't prove their status and deny enrollment to students who can't pay.

The bill passed on the Senate floor Thursday morning 19-13.

The way the rules work, if the House passes the bill without changes to mirror the Senate bill, there will have to be a conference committee called to discuss the changes for the bill to be passed and sent to Gov. Bill Lee's desk for signature.

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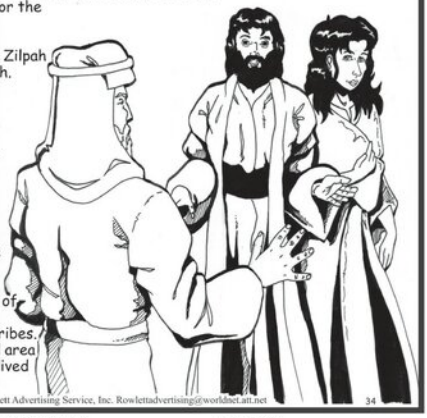
Jacob Marries
Genesis 29 & 30

Jacob arrived at his uncle Laban's house and saw the girl of his dreams whose name was Rachel. He made a deal to work seven years for Laban if he could marry Rachel. At the end of the seven years Laban informed Jacob that Rachel's sister, Leah, is the oldest of the two and therefore she must marry first. Jacob marries Leah and then works 7 more years for the privilege of marrying Rachel.

Laban gave Leah a servant girl, Zilpah and Rachel a servant girl, Bilhah.

Jacob's children were:
Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun, and a daughter, Dianah, all who were born to Leah.
Dan and Naphtali who were born to Bilhah.
Gad and Asher who were born to Zilpah.
Joseph and Benjamin who were born to Rachel.

Ten of the boys became heads of the tribes of Israel. Two of Joseph's sons were heads of tribes. Levi's descendents had no land area unto themselves but as priest lived among the other tribes.



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PENCIL SHAVINGS

What is right? What is legal?

By Dawn Hankins

For the last 24 hours, I've been wading through meetings and online news breaks about the ramifications of people breaking the law. It's amazing to me how many people feel sorry for those who willfully break public laws.

I'm for empathy and love but it is getting ridiculous the way people are making excuses for crime.

Not everyone is innocent in their crimes, as we know.

I love it in the movie "Shawshank Redemption" when the inmates tell Andy, "You know everybody's innocent in here."

After reading a controversial Senate bill that just passed, I thought of the Jim Carrey scene in "Liar Liar," when his legal secretary hands him a phone, telling him he has a call from a felon who once again knocked off an ATM and that he was calling to seek his legal advice. Well, you will have to look that one up to know what Jim's character said.

The lack of moral aptitude in the world really does make you feel that way sometimes. People will go out and literally raise money for murderers. That's a fact.

I won't just pick on the public when it comes to right and wrong. Governments are as much to blame for the laws they create.

Last week, the County Commission argued about whether tighter regulations should be placed on people living in less than acceptable housing (non-permanent abodes) out in the County. Bottom line, most of those non permanent homes are dangerous and do not meet local residential codes. Not to mention, it is illegal to make a permanent resident out of RVs, campers and those box store units.

Have officials gotten so scared of some members of the public that they're willing to circumvent the law, when it comes down to it?

The word empathy is often mentioned. But as one government official said in reference to another issue in a County report, the law is the law. Go by the book. (See the April 10 T-G for story.)

If you really want to see how things get out of hand, be wishy-washy in your own rules for a community. Stand back and watch.

I really, really hate to see people homeless. Perhaps a camper or RV is the only place they have to live. Perhaps not. Perhaps they could do better. I think each RV or camper situation should be examined by someone with a social work background. At least someone who can make good judgment over whether they can live in the dwelling safely.

But even still, if state law prohibits people from making RVs their permanent home, then it's the law. Period. Don't like it? You have the choice to try to get the law changed.

Why do we try to skirt around legal issues these days?

When driving into Shelbyville from 41 A, I see people driving 60 plus. The speed limit is plainly marked 45. Police will tell you a couple of miles or so over isn't going to worry them. But past that, it's on, especially since you're about to enter the City limits.

The state is no better in some of its lawmaking.

Last week, the Senate passed a bill to require TN schools to check the immigration status of students. If their family is not in TN legally, then the state requires the families to be charged tuition.

So, we're saying they're illegal but if they pay . . .? If they can't pay, the students must leave school? Isn't this kind of an oxymoron within our own state laws?

I agree with one Commissioner who said Tuesday night this type of political action makes you really scratch your head. He was referring to how people residing in RVs, permanently, will soon be subject to property tax.

Bottom line. You have certain procedures to go through to become a legal citizen. If you are accepted into the country through mitigating circumstances, then that will show up in your record or you'll have documents to back you up.

So if you've done everything right, then there shouldn't be any problems.

My paternal grandfather always said, "Do what's right." That's good enough for everybody.

You know it's coming upon Holy Week, when we deeply absorb ourselves in Jesus' ministry. Jesus was all about love. But he also believed in obeying the laws of the land (thou shall not steal, thou shall not murder, etc.)

Christians are to show all due respect to governments and authorities and do their absolute best to obey the secular laws. Only when those secular laws violate the higher law of God, Christians will have no choice, much like Peter before the Sanhedrin, to peacefully resist.

So, We the People, living in the United States, currently have a moral obligation to decide what is right and what is unjust. Lawmakers, let's make sure it's all right and fair on the books.

The Tennessee Small Business Alliance released the following statement Thursday morning regarding the legislature's decision to potentially deny children of illegal parents/citizens the right to public education:

"This bill doesn't just cost us morally — **it forces taxpayers to foot the bill** to defend it in court, pay to implement it, and risks losing **millions in education funding.** All to punish kids who've done nothing wrong.

This bill is bad for Tennessee's economy, and we have warned the state legislature repeatedly that this bill is **bad for business.**

If this bill becomes law, we're going to immediately lose workers, and we're shooting ourselves in the foot when it comes to workforce development. The sponsors of this bill, Sen. Bo Watson and Rep. William Lamberth, are **playing with people's livelihoods and threatening children.**

Sen. Watson repeatedly claims that this bill will save Tennessee money, despite having no evidence to support his argument. The bill's own fiscal statement says we may lose over $1 billion in federal funding, not to mention the legal fees our state will incur trying to defend an unconstitutional mandate in the courts.

Bo Watson himself, when confronted with the fact that undocumented families already fund public schools with taxes, said, **'I don't dispute that argument.'**

We urge the Tennessee House to put a stop to this madness and kill the bill before it can get to the Governor's desk. Our children, our state, and our economy depend on lawmakers putting their constituents first and voting against this awful bill."

Monthly reports given to County Public Safety Committee

By Dawn Hankins

Bedford County Sheriff Austin Swing reported during Tuesday's Public Safety Committee Meeting that his department patrolled over 2,000 miles a day in March. The department served 924 warrants and processed 388 through BC jail last month.

The report stated also there were 350 investigations and 55 traffic accidents. There were 29 motorists needing assists and 65 people made 9-1-1 calls.

The 17th Judicial Drug Task Force had 22 investigations in March, he advised. The agency seized 14 firearms, 3 vehicles, marijuana, Meth, cocaine, hydrochloride and 34 doses of controlled prescription medications-most which were suspected to be fentanyl.

The Task Force investigated 14 previously convicted felons-one which was out on supervised felony parole.

"They were pretty busy," commented Swing.

County court complex security scanned and searched last month 5,678 people. There were 34 court sessions with a total of 1,708 individual court cases. Court deputies served 15 criminal and civil warrants, took 34 people into custody and transported 148 inmates from courtroom holdings.

MRT allows those incarcerated to give back

On a lighter note, the sheriff said MRT inmates are getting their bees from Dr. Ed Perryman, local apiarist. There are also some 200 trees to be planted.

The sheriff remarked the MRT program must have the largest garden in Bedford County. He advised how the MRT program, under the leadership of Chris Cook and many dedicated volunteers, is going strong.

MRT stands for Moral Reconation Therapy. It's a 16-step program that focuses on pinpointing how each individual got into jail. Every level is difficult and not everyone passes each step. The program can take anywhere from 4 to 12 months to complete.

According to a report from Ronald Prince, jail administrator, the County took in $2,850 in fees from sex offenders as they reported to the County last month. Commissary costs rose some in March, he advised.

The storms pass by BC

David Kitchens, EMA director, thanked those who got out in the middle of the night over the last few weeks to open storm shelters. He said it's been tough because storm watches have come late at night and over in the early morning hours.

"The last three weeks to a month, we've spent a lot of time in storm shelters," advised Kitchens.





Resolution to prohibit STEP systems bounced to planners for consideration

By Dawn Hankins



Bedford County Planner Chris White was basically asking the Rules and Legislative Committee Tuesday what the heck was going on with the proposed resolution to prohibit STEP systems in the County. He said overall, STEPs aren't a bad thing and are approved by the state. The resolution was bounced back to White's department for further recommendations.

Several realtors and developers filled the County courtroom Tuesday night during the Rules and Legislative Committee meeting. There were some who spoke during the public comment time, making the meeting lengthier than usual.

A resolution was on the floor for discussion regarding County STEP systems and needed regulation. It is a Resolution which would prohibit residential decentralized wastewater systems or STEP systems. The resolution was requested of County Attorney John T. Bobo by Commissioner Bill Anderson.

Based on the public comments, constituents and others are kind of split on how things should go regarding septic systems. Anderson made it clear that yes, he has farm land and he's concerned about the possibility of future STEP system usage.

The full Committee, however, was in agreement that the Planning Commission needed to review and asked that the resolution come back at some point to the committee with recommendations. County Planner Chris White had earlier objected on the floor that the resolution wasn't first considered by his office.

Whether it is legal or not for the County to reject STEP systems is still a question to be answered, as the state does oversee the standards at this time. However, even some of the state's own have stated in public County meetings that those standards lack a lot to be desired in the way of success rates.

The Rules Committee is hoping that Charlie Curtiss with Tennessee Commissioners Association (TCA) will be able to attend a meeting soon on this subject. Curtiss is currently involved with the State Legislature which is getting close to ending its current session.

See more of this story this weekend at t-g.com.

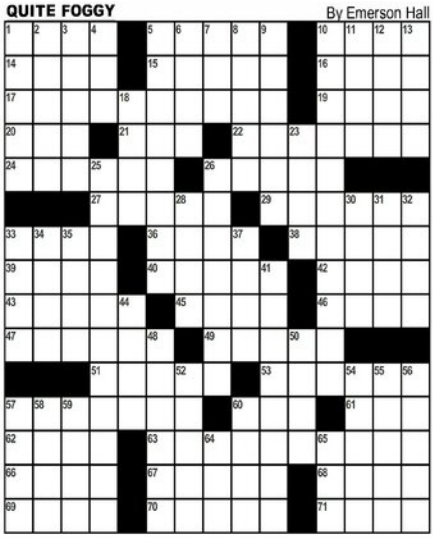


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Crossword

QUITE FOGGY

By Emerson Hall



CLUES ACROSS

1) Price-following phrase
5) About to explode
10) Verbal groaners
14) Hoop's locale, perhaps
15) "Unforgettable" singers
16) Straddling
17) Person knee-deep in formulas
19) Rocket's insignia, often
20) Suffix with "glob"
21) Function
22) Biker's wear
24) More than shouldn't
26) Florida's Key___
27) Ancient assembly area
29) Horn of Africa resident
33) Harpo, for one
36) Con
38) Assumed as fact
39) Pins and needles purse
40) Like this puzzle's theme entries
42) Not nice at all
43) Sonata section
45) 1492 ship of note
46) Bothers
47) Some foreign dignitaries (Var.)
49) Brings home the bacon
51) Large quantities of paper
53) Second childhood, perhaps
57) Vibrating effect
60) Shortened restroom?
61) Calif. airport
62) "____Ha'i"
63) Person with one wife at a time
66) "Poor me!"
67) Popeye's love
68) In charge of
69) Cost of living?
70) Neck parts
71) Phoenix neighbor

CLUES DOWN

1) Vinyl spinner
2) French doughboy
3) Tubular instruments
4) Chest muscle, in gym lingo
5) Freezing rain event
6) Powerful empire, once
7) Actress MacGraw
8) Major car maker
9) Fragrant compounds
10) Marcel Marceau, famously
11) Beehive state
12) Plane part
13) Trade punches
18) Did wallpapering
23) Eagerly excited
25) Mounter of animal trophies
26) Bonny girls
28) Archaeological site
30) State unwaveringly
31) Plumber's pursuit, sometimes
32) Some stops in Vermont
33)____ mortals
34) Elementary particle
35) Ancient alphabetic character
37) Old gas burner
41) Golfing or football measurements
44) Cookie jar denizen
48) Chinook, for one
50)____ Scotia
52) Long green
54) Still in the running
55) Some are inert
56) One in a cast of thousands
57) Alpine transport
58) Abnormal chest sound
59) Distinctive flair
60) Frequent song subject
64) Small drink of liquor
65) May honoree

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

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Level: Advanced

Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Spending time with new friends and those you've know for years can be a satisfying way to pass the week, Aries. Try to plan some activities that you can enjoy together.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, this week you may choose to tackle some necessary, albeit time-consuming, chores. They may take a few hours, but then you'll have time to unwind.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, certain information that you have been looking for may finally come to the surface. Once you have your answers, you might be able to move on to other tasks.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, emotional matters that emerged over the previous few days might soon be settled with all parties feeling satisfied with the results.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, confusion with loved ones can be easily cleared up with a little, honest communication between you and the other people involved. Embrace this chance to be open and honest.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you may be especially motivated this week and feel a need to get as much done as possible. Try not to race through tasks without focusing on doing things right.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, you are operating at peak efficiency and ready to handle many of the less exciting tasks on your to-do list. Tackle the grunt work and the fun will follow.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
You have the stamina and energy to get a lot of chores taken care of this week, Scorpio. But you may be short on time. Enlist other people to help if an opportunity presents itself.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov23/Dec21
Don't be surprised if you spend a lot of your time on the phone this week, Sagittarius. There are many things on your to-do list and tackling them one by one is essential.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Financial paperwork and money matters fill the docket for you the next few days, Capricorn. Paying bills, balancing a checkbook and building your nest egg are your top priorities.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
This week you could be feeling industrious and on the lookout for a new project, Aquarius. You will be an asset to anyone who needs extra assistance.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Particularly vivid dreams could have you wondering what your mind is trying to tell you, Pisces. You might come up with some interesting interpretations, but the answers remain unknown.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

APRIL 20
Shemar Moore, Actor (55)
APRIL 21
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APRIL 22
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APRIL 23
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Kelly Clarkson, Singer (43)
APRIL 25
Jonathan Bailey, Actor (37)
APRIL 26
Melania Trump, First Lady (55)

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated July 13, 2023, executed by KYLE SEWELL and STACI SEWELL conveying certain real property therein described to YALE RILEY, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register`s Office of Bedford County, Tennessee recorded July 27, 2023, in Deed Book TD1092, Page 551; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC who is now the owner of said debt; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on May 27, 2025 at 11:00 AM at the main entrance to the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, to wit:

LAND IN BEDFORD COUNTY TENNESSEE, AND BEING ALL OF LOT NO. 2, ON THE FINAL PLAT, REVISION ONE, CREEKSIDE ESTATES SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN BY PLAT APPEARING OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET E, ENVELOPE 192 (FORMERLY PLAT CABINET B, ENVELOPE 248), IN THE REGISTER`S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR MORE COMPLETE DETAILS OF SAID LOT. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO KYLE SEWELL AND STACI SEWELL, HUSBAND AND WIFE, BY DEED FROM, CAREY ALLEN AND ASHLEY ALLEN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, DATED JULY 13, 2023, APPEARING OF RECORD IN BOOK 383, PAGE 756, OF THE REGISTER`S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY TENNESSEE. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS CONTAINED IN BOOK D340, PAGE 995; AND TO ANY AND ALL MATTERS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT AND SURVEY OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET E, PAGE 192; ALL OF SAID REGISTER`S OFFICE.

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PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 102 DOAK ST, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): KYLE SEWELL, STACI SEWELL

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

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

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, David L. LeMaster and Shayne LeMaster executed a Deed of Trust to Andrew C. Rambo, Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Community Mortgage, Inc., on February 25, 2013 and recorded on March 15, 2013 in Book TD792, Page 273, Instrument No. 13001343 in the Office of the Register of Bedford County, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, McMichael Taylor Gray LLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on May 13, 2025, at 11:00 AM at 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160 at the Bedford County Courthouse, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Bedford County, TN:

Lot 24, Burnum Addition to the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee, as shown by plat of record in Deed Book 73, Page 149, (having been erroneously referred to as Plat Book 63, Page 249) Register's Office, 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 conveyance 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:

Tennessee Dept 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 $840,000.00, payable as specified therein.

Tennessee Dept 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 November 2, 2022, with an original balance of $325,000.00, payable as specified therein.

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 8th day of April, 2025.

/s/ Matthew R. Murphy, Substitute Trustee (410 3tc)

NOTICE OF 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 9th day of May, 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 Treomont 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 combined 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 W.W. Adams, and on the West by O.Y. Bennett, 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 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 lot of land heretofore conveyed by H.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 Deborah L. Vaughan and husband, Benjamin O. Vaughan by Quitclaim Deed from Benjamin O. Vaughan dated 11/13/2003 and recorded on 11/13/03 in Book D259, Page 234, said Register's Office for said County.

Being the same property conveyed to David L. Lemaster from Benjamin O. Vaughan and wife, Deborah L. Vaughan as Tenants by the Entirety by Warranty Deed dated 02/25/2013 and recorded on 3/15/13 in Instrument # 13001342, Book 314, Page 541 in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

Street Address: 112 Burrum Drive, Shelbyville, TN 37160

Parcel Number: 088M B 00600 000

Current Owner: David L. LeMaster and Shayne LeMaster

Other Interested Party(ies): Tennessee Department of Revenue

If the United States or the State of Tennessee have any liens or claimed lien(s) on the Property, and are named herein as interested parties, timely notice has been given to the applicable governmental entity, and the sale will be subject to any applicable rights of redemption held by the entity as required by 26 U.S.C. § 7425 and/or Tennessee Code § 67-1-1433.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and any deed of trust; and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

This sale shall be subject to the right of redemption by the TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, TAX ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, pursuant to T.C.A. 67-1-1433(c)(1) by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in: Book TD1100, Page 687. Notice of the sale has been given to the State of Tennessee in accordance with T.C.A. §67-1-1433(b)(1).

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust. The undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded by the Substitute Trustee at any time.

This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

McMichael Taylor Gray LLC
Substitute Trustee
3550 Engineering Drive
Suite 260
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092
Office: 404-474-7149
Fax: 404-745-8121
MTG File No.: TN2025-00048 (433tc)

Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: April 8

Location: 118 Megan Circle; Seller, Carlene Smith; Buyer, Jan Miller, James Miller; Price, $615,000 (Deed).

Seller, Bridgette Miller; Buyer, James E Farrar Jr; Price, $45,000 (Deed).

Location: Walker Rd; Seller, Simmjo LLC; Buyer, Steve McNey, Kelley McNey; Price, $559,900 (Deed).

Location: 505 Whitaker Rd; Seller, Dawn Bealing; Buyer, Jason Michael Lueck; Price, $90,000 (Deed).

Location: 636 New Center Church Rd; Seller, Penny Cricket Stallings; Buyer, Erin Dias, 636 New Center Church Road Trust; Price, $128,000 (Deed).

File date: April 9

Location: 104 Avalon Dr; Seller, Tony Warfield I; Buyer, Purchasing Fund 20211 LLC; Price, $285,000 (Deed).

Location: 763 Bell Buckle; Seller, Judy Elaine Donnell; Buyer, Three Putt Properties; Price, $85,000 (Deed).

Seller, Joe M Lambert Jr, Don W Curl, Claudia Curl; Buyer, Joe M Lambert Jr, Curl Properties LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Bedford Development LLC; Buyer, Ole South Properties Inc; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 111 Townsend Ave; Seller, James Williams; Buyer, James C Sepull; Price, $255,000 (Deed).

Location: 213 Scales Rd; Seller, Donna R Hofferbert; Buyer, New Salem Investments LP; Price, $130,000 (Deed).

Location: Fairfield Pike; Seller, Barton Harris Lovvorn; Buyer, Christen Lee Lovvorn; Price, $10 (QD).

File date: April 10

Location: Mount Herman Rd; Seller, Stanley Jolley, Kim Jolley; Buyer, Stanley Jolley, Kim Jolley, Noah Ace Jolley; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 112 Kingwood Ave; Seller, Kacy Lanae Bondurant, Miguel Castenada Maneira, Jose Castenada; Buyer, Jackie Jean Davis; Price, $215,000 (Deed).

Location: 100 Waycross Dr; Seller, Southern Land Acquisitions LLC; Buyer, Glen Cruzen Jr; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: April 11

Location: 100 Shanna Lane; Seller, Rudyard G Magallanes Jr, Amanda L Magallanes; Buyer, Kristopher Davidson, Taylor Kirby, Vicki Bowen; Price, $295,000 (Deed).

Location: Midland Rd; Seller, Penny Boyce Holt, Thomas W Boyce Estate, Tom W Boyce; Buyer, Penny Boyce Holt; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: 205 Putnam Well Rd; Seller, Matt Church, Melissa Church; Buyer, Ozone Environmental Services LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Hickory Hill Rd; Seller, Clifton Wade Spence; Buyer, Kimberly Rhea McAnally Spence; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: April 14

Location: 1805 Hwy 231 S; Seller, Martin Lafferty, Gwendolyn Lafferty; Buyer, Maria Elvira Solis Montoya; Price, $29,000 (Deed).

Location: 1805 Hwy 231 S; Seller, Martin Lafferty, Gwendolyn Lafferty; Buyer, Porfirio Alfaro, Jose Manuel Munoz Solis; Price, $29,000 (Deed).

Location: 1805 Hwy 231 S; Seller, Martin Lafferty, Gwendolyn Lafferty; Buyer, Porfirio Alfaro, Francisca Solis; Price, $29,000 (Deed).

Location: Whitaker Wheel Rd; Seller, Vanessa Wenger; Buyer, Vanessa Wenger, Christopher Wenger; Price, $0 (QD).

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

Seller, Donald White Constructions LLC; Buyer, Samantha D Schuls, Trevor Blaine Schuls; Price, $269,900 (Deed).

Location: 311 Center St; Seller, Ivon Ramirez Alanis; Buyer, Zachary Joseph Harvey; Price, $296,000 (Deed).

Location: 967 Horse Mountain Rd; Seller, Storm Butler; Buyer, Christopher Marfield; Price, $263,500 (Deed).

PUBLIC NOTICE

Bedford County Budget Hearings will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, in Suite 110 of the Bedford County Business Complex.

10:00 AM Non-Profits
1:00 PM County Departments

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Shelbyville will be accepting Applications for one Appointment to the Shelbyville Power, Water and Sewerage Board. Interested persons may apply by submitting an Application and Resumo, if available, to

Lisa Smith, City Recorder
lisa.smith@shelbyvilletn.org
201 N. Spring Street
Shelbyville, TN. 37160

Copies of each Application and Resume will be furnished to the Mayor and City Council for their review prior to the May Council Meeting. Appointments will be made at the May 8, 2025, Council Meeting and the successful appointee will take their seat on the Board at the June 2025 Power Board Meeting.

Applicants must be at least thirty years of age and must have been a resident and bona fide freeholder or householder in Bedford County and ratepayer of the utility system for at least two years preceding the time of the appointment and must be a legal United States Citizen. No person holding any other public office or public employment shall be eligible for appointment to the Board, except as applies to Notary Publics or to the State National Guard. (Policy concerning these requirements may be picked up at City Hall)

Applications may be picked up at City Hall or found on the City of Shelbyville Website at www.shelbyvilletn.org. All items on application must be completed.

Completed applications and resumes, if available, must be received by 4:00 o'clock P.M. on April 25, 2025. Only those applications which are submitted in the above manner will be considered.

Lisa Smith, City Recorder

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the debts and obligations described in and secured by a certain Deed of Trust executed by Irene Oechsel, an unmarried woman to Security Title & Escrow Company, as Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Amerifirst Financial Corporation, its successors and assigns, recorded July 8, 2019 in Bedford County Register's Office at Book TD934, Page 887, as last assigned to CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, and the undersigned having been appointed Successor Trustee by instrument recorded in said Register's Office, this is notice that the undersigned will on June 10, 2025 at 12:00pm local time, at the Bedford County Courthouse 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, Tennessee proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash the following property located in Bedford County, Tennessee, which will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, assessments or easements, liens, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants and any security deeds, mortgages or deeds of trust superior to the Deed of Trust first set out above, any prior liens, and encumbrances of record.

Described property is Being all of Lot No. 12, Community Acres Subdivision, Phase III, a plat of which is of record in Plat Cabinet "A", Envelope 268, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, to which reference is here made for a more definite description of said lot. Being the same property conveyed to Irene Oechsel of record in D351, Page 841, register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

Property Address: 107 Stern Lane, Shelbyville,TN 37160

TAX ID: 061K-A-012.00-000

Current Owner(s) of Property: Kasie Brown

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 107 Stern Lane, Shelbyville,TN 37160 but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description in the referenced Deed of Trust herein shall control.

SALE IS SUBJECT TO TENANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION.

Other Interested Parties: Anthony Wayne Hitchcock owner of Hitchcock Title Company; Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC; Kasie Brown

All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to cancel the sale or adjourn the sale to another day, time and place certain without further publication, upon announcement of the time and place for the sale set forth above. If you purchase the property at the foreclosure sale, the entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of certified bank check made payable to Solomon Baggett, LLC Escrow Account. No personal checks will be accepted. You must bring sufficient funds to outbid the lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser at the time the foreclosure deed is delivered. This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded by the Substitute Trustee at any time.

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

Robert J. Solomon
Substitute Trustee
Solomon | Baggett, LLC
3763 Rogers Bridge Road
Duluth, Georgia 30097
(678)243-2515 / Our File No. CMS.03403 / 4/17/25, 4/24/25, 5/1/25

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City Council votes 4:2 against rejoining Partnership

By Dawn Hankins

Shelbyville City Council has decided not to re-join the local Partnership/Chamber of Commerce.

While this action was not on last Thursday night's meeting agenda, City Councilman Bobby Turnbow asked at the outset of the meeting that discussion be added. Later in the meeting, Turnbow made the motion not to re-join the Partnership. Councilman William Christie seconded.

There was little discussion as Council said it basically had nothing to go on. Council member Josh Blevins, who just came onto Council last November, said he did not know any of the Partnership discussions were to be on the agenda Thursday night.

With very little to go on from the Partnership, Council was forced into almost a split decision.

But the final vote resulted in 4 Council members (Turnbow, Christie, Blevins and Marilyn Ewing) agreeing not to re-join the Partnership and 2 voting to do so (Henry Feldhaus and Betsy Noel.) And therefore, keeping the $100,000 fee in City coffers.

Why did the majority of Council turn down the opportunity to re-join the Partnership?

Strike one-

Council had requested that Partnership board members come to a meeting and make a public presentation. Since Shane Hooper, former Partnership CEO, has since left the group, the City was wanting to know more about the organization going forward.

It was discussed during Thursday's Council meeting that the Partnership board members wanted to meet instead, in private, with only Mayor Randy Carroll and City Manager Scott Collins. Some changes have been made on the Partnership Board as well, it was discussed.

Strike two-

The Partnership just notes the price to re-join is still $100,000. And, no olive branches have been extended by the Partnership.

The City has previously been a member of Partnership but withdrew its $100,000 fee last year due to some issues with the Partnership not being above board on some industrial development projects. So, Council members have been excluded from board meetings since.

This has not set well with Turnbow or Christie. But they were still open to further discussions with Partnership representatives.

That is, until last Thursday night when Turnbow said it was time to get on with it.

Strike three-

The only thing Council has received information-wise from the Partnership, following a request letter a few months ago, is a 40-page booklet filled with all you need to know. One of the booklet pages includes grant awards and support amounts. This is for economic development, workforce development and tourism. Partnership is noted to have received $50,000 in tourism dollars from Tennessee Three Star-a strategic community development program developed to assist communities in preparing for a better future.

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SHELBYVILLE TIMES-GAZETTE

Normandy Community Holy Week

Maundy Thursday
Normandy United Methodist Church @ 6:30PM
200 Center St., Normandy,TN

Good Friday
Normandy Presbyterian Church @ 6:30PM
108 Center St., Normandy,TN

Resurrection Outdoor Sunrise Service
Normandy First Baptist Church @ 6:30AM
100 Center St., Normandy,TN

DIY BLOG SPOT

Ever had an Easter egg hunt in the dark?

By Dawn Hankins

When I served in church children's ministry, I had the "bright" idea of having a community-wide "Glow-In-the-Dark" Easter egg hunt. It truly was a first for the church I served.

Yep, the pastor let me know that really quick. But he was in full support.

We planned it for the hillside by the church. To avoid any roll downs (by kids and adults) we had youth and adults stand at the top and make a human wall. This provided security in many ways.

The idea was to have glow-in-the-dark necklaces, flashlights, etc., for the kids. But most important, to make the eggs glow in the dark. The kids absolutely loved this concept.

We tried several things but what really worked with the eggs was neon green and yellow Duck Tape. You can find lights or something from a box store to put beside the eggs, if you like, when you hide them. It really does look spectacular.

Some of the kids were smart and wore head lamps. That was cool!

When you look from a distance at the kids on the hill with their lights, it's truly amazing. I still have some awesome videos.

To avoid little folks getting stampeded by older ones, we had the littles hunt first, then we called up the herd of older kids. We placed candy and stickers inside the eggs. I can't tell you how important it is to get the youth involved in such a project. (You will thank me.)

Be sure and have plenty planned for your night because believe or not, they find the eggs in the dark really fast. There are eggs that you can buy online that glow but we found that marking them with the tape works best. Don't seal the eggs shut as the kids need to be able to open for their surprises. I suppose you could use paint but it would have to be non toxic.

Truthfully, the kids didn't care how the eggs look. It's all about that first, second or third prize. Hide a special egg for the grand prize.

Following the egg hunt, we talked about why the church observes Resurrection Sunday. Be sure to have plenty of room if you invite the community. Kids get tired and so do parents so they need a place to rest. The kids were given other prizes and received refreshments following the event.

We had over 1,000 people in the community and church attend the first glow-in-the-dark egg hunt and about 180 kids participated. It's something I will always remember. Since, I've seen several churches continue the tradition at their churches.

The second year we held the event, a man in the church donated fireworks. Now, that's how to celebrate an Easter Egg Hunt at night!

If you have a DIY project you'd like to share with the readers, please email dawn@richardsonmediagroup.net

Scott's Chapel United Methodist Church



Good Friday
SERVICE
6PM
Friday, 18 April 2025
940 Morton Street Shelbyville, TN 37160
Pastor Stefanii Singelton
Whosoever Will Let Him Come Church

Special Easter Message

By Dawn Hankins

While attending the Tony Rice Center dedication for its new addition last weekend, I began to think about forgiveness. Many of the speakers emphasized how no one has to feel bound by their addictions or every day struggles, especially if they lean on the Lord and Savior for comfort and guidance.

It is so comforting to know that our government officials have no issues with speaking about the love of God in public. Or, praying.

Many times in our prayers we ask for forgiveness-a word that many people struggle with from day to day. But not Jesus.

When Jesus was dying on the cross, there were two thieves on each side of him.

One of the criminals hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

Then, before he drew his last breath, he asked, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:39-43 NIV.

English Preacher Charles Spurgeon once wrote: "He prayed for his enemies then, he is praying for his enemies now; the past on the cross was an earnest of the present on the throne. He is in a higher place, and in a nobler condition, but his occupation is the same; he continues still before the eternal throne to present pleas on the behalf of guilty men, crying, "Father, O forgive them." All his intercession is in a measure like the intercession on Calvary, and Calvary's cries may help us to guess the character of the whole of his intercession above."

What better time of the Christian year to clear hearts than Easter.

Is there anyone you need to forgive or seek forgiveness from this Easter?

May you all have a blessed and joyous day celebrating Jesus' victory over ridicule, criticism and death. He Lives!



A LIFE RENEWED BY LOVE

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

Tony Rice Recovery Center's new facility is dedicated in memory of Tim Lokey, former substance abuse counselor. He knew what it meant for just one person to support someone with addiction. But most of all, Tim knew before he died that Jesus had forgiven him and he served for many years, telling people about the greatness of his God.



SOUP KITCHEN FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS

SCSK Photo

Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen was reported to have another successful Palm Sunday lunch fundraiser. Several folks dropped in to have a Sunday meal and contribute to a great local cause. This beautiful tabletop arrangement was part of the décor. It's an Easter décor idea for anyone serving a special meal this weekend.



APRIL 20-26 NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK IN BC

Bedford County Government Photo

Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham signed a proclamation this week, recognizing April 20-26, 2025, as National Volunteer Week in Bedford County. The mayor recognized the work done by hospice volunteers. Julia Logan-Mayes, volunteer coordinator for Compassus, and several Compassus hospice volunteers, joined the signing ceremony. According to Compassus, hospice care "offers patients peace and comfort by reducing the stress and pain of a serious illness."

PUZZLE SOLUTION

QUITE FOGGY — By Emerson Hall

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Hop on over to some Easter fun!

Chocolate is the finishing touch this Easter

Move over chocolate bunnies.

Easter presents an opportunity for people to shower loved ones with extra love and affection. A homemade dessert featuring rich and creamy chocolate might be exactly what your group needs to cap off a perfect day spent with family.

This recipe for "Mint Chocolate Mousse" from "Chocolate: Deliciously Indulgent Recipes for Chocolate Lovers" (Ryland, Peters & Small) by Maxine Clark is decadent with its taste of mint and chocolate. It's relatively simple to make, so it should be something that young children can handle with a little help from an adult.

Mint Chocolate Mousse

Serves 4



- 5 ounces dark chocolate (60 to 70 percent cocoa solids), chopped or broken up into smaller pieces
- 4 to 6 chocolate covered dinner mints, chopped
- 4 eggs, separated
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 4 tablespoons heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon powdered gelatin
- 2 tablespoons chopped chocolate mint sticks, or frosted mint leaves and 1 cup heavy cream, to decorate
- 4 pots or dessert cups, for serving

Melt the chocolate with the dinner mints over a double boiler or in the microwave. Let cool slightly. Using an electric mixer, beat together the egg yolks and sugar in a large bowl until thick and mousse like, then beat in the melted chocolate-mint mixture.

Sprinkle the gelatin over 4 tablespoons of water in a small, heatproof bowl and let soak and swell for 2 to 3 minutes. Put the bowl in a pan of simmering water and stir until the gelatin has dissolved. Beat into the chocolate-mint mixture.

Working quickly, beat the egg whites in a clean, dry bowl until stiff but not dry, then fold into the chocolate mixture with a metal spoon.

Divide the mousse between the pots. Scatter with the chopped mint sticks, then refrigerate until set. Alternatively, whip the 1 cup cream and use it to decorate the mousses, along with the frosted mint leaves. Leave at cool room temperature for about 20 minutes before serving.

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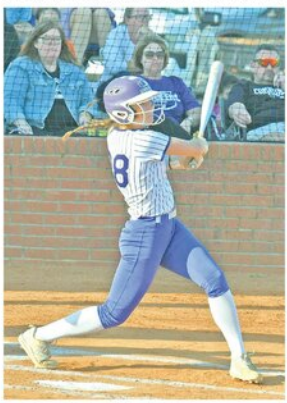
Viqueens Reach 20-Win Mark in Five Innings Behind Prince's Perfect Game in 'Battle of Bedford'

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BELL BUCKLE, Tenn. – The Community Viqueens (20-2-2, 3-0) used an Annie Prince perfect game to run-rule the Cascade Lady Champions, 15-0 after five innings, on Monday night in the first edition of the "Battle Of Bedford" this season in District 9-AA.

Already having pitched a no-hitter earlier this year against Chapel Hill, Prince struck out all 15 batters that she faced on just 55 pitches. Of those 55 pitches, 46 of them were thrown for strikes, an astoundingly high 84% strike-throwing rate.

"She [Annie Prince] was 100% locked in, and you can't ask for any more than that," Viqueens' coach Cam Farrell said postgame about his star pitcher, "She said if I'm going to be the best, especially the best in this county, I'm going to have to show it, and she definitely did that. It's her work ethic, her parents are on it, and they make sure that she's working. It ain't forced, she wants to, and you can't ask for more from a pitcher like that."



Mattie Maxey (28) launches a first-inning 2-run home run to center field at Cascade on Monday. Maxey finished 3-4 at the plate with three RBIs, a walk, and the home run. *Photo courtesy of*

Early on, it looked like Prince might have to carry the Viqueens in a low-scoring pitchers' duel. After Anna Haskins led the game off with a single, freshman left fielder Mattie Maxey, who finished 3-4 at the plate with a walk and three RBIs, launched a two-run home run over the wall in center field to give Community an early 2-0 lead.

"I always say that she [Mattie Maxey] doesn't look like a freshman, and man, she doesn't look like a freshman," said Farrell, "She's focused and locked in, I don't have to say anything to her. She wants to work; she's asking me all the time if she can stay and hit, and you can see what that does. The kid is just a dog, man. Having a freshman like that is huge."

Community would not score again until the fourth inning, but not without generating opportunities with runners in scoring position. In the top of the second, the Viqueens loaded the bases following a Maxey walk, but Lady Champs' starter, Jocelyn Laughlin, induced a ground ball back to her from Haylee Webb to escape the jam unscathed.

In the top of the third following a strikeout to open the inning, Laughlin stranded Taylor Wessner on second following a one-out single and a stolen base to keep the score at 2-0.

However, in the fourth inning, the dam finally broke. The Viqueens strung together base hits in early counts to the tune of seven runs, nearly breaking the 10-run run-rule mark before an Anna Haskins flyout ended the inning at 9-0.

Annie Prince got things started with a leadoff single, Haskins singled, then Maxey drove home Prince on an RBI single of her own. Webb singled and took second base on the throw in, then Wessner drove home two more runs with a single of her own, also taking second on the throw in before Carlie Blanton smacked a 2-RBI double to balloon the lead to 8-0. Prince capped off the inning with an RBI double, tacking on the final run of the frame.

In the fifth inning, Maxey led things off with a single, and then Haylee Webb crushed her first home run of the season: a two-run no-doubt homer to left field that grew the lead to 11-0. Four runs and three outs later, the Viqueens reached the final tally of 15 runs on 18 total hits.



Annie Prince (14) was dominant in the circle on Monday night, throwing a perfect 5.0 innings while striking out all 15 batters she faced on just 55 pitches. Prince also went 2-4 at the plate with an RBI-double.
Photo courtesy of David Smith.

Haskins went 2-5 at the plate, Maxey finished the aforementioned 3-4, and Webb went 3-4 with three RBIs, the homer, and a double. Gracie Daniel went 1-4, Wessner finished 3-4 with a double, a triple, and three RBIs, and Kamryn Farrell went 2-3 with four RBIs of her own and a double.

"One thing I love about this team is that there is no jealousy," Farrell concluded, "they're all hyping each other up whether they're in the dugout or out on the field, and I love it."

Cascade Star Wrestler Vayden Moore Commits to University of the Cumberlands

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BELL BUCKLE, Tenn. – Cascade's Vayden Moore, the 2024-25 144lb State Runner-Up who finished with an incredible 53-1 record, officially announced his commitment to University of the Cumberlands (KY) on Thursday.

A private university located in Williamsburg, Kentucky, the Patriots saw 16 members of its wrestling program named as NAIA Men's Scholar All-Americans this past season.

Moore was also considering Cumberland University, King University, Campbellsville University, and UNC Pembroke, but in the end he chose Cumberlands in the bluegrass state.

"Their coach was really recruiting me hard and it seemed like he really wanted me there," Moore explained, "He sees potential in me and wants me to do big things, and everybody there was very welcoming."

"None of the other schools were recruiting me to the same level as he was, and that really set them apart."

Moore went into a bit more detail about the day of his decision, saying that in the end, he simply enjoyed his visit to Cumberlands the most. Now that he has announced his commitment, he turns his eyes to what the college experience as it pertains to wrestling might look like for him.

"It's definitely going to be tough with it being college guys instead of high school guys," Moore said, "but it's going to be a lot better because they will all make me that much better in practice."

Moore also expressed how impactful and important it was for the support system around him in helping him get to the point he is at today.

"Everybody's support, especially Coach Giel and my dad, they all believed in me more than I believed in myself at first," he said. "If you had told me my freshman year that I would make it to the state finals, I would probably believe that it was possible, but if you had told me then that I would be undefeated up until that point, I don't think I would have believed you."

"I think they always believed I had that capability, and I never really believed it until this year when I actually did it."

Lastly, Moore recounted one of his favorite moments while wrestling in a Cascade uniform that he will never forget.

"This year, I won in the semifinals, and everybody was going crazy and cheering for me, that was an awesome moment," he said as a smile enveloped his face.

Before he begins his college career in Kentucky, Moore still has a couple of goals for this summer with the biggest one being qualifying and competing in the USA Wrestling Greco-Roman Nationals in Fargo, ND in July. Until then, Moore just plans on continuing to practice and hone his craft.

An official signing day held at Cascade High School will be announced in the coming days.

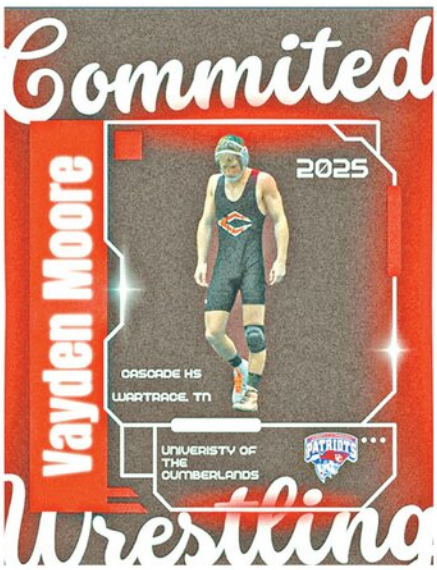


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Golden Eagles Power Their Way to 20th Win of the Season and Complete Sweep of Columbia

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William Bobo (11) was masterful on the mound in Tuesday's win, throwing 6.2 innings and giving up just two runs, one earned, on five hits and three walks with 10 strikeouts. He also went 2-3 at the plate with an RBI at the top of the lineup. *Photo courtesy of Amy Todd.*

SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (20-5, 5-3) completed the District 9-AAAA series sweep of the Columbia Central Lions (11-10, 4-4), 7-1, on Tuesday night to move into sole possession of second place with just one district series remaining on the calendar.

"This was a huge district series," Golden Eagles' Head Coach Chase Jones said postgame, "Last night, I mean, wow. Stephen pitched his tail off, we scored two runs in the top of the first, then they scored one, and we just kind of held the rope until we got the last out. Tonight, I feel kind of bad for Columbia, they're dealing with some injuries; their second baseman [Aiden Saum] who's one of their better hitters went out tonight with a hamstring pull in the second inning. They're reeling right now, of course we kind of put them on their heels last night and coming into tonight, but this, for the shapeup of the district, we control our own destiny because we have an opportunity to host the district tournament."

"I'm proud of our guys, we had to have at least a split, we really needed a sweep, and we got a sweep."

Shelbyville got a pair of home runs on the night from Stephen Bobo and Caden Peacock to complement the dominant outing on the mound from William Bobo. Bobo threw 6.2 innings, allowing just two runs, one earned, on five hits and three walks to go with 10 strikeouts on 106 pitches. Michael Estrada came on to record the final out on five pitches.

"I love where William [Bobo] was at," Jones said about his star senior, "I talked to him today, and yanno, just looking in his eyes last night during the course of the game...of course you know he had that first at-bat of the game and hit the home run and kinda gets the momentum going for us; we talk about the eye of the tiger, and our kids are getting that. William [Bobo] had it all day today. I talked to him earlier and he just looked right through me, just all day today he could not wait to get on the mound, and I love it."

For Columbia, Gavin Beddingfield got the start on the mound, throwing the full 6.0 innings and giving up seven runs, four earned, on seven hits and two walks while striking out just two batters on 88 pitches.

William Bobo, who also finished the night 2-3 at the plate with an RBI and a HBP, started off the home half of the first with an infield single after he held the Lions scoreless in the top of the inning. Caden Duggan hustled out a bunt for a base hit, bringing Stephen Bobo up to the plate with no outs and runners on second and third. After Beddingfield fell behind, 3-0, Bobo punished his fourth pitch of the at-bat, launching a no-doubt 3-run home run over the right-center field wall to put Shelbyville in front, 3-0. This was Bobo's team-leading fourth round-tripper of the season.



Stephen Bobo (15) gets ahold of his team-leading fourth home run of the season in Tuesday's win against Columbia Central. Bobo went 1-2 at the plate with a pair of walks and three RBIs. He also threw 6.0 innings with 11 strikeouts in the 2-1 win in game one on Monday. *Photo courtesy of Amy Todd.*

Columbia responded in the top of the second with a pair of two-out knocks that plated the Lions' first run of the game. Beddington singled up the middle and then Autry Smith lined an RBI-triple into the right-center field gap to trim the lead to 3-1.

In the home half of the second, Reager Edwards led things off with a single, eventually reaching second with two outs as the lineup flipped over to William Bobo. Bobo promptly connected on a sharp ground-ball that found its way through the six-hole to drive home Edwards and put Shelbyville back up by three runs, 4-1.

Bobo put together a quick 1-2-3 inning, and then Caden Peacock demolished another no-doubt home run, this time off the scoreboard in left field for his second home run in as many district series to grow the lead to 5-1.

"That kid [Peacock], he definitely caught that one, and he's only going to get better," said Jones, "He's so good defensively for us and he's figuring it out offensively, yanno, and he's one of those kids, lord, he drives me crazy sometimes, but I wouldn't trade anything about him."

"He could be a special player by the time he graduates."

In the top of the fourth, Bobo stranded a pair of Lions' baserunners to put up another zero and allow his offense to manufacture another run. Reager Edwards led things off by reaching safely following an error at short, then Blake Bone also reached safely via an error, this time at third. Estrada sac-bunted to move over both runners, William Bobo was hit by a pitch to load the bases, and then Duggan drove home Edwards on a fielder's choice at second for Shelbyville's sixth run of the game.

"I liked our approach tonight," Jones said, "We had a couple poor at-bats, but I thought for the most part...I mean I'll have to go and see what our quality at-bat percentage was, but I'd say that we were .600 or above. We had a couple poor ones, but overall I was really pleased with the quality of our at-bats tonight."

Bobo stranded another runner in scoring position to start the fifth inning with a strikeout looking, and then Shelbyville plated its seventh run of the night in the home half.

In the sixth, Bobo worked around a lead-off single by Matthew Thomas to post his fourth-consecutive shut-out inning of the night. Bobo was finally pulled in the seventh inning with two outs. Smith was standing on third base and the lineup was flipping back to the top, so Jones brought in Estrada from right field to get the final out. Smith did eventually come home to score on a passed ball, but Estrada induced a series-ending groundout to first to secure the win, 7-2.

"Our kids are fun to be around," Jones lauded postgame. "They're fun to watch play, they're fun to be around at practice, they're fun to be around when we're in the locker room, I just have a great group of young men and we're having fun. It's one of those things that I've got to watch myself to make sure we're disciplined enough to where we're not crossing the line and having too much fun. I love my guys. I'm enjoying it, and I hope they're enjoying it half as much as I am because this is a fun ride right now."

Shelbyville picks up its 20th win of the season, and moves into sole possession of second place in District 9-AAAA. The top two seeds in each district at the end of the regular season earn the privilege to host the opening rounds of the District Tournament, providing a wonderful opportunity to qualify in good standing for the Region Tournament afterwards.

The Golden Eagles' final district series begins next week against Spring Hill, but first, Shelbyville has five more games on the schedule to close out the week.

"We were talking about this after the end of the game, but we've got five games left this week. We've got Chapel Hill on Thursday, and then we go down to Dickson County and Creekwood in a tournament this weekend to play four really solid teams," said Jones, "I told the kids to not get caught up in the win streak and all of that, I told 'em that I'm pretty sure we're going to lose two game this weekend and I told 'em that to piss 'em off, and I hope they're going to take that to heart and I hope they prove me wrong. But in all seriousness, we're going to be throwing out pitchers this weekend who haven't thrown a varsity inning all year, and I'm excited about that. I'm excited about getting to see what some of these guys can do in a little bit of a pressure situation."

"It's going to be a fun end of the week, and hopefully we can just stay healthy for our big series against Spring Hill to start next week," Jones concluded.

Shelbyville's series against Spring Hill begins at home on Monday with first-pitch scheduled for 6:00 p.m.



Caden Peacock (2) attempts to throw out a runner stealing second against Columbia. Peacock crushed a home run off the scoreboard in left for his second round-tripper in as many district series on Tuesday. *Photo courtesy of Amy Todd.*

Easter Sunday: An important Christian celebration

It Is Finished
After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. NKJV

John 19:28-30

Christians around the world fill church pews on Easter Sunday to participate in one of the most holy and important celebrations of the liturgical year. Although every Sunday presents opportunities to share in the word of God, Easter Sunday is an especially significant date on the Christian calendar.

Each Easter, Christians celebrate the miracle of Christ's defeat over death through his resurrection and ascension to his father's side in heaven. However awe-inspiring, Easter is much more than this event and its retelling.

Easter actually is the core of the Christian religion as it has come to be known, including inspiring the rituals and teachings that have been shared for nearly 2,000 years. Without the events that unfolded during Holy Week, the Christian faith would not exist as it was prophesied. Christ's selfless sacrifice on the cross for others' sins, as well as his miraculous resurrection, are the anchors upon which all of Christianity has been built.

In 1 Corinthians 15:17, St. Paul wrote, "And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins."

Pope Benedict XVI similarly summarized St. Paul's words, indicating that if the resurrection were taken away, it may be possible to piece together ideas about God and men, but the Christian faith would be "dead."

Easter is part of the redemptive plan of mankind. It is worthy of celebration because it proved to people that Jesus is the Son of God. This gives all Christians confidence that there is life after death.

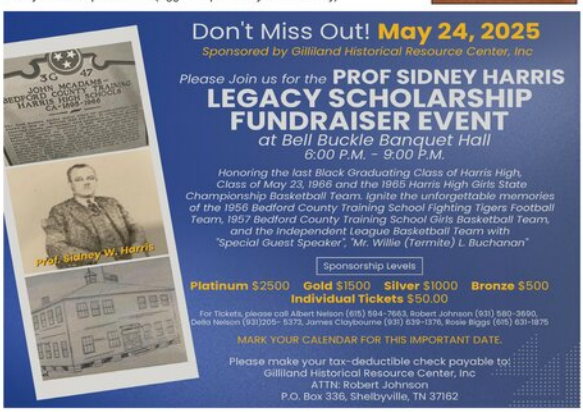
Out of Holy Week and Easter also came the start of Christian masses. On Holy Thursday, Jesus introduced his disciples to the bread that they ate at the Last Supper as "his body" and the wine as "his blood." This would serve as the basis for the Christian celebration of Holy Communion, which remains a vital component of the faith and religious services.



FUMC CELEBRATES EASTER

This Easter Sunday at First United Methodist Church of Shelbyville, Pastor Abe Zimmerman will preach "Christ Has Risen Indeed" from 1 Peter 1:3-12. The church will turn to Peter's encouragement to Christians about the mercy of Jesus Christ and the hope of the resurrection. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 a.m., followed by the worship service at 10 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church are available during worship. For those unable to attend in person, FUMC offers a livestream on Facebook and a broadcast on WLIJ 98.7 FM and AM 1580.

FUMC Shelbyville held its annual Easter egg hunt on the courthouse lawn last Saturday morning. It was a bright and glorious day to celebrate Easter. The Bunny made a special visit. (Egg hunt photos by John Carney)



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