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Jason 'Duck' Barber's life story hits YouTube

By Dawn Hankins
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For the fourth consecutive year, Jason Barber has attended the national AgrAbility training workshop. This year, the event was held in Las Cruces, New Mexico and once again, Barber was encouraged to farm on, despite his visual disability.

Not only did Barber, "Duck" as he's best known in Bedford County, represent his legacy, as an 8th generation farmer from Longview, but he represented how someone legally blind can persevere through many challenges.

Riding a tractor in a hayfield doesn't seem to be that difficult for Barber. Perhaps because he followed so closely with his grandfather, John Barber, as a kid, learning what he calls "old school methods" that have proven so advantageous since he was diagnosed with his visual impairment.

While he treasures those old school farming techniques, this Bedford County farmer is also about incorporating assistive technologies which allows him to continue his dream of working as a farmer.

AgrAbility is part of a national program designed to help farmers, ranchers and their family members remain in agriculture when facing limitations due to aging, disease, injury, illness, or other disability.

The "vision" of AgrAbility

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Unknown numbers overshadow County budget process

Will the Commission vote for more authority to oversee the budget?

By Dawn Hankins

The County budget process began Tuesday as the financial department and Mayor Chad Graham heard from nonprofits and departments about their fiscal requests for the next year.

The mayor said this is the first round and now the financial management committee will take those requests and come up with some financial strategies for next budget year.

The financial department reported that all is well for the remainder of this fiscal year. But the mayor stated Tuesday during the regular financial management committee meeting that with proposed tariffs, claw backs and the uncertain economy, it may prove more difficult this year for County financial managers to make accurate budget estimates.

The mayor said before the Commission will be able to approve the next fiscal year budget, the finance department will have to bring figures to the table in regard to cost-of-living adjustments (COLA), sales tax projections, state insurance premiums and even what "the penny is going to be worth" in terms of inflation.

"There are some moving parts here . . . be difficult for us to know really what we have to work with until we get more information," said Graham.

The 7-member financial management committee will likely be the only committee overseeing the budget requests this year until they go to the full Commission. However, the Rules and Legislative Committee has moved to next month's agenda a request for another authority group to oversee the upcoming final budget numbers.

A request has been made through the Rules and Legislative Committee for the appointment of an additional 5-member committee to take on that task. Rules Committee Chair Biff Farrar, who has brought forward this recommendation with some opposition, received enough support Tuesday night from fellow committee members to get it on the Commission's next agenda.

Farrar told the committee last week that Charlie Curtiss of Tennessee Commissioners Association (TCA) has said that it just makes good sense for the County to have an oversight committee.

An oversight committee is a body that monitors and evaluates the actions of government agencies or organizations to ensure accountability and transparency. In the context of the U.S. government, the House Oversight Committee is responsible for investigating issues related to waste, fraud, and abuse within federal agencies. Essentially, its purpose is to serve as a checks and balances within government.

That is what Farrar said he's seeking with the proposed committee. He was initially not wanting to replace the current 7-member financial management committee. But discussions of late have indicated that might not be possible, based on the '81 Act, which

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UPDATES CONTINUE AT LIBRARY

Library Photo

Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library continues its updates. Preferred Glass workers installed new history room enclosures this week. This effort was funded through proceeds raised by the Shelbyville Wine Walk last fall. The library is closed due to updates and is scheduled to reopen on Monday, April 28.

About 45 workers to lose jobs

On April 16, the State of Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development placed on its website a warn notice from Corsicana Mattress Company in Shelbyville that the plant will be permanently closing, effective June 13, 2025.

The mattress plant is located on Cedar King Road behind the former Eaton plant off Railroad Avenue.

This will affect just over 40 workers, according to the state. So, Southern Middle Local Workforce Development Board will be responsible for the oversight and continued follow-up of dislocated workers, according to the state notice. Contact this group at 615-253-6355.

Shelbyville Mayor Randy Carroll said this week, "We were totally unaware of the pending closure of Corsicana Mattress. We learned of the closure when the State sent the email copy of the notification letter."

That was last week.

Employees have until June to find new employers.

Carroll added, "It is always regretful to receive news of a plant closure in Shelbyville or Bedford County. We will work with all government and local agencies to assist the displaced employees."



RAINY DAY BATHTUB

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

The area has received substantial rain as of today. Birds of a feather used this particular mud hole earlier this week as their bathtub.

BEDFORD BRIEFS



SPAGHETTI!

Flat Creek Community Center (115 New Herman Road) will have its annual spaghetti supper fundraiser on May 3, as a part of its regular 1st-Saturday monthly meeting. Tickets available at the door for $10. Plates include spaghetti, salad, bread, drink and homemade dessert. Meals are served from 4 to 7 p.m.

BC DECORATION DAYS

New Hope Cemetery Decoration Day will be May 4 at 2 p.m. Make contribution checks out to New Hope Cemetery and send to: Jeff Kottler, 855 New Hope Road, Shelbyville, TN 37160

Old Mt. Hermon Cemetery Decoration Day will be held Saturday, May 10, on Possum Trot Road. The cemetery keeper will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to welcome visitors and take donations. Mail contributions to: Friends of Old Mt. Hermon Cemetery, P.O. Box 831, Shelbyville, TN 37162.

Mt. Hermon Cemetery Decoration Day will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2024, at 2:00 P.M. Donations may be given at the cemetery or mailed to Mt. Hermon Cemetery Association, 1199 Bugscuffle Road, Wartrace, TN 37183.

Houston-Whitworth Cemetery Decoration Day will be May 18 at 2:00 p.m., in Deason. Donations can be mailed to Charles Armstrong, 435 Old Nashville Dirt Road, Shelbyville, TN 37160.

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

CONNECTED COMMUNITY 5K RUN/WALK

Connected Community 5K Run/Walk, presented by Shelbyville-Bedford Community Foundation, will be Saturday, May 10, on the historic Shelbyville public square. Proceeds support local initiatives benefitting Shelbyville and Bedford County, in the areas of education and quality of life. https://runsignup.com/Race/Info/TN/Shelbyville/CommunityConnection5K.

WARTRACE GARDEN CLUB

If you're interested in beautifying downtown Wartrace, Wartrace Garden Club meets Saturday, April 26, at 10 a.m., at the Well House.

COUNTY ROAD CLOSURE

According to Highway Superintendent Mark Clanton, Midland Road between Whiteside Road and Peacock Lane, as of Monday, was closed to thru traffic for sewer work, with the exception of residents who live along that segment. The project could take several weeks to complete so plan to use alternate routes.

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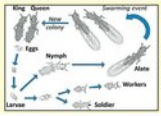

Termites in the South

With warmer weather arriving, Cook's Pest Control is alerting home and business owners in our area to be on the lookout for termites swarming.

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'Battle of Bedford'

Viqueens muster up just enough offense to stay unbeaten in District 9-AA play.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY MEMBERS LEARN ABOUT WINCHESTER RENOVATIONS

Submitted Photos

Town and Country Garden Club met April 16 at Filo's in Winchester. President Becky Nichols presented former President Mary Howard a gift of appreciation for her leadership the previous year. Member Sarah Woods introduced her nephew Winchester Mayor Sean Crabtree. Mayor Crabtree spoke about the City of Winchester's downtown renovation efforts. In 2006, he co-founded the Winchester Development Corporation Project which is a 501c3. He has served as chairman of this project for 15 years, managing an $8 million dollar investment that has transformed the downtown area. He showed several before and after renovation photos. He stressed that it was a large group effort that is still in progress. Club members note that it was an enjoyable and educational program.





BUDGET

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the County has selected to use for its financial management.

Rules Committee member Anita Epperson was the one who made the motion that the recommendation be sent to the full Commission in May. Bill Anderson seconded the motion.

That opened up a lot of discussion, particularly from committee member and Commissioner Greg Vick. He asked County Attorney John T. Bobo for his opinion as defined under the '81 Financial Management Act.

Bobo first established that he had thorough discussions with Commissioner Farrar. The attorney read through the '81 Financial Act and mentioned some specifics under the area of "special committees."

Bobo said based on state statute, it is his interpretation that this would be considered an either-or situation. There would be a process to reorganize the current financial management committee, including changing the by-laws, which the County just spent a year reviewing and approving.

A 2/3 vote would be necessary by the County Commission to "decouple" the '81 Financial Management Act.

Commissioner Vick stated, "Again, I have no idea why we want to change."

He stated reasons why the County wanted to change years ago to the '81 Act, mainly due to internal theft of property and poor credit ratings for years. He said things in that aspect are finally looking great, especially the County's credit rating.

So, Vick voted no in regard to sending this proposal on to the full Commission.

While he may possibly be one of the budget overseers, if this passes, Commissioner John Boutwell stated that it is likely too late in the budget year to try to implement a new committee. For that reason, he also voted no when it came to sending the recommendation to the full Commission in May.

The Rules and Legislative Committee moved that Charlie Curtiss of Tennessee Commissioners Association (TCA) be at one of the meetings to explain if such a committee is even allowable

under state law. The interpretation of the statute was that the '81 Act only provides for the current 7-member committee.

Some discussion by Commissioner Farrar indicated that it might be possible to allow some new commissioners to serve on the current financial management committee. It was discussed that a change over on the committee members might be possible later in the year.

Farrar said several Commissioners were up for being on that committee, including Commissioners Boutwell and Diane Neeley. Commissioners currently serving on the financial management committee are: Linda Yockey, Scott Johnson, Tony Smith and Janice Brothers. The mayor currently leads the committee meetings.

Bobo said one thing is clear under the '81 Act, by statute, and that is that three members



of County government must serve on the financial management committee-the road superintendent, which is currently Mark Clanton, the school superintendent, which is Tammy Garrett and County Financial Director, currently Robert Daniel.

Commissioner Drew Hooker spoke from the audience and stated he's done some research on this topic and has discussed it with Attorney Bobo and other state law experts. He referred to Dillon's Rule, which Vick has mentioned.

Thirty-nine states employ Dillon's Rule to all municipalities and Tennessee is one of them. Municipalities in Tennessee have only the powers expressly delegated to them by the state legislature and those powers necessarily or fairly implied in or incident to the powers expressly granted. Generally speaking, most states grant to their cities the power to pass ordinances related to public health, safety, and welfare.

"I think that it's the way you look at it but I do feel like Dillon's Rule is enacted at this point."

Hooker said he believes that the County has authority within the simple 2/3 majority vote to make the discussed financial management changes. But he said the County still needs to make sure it is in line with state statute before proceeding forward with this recommendation.

Will Curtiss show up at the next County Commission meeting to publicly set the record straight? That is yet to be determined.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FUMC CHURCH SERVICE

This Sunday at FUMC Shelbyville, Pastor Korley Carson will preach "Scars that tell The Story," with scripture text from John 20:19-31. The church will explore Thomas' encounter with the Risen Christ and how His scars lead to spiritual growth. Jesus' scars testify to God's love and healing power. This same love and healing power is available in our wounds transforming them into scars that tell The Story of Jesus. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 a.m., followed by the worship service at 10 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church are available during worship. For those unable to attend in person, FUMC-S offers a livestream on Facebook and a broadcast on WLIJ 98.7 FM and AM 1580.

AG COMMODITIES GIVE-A-WAY

South Central Human Resources Agency has announced an agriculture commodities distribution on May 8 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. The event will be held at 2119 Midland Road. First come, first served, for eligible residents. Eligibility is based on income guidelines. Call 931-685-9962 for more information.

BEDFORD COUNTY GRADUATION DATES

Shelbyville Central High School Graduation
Tuesday, 5/20/2025, 7:00 PM
Shelbyville Central High School Football Field
Rain Date: Wednesday, May 21, 7:00 PM

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Cascade High School Graduation
Thursday, 5/22/2025, 7:00 PM
Cascade Middle School Football Field
There is no rain date; graduation ceremonies will be moved to the Cascade High School gymnasium in the case of rain.

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Community High School Graduation
Friday, 5/23/2025, 7:00 PM
Community Middle School Football Field
Rain Date: Saturday, May 24, 7:00 PM



EAGLEVILLE TEEN MAKES IDOL'S TOP 14

Mattie Pruitt of Eagleville has made it into the Top 14 on ABC's American Idol. This week, she played the piano for the first time on stage, she said. America's part in the voting process is pushing Mattie forward in the competition.



Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11. We invite you to send Mother's Day story ideas to dawn@richardsonmediagroup.net. Please tell us why you think your mom is special. Include one photo per family, please.



Be a part of our community 2025 Senior Salute edition!

If you would like to add a short message to your senior's high school graduation photo, please drop it by the office at 411 Elm St. with your $20 payment or call the office at 684-1200 and give the info and CC payment to our office manager, Renee.

Businesses, churches, companies, individuals, if you have a senior you'd like to salute in a regular display ad, please contact us by May 12. Various pricing available.

Here's something else, exciting! We're having a contest this year for our local high school seniors. Enter to win an exclusive feature on the front page of our special edition! Wouldn't this be something to share with your family in the future? Donations and sponsorships are being accepted and any monies collected to do with this drawing will be presented by the T-G to the winning senior! Donations may be dropped off at the T-G office. Another photo op for your graduate!!

To enter the drawing, please send an email to dawn@richardsonmediagroup.net by May 12 with your senior's name and school. A professional in the community will do the official drawing before graduation.

Who will the blessed senior be? We can't wait to find out!

THE ISSUE

Should our children be used as political pawns?

Debate over proposed student-immigration law continues

By Dawn Hankins

Republican lawmakers in Tennessee paused the bill which was meant to challenge the constitutional right for children to attend public schools regardless of their immigration status. Instead, with time waning in the legislative session, they are asking U.S. officials for guidance on whether the bill would jeopardize federal education funding.

The direction announced Monday by House Majority Leader William Lamberth, the bill sponsor, diminishes the chances for the bill to pass this year as lawmakers prepare for a likely adjournment this week.

Right out the door, I'm not picking on innocent children in this column. What I have an "issue" with is using our children as political pawns at the state level.

Case in point . . . .

Recently a 10-year-old Chattanooga kid stepped toward a large group of Tennessee representatives at the State Capitol. Holding up a political sign, she demanded, "Stop attacking my friends!" She knelt to the ground as she repeated the slogan to Representative William Lamberth and other committee members.

This moment happened at the Tennessee House Education Committee hearing as Republican lawmakers recommended passage for House Bill 793 in an 11-7 vote.

HB0793/SB836 proposes that local education agencies and public charter schools have the authorization to allow or deny students education based on whether or not a student's family was legally admitted in this country.

Protests against the student immigration bill have been as forward and consistent as the law itself, and the recommendation for passage was accordingly met with this little girl and community members singing, chanting, and passing out flyers during the recent hearing.

Supporters backing the child sang, "Jesus Loves the Little Children" before everyone was asked to take their seats by legislative assistants.

The disruptive group also handed out a flyer with the message: "Today, we sing and chant about the Christian values lawmakers betray when they deny children an education--not because of wrongdoing, but because of where they were born."

This Session is about over and the bill has been beaten down pretty bad. It's hard to say whether it will make it out of Session this time.

Of course, social media has had a field day regarding photos taken that day the teen went before the legislators.

O.K. I get it. I get it. The bill seems a bit cruel for the children. Some people say why have the children suffer for their parents' sins. But again, in the bigger scheme of things, is this right-if the parents are breaking the U.S. laws on immigration?

I'm all for children learning about the legislative process, standing up for issues they feel strongly about. But when it is as plain as the nose on your face that this was a political action group, I'm not so much a fan. Why? Because such activity today WILL exploit children throughout social media and beyond.

Why is this any better?

Here's the bottom line. The president is adamant about deporting those who are illegal in this country. It goes beyond being mean to little children. It is based on nation-wide crime statistics. It just so happens that illegal immigrants have kids. That's the rub.

So, this TN bill seems mild, considering if it is not passed what could happen to families next.

This issue is not going to go away. The president has talked about this since before he was re-elected. Unless you've been living in a secluded cave, everyone knew this was coming.

I guess I have to ask too, and I mean no disrespect, but what does a 10-year-old really know about this type of legislation, unless she's been coached?

TN fifth grade curriculum: Fifth grade students will learn about challenges facing the United States during the 19th and 20th centuries, with an emphasis on major American wars and events that changed our history. Students will study industrialization and significant events of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era. Students will explore the nation's growing role in world affairs during World War I and World War II. In addition, students will analyze structures of power and authority. Finally, students will examine and describe the key events and accomplishments of the post-war period and Civil Rights Movement. Students will use geographic tools to locate and analyze information about people, places, and environments in Tennessee and the U.S.

People will disagree but I must play the antagonist here.

OK. Perhaps this student is home or private schooled and has learned far beyond her years about TN government, economic and social issues and crime statistics? If so, I bow to that student and give her an 'A.++'

On a moral note, isn't this type of behavior really teaching our children to be disruptive and disrespectful to state officials? Isn't this someone trying to push forward their own political agenda or perhaps someone was trying to cash in on the cute factor. What they were actually doing was sending a child to the front lines to do their bidding?

There are ways to send letters and have guests speak before committees. Our own representatives meet with kids all the time at their state offices and at community events.

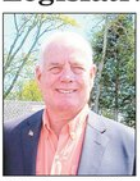
Agree or not. I refer back to my column from last week. What is legal? What is right?

I'm just saying . . . .

Time will tell how this bill fleshes out. I expect if it's not passed, it will show up again next Session in some form of a recommendation from the feds.

This could be good. It could be worse. We shall see.

Legislative Session Wrap-Up



State Representative Pat Marsh

"Criticism is easier to take when you realize that the only people who aren't criticized are those who don't take risks." -Donald J. Trump

We are nearing the end of the year's Legislative Session, with only about five more days before closing out the first year of the 114th General Assembly.

I have two or three bills left in the Committee system. This week, we passed a $59.7 billion balanced budget. We are using some bonds to fund some of the bigger capital projects across the state.

This past weekend was hectic but very exciting! I was honored to speak at two very special events in Bedford County. In the early afternoon on Saturday, I gave some remarks at the ribbon cutting for the Tony Rice Center's new facility, which is adding 28 additional beds for their men's addiction services program. We had a large crowd at the event, and we were able to tour the new facility, which will help many more people in our area. This event was a great reminder of the community of hope we're building together!

Saturday evening, I attended the Community Clinic of Shelbyville and Bedford County's Gala at the Nearest Green Distillery. Their event showcased the Clinic's partnership with the Meharry School of Dentistry. This partnership has been helping out low income and elderly citizens for over five years. A huge thank you to Dr. Phil Wenk of Smile 180, for their generous donation of $180,000 for dental equipment and to Fredia Lusk, who heads up the program. The dental students from Meharry come to the Clinic twice a week to work on our folks' dental needs. It was such a great event that honored those people who that made all this happen in our county.

Thursday, after the Legislative Session, I was fortunate enough to get to go to Memphis to tour the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. It is a wonderful research hospital that focuses on childhood diseases, primarily cancer. They have a huge, beautiful facility and employ over 7,000 people! St. Jude is building two new large high-rise buildings and will soon add another 2,300 employees!

We passed House Bill 1376, which transfers the authority of regulating the hemp industry from the Department of Agriculture to the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission (or ABC) and establishes a hemp distributor license. This bill will help us regulate hemp in a similar way to the way alcohol is regulated in Tennessee. The legislation restricts sales to 21 and older establishments, licensed manufacturers, and businesses with wine and spirits or liquor-by-the-drink licenses. It also prohibits hemp sales within 1,000 feet of a school. We are also hoping to pass more legislation to further regulate the vaping industry, which has been negatively affecting our youth in Tennessee.

I also wanted to inform everyone about some exciting portions of the budget that our citizens will love. There is $42.5 million in the grant pool, which includes:

- $20 million for Volunteer Fire Departments
- $5 million or Volunteer Rescue squads
- $5 million for EMS
- $5 million for Senior Citizen Centers
- $5 million for Museums
- $2 million for Courthouse Repairs
- $500,000 for food banks

We are adding $640 million to K-12 education, $254 million to higher education, and $1 billion extra to the Department of Transportation to help build and maintain roads. We are also adding an additional $35 million to the rainy-day fund, bringing the total amount up to almost $2.2 billion. The budget includes many items that will strengthen and benefit Tennessee in the future!

I'm honored to serve as your state representative! Please call or email me if I can ever help. 615-741-6824, rep.pat.marsh@capitol.tn.gov. You are also welcome to come to the Capitol and stop by my office at 610 in the Cordell Hull building.

TVA announces $2.3 million in school improvement grants

Several Bedford County schools in the running for dollars

Staff Report

On May 6 at 9:30 a.m., TVA will announce the 2025 School Uplift Grant winners during a live online event. Bedford County Schools are competing for some great rewards!

Eakin Elementary stands to earn, if selected, $10,000, $25,000 or even a $200,000 grant, which will help with building energy upgrades and/ or classroom improvements. They obviously have done a great job with their energy saving methods.

Cascade Middle School is a finalist for a $10,000 or $25,000 grant, which will help with classroom improvements. Cascade Middle's participation in the program has helped them save on average 6% in energy cost. The program has taught students and staff the importance of saving on energy.

TVA's School Uplift is nationally recognized and is awarding over $2.3 million in funding to 99 schools across the Southeast to improve education. Participating schools save about 10% on their energy bills.

Community Elementary School is also in the running for the Uplift grant dollars and a finalist for a $10,000 or $25,000 grant, which will help with classroom improvements. Community Elementary's participation in the program has saved them on average 8% in their energy cost. The program has taught students and staff the importance of saving on energy.

Community Middle School has also participated in the program. The school has reportedly also saved an average of 8% in energy cost. Through the Uplift program, CMS is a finalist for a $10,000 or $25,000 grant, which will help with classroom improvements.

Learning Way Elementary is a finalist for a $10,000 or $25,000 grant, which will help with classroom improvements.

TVA has invested about $8.2 million and helped 323 schools save on their energy bills since 2021. Students are able to take the information that they learned home with them and help save energy in a big way within the community.





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FEATURES FROM THE BIBLE

TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

Joseph

Genesis 37, 39 & 41

Joseph was Jacob's favorite son and the brothers were jealous.

The brothers sold Joseph to Ishmaelite traders and he ended up in Egypt where he became a servant of Potiphar's palace.

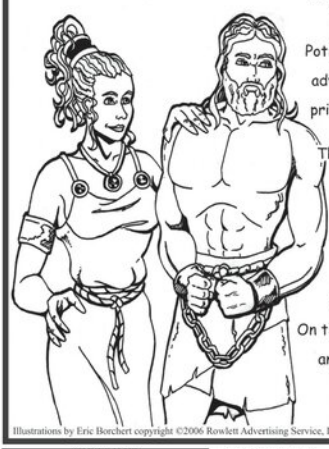
Potiphar's wife made advances for the well built and handsome Joseph but he resisted her advances. Feeling scorned, she accused Joseph of making advances and he was thrown into prison. The Lord was with Joseph and he gained favor in the prison warden's eyes.

The Egyptian Pharaoh had dreams that Joseph was able to interpret. These dream warned Pharaoh of a coming seven year famine with seven years of plenty preceding the famine.

This warning prompted Pharaoh to prepare by storing grain in the years of plenty. Joseph was put in charge of gathering and storing the grain.

When the famine came to the land of Jacob, his sons traveled to Egypt to buy grain. On their second trip Joseph revealed his identity and invited his brothers to return home and bring their father and his family to Egypt.

Seventy people journeyed to Egypt with Jacob and settled there.



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BARBER

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is to enhance quality of life for farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural workers with disabilities, so that they, their families, and their communities continue to succeed in rural America.

For this target audience, "success" may be defined by many parameters, including: gainful employment in production agriculture or a related occupation; access to appropriate assistive technology needed for work and daily living activities; evidence-based information related to the treatment and rehabilitation of disabling conditions; and targeted support for family caregivers of AgrAbility customers.

"It seems each year I become more and more involved with the program," Barber told Facebook followers recently.

The keynote speaker for the conference was Tiffany Sanchez, a New Mexico AgrAbility client who, along with her family, raises horses, livestock and greenhouse products. Sanchez incurred a spinal cord injury when she was bucked from a horse and is now a wheelchair user.

Since the Times-Gazette did a feature on Duck's faith journey last year, he's been really busy. In addition to going to New Mexico, he also just put the finishing touches on his life video on YouTube.

The video is aptly called, "Walk by Faith, Not by Sight: The Journey of Jason Duck Barber." He earned his nickname many years ago in the Unionville community, he says, because of the way he walks.

Barber talks about his family, love of fire fighting and now his involvement in AgrAbility in the YouTube video. Dr. Dale Hasty explains that this family of inherited diseases-Retinitis pigmentosa- eventually destroys the retina and causes blindness. At this time, Jason is considered visually impaired, though he realizes some day he may be completely blind.

Featured within "Duck's" YouTube video are Bedford County Fire Chief Mark Thomas, fire fighter Daniel Lambert and Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham. It is Lambert who says that Duck helped train him as a fire fighter years ago.

Sadly, Barber's fire fighting days had to come to an end when he was having difficulty driving the truck at night. Everyone is expected to be able to drive the truck, according to Chief Thomas. Because of his dedication and long-time commitment, Jason was given other duties and still stays active with the fire department.

While the door as a fireman closed, he believes there are other dreams to be fulfilled in his life. So, Barber wanted to make sure that he amply incorporated his faith into his video project. He states often how he owes his life to "The Good Lord above."

Barber emphasizes that he believes life for someone with a disability is much harder if they do not surrender their lives to God. He assures his YouTube followers that someday, if they surrender their lives to God, their disabilities will vanish when they go to heaven.

But until that day comes, Jason plans to stay as active as possible, using every amount of technology he can to continue his farm life. He comments in the video that he and life partner, Melissa, have a good life out in the Unionville community.

Jason says his favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 16:9 which states, "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps."

While some may call Barber's YouTube video encouraging and others say it's inspirational, he knows in his heart that it was simply planned by God. He says God has intervened in his life in so many ways and "opened so many doors," of opportunity. For that alone, he plans to continue to be a vessel of encouragement to others.



A member of the Barber family has lived on his farm since the 1800s. Jason is the 8th generation farmer and uses assistive technologies to help him farm beyond his visual disabilities.



Jason Barber just returned to his Longview Farm after a conference in New Mexico with AgriAbility. It's a nonprofit group dedicated to helping those with disabilities fulfill their dreams in the way of farming.



County Convenience Center News

Bedford County Government reports that on Thursday, April 24, a new cardboard compactor will be installed at El Bethel Convenience Center on Highway 41 A North. Cardboard will not be accepted for recycling on April 24, due to the new installation. An alternate bin for disposing of cardboard will be available until the compactor is in full operation. See the attendant for directions or visit one of the other centers that accepts cardboard.



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BEDFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Jaime Che-Caquinan, Nashville, driving on suspended license, financial responsibility, speeding
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Nataly Ayala Enriquez, driving on suspended license
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Kevin Wayne Horton, driving on revoked license
Jonathan Ray Mathis, driving on suspended license, light law
Humber Manolo Roblero-Velazquez, light law, no driver's license exhibited on demand
Stewart Russell Sparks, order revoking bond
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REMEMBER: BURN PERMITS REQUIRED THROUGH MAY 15

NASHVILLE – To minimize the risk of wildland fires, Tennesseans are reminded that a burn permit from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry (TDF) is required for debris burning through May 15.

"Burn permits help us communicate with landowners about when and where it is safe to burn at any given time," State Forester Heather Slayton said. "Obtaining a permit is vital for keeping our communities and firefighters safe."

For those planning to burn debris or clear natural yard waste, a burn permit from TDF is mandatory in all counties that allow open burning, unless local restrictions apply. Burning materials like leaves, branches, tree limbs, twigs, and other woody vegetation and yard trimmings is legal with a permit and can be an effective method to manage vegetative waste.

If permits are not being issued in your county or region, it is because conditions are hazardous for burning. Burning without a permit is illegal and can lead to a fine or up to 30 days in jail.

Some municipalities and counties have additional requirements for burning, so always check local rules, especially if you live within city limits.

Permits may be obtained online seven days a week, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Eastern and Central, depending on your location, by visiting www.BurnSafeTN.org. For residents without internet access, permits are available via phone Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central, except for holidays, by calling 877-350-BURN (2876). The phone system may experience a high call volume at times, leading to long wait times, so we encourage all permit applicants to use the online system.

Burn permits are issued for the day on which they are obtained, so plan to get a permit on the day you will burn.

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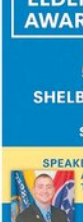

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Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

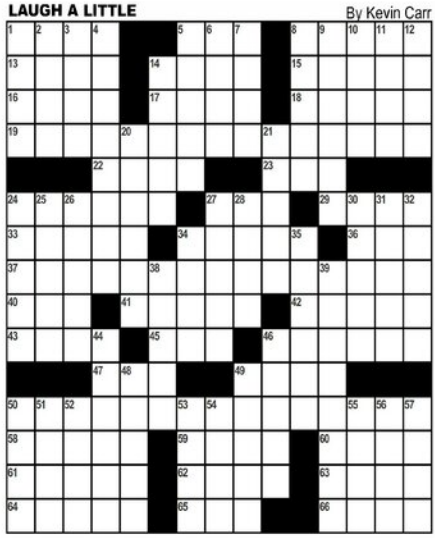
1) Dull
5) "___ boom bah!"
8) Symbol of authority
13) Glorified gofer
14) A lot of lot
15) Overthrow, e.g.
16) Brand, in a way
17) Fall preceder
18) Fertile soil
19) Chuckle elicitor, sometimes
22) Kind of poetic foot
23) Part of BYOB
24) Beloved of Aphrodite
27) Taxing time, briefly
29) Mend by stitching
33) Shoestrings
34) Dispatch boat
36) The zodiac's only carnivore
37) Party ice-breaker
40) Newspaper div.
41) Like Erik the Red
42) Advertising gimmick
43) Make a sweater
45) Informer, slangily
46) Deep-sixed
47) Backboard attachment
49) Set aside
50) Robin Williams and Richard Pryor, many say
58) Cremona artisan
59) It has its ups and downs
60) Use a wrecking ball
61) Hybrid cat
62) Appraiser
63) Ethiopian currency
64) Con game, essentially
65) Bummed
66) Concrete section

CLUES DOWN

1) Big blowout
2) In___ of (rather than)
3) Man in a garden
4) Female protagonists
5) Clean, as dishes
6) Camera diaphragm
7) Aug. follower
8) Not on deck
9) In the vicinity
10) Remnant
11) "Gee whillikers!"
12) Formerly, formerly
14) Itsy-bitsy bits
20) Cereal fruit
21) Buggy puller
24) Shakespearean "shucks"
25) Matt of Hollywood
26) Caesar's peepers
27) "Halt!" at sea
28) Durable wood
30) Plants with healing properties
31) Fix a loose bundle
32) "There's___ in sight"
34) City on the Yamuna River
35) Aquarium creatures
38) ___ Jean (Marilyn Monroe)
39) Shakes up
44) Moon of Neptune
46) Jose Carreras, for one
48) Cake topper
49) Atwitter (with "up")
50) Garfield and Heathcliff
51) Bypass
52) O. Henry's "The Gift of the___"
53) Cleaning cabinet supplies
54) "The Disasters of War" painter
55) Go on the briny
56) University founder Cornell
57) Balkan native

LAUGH A LITTLE

By Kevin Carr



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

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APRIL
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BLOOMS
BREEZE
BUDDING
BUNNY
CHIRPING
EGGS
FLOWERS
GARDEN
GREEN
GROWS
INSECTS
NEST
POLLEN
REBIRTH
SAPLING
SHOWERS
SPRING
SUNNY
SUNSHINE
TREES

SUDOKU

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	8				7			9
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	6							
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5	4							2
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				4		3	9	
				1		7		6

Level: Beginner

6		5	2					4
	1		4		5			
4			6			8	7	
5			3		6			
	6	8				9		
	9			2			1	
8			7	1		2		
	7	2						

Level: Intermediate

9			5					
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		3					9	
		1				6		
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	7				2			
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Level: Advanced

Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, there's a secret that you have been holding on to and you are ready to let it go. It won't weigh you down anymore and you can finally focus fully on the future instead of the past.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, certain ground is tough for people to travel, but you have conviction and grit to get things done. You have a history of thriving when faced with adversity, and that's an asset.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, keep an eye open for a challenge. When you are given an opportunity that will require for fullest and best effort, embrace it as an opportunity to fulfill your potential.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, keeping things pleasant and lighthearted is a talent of yours, but this week you might need to take a new approach. Work with others and listen to suggestions.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, you often are the life of the party, always ready to find something to do and be with other people. This week you might need to slow down and enjoy some alone time.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you could be especially energized this week and feel the 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
The news that comes your way isn't what you had hoped, Libra. Roll with the punches and embrace the challenge. Soon there will be blue skies again and everything will settle.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you will meet up with someone you haven't seen in a while and it will be like no time has passed whatsoever. Be prepared for a coincidental situation to bring you together.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov23/Dec21
The universe will put you in touch with someone who is reputable and diligent, Sagittarius. This way you can both tackle what you need to get done reap the rewards of your hard work.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, a little competition never hurt anyone. Embrace an upcoming chance to see how you stack up. Give your best effort, as always.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
This is a good week to play things safe and keep your cards close to the vest, Aquarius. Consider each situation carefully before engaging.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, you are a sociable person and ready and willing to chat up others. This week you might not be up for any social interaction and prefer a few days of solitary time spent.

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MAY 3
Eric Church, Singer (48)

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 Treemont Drive; on the South by Forrest Hills Subdivision No. 2; on the West by Cecil Milton.

TRACT NO. 3: Being the East 70 feet of Lot No. 2 and the West 20 feet of Lot No. 3 in the Forrest Hills Subdivision No. 3 to the Town of Shelbyville, a plat of which is of record in Deed Book 62, page 596, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, to which reference is here had for a more definite description. The 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 Wayne Adams, and on the West by O.V. Brent, noted as Parcel 90HC2, Tax Assessor's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

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

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

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

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

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

The 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 Deed of Trust, Security Agreement and Financing Statement executed by John Adams to Jeremy B. Bell, Trustee, of record as Instrument Number 22005259 in Deed Book TD1057 and Pages 376-388, said Register's Office to secure Chris Talley and Amy Talley payment of a Promissory Note dated June 22, 2022, with an original balance of $840,000.00, payable as specified therein.

Tennessee Deed of Trust and Security Agreement executed by Barbara K. Adams, Trustee of the God's Grace Trust II, to Richard J. Shoepke, Trustee, of record as Instrument Number 22008906 in Deed Book TD1070 and Pages 359-371, said Register's Office to secure GBC Senior Debt Fund, LLC, payment of a Promissory Note dated 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 (41031c)

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 described 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

Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: April 15

Location: 813 Shelbyview Dr; Seller, Samantha D Schuls, Trevor B Schuls; Buyer, Jessica McCloud; Price, $244,900 (Deed).

Location: Kingston Circle; Seller, Heather Marsh; Buyer, Joseph Marsh Sr; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Ralph D Jacobs; Buyer, Tammy Fults, Darrell Fults; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 967 Horse Mountain Rd; Seller, Black Diamond Construction LLC; Buyer, C Kelly Wilson; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 109 Ashe Rd; Seller, Christine H Womack, Christine H Parsons; Buyer, Christine H Womack, Christine H Womack Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 210 Jordan Ave; Seller, Reina Isabel Rojas Paxtor, Oswaldo Paxtor; Buyer, Annie Pannell, Stephanie Lynn Pannell Jones; Price, $285,000 (Deed).

File date: April 16

Location: 2805 Highway 64 W; Seller, Billy Joe Vincent, Bradley Gene Vincent; Buyer, Daniel Lewis Before; Price, $120,000 (Deed).

Location: 102 Hilltop Dr; Seller, Kelly Pettit, Kelly A Pettit; Buyer, Amanda Shantel Pettit, Amanda S Pettit; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 341 Virgil Crowell Rd; Seller, Jerry E Tapp, Sandra R Tapp; Buyer, Aaron Garner; Price, $220,000 (Deed).

File date: April 17

Location: Burns Rd; Seller, Robert F Kilgore; Buyer, Mauro E Hernandez Lopez, Margarita martinez Sepulveda; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: New Center Church Rd; Seller, Erin Dias, 636 New Center Church Road Trust; Buyer, Cheyenne Investments LLC; Price, $138,000 (Deed).

Seller, Lucille Gill; Buyer, William Collin King; Price, $5,000 (QD).

Seller, Gloria Cruces; Buyer, Yolanda Cruces, Everarcelo Espejo Sosa; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: April 21

Location: 565 Powell Hollow Road; Seller, Prestin Blake Davis, Alexis J Davis, Preston Davis; Buyer, James Shelton, Janet E Hagen; Price, $0 (Deed).

Seller, Angela G Ray, Kate Spradlin, Donna Burns, Delinda Elliott; Buyer, HP Realty Co LLC; Price, $225,000 (Deed).

Location: Highway 64 West; Seller, James R Warner, Christy W Warner; Buyer, Don R Cameron III; Price, $2,189,700 (Deed).

Location: Lower Halls Mill Road; Seller, Penny D Harris Bearden; Buyer, Shawn Cassady; Price, $34,015 (Deed).

Location: Highway 82 South; Seller, William H Kingree III, William H Kingree Jr; Buyer, William H Kingree III, Kelly K Kingree; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: 215 Hillview Ave; Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, Grace Przybylo, Daniel Valentine Przybylo; Price, $320,000 (Deed).

Location: Highway 231; Seller, Heather M Marcy, Trudy H Hofstetter; Buyer, John Bryant Hofstetter, Heather M Marcy; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: Highway 231; Seller, Heather M Marcy, Trudy H Hofstetter; Buyer, John Bryant Hofstetter; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: 223 Burns Road; Seller, Robert Brian Kilgore; Buyer, Mauro E Hernandez Lopez, Margaria Martinez Sepulveda; Price, $1,070,000 (Deed).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bedford County Beer Board will meet on Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 5:00PM in the Duck River Room, 1st Floor, Bedford County Courthouse, located at 1 Public Square in Shelbyville, TN to consider the following application: 3 Corners Market & Deli, 1001 Longview Rd, Unionville, TN 37180. An agenda for the meeting can be found at: www.bedfordcountytn.gov.

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 Resume, 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)

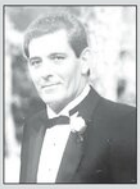
Applications may be picked up at City Hall or found on the City of Shelbyville Website at www.shelbyvilletn.org. All items on application must be completed.

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

Obituaries

James Henry Fann



Mr. James (Jimmy) Henry Fann passed from this life, at the age of 79 on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at Ascension St. Thomas Hospital in Murfreesboro, TN.

Born on December 28, 1945, in Rutherford County, Jimmy was the son of the late Henry Lee Fann and Nannie Mae Jones Fann. Jimmy was a man of Methodist faith, devoted husband, father and grandfather who absolutely worshiped the ground his grandkids walked on. They were his pride and joy, and he never missed a chance to spend time with them. He had a deep love for drag racing and tractor pulling, spending countless weekends around engines and good friends. Jimmy proudly served in the National Guard and worked for many years managing NAPA Auto Parts, where he built strong ties in the community and shared his passion for all things automotive. His love for family, country, and horsepower defined the life he lived and the legacy he left behind.

Jimmy is survived by his loving wife of 57 years; Jo Ann Joyce Fann; children; Chris (Kris) Fann of Lawrenceburg, TN, Jeremy (Jennifer) Fann of Bell Buckle, TN, grandchildren; Alexis Fann of Lawrenceburg, TN, Chase Fann and Nick Fann of Bell Buckle, TN, Will (Shelley) Massey of Shelbyville, TN, great grandchildren; Annalise Massey and Allie Massey, siblings; Louise (Randall) Harrell of Bell Buckle, TN, Charles (Angela) Fann of Murfreesboro, TN, David (Debbie) Fann, of Unionville, TN and Pam (Danny) Cooper of Unionville, TN. Along with his parents Jimmy is preceded in death by his sister and brother-in-law Gladys and Joe Harrell and his faithful companion, Bear-Man.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM Sunday, April 20th, at Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Bro. Jimmy Gray and Bro. Steve Murphree officiating. Burial followed in Houston Whitworth Cemetery. The family received friends from 5:00 to 8:00 PM Saturday April 19th and from 1:00 to 2:00 PM Sunday April 20th.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family. www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com.

Death Notices

Ricky Lynn Bicknell

Ricky Lynn Bicknell passed from this life, at the age of 72, on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at his home in the Flat Creek community of Bedford County.

A native of Bedford County, Ricky was born on January 14, 1953. He was the son of the late William Dorris Bicknell and Jean Clark Parker Bicknell. Along with his parents he was preceded in death by his brother, William Thomas Bicknell.

Elizabeth "Geraldine" Dye Lawwell

Elizabeth "Geraldine" (Dye) Lawwell, age 79, of Halls Mill community of Bedford County, passed from this life on Friday, April 18, 2025, at NHC-Murfreesboro.

A native of Bedford County, she was a member of Victory Baptist Church and retired from Community School Cafeteria. She was preceded in death by her parents, George Powers Dye, Sr. and Sally Elizabeth Jennings Dye. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Jimmy Larry Lawwell; children Tammy Lawwell and Stephen (Barbie) Lawwell; grandchildren Savannah (Tanner) Deason and Emma Lawwell.

Brenda Kay Tune

Brenda Kay Tune, age 72, of Normandy, passed from this life on Monday, April 21, 2025, at her home under the care of her family and Gentiva Hospice after an extended illness.

Born on September 19, 1952, in Tullahoma, Brenda was the daughter of the late James G. Thompson and Mattie Mae Wiggs Thompson. Along with her parents she was preceded in death by her son, Robert Thomas "Tom Tom" Tune, Jr. Brenda is survived by her sisters, Carolyn Seibers of Shelbyville and Janice Lee Angus of Tullahoma; nephew and caregiver, Terry Brock.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

George Allen Stewart

George Allen Stewart, age 77, of Shelbyville, passed away April 21, at Vanderbilt Tullahoma Hospital.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Brenda Davis Stewart; his children, Jennifer (Andy) Johnson Martinez, Jamie (Michelle) Stewart, Tracy (Dante) Zago, Jeremy (Wendy) Vaughn and Jason Vaughn.

Doak Howell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tangy cheese gives this salad a kick

Spring celebrations require having plenty of refreshing, and easy-to-prepare offerings for family, friends and other guests. Salads come in all shapes and sizes, and can feature a versatile mix of ingredients to help customize their flavor. They're also refreshing and easy to prepare and serve on hot days or nights.

"Chickpea, Feta and Orzo Salad" puts a Mediterranean-style twist on this tasty salad. Feta cheese gives it richness and tang, while chickpeas pack a protein- and fiber-laden punch. Enjoy this recipe, courtesy of "Cooking Light® Fresh Food Superfast" (Oxmoor House) by the Cooking Light® kitchens.

Chickpea, Feta and Orzo Salad



Serves 4

- 1 cup uncooked orzo
- Cucumber-Thyme Relish (see below)
- 1 cup refrigerated pre-chopped tomatoes
- 1 16-ounce can chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup (1.3 ounces) crumbled feta cheese with basil and sun-dried tomatoes

1. Cook pasta according to package directions; drain and rinse under cold water. Drain well. While pasta cooks, prepare Cucumber-Thyme Relish.

2. Combine tomato and chickpeas in a large bowl, tossing gently; stir in pasta, salt, and Cucumber-Thyme Relish. Add feta cheese; toss gently.

Cucumber-Thyme Relish

Yields 2/3 cup

- 1 1/2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup chopped English cucumber
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped red onion
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Combine lemon juice and olive oil in a medium bowl, stirring with a whisk. Stir in cucumber and remaining ingredients.

PENCIL SHAVINGS



By Dawn Hankins

I've obviously typed a few obituaries over the years of my newspaper career. Some have deeply touched my heart a little more than others. While all are important to us, there are just some that spell out what a person was like, without even knowing them.

Some make you think: 'I'd like to have an obit like that at my parting.'

This week, one from Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill, has touched me. First of all, who wouldn't love someone nicknamed, "Scooty." Watch for those key words that the family used to describe Mr. White.

"Robert "Scooty" Allen White, Jr., born on January 25, 1953, in Williamson County, and left this world on April 14, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Scooty was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, whose warmth and spirit touched everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

Married to his loving wife, Debbie Ogilvie White, for an incredible 52 years, Scooty was a partner in every sense of the word. Together, they built a life filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories.

As a proud father, he was known for his unwavering support of his son, Justin "Rooster" (Jenny) White and his daughter, Ashley (Nick) Bruce. His grandchildren, Carson and Cahl White, and Chace Bruce, brought joy and pride to his life, and he delighted in every moment spent with them.

Throughout his career, Scooty made his mark as the owner-operator of Maaco Auto Painting and Bodyworks, but he also worked at the Feed Mill, Nissan, and Nashville Tent. His hard work and dedication were a testament to his character and values. Avid fishing trips created lasting memories for Scooty, who found peace and happiness by the water, often dreaming of sunny vacations in Florida. He didn't just serve as a parent; he also devoted his time to coaching baseball and basketball, inspiring the next generation through his passion for the game. Scooty's enthusiasm for life extended into every endeavor, leaving a legacy of joy and encouragement.

His early life was formed by the love of his parents, Robert Allen Sr. and Jimmie Marlin White, both deceased. Their guidance and support undoubtedly played a critical role in shaping the man he became.

Rest in peace "Scooty." Though I never met you, I think I would have liked to have done a feature story with you. So, we do this tribute, instead.

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All drivers will pick up newspapers from our central press location in **Huntingdon, TN**.

- **Dresden/Martin** route includes **delivery to post offices and newspaper racks throughout Weakley County**.
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MTSU writing center, grad student, win top honors from national association

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Middle Tennessee State University's Margaret H. Ordoubadian University Writing Center recently received two top honors from the nationally recognized Southeastern Writing Center Association, or SWCA.

The writing center, led by Associate Director James Hamby, was awarded the SWCA Center Acknowledgement and Recognition of Excellence certification, or CARE. MTSU alumna Briley Welch, who is working on her master's in English, earned the 2025 SWCA Graduate Tutor Award.

"The certification indicates that we are functioning at a very high level of professionalism," said Hamby, who was scheduled to attend the annual SWCA Conference alongside Welch for an awards presentation, but inclement weather prompted the cancellation of the event.

Welch said she is proud of the dedication she's made to helping others at the writing center. And it's not the first time she's been spotlighted.

"I was very shocked, but it feels great to be recognized and know that my contributions to the writing center have been meaningful," said Welch, who was awarded the 2024 Bené Cox Excellence in Tutoring Award at MTSU.

MTSU writing center 'inspirational' The CARE program certifies writing centers that are committed to literacy, learning, and writing. The certification establishes professional criteria relevant to diverse local contexts, providing writing centers the opportunity to articulate their unique stories and celebrate their accomplishments.

In order to garner the certification, Hamby assembled an extensive application to the SWCA, compiling 60 pages of data and examples to support the entry. The SWCA CARE Committee praised center staff's dedication.

One reviewer wrote, "The disciplinary engagement among the staff, from the administrative team to the consultants, is admirable and inspirational. ... They have devoted labor and scholarship to (show) that their center is deeply impacted by and impacting the larger community."

Another committee member noted, "MTSU's center is one to be emulated in their comprehensive and foundationally solid programmatic infrastructure, widespread reach across campus, and multifaceted influence."

Hamby commended his team. "We have outstanding training for our staff, our administrative team is professional and up to date with the most recent writing center and pedagogical theories, and we have a variety of services that we offer for free to help in student success," Hamby said.

Founded in 1978, the University Writing Center is one of the oldest of its kind in the Southeast, Hamby said. The center assists anyone from the campus community from any class, level and discipline with any writing needs. Whether it's a freshman needing help with an entry-level English course, a graduate student writing a thesis or a faculty member working on a project, "We help everyone," Hamby added.



MTSU alumna Briley Welch

Assistance comes at varying levels of need, which makes MTSU's writing center unique, Hamby said.

BUSINESS NEWS

Termites in the South – Expect 'Swarmers' to Begin Arriving This Month

Good advice from Cook's Pest Control

With warmer weather arriving, Cook's Pest Control is alerting home and business owners in our area to be on the lookout for termite swarming. Termites are particularly worrisome in the South, as conditions are conducive to their existence. Known as silent destroyers, a termite can chew through wood, flooring, and even wallpaper without being detected until it has already caused major damage. Termites cause more than $6.8 billion in property damage each year in the United States alone. Now is the time to take preventative measures to ensure your home is safe from a termite infestation.

Beginning of a New Colony

What happens to termites during the winter? The short answer is nothing. They don't go anywhere. They don't hibernate and they don't stop eating. However, due to the colder temperatures, they stay close to their established colony to forage for food – underground for warmth.

As the weather warms, and usually after a good rain, winged "swarmers," also known as alates, leave the colony to mate and start new colonies. After their flight, they land, their wings fall off, a king and queen are established, and egg-laying begins. A queen is capable of laying thousands of eggs daily. The first hatch produces worker termites that forage for food. One year after a new colony is established, your home can have 50-100 termites. After two years, 200-300 termites. A mature colony can contain anywhere from hundreds of thousands to a few million termites. While the growth may seem slow, it is important to note that termites eat 24 hours a day, seven days a week, causing severe damage over time.

What Influences Termites?

Termites need moisture to survive. They will seek it out and build mud tubes when foraging in areas that are dry or exposed to the elements. They will travel along structural guidelines such as pipes, cracks, expansion joints, and edges of concrete to gain entry to a building. A termite can fit through a crack as small as 1/32 of an inch – about the size of an average business card.

Preventative Measures

There are, however, steps one can take to help prevent termite infestation. Most importantly, homeowners should eliminate or reduce moisture in and around their property. Here are some additional tips:

• Install properly functioning downspouts, gutters, and splash blocks to divert moisture away from the home and its foundation.

• Reduce humidity in crawl spaces with proper ventilation or dehumidification.

• Keep vines, hedges, and other vegetation trimmed to prevent contact with the home.

• Remove old form boards, grade stakes, tree trunks, and roots near the home, as these act as guidelines for termites.

• Maintain a 12-18-inch gap between soil and any wood portions of your home.

• Routinely inspect the foundation of your home for signs of termite damage, such as mud tubes or damage to exposed wood.

• Call Cook's Pest Control to inspect for conducive conditions and/or existing termite damage. The inspection is free.

• Consider termite protection around your home. Ask a Cook's professional for more details.

"An annual termite inspection is crucial for homeowners in the South," said Stephen Gates, entomologist and termite control expert at Cook's Pest Control. "The environment here provides perfect conditions for termite activity. Your home is one of your biggest investments. Scheduling an inspection with a licensed pest control professional protects your investment and provides peace of mind."

For more information about termite prevention, or to schedule a professional inspection, visit cookspest.com.

PUZZLE SOLUTION

LAUGH A LITTLE By Kevin Carr

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TENNESSEE ANIMAL SHELTERS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR GRANTS

NASHVILLE — Animal shelters across Tennessee are invited to apply for funding that supports spay and neuter services. The application window remains open until May 16, 2025.

"Making spay and neuter services more accessible benefits both pets and the community," State Veterinarian Samantha Beaty, D.V.M. said. "By reducing the number of litters of unwanted dogs and cats, we ease the burden on shelters while promoting healthier, longer lives for pets."

The Animal Friendly grants initiative, managed by the Animal Health Division of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, is supported by proceeds from the sale of the "Animal Friendly – Spay and Neuter Saves Lives" specialty license plates. Each $35 plate sold contributes funds that go toward grants for municipal shelters and nonprofit groups throughout Tennessee that provide low-cost spay and neuter services.

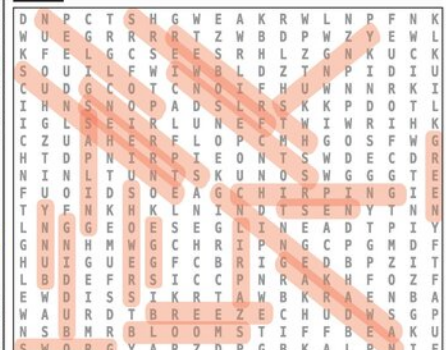
Funding distribution is based on the impact of an organization's services, including the number of animals treated and the geographic areas covered. Priority is given to shelters and groups serving distressed counties. Grant funds must be used exclusively for spay and neuter procedures, performed by licensed veterinarians within Tennessee.

The application for qualified shelters and organizations can be found at www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/animals/animal-health/forms.html.

Email animal.friendlygrants@tn.gov or call 615-837-5104 with questions.

Tennessee residents who are registering or renewing motor vehicle registration may purchase "Animal Friendly - Spay and Neuter Saves Lives" plates online, in person, by mail, or via the free MyTN mobile app. Find out more at the Tennessee Department of Revenue at www.tn.gov/revenue/title-and-registration/renewals.html.





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Viqueens' Prince Throws Second-Consecutive No-Hitter Against Lady Champs in 'Battle of Bedford'

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UNIONVILLE, Tenn. – After run-ruling the Cascade Lady Champions (6-7, 2-3), 15-0, in the first meeting in Bell Buckle, the Community Viqueens (22-2-2, 5-0) scored just two runs in the second matchup at home on Tuesday night. However, thanks to star pitcher Annie Prince following up her five-inning perfect game at Cascade with a masterful seven-inning no-hitter at home, the Viqueens mustered up just enough offense to stay unbeaten in District 9-AA play.

Prince threw the complete 7.0 innings, and of the 21 outs recorded, 19 were by way of the strikeout, an incredible 90% rate. Prince walked just two batters on 93 pitches.

Her counterpart, Jocelyn Laughlin, responded in a big way after her performance in the first meeting, throwing 6.0 innings and giving up just two earned runs on five hits and four walks while striking out just a single batter on 104 pitches.

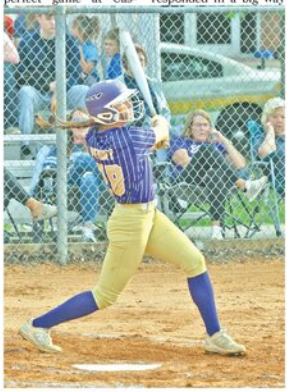
Community broke the seal in the bottom of the second inning after Carlie Blanton's leadoff single led to an RBI-single from Taylor Wessner to give the Viqueens a 1-0 lead.

In the bottom of the third, the Viqueens scored their second and final run of the game after Mattie Maxey launched her team-leading fifth home run of the season to double Community's lead to 2-0. Maxey, who is just a freshman, took Laughlin deep in the second-consecutive meeting after her first-inning round-tripper in the first meeting on April 14th.

In all, Community's offense mustered up just five base hits as a team. Anna Haskins led off and finished 1-3 with a double, Maxey went 1-2 with her home run and a walk, and Gracie Daniel went 1-2 with a walk. Carlie Blanton finished 1-3, and Taylor Wessner went 1-3 with an RBI-single. Alana Tate and Prince both worked a walk as well.

Cascade closes out the District 9-AA slate with a trip to Cannon County on Monday, April 28th, with first-pitch set for 6:30 p.m.

Community plays its final District 9-AA game of the regular season at home against Cannon County on Tuesday, April 29th, with first-pitch scheduled for 6:00 p.m.



Mattie Maxey (28) launches her fifth round-tripper of the season in Tuesday's win against Cascade.. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*



Annie Prince (14) threw a complete-game no-hitter on Tuesday, striking out 19 batters while walking just two in the shutout win. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

Champs Down Vikes in Game One of 'Battle of Bedford' Series Behind Hathcock's 11 Strikeouts

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UNIONVILLE, Tenn. – The Cascade Champions (13-6, 4-3) outlasted the Community Vikings (13-13, 3-4) in game one of the District 9-AA "Battle of Bedford" series, 4-1, on Tuesday night.

Cascade's ace, Jayden Hathcock, was dominant on the mound, throwing a complete game while giving up just one earned run on three hits and two walks with 11 strikeouts on 106 pitches.

Meanwhile, Community pitching gave up a combined four earned runs on seven hits and four walks with five strikeouts over the seven innings.

The Champions opened the scoring almost immediately in the top of the first inning. Jordan Childress worked a leadoff walk before Xykaiah Dixon singled to put runners on first and second. Caleb Crouch bunted both runners into scoring position, Thomas Demarteleare worked a full-count walk, and then Wickey Parker drove home both Childress and Dixon on a fielder's choice to put Cascade in front, 2-0.

After Hathcock made quick work of the Vikings' bats, the Champions tacked on to their lead in the top of the second. Jaxson Milliken lined a one-out single into center field, and then River Maddox laced an RBI-double to the centerfield wall to extend Cascade's lead to 3-0.

Community scratched across its first run of the game in the bottom of the third with a two-out RBI-single from Hayden Davis into right field to cut the lead to 3-1.

However, Cascade got that run back in the top of the fourth, beginning with a Wickey Parker leadoff double. Parker advanced to third on a wild pitch before Hathcock worked a walk, and then Parker took advantage of a passed ball to come home and extend the Champs' lead to 4-1.

Neither team could plate another run for the remainder of the game, and after Cascade's fourth run, there were only four more base hits tallied by both teams.

For Cascade, Dixon went 2-4 at the plate, Wickey Parker finished 1-3 with a double and two RBIs, and Jaxson Milliken went 2-3. River Maddox finished 1-3 with an RBI, and Daymian Maldonado went 1-2 at the plate with a walk.

For the Vikings, Hayden Davis went 2-3 at the plate with the hosts' lone RBI. Davis accounted for two of Community's three total hits on the night.

Blue Raiders Beat Liberty 4-0 to Claim Sixth-Consecutive CUSA Title

MT ATHLETICS

LYNCHEBURG, Va. – Middle Tennessee (16-11) claimed its sixth consecutive Conference USA title Sunday, shutting out Liberty (11-13), 4-0, and punching its ticket to the NCAA tournament.

The match against Liberty showed early promise for the Flames, who jumped out to an early lead on two doubles courts. But the Blue Raiders responded with a dominant performance to seal the win.

It started with Shu Matsuoka and Igor Mandou Berranger, who defeated Matika Samarszic and Ernst Gouws 6-3 on Court three. Coming off a win over Kennesaw State, the MTSU pair continued their strong form to get the Blue Raiders on the board.

Liberty struck back with Joaquim Almeida and Siwanat Auytayakul taking down Karim Al-Amin and Ondrej Horak 6-4 on Court one, setting the stage for a decisive battle on Court two.

In a back-and-forth contest that showcased the intensity of postseason tennis, Jakub Kroslak and Rostislav Halfinger edged out Carl Roothman and Trey Stinchcomb 7-5, clinching the doubles point for MTSU and shifting the momentum heading into singles play.

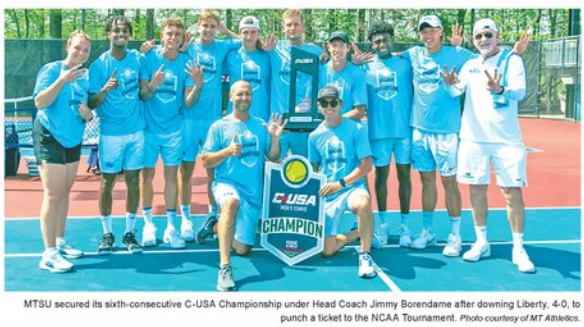
Singles action echoed the previous day's win over Kennesaw State. Kroslak got Middle Tennessee on the board first with a commanding 6-3, 6-2 win over Auytayakul. Moments later, Horak delivered a near-flawless performance on Court two, defeating Roothman 6-1, 6-4.

With three courts headed to a third set, it was Al-Amin who stepped up to close the match. After cruising through the first set, he faced a strong challenge from Almeida in the second. Despite seeing a lead vanish, Al-Amin dug in and closed it out 7-5, securing the 4-0 sweep and the title for Middle Tennessee.

The victory also earned the Blue Raiders their eighth NCAA tournament appearance in program history.

From Coach Jimmy Borendame

"The season has been an absolute nightmare with adversity at every corner. It started on the first day of school and just kept coming like a recurring nightmare. This has easily been the most difficult season of my life. The guys hung in, dug deep, and it wasn't always pretty. But what doesn't kill you makes you stronger. I know it's cliché, but it's true. These guys are fighters, and no one will want to see us in the NCAAs. I'm proud of this team."



MTSU secured its sixth-consecutive C-USA Championship under Head Coach Jimmy Borendame after downing Liberty, 4-0, to punch a ticket to the NCAA Tournament. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

Golden Eagles Sweep Spring Hill; Stephen Bobo Throws Game One No-Hitter

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SPRING HILL, Tenn. – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (24-8, 7-3) locked up the 2-seed in the upcoming District 9-AAAA Tournament following a doubleheader sweep at Spring Hill (8-17, 3-7), 6-0 and 13-4, respectively, on Tuesday.

"I'm excited that our guys get to play the district tournament at home," SCHS Head Coach Chase Jones said postgame, "I feel like home field advantage is a big thing for us to have, and I'm excited that they get to play in it at home."

In game one, Stephen Bobo threw a complete-game no-hitter, fanning 10 batters while allowing just one walk on 100 pitches. This was Bobo's second-consecutive outing with double-digit strikeouts with the first coming at Columbia Central with 11 strikeouts.

"He [Stephen Bobo] is one of those where you just roll him out on the mound and anytime he's on the mound you always feel like you have a great opportunity to win," Jones said about his star sophomore lefty, "He's done that all year long; he steps on the mound and he takes that full-on compete mode and he does a great job for us."

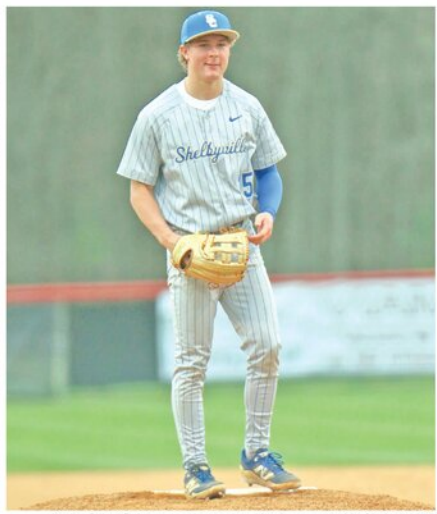
Shelbyville's offense helped out its starter, scoring four runs in the bottom of the first inning against Spring Hill starter, William Bailey. First, William Bobo led things off with a walk, then stole second and advanced to third after the throw sailed into center field, allowing Caden Duggin to single home the first run of the game. Stephen Bobo singled, then Caden Peacock lined a 2-RBI double to the wall to extend the Golden Eagles' lead to 3-0. Palmer Edwards worked a walk, and then Reager Edwards bunted home Peacock to score the fourth and final run of the inning.

Bailey gave up two more runs in the bottom of the third inning to fall behind 6-0 before getting pulled in the fourth. Bailey went 3.2 innings on the mound, giving up six earned runs on 10 hits and four walks while striking out two batters on 83 pitches. Gary Cox came on in relief, throwing the final 2.1 innings and giving up just two hits and three walks with two strikeouts on 36 pitches. Spring Hill escaped a bases-loaded jam two different times, in all leaving 14 Golden Eagles' runners stranded on base in the game. The Raiders' infield also threw out two Shelbyville runners at the plate.

For the Golden Eagles, William Bobo went 2-3 with a pair of walks and a pair of stolen bases, Caden Duggin went 2-5 with an RBI, and Stephen Bobo finished 2-2 with a walk and a HBP. Caden Peacock went 1-4 with a 2-RBI double, Palmer Edwards went 1-2 with a triple and a pair of walks, and Reager Edwards finished 2-3 with an RBI and a walk. Blake Bone and Michael Estrada also chipped in with a single apiece at the bottom of the lineup.

For game two, and with the 2-seed already locked up, Jones tweaked the lineup, and the Golden Eagles' offense erupted for 13 runs on 16 hits after slapping 12 hits in game one.

William Bobo got the start on the mound, throwing 5.0 innings and giving up three earned runs on seven hits and one walk with three strikeouts on 74 pitches. Michael Estrada pitched the sixth inning, striking out three batters with one walk on 19 pitches, and then Palmer Edwards recorded the final three outs in the seventh, giving up one run on two hits and a walk while striking out one batter on 30 pitches.



Stephen Bobo (15) threw a complete-game no-hitter in game one of the District 9-AAAA doubleheader at Spring Hill on Tuesday. Bobo struck out 10 batters while issuing just a single walk. *Photo courtesy of SCHS Baseball Facebook - Whiskey Country Radio.*

For the Raiders, Ethan Christie got the ball to start, throwing 5.0 innings and giving up nine runs, four earned, on 12 hits and two walks while striking out two batters on 91 pitches. Will McGlacken came over from shortstop to relieve Christie, but McGlacken gave up four earned runs on four hits and five walks in 1.1 innings of work on 50 pitches.

Spring Hill actually took an early lead, 1-0, in the bottom of the first inning after Clay Robinson's leadoff double led to a sac-fly from Nolan Brister.

Shelbyville responded with a run in the top of the second inning, and then exploded for five runs in the top of the fourth to take a 6-1 lead.

In the home half, Landon Reilly launched a two-run home run to cut the lead to three runs, 6-3, before the Golden Eagles plated three runs of their own to take a 9-3 lead.

Neither team scored again until Stephen Bobo clobbered his team-leading fifth home run of the season to spark a four-run top of the seventh inning against McGlacken to take a 13-3 lead. Spring Hill got one run back in the home half, but ultimately succumbed to Shelbyville, 13-4.

William Bobo went 3-5 at the plate with an RBI, Caden Duggin went 2-3 with an RBI and a pair of walks, and Stephen Bobo finished 3-5 with three RBIs and a home run. Caden Peacock went 2-4 in the cleanup spot with three RBIs of his own along with a walk. Palmer Edwards worked a pair of walks, and Reager Edwards finished 2-5 at the plate. Brody Thomas went 2-3 with a pair of walks, and Eli Laye went 2-3 with an RBI and a HBP.

Shelbyville closes out the season with five non-district games, culminating on Monday, April 28th, at home against Tullahoma. The District 9-AAAA Tournament then begins on Wednesday, April 30th, but the Golden Eagles will play their first tournament game on Thursday instead as the 2-seed.



William Bobo (11) went a combined 5-8 at the plate with two walks, a HBP, and an RBI in the series at Spring Hill on Tuesday. He also swiped two bags in game one. *Photo courtesy of Amy Todd.*

Golden Eagles Put Seven Goals Past Warren County in Dominant Home District Win

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SHELBYVILLE, Tennt. – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (11-3-1, 9-0-1) continued their excellent run of form with a dominant win over District 9-AAA foe, Warren County (8-4-1, 6-3-1), 7-1, on Tuesday night.

Tuesday's win marked the third-consecutive match that the Golden Eagles scored at least seven goals with all three coming in district play.

"I think we are on a really positive streak," Golden Eagles' Head Coach Chris Fritz said postgame, "We have got to be careful about getting comfortable. We had a couple of weeks where we were really trying to find our identity and find the goal scoring and find the way to move the ball as a team and trust each other and play through different defenses, but in the last two weeks, practice has been extremely intense."

It took until the 18th minute for Shelbyville to break the seal, but the Golden Eagles scored two goals in rapid succession to take a 2-0 lead. First, freshman Abraham Flores poked home a deflected ball in the box to open the scoring, and then Emmanual Leyva opened his account less than 50 seconds later with a calm finish in front of goal to double Shelbyville's advantage.

In the 27th minute, senior Yaden Niño scored the hosts' third goal of the game, but then ten minutes later, three minutes before half-time, Erik Hernandez found himself in space through on goal, slipping the ball underneath the keeper and into the back of the net to put the Pioneers on the board before the break.

However, the Golden Eagles kept up the pressure to begin the second half. In the 44th minute, Areal Sanchez found the back of the net on a bouncing ball in the box off of a free kick to take a 4-1 lead.

Four minutes later, senior Carlos Velazquez played a perfect through ball to Leyva, allowing the star front-man to score his second goal of the game and extend Shelbyville's lead to 5-1.

In the 49th minute – just one minute later – junior Jared Taylor powered into the Pioneer's penalty area, winning a penalty on a rough sliding challenge before calmly depositing the spot-kick into the net for Shelbyville's sixth goal of the night.

Jonathan Betzelberger capped off the scoring for the Golden Eagles in the 65th minute with a wonderful display of skill down the left flank, cutting inside to dribble around the keeper and score the seventh goal of the night for Shelbyville.

The Golden Eagles begin their District Tournament Title defense on May 6th at home.

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STEVE LYNCH AND FAMILY ARE BACK AT HOME

Family Feels Truly Blessed Following Fire





On Dec. 12, 2023, Steve Lynch and family lost their Unionville home and entire contents to a fire. One year later, almost to the day, they moved back into their new home. Christmas 2024 was no doubt more cheerful!

Now as the birds sing near their new front porch in spring of 2025, Steve, and partner, Joann Adams, express their gratitude. They know they've been blessed.

The Times-Gazette did a story with Steve after the fire back in 2024. We thought we'd follow up with the progress the family has made.

Steve says he is so thankful to all who, helped them get back into their own place. There were fundraisers and silent auctions held in their honor.

Since the fire, many friends and neighbors, have pitched into help. Steve has done a lot of work getting things back in order; He also lost his mother, Linda, last May, so it's been a difficult time for the family the last couple of years.

Steve grew up in Unionville and has been a life-long member and most likely will remain one the rest of his life. The Outpouring of love from the community is something he, says he'll never forget.

Steven says their rebuilt home is "nothing fancy" but they're just "happy to be back home."



