COMMUNITY NEWS

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City vs County lawsuit verdict expected in May

Local bench trial this week lasted one day

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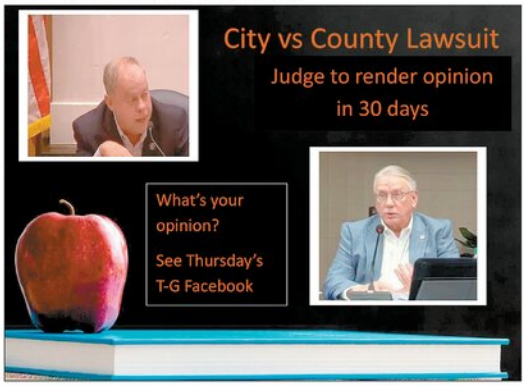

Circuit Court Judge Don Ash from Murfreesboro presided over the optional sales tax bench trial between the City of Shelbyville and Bedford County Government here on Monday. The judge said due to his schedule, he will present his ruling in the next 30 days.

Bench trial refers to the type of trial that does not involve a jury but is conducted by the judge alone, in which the judge decides the facts of the case and applies the law.

What might have been a long drawn out 3-day court event was over in one day. But both sides said Monday it was a long and grueling day for local government officials.

Taking the stand for the City was long-time Councilman and former City Mayor Henry Feldhaus. He testified on behalf of the City for about 2 hours, noting he and his family were involved in the local school system and governmental process when this contract between both entities was signed back in 1974.

As a pertinent witness, given his history with the City of Shelbyville, Feldhaus explained how this contractual agreement actually came about. He explained there were several attempts to get the contract renegotiated over the years but that never transpired.

Taking the stand for the County was Mayor Chad Graham. He was also a pertinent witness, now in his second term as mayor, but what he mainly talked about in court on Monday was the language of the contract and how the County continues to spend the

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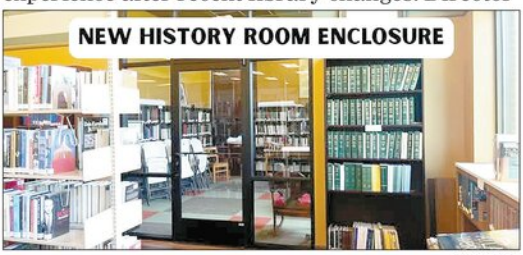
Community should have better experience after recent library changes: Director



Library photo

The History Room enclosure at Shelbyville Bedford County Library was done recently by Preferred Glass and funded by the 2024 Shelbyville Square Wine Walk Donation.

By Dawn Hankins

Changes have been happening at Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library. Staff note that these changes are what is needed as Shelbyville and Bedford County continue to grow and flourish.

"All of these changes that are being made are to better the library experience for each part of our community without taking anything away from another part," said Margaret Petty, library director.

She explains that the History Room has been moved to the former Children's Easy Book Room. "In doing this, we separated the Genealogy books and records from the General Reference items. The General Reference, though scaled down from what it was years ago, is housed just outside of this room. We also have the Tennessee Code Annotated books, the Tennessee Walking Horse Reports, some Local High School Annuals, and other types of reference in this area. These sections are all Reference and are available for in-house use only."

Petty said the History Room is vital to preserving local and family histories and by placing it in this area, though smaller than the original room it was in, it is more user friendly and items are easier to locate.

"We are still working on this area and plan to have a small copy machine so that researchers can make their copies without leaving the area. With the addition of the glass enclosure and door we are now able to keep these items safe and secure."

The Microfilm Reader and printer is now located in the Technology Lab (formerly the Computer Lab.) Petty said the library has back issues of the local newspapers going as far back as the late 1800s, Census records, family records and more on Microfilm. Patrons can make copies from these Microfilm reels for 20 cents per page. Since moving the Microfilm Computer/Reader into the Tech Lab she said staff has seen more frequent use by patrons who were unaware of its existence when it was hidden in the History Room.

"The Children's Area is now much roomier and the moves that we have made have given the library an open, airy feel that is welcoming to all ages!" said Petty. "We still have a few moves to make, but the largest part is done and I hope everyone will love it as much as we do!"



SRO OF THE YEAR

Bedford County Schools Photo

Bedford County School System recently recognized and celebrated Cascade High's School Resource Officer (SRO) Jose Garza for his dedication and heart for students. For the past 9 years with the Bedford County Sheriff's Office and seven of those as an SRO, he's gone above and beyond to make a real difference in the lives of students and staff, school officials note. From arriving early and lending a hand wherever it's needed, to mentoring new SROs and stepping up to support various events even at other schools, he truly embodies what it means to serve with excellence. See more award photos on page 5 today.



AVIATION EDUCATION DAY SUCCESSFUL

Photo by Julie Smith

Shelbyville Municipal Airport hosted an aviation education day last Saturday. All kinds of aircraft were on display for the event.

BEDFORD BRIEFS



SPECIAL BENEFIT

The Wendy Tucker Benefit and Auction is being held at The Hitching Post, 1902 Warners Bridge Road, on May 17 at 2 p.m. There will be food plates, auction items, for sale items and great raffles. To make a donation, please call Haley Tucker 931-580-0555 or Patrena Woodring 931-619-1824.

DECORATION DAYS

Decoration services will be conducted at Pressgrove Cemetery on Sunday, May 4, at 2:00 p.m. Mike Hannah, pastor of the Amazing Grace Church, will be the speaker. Donations may be mailed to Buddy Wortham, 293 Smith Road, Bell Buckle, TN 37020 or given to Eddie Wayne Sanders, Charles Jones or Ron Adcock.

Wheel Cemetery Decoration Day will be Saturday, May 10. There will be a short service at 2:00 p.m. Donations for upkeep of the cemetery will be accepted and appreciated.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Shelbyville City Council meets in regular session Thursday, May 8, at 6 p.m. at the Codes building.

SPRING ART CRAWL

Bedford Arts Collective's Spring Art Crawl is planned from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 9, on the public square. Applications have closed for this event.

VFW EVENTS

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5019, and its Auxiliary will hold their monthly meeting Monday, May 5, at the VFW Post on Depot Street. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with a business meeting for members immediately following. For more information, contact Post Commander Jim Painter at 503-853-9485.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5019, and its Auxiliary will host their 2nd Saturday ***FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST***

Saturday, May 10, from 7 to 9:30 a.m. at the VFW Post, 1320 Depot St. Carry-outs available. For more information, call Alex at 615-513-7959. The food has been generously donated by HUMANA.

WARTRACE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

The annual Wartrace Strawberry Festival will be Saturday, May 10, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in downtown Wartrace. It is a family-friendly event with food trucks, craft vendors, kid zone and yes, strawberries! Back by popular demand is the "Everything Strawberry" baking contest, "Berry Creative" costume contest, music, parade and more. Booth spaces available. Facebook.com/Visit Wartrace or wartracemerchants@gmail.com or 931-434-7133.

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optional sales tax dollars on education.

Graham told the T-G after the trial, "The pending bench trial regarding the City/County lawsuit over sales tax for education was heard today. The County's legal team, as well as the arguments for why these dollars must continue to be available for school purposes, were clear and compelling. I am confident in the position and team representing Bedford County."

Here's a bit about the contract from 1974.

The City and the County signed a contract under which the City voluntarily relinquished its portion of a sales tax increase which was passed that year so that the money could be used for new school construction.

The City had relinquished its duties as the municipal governing body over local education funding. The County maintains that it has since done its due diligence to Bedford County education.

Essentially, the debate within the current lawsuit is over an extra 14% of sales tax revenue. That's over and above the 50% already contributed by the City (as required by state law) to fund education.

One City Council member said Monday that Mayor Graham remarked how the City doesn't contribute in the same way the County does toward education. And they note that is simply not true, given the mathematics of it all. Essentially, everyone pays whether you're in the County or the City.

It was mentioned in court that the big number related to the optional sales tax feud is $2 million a year. It is clear that percentages can add up for local governments.

Since the signing of this contract 50 years ago, several building programs have been completed by the County. Several are still in the drawing room. As well, the County continues to maintain a debt service fund.

Representing the County is Holland & Knight LLP and representing the City is Bass, Berry and Sims law firm.

Judge Ash asked Mayor Graham if the County had raised taxes since he took office and Graham said that the property tax rate has actually gone down.

The City isn't buying that.

So, a year ago, the City decided to end the contractual agreement with the County, which would return that percentage of tax revenue to the City's budget. Going forward, this would force the County to restructure the way it funds school construction.

Shelbyville City Council voted last year to authorize the City of Shelbyville's legal counsel to take necessary action against Bedford County Government--to seek a declaratory judgment that the 1974 Local Option Sales Tax Contract be terminated, effective July 1, 2024.

Obviously, a lot of time has passed since that action was taken. Negotiations seemed futile at one point so the lawsuit began and has cost both City and County dollars in legal fees ever since.

City Council member Feldhaus and former Council members Stephanie Isaacs and Gary Haile all voted against the lawsuit last year. The other three Council members voted yes, which resulted in a tie vote. Shelbyville Mayor Randy Carroll was required to cast the deciding vote, which was a yes to pursue. So, the action then passed 4:3.

Since that time, new Council members have been elected into office to replace Haile and Isaacs i.e., Josh Blevins and Betsy Noel. Blevins recently voted against spending more legal fees to pursue this lawsuit.

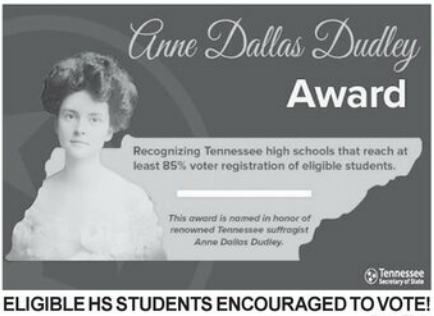
City Mayor Randy Carroll said Monday after the trial, "I, personally, would have preferred no court case but a solution through negotiation. This issue is 50 years old and should have been resolved a long time ago."

On the "Shelbyville Now" Facebook page on Monday, one local resident commented that the folks that live in Shelbyville and Bedford County are paying lawyers on both sides so they're actually suing themselves.

"The taxpayers can never win from this lawsuit," the resident advised. "It doesn't matter how this is resolved."

Councilman Blevins said in response to that taxpayer's remarks, "You're 100% correct. That's why I voted against funding the lawsuit. This is an issue that should have been resolved with the two sides working together."

Blevins added that regardless of the outcome, the only real winner in this lawsuit will be the attorneys representing the City and the County.



ELIGIBLE HS STUDENTS ENCOURAGED TO VOTE!

State Photo

Moore County High School has been announced by Secretary of State Tre Hargett's office as being a 2025 Anne Dudley Gold Winner. This program was created to encourage all eligible Tennessee high school students to increase voter registration and participation. Hargett said he hopes all newly registered students remain lifelong voters. All public, charter, private, and home school associations are eligible. Anne Dudley was a suffragist who helped lead the successful effort to get the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution ratified nationwide and in her home state. On Aug. 18, 1920, Tennessee became the 36th and final state needed to pass the amendment which gave women the right to vote. For more information, please visit: sos.tn.gov/civics.

Community Calendar

SPAGHETTI!!

Flat Greek Community Center (115 New Herman Road) will have a spaghetti supper fundraiser on Saturday, May 3, as part of its regular 1st Saturday monthly meeting. Tickets are available at the door for $10. Meals served from 4 to 7 p.m.

DECORATION DAYS

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

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, PO Box 831, Shelbyville, 37162.

Mt. Hermon Cemetery Decoration Day will be held on Saturday, May 10, at 2 p.m. Donations may be given at the cemetery or mailed to Mt. Hermon Cemetery Association, 1199 Bugscuffle Road Wartrace, 37183.

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

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

CHURCH SERVICE NEWS

This Sunday at First United Methodist Church Shelbyville, Pastor Abe Zimmerman will preach "Foundations of Faith: Part 1" from Romans 3:21-31. The new series is a birds-eye view of the letter to the Roman Christians. Come and see how this profound letter contains a vast amount of the foundational truths for the Christian life. 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.

SOLES4SOULS

Turning shoes and clothing into opportunity

Shelbyville Students to Receive New Shoes

Soles4Souls, the Nashville-based global nonprofit committed to turning shoes and clothing into opportunity, is partnering with Bedford County Schools for a shoe distribution that will take place on Friday, May 2, at Eakin Elementary School.

The distribution will be held from 8:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Parking is available in front of the school building.

Also supporting this event is the Reyes Coca-Cola Bottling, World Literacy Foundation and an anonymous financial benefactor from Bedford County with a mission to give back to the community. The distribution is a part of Soles4Souls' 4EveryKid initiative, which is committed to providing a pair of brand-new athletic shoes to students experiencing homelessness across the United States.

While most students in Bedford County Schools are not homeless, Soles4Souls and school administrators will be distributing shoes to every student for this fun, surprise event.

About Soles4Souls

Soles4Souls turns shoes and clothing into educational and economic opportunities. Programs include 4Opportunity, 4Relief, 4EveryKid and 4ThePlanet, all which aim to make a positive difference on the planet and in people's economic, educational, physical, and psychosocial well-being.

Since 2006, more than 103 million pairs of shoes and pieces of clothing have helped create opportunities for people across 138 countries. Soles4Souls is headquartered in Nashville, with regional donation centers and warehouse locations around the world. Visit soles4souls.org for more information.

FCE MEETING

Liberty FCE members met on April 21. Judy Smith called the meeting to order with a special reading. Ann Spencer gave the devotion. Seven people answered roll call. Minutes were read.

It was announced that Judy Smith has a birthday this month.

The Club can count volunteer hours when the Farm Bureau is fed a meal.

Dorris Turrentine wrote an essay called, "Bloom Where You Are Planted" and will be used in a Fair Share presentation.

Bonnye Catron reported the County Council meeting. The MRT program at the jail needs knitting needles and crochet hooks.

Whitney Danhof, extension agent, gave a presentation on seasonal blooms and how to dry them. Club demonstrations were given by Betty Renegar (a picture of cherished blooms) and Ann Specner (baby quilt.)

The next meeting is May 20.



WAY TO GO, MATTIE!

American Idol Photo

Eagleville's Mattie Pruitt, 16, has made it to the Top 10 in the American Idol competition on ABC! She has the support of her hometown, including Grindstone Cowboy restaurant and Lucky Ladd Farms where she has worked as a teen. She will find out Sunday night if she advances in the competition. She is receiving a lot of votes!

TIME FOR SOME FUN!

ROTARY CARNIVAL 2025

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THE ISSUE

City buildings are about kaput. What now?

Recent City feasibility study eye-opening

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Shelbyville City Council met in a special workshop late Tuesday afternoon to receive and review a facilities study performed by TLM Associates Architects & Engineers.

While buildings owned by the City are not falling down at this time, the forecast for the future of places like Fire Hall No. 2 and City Hall fell short of compliments.

This was just the start apparently in several phases of the facilities study.

The architects (Ginger Finch representing) were brutally honest, which is usually why you hire such a professional firm to take inspection of what you operate from. Officials need someone with a fresh approach.

Boy did they get one. But architects backed up their study with LOTS of photographs. You can't argue with what was pictured.

You could tell by the expressions on City Council members' faces that it wasn't pleasant. This was especially the case when she presented an estimated budget of what it would cost-millions-to try to renovate existing structures.

The public works garage is estimated to be from the 1940s. While you might assume that, well, it's public works, there were still ADA issues and public entrances that came into question.

Some of the aluminum style roofing at City Hall was complimented. But that didn't make up for things that are deteriorating and misconfigured.

Finch said she doesn't remember looking at a wall that didn't have cracks during her inspections. She said she wasn't expecting the masonry to be so bad.

Most important, a lot of ADA issues were brought to the service. Now that will certainly make a public official cringe.

City Hall has water seepage. The list went on and on.

She picked on City Hall quite a bit, noting the building is too open and accessible for the public. There should be well defined areas for customers. She complimented the front lobby and cashier areas.

But City Hall (a two-story building) needs upgrades regarding ADA compliance.

Fire Hall No. 2 is just not a good configuration, according to the architects. There are also water leaks and issues with masonry.

But she said the original architect is great. She liked the building and said it is conducive for that area of service.

The architect said much in her report would sound negative. But is that her fault?

The mayor asked about whether the City of Shelbyville is rowing this boat alone. She assured him, no. She said there are a lot municipalities facing necessary, structural, improvements. And they're staring at much of the same budget as Shelbyville.

She said this is something all government entities have to deal with sooner or later.

She asked the Council if they want to put more dollars into old buildings. She said she didn't have that answer.

What she did say is that the City is not currently in an emergency state with its buildings. That's good. It gives the City time to make a plan.

But she said a lot of decisions are going to have to be made in the near future regarding where they go from here. Staying complacent does not seem feasible.

The architects have looked at suggested properties in the City. The one that seems most conducive to a new total public service building (fire and police together) is located behind the square. It is being called the "Library Property."

While some of the property is available for purchase. Some of it currently isn't, according to Council members.

The bottom line here is that the City has no choice really but to start fresh. They were able to see some artistic renderings of some other area upgrades for its public safety. The photos were nice!

While looking at photos of Shelbyville's current work areas, it seems only fair to those employees who spend their hours at the facilities to have better work environments. It's time.

But the public will have to support the City in its efforts. Or, just spend more dollars. Or, watch everything fall apart over time.

Based on this report, folks, the City has few options. That is, unless some great benefactor steps forward. The money will have to be found, eventually.

The architects said to her knowledge, there are not a lot of grants available for such capital outlay projects.

So where will the money come from? Or do we just go on like usual?

Have we put this off long enough? Have we put it off too long-painting over things, patched here and there? (She mentioned the paint overs too.)

With the growth potential and now potential commercial developments starting up out Highway 231 North (part of study session Tuesday night) it would seem to be time to move ahead with a major capital outlay project in the City.

More feasibility studies are to come.



Facility	City Replacement Value	Priority 1 Needs	Priority 2 Needs	Priority 3 Needs	Priority 4 Needs	Priority 5 Needs	Total
City Hall	$1,334,361.00	$0.00	$1,265,000.00	$13,000.00	$425,000.00	$0.00	$1,703,000.00
Fire Station #2	$750,054.00	$150,000.00	$150,000.00	$74,000.00	$380,000.00	$210,000.00	$964,000.00
Public Works	$1,304,988.00	$0.00	$555,000.00	$135,000.00	$1,855,000.00	$365,000.00	$2,910,000.00
TOTALS	$3,389,403.00	$150,000.00	$1,970,000.00	$222,000.00	$2,660,000.00	$575,000.00	$5,577,000.00



NICO HONORED BY CITY

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

Prior to Tuesday's study session, Shelbyville Mayor Randy Carroll presented on behalf of the City of Shelbyville a proclamation in honor of Nico Higgs. Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett recently announced the 12 winners of the 2024 Civics Essay Contest and the Thomas Magnet student placed second in his age division. Nico wrote an essay and completed a drawing of himself as a "Source Detective," evaluating sources as fact or opinion. A total of 4,356 students participated in the contest themed: "Why Trusted Sources Matter." Along with a certificate, Nico's win included a TNStars 529 College Savings Program scholarship and a trip to the State Capitol. Nicco's parents were present for Tuesday's presentation.



CLEAN AUDITS FOR THE YEAR!!

Submitted Photo

Cannon and Bedford Counties both received clean audits from the State Comptroller's office. State Sen. Shane Reeves holds up the certificates.



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!

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

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FEATURES FROM THE BIBLE

TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

Moses
Exodus

While the descendants of Jacob, also called Israel, were in Egypt, they multiplied and were mighty. .A new king who did not know Joseph, came to power. He feared the Israelite people and set taskmasfers over them to afflict them as they worked building cities for Pharaoh.

As the descendants of Israel continued to multiply, the Egyptians made their lives bitter with hard bondage.

The Egyptian king ordered the midwives to kill all the male Israelite children as they were born. The midwives feared God, disobeyed the king and saved the male children. The Israelite people continued to multiply.

During this persecution a family of Levi's descendants were blessed with a son who was saved from death.

The mother hid the child for 3 months. Fearing that she would be discovered, she built an ark of bulrushes and pitch and set the ark to sail in the river with the baby's sister keeping watch.

Pharaoh's daughter came to bathe in the river and found the little ark and the baby inside. She had compassion for the baby and decided to take him as her own.

The sister of the baby came forth and offered to find a nurse for the baby. She brought the baby's mother to nurse him and Pharaoh's daughter sent the baby home with his mother.

The child grew and at the proper time his mother brought her son to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son and she called him Moses.



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ATTENDANCE AND FAMILY SUPPORT PERSON OF YEAR!

Bedford County Schools Photos

Dulcie Davis was recently announced as Bedford County Schools' Attendance and Family Support Person of the Year! Through her boundless compassion and efforts, she has made a lasting impact by building strong, meaningful connections, said school officials. One of her standout achievements has been her extraordinary efforts in addressing chronic absenteeism.



ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR!

As an instructional coach, Patti Clinton embodies leadership, collaboration and a deep commitment to excellence in education, said school officials recently. She is credited for working side by side with teachers to identify goals, develop innovative strategies and implement meaningful changes in classrooms—all with the aim of enhancing teaching and improving student outcomes.

Mother's Day
Celebration

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.



STUDENT RESOURCE OFFICER OF THE YEAR!

School Resource Officer (SRO) Jose Garza is said to go the extra mile every single day. School officials said they're really lucky to have Garza watching over the students at Cascade High. Bedford County Sheriff's Department is pretty proud of him too. (See more on page 1 today.)



CENTRAL OFFICE SUPPORT PERSON OF THE YEAR!

Velencia Haile has been named the Central Office Support Person of the Year for showing extraordinary dedication and strength in her role and for helping ensure that everything runs seamlessly behind the scenes. Her hard work and commitment to making a difference have left an undeniable mark on our organization and the people she supports every day, school officials recently remarked. This award is a reflection of her efforts and the respect and admiration she has earned from those around her.



JAIL INTAKE

BEDFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Charles Ryan Allison, driving on revoked, failure to yield right of way
Forrest Chance Banks, unlawful exposure (image)
Mason Davis Bevels, domestic assault
Garrett Boyce, assault
Michele Lee Edwards, possession Schedule II drug
Rachel Alexandria England, public intoxication
Gary Glen Frazier, capias, failure to appear, shoplifting, violation of probation
Yosvin Garcia-Sales, license required, unregistered car
Harold Julian Hernandez-Lagunes, driving on revoked license, move over law
Oscar Hernandez-Soto, driving on revoked
Jordan Marre Malicki, to serve time, General Sessions Court
Genrry Micael Rivaderieira-Lucas, citation, no driver's license exhibited on demand, traffic control device (stop sign)
Roderick Dewayne Steward, possession of Schedule II drug
Deanna Kay Sudberry, capias, failure to appear
Marie Vasil, to serve time, General Sessions Court
Jessica Renee Wisdom, Murfreesboro, possession of drug paraphernalia and Schedules II, III and IV





FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

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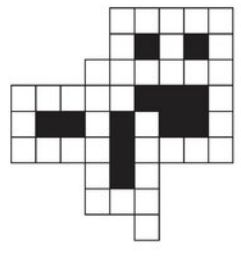

Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE**). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥**RATHE** becomes **HATER** or **EARTH** or **HEART**). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Join the parade	___ ___ R ___ ___		Tennis game	___ ___ T ___ ___	
2. Very fast	___ ___ ___ C ___ ___		Idiosyncrasy	___ ___ ___ R ___ ___	
3. He wanted "more"	O ___ ___ ___ ___ ___		Splinter	S ___ ___ ___ ___ ___	
4. Stare intently	___ ___ ___ R ___ ___		Open space	___ ___ ___ D ___ ___	
5. Boundary	___ ___ ___ G ___ ___		Short or Scorsese	___ ___ ___ T ___ ___	
6. Thames and Rhine	___ ___ ___ ___ S		Journalist Geraldo	___ ___ ___ ___ A	
7. Decelerate	___ ___ A ___ ___		Without funds	___ ___ O ___ ___	
8. From Athens	___ ___ ___ ___ K		Lime or olive	___ ___ ___ ___ N	
9. Rush	___ U ___ ___ ___		Potter or Styles	___ A ___ ___ ___	
10. Flag	___ ___ N ___ ___		Chitchat	___ ___ ___ T ___	

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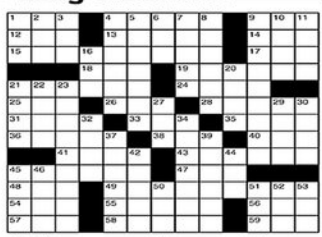
King Crossword



ACROSS
1 Space
4 Angels' illuminants
9 Total
12 Past
13 Vote into office
14 Gorilla
15 Moon, for instance
17 Youngster
18 CDs' forerunners
19 Winter weasel
21 Easter egg container
24 Golf props
25 "The — Daba Honeymoon"
26 Water barrier
28 Vaults
31 On pension (Abbr.)
33 In medias —
35 Tragic
36 Speaks unclearly
38 Guy's counterpart
40 Away from WSW
41 Regretted
43 Maestro, e.g.
45 Wisconsin, the — State
47 Slight amount
48 Genetic messenger
49 Duke Ellington classic
54 Whatever number
55 "Excavating for —"
56 Trouble
57 More (Sp.)
58 Subsided
59 Ram's mate

DOWN
1 Petrol
2 Khan title
3 Cauldron
4 Lent a hand
5 Outstanding athlete
6 Islander's neckwear
7 Group of eight
8 Cordwood measures
9 Content
10 "Once — a time, ..."
11 Apportion (out)
16 Wapiti
20 Anthropologist Margaret
21 Behind — (in jail)
22 First victim
23 Halves of weekends
27 "Little Women" woman
29 Sea eagle
30 Prognost icator
32 Pharmaceutical
34 Cracker type
37 Teeter-totter
39 Tilted
42 Pulitzer Prize category
44 Find 9-Across
45 "Dracula" author Stoker
46 Actress Paquin
50 Can material
51 Have bills
52 Depressed
53 Shelter wire

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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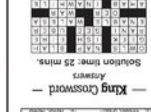
See This Week's Answers In Next Week's Edition

Weekly SUDOKU — Answers



Solution time: 25 mins.

King Crossword — Answers



Even Exchange answers

1. Enter Clear
2. Brisk Brief
3. Reveal Repeat
4. Gaze Gauge
5. Bound Bounty
6. Ebro, Loire
7. Slow, Slide
8. Moose, Mossy
9. Rush, Rugby
10. Flag, Flank

Stickelers

"Terry Stickel"

Match the instruments on the left with the definitions on the right.

1. pyrometer
2. algometer
3. leptometer
4. hydrometer
5. clinometer

a) measures sensitivity to pain
b) measures oil viscosity
c) measures high temperatures
d) measures slopes and elevations
e) measures specific gravity of liquids

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **B** equals **W**

WOF WBM BFPHFDDXTF IPIIPDH PQF XLHFNPQPJDF. X WOXLT WOFE'OF NQMJPJDE XL P HPJDF QFDPWXMLHOXN.

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Stickelers answer

CryptoQuip answer

What should you say when a young child tells at listening his soliloquy? "The apple."

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Tack
JETCROP

Goody
RIGSHA

Pools
INKTEA

Chair
HORNET

TODAY'S WORD



SCRAMBLERS solution

1. Certify 2. Chaste 3. Extend 4. Scope

Today's Word

EXERCISE

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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GRIN and BEAR IT



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"Would you like to take it for a test mow?"

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated May 5, 2021, executed by JOSHUA E STEWART conveying certain real property therein described to MEGAN K. TROTT, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee recorded May 5, 2021, in Deed Book TD1005, Page 783; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC who is now the owner of said debt; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on June 10, 2025 at 11:00 AM at the main entrance to the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, to wit:

BEING ALL OF LOT NO. 2 OF FLOYDS SUNSET BOULEVARD SUBDIVISION NO. 1, AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET D, ENVELOPE 78, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION.

Parcel ID: 071E-B-013.00

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 200 SUNSET BLVD, WARTRACE, TN 37183. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): JOSHUA E STEWART

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

CROWN ASSET MANAGEMENT LLC

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

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

Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
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Tel: (877) 813-0992
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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

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

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

Property Address: 107 Stern Lane, Shelbyville,TN 37160

TAX ID: 061K-A-012.00-000

Current Owner(s) of Property: Kasie Brown

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

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

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

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

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

Robert J. Solomon
Substitute Trustee
Solomon | Baggett, LLC
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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 22

Seller, Alicia Sayle Anderson, Alicia Sayle Hudson; Buyer, Bradley S Meyer, Janae D Meyer; Price, $350,000 (Deed).

Seller, Janet H Reichardt, Richard C Reichardt; Buyer, Timothy Alan Schultz, Janet H Reichardt; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 740 Happy Valley Road; Seller, Kristin A Smith; Buyer, James O Boyd, Paula G Boyd; Price, $323,000 (Deed).

Location: 312 Hilltop Dr; Seller, Douglas M Haynes, Karol L Haynes, Karol L Talbott; Buyer, Sean Williams, Romitchus Starnes; Price, $324,000 (Deed).

Location: Cortner Mill Road; Seller, Meliony B Haley, Meliony B Frazier; Buyer, William G Broersma, Malenda L Broersma; Price, $240,000 (Deed).

File date: April 23

Location: 112 Garden Dr; Seller, Dennis Cody McGowan; Buyer, Maricela Hernandez Ortiz; Price, $287,500 (Deed).

Location: 2484 Unionville Deason Rd; Seller, Kimberly D Napier; Buyer, Adam Murray, Jessica Curtin; Price, $642,000 (Deed).

Location: Highway 82; Seller, Destany Pitman, Dion Patrick Little, Charles George Little; Buyer, James E Farrar Sr; Price, $195,000 (Deed).

Location: Highway 64 W; Seller, Mai Foster; Buyer, James R Warner, Christy W Warner; Price, $350,000 (Deed).

Seller, Thurman Lee Adcock; Buyer, May Tory Homes LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: April 24

Location: Coney Island Road; Seller, Magdi Samaan, Medhat Samaan; Buyer, Kaiden Garland; Price, $230,000 (Deed).

Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, David Leonardo Fandino Diaz, Yudyht Suzzan Oviedo Santos; Price, $361,191 (Deed).

Location: 2909 Highway 130 East; Seller, Steve Fears; Buyer, Dennis Cody McGowan; Price, $110,000 (Deed).

Location: 106 Hidden Circle; Seller, JC Builders LLC; Buyer, Walter S Jones, Angela J Jones; Price, $364,9000 (Deed).

Location: 208 Archery Lane; Seller, Jeffrey D Adams, Sarah C Adams; Buyer, 208 Archery Lane LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 113 Peachtree Lane; Seller, Crystal Carter, Micah Carter; Buyer, Micah Carter, Crystal Carter; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: April 25

Seller, Jay B Wolfe; Buyer, Bennie Lynn Wolfe; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 106 Annas Way; Seller, Valerie Holt; Buyer, Colt Adams, Brittany Adams; Price, $289,900 (Deed).

Location: 636 Happy Valley Road; Seller, Evan Morton; Buyer, Ryan Forbes; Price, $226,000 (Deed).

File date: April 28

Location: 1710 Wartrace Pike; Seller, Three Putt Properties, Reed Emerson, Matthew Reed; Buyer, John Fisher, Rea Mikko; Price, $419,900 (Deed).

Location: 126 Blue Grass Dr; Seller, Haylie Dial, Haylie B Spence; Buyer, Scott Gordon, Rhonda Gordon; Price, $310,000 (Deed).

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

Seller, Sandra E Smith, William G Smith; Buyer, Sandra Carroll Smith, Carrie Smith Crocker, Smith Revocable Trust, Sandra Carroll Smith Revocable Trust; Price, $0 (Deed).

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Obituaries

John William Hall



John William Hall passed away on April 26, 2025, at Alive Hospice in Nashville, TN. He was born in Shelbyville, TN, on November 6, 1947, to James Henderson Hall and Mary Jordan Hall, who predeceased him.

He is survived by his daughter, Mary Beth Bernheisel (Jay); his grandchildren, Joshua and Clare; his sister, Mary Anne Fitzgerald (Larry); his nephew, Andy Fitzgerald (Abby); and his niece, Samantha Vo (Quyen). He is also survived by his four grandnieces—Jane, Sylvia, Mai-Linh, and Ruth—and his three grandnephews, George, Hugh, and Clement.

John earned both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and was a member of the Chi Epsilon and Tau Beta Pi engineering honor societies. He taught technical courses at the University of Tennessee–Nashville and served on the Tennessee State University College of Engineering Advisory Committee.

He was a professional civil engineer for fifty years and was especially proud of his service with the Nashville District Corps of Engineers. There, he formed many lasting professional and personal relationships and genuinely enjoyed coming to work every day for over thirty years.

John was a veteran, serving in the U.S. Army and Army Reserves from 1970 to 1976. He attended Brentwood United Methodist Church and also worshipped at the churches where his daughter served as pastor.

He loved his family deeply and always strived to be the best father, grandfather, brother, and uncle he could be. He enjoyed all things associated with the University of Tennessee, as well as boating, the ocean, and trips with his grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 10-11am and the service will be at 11am on Saturday, May 24, at Crievewood United Methodist Church, 451 Hogan Road, Nashville, TN.

In lieu of flowers, donations in John's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Thistle Farms, or a charity of your choice.

Death Notices

Joe Wessley Brown

Joe Wessley Brown passed from this life on April 22, 2025, at the age of 83 after an extended illness. He was born March 2, 1942 in Shelbyville. Wessley was the son of the late Joe Tom Brown and Josephine Isom Black Brown. He was a Navy Veteran (November 15, 1961 until March 14, 1966) serving aboard the USS Caloosahatchee and the Vulcan. He was a retired U.S. Postal Employee.

Wessley is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Neita Anderson Brown; his children, Amanda (Randy) Finley, Rachel (Aaron) Disney.

Walter Lee Pruitt

Walter Lee Pruitt, 60, of Shelbyville died April 26, 2025.

He was born May 17, 1964 in Missouri and was a longtime resident of Shelbyville. He served as a school bus driver for Bedford County School System.

He was the son of the late Buster Pruitt Jr. and Carey Elaine Frame Pruitt. He is survived by his sister, Lisa (Sam) Jacobs of Shelbyville and his brother, Jeffrey Alan (Fran) Jones of Smyrna.

Josefina Martinez

With deep sorrow, the passing of Josefina Martinez has been announced. She departed this life peacefully on the evening of Thursday, April 24, 2025, at the age of 93.

Josefina was born on October 17, 1931, in Guadalupe, Zacatecas, to her parents Juana Hernandez and Federico Martinez. She is survived by her beloved husband of many years, Pascual Oliva, and by her 10 loving children: Juanita, Irma, Jose, Rodolfo, Pascual, Lucia, Yolanda, Guillermina, Luis, and Jaime.

Teressa Rose Marshall

Teressa Rose Marshall passed away peacefully and surrounded by family on April 25, 2025.

She was 77. Born in Atlantic, IA, she spent her adult life and raised her family in Shelbyville.

She is preceded in death by her parents Vernon and Mattie Dwornicki. She is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, James R. Marshall II, and their 3 daughters: Kathy (Bo) Woods, Charleen (Tim) Forsythe, and Patricia (Stan) Pyrdum.

Margaret Faye Cargill

Margaret Faye Cargill was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She passed away on April 25, 2025, in Shelbyville. Formerly of Lincoln Park, Michigan, Faye's life was said to be a testament to strength, resilience, and unwavering love.

What seniors can do to maintain a healthy weight



Eating breakfast each day can help seniors achieve their goal of maintaining a healthy weight.

Achieving and maintaining a healthy weight is a lifelong process. Children tend to be so physically active and grow at such a consistent pace that it's easier for them to consume a high-calorie diet without becoming overweight. That's generally not the case after adolescence, and it might be particularly difficult for seniors to avoid gaining weight.

In a 2020 interview with Tufts Medicine, Jillian Reece, a bariatric dietitian at Tufts Medical Center, noted that a person's basal metabolic rate slows downs with aging. The basal metabolic rate indicates the rate at which the body uses energy while at rest. As that rate slows down, body weight can increase. But seniors should know they aren't helpless against nature and Father Time. In fact, there is much aging adults can do to maintain a healthy weight throughout their golden years.

· Limit portion sizes when eating. Controlling portion sizes is easier said than done, particularly for seniors who dine out with frequency. When dining out, seniors can order off the appetizer menu instead of ordering an entrée, especially when visiting an establishment known for its hefty portions. At home, pay attention to serving size data on product labeling. If necessary, measure portions when eating foods such as cereal so the portion you eat reflects the serving size noted on the box.

· Eat breakfast each morning. Seniors who skip breakfast, which may be more likely upon retiring, could be doing their waistlines a notable disservice. A 2017 statement from the American Heart Association noted that several large, long-term, prospective, observational studies have found an association between breakfast consumption and lower risk of obesity. The less structured pattern of retirement living may compel some seniors to skip breakfast, but committing to a morning meal can help keep off extra pounds.

· Commit to routine exercise. Diet can go a long way toward helping seniors maintain a healthy weight. However, diet is not the only area where seniors can help their waistlines. Routine physical activity can help seniors maintain muscle mass and make it easier to be more mobile. Staying mobile can help keep pounds off, as a sedentary lifestyle is one of the more notable risk factors for overweight and obesity. The National Institute on Aging recommends seniors aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity each week. Moderate-intensity aerobic activities are those that raise the heart rate and help seniors break a sweat, such as walking, jogging, swimming, and cycling.

· Make a concerted effort to remain hydrated throughout the day. The Cleveland Clinic notes that age-related body composition changes make seniors particularly vulnerable to dehydration. An aging body does not demand water like it once did, so it's easy for seniors to forget to hydrate because they don't feel thirsty. But remaining hydrated is important for seniors looking to maintain a healthy weight because dehydration can mimic symptoms of hunger. Seniors may reach for snacks feeling they're hungry when all they might need is a glass of water to hydrate.

Pecans add the perfect finishing touch

By DAWN HANKINS
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There are likely two things you'll always find in a southern pantry and that's sweet potatoes and pecans. You can always get pecans from the Unionville Lions Club--------

Pecans can make any recipe better. Whether they add a nutritious crunch to oatmeal, star as the lead ingredient in pecan pie or give cookies that little something extra, pecans elevate the foods they touch.

In this recipe "Twice-Baked Sweet Potatoes" from "Simply Scratch" (Avery) by Laurie McNamara, honey-covered pecans are the crowning touch on spicy sweet potatoes, helping to make this side dish one to remember at any special meal.

Twice-Baked Sweet Potatoes

(Serves 4)

- 2 medium sweet potatoes, scrubbed
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons pure maple syrup
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, plus a pinch
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 3/4 cup coarsely chopped pecans

Preheat the oven to 400F.

Massage the olive oil onto the sweet potatoes and set them on a small baking sheet. Bake for 1 hour or until a knife will glide through effortlessly. Let cool until safe to handle. Keep the oven on.

Halve the sweet potatoes horizontally and carefully scoop out the flesh into a medium bowl. Set the skins aside. Add the butter, maple syrup, chili powder, cinnamon, and 1/4 teaspoon of the salt and use a potato masher to mash the filling until smooth.

In a small bowl, combine the honey, pecans, and a pinch of salt.

Place the skins side by side in a small baking dish. Spoon the filling in, dividing it evenly, and top with the honeyed pecans. Bake for 5 minutes. Serve warm.





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Submitted Photos

Hannah Vincent's Chicken Swap began about 2 years ago. The high school student has come a long way with her swap meet, which includes animals, chickens, dogs, goats, baked goods and fresh eggs. These pretty babes are heading out to a new farm. Hannah says she's an Ag girl and plans to continue her venture on Highway 41A North as long as possible because she believes it promotes agriculture in this area and beyond. In addition, it promotes community togetherness for those who love a sustainable farm life. See Hannah's Chicken Swap on Facebook.



COUNCIL HONORS GOODWILL

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

The City of Shelbyville presented Goodwill Industries with a proclamation for its service to the citizens of this community prior to Tuesday's study session. Council and Mayor Randy Carroll made the official presentation with Karen Carter accepting on behalf of Goodwill.



LIFE IS GOOD

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

What more could a young boy need in life than an Easter basket, church background, a playful dog and a bike?



SPRING IS BUSY AT MTSNC

Clinic Photos

A pet vaccination and microchip drive thru was held at Middle Tennessee Spay and Neuter Clinic last Saturday. A fundraiser is being held this month for the clinic. Boston Butts, vacuum sealed and smoked, by Rowdy Ranch, are available for $50. Cash, check or online payments. Call 931-684-5353. Pick up is May 22 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the clinic at 846 Union St.



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SHELBYVILLE TIMES-GAZETTE

"I Knew Immediately" – Parker's Grand Slam Leads Cascade to 'Battle of Bedford' Win to Open D9-AA Tourney

BY NOAH MADDOX
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BELL BUCKLE, Tenn. – The Cascade Champions (16-8, 4-4) used a fifth-inning two-out grand slam from Wickey Parker to secure the second win in the "Battle of Bedford" season series against Community (16-15, 4-4), 7-1, in the first round of the District 9-AA Tournament on Tuesday night.

The Champions also got a magnificent complete-game performance from their ace on the mound, Jayden Hathcock. Hathcock gave up one earned run in the top of the first followed by six-consecutive shutout innings. He gave up just six hits and two walks while striking out eight batters on 106 pitches.

"They [Community] had a good approach," Cascade Head Coach Travis Sheffield said postgame, "Hathcock is a strike-thrower – he has velo and he has 3-4 pitches and he throws them all for strikes – and that's what you do with a strike-thrower. Get up there and swing at it and your chances are going to be good. That was the approach they took and they had us on the ropes a little in the first inning, then we had to make some adjustments. We went hard early and they were waiting on it so we spun early instead and Hathcock made some phenomenal pitches."

"He's just a dawg like he's been since his freshman year."

The Vikings threatened early after three soft-hit singles found holes in the Champs' defense to load the bases with one out, and then Kaleb Maillet drove home Josh Powers to put Community in front, 1-0, and keep the bases juiced. However, Hathcock then forced Dylan Markum to ground into a 6-4-3 double play to end the threat and get out of the inning.

Ryan Sharp got the start on the mound for the Vikings, but after Xykaiah Dixon worked a one-out walk, Caleb Crouch drove him home with a hard-hit double to the left-field wall to tie the game at 1-1.

Neither team scored again until the bottom of the third when Jordan Childress led things off by golfing a solo home run – his fifth of the season – that just scraped over the centerfield wall to give Cascade a 2-1 lead.

"He [Childress] is just the man for us leading off," said Sheffield, "He battles every pitch. You dig into his stats, obviously the numbers speak for themselves – he has single-digit strikeouts on the year, and he hates the swing-and-miss. He takes a good approach on his foul balls, he's a student of the game, and he makes it look really easy. He's our catalyst at the top of the lineup, and for the most part, we go as he goes."

Childress finished 2-4 at the plate with a double, a home run, and two RBIs on the night.

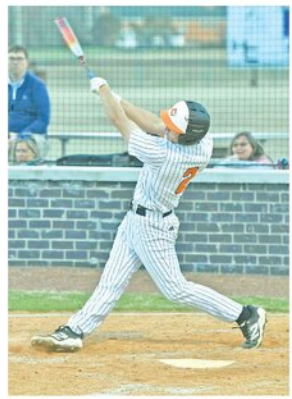
Sharp worked through the third inning, but he was pulled for Logan Cawthon to start the fourth. Sharp ended with 3.0 innings of work, giving up two earned runs on three hits and two walks with a pair of strikeouts on 53 pitches. Cawthon recorded three outs in the fourth unscathed, and then Logan Reed came on to close out the final 2.0 innings, giving up five earned runs on three hits and three walks while striking out two batters on 55 pitches.

Meanwhile, Hathcock gave up just two hits – a pair of singles – after the first inning as Community never truly threatened again offensively.

Then, in the bottom of the fifth, Childress pulled a one-out double down the left-field line, and after Dixon lined out to center, Caleb Crouch and Thomas Demartelaere worked back-to-back walks to load the bases with two outs, bringing up the sophomore lefty, Wickey Parker.

Parker took the first pitch for a ball, then got a hanging breaking ball that he hammered over the right-field wall for his team-leading seventh round-tripper of the season. The grand slam gave Cascade a 6-1 lead and essentially put the game to bed.

"It felt good," Parker said postgame with a smile. "Teammates got on and did their job. I kind of got deja vu from the last time against [Community] when we were down one in the seventh inning with the bases loaded and I didn't get an opportunity to hit. I knew it was gone immediately."



Wickey Parker (2) launched his seventh home run of the season in Tuesday's win against Community. Parker's two-out grand slam gave Cascade a 6-1 lead going into the sixth inning. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

Cascade tacked on another insurance run in the sixth with a sac fly from Childress to bring home River Maddox and grow the lead to 7-1. After Hathcock struck out Powers swinging to end the game, Cascade advanced to the District Championship game against Chapel Hill. "That was the talk this week, just give us two wins," said Sheffield, "We don't care where we get 'em or how we get 'em. We talked about Hathcock giving us one game, and then it's somebody else's time. That's been our MO ever since I've been here, like two years ago it was Hathcock's time to win a big game."

Childress went 2-4 at the plate with two RBIs, Caleb Crouch finished 1-2 with an RBI-double and a walk, and Demartelaere went 1-2 with a walk. Parker finished 1-2 with the grand slam and a walk, and River Maddox finished 1-3 with a run scored.

For Community, Josh Powers led off going 2-4 at the plate, Elijah Westbrooks went 1-3, and Maillet finished 1-2 with an RBI and a walk.

Golden Eagles Tennis Downs Lincoln County in D8-AA Semifinals

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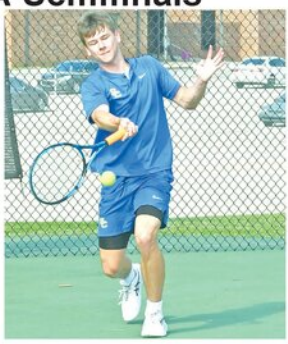
The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (14-2, 5-2) took down the Lincoln County Falcons, 4-2, in the District 8-AA Semifinals on Tuesday night.

After suffering their first district defeat of the season at Lincoln County back on April 14, the Golden Eagles exacted revenge and ended the Falcons' season with some hard-fought singles' wins.

Shelbyville opened things up by taking the doubles point after Liam Spence and Tanner Johnson won 8-5 over Noah Gibson and Talan McMeen.

In the singles, Henry Stone dominated Jackston Porter, 8-2, on Court One to give Shelbyville a 2-0 lead. Justin Spence took down Talan McMeen, 8-5, on Court Two to give the Golden Eagles a commanding 3-0 lead until Noah Gibson held off Tucker Johnson, 8-4, on Court Three to put the Falcons on the board. Aaryan Patel for Lincoln County cut the lead to 3-2 after taking down Carter Watson on Court Five, but Tanner Johnson fended off Auldon Watt, 8-6, to punch Shelbyville's ticket to the Regional in Cookeville.



Henry Stone (pictured) secured an 8-2 win over Jackson Porter on Court One in the D8-AA SF at Lincoln County on Tuesday. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

Eaglettes' Tennis Advances to District Championship, Punches Ticket to Regionals

BY NOAH MADDOX
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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. –The Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes (13-3, 6-1) handily took down Marshall County, 4-1, on Thursday afternoon to advance to the District 8-AA Championship.

The Eaglettes also clinched a berth to the Regional round in Cookeville.

On Court One, Lilly Smith dispatched Olivia Farrell, 8-3. Addie Berry fended off Laike Perryman, 8-6, on Court Two while Sophie Ray handily took down Amri Armengolt, 8-2, on Court Three. Abby Thaxton suffered the only Eaglettes' defeat, 5-8, against the Tigers' Maggie Phillips on Court Four. Elesa Aldis sealed the three-point victory with a dominant 8-1 win over Alanna Hopwood on Court Five.

With the win, Shelbyville now awaits the winner between Lincoln County and Tullahoma for the other spot in the District Championship.



Eaglettes' Tennis punched its ticket to the Regionals after taking down Marshall County in the D8-AA SF. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

Seeking Historical Memorabilia – Cascade Lady Champs Basketball

BELL BUCKLE, Tenn. – Lady Champs' Head Coach Janie Demonbreum is collecting historical memorabilia related to the Cascade Lady Champions girls basketball team, covering the years 1970s through 2020s.

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Help us preserve the proud history of Cascade Lady Champions basketball!

Champs' Chris Lawson Accepts MTCS' Head Basketball Position; Talks Past Five Years at Cascade

BY NOAH MADDOX
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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – The Middle Tennessee Christian School Cougars announced last Tuesday, April 22, that Chris Lawson, who led Cascade to two District Championships, three Region Semifinals, and two state-sectional appearances in his five seasons at the helm, had been hired as the new Head Basketball Coach for the 2025-26 school year.

Lawson, coming off of a 16-13 season with the Champions that ended in the Region 4-AA Quarterfinals at Mt. Pleasant, finishes his five-year tenure in Bell Buckle with a record of 93-57 (29-9) from 2020-2024/25.

"The five years here at Cascade have been extremely special for me and my family," Lawson told the Times-Gazette. "At different points in our life, we face decisions, and sometimes you have to make that change for you and your family. There are a lot of good people at Cascade, and we made relationships and memories that we'll hold onto forever. There's also a lot of good people at MTCS, and those people have welcomed us with open arms and I look forward to that next phase with what all that holds."

Lawson was hired at Cascade following the Champs' 2019/20 campaign that saw the program finish a disappointing 9-21 (5-5) with a 29-point loss at LEAD Academy in the Region 4-A Quarterfinal.

In his time in Bell Buckle, Cascade saw a six-win improvement in Year 1, ending with a 64-63 loss in the state-sectional round at the eventual Class A State Champions, Clay County.

In Year Two, Cascade saw another eight-win jump, winning the District 7-AA title with a 31-point win at Community. Cascade finished 23-8 with its season coming to an early close in the Region 4-AA Semifinal against Peal Cohn, 72-59.

The following season, Lawson led the Champions to their best season in more than a decade with an impressive 27-7 record, winning their second-consecutive District 7-AA Championship with a 79-61 win over Grundy County. After falling to Pearl Cohn in the Region Title Game, Cascade saw its season come to a close one game away from the State Tournament for the second time in three years with a 57-38 loss at York Institute that marked the end of the stellar careers of the star backcourt of Jackson Davis and 1,500+ career-point scorer in Lucas Clanton.

Somewhat expectedly, Cascade took a step back in Year Four under Lawson, finishing with a 12-17 record and losing at Loretto in the Region 5-AA Quarterfinal.

Last season, in Lawson's fifth and final year manning the sidelines for the Champions, Cascade finished 16-13, falling at Mt. Pleasant in the Region 5-AA Quarterfinal.

Perhaps more so than the success on the hardwood came the success in the tight-knit Cascade community. Lawson and his family moved from Alabama when he accepted the job before the 2020/21 season, and he glowingly expressed his gratitude and appreciation for everyone involved while maintaining his stance that he's not just leaving that same community in the dust.

"Me and my family are extremely thankful for the past five years in Bedford County and at Cascade," Lawson reiterated. "There's been countless relationships built between us and people in the community. People welcomed us into their homes from the very first day. I can't express how great that's been, how much that has meant to us. Obviously we'll still be around in the same areas so we plan on coming back and supporting these guys; I don't necessarily think that we'll just leave and be gone forever. Just extremely thankful to have had the opportunity to be a part of this for the last five years."



Chris Lawson (right) accepted the MTCS Head Boy's Basketball Coach position for 2025/26 following a five-year stint at Cascade that saw the Champions go 93-57 in that span with two District Championships and two state-sectional appearances. *Photo by David Smith.*

Lawson is excited for the fresh chance to build from the ground up, and he feels like the timing for this move is just right moving forward.

"Timing is very important," he explained. "The thing that intrigues me the most is that I feel like those kids and those families and the school and just the community in general are hungry for some change. They want somebody that's going to come in and really pour into the basketball program and give it an identity and an opportunity to grow and get better. I think it's a good time to go in because they've been down for a little bit and they don't have anywhere to go but up. I feel like we can go up from where they're sitting at right now and I feel like – similar to here at Cascade – their middle school program the last four years is like 54-4. They started two eighth graders last year on varsity and they have good, young players. I've been through that before where if you have good, young players, they are hungry to be taught and coached and get better and better. We just want to see progress. We'll make sure that process is right, and we just want to see the program moving in the right direction."

Lawson now moves to MTCS – a school who has seen back-to-back two-win seasons – and a program that is hungry to gain relevance for the first time since moving into DII District 3-A, something Lawson sees as an opportunity moving forward. Last season, Providence Christian, a member of that district, won the State Championship, 78-68, over fellow district member Battle Ground Academy.

"With MTCS being a private school, I think that's probably the best district top to bottom in any level across the state, public or private – it's probably the toughest from a competitive standpoint and with what you have to go through night-in and night-out," he concluded.

"That means we have a long way to go, but we're going to roll our sleeves up and get to work and see where we can land."

Cascade now enters into a coach-searching phase for the next Boy's Head Basketball Coach that will be headed up by the Athletic Director, Andy Giel.

Viqueens Run-Rule Cannon County on Senior Night For 25th Win of the Season

BY NOAH MADDOX
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UNIONVILLE, Tenn. – The Community Viqueens (25-3-2, 8-0) closed out the District 9-AA regular season against Cannon County (3-11, 2-6), 11-0, on Tuesday night.

Taylor Wessner, one of the two seniors on the Viqueens' roster, threw a five-inning no-hitter with four strikeouts on 49 pitches to secure the win in the circle.

Kathryn Trail started in the circle for the Lionettes, tallying 4.0 innings of work. Trail gave up 11 runs with nine earned on 12 hits and one walk with no strikeouts on 53 pitches.



Carlie Blanton (55, left) and Taylor Wessner (13, right) were recognized following Tuesday's win over the Lionettes as the two seniors for the Viqueens. Blanton went 1-2 with two RBIs while Wessner finished 1-3 with a 2-run HR (3) at the plate. *Submitted Photo by Cam Farrell.*



Community secured its 25th win of the season overall and the number-one overall seed in the upcoming District 9-AA Tournament after taking down Cannon County on Senior night on Tuesday. *Submitted Photo by Cam Farrell.*

The Viqueens' offense launched two home runs with Mattie Maxey hitting her team-leading sixth of the season along with Wessner tallying her third round-tripper.

Community plated four runs in the bottom of the first to get the scoring started early, and followed that up with two more runs in the second to take a 6-0 lead.

Trail managed to put up a zero in the third inning, but then the Viqueens plated five more runs in the bottom of the fourth to grow the lead to 11-0. After Wessner set down Cannon County in order in the top of the fifth, the run-rule went into effect, securing Community's 25th win on the season.

Anna Haskins led off going 2-3 at the plate, Mattie Maxey went 2-3 with three RBIs and a home run, and Carlie Blanton finished 1-2 with two RBIs. Haylee Webb went 1-2 with an RBI and a walk, Gracie Daniel went 1-3 with an RBI, and Wessner finished 1-3 with two RBIs and a homer. Alana Tate went 2-3 with a pair of doubles and two RBIs, and Annie Prince finished 2-2 with a double.

Blanton and Wessner, the two seniors on this Viqueens' team, were recognized postgame.

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A Day in the Life of an Emergency Room Nurse



By Cari Leverette

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Each day as an emergency room nurse looks a little bit different. I get to the hospital around 6:45 a.m. to prepare for the 7 a.m. shift. To start the day, the nurses get a night shift report, where night nurses share a summary of patient care provided throughout the night and current patient conditions. As a charge nurse, I oversee all of the nurses in my department. Therefore, it is crucial to know what treatment has been provided throughout the night, and how patients are currently being treated.

After getting briefed on the night before and the current state of the emergency room, it is time to get to work. If the ER is full, nurses may have to jump right in. However, on slower days, nurses will take time to ensure the department is set up for when it does get busy. This includes checking machines and making sure all equipment carts are stocked. The job of a charge nurse is to manage the flow of the ER — and setting us up for success each day is key.

Focused on department management, as charge nurses we assess incoming patients, prioritize provider care, assign nurses and inform staff of critical information. While every day looks a little different, working in a small town there are some common cases in patients. In Shelbyville these cases are comorbidities.

Comorbidities are when two or more diseases are present in one patient. A common version of this is patients experiencing both chest pain and abdominal pain.

When a patient with comorbidities comes into the ER, nurses typically begin by treating the most critical symptom. Treatment for chest pain includes getting an EKG (a recording of the heart's electrical activity) done within 10 or more minutes, drawing blood and setting up an IV. This requires multiple nurses, often three to four, which can make a charge nurse's job of assigning nurses to patients difficult. Chest pains are also a scary symptom because they can escalate quickly. Chest discomfort can become heart failure in a matter of minutes. Nurses have to quickly begin providing emergency CPR in this situation, which also requires

multiple nurses. If enough nurses aren't available, it is the duty of the charge nurse to jump in and assist.

This is just one example of the complicated situations we regularly encounter in the emergency department.

The job is never easy. The day doesn't end until 7 p.m., and between the long hours, stressful conditions and rapidly changing environment, it can be hard on you both emotionally and physically. On difficult days, it is comforting to have a close-knit team that has each other's backs and will provide support if one of us needs a moment to breathe.

Working at a nurse-driven hospital like Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital also makes the job a little easier. Nurses are given every opportunity to become better nurses. The hospital provides tuition reimbursement and nurtures young nurses so we can rest in the knowledge that everyone is trained to handle any situation. The nurses also receive a lot of support from management to meet their needs — whether that be ordering new equipment or providing more staff.

Despite the many challenges, nursing is incredibly rewarding. Born and raised in Shelbyville, I love being able to support my hometown through my work. What nurses do is critical but often gets overlooked. We always appreciate it when people take the time to appreciate us and acknowledge how difficult our job is. Next time you meet a nurse, remember to thank them for the work they do to support your local hospitals and community.

Bedford County Healthcare Providers, Facilities, Receive Nationally Ranked Awards

SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. (April 28, 2025) – Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) has recognized six of its healthcare providers and five of its facilities in and around Shelbyville, Tennessee for receiving the Press Ganey Excellence in Patient Experience Award.

This prestigious award is given to those who ranked in the top 10% of a national survey examining patient satisfaction and quality scores. Surveys are administered across various service areas including medical practices, clinics, ambulatory surgery, inpatient and outpatient services and more.

"Delivering truly exceptional care for this community means treating patients like they're family and with the best care we can provide," said Brian Carlson, vice president of Patient Experience for VUMC. "With a commitment to excellence, our clinicians and staff strive to ensure patients feel valued and supported."

The Patient Experience Award-Winning Healthcare Providers:

- Lori Liggin, APRN, who practices at Vanderbilt Integrated Primary Care Unionville
- Amber Archer, APRN, who practices at Vanderbilt Integrated Primary Care Shelbyville
- Grahm Smith, PA, who practices at Vanderbilt Integrated Primary Care Shelbyville
- Karyn Jones, APRN, who practices at Vanderbilt Integrated Primary Care Madison Street
- Sarah Allen, PA, who practices at Vanderbilt Integrated Primary Care Madison Street
- Sarah Bridge, APRN, who practices at Vanderbilt Integrated Primary Care Wartrace

The Patient Experience Award-Winning Clinics:

- Vanderbilt Integrated Primary Care Unionville
- Vanderbilt Integrated Primary Care Main Street
- Vanderbilt Integrated Primary Care Madison Street
- Vanderbilt Integrated Primary Care Wartrace Clinic
- Vanderbilt Integrated Surgical Services

"Our clinics are often our patients' first point of contact with Vanderbilt Health, and we know how crucial that first impression is," said Gina Dudley, regional director of clinics at Vanderbilt Integrated Providers. "This achievement speaks to the consistency, empathy and professionalism our teams bring to every visit."

Press Ganey has once again recognized outstanding healthcare facilities with the Quality Performance Award for their exceptional care and performance. The following clinics were recognized for placing in the top 10% nationally for quality care outcomes.

The Quality Performance Award-Winning Clinics Include:

- Vanderbilt Integrated Primary Care Main Street
- Vanderbilt Integrated Primary Care Madison Street

"Vanderbilt is deeply committed to improving healthcare delivery," said Travis Capers, president of Vanderbilt Regional Community Hospitals. "We do this by investing in our people and technology to ensure our facilities and providers are bringing quality, cutting-edge care closer to home."