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Local government news: You win some, lose some

County votes to appeal lawsuit with the City

County complimented on clean state audit

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The County may still be licking its wounds over losing its lawsuit with the City over optional sales tax dollars but Tuesday, the County earned big points with the state comptroller's office.

As for the lawsuit, during an attorney-client privilege meeting late Tuesday night, the County suspended rules of order (item wasn't on the agenda) to take a vote on whether to appeal the judge's decision. Thirteen Commissioners voted yes to appeal, two voted no and two passed altogether. Commissioner Bill Anderson was absent for that vote.

But there was a bright light for the County as Jason Mumpower, comptroller of the state treasury, was on hand to formally present Bedford County with its fifth consecutive clean audit certificate.

This means that there were no discrepancies found in local financial procedures. Only 14 of Tennessee's 95 counties had clean audit reports, according to the comptroller's office.

Mumpower said he's looking forward to honoring Bedford again next year. (See inside today's issue for photos of the

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Community Middle Principal Garrette set to retire

But hold the phone, he's not finished with education

By Dawn Hankins with BC School System reports

In Unionville, the saying is: "Once a Viking, always a Viking." That is pretty much holding true for Tony Garrette as he prepares to retire and step away from his duties as Community Middle principal. Garrette said this week, however, he's not finished being a part of the Community fabric.

Garrette told the T-G how he plans to take advantage of the opportunity afforded through the state that allows retirees to go back to the classroom and draw a portion of their retirement benefit, meaning, he can still work as a full-time teacher.

Garrette shared that he will be returning to join the staff at Community High School and will be serving as athletic director. In addition, there are a couple of positions at CHS that he is being considered for but a final decision has not been made by the Central Office.

After 36 years in education, including 24 years in Bedford County Schools (BCS) and 12 years as principal of Community Middle School, Garrette is saying his goodbyes to CMS at graduation next week.

Central Office leaders said this week that the BCS community bids farewell to a leader whose passion and commitment have shaped generations of students and staff.

BC Superintendent of Schools Tammy Garrett said, "Mr. Garrette has been a dedicated leader whose passion for education and unwavering support for students and staff have made a lasting impact on the school community and system. "His enthusiasm and commitment to excellence have set a strong example, and he leaves behind a legacy of integrity, compassion and student-centered leadership. We are deeply grateful for his years of service and wish him the very best in retirement. He is a true Viking for life!"

What are the three things he will miss most?

Garrette said of course the first is the student interaction on a daily basis. Second is the relationship he maintained with teachers and staff. Third, he said, will be the opportunities he was afforded to get to see middle schoolers grow into young men and women and have success in their lives.

Fellow educators note that Principal Garrette has been more than an administrator; he's been a champion for student success, a fierce advocate for staff, and a pillar of the Community Schools model. His leadership has left an indelible mark not only on Community Middle School, but on the broader educational landscape in Unionville.

"From day one, my goal has always been to do what's best for students," Garrette said. "The decisions I've made have been grounded in this and how we can best support our staff to help students through strong, united schools."

Known for his open-door policy, calm demeanor under pressure and a belief in the potential of every learner, Garrette has fostered a family atmosphere with staff and a school culture rooted in re-

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New Community Middle Principal announced

Jennifer Cook assumes the duties next year



Bedford County Schools (BCS) recently announced the appointment of Jennifer Cook as the new principal of Community Middle School. She will be stepping into the role following the retirement of Tony Garrette, who has served as principal for the past 12 years.

A lifelong resident of Bedford County and an experienced educator and leader, Cook brings deep roots, unwavering passion and a student-centered philosophy to her new role, according to Schools Superintendent Tammy Garrett.

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Cook as the new principal of Community Middle School," said Garrett. "She brings a strong background in academics and

instruction along with a deep commitment to public education. Her student-centered approach, genuine kindness and dedication to instructional excellence make her an ideal fit for our school community. We look forward to the positive impact she will have on both students and staff."

Outside of school, the new principal says she enjoys spending time with her husband, Michael Cook, and their daughter, Caroline. Their family, she adds, cheers passionately for the Tennessee Vols and the Middle Tennessee State University Lady Raiders; they love the beach and find joy and meaning in church life, reading and journaling.

Before entering the field of education, the new principal worked alongside her father in the insurance industry, gaining experience in communication, relationship-building and problem-solving. Her teaching career began with kindergartners at Eakin Elementary.

She continued gaining experience at both Cascade Elementary and Liberty School, teaching second grade and kindergarten before spending 7 years teaching 5th graders at Cascade Elementary.

Cook later transitioned into administration at Cascade Middle School, serving as assistant principal. She also spent several years coaching middle school cheerleading.

Cook holds a bachelor's degree in child and family studies, an educational specialist degree, and a doctorate in educational leadership from Trevecca Nazarene University.

Her educational philosophy is grounded in the belief that strong relationships are the foundation of a successful school community.

"Education is the foundation of opportunity, shaping futures and opening doors to success," Cook said. "I am dedicated to creating an environment where every student and educator can grow, thrive and achieve success. Although cliché, I believe that strong relationships are at the heart of an effective school community."

As she steps into her new role, Cook said she's looking forward to building new connections. "I am most excited about building meaningful relationships with the students, teachers and families of Community Middle School," she said. "Together, we have the opportunity to cultivate a culture of growth, collaboration and excellence."

She also acknowledges the challenges ahead. "Striking the right balance between academic growth, student well-being and a positive school culture requires intentionality, adaptability and teamwork. It's about creating an environment where students feel safe, supported and motivated to learn, while teachers feel empowered to innovate and inspire."

Leading at Community Middle is a deeply personal and professional milestone, she says.

"I was attracted to this position because I believe in the potential of our students and the power of a supportive, engaging school culture. Community Middle School has a strong foundation deeply rooted in a sense of belonging and school pride. Go, Vikings!"

Memorial Day program Monday, May 26, on courthouse lawn

Bedford County Veterans Council will present a Memorial Day service on Monday, May 26, at 11 a.m. on the south side of the public square. Speakers include Deputy Chief of Staff of Intelligence for the TN National Guard Tommie Boleyn and Paul Engel, local Constitutional scholar.

Boleyn first enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in August of 1982 while still attending high school. Upon graduation in 1983, he became an assault man and a heavy anti-tank weapon system crewman with the 27th Marine Regiment at 29 Palms, California. For the next 13 years, he served at numerous duty stations in California, North Carolina, Japan, and Okinawa. He also served aboard the USS Independence and USS Theodore Roosevelt as well as deployed to the Persian Gulf, the Philippines, Somalia, and Yugoslavia for various contingency operations.

After serving in the Marine Corps, Boleyn moved to Nashville and became a Tennessee Highway patrolman and earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro. In 2000, Boleyn and his family moved to Bedford County.

Boleyn enlisted in the Tennessee Army National Guard as an infantryman in 2003 and earned a direct commission as a 2nd Lt. to become a Military Police Officer in 2005. Over the next 20 years, he deployed to Iraq, Cuba, and Kosovo and responded to numerous state and national level emergencies like Hurricane Katrina, the southwest border, numerous hurricanes and floods, and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please bring a lawn chair and come listen to this veteran's story of inspiration.

"Constitution Study" creator Paul Engel says the U.S. Constitution is a tool to protect American liberties and the country's ability to self-govern.

Born in New York City and having lived outside of Albany, N.Y. most of his life, Engel says, growing up he was never really taught what the Constitution states. Rather, he was taught about the Constitution.

When he read the Constitution himself, he thought, why not study the Constitution like one would study the Bible. After a 30-year IT career, Engel decided to start The Constitution Study in 2014.

Come and be challenged to learn more about the Constitution with Engel's special presentation.

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presentation.)

Mumpower was impressed by the fact that Bedford County's department heads and the Bedford County Finance Office strive to "do things right" for its citizens. He added how apparently Bedford County has "found the right recipe," that is, electing and hiring community conscious and efficient financial people.

Mumpower also noted that the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has awarded Bedford County its certificate of excellence for 16 years in a row. He was accompanied to the presentation by those who conducted the County's state audit for fiscal year 2024.

State Rep. Pat Marsh, who was present for the ceremony, commented, "We do have the best county in the state."

Mayor Graham said financial management (under state regulations) is never the same process and yet the employees never demonstrate anything short of excellence. In addition to Robert Daniel, BC finance director, two elected officials which report a lot of changes in state regulations, rates, etc., are Ronda Clanton, property assessor and Tonya Davis, trustee-both present for the certificate presentation Tuesday.

After the formal presentation by the state, County Commissioners jumped into some heavy discussions over a couple of on-going issues. One was over a proposal for a special committee to oversee the County's budget process on a quarterly to yearly basis.

Commissioner Biff Farrar, who presented that original proposal, called point of order that the agenda did not state accurately what was approved in the Rules and Legislative Committee, which he chairs.

"I would request current budget duties to share," said Farrar. "I would never vote for this because this is not what I intended. Never was it discussed to remove . . . replace the financial management committee."

Commissioner Anita Epperson, who is also on the rules committee and approved the recommendation to the full Commission, said she is also not in favor of removing the '81 Financial Management Act or the current committee serving.

Farrar said he was simply wanting to add a committee to oversee the final budget process each year. It would be just sort of a checks and balances group which he believes is recommended by the state and makes good fiscal management sense.

The resolution on the agenda stated: "Remove current budget duties from the Financial Management Committee as adopted in 2006, under the Financial Management Act of 1981 and create a separate "Budget Committee" to assume those responsibilities with the following five members to serve: Diane Neeley-4th; District, John Boutwell-8th District; Troy Thompson-3rd District; Bill Anderson-6th District; Drew Hooker-1st District."

Mayor Chad Graham, as point of order, held to the resolution wording that was placed on the agenda. So, more discussion ensued throughout this lengthy meeting that carried on until about 8:45 p.m.

Attorney Bobo clarified that legally, Bedford County is under the '81 Act for its financial management and there are state rules that apply. The state does offer a couple of management choices and the County decided on the '81 Act several years ago.

"I'll stand rock solid on this," said Bobo. "The County Commission unanimously has done that."

He continued to reiterate throughout the meeting that there must be an either-or-situation under the rules governing the administration of the '81 Management Act. He said the Commission can do as it pleases but he said the "red-eye law" under the '81 Act, does not allow for two separate financial committees, as proposed by "Squire Farrar."

Bobo said by law the current financial management committee could be unseated (with the exception of those who are by law to be on that committee, i.e., school superintendent, etc.) with a majority vote from the Commission.

The County will have to also have a majority of Commissioners to also approve those five new financial management members.

Bobo said the "undo it" question of the '81 Act is something the Commission has not been able apparently to fully decide on. "Now, if you want to reverse it, maybe that's what your motion should be. But you cannot, under the '81 Act, or anything we operate under, have those parallel committees. It's just not authorized."

The name of Charlie Curtiss, Tennessee County Commission Association (TCCA) executive director, came up several times in the discussion. Bobo said he didn't believe Curtiss would tell the Commission any different regarding state law.

Curtiss told the Times-Gazette Wednesday morning such a decision is based on TN Code, concerning the 1981 Act and Bedford County's own Commission rules.

While he's been requested to attend recent County meetings to clear the air on this subject, he's been involved with the legislature the last few months. But basically, he reiterated what attorney Bobo told the Commission.

"The County Commission has a choice whether to have a budget committee or not," Curtiss said. "The problem the Commission has is caused by its local rules."

He talked about how the County's own by-laws have stated there shall be only four standing committees. Currently in Bedford County this is financial management, rules and legislative, courthouse and property and public service.

Curtiss said as he understands Bedford County bylaws, the Commission would need a 2/3 vote to suspend or amend their rules and appoint one budget committee consisting of a minimum of five members.

The resolution presented to Commission on Tuesday night-one for a new budget financial management oversight committee-didn't quite come off like it was presented in the Rules and Legislative Committee meeting recently. So much so, Commissioner Biff Farrar who chairs that committee, defended himself saying that he never had any intention of replacing the current financial management committee when he made this initial recommendation.

Farrar repeatedly defended himself, saying he simply wanted to add a committee to oversee the final budget process each year, which he believes would be just good management.

The resolution that made it to the Commission floor read as follows: Rules and Legislative Committee: 5. Remove current budget duties from the Financial Management Committee as adopted in 2006, under the Financial Management Act of 1981 and create a separate "Budget Committee" to assume those responsibilities with the following five members to serve: Diane Neeley-4th; District, John Boutwell-8th District; Troy Thompson-3rd District; Bill Anderson-6th District; Drew Hooker-1st District.

Mayor Graham as point of order held to the resolution wording that was placed on the agenda. Farrar is Rules Committee chair. He also said prior to the vote on this proposal that if the County decides to unseat the current financial management committee, then a lot of things will have to be done in the process, set out of the '81, such as policies and procedures of how the committee operates and the terms of those members-all which he said was structured when the County adopted the Act.

Commission Drew Hooker, who had made the original motion on the floor, said he felt it was important to amend his motion to include the "true meaning of what Commissioner Farrar wanted." He requested to amend his motion with a statement that adds the budget formulation plan as initiated presented at the Rules Committee.

"That was what was presented at rules. That's the intent of what he wanted to bring forward and I think that's important that we voted on that, based on his intent," said Hooker.

Attorney Bobo said regardless, this is moot and improper, because it is in conflict with the '81 Act.

So, the Commission moved to the original motion which was to replace the current financial management committee.

Commissioner Adam Thomas, requested tabling further discussion and vote until the rules committee could talk with TCA's Curtiss. Enough Commissioners shut down the idea to table altogether during the vote (8 yes to table, 10 no votes to table.)

Then the main motion on the floor went back to the original motion which was basically to approve the unseating of the current financial management committee and appoint the new committee.

Hooker said he thought it was "interesting" that people will vote no to table this, since this was to get more information on the matter from state experts like Charlie Curtiss. He asked why the Commission, in this day and time, would not want a little extra scrutiny-oversight-for good management purpose.

"In the end, I think it says a lot to the community that you're not willing to bring this back to discuss it," advised Hooker. "Again, it was tabling it . . . to be able to go back to committee to have that discussion. It's showing the community that you don't want to discuss things."

He said while people can vote how they want believes that experts like Curtiss should be able to come and discuss with the County.

Attorney Bobo said he doesn't believe that Curtiss would change his opinion on state code-that which cannot be re-written by anyone but the legislature.

Hooker stood firm on the lack of discussion on the part of the Commission. We asked it to be re-submitted perhaps.

Commissioner Greg Vick, a member of the Rules Committee, pointed out how the County gets numerous clean reports and accolades for excellent financial record keeping within the 95 counties in the state.

"Our problem is not the financial management committee. We run a tight ship. The taxpayers know where every dollar goes. What Commissioner Farrar's motion is . . . nothing but a solution to a problem that doesn't exist."

Commissioner Vick said debates have been held for what he referred to as a "back of an envelope plan"-one filled with a lot of different discrepancies-and put forth by Commissioners who don't know "how many votes it takes to approve."

"I'm ready to move on and vote on this," advised Vick.

Linda Yockey, a member of the financial management committee, said Commissioners have had the meeting agenda for a couple of weeks. She asked why someone has not called the mayor's office and requested a clarification, if the language was wrong.

"Folks, we have studied this . . . this is ridiculous. Let's get this over with, vote. Whoever has 10, wins."

Hooker and Epperson wound up being the only yes votes, that is, to approve the resolution, as is, on the table. Thirteen Commissioners voted to move on and denied the unseating of the current financial management committee. Three commissioners passed altogether on the vote.

The other issue-one which some thought had died in previous meetings-was the wastewater authority issue. Hooker and Biff Farrar placed the item on the agenda and Hooker wanted to see more discussion on this highly debated topic.

The T-G will be presenting more on this discussion in a future issue.



MATTIE PRUITT SENT HOME FROM AMERICAN IDOL CONTEST

Family Photo

Following what she called a great Disney adventure, Eagleville's own Mattie Pruitt was sent home from the American Idol competition on ABC this week. She returned to her hometown still a hero, as many of her Facebook posts indicate. She says this is not the end for her musical career and it was a great experience for her at the young age of 15.



A DOCTOR IN THE FAMILY

Submitted Photo

Keaton Pendergrast, son of Wendee and Michael Pendergrast, has completed medical school at the University of Minnesota, where he was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. A 2017 graduate of The Webb School in Bell Buckle and a 2021 graduate of Emory University, Pendergrast will now begin his residency training in Internal Medicine at Harvard.





THE ISSUE

Heavyweight champions of the week: The City of Shelbyville!

By Dawn Hankins

As of this week, the City of Shelbyville seems somewhat like a heavyweight champ, having won several title rounds.

As most have probably heard (unless you live under one of our rocks in Bedford County) the judge has ruled in favor of the City, over the County, for the local optional sales tax dollars.

Over time, it can add up to be a nice prize for City coffers. The County has used it for years to support its debt service for new schools. Now the Murfreesboro judge says the 50-year-old "contract" will be terminated by summer 2027.

My best bet is that years ago, there was a hand shake, instead of a contract. As a result, everyone has come out trying to fight a clean fight for extra revenue.

But the County voted Tuesday night to go back into the legal ring as a new contender for those tax dollars. Following an attorney client meeting, the Commission vote held 13 in favor of appealing the judge's decision.

While it was a bit out of Robert's Rules of Order, since the item wasn't on the agenda, Commission suspended the rules in order to get the vote done quickly.

The judge only gave the County 30 days for its lawyers to instigate the appeal process and the full Commission won't meet again until June 10. So, time was of the essence.

One commissioner was absent for the vote, which finally took place close to 9 p.m. Two Commissioners said no to the appeal and one abstained.

Until another judge hears the appeal and the lawsuit is finally settled, the City holds the heavyweight title and will start receiving those tax dollars again in 2027. It's been a long match.

The City also pulled some punches last week in regard to its plans for rezoning acreage off Highway 231 North. Being considered for rezoning are vacant lots in a prime development area. But some neighbors living behind it all say prospective commercial activity would be too close to their backyard. This decision is likely to force them to have to sell and move from property given to them by their parents.

One commissioner, the only one that said anything after the vote on first reading Thursday night, said he believed to approve the rezoning was in the "best interest of Shelbyville."

A new supermarket chain (something Commissioner Josh Blevins mentioned in his discussion) is something he said he believes that would benefit all City residents. He said he weighed all the opposition, including comments made in an article in the T-G last week by the sisters who live in that area, and he still thinks it is best for City constituents.

The City came out punching with the fact that they had talked to some of the neighbors in that area- past the by-pass-and many are in support of the progress about to be made.

But the concerned family residing there pleaded that their families have lived there all their lives. They've been to meetings and made public comments and it's suspected that they will return next month for the public hearing before the second and final vote on the ordinance. But it's highly unlikely the Council will vote backwards and deny the rezoning.

Technically, the sisters are County taxpayers. Go figure. But to be fair, this area in question was annexed a while back into the City.

City wins again. Perhaps.

Some advice from someone ring side, development is coming fast for Shelbyville and any property annexed into or belonging to the City



that's wide open is fair game for consideration. Council and City planners are exercising all their options for more tax dollars.

While yes, development is nice for the community, and truthfully needed greatly, your heart has to go out to this family. They agree on the development and progress but they ask "Does it have to come at the expense of those who live here?"

Here's what one had to say in a comment on the T-G Facebook page last Thursday, following the City's vote to rezone to commercial. "Nothing like being told that newcomers to the City matter more than families that have lived around the property for 26 years. That people moving to Shelbyville want move things to do. Makes people really want to stay here when their opinions don't matter when Shelbyville can be made into a suburb of Murfreesboro. Hope the City doesn't run over anyone else so Shelbyville can grow more because as we've seen, that's worked out so well with all the problems the City is importing."

Ding. Ding.

Round 2 begins.

Education Funding in Bedford County – An Overview

By John Boutwell

Education and especially how education is funded for Bedford County has been a source of conversation over the past several months. There exist several incorrect assumptions and perceived ideas. As a former school board member and a current county commissioner, I believe it important everyone understands the process and has an overview of how the actual funding formula works.

This column is solely intended to inform. It is certainly not to persuade or even endorse the process. As a taxpayer we all simply need to understand and be aware of how the system is funded.

Background

In 1993, the Tennessee Supreme Court ruled that the state's old school funding system was unfair. Less fortunate areas couldn't afford to locally fund their schools like wealthier areas could, even though the state gave each district the same amount per student. This led to unequal education across Tennessee according to the Court decision.

As a result, Tennessee created a new funding system that considers each county's ability to pay. Less fortunate counties get a bigger share of State education dollars than wealthier counties.

Who Decides What We Can Afford?

Two organizations measure a county's ability to pay (called "capacity"):

• The Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR)

• The University of Tennessee Haslam School of Business

They consider things like local tax revenue, property values, income, and student population. The state uses an average of their findings to determine each county's share of school funding.

What Is the Tennessee Investment in Achievement Act (TISA)?

In 2022, Tennessee passed a new funding formula called TISA, which focuses on individual student needs. Every student gets:

• A base amount

• Extra funding based on factors like low income, English language learning, disabilities, and attending a small rural or high poverty school.

Half of Bedford students come from economically disadvantaged homes, and 16% (about 1,400 students) are English language learners.

Districts also get money for career training and are rewarded for student performance. The State calculates the total cost of educating the student population in each school district.

How Much Is Funded?

For the 2025–2026 school year, Tennessee's General Assembly budgeted over $7 billion for K–12 education. This money is divided using the TISA formula and the local financial capacity among the 141 school districts locally matching State funds (even though there are only 95 counties—some counties for example, Coffee County has 3 school systems).

Local Funding

Each local government, such as Bedford County, must share with the State the cost to educate students in their local school district. The amount each local government must contribute depends on how much money they can afford. In other words, the State sends a bill to each local government that funds a school system, telling them the minimum amount they are expected to pay based on their financial capacity.

In 2024, all local governments matching State education funds gave more than their required share:

• In our region (South-Central Tennessee), local funding was 86% above the required local minimum.

• Bedford County gave 3.6% more than the required local minimum just above the least funded district in the State.

• Fayette County school district was the least funded at 1.5% above the required local minimum.

• Fayette has the 6th highest per capita income in the State. They have a much higher capacity to fund schools. Their local funding was $4,109 per student and ours was $1,546.

TISA State and Local Spending per Student

In 2024:

• Statewide average per student: $11,052

• South-Central Region average: $11,020

• Bedford County: $9,417

• Only 3 of 141 districts in Tennessee spent less per student than Bedford.

Over 10 years:

• State funding for education to Bedford grew 85%

• Bedford County's share grew 22%

• Inflation over that period was 32%

• The school budget made up 38% of the County tax revenues in 2014, and 25% in 2024.

• Bedford County's property tax rate was $2.27 in 2014 and schools received $0.96.

• Bedford County's property tax rate was $2.33 in 2024 and schools received $0.62.

• State law requires all school systems receive 50% of sales tax revenue.

Student & Teacher Growth

Between 2014 and 2024:

• Student enrollment rose from 7,837 to 8,994 (+1,157 students)

• Teachers increased from 487 to 501 (+14 teachers)

• That's 83 new students for each new teacher.

• Bedford's student-teacher ratio is 18:1.

o The State average is 17:1.

o The South-Central region is 16:1.

Federal Funding

In 2024, Bedford County Schools received:

• Title I (reading, math, language help): $4.5 million

• Special Education: $1.4 million

• Cafeteria: $6.4 million

• One-time American Rescue Plan grant: $4.09 million (used for instructional support and improved student performance)

Summary

Some will read this and say here it comes, more taxes. Others will question our spending priorities with the tax revenue we do have.

Bedford County Schools received 3.6% more than the County was required to fund in 2024 however in 2024:

• 15% of school districts received 150% or more than the local funding requirement.

• 41% of school districts received 100% or more than the local funding requirement.

• 60% of school districts received 75% or more than the local funding requirement.

• 83% of school districts received 50% or more than the local funding requirement.

• 94% of school districts received 25% or more than the local funding requirement.

•97% of school districts received 15% or more than the local funding requirement.

My question is...why can't Bedford County do better than 3.6%, while every other local government funding schools except one in Tennessee can?

Note:

South Central Region includes Perry, Wayne, Hickman, Lewis, Lawrence, Maury, Giles, Marshall, Lincoln, Bedford, Moore, Coffee, and Franklin Counties

Data Sources:

2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (State Audit) for Bedford County, TN

2014 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (State Audit) for Bedford County, TN

Tennessee Department of Education Data Reports



File Photo

John Boutwell and wife, Connie, a retired educator, during the swearing in ceremony for County Commissioner.



COUNTY HONORED BY COMPTROLLER FOR CLEAN AUDIT REPORTS

Photo by John Carney, Bedford County Government

Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury Jason Mumpower attended Tuesday night's Bedford County Board of Commissioners meeting to congratulate the County on its fifth clean audit. A clean audit is one in which state auditors did not find any deficiencies in financial procedures or record-keeping. For the year in question, the 2023-24 fiscal year which ended on June 30, 2024, only 14 of Tennessee's 95 counties had clean audit reports. Pictured with the comptroller and State Rep. Pat Marsh are County staff and officials responsible for financial and budget management.

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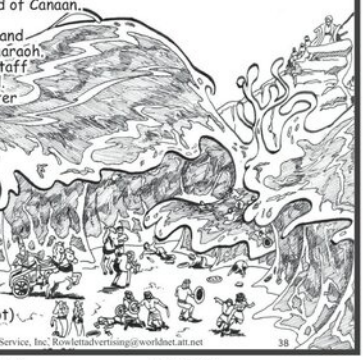
TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

Moses: His people freed
Exodus

Moses returned to Egypt to lead his people out of Egypt and to the land of Canaan. God told him to perform before Pharaoh the wonders God gave him the power to perform but warned him that Pharaoh's heart would be hardened and he would refuse to let Moses' people go free.

Moses and Aaron asked Pharaoh to permit the people of Israel to go to the desert to worship God. Pharaoh refused and made life difficult for the People of Israel. Moses prayed to God and God reaffirmed the covenant that he had made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob - to give them the Land of Canaan.

Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh again and performed 11 mighty acts to convince Pharaoh. The first mighty act was that Aaron's staff became a snake when cast on the ground. This was followed by a plague of the water in the Nile River being turned to blood, a plague of frogs, a plague of gnats, a plague of flies, a plague of the death of the livestock that belonged to the Egyptians, a plague of boils, a plague of hail, a plague of locust, a plague of darkness and a plague of the death of the firstborn of the Egyptians. Only the last plague convinced Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go. Moses led the people through the Red Sea while the pursuing Egyptian Army (Pharaoh had a change of heart and decided to detain the people in Egypt) was drowned in the sea.



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MILESTONES AND SCHOLARSHIPS AT SCHS

BC Schools photos by Carol Garrette

Shelbyville Central High School seniors were honored during their recent Scholarship Day. Students earned $2,043,950 in scholarships. In addition, there were TN Promise and Hope Scholarships added in, making a grand total of $4,262,450 in scholarships presented this year to graduating seniors.










GARRETTE

From page 1A

spect, collaboration and high expectations. Here's a sampling of the many comments shared by his school's colleagues.

"It has been a true honor to work under your leadership the past 12 years," said BC Instructional Coach Kelly Beasley. "You have been much more than a principal; you've been a mentor, a steady guide and an example of what calm, consistent and passionate leadership looks like. Thank you for believing in me, challenging me to grow and setting a standard that I will always strive to meet. Your impact will continue to ripple through the halls of Community Middle for years to come."

CDC Teacher Christle Price recently thanked Garrette for his support of teachers' unique skills. "Your love and care for the students and staff at CMS is immeasurable! I also appreciate you trusting us as teachers and giving us the space to do our jobs and do them well."

School Counselor Shelby Adams said her principal makes people laugh, even on their bad days.

"He is always a smiling face and there to answer any questions or talk to any students I bring his way. The students love him!"

"Working together for 12 years, Mr. Garrette is the principal I've had the longest," remarked Related Arts Teacher Cynthia Donnelly. "Your patience, kindness and sense of humor have made a significant impact on my professional journey."

Garrette has obviously done well in the Unionville community as one of their faithful education leaders. Garrette said he always knew Unionville would always have a special place in his heart.

"When I walked into Community School in the fall of 2002, it did not take me long to understand what a special place it was," said Garrette. "A lot of places talk about being a family and supporting one another, but I found the place that truly embodies that concept and lives it out. The Community Schools are special places with special people that I will call my friends forever. Go, Vikings!"



WELL-DESERVED CELEBRATION

Learning Way photos

Learning Way students were recently rewarded for their hard work and dedication to the TNReady test, with a super TCAP Carnival. The celebration included face painting.



RESCUE TRAINING AT UFD

UFD Photos

Though Unionville Fire Department concentrates on fire-fighting during most of its trainings, on Saturday, the department trained on extrication and were able to use all rescue tools. Jeff Reed, owner of Fatboy Automotive Repair on Highway 41A North, donated the use of the vehicles.



A DAY OF INSPIRATION

BC Schools photo

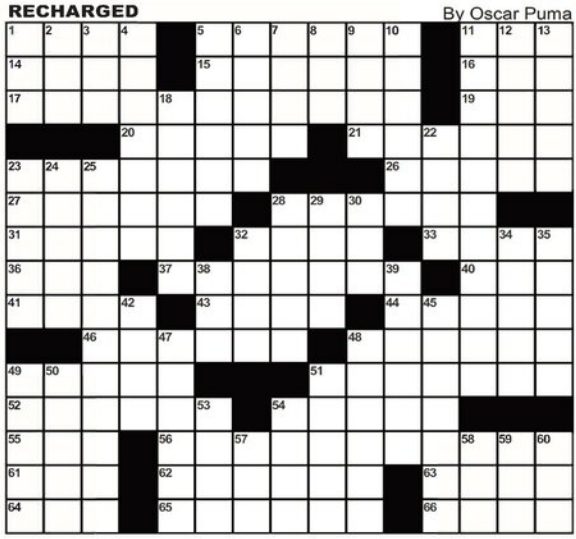
Kindergarten through second grade experienced a day of inspiration recently as Learning Way Elementary held its "Careers on Wheels" event. Students learned about the many ways vehicles play a role in the working world.




Crossword

RECHARGED

By Oscar Puma



CLUES ACROSS

1) Transit charge
5) Bind, as grass stalks
11) Grammy category
14) Newspaper essay page
15) Give thought to
16) Wing not for flying
17) Restores strength to
19) Sweet murmur
20) In the cards
21) Well-seasoned stew
23) Endangered
26) Inclines
27) Makes shiny and smooth
28) Stoked
31) Tsunami kin
32) Without moisture
33) Potluck choice
36) One for the off-road
37) New versions of old films
40) Early afternoon
41) Nick's cousin?
43) Basks at the beach
44) Alaskan craft
46) Goes off volcanically
48) Larry or Shemp
49) Deep-six
51) Non sense
52) Exerts no effort
54) Delaware city
55) Make a decision
56) Livens up
61) Function
62) " ... falls___ on the plain"
63) Apple variety
64) Cabernet, e.g.
65) Breastplates (Var.)
66) TV prize

CLUES DOWN

1) In favor of
2) Arm-over-arm swinger
3) Make a motor roar
4) Teacher or preacher, e.g.
5) Sudden outpourings
6) ___ out (made a successful putt)
7) "National Velvet" author Bagnold
8) Wood-dressing tool (Var.)
9) Change course suddenly
10) Artificial
11) Restore to a particular state
12) For all to hear
13) Draws, as a line on a graph
18) Chatterbox
22) Turned a horse right
23) Pretentious sort
24) Carry away, in a way
25) Returned to life
28) Casual pair
29) Big boats
30) Scrabble 10-pointer
32) Salacious stuff
34) Tool for bending cold metal
35) Cornball
38) Clairvoyant's claim, for short
39) Supplier to an army
42) Caroler's syllables
45) Marina charge
47) Computer-is-working period
48) Crinkly leaved cabbages
49) Use elbow grease on
50) Small woods
51) Goblin or bugbear
53) Pantyhose woe
54) Rackets
57) Seven, on a grandfather clock
58) It's on some Scottish locks
59) "A Nightmare on ____ Street"
60) State

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Water Safety

It's fun to play in water, whether at a pool, beach, lake, river or water park, but it is important to know your limits and stay safe. **Remember, drowning can occur in less than two minutes.**



Swimming Pool Safety Rules

Put a check mark next to the rules that make swimming in a pool safer. Cross out rules that do not make pools safer.

- ☐ Never go in the water alone. Always be sure an adult who can swim is watching you.
- ☐ Do not depend on inflatable toys or water wings to keep your head above water.
- ☐ Dive only from a diving board, not the side of the pool.
- ☐ Don't crawl or walk on a pool cover.
- ☐ Stay in the shallow end of the pool if you are not a strong swimmer.

ANSWER: Did you check them all? Great job!

Find It

Find these things hiding in this picture: a banana, a house, a crayon, a fish, a surfboard and a dinosaur.

Sort It

After finding the hidden pictures, sort each object by the number of syllables.

1 syllable	2 syllables	3 syllables

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Recognize syllables in words; decode words with two or more syllables.

SAFE BOATING WEEK

National Safe Boating Week is in May. If you're going to be enjoying boating, be sure to check out the great info and activities at **safeboatingcampaign.com**.



How many differences can you find between the boat and its reflection?

Fill in the missing vowels.

W__RING WAT_R
SH_ES IN LAK_S
C_N PR_T_CT
Y__R F__T
FR_M BR_K_N
GL_SS AND
OTH_R
UND_RW_TER
H_ZARDS.

Extra! Extra!

Splashy Search

Look through the newspaper to find:

- A photo that shows a pool, lake or ocean.
- Something that helps you stay cool in the summer.
- Something that floats in the water.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Lifesaver Letter

Use the Lifesaver Letter code to find out what you should always wear when on a boat at the beach or lake.

A _ _ _ C



CODE:

A= ▼ | I= ✱
C= ★ | K= ✚
E= ◗ | L= ❤
F= ● | T= ➤
I= ▲ | Y= ♦

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: students follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

BEACH
BOAT
CODE
COOL
DIVING
FISH
LAKE
PARK
POOL
RULES
SAFETY
SORT
SWIM
TOYS
WATER

S Y O T V P A R K G
C O D E R L O O C N
V T N Z B O A T O I
M I W S Y O S K B V
W R O M A P L S E I
A L U O B F P U A D
T M Z L I D E W C F
E S Q S E O O T H L
R N H P F S T I Y K

Standards Link: Letter sequencing; Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading; Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Water Journal

Clip and collect articles about creeks, rivers, lakes and all kinds of water. Make lists of people, agencies and places that appear in the articles. What are the main topics of discussion or issues about water in your newspaper?

Standards Link: History/Social Science: Understanding environmental issues in the local community.

Write On!

Safety Tips

Write three safety tips to help other kids.

Kid Scoop FIT&FUN

Water Workouts

Gather some friends and try playing some of these games.



They're good exercise and a great way to beat the heat!

Water Cup Relay Race

Two-player teams each have a full bucket and an empty bucket. Place the full bucket at the starting line and the empty bucket at the finish line.

The first team member scoops a plastic cup of water from the full bucket and must walk quickly to the finish line, holding the full cup over their head.

The team member pours the water from the cup into the finish line bucket and runs back to the start, handing the cup to his teammate, who repeats the process.

The first team to move the most water from start to finish is the winner.

Water Balloon Freeze Tag

The person who is IT must protect a bucket filled with water balloons. If other players get soaked by a water balloon, even if one drop hits them, they must remain frozen until another player is able to snatch a water balloon from the bucket and unfreeze them by soaking them with it!

Sponge Volley

String a rope between two trees. Hang a tarp so that players can't see the other side of the court. Have full water buckets and big sponges on each side. Toss soaked sponges over to the other side to see if you can hit the other players.

Standards Link: Physical Education: Understand the health benefits of physical exercise.

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:

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CURRENT OWNER(S): JOSHUA E STEWART

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

CROWN ASSET MANAGEMENT LLC

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WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated September 7, 2021, executed by HUBURN TYNDALL 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 September 9, 2021, in Deed Book TD1022, Page 894; 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 12, 2025 at 10:00 AM at the front steps of the Bedford County Courthouse, Shelbyville, Tennessee, 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:

A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE SEVENTH (7TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, BEING BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEING ALL OF LOT NO. 12 AND 15 FEET OFF THE NORTHERN SIDE OF LOT NO. 11, RUNNING EAST AND WEST AND 30 FEET OFF THE SOUTH SIDE OF LOT NO. 13 OF BLOCK "D" OF THE HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 30, PAGES 326-327, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION. THIS CONVEYANCE IS SUBJECT TO MATTERS AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF RECORD IN BOOK 30, PAGES 326-329 AND PLAT BOOK G, PAGE 29, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED FROM HDS PROPERTIES, A TENNESSEE GENERAL PARTNERSHIP, OWNED BY HAROLD SEGROVES AND DAWN SEGROVES, A MARRIED COUPLE, BY WARRANTY DEED TO HUBURN TYNDALL, AN UNMARRIED MAN, DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2021, OF RECORD AT DEED BOOK 967, PAGE 946, REGISTER'S OFFICE, BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 089J-P-010.00

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 309 WHITE ST, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): HUBURN TYNDALL

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

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

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

Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
rlselaw.com/property-listing
Tel: (877) 813-0992
Fax: (470) 508-9401 #252444 (583tc)

Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: May 6

Location: 72 Honeybee Dr; Seller, TLI Inc; Buyer, Michael Eric Barlow, Patricia Barlow; Price, $643,395 (Deed).

Location: Cortner Rd; Seller, Jack Wilbur Jones III; Buyer, Them H Bui; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Lamb Rd; Seller, Timothy Bryan Demonbreun; Buyer, Connie Scales Demonbreun; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 161 Maupin Cir; Seller, Patrick Brown; Buyer, Patrick Brown; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 1384 Whiteside Hill Rd; Seller, John Running, Mary Running, Tennessee Community Property Running; Buyer, Roland Allen Williamson Jr, Candice Lee Williamson; Price, $40,000 (Deed).

Location: 1262 Smith Chapel Rd; Seller, Matthew Seibers; Buyer, Kayla Seibers; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: 117 Daytona Lane; Seller, Halle Elyse Cornelison, Ethan Cornelison; Buyer, Savannah Jones, Michael Jones; Price, $312,000 (Deed).

Seller, Jones Construction Company; Buyer, JF Properties; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 178 Tom Walker Dr; Seller, Randall W Lane, Donna F Lane; Buyer, Abby Frazee; Price, $305,000 (Deed).

Location: 263 Temple Ford Rd; Seller, Jason Van Horn, Tara Van Horn; Buyer, Ryan Botindari, Dana Botindari; Price, $540,000 (Deed).

Location: 125 Thompson Lane; Seller, Brian Kilgore; Buyer, Jesse Card, Felecia Card; Price, $500,000 (QD).

File date: May 7

Location: 115 Hidden Circle; Seller, JC Builders LLC; Buyer, Jacob Deibert, Ashley Deibert; Price, $349,900 (Deed).

Location: 3006 Sims Rd; Seller, Will Thomas Kelly; Buyer, Joshua Darnell, Tabitha Darnell; Price, $302,500 (Deed).

Location: 1310 Halls Mill Rd; Seller, Daniel Ross, Nicole Ross; Buyer, 1310 Halls Mill Road Trust; Price, $715,000 (Deed).

Location: 136 Wildwood Dr; Seller, Andrew D Britt, Angela Britt Dixon, Anthonia Britt, Charles Michael Britt Estate, Charles M Britt; Buyer, Darren Hollen; Price, $276,500 (Deed).

Location: Union Ridge Rd; Seller, 24 Wartrace 74 LLC; Buyer, Tim A Cochran, Laura B Cochran; Price, $491,875 (Deed).

Location: Sims Ave; Seller, Hunter B Leverette, Allison Leverette; Buyer, Noah Douglas, Alyssa Douglas; Price, $283,000 (Deed).

File date: May 8

Location: 114 Nutmeg Dr; Seller, Billy K Williams, Cheyenne Williams; Buyer, Scott Enderson, Brenda Enderson; Price, $242,000 (Deed).

Location: 1806 Highway 130 West; Seller, Brian Farris, Christie F James; Buyer, Matthew T Reed, Cannon B Lamb; Price, $175,000 (Deed).

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

Location: 102 Saddlewood Dr; Seller, Dorothy Ann Helmholtz, Ryan Allen Helmholtz; Buyer, Dorothy Ann Helmholtz, Ryan Allen Helmholtz; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: May 9

Seller, Traci Danielle Bradford, Traci Danielle Bradford Goodwin; Buyer, Spencer McClain Forsythe, Zachary Lee Brazier, William Hunter Forsythe; Price, $282,500 (Deed).

Location: 303 Saint Charles Place; Seller, Justin Tyler Pitts, Emily Pitts; Buyer, Stefan Guzman, Elizabeth Guzman; Price, $311,000 (Deed).

Location: 616 South Brittain St; Seller, Danny Rogers, Janice K Rogers; Buyer, Music City Financial LLC; Price, $80,000 (Deed).

Location: 1057 Madison St; Seller, Thongbay Chanthasaeng; Buyer, Somphet Mischke; Price, $335,000 (Deed).

Location: Shelbyville and Petersburg; Seller, Cena Martin, Joseph D Martin Jr; Buyer, Cena Martin; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: May 12

Seller, Christopher Douglas Pegg; Buyer, Christopher Douglas Pegg, Amanda Jean Pegg; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 616 South Brittain St; Seller, Music City Financial LLC; Buyer, James E Farrar Sr; Price, $100,000 (Deed).

Seller, Michael Brett Allen, Steioff Living Trust, Carol Steioff, Richard Steioff; Buyer, Michael B Allen; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 402 Narrows Rd; Seller, Prolific Homes LLC; Buyer, Montana Bell, Casson Thompson; Price, $314,000 (Deed).

Location: 1073 New Center Church; Seller, First Community Mortgage Inc, Allied First Bank; Buyer, Cory Beckman, Anna Daniella Hopper Beckman; Price, $575,000 (Deed).

Seller, James E Farrar Jr; Buyer, Brooke Lee Whitaker, Chadwick Rapheal Fulton; Price, $385,000 (Deed).

Seller, Luis Cervantes, Osiel Lopez; Buyer, Osiel Lopez, Jeniffer Nunez; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Osiel Lopez; Buyer, Luis Cervantes; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 207 Cedar River Rd; Seller, Sandra A Trice, Lyric Trice; Buyer, Blake Morgan; Price, $155,000 (Deed).

Location: 211 Warren Circle; Seller, James Eric Hall, Kali Keck; Buyer, Maison McClain Buckaka, Shelby Jean Buckaka; Price, $295,900 (Deed).

Location: 241 Jake Branch Rd; Seller, William D Adams Jr, Donna Roberts Adams; Buyer, Lauren Elizabeth Blanchett, James Blanchett II; Price, $587,700 (Deed).

Location: Powell Hollow Rd; Seller, Ernest Roles, Stacy Roles; Buyer, Jackson Conner Parris; Price, $138,000 (Deed).

Location: Old Nashville Dirt Rd; Seller, Alcorn Properties LLC; Buyer, Charles E Armstrong, Rita F Armstrong; Price, $0 (QD).

NOTICE

Pursuant to section 67-5-508, Tennessee Code Annotated, the property assessment records of Bedford County will be available for public inspection at Suite 301, 3rd floor of the Bedford County Annex Bldg., during normal business hours. Any person desiring to inspect these records may do so at the appointed time and place.

The Bedford County Board of Equalization will begin its annual session to examine and equalize the county assessments on June 2, 2025. THE BOARD WILL ACCEPT APPEALS FOR TAX YEAR 2025 ONLY UNTIL THE LAST DAY OF ITS 2025 REGULAR SESSION, WHICH WILL BE June 4, 2025. The board will meet each weekday from the hours of 9 to 12:00 and 1 to 3:00 at the Bedford County Courthouse 1 Public Square (former first floor courtroom.)

Any owner of property who wishes to make a complaint or appeal to the County Board of Equalization should make an appointment between the dates of May 19, 2025-May 30, 2025 to appear before said Board by personal appearance or by personal appearance of an agent for the owner bearing the owner's written authorization. Failure to appeal an assessment may result in the assessment becoming final without further right or appeal.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Shelbyville City Council will meet in a Special Budget Workshop Session on Friday, May 23, 2025, at 10:15 AM. to review information concerning the City of Shelbyville FY26 Budget. The meeting will be held at the City Council Chambers at the Building, Codes and Planning Building, 100 N. Cannon Blvd., Shelbyville, TN.

Full Agendas will be posted on the City of Shelbyville Website 48 hours prior to the meeting. www.shelbyvilletn.org

Please call City Hall with any questions or concerns.

Lisa Smith, City Recorder

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City of Shelbyville Mayor & City Council Special Called Meeting

Special Called Meeting: May 23, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: Council Chambers, Building, Codes & Planning Building, 100 N. Cannon Blvd. Shelbyville, TN, 37160

Citizen Comments:

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Adopt the Agenda

Consideration of a motion to allow City Attorney to read captions only on Ordinances.

IV. Ordinances – First Readings

A. An Ordinance of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee, Adopting the Annual Budget and Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025, and Ending June 30, 2026.

B. An Ordinance to Make Final Amendments to the Adopted Budget Ordinance (As Amended) of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee Various Funds, For the Fiscal Year 2024-2025, the Period Ending June 30, 2025.

V. Resolutions

A. A Resolution to Authorize Appropriations for Non-Profit Organizations for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

VI. Announcements

VII. Adjourn

Mayor Randy Carroll

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, BEDFORD COUNTY

WHEREAS, Luis Jimenez Olivares executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for First Horizon Bank, Lender and Charles W. Ricketts, Jr., Trustee(s), which was dated September 29, 2022, and recorded on October 4, 2022, in Book 1067, at Page 647 in Bedford County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, First Horizon Bank, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on June 24, 2025, at 11:00 AM at the usual and customary location at the Bedford County Courthouse, Shelbyville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, to wit:

A Certain Tract or Parcel of land located in the Twentieth (20th) Civil District of Bedford County, Tennessee, which is described as follows:

Beginning at a corner fence post on the South margin of State Highway 130, 30 Feet from its center at the Northwest corner of the Pleasant Grove School property and the Northeast corner of the property herein described; thence South 8 Degrees 45 Minutes East 193 Feet to a corner fence post; thence South 1 Degrees East 184.6 feet to a metal pin in a fencerow, thence North 44 Degrees 30 Minutes West 298.0 Feet to a metal pin on the South margin of said highway 30 feet from its center, thence North 45 Degrees 30 Minutes East 26 Feet to a point 30 Feet South of the center of said highway, thence North 46 Degrees 30 Minutes East 100 Feet to a point 30 Feet South of the Center of said highway; thence North 48 Degrees 45 Minutes East 112 Feet to the Point of Beginning, and containing 0.9 acre.

Being the same property conveyed to Luis Jimenez, an unmarried man by Warranty deed from Gene Ray and Sheila Ray, husband and wife of record in Book D358, page 704, Register's Orie for Bedford County, Tennessee, dated July 24, 2020 and recorded on July 29, 2020.

Being also known as 1617 Hwy 130 West, Shelbyville, TN 37160

Map & Parcel: 121-020.09

Parcel ID Number:
121 020.09

Address/Description:
1617 Hwy 130 W, Shelbyville, TN 37160

Current Owner(s):
Luis Jimenez

Other Interested Party(ies):
Redstone Federal Credit Union

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property 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; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

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 right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

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

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department
4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Suite 310
Atlanta, GA 30341
PH: 404-789-2661 FX: 404-294-0919
File No.: 25-10995 FC01 #252448 (583tc)

Death Notices

Bobby Allen Hale, Sr.

Bobby Allen Hale, Sr., of Rockvale, died Sunday, May 11, 2025. Born in Nashville, Bobby was a son of the late Vernon Hale and Shirley O'Donnell and adopted parents, Doug and Nancy Graham.

Survived by his wife of 49 years, Dwanna Hale of Rockvale; 2 daughters, Shelly Underwood and Melissa Lemons of Rockvale; a son, Bobby Hale, Jr. of Rockvale.

Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill is in charge of arrangements.

Chuck Hutchinson

Chuck Hutchinson, age 70, of Unionville, died on May 7, 2025 in Murfreesboro. Chuck was born in Plainfield, Indiana and was a son of the late Max Hutchinson and Jane Wampler Hutchinson.

Mr. Hutchinson is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Patricia Hutchinson of Unionville; children, Chad Hutchinson of Fayetteville, Sara Brock of Doyle, Jessica Andrews of Unionville, Branda Buckins-Hillis of Unionville.

Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill is in charge of arrangements.

Ernest Fuller Limbo

Ernest Fuller Limbo, age 86, of Shelbyville, died May 3, 2025-less than 24 hours before his 87th birthday. For 36 years, he and his wife owned and operated Limbo's Paint and Wallpaper in Shelbyville.

He was born on May 4, 1938, to Bertie Lou Pierce Limbo and Maurice Henry (Son) Limbo. He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Linda Gale Limbo.

He is survived by his two sons and their wives, Ernest Maurice (Ernie and Kimberly) of Huntsville, Alabama; and William Eric (Eric and Sonja) of Erin, Tennessee.

Feldhaus Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Joe Wayne McBee

Joe Wayne McBee, age 83, of the Flat Creek community, passed away Monday, May 12, 2025. He was a former employee of the state's Vocational Rehabilitation Program.

Joe was born January 3, 1942, in Lynchburg, to the late Joe Virgil and Christine Burton McBee.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Glenda McBee; sons, Tommy McBee, of Murfreesboro, and Jason (Kim) Brewer, of Nolensville; daughters, Ellen (Ezra) Stamper, of Huntsville, and Jennifer (Dave) Cooper, of Moore County.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Rhonda Fay Russell Reed

Rhonda Fay Russell Reed, age 83, of Shelbyville, passed away Saturday, May 10, 2025.

Rhonda was born May 7, 1942, to the late Everette and Evelyn Yoder Russell. She operated Reed's Love and Care for almost 45 years. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Hubert Leighton Reed; daughter, Denise Darnell and her son Kevin Reed.

She is survived by daughters, LaTresa (Pat) Barton and Kim (Jimmy) Shreve, both of Shelbyville.

Scott Rene Evans

Scott Rene Evans, age 65, of Unionville, passed away May 14, 2025. Scott was born November 18, 1959, in Los Angeles, Calif., to the late Dorothy Evans. He was preceded in death by his son, Christopher Prather. Scott is survived by his children, Andrea (Andrew) Pugh of Unionville, Briton Cantrell of New York, Matthew Evans, Michael Evans, Alisha Tatum, Martin Garcia, Kayla Tatum, David Tatum and Hannah Evans, all of Oklahoma and Caleb Cantrell of Arkansas.

Theodore Dallas Bransford

Theodore Dallas Bransford II, age 61, of Shelbyville, passed from this life Sunday, May 4, 2025, at his residence following a short illness under the care of his family and Alive Hospice.

Mr. Bransford was born July 1, 1963, in Akron, Ohio to the late Theodore Dallas Bransford I and Audrey Harris Bransford. He is survived by his children; Eric (Kandie) Bransford of Shelbyville, Trey (Kristen) Bransford, of Pennsylvania.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Geraldine Bonheimer

Geraldine Bonheimer, age 89, passed away at Unity Hospital in Manchester.

Born in September 5, 1935 in Dover, OH to the late John Biechler Sr. and Alice Seymore Biechler. She is survived by her daughters, Beverly Phillps of Manchester, Barb Stull of Shelbyville; son, Kalmon Stull Jr. of Dover, OH.

Along with her parents she is preceded in death by her first husband, Kalmon Stull Sr., second husband, Earl Bonheimer.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Sara O'Neal

Sara O'Neal, age 81, of Shelbyville, passed away peacefully from this life on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at Life Care Center of Tullahoma.

A native of Bedford County, Sara was born on May 14, 1943. She was the daughter of the late N.P. (Dink) and Ethel Gibson Barton, and was married to her beloved husband, Phineas O'Neal, for 62 years prior to his passing. She is survived by her son, Daryl Malone (Amanda) O'Neal; son-in-law, Michael Gene Hutson all of Shelbyville. Along with her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Dawn O'Neal Hutson.

Doak Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

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 10-11 a.m. and the service will be at 11 a.m. 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.

Austin Funeral Home in Brentwood is in charge of arrangements.

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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Community Calendar

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

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 2 p.m., May 18, at the Flat Creek Community Center, New Center Church Road.

Decoration at New Hermon Cemetery will be Sunday, May 18. Donations are needed for continuing upkeep and to offset the expense incurred by the recently installed fence. Please mail to New Hermon Cemetery Fund, 114 Goose Creek Road, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160.

Parsons Cemetery Family descendants and the Bedford County Historical Society will hold a cemetery marker dedication in conjunction with the cemetery's annual Decoration Day ceremony on Sunday afternoon, May 25, at 2 p.m., at the cemetery. Parsons-related families also interred at the cemetery include Allison, Barbour, Cook, Eads, Foster, Gentry, Haynes, Hill, Holden, Knott, Land, Lee, Maddox, Nance, Nash, Noblitt, Parks, Tribble, Wade, Wheeler, and Winstead Families. This will be the Society's tenth marker installation and dedication recognizing and honoring significant people, places, and events in Bedford County's history. Relatives of these families and the community are invited to the event.

Decoration Day for Jones-Haynes Cemetery will be June 1 at 2:30 p.m..

FUMC-S CHURCH SERVICE

This Sunday, Pastor Abe Zimmerman will preach "Foundations of Faith: Part 3" from Romans 8:1-11. This series is a birds-eye view of the letter to the Roman Christians. Come and see how this profound letter contains 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, we offer a livestream on Facebook and a broadcast on WLIJ 98.7 FM and AM 1580.

HIRING

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We currently have contributor opportunities in several regions, with immediate needs at the **Crockett County Times, Lake County Banner, Buffalo River Review, and Waverly News Democrat**. Additional openings may be available at other RMG publications across the state.

This is a freelance, per-article position. Hourly pay may be considered for experienced contributors who consistently produce publishable work. While we're happy to offer guidance and feedback, contributors should be able to meet deadlines and follow editorial direction without extensive long-term training.

Opportunities include:
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- Covering public meetings or events
- Submitting publishable photos with captions
- Pitching story ideas from your community

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YOUR COUNTY COMMISSION IN ACTION

A photo journalist's view of BC Commission Meeting































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The Viqueens threatened with two more runners reaching base, but Carroll found a way to induce an inning-ending popout to keep the Lady Panthers within one run.

Neither team scored in the fifth, and after Prince struck out the side in the top of the sixth, the Viqueens' offense locked in at the plate by plating five runs to blow the game wide open.

The avalanche started with Kamryn Farrell's leadoff HR – her second of the year – that was blasted to right, and then Mattie Maxey launched her team-leading eighth HR of the season into left to give Community a 5-2 lead. Blanton smoked a one-out double to the wall, and then Taylar Wessner hit her fifth HR of the year to right-center. This knocked Carroll from the game, but the Viqueens weren't finished. Webb roped a double to right, and then Tate yanked an RBI-triple into right to put Community ahead, 8-2.

Prince went 1-2-3 in the top of the seventh, punching the Viqueens' ticket to a fourth-consecutive Region Championship Game and securing her 15th win of the season in the circle.

At the plate, the hosts tallied 14 hits as a team on the night. Anna Haskins went 1-3 with a walk, Mattie Maxey went 3-4 with two RBIs, a double, and a HR, and Carlie Blanton finished 2-3 with a walk. Taylar Wessner went 2-4 with a walk and a HR, Haylee Webb went 1-4 with a double, and Gracie Daniel went 1-3 with an RBI. Alana Tate finished 1-2 with an RBI and a triple, Annie Prince went 2-4 with a HR, and Kamryn Farrell finished 1-3 with a HR.

Golden Eagles Win Fourth-Consecutive District Title After Niño's 74th Minute Winner

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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – As the clock ticked down into the final 10 minutes of normal time in the District 9-AAA Championship Game between Shelbyville (14-3-2, 9-0-1) and Columbia Central (9-4-1, 6-3-1), the visiting Lions were barely holding on for dear life while level at 1-1, desperately trying to find some way to survive and send the game into extra-time.

Instead, Jonathan Betzelberger and Yaden Niño had different ideas. Two minutes after seeing a go-ahead goal taken off the board due to an offsides decision, Betzelberger took a touch outside the right-corner of the Lions' 18-yard box, somehow finding the space to send an overhead-flick into the path of an onrushing teammate in the box. Niño took full advantage, getting to the ball first and poking it past Columbia's goalkeeper, Blake O'Connor, to put the Golden Eagles ahead for good, 2-1.

"It takes special plays... [Johnathan] Betzelberger, he has a unique way of playing that adds to our team," said Shelbyville head coach Chris Fritz. "He's a very coachable kid, he has a bright future as he's just a sophomore, but the other guys following up on the play...when you have seniors that are that dedicated, that's just how it goes."

Betzelberger, who came in dealing with a nagging ankle knock, finished with an assist on both of Shelbyville's goals, with the first coming in the third minute of the game off a redirected long free-kick to Carlos Velazquez and give the hosts an early 1-0 advantage.

With the late winner, the Golden Eagles secured their fourth-consecutive district title.

"This one is special because this group has really been through the most culture change for our program," said Fritz. "It's interesting to consider that in middle school, these seniors lost their championship game and people doubted their ability to be successful in high school, but when they got here as a group, they were so tight, and they listened, and they went to the state tournament as freshmen. They've really put in a shift and played our brand of soccer all the way across the board. They've really adapted to the demands. If people really knew how much work we put in...if they really knew about the summer and they really knew about the cold and the rain and the days where things don't go our way...if they really knew about all that then I think they would understand the emotion that goes behind it. Even tonight, I think soccer is funny because a team can maybe have the ball the whole game and dominate passing and dominate possession, but a team with a good gameplan can create obstacles in that, and kudos to Columbia. Their gameplan was excellent, but to see them earn that as a team, to see several young guys who had to step up on the pitch and make plays who weren't in the mix as starters, this game allowed them to flourish."



Shelbyville Central won its fourth-consecutive District Championship under Head Coach Chris Fritz (far right) after a dramatic 2-1 win against Columbia Central on Thursday. *T-G Staff Photo.*

Niño nearly doubled Shelbyville's lead in the ninth minute, but a good kick-save by O'Connor kept the Lions within one.

In the 20th minute, regular season District 9-AAA Co-MVP Emmanuel Leyva was played through on a long switch, but again O'Connor kept his net empty with a good reflex save.

Columbia began to find some footing in the game in the final 15-20 minutes of the first half, and in the 25th minute, Jack Grippo's towering header deflected squarely off the crossbar.

Perhaps emboldened by the close call, Columbia started to control the game, culminating in a 35th-minute game-tying goal. A centering ball played back across the box from the right-wing found the foot of Grippo, and the Lions' attacker guided home the equalizer just five minutes before halftime.

In the 49th minute, Rodrigo Hernández entered the referee's book with the one and only yellow card shown all night.

Shelbyville slowly but surely wrestled back control from Columbia, and by the 70th minute, a match-winner felt inevitable.

In the 72nd minute, Leyva thought he had found the go-ahead goal, but was ruled marginally offside. Two minutes later, Betzelberger's magic created the winner, setting up a home showdown in the Region 5-AAA Semifinals against Ravenwood.

"I think this helps us prepare for regionals," Fritz concluded. "If it had been a not-great game, I don't think we would have been nearly as sharp because we were sloppy against Coffee County, and you could see some of that in the early first half, but in the second half we were incredible. The ball movement, the rotations, the passing, the ideas, the intensity, the hustle...it's

Golden Eagles' Season Ends Against Ravenwood in Region 5-AAA Semifinal

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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (14-4-2, 9-0-1) took an early lead against District 10-AAA Runner-up, Ravenwood (13-4-2, 6-1-1), but ultimately fell victim to the Raptors' relentless attack late, 5-1.

"They're an excellent team – state runner-ups last year that lost on penalties – even though they did lose a lot of guys, but you're being coached at a high level," SCHS' Head Coach Chris Fritz said. "Endless travel guys, you're in the hub of travel soccer in Tennessee – the number-one ranked travel program in the state is in Williamson County – and they cut kids that play travel. Our best bet is to simply grow the game here. They're a classy program and I wish them the best."

Yaden Niño, the hero of the District 9-AAA Championship against Columbia, opened the scoring inside the 4th minute for the Golden Eagles, pouncing on a lofted free kick from the halfway line to poke home the first goal of the night and take a surprise 1-0 lead over the visitors.

However, the Raptors quickly settled into the game, using their pace and physicality to force an errant pass at the back to quickly level things up at 1-1 in the 14th minute. Aiden Carothers connected on a low cross back across the top of the box from the right wing and struck it with venom into the bottom right-corner to get Ravenwood right back in the game.

The Golden Eagles kept their composure, finding little moments of possession in between long stretches of Ravenwood's sustained pressure. Despite this, the Raptors found a second goal in the 28th minute with another ball played back across the box from the right side and allowing MaCallan Ryan to tap in the go-ahead goal.

For the next 11 minutes, Shelbyville began to find its footing, culminating in a breakaway in the final seconds after a sloppy giveaway from Ravenwood that forced the Raptors to commit a tactical foul high up the pitch, earning a yellow card in the process but sending the game to halftime up 2-1.

"I think our press was a little sloppy at times; we went over it yesterday and we had to re-do it because they changed the way they played from the film that we saw," Fritz explained. "If we had scored and re-adjusted quicker we probably wouldn't have given up the two first half goals because at that point we kind of settled down, but most of the game we were living on borrowed time. Their gameplan – win the ball, hit you in transition – created numerous 2-v-1's in the box. Ben [Betzelberger] stood on his head to make plays. We are blessed to have a keeper of that quality because it could have been a lot worse without him."

In the second half, the Golden Eagles kept the game within one goal for the first 30 minutes, even threatening with some half-chances of their own from the 60th minute onwards. Despite this, Shelbyville still was forced to chase the game as the clock ticked down into the final ten minutes, forcing a tactical gamble from Fritz to try and send the game into extra-time.

"At the end we made a tactical switch. We had practiced with Ariel [lastname] up top from centerback – it's a little gamble, but you're losing by one – but we were not expecting to give up four because we didn't change anything outside of moving Ariel [lastname] up top," he said.

Less than two minutes after making that switch, the Raptors found their third goal of the night from Aditya Chauhan's tap-in on a rebound from Carothers' initial attempt to put the game out of reach, 3-1, in the 70th minute.

In the 72nd minute, Chauhan got his brace in jaw-dropping fashion, finding space 30 yards away from goal and curling one into the top-right corner up and away from the diving Betzelberger to extend the lead to 4-1. Finally, in the 78th minute, Andrew Newman made it 5-1 on a tap-in, sending the Raptors to the Region 5-AAA Championship against Franklin.

SCHS' 11-player senior class ends their careers with their names forever in the history books after a dominant and unprecedented four-year stretch at Shelbyville Central.

They led the Golden Eagles to four-straight District Championships and contributed to a Class AAA State Tournament berth as freshmen in 2022.

Smith Wins Regional, Advances to State Tournament

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COOKEVILLE, Tenn. – Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglette and District 8-AA Champion, Freshman Lilly Smith, won the Individual Region 5-AA Tournament on Monday.

Smith took down Emmy Bragga from Cookeville in her first match of the day in straight sets, 6-3, 6-1, to advance to the Region 5-AA Championship Match.

In the Final, Smith dropped the first set to Marian Swindell from White County, 5-7, in a tiebreaker, but then battled back to win the second set, 6-3. This set up a winner-take-all third set, and Smith quickly dispatched Swindell, 6-1, to lock up the title in comeback fashion.

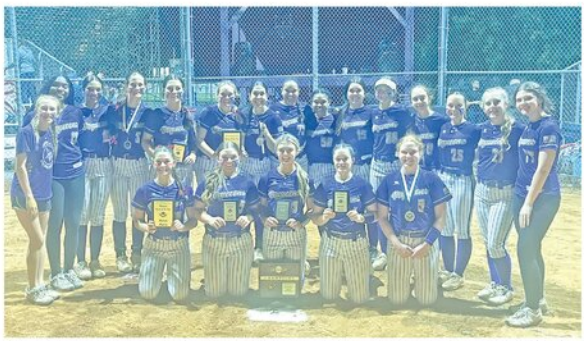
With the win, Smith secured her place in the State Tournament, beginning Thursday, May 22, in Murfreesboro with times and opponents TBA.



Lilly Smith (pictured) after winning the Region 5-AA Individual Championship on Monday. Smith advanced to the Class AA State Tournament with her comeback win over White County's Marian Swindell, 5-7, 6-3, 6-1. *Submitted Photo.*

"When she needed to, she got it done" – Wessner's Eighth-Inning Home Run Walks Off Chapel Hill to Win District 9-AA Title

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The Community Viqueens secured their second-consecutive District 9-AA Championship on Friday with a 2-1 win after eight innings against Chapel Hill. *T-G Staff Photo.*

UNIONVILLE, Tenn. – The Community Viqueens (27-3-2, 8-0) walked-off the Lady Rockets from Chapel Hill (20-10, 6-2) for the second-consecutive game with an eighth-inning two-out solo home run from Taylar Wessner to clinch back-to-back District 9-AA Championships on Friday night, 2-1.

In a pitcher's duel between District 9-AA Pitcher of the Year, Annie Prince, and Chapel Hill's superstar sophomore in Taylor Moreland, it came down to the two seniors on the hosts' roster – Carlie Blanton and Taylar Wessner.

"Before we played, I pulled my two seniors aside and told them that I'm moving both of y'all up in the lineup because you guys are experienced and you don't buckle under pressure," said Viqueens Head Coach Cam Farrell. "I put one in the 3-hole [Carlie Blanton] and the other at 4 [Wessner]. They were patient, and when she [Wessner] needed to do it, she got it done. I couldn't ask for more than that. That kid is very selfless, she works hard, she's quiet but does what she needs to do, and she got in and got it done. I just can't ask for more than that."

Blanton, who is the everyday catcher for Community, came up with the goods all the way back in the first inning with an RBI-single to give the hosts a 1-0 lead. Blanton drove home Mattie Maxey after Maxey worked a one-out walk and then stole second to get into scoring position.

Moreland settled down afterwards for the Lady Rockets and held the Viqueens scoreless for the next seven innings. This allowed Chapel Hill to get the run back in the top of the fourth when Ella Chilton ran into a two-out screwball that left the yard over the center-field wall to tie the game at 1-1.

"Annie [Prince] doesn't make a lot of mistakes, and I will 100% take the blame on that home run because I threw that kid [Chilton] a screwball and I had no business throwing her a screwball," Farrell admitted. "She [Chilton] did exactly what she normally does with inside pitches, and so Annie [Prince] understands, alright, that's on you, Coach. She won't ever tell me that, but then she gets right back to it."

Prince started and finished the night in the circle for the Viqueens, pitching all 8.0 innings and giving up just the one earned run on four hits and one walk while striking out 12 batters on 110 pitches.

Neither team scored again before the eighth, but the visitors threatened to take the lead in the top of the seventh after cleanup-hitter Sydney Calderaro yanked a leadoff single into left field. Calderaro hustled and found herself in scoring position after Maxey slipped in left, giving the Lady Rockets a runner in scoring position with nobody out. Marley Chilton bunted the runner to third, but Prince punched out Haddie Van Patten before inducing an inning-ending pop-up to first by Harper Hall.

"When we were 1-1 in the seventh inning, I told them, now we'll see who the dawgs are – either you can lay down and get beat, or you can be dawgs and get it done, and they bowed up and got it done," said Farrell. "I could hear kids in the dugout saying 'we're not losing, we're gonna get this done,' and that's what they did."

Moreland set down the Viqueens in order to send the game into extras. Prince then did the same to the Lady Rockets in the top of the eighth, setting the stage for Taylar Wessner to launch a two-out no-doubter over the center-field wall for her fourth home run of the season. Wessner's bomb broke a streak of 11-consecutive batters retired by Moreland in the circle.

"Moreland is a dawg. That kid, she has ice in her veins, she steps up and she deals," said Farrell. "They know when we are facing a pitcher like that, it's going to be a war. It's not going to be easy, it's not going to be a big blowout, you're going to have to take what you can get and stay in the fight. That's what they did, and it's gotten to the point where I don't even have to explain that because they know that we're in it, and we're going to be in it for the long haul so let's get to work. They know that, and they stay with it."

Moreland finished with 7.2 innings of work, giving up two earned runs on five hits and one walk while striking out six batters on 113 pitches.

Farrell also made time to shout out the parents helping contribute to the winning environment that Community has managed to create within its softball program.

"It's a blessing to have these kids, and their parents...their parents stay out of the way, they encourage their kids, and they don't make excuses for 'em. To me, trying to have a program, if you don't have that, you're not going to have a successful program. I don't care who you have, if you have parents that ruin it, it's going to do just that, and our parents are all tight-knit and they don't make excuses for the kids. They make sure they're doing what they're supposed to do," he said.

After losing the district title in 2023, 11-1, against the Lady Rockets, Community has now won two-consecutive District Championships against Chapel Hill, setting the stage for a deep run moving forward in the postseason.

"This one is special because number one, they've busted their tails. Two, – everybody knows this – when I came here, they talked about the rivalry with Chapel Hill, and I told them it's not a rivalry because we've been beaten like 50-straight times," Farrell said. "That's not a rivalry. This is the fourth time we've played 'em, and we've beat 'em four times. That to me is exciting and shows how hard they work, and we're here at Community."

"We finished number one and we're here at Community and we're getting it done at Community. That's the big thing is to be HERE and get it done."

Viqueens Hit Four Homers Against Lewis County; Punch Ticket to State-Sectional Round

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UNIONVILLE, Tenn. – The Community Viqueens (28-3-2, 8-0) started out slow, but after Annie Prince's go-ahead solo HR in the bottom of the fourth, the hosts then erupted for five runs in the sixth inning to keep their season alive, winning 8-2 in the Region 5-AA Semifinal against Lewis County (17-8, 2-4).

"That win was huge," Viqueens' Head Coach Cam Farrell said. "I told 'em, at this point, I'm not looking for a pretty win, I'm just looking for a W. I'm pleased with moving on, they get to relax, they know what they can do, so just getting out here and getting together and figuring it out, that's what I'm most looking forward to."

Community figured things out in time to pull away from the Lady Panthers and starting pitcher, Brailey Carroll, sparked by Annie Prince's second HR of the season in the bottom of the fourth to take the lead for good, 3-2.

Carroll was eventually chased from the game in the bottom of the sixth, ending her night with 5.1 innings of work, giving up seven earned runs on 12 hits and two walks with one strikeout and four total HRs given up on 88 pitches. Addison Morgan came out in relief to get the final two outs, giving up one earned run on two hits before ending the inning.

For Community, the District 9-AA Pitcher of the Year, Annie Prince, threw a complete 7.0 innings, giving up two runs with one earned on just three hits, an uncharacteristic three walks, and 11 strikeouts on 102 pitches.

With light thunderstorms threatening to move into the area shortly after first-pitch at 5:30 p.m., neither team scored in the first inning despite the Viqueens getting two runners on base. In a 2-2 count against Lewis County's cleanup hitter, the pitcher Carroll, a lightning delay sent both teams to their respective dugouts for 30 minutes to start the top of the second.

Following the delay, the game resumed with Prince facing the minimum in the inning after Blanton threw out Jaelin Baugh trying to steal second base.

Community threatened in the home-half when Gracie Daniel led off with a single, Alana Tate bunted her to second, and then Prince blooped a single into right to put runners on first and third with just one out. However, the inning came to a close on a rare double-play when Kamryn Farrell grounded out to first before the throw to the plate hit Farrell. The umpires ruled runner interference, calling Daniel out at the plate to end the inning.

After Prince struck out two of the three batters she faced to start the third, Community finally got on the board. Anna Haskins led off the inning with a single to center field before Mattie Maxey roped an RBI-double to the wall, giving the Viqueens a 1-0 lead. Blanton followed that up by working a walk, Taylar Wessner popped out to third, and then every runner reached base safely on Haylee Webb's infield grounder to load the bases with one out. Daniel then doubled Community's lead with a sac-fly before Tate was retired to end the inning with a 2-0 lead.

However, Lewis County would immediately respond with a pair of runs in the top of the fourth to tie the game. First, Lady Panthers' leadoff batter, Makaela Dodson, worked a walk, followed by Taya Tiller reaching safely on an attempted sac-bunt. Clara Tanner's bunt attempt was popped to Blanton for the first out, but then a passed ball moved both runners into scoring position. Carroll drove home Dodson with a grounder to short, and then Baugh came up with a clutch two-out RBI-single up the middle to drive home Tiller and tie the game at 2-2.

"We kind of came out flat tonight – I guess sometimes the weather will do that to you – but I told 'em that you can't play around like that because at one point we were one hit away from being in trouble," Farrell explained. "They got it together – my senior catcher [Carlie Blanton] kinda got in there and told 'em to get it together – and after that they came out and belted three home runs. You've got to be charged up and ready to go against whoever you're playing, not just Chapel Hill, and some of that is my fault because I came out a little flat. I was wheeling and dealing on the phone all day trying to figure out what we're going to do [schedule-wise] and I came out flat, but that won't happen again."

In the bottom of the fourth, Annie Prince got one run back, leading off the inning by golfing her third HR of the season over the left-field wall to put Community in front, 3-2.

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Events happening here in Bedford County last Saturday!!





SPECIAL TIMES AT THE WARTRACE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL



Mid-State Cloggers entertained the large crowd.

Photos by Julie Smith

There's always lots going on at the annual Wartrace Strawberry Festival. This year, there was even a proposal. Congratulations to Addison Haley and Desire Nichole Campbell!





TONS OF FISH!

First Choice Photo

Shelbyville Longbeards cooked and served about 850 fish fry meals last Saturday during the fundraiser for the First Choice Pregnancy Counseling Center in Shelbyville. This group was still working Monday to get everything back in order. THANK YOU!!



WHAT AN INAUGURAL RACE!!

Connected Community Photos

The Connected Community 5K-Shelbyville-Bedford run/walk was held Saturday, bringing out around 1,000 participants. This was the inaugural event and it raised a lot of money (total amount TBA) for the Shelbyville-Bedford Community Foundation, which is an education-based nonprofit that funds non budgeted education projects and other community initiatives. The group has supported the Boys and Girls Club in the past. School officials said Wednesday they hope through this fundraising effort to increase teacher grants (where no funding is available for needed projects.) As well, the funds should assist teachers and students in attending leadership and professional conferences, again, non-budgetary items that add to the quality of school and community life.





CELEBRATION CITY REGION CAR CLUB, INC.

The Celebration City Region Car Club held its annual show at the Celebration grounds on Saturday. All proceeds go to benefit local charities in the community.



