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Lyrik Lawson

SCHS's own Lyrik Lawson is the T-G's 2025 Senior Spotlight winner

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Shelbyville Central High Senior Lyrik LaShae Lawson was this week's winner in the Times-Gazette's 2025 Senior Spotlight contest drawing. Congrats!

Lyrik is a 17-year-old graduate of Shelbyville Central High School. Having received her diploma during ceremonies Wednesday night, she now has plans to attend UTC College.

Lyrik says she has a deep passion for art and enjoys using various mediums to express her creativity. Whether it's through painting, drawing or photography, she finds joy in bringing her ideas to life.

"As I pursue my studies in marketing, with a minor in art, I aim to combine my artistic skills with my business insight to create innovative marketing strategies."

Her career goals include working in a field that allows her the opportunities to blend her love for creativity and her interest in communications and branding.

Her dream for the future is to help companies engage with their audiences in fresh and exciting ways.

Few people might know but Lyrik is legally adopted by her aunt, Ruth Lawson. Lyrik's dad is Timmy Sullivan, who helped Ruth. She's been Ruth's daughter for a couple of years but has been cared for by her since she was a baby.

In the beginning, it was as if the devil tried to take this beautiful child away at an early age, Ruth advises. Lyrik was born with several defects due to being born what is referred to in layman's terms as a crack baby.

Lyrik isn't afraid to share her testimony but she just doesn't dwell on the past.

Her testimony is amazing, says Ruth.

"She has overcome every health obstacle thrown at her from birth up until she started school. She has flourished and blossomed all through the years."

After rearing five boys, Ruth says it was a relief that they surpassed any of the "girl horror stories." Ruth notes how Lyrik has been a joy to watch grow up.

"She's just simple and beautiful inside and out. She's helped me so much over the past few years, as my health has been up and down. She has been my sidekick."

The mom and daughter travel together and Ruth refers to Lyrik as her "Lil beach buddy."

On the heels of graduation, sure, Ruth has a lot of tears in her eyes. But she's proud of her little girl, who's not so little anymore.

Lyrik is someone, Ruth advises, who cares for her friends, pushing them to be their very best in school and in academics.

"She really cares about their future as she does her own."

'To err is to sell insurance; To be divine, check your integrity

Shield of Shelter's Tina Davenport celebrates 26 years of service

By Dawn Hankins



Many people in this community would likely admit a good role model for graduating seniors about to jettison off to new careers would be local Shield of Shelter agent and Bedford County's own Tina Patterson Davenport.

Most would likely note as well that Tina is someone who exudes a sense of warm-heartedness, sincerity, joy and happiness.

Believe it or not, she's an insurance agent! Yes, she might just approach the insurance business with a unique perspective.

She's a business success story right from the fabric of this community. Still, 26 years later, she maintains her sense of humor and works hard to help those in need around her.

Still, Tina is as astute as they come in business. After all, who, in this day and time, survives for decades in the same business, without having a great deal of expertise and savvy?

And as we all know, such expertise starts at the grass roots level. She says she's proud to be a product of the Bedford County School System.

Tina is a 1990 graduate of Community High and is still very supportive of the school. She attended first through third grades at Southside Elementary and then transferred to Community in the fourth grade.

She played on the first Community fast pitch team as an 8th grader and served as a cheerleader. Tina was also active for many years in Blankenship United Methodist Church (now Blankenship Community Church.)

In 2025, she has a family of her own, including husband, Terry, and son, Matthew, who was adopted at 6 months of age. He is now a rising Community High School junior. (By the way, his adoption came as a result of her job. But that's another story, Tina says.)

Talking about her alma mater while sitting in her comfortable insurance office, Tina comments: "We bleed purple and gold!"

The Davenports helped start the golf tourney fundraiser that assists the Com-

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A WEEK FOR MILITARY HONORS

School Photo

SSgt. Spencer R. Northcutt, Marine Corps recruiter, recently presented senior Gavin Pellar with his stole on Honor's Day at Community High School. Additionally, Riley Wesbrooks received his Army stole, and Jackson Harris received an appointment to West Point. Congrats!

Don't forget that Bedford County Veterans Council will host a Memorial Day service Monday, May 26, at 11 a.m. on the south side of the square. Speakers include Deputy Chief of Staff of Intelligence for TN National Guard Tommie Boleyn and Paul Engel, local Constitutional scholar. Bring a lawn chair.

BEDFORD BRIEFS

Local Graduations

Cascade High School graduation is Thursday at 7 p.m. at Cascade Middle School football field. In case of rain, ceremonies held in the gym.

Community High School graduation is Friday at 7 p.m. at the middle school football field. Rain date is Saturday, May 24, at 7 p.m.

SCHS graduation was held Wednesday night, May 21st.

Art Crawl

Bedford County Spring Art Crawl will be held Friday on the public square from 4 to 8 p.m. Various artists will have works on display.

Spring Fun Show

Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration's 55th Annual Spring Fun Show is set to take place May 22–24, 2025, at Cooper Steel Arena on the historic show grounds in Shelbyville. This year's panel includes Bill Cantrell, Robert Cortner, and Brent Grider—three respected professionals with a wide range of experience at some of the walking horse industry's most iconic and competitive venues.

The Spring Fun Show serves as a premier lead-in to the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration and continues to spotlight the talent and tradition of the walking horse industry. For more information on the 55th Annual Spring Fun Show, including the forthcoming class sheet and sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.TWHNC.com.

Bomar Cemetery Decoration Day

Bomar Cemetery Decoration Day is May 25 at 2:30 p.m. off Smith Chapel Road.

Government Offices Closed

Local government offices will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day. Please honor the fallen with your respect and gratitude.

Yum, Ice Cream!

Raus Ice Cream Supper is June 14 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., featuring homemade ice cream, hamburgers, chips, pies and cakes. There will be a live performance by Billy Tarkington.



Madison Street Carnival

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

The carnival has been setting up this week on Madison Street. But the bad weather may be a hindrance. Time will tell this weekend.

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munity Alumni Association. In addition, Terry serves as a bus driver for the Community sports teams.

Naturally a little competitive, Tina, and her guys, are big sports fans; they're particularly supportive of the Atlanta Braves. Terry was considered an outstanding Shelbyville Central High School baseball player in his day.

Tina says she believes if you're going to do business in a community, you must be a part of it in all aspects.

From day one, she's always been surrounded by people, she says. That extends from her business to her church life now at North Fork Baptist Church.

It was her education and great teachers, she says, at Community School that led her to want to further her education. And she did.

With a business career in mind from the get-go, Davenport graduated in 1994, from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, with a bachelor's degree in business and finance. She worked at AEDC Credit Union while attending college.

She began her career with American General Insurance Company in Nashville. It was there where Tina got a taste of the corporate world-something everyone should experience, she advises.

She later moved back to Shelbyville to start her own insurance agency. It was time to rejoin the community she so loved, she says.

Tina's first insurance agency was located on Elm Street (ironically the building next door to the current Times-Gazette office.) Tina recalls how her Shelbyville office is in the building once occupied by the late Scott Shapard. Longtime realtor Shapard passed away in 2019 and Tina continues to rent the building on North Cannon Boulevard.

Tina acknowledges how time passes quickly. For that reason, and all she's seen in her business, she considers her "job" more like "mission" work these days.

"I don't consider being in the insurance business as my job, so to speak. I like to call it a servanthood in our community. And lots of days, it is a mission field."

She advises young people starting out in the world to find a job they really love, or at least one they can grow to really like.

Now considered in her field to be one of the more seasoned owner/ agents at Shield of Shelter Insurance, she strongly advises people to keep learning something new. Would her something new include writing a book on her experiences?

Well, maybe not, she admits with a chuckle.

"I'm so thankful to be in the insurance sales and service business," she notes. "It's a business where you can help people!"

She has such an established client list that the business can almost run itself each day. Is she ready to retire after all these years as an insurance agent?

Nope. That sign won't be hanging on the door anytime in the near future.

She enjoys her work. And she's thankful for her office team of agent Katelynn Massey and Beth Clanton.

Tina says the businessperson she is today is greatly due to being reared by "two hard-working, service-oriented and loving parents." That would be the late Jimmy and the late Jean Patterson.

"They shaped me into the person I am today. They always encouraged me. They reminded me that there is a life out there worth living. But it starts with us. We must be helping hands!"

"My Mom was a retired insurance agent herself," she adds. "She is the reason I started the insurance business. I always joke and say Shelter Insurance got two for the price of one with us!"

She gives a hearty laugh.

Tina notes her mom was a graduate of Shelbyville Central High School class of 1957, receiving her business certificate from Nashville Business School. She had a long career as an insurance agent, mainly in sales with various local companies before Shield of Shelter, with her daughter.

"When we got our contract, she trained me. She would say, 'We need to help folks in our community. And you can do this, Tina!'"

Her father, she says, instilled in her that drive to work hard and succeed. And he also encouraged her, to be involved in helping others in the community; he was a member of the Community Lions Club.

Her father also served as a Bedford County District 3 County Commissioner for 13 years and served on many boards. He retired from Cooper Steel as a shop foreman.

Tina notes how her parents were always supportive of their only child. So she has no regrets about the career she's chosen, because it fits.

Tina admits getting fatal accident calls in the middle of the night is stressful. It's not the call anyone ever wants to receive.

"But when I have the opportunity to help folks get through these times, that's when I'm reminded God has me where I am supposed to be."

She says that being self-employed is not for everyone. But it does have its advantages. It will make you toughable to weather the literal storms, day or night, she advises.

"My family has seen the need of how we need to show up to help others-through storms, wrecks, housefires, etc.) But also, they get to experience the great joy and excitement of families . . . buying that new home, car, boat, etc. We reminisce with our clients during many seasons of their lives."

She's seen the industry change a lot. She advises online opportunities are certainly more available than when she started over two decades ago. She said Shelter, like other companies, is continuously changing and developing new marketing strategies.

"Insurance is a people business. I've always believed this. But no one wants to spend hours in an agent's office."

She says she strives to make the insurance purchasing experience more meaningful. And when it comes to the nuts and bolts of her job, Tina says she is tasked greatly with helping to protect client assets, be that their home, auto, business or more.

"A major part of my responsibility is to protect you from financial harm in the event of a loss."

She also tries to prepare people for future events-be those good or bad. She knows firsthand that change is inevitable.

She says another part of her job is to remind people, through the services she offers like life insurance, how to leave a legacy of love behind for the people who depend on them.

Inside Tina's office is a sign which states, "Husbands seldom believe in life insurance. But widows always do."

"I have seen families celebrate births, retirements and great joys in their lives. I've also seen families endure losses that most of us can't imagine experiencing. I am so thankful, for that reason, to be in the insurance sales and service business and helping people."

Just like the late Steve Jobs said, Tina too knows a person's career will fill a large part of their life. And the only way to truly do great work is to love what you do.

As for her own son, who in a blink of an eye will soon be a graduating senior, she hopes he at least has some interest in the family business. But even if he doesn't, rest assured she will encourage him to jump in and at least try it. She admits it would be wonderful to have a third-generation working the business.

As for her Shield of Shelter business, Tina assures clients, "We may not be efficient everyday but we sure try to be effective."

Ut Martin Advisory Board Recommends 3% Tuition Increase

MARTIN, Tenn. – A 3% in-state undergraduate tuition increase with no mandatory fee increases

for UT Martin students was recommended for the 2025-26 academic year by the UT Martin Advisory Board during the board's summer meeting May 16 in the Boling University Center. The recommendation now goes to the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees for consideration at the board's annual meeting June 30-July 1 in Chattanooga.

Board members also recommended a UT Martin operating budget of just over $183 million for the new fiscal year.

The full board meeting is archived for viewing at www.utm.edu/advisoryboard.

Petra McPhearson, UT Martin senior vice chancellor for finance and administration, presented the proposed budget, which would mean that undergraduate students will pay an additional $264 per year starting this fall for a total tuition payment of $9,066 for the academic year.

Tuition and existing mandatory fees for full-time, in-state undergraduate students enrolled for 12 or more hours per semester would bring the total cost to $10,824 per academic year. Tuition and current mandatory fees for full-time graduate students would be $11,688 per academic year for an in-state student enrolled for nine or more credit hours.

UT Martin officials report that the proposed increases are needed to provide revenue to cover growth in the costs of providing and maintaining the quality and effectiveness of academic programs, student services and campus infrastructure. The revenue increase primarily will be used for instructional support, student services, scholarships, faculty and staff promotions, fixed-cost increases, and the portion of the 2.6% salary pool not fully funded by state appropriations.

No increases in mandatory fees would result in a net cost increase for undergraduate students of 2.5% and 2.6% for graduate students. McPhearson said that the proposed increases are within the 5.5% maximum recommended by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.



IT'S AN ANNUAL TRADITION IN BEDFORD COUNTY

School System Photos

It's an annual tradition students look forward to each year. Local seniors did the annual Walk the Halls, greeting students as they make their way out of Bedford County schools.





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1:00pm. – Award Ceremonies: Coloring, Creative Arts, Parade Contest.
BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!!!

THE ISSUE

Handful of Commissioners abstain and vote no against lawsuit appeal

By Dawn Hankins

Last week, 13 Bedford County Commissioners went with advice from their legal team and decided to appeal the lawsuit decision with the City.

The judge from Murfreesboro handed down the opinion in favor of the City a couple weeks ago. Now that the County has decided to appeal his decision, basically the process starts all over and could take another year to process. In addition, it is estimated hundreds of thousands of dollars will be spent again on this lawsuit. Some say it might be cheaper this time around. Really?

The judge decided the "contract" between the County and City over the local option sales tax would be null and void by summer 2027. But was there ever a tangible contract 50 years ago?

There were 2 Commissioners who said heck no altogether to appealing the lawsuit and two abstained. One commissioner, Bill Anderson, left the courthouse when the attorney-client meeting was called after the monthly meeting, so he had no vote in the matter.

Here's what Drew Hooker, who passed on the vote, said this week, "As a public servant committed to our community, I prioritize decisions that uplift everyone. While the ongoing litigation poses challenges for all parties involved, the rushed appeal does not help collaboration between the City and County. I chose to abstain from voting on the appeal because I believe we acted too quickly and missed an opportunity to work together, which could have strengthened our community and helped us find ways to minimize the impact on schools. Politics should not get in the way of our efforts to find solutions that benefit all."

Commissioner Troy Thompson also passed on the vote. He told the T-G, "I have been torn on this issue since the beginning. I am still not convinced we exhausted every option of negotiation with the City at the time of the filing. I know things change over time, and in this case, many years, but I am more of a glass half-full person. I have confidence in our elected officials, both City and County, and more than anything, want both governing bodies working together for the good of our people.

And those two Commissioners voting a solid no were Diane Neely and Eric Maddox.

Maddox said this week, "This situation is truly unfortunate all the way around, and it disappoints me that overall, two governing bodies within the same county couldn't come together and work this out before lawyers were involved. I cast a "no vote" for the appeal because I know people are sick of funding attorneys with taxpayer money, to fight a battle that two mayors should have been able to talk through. I understood the reason why the county had to choose to defend itself in the beginning; but again, I feel that it should never have reached that point to begin with. As a huge supporter of our youth and our school system; my no vote after Judge Ash's ruling was simply a vote for fairness and common sense – echoed by most all of the constituents I serve. It was not a no vote against our school system. For the record; no matter how some may spin the narrative; the decision will not impact school operating costs – to include teacher pay. This money is allocated for school capital outlay projects (building); and there is sufficient money in that portion of our county budget to operate. We also should not need a tax increase to cover the money lost to the city; and with proper planning and prioritization of spending; everything will work out just fine."

And from Diane Neeley, "I voted no on filing an appeal to the recent ruling by Judge Ash in the City vs County lawsuit because constituents are extremely upset with both entities and have made that clear to me.

I don't like giving up monies that are earmarked for education but the sales tax revenue is clearly for capital outlay projects (building schools and renovations) and does not affect the day-to-day operation. Payroll will be met. Educational materials will be in place along with all the other nuances that are provided for the day-to-day operation of schools.

Sales tax revenue has been on an upward trend for several years and I think with appropriate planning, we can overcome the loss of these dollars to the city. I do not feel a property tax increase will be necessary to replace the lost revenue.

The attorneys for the City and County have collected nearly $2 million dollars of our tax money and I am not convinced the ruling will be overturned. It appears for now student population numbers are running at or slightly below the previous year. The governor has put his voucher program in place and with more parents opting to homeschool it may reduce the need for new buildings.

It is truly disheartening that the County Mayor and City could not work out some type of compromise.

I have to agree with Mrs. Neeley, who served on the school board for many years before becoming a County Commissioner. We have so many things on our plates to consider.

This reminds me of when we were kids on the playground and only one kid had a piece of candy. Some kids would half it as far as it would go. Others would hoard theirs and walk off, leaving you with disdain due to their selfishness.

We will see who minds the candy. Let's just hope this doesn't drag out too much longer.

BC Schools instructional coaches honored as 'amazing educators'

During last Thursday night's Bedford County Board of Education meeting, district instructional coaches, Sandy Powell, LeeAnn Butts and Kristie Caldwell were all honored.

Supervisors Rebecca Tidwell and Xavier Hamler said how they are extremely honored to work with so many amazing educators within the district, however, they wanted to take a moment to recognize these three district-wide coaches whose influence and leadership touches every school.

"Our district instructional coaches work tirelessly to support our teachers, elevate instructional practices, and ensure that our students receive the highest quality education possible. We could not end our school year without acknowledging the impact that they have in our district each and every day," said Tidwell.

District math coach Powell, has been in education for 24 years and has served Bedford County for 2. Tidwell said she works closely with instructional leaders to identify mathematical trends and needs in each building. In addition, she provides ongoing supports for teachers through modeling, planning and helping teachers see how their instruction plays an intricate role in the student's mathematical journey.

These days, it begins in kindergarten and ends in high school.

This year, she is incredibly proud of the intentional moves that teachers have made to provide more student-driven responsive instruction in the classroom resulting in an overall shift to greater student ownership of mathematical thinking. Dr. Powell is also serving as the liaison between Bedford County Schools and MTSU for the Leaders in Education Advanced Data Science, a grant dedicated to supporting data science instruction in schools.

Coach Butts has been an educator in Bedford County for 30 years, with the last 5 of those years dedicated to serving as district ELA instructional coach. Her role allows her to provide ongoing, personalized professional development for educators, leading to a positive culture of learning.

"As a coach, she models research-based instructional strategies in a variety of ways that lead to improved student engagement and achievement, as well as provides ELA instructional support in lesson design and differentiated instruction. Coaching allows her to help teachers use data driven instruction to meet the needs of all students," advised Tidwell.

Seeing teachers confidently and successfully plan and facilitate a lesson, and watching students grow because of the teacher's impact brings her joy and fills her heart. In addition to all of the work that she does for BCS, Butts is one of 24 educators across the state selected to serve on the Educator Advisory Council for The Governors Early Literacy Foundation.

"Last, but certainly not least, we have Kristie Caldwell who serves as our districtwide instructional coach with a focus on supporting our new, job-embedded, and permitted teachers," Tidwell said.

She has been in education for 35 years with all of those years being in Bedford County. In partnership with building leaders and coaches, Caldwell works to strengthen not only instruction, but teacher confidence, as well.

When classroom instruction is strong and teachers have the tools to support learning effectively, student outcomes improve, according to Tidwell. This leads to higher teacher retention rates and higher proficiency scores for students.

"She is a natural teacher and nurturer and finds her role fulfilling as she is able to share those two qualities that come so naturally to her with others as she supports them through their first few years in education. Mrs. Caldwell has also worked hard to bring COMP, a classroom management training program to Bedford County, along with developing BCS Connect, our new teacher orientation, and leading the new teacher cohort meetings held throughout the year designed to provide ongoing support for our teachers."

While the supervisors recognize what these ladies do for the district, teachers and students, they also shared comments from the building leaders, teachers and students themselves. Here's what some had to say:

"Kristie Caldwell has been such a wonderful support for our new teachers. She makes sure they know what they're doing and that they feel supported. Her gentle disposition is icing on the cake."



School System photo by Carol Garrette

District instructional coaches, from left, LeeAnn Butts, Sandy Powell and Kristie Caldwell were recognized at the May 15 Bedford County Board of Education meeting for their passion for education. They were also honored for their daily encouragement of students and teachers.

"Mrs. Caldwell is like a marigold to me in my teaching career. With her support, I can say I have become a better and more effective teacher. I am very thankful to have her in my teaching life. She and Dr. Powell have visited my classroom several times and both of them have provided me with very practical advice and guidance."

"We have been incredibly fortunate to have LeeAnn Butts and Kristie Caldwell partnering with us. Their infectious positivity, growth-oriented mindsets, and timely, constructive, feedback have truly elevated our instructional practices and inspired our entire team. We're grateful for their unwavering support and the lasting impact they've made on our school community."

"LeeAnn Butts is always willing to come help us whether it is testing students, working with teachers, or offering words of encouragement. She found out it was one of our RISE student's birthday, and she bought him a gift card. She is passionate for all students and teachers. She has led PLCs and PD in our building. She provides our teachers feedback from the IPG walkthroughs. She is extremely knowledgeable in CKLA and shares strategies. She is always a bright spot."

"As teacher, Ms. Butts, was one of the most organized, student focused, and on the go, doing the extra mile, teachers I have ever known."

A student summed it up best when she said, "It's not just that Mrs. Butts is there, but it is how she makes you feel when you are around her."

"Sandy Powell will come provide Savvas training at the drop of a hat, which is so helpful when I as the building coach don't know the curriculum well enough. She is knowledgeable and helpful, and she is sweet and personable."

"Dr. Powell has led PLCs with every grade level, she has taught a math lesson for every grade level- stepping out of her comfort zone and teaching Kindergarten and 1st grade students. She mentored a first-year job embedded teacher. She has provided resources for our teachers. She has led PD. She has been a tremendous help to our building coach in helping build her capacity with the math IPG."

"Dr. Powell has been an essential encouragement and asset to my classroom over the past two years. When we began adopting the SAVVAS program, she came to my classroom, and we worked through lessons together. She even taught a few lessons with my students. She is always available to discuss ideas and concerns. I appreciate her willingness to research the answer to any question as we work toward student success."

Tidwell said in closing, "As you can see, these educators are top notch. While much of their work goes on behind the scenes, we wanted to give everyone a glimpse into everything they bring to Bedford County. We are a better place because of them and their passion for educators and students. We thank you and celebrate you!"

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FEATURES FROM THE BIBLE

TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

Moses: Food and Water
Exodus

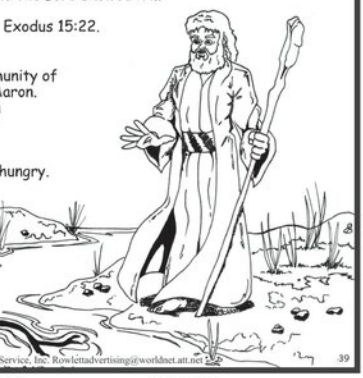
Sweet Water
The Israelites, escaping from the life of slavery in Egypt, made it through the Red Sea to safety by following God's leadership as he spoke through Moses. The Egyptian army that followed after them was swallowed up by the water.

At Marah the people began to grumble because of the bitterness of the water. Moses cried to the Lord and the Lord showed him a piece of wood which he threw into the water and the water became sweet. Exodus 15:22.

Manna and Quail Given for Food
In the wilderness of sin, the whole community of Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron. They complained that it would have been better to have died in Egypt than there in the desert. They remembered the pots of meat they had to eat back in Egypt and here in the desert they were hungry.

In response to their grumblings, God sent bread from heaven which they would gather daily and eat in the mornings. It was called manna. A portion of this manna was saved so future generations would know how the Lord had provided for His people.

God sent quail for them to eat in the evenings.



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What's Next? Investing in the Next Generation of Talent

By Kelly North, Vice President, Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership

As the tassels turn and the caps fly, the most important question facing our graduates is simple but powerful: What's next?

In Bedford County, the answer is more exciting than ever. Whether the next step is college, technical training, joining the workforce, or starting a business, our community is invested in the future of its youth. At the Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership, we believe that workforce development begins not at a job site, but in the hearts and minds of our young people.

The opportunities are closer than one might think! Graduates do not have to leave home to build a meaningful career. Bedford County is home to growing industries, competitive wages, and career paths in healthcare, advanced manufacturing, construction, education, agriculture, and more. With employers like Cooper Steel, Tyson Foods, Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital, Bedford County Schools, and so many more, the opportunities are real and rewarding. And as new businesses consider Bedford County, they're asking the same question—What's next? They're ready to hire talent who want to grow, contribute, and make a difference.

Education is a launchpad, and if college is the next step, students are surrounded by strong options. Just a short drive away, Middle Tennessee State University and Motlow State Community College offer programs that align with high-demand fields in our region.

Right here at home, Tennessee College of Applied Technology–Shelbyville is preparing students for high-skill, high-wage careers in welding, industrial maintenance, nursing, automotive technology, and more. These programs are fast, focused, and often lead directly to jobs with local employers. Many of these programs are eligible for the Tennessee Promise and Tennessee Reconnect scholarships, making them not only accessible but affordable.

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We're building a community where talent thrives. At the Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership, we're working to bridge the gap between education and employment. Through career fairs, industry tours, scholarships, and employer partnerships, we're making sure local students can find a path that fits their passion and purpose.

To the Class of 2025: You're graduating into a world of rapid change, but you're not alone. Your community is behind you. Your future is here. The next chapter is yours to write—and we can't wait to see where it takes you.

Congratulations, Class of 2025. We're proud of you. We're rooting for you. And we're ready to build the future—with you.

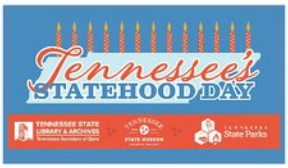
— Kelly North, Vice President, Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership

Family-Friendly TN Statehood Day Set for May 31 on Bicentennial Mall Campus

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - To celebrate Tennessee's 229th Birthday one day early, the Tennessee State Library & Archives, the Tennessee State Museum, and Bicentennial Mall State Park are hosting free, family-friendly events as part of the 2025 Statehood Day Celebration on Saturday, May 31, 2025.

"Statehood Day at the Library & Archives provides a unique opportunity for visitors to view Tennessee's three original constitutions," said Secretary of State Tre Hargett. "These documents remain the foundation of our modern form of government, and they are only on display once a year at this celebration. We encourage all to join us for a day filled with enjoyable activities."

Statehood Day Celebration events at the Tennessee State Library & Archives begin at 10:00 a.m. Tennessee's three priceless original constitutions will be presented, displayed, and guarded by members of the Highway Patrol's Honor Guard during the opening ceremony at 11:00 a.m. The Library & Archives will also host living history interpreters and other family-friendly activities throughout the day, and food trucks will be stationed nearby. Behind-the-scenes tours, including stops at the robotic retrieval system and blast freezer, begin at 11:30 a.m. Tour space is limited, and reservations may be made on the day of the event. The day concludes at 2:00 p.m.



"The staff at the Library & Archives, the State Museum, and Bicentennial Mall State Park have done an incredible job planning a tremendous celebration for our 229th birthday," said Tennessee State Librarian and Archivist Jamie Ritter. "We hope families from across Tennessee join us for a fun, educational, and historic celebration on the Bicentennial Mall State Park Campus."

The Tennessee State Museum will open at 10:00 a.m. to the public and offer highlight tours, Storytime with reigning Miss Tennessee Carley Vogel, period games on the front lawn, and a cupcake celebration. Highlight Tours will be provided at 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Vogel will read in the Children's Gallery at 10:30 a.m. The cupcake celebration, which will include Vogel reading the Tennessee State poem, "Oh Tennessee, My Tennessee" by Commander William Porter Lawrence, will begin at noon in the Museum's Grand Hall.

"The state's commitment to its history takes center stage here at the foot of Capitol Hill, with Bicentennial Mall, the Library & Archives, and State Museum all connected on one campus," said Ashley Howell, executive director of the Tennessee State Museum. "If you're interested in Tennessee history, come see us. Tennessee Statehood Day is our annual opportunity to showcase that commitment and the valuable partnership between our three institutions. We look forward to having everyone join us."

Park rangers will also offer a guided tour of the Bicentennial State Park at 10:00 a.m.

To commemorate the day, pick up your "Passport to Tennessee History." Stop by the Tennessee State Library & Archives, the Tennessee State Museum, and the Visitor's Center at Bicentennial Mall State Park. Get your book stamped at all locations to receive 10 percent off at the Bicentennial Mall and Tennessee State Museum gift shops.

For more information or a schedule of the day's events at each location, visit: https://www.tnvacation.com/events/nashville-tennessee-statehood-day-2025.

Community Clinic of Shelbyville & Bedford County







SCHS student Aguilar honored with CTE Student of Year Award

Honored for demonstrating excellence in academics, leadership

Itzel Aguilar's unparalleled dedication and excellence throughout her journey at SCHS was recently honored when she was announced as the 2024-2025 Shelbyville Central High School Career-Technical Student of the Year.

She was nominated by her agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors. The qualifications for Career and Technical Education (CTE) Student of the Year are rigorous, requiring excellence in academics, leadership and participation.

According to her advisors, Itzel has greatly exemplified all of the traits.

Itzel was a 4-year member of FFA and served as the chapter secretary and president. Among many things, she participated in the opening and closing ceremonies at the FFA National.

Itzel has earned her Greenhand Degree, Chapter Degree and FFA State Degree-a testament to her hard work and commitment, advisors note.

She has excelled in the veterinary science program, agriscience and small and large animal science. She's worked with a local veterinary clinic.

Itzel is the daughter of Genaro and Maria Aguilar; she proudly accepted her high school diploma on Wednesday evening at SCHS.

With an "A" average, and ranking fourth academically in her class, no doubt Itzel has plans for higher education.



Itzel Aguilar, SCHS CTE Student Of The Year
Photo by Carol Garrette

Former City Mayor Stephenson passes



Former Shelbyville City Mayor Albert Carl Stephenson Sr., 89, of Shelbyville died May 14, 2025.

Al was born May 6,1936, in Wolf Run, Ohio. He was a 20-year retired employee of Detroit Edison. He served as mayor of Shelbyville from 1995 to1999. He also served as former Shelbyville City Councilman; former Lt. Governor of Bedford County Kiwanis Club.

See the full obit on page 8 today.

IT'S BUDGET TIME FOR THE CITY



The City of Shelbyville will have a special called meeting 10 a.m. Friday at the Council Chambers at 100 N. Cannon Blvd.

Items on the agenda include an ordinance for adopting the annual budget and tax rate for fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

As well, there's an ordinance to make final amendments to the adoption of a budget ordinance for the current fiscal year.

A resolution will be on the table to authorize appropriations for non-profits for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Citizen comments will be heard at the beginning of the meeting.

Crossword

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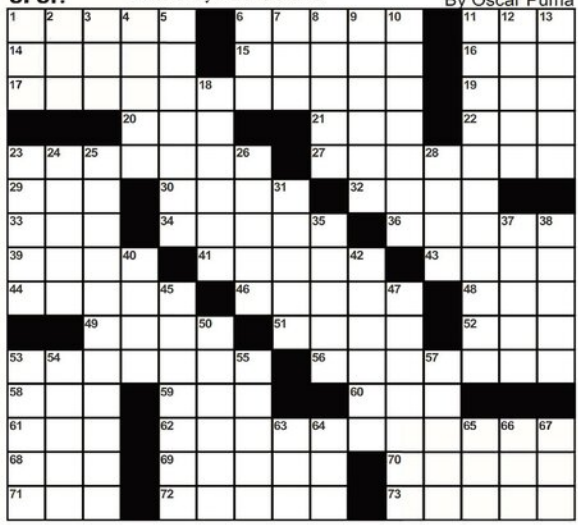

CLUES ACROSS

1) Beyond's partner
6) Update, as an atlas
11) Put a lid on
14) Drop by briefly
15) Come to mind
16) Hyperlinked item, often
17) Confirms, in a way
19) Cloak-and-dagger org.
20) Be off one's feed
21) Fish eggs
22) Doll name
23) Bo's'ns' quarters
27) Distant fort
29) Exclamation of amazement
30) Winged Greek god
32) Hawaiian tuber
33) Boot type
34) Octagon features
36) Damed things
39) Pitch fish Charlie
41) Chocolate source
43) Apartment
44) Slender part of the back
46) Mixes by hand
48) ___ Lady of Fatima
49) Cafeteria worker
51) Uptight state
52) Grand___ (vintage)
53) Like insider trading
56) Handyman's gear
58) Heifer's comment
59) Feeling of rage
60) Make stuff up
61) Moneymakers for TV stations
62) Lines of people read lines at these
68) "Fancy that!"
69) Make retribution
70) It might be liquid or frozen
71) Best suffix?
72) Slow, on a score
73) Place for potted plants

CLUES DOWN

1) Football's flight path
2) Sticker in the woods (Var.)
3) Yoko of the music world
4) Certain travel documents
5) Stores on the farm
6) "Go team!"
7) Earlier, to the Bard
8) Type of surgery
9) Seek a date with
10) Former Spanish money
11) Mechanical timepiece
12) Astrological ram
13) Assembly line setting
18) Parsonage personage
23) Goes on a hunger strike
24) Old hull caulking
25) Dining room piece, sometimes
26) Fast food staples
28) Univ. employee
31) Denominational offshoots
35) New Orleans pro
37) Tall timber tree of New Zealand
38) Pompous walk
40) Burn soothing plant
42) 2014 American League East champ
45) Like Mr. Spock
47) Impassive (Var.)
50) Kind of chop
53) Candidate's concern
54) Gold deposits
55) Disclose
57) Car dealer's offering
63) Rock blaster
64) Zodiac carnivore
65) Flashback cause
66) Chair part
67) "Jeanne d'Arc," for one (Abbr.)

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Do you know the difference?

WANTS AND NEEDS

Meet Pirate Pierre. He'll be stuck on this island for the next few months until another ship arrives to rescue him. It's a great time to know the difference between **WANTS** and **NEEDS**.

Which is which?

A **NEED** is something you ***must have*** in order to survive. You need water, food, shelter, clothing and sometimes medicines.

A **WANT** is something you would *like to have*, but can live without. A computer, cellphone, television and a bike are wants, not needs.

Look around the room you are in now. List three things that are WANTS and three things that are NEEDS.

WANTS	NEEDS

Standards Link: Economics: Understand the difference between basic survival and nonessential items.

SURVIVAL SUPPLIES

When his ship began to sink, Pirate Pierre had to act quickly to grab things he would **NEED** on the island rather than things he might **WANT**.

How did he do? Circle the things he will **NEED** on the island. Cross out the things he might **WANT** that won't really help him.

hat, matches, gold coins, blanket, cup, knife, rope, bugle, rice, pot, spyglass, trophy, paintbrush, pencil, socks, Mr. Cuddles

True Treasure Map

It's going to be six months until the next pirate ship visits Pierre's island. He made a map of the island.

Circle the places on Pierre's map that will provide NEEDS. Cross out places that provide WANTS.

Standards Link: Economics: Differentiate between wants and needs.

Help Pierre catch a crab for dinner!



Pierre needs fish! How many can you find on this page?

Extra! Extra!

Wants and Needs in the Newspaper

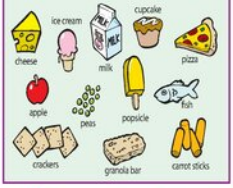
Look through today's newspaper for five examples of things you **need** to survive. Then find five things you **want**.

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

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Sometimes it's hard to decide if something is a **need** or a **want**. For example, cake is a food, but is it a want or a need?

Circle the foods here that you think are a need. Show your choices to a family member. Do they agree?



Double Double Word Search

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

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ISLAND
PIRATE
TROPHY
OYSTER
WANTS
NEEDS
KNIFE
SINK
CRAB
ROCK
ROPE

R	E	T	S	Y	O	S	E	Y	E
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C	O	M	P	U	T	E	R	T	E
K	N	I	F	E	E	R	T	S	C

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

From the Kid Scoop Lesson Library

"I REALLY Want That!"

Look through the newspaper ads for something that you want. Divide the price of that item by 12. There are 12 months in a year, so how much would you need to save each month to purchase the item in a year?

Standards Link: Math: Calculate amounts using money.

Write On!

Needs & Wants

List three things you NEED in your life and three things you WANT. Write a paragraph explaining your choices.

Kid Scoop Together:

Funny Filler

Have a friend give you each type of word to fill in the blanks. Then read the story aloud!

Pierre's ship sank after someone put a lot of _____ (PLURAL NOUN) inside one of the cannons.

Pierre swam to the shore of a very strange island. It was covered with _____ (ADJECTIVE) _____ (PLURAL NOUN), so he knew he'd have plenty to eat.

Instead of coconuts, _____ (PLURAL NOUN) grew on the trees. And to catch fish, he used _____ (ADJECTIVE) _____ (PLURAL NOUN) for bait!

He built a little hut out of _____ (PLURAL NOUN) that he found on the _____ (NOUN). It protected him when rain began to _____ (VERB) from the sky.

Pierre was eager to _____ (VERB) home. He made a tall tower of _____ (PLURAL NOUN) to catch the attention of passing ships. It worked! The captain of a _____ (ADJECTIVE) _____ (NOUN) saw the tower and Pierre was rescued!

Standards Link: Grammar: Understand and use nouns, adjectives and verbs correctly.

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)

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 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 842; 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 NORTHEAST 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 DARLA SEGROVES, A MARRIED COUPLE, BY WARRANTY DEED TO HUBURN TYNDALL, AN UNMARRIED MAN, DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2021, OF RECORD AT DEED BOOK 367, 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)

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on July 22, 2025 at 11:00AM local time, at the south door, Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, Tennessee pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by Stephen B. Swain, to Jerry Bridenbaugh, Associate, Trustee, as trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Lender, Valorem Lending, LLC on October 25, 2023 at Book 1101, Page 410, Instrument No. 23007374; conducted by LLG Trustee TN LLC, having been appointed Substitute or Successor Trustee, all of record in the Bedford County Register's Office. Default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable.

Party Entitled to Enforce the Debt: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, its successors and assigns.

The real estate located in Bedford County, Tennessee, and described in the said Deed of Trust will be sold to the highest call bidder. The terms of the said Deed of Trust may be modified by other instruments appearing in the public record. Additional identifying information regarding the collateral property is below and is believed to be accurate, but no representation or warrant is intended.

Street Address: 215 Warren Circle, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160
Parcel Number: 078K 046.00
Current Owner(s) of Property: The Heirs of Stephen Bruce Swain

This sale is subject to, without limitation, all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory right of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances including those created by a fixture filing or any applicable homeowners' association dues or assessments; all claims or other matters, whether of record or not, which may encumber the purchaser's title and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

The following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property to be affected by the foreclosure: any judgment creditor or lien holder with an interest subordinate to the said Deed of Trust or any party claiming by, though, or under any of the foregoing. Such parties known to the Substitute Trustee may include: All parties claiming by, though, or under Stephen Swain.

Terms of Sale will be public auction, for cash, free and clear of rights of homestead, redemption and dower to the extent disclaimed or inapplicable, and the rights of Stephen Swain, and those claiming through him/her/it/them.

Any right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are waived in accord with the terms of 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. If you purchase a property at the foreclosure sale, the entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of a certified/bank check made payable to or endorsed to LOGS Legal Group LLP. No personal checks will be accepted. To this end, you must bring sufficient funds to outbid the lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser at the time the foreclosure deed is delivered.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded only by the Substitute Trustee at any time. If the Substitute Trustee rescinds the sale, the purchaser shall only be entitled to a return of any money paid towards the purchase price and shall have no other recourse. Once the purchaser tenders the purchase price, the Substitute Trustee may deem the sale final in which case the purchaser shall have no remedy. The real property will be sold AS IS, WHERE IS, with no warranties or representations of any kind, express or implied, including without limitation, warranties regarding condition of the property or marketability of title.

This office may be a debt collector. This may be an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose.

LLG Trustee TN LLC
Substitute Trustee
10130 Perimeter Parkway, Suite 400
Charlotte, NC 28216
Phone (704) 333-8107
Fax (704) 333-8156 File No. 25-125544 (5223tc)

Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: May 13

Location: 126 Clyde Gleaves Rd; Seller, , James S Fletcher, Vivia Gay Fletcher; Buyer, Chad James Fletcher, Kimberly Dawn Napier; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 326 Colonial Ave; Seller, Rubin Lublin TN PLLC, Alice F Saylor; Buyer, Eric Mansfield, Jimmy Wilson; Price, $146,000 (TRD).

Location: 101 Shoma Driver; Seller, Danny L Rogers, Janice K Rogers; Buyer, Harriswood Investments LLC; Price, $140,000 (Deed).

Location: 638 Happy Valley Road; Seller, Billy Douglas; Buyer, Cathleen E Long, Peter W Long, Peter W Long and Cathleen E Long Trust; Price, $1,130,000 (Deed).

Seller, James B Redd, Sally L Redd; Buyer, Panfilo Ramirez Rodriguez, Veronica Amaro Rodriguez; Price, $419,900 (Deed).

Location: 1608 Madison Street; Seller, Matthew R Murphy, God's Grace Trust II, Barbara K Adams; Buyer, GBC Senior Debt Fund LLC; Price, $1,151,000 (TRD).

Location: Charles Russell Road; Settler, Jeffrey F Hicks, Kimberly D Hicks; Buyer, , James B Redd, Sally L Redd; Price $430,000 (Deed).

Location: Blue Stocking Hollow Road; Seller, Joshua Michael Wilson, Micah Doak Wilson; Buyer, Erick L Larson, Teresa L Yourchek; Price, $275,000 (Deed).

File date: May 14

Location: Happy Valley Road; Seller, Melanie Adkins, Bobby Adkins; Buyer, Samuel Adkins, Allison Adkins; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Highway 64 W; Seller, Kim M Neeley, Sherry Diane Neeley; Buyer, Leandra C Huitt, Robert A J Huitt; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: May 15

Location: Cascade Hollow Road; Seller, Candy J Key; Buyer, Candy Key Revocable Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 604 Kingree Road; Seller, Joseph Haffner; Buyer, Tiffany Tranelle Mobley; Price, $498,000 (Deed).

Location: 905 Hilltop; Seller, John M Royer, Alice B Royer; Buyer, SHF LLC; Price, $0 (QD)

Location: Haskins Chapel Road; Seller, Raymond Tucker Jr, Peggy Tucker; Buyer, Michael R Tucker, Bryn M Tucker; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Hart Road; Seller, Marvin Keeney, Clara N Keeney; Buyer, Abe Wanner, Martha Sommers Wanner; Price, $280,000 (Deed).

Seller, Thomas C McLean, Mildred S McLean; Buyer, Christopher Ashton Wood, Renee Wood; Price, $5,500 (Deed).

Seller, Cody Nash; Buyer, Unionville Cemetery; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Buzzard Roost Road; Seller, Cody Nash; Buyer, Linda B King; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: May 16

Location: Cedar Grove Road; Seller, Don A Beasley; Buyer, Don A Beasley, Judith B Beasley; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Beasley Lane; Seller, David E Beasley; Buyer, David E Beasley, Brenda R Beasley; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 113 Hampshire Road; Seller, Travis Jost; Buyer, Tai V Lam, Mai H Bui; Price, $340,000 (Deed).

Location: 219 Colloredo Blvd. ; Seller, Zimmer Development of Tennessee, Buyer, ZP 391 Shebyville LLC, Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Arnold Lane; Seller, Jordan Garnes, Jennider Garnes; Buyer, Larry George, Julie Georges; Price, $50,000 (Deed).

Location: Kingston Mill Road; Seller, Bartolo Pina; Buyer, M Evelia Veronica Buchanan, Alma Aracely Cobon Perez; Price, $135,000 (Deed).

File date: May 19

Seller, Charles Louis Allen, Jr., Brittany Elizabeth Allen, Brittany Elizabeth Ellison, Charles Allen, Brittany Allen; Buyer, Regan Campbell, Julia Savage; Price, $305,000 (Deed).

Seller, James Cheairs Ikard, James; Buyer, James Cheairs Ikard, Catherine Anne Ikard; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Madison Street; Seller, Chad Avery Sanders, Sr., Michelle Sanders; Buyer, James E Farrar, Sr., James E Farrar, Jr.; Price, $800,000 (Deed).

Location: Eady Road; Seller, Vannatta Farms Inc; Buyer, Joshua Randall Henderson, Jenna Brie Henderson; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Laws Hill Road; Seller, Grace Farms Builders, James Williams, Neil Phillips, Ted Taylor; Buyer, Brian Kilgore; Price, $250,000 (Deed).

For Sale

Country Eggs
$3 a dozen
Call: 931-703-8125

Clawfoot Oak table with four chairs - $200
Singer commercial sewing machine - $225
Electric Hospital Bed - $125
Massage chair - $75
Call: 931-685-1014

Auto Sale

1997 Chevy S-10/T-10 Pickup, 6 cylinder, 4.3 Vortec, Step side bed $1,500 or best offer Call 931-492-3029 for more details.

Help Wanted

HELP WANTED: Let Vinnie Do It Lawncare and Landscaping is looking to fill the following positions: Lead crewman. Will drive truck with a crew. Must have valid driver's license in the state of Tennessee. Position 2: Crew member will operate weed eater, mower, and blower. Experience preferred but not required. $500-$1000 weekly pay plus bonuses based on experience. Contact Vinnie 615-663-5932 today!

Watercraft

BOAT FOR SALE 2021 low - 15 foot boat Includes trailer, 20 horsepower Suzuki motor, life jackets, fire extinguisher, etc. $5,500 - Please call: 309-255-3232

Wanted

Paying cash for older sports card collections. Unopened sports card cases and boxes. Comic books and antique sports related items. Shelbyville 931-492-4304

Goats, sheep, chickens and guineas. Call 256-777-0065

Yard Sales

Thursday and Friday 8-4, Saturday 8-1
803 Mapleview Drive, Shelbyville (Maplewood Estates Subdivision)
Home decor, fishing items, clothes, misc.

721 Alton Ave
Saturday, May 24 only
8-12
Household items.

Huge Backyard Sale
Saturday 5/24
7:00-3:00
202 South Linda Dr.
Lots of Collectibles, Crocks, Workshop Tools, Kitchen Items, Household Goods, Quasar Video Camera, Kodak EasyShare Camera, Like New Adult Crutches, Walker & Bedside Toilet Chair, Nice Womens Clothing (Sm & XL), Toddler Boy's and Girl's Clothes. Lots and Lots of Misc Items!! Priced to Sell! Don't miss this one!

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Yard Sale
Cleaning out the Attic, Garage, Closets
Saturday, May 31
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
1507 Hwy 130 East
Shelbyville, TN
Troy Bilt 2" chipper all steel, SOLID maple twin bed frame, new bathroom fixtures, Christmas decorations-hanging ornaments, color light bulbs, LED lights, wreaths. Blood pressure monitor, Philips home nebulizer. Misc. office supplies, Spydur/Polycom push button phone system, Netgear router, HP ENVY printer, roll around computer table. Ninja digital air fryer oven, glass vases. Yaesu FTA-450Ladio control trans receiver, JR/DSM radio controller both with cases, Sony extra bass wireless portable Blue Tooth speaker, plus lots more.

MTSU announces 2024-2025 Bolt Student Awards

Bell Buckle's Connor Prim shares the spotlight as a recipient

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — As part of creating a new tradition at Middle Tennessee State University, major 2024-25 student leadership awards were recently presented. Connor Prim of Bell Buckle shared the spotlight with 12 other True Blue Honors Bolt individual award recipients/ organizations at a recent ceremony.

Prim received the MTSU Community Service Award on April 28, in the Student Union Ballroom.

Prim, 22, of Bell Buckle, a music education major, said the MTSU Community Service Award was "an incredible honor" and, as a Christian, "I'm really proud to represent my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." He is president of the National Association of Music Education, and through his Shelbyville church, "has participated in a lot of food banks, community outreach and a mission trip to Zambia.

The Student Government Association/ Center for Student Involvement and Leadership Awards pay tribute to undergraduate students for their exemplary character and achievements in scholarship, leadership and service.

For the second consecutive year, all four recipients are part of the MTSU Honors College as Buchanan Fellows — the most coveted MTSU scholarship named for the late James M. Buchanan (Class of 1940), an American economist and recipient of the 1986 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences.

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I am a trumpet player, pianist, and teacher looking to share the Good News of Jesus Christ through the musical platform God has so graciously given me!



Connor Prim, graduate of Cascade High School and 22-year-old MTSU student.

SHELBYVILLE NATIVE SELECTED AS 'OUTSTANDING STUDENT'

Jadon Buchanan (right), a University of Tennessee at Martin student from Shelbyville, accepts the Desireé McCullough Outstanding Student Award from UTM Chancellor Yancy Freeman during the university's Honors Day, held April 13 in Watkins Auditorium on the campus. Dr. Janet Wilbert, professor of health and human performance, presented the awards. The Desireé McCullough Outstanding Student Award is given to a student of mathematics and statistics as selected by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

Death Notices

Doris Ann Crick Smith

Doris Ann Crick Smith, 90, of Shelbyville, died May 16, 2025.

A Rover native, Doris was a retired R.N. formerly working at Bedford County General Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest Glen and Sallie Mae Newsom Crick and her husband, Charles Kenneth Smith.

Doris is survived by her children, Cheryl Ann Crosslin and Howard Glen Smith (Sherry.)

Joe Wayne McBee

Joe Wayne McBee, age 83, of the Flat Creek community, passed away Monday, May 12, 2025.

Joe was born January 3, 1942, in Lynchburg, to the late Joe Virgil and Christine Burton McBee. He worked for the State of Tennessee's Vocational Rehabilitation.

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 in charge of arrangements.

Mitchell Antonio Laye

Mitchell Antonio Laye, age 69, of Shelbyville, passed away May 15, 2025.

Mitchell was born February 6, 1956, to the late Bettie Mai Hughes and John Robert Laye. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife Angela Akins, his brother Rufus (Bug) Hughes and his two sisters Alethia (TT) Buchanan and Pamela Cannon.

He is survived by two daughters; Pamela Leighanne Clark (Demarius Pitts) and Toni Marie Clark (Terrence Patterson.)

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Lansanna Young

Lansanna Young, 39, passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends on May 18, 2025.

She was born in Detroit, Michigan on September 12, 1985.

Lansanna was preceded in death by her father, Robert. She is survived by children, Miyah, Preiyah, JaKden and Jor'Den; mother; Jessie Young.

James Troup

James Troup, age 82, of Murfreesboro, formerly of the Holt's Corner Community in Marshall County, passed away on Sunday, May 18, 2025, in Nashville. He was a member of Rover Baptist Church.

James was born in Blytheville, AR to the late James Curtis Troup and Velma Hubble Troup. He was a Veteran of the US Army and retired as a machinist at D & E Engineering.

Mr. Troup is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Molly Howard Troup of Murfreesboro.

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

Lance Brian Bennett

Lance Brian Bennett, 53, of Shelbyville, passed from this life on May 20, 2025. In 2018, Lance and family moved to Shelbyville, where he served as minister of Fairlane Church of Christ. He served on the boards of Tony Rice Center and Life Source Family Solutions.

Lance is survived by his wife, Misty Dennard Bennett and son, Davidson Andrew Bennett, both of Shelbyville.

Doak Howell Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Brian Keith Mosely

Brian Keith Mosely of Tullahoma died on May 9, 2025 at the age of 62.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Boyd Mosely and Jacqueline Waggoner Mosely. He is survived by his wife, April Barton Mosely.

Kilgore Funeral Home in Tullahoma is in charge of services.

Obituaries

Albert Carl Stephenson Sr.



Albert Carl Stephenson Sr., 89, of Shelbyville died May 14, 2025.

Funeral services were held 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 21st, at Hillcrest Funeral Home with the Rev. Jeff Rasnick officiating. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation was Tuesday evening from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Al was born May 6, 1936, in Wolf Run, Ohio. He was a 20-year retired employee of Detroit Edison; former Mayor of Shelbyville (1995-1999); former Shelbyville City Councilman; former Lt. Governor of Bedford County Kiwanis Club; Veteran of the U.S. Navy and member of First Baptist Church of Shelbyville.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Lois Faulk Stephenson; children, Albert Carl Stephenson Jr. (Debra), Sandra Renee Blessing (Ray), Lori Ann Holt (Timothy); brothers, Terry Stephenson (Amiee), George Edward Stephenson Jr. (Michele); sister, Irene DeHetre (Kevin); five grandchildren, Jennifer Holloman, James Pellar, Chase Cunningham, Tyler Stephenson and Joshua Holt; several great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

PUBLIC NOTICE

City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2025, in observance of Memorial Day. Monday's trash will be picked up on Tuesday, May 27th with Tuesday's regular route. Please be advised per the Residential Solid Waste Rules of the Shelbyville Public Works Department trash must be curbside no later than 6:00 AM on the scheduled day of collection. To see a complete list of Rules & Regulations please refer to the Public Works Department website www.shelbyvilletn.org/publicworks.htm

Lisa Smith, City Recorder
Buck Vallad, Public Works Director

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bedford County Financial Management Committee will meet for a Budget Work Session on Tuesday, May 27, at 5:00 PM, after the Regular Monthly Meeting that begins at 4:15 PM in Room 110 at Bedford County Business Complex, 200 Dover St., Shelbyville, TN.

The Bedford County Financial Management Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 3, at 5:30 PM for a Budget Meeting in Room 110 at Bedford County Business Complex, 200 Dover St., Shelbyville, TN.

HIRING

Advertising Sales Representative
Richardson Media Group, Inc.

Richardson Media Group, publisher of several community newspapers across Tennessee, is hiring Advertising Sales Representatives in various regions. Openings are available in the coverage areas of the **Martin Post, Dresden Enterprise, Jackson Post, Lake County Banner, Camden Chronicle, Carroll County NewsLeader.**

This is a commission-based position with high income potential. Hourly compensation may be considered for the right candidate.

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- Sales experience is helpful but not required
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Richardson Media Group, publisher of several community newspapers across Tennessee, is seeking **freelance writers, student contributors, photographers, and community members** to help us tell the stories that matter most in their communities.

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:
- Writing local news and community stories
- Covering public meetings or events
- Submitting publishable photos with captions
- Pitching story ideas from your community

Ideal candidates:
- Are responsible and deadline-driven
- Have strong writing, grammar, or photography skills
- Can work independently and communicate clearly
- Are familiar with or open to learning AP style

Whether you're a student, freelancer, or just passionate about your community — we'd love to hear from you.

Send samples and a short introduction to:
daniel@richardsonmediagroup.net
Call (731) 418-4001 for additional information

Seniors receive scholarships from MT Beef Producers

Middle Tennessee Beef Producers is a local organization in Bedford County dedicated to supporting and promoting the beef industry across Middle Tennessee. The group meets on the first Thursday of every odd-numbered month, bringing together local cattle producers, industry professionals, and community members to share knowledge, resources, and fellowship.

Each meeting features guest speakers and sponsors who present on a wide range of relevant topics, including animal health products, USDA programs through NRCS and FSA, and other critical issues facing today's beef producers. These gatherings offer valuable opportunities for education, networking, and staying informed about current industry practices and policies.

In addition to our regular meetings, MT Beef Producers are proud to invest in the future of agriculture by awarding scholarships to local 4-H and FFA students, supporting their educational and career goals within the agricultural community.

Whether you're a seasoned cattle producer or just starting out, the Middle Tennessee Beef Producers welcomes you to be a part of our growing network. If you would like to become a member, please inquire with Middle Tennessee Beef Producers Secretary Nathan Hale, nathahale61@homail.com or President Samuel Davis, Sdavisfarms@yahoo.com for more information.



Submitted Photos

Nathan Hale, Middle Tennessee Beef Producers Secretary, Scholarship recipient Aliyah Blackburn, Middle Tennessee Beef Producers President- Samuel Davis, and Scholarship recipient Tarynn Morton. Both Tarynn and Aliyah are active in Community High School FFA.

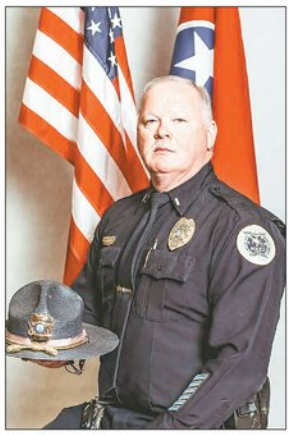


From left: Scholarship recipient Stacia Bowen, President of Middle Tennessee Beef Producers, Samuel Davis, Scholarship recipient Laurel Cox, Scholarship recipient Ella Gilmore, and Middle Tennessee Beef Producers Vice President Thomas Cooper 3rd.



ANNUAL FISHING EVENT

The annual Cops and Bobbers event was held last weekend with this little fellow holding up his best catch of the day.



'WILKIE' HONORED BY SPD

SPD Photo

Shelbyville Police Department recently recognized Capt. James Wilkerson for his 34 years of service to the department. He has served in numerous roles throughout his career. He was promoted last year to captain over the patrol division, where he continues to focus on communication, teamwork and mentorship.

Bedford County Sheriff's report for April not too bad, all things considered

There was one burglary and 412 investigations. Sadly, three people had their vehicles stolen. The report states that 47 had accidents with no injuries. Eight weren't so lucky who had accidents with injuries.

One person was caught driving drunk. Six went on the prowl.

Thankfully, no child abuse cases in April. (Maybe because many were already on the court docket.)

Seventeen people got in trouble for assault.

Sheriff's Deputies had to assist 81 motorists last month. There was one fire and seven domestic calls made.

Seventeen people got an escort but weren't arrested. A total of 41 in custody were transported.

There was a whopping 195 with traffic stop violations in April.

Fifty-two decided to hang up on 911. Others had reasons to call 911.

There were 93 other incidences that occurred involving deputies during April.

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INTERNSHIP WITH BC CORRECTIONS

Kayden Guilliot, graduating senior from Shelbyville Central High School, has been selected for an internship with Bedford County Corrections. Not only does this internship provide invaluable real-world insights, but it will set up Kayden for a future career in criminal justice. From left, BC Chief Deputy Nikia Elliott, Kayden, and Corey Ewing, SCHS CJO instructor. The program is made possible by the work-based learning ICON program.

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SHELBYVILLE TIMES-GAZETTE

Cascade Hires Central Magnet's Doug Worsley as New Boys' Head Basketball Coach

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BELL BUCKLE, Tenn. – The Cascade Champions officially announced their hiring of Douglas Worsley as the new head coach of the boys' basketball program on Friday.

Worsley, who will begin his 30th season coaching high basketball in the fall, replaces Chris Lawson, who moved on to Middle Tennessee Christian School in Murfreesboro back in April. Cascade will be Worsley's seventh coaching stop. He began his career at Fairview Academy for six seasons – four as an assistant coach before getting the head coaching position for the final two years – and then took the head coaching job at Tri-Cities Christian for the next four seasons. He then moved to Anniston, AL. for two years as the head man at Faith Christian before spending the next three seasons as the head coach of Sycamore High in Cheatham County. In 2010, he moved to Westcreek, and then accepted the position to coach Central Magnet where he stayed for the past 11 years, finishing his tenure for the Tigers with a 169-169 record.

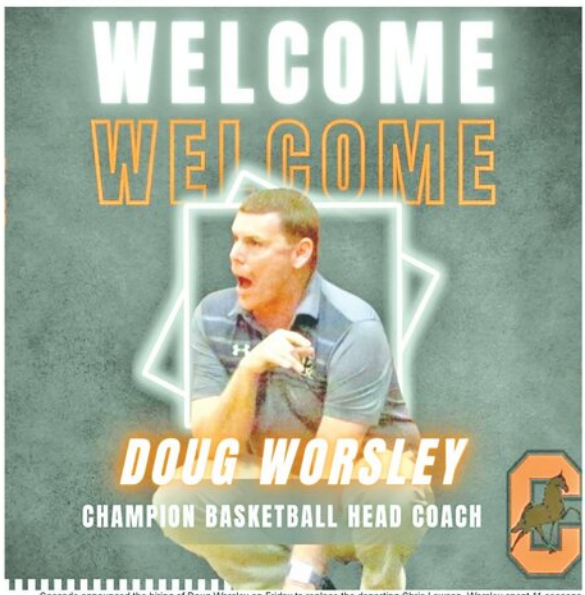
"I had not really looked into leaving Central Magnet because my kids were here – my daughter is now at UT Southern for Cross Country and my son was a senior this year – and I have been pretty happy there without any issues, but the idea of starting a new adventure, something new in your life to challenge yourself...coaching is always a challenge, but sometimes you have to stir it up a little bit and challenge yourself some more. I feel like, why not now?" he said.

"The process started a few weeks ago," Worsley explained. "I know Coach Lawson, he and I talk – of course we scheduled each other last year – and we were trying to back playing teams around us pretty consistently after COVID. Cascade has great gates, great crowds, and the competition is pretty good, so we were trying to do that again. I knew he was leaving, so I asked him who was replacing him and he said he had no idea. When the job came available, Chris didn't know who they were going with, but he encouraged me to take a look at it. It happened pretty quickly, the timing ended up being just right, and everything worked out.

After leading Central Magnet to a 26-win season and a two-point Class AAA Sectional loss at Chester County in 2022-23,Worsley finished 6-24 in 2024-25, marking just the third losing season in 14 years at the helm of the Tigers. Now, he looks forward to a fresh start in Bell Buckle, and he sees a strong foundation to continue building on with the Champions.

"Casade already has a reputation of a team that plays hard," he said. "As far as styles go, we will obviously adapt a little to the talent, but for me, my DNA is tough man-to-man defense and making it really tough – physically and mentally grind on teams – so we'll have to develop some depth for that. As far as offense goes, I've adapted and changed over the years. We would love to play fast – we want to be exciting and entertaining – but we'll be a defensive team first and be the type of team that people are going to know going in that it'll be a long night and a tough game."

"For me going into next season, we're gonna compete, we have to compete at a high level, and we have to find our identity."



Cascade announced the hiring of Doug Worsley on Friday to replace the departing Chris Lawson. Worsley spent 11 seasons manning the sidelines of Murfreesboro Central Magnet. *Photo courtesy of Cascade Athletics.*

Derek Mason names Cioffi Co-Special Teams Coordinator

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Middle Tennessee Head Football Coach Derek Mason announced Friday the addition of Louie Cioffi as the Blue Raiders' new co-Special Teams Coordinator, bringing with him more than three decades of coaching experience at the NFL and collegiate levels.

Mason is also elevating Max Arnold to co-Special Teams Coordinator and Cam Curtis to Special Teams Analyst.

"Louie is a tremendous addition to our staff," Mason said. "He's a seasoned, detail-driven coach who has seen it all—from Sundays in the NFL to Saturdays in the college game. His ability to teach, relate, and inspire will be a huge asset to our special teams unit and our entire program."

Cioffi, a native of Queens, New York, brings a wealth of football knowledge with 26 seasons of NFL experience, including stops with the Arizona Cardinals, Cincinnati Bengals, Cleveland Browns, New York Jets, and the Tennessee Titans. He's worked alongside some of the most respected names in football and has coached in multiple playoff games, including a Super Bowl appearance with the Bengals.

Cioffi's time in the NFL saw him serve primarily on the defensive side of the ball—coaching defensive backs—but his football IQ and versatility have made him a natural fit for special teams responsibilities. Most recently, he served as a defensive assistant for the Bengals from 2021-2024.

His reputation as a teacher of the game, commitment to fundamentals, and a passion for player development align with Mason's vision for Blue Raider football.

"Coach Mason's energy is contagious," said Cioffi. "I'm thrilled to be joining a staff that is building something special at MTSU. Special teams is about discipline, toughness, and seizing opportunity—and that's exactly what this program is about."

Cioffi and his wife, Cindy, have two daughters, Cecilia Elle and Corrine, and a son, Sigismondo Connor. Cioffi earned his bachelor's degree in political science from SUNY-Stony Brook in 1995.

Coaching Timeline

2021-24 – Cincinnati Bengals – Defensive Assistant
2020 – Vanderbilt – Special Consultant/Defensive Analyst
2020 – DC Defenders – Defensive Coordinator
2019 – Atlanta Legends – Defensive Coordinator/LB
2018 – Southeastern Louisiana – Defensive Coordinator
2016 – Cleveland Browns – Defensive Backs
2014-15 – Tennessee Titans – Defensive Backs
2013 – Cleveland Browns – Defensive Backs
2011-12 – Arizona Cardinals – Defensive Backs
2003-10 – Cincinnati Bengals – Assistant Defensive Backs
1997-02 – Cincinnati Bengals – Defensive Assistant (LB)
1995-96 – C.W. Post – Wide Receivers
1993-94 – New York Jets – Coaching Assistant



Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

Four Blue Raiders Earn Conference USA Honors After 2025 Season

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Four Blue Raiders have earned spots on the 2025 Conference USA Teams, as announced Tuesday.

Eston Snider closed out his collegiate career in style, landing on the CUSA First Team after a standout 2025 campaign. Snider led the Blue Raiders in eight major offensive categories, including batting average (.341), OPS (.954), games started (55), runs scored (45), doubles (16), on-base percentage (.445), and stolen bases (22). He also capped off the season earning his sole spot in the record book with hit-by-pitches in his career with an even 40. He becomes the eleventh Blue Raider to record this achievement.

Brett Vondohlen was named to the CUSA Second Team, thanks to his powerful bat and consistent production. Vondohlen led MTSU with 17 home runs, tying him for 10th all-time in program history, and ranked third in the conference in long balls. He also hit a solid .314 on the season.

Joining Vondohlen on the Second Team is Drew Horn, who delivered a dominant season on the mound despite battling injuries. In 46 innings, Horn posted an eye-popping 1.75 ERA, striking out 57 and allowing just 24 hits. He ranked second nationally in ERA during April and etched his name into MTSU history with a nine-inning no-hitter against Oakland, striking out 13 in the fifth no-no in program history.

Rounding out the honors is Brett Rogers, who made an immediate impact in his redshirt freshman season. The dynamic outfielder hit .331, good for the 12th best in the conference. He was also a reliable presence in right field, recording six outfield assists and showing off both speed and arm strength throughout the season.


Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

Viqueens Fall in Region Title Game Before Downing Camden to Return to State Tourney

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UNIONVILLE, Tenn. – Five days after losing at Community via a walk-off for the second-consecutive game, Chapel Hill's Lady Rockets overcame a 3-run deficit against the Viqueens in upset fashion to win the Region 5-AA Championship on Wednesday.

"We didn't play any defense," Community Head Coach Cam Farrell said postgame after the Viqueens committed two errors on the night. "We didn't make plays when we should have made plays, we let runners get over and then you have a couple of their kids with big sticks and they come up and hit. One home run here or there is not as big of a deal, but it's a big deal when you have multiple runners on base because we couldn't make plays. We came out OK, but we just had no energy moving throughout the game, like we had zero energy. We just have to lock in and if we can't lock in we're going to get ourselves in trouble, that's just how it works."

Chapel Hill finished the game with three home runs, but of the five runs scored with Viqueens starter, Annie Prince, in the circle, only one of them was earned. Prince finished with 5.0 innings of work, giving up six hits and one walk while striking out just four batters on 82 pitches. Taylar Wessner came on to start the sixth inning, giving up three earned runs on three hits and two walks to go with three strikeouts on 41 pitches.

Meanwhile for the Lady Rockets, Taylor Moreland threw a complete game in the circle, giving up five runs with three earned on eight hits and three walks while striking out five batters on 106 pitches.

Community came out of the gates looking like its offense would continue its strong performance from Monday's 14-hit night against Lewis County by taking a three-run lead into the third inning. Mattie Maxey got things started in the bottom of the first with a one-out single into center followed by a two-out RBI-single by Taylar Wessner to jump in front, 1-0. Wessner took second on the throw home, and then Gracie Daniel drove her home with an RBI-single of her own to close the first.

The Viqueens tacked on another run in the second after Alana Tate was hit by a pitch to start the inning, and after stealing second, Tate came around to score when Annie Prince's bunt pop-out to first drew an errant throw into centerfield to put Community up 3-0. Chapel Hill starter, Taylor Moreland, settled down to limit the damage, bringing her offense up for the top of the third.

A leadoff home run from Emory Hall seemed to jump-start the visitors. Chapel Hill added another run to trim the lead to 3-2 going into the home-half. Before the hosts came up to the plate, Farrell gathered his team around the dugout and delivered a spirited message that could be heard just about everywhere in the ballpark.

"The message was that we had a plan coming in and we just didn't really carry it out. I told 'em that there's no sense in sitting around pouting when we're not locked in and we're not following what we talked about we would do," Farrell explained. "I hate losing, but Chapel Hill played ball. You've gotta come out and play at this point."

Moreland put up a zero, but not before the Viqueens put two runners on. However, a groundout to short stranded two of the eight total runners Community left on base in the game.

The Lady Rockets threatened again in the top of the fourth, but a strike home from Alana Tate in center field kept the tying run from touching the plate, momentarily preserving the slim one-run lead.

The Viqueens stranded another runner in scoring position in the bottom of the inning following Anna Haskins' one-out double to the wall in right-center field.

In the top of the fifth, Chapel Hill found itself with runners on second and third with just one out, threatening to take its first lead of the night. The visitors would do just that with a two-out, two-strike three-run home run deep to center field from Ella Chilton to go in front, 5-3.

However, the Viqueens would respond, plating two runs of their own in the bottom of the inning to tie the game. Alana Tate reached base with a one-out single up the middle, and then Annie Prince doubled her home to cut the lead to one. Running for Prince, Alana Clark would come home with two outs after back-to-back wild pitches from Moreland allowed the hosts to plate the tying run to close the inning.

Wessner replaced Prince in the circle to start the sixth inning, but she was immediately greeted with a loud solo shot off the bat of Haddie Van Patten over the right-center field wall to put Chapel Hill ahead for good, 6-5.

In the bottom of the sixth, Carlie Blanton worked a two-out walk, but after Victoria Wells came on to run for Blanton and stole second, she was left stranded to end the inning.

"We did some stuff that we normally don't do at the plate, but on a positive note, they will be fine," Farrell said. "They can hit, they can play ball, it's just that we were not patient."

Chapel Hill tacked on two insurance runs to start the seventh after Van Patten yanked a 2-RBI double down the right-field line to give the Lady Rockets an 8-5 lead.

Moreland set down the hosts in order to seal the first win in five tries against Community this season for Chapel Hill.

"We'll see what we're made of," Farrell concluded. "We'll see how we do and how we respond to this…I would like to say they're going to come out swinging, but it's up to them. They're gonna have to be ready to rock 'n roll."

"Knowing the girls, I think they'll come out ready to go, but at this point you shouldn't have to hype 'em up, like everybody should be ready. We just gotta figure it out."

The Viqueens (29-4-2, 8-0) bounced back after its surprise loss in the Region 5-AA Championship Game, punching their third ticket in four years to the Class-AA State Tournament following a 7-0 win at Region 6-AA Champs, Camden Central (12-7) in the State Sectional round on Friday afternoon.

After suffering a heartbreaking home loss to Cheatham County a year ago in this round in which Viqueen's ace, Annie Prince, lasted just 4.2 innings, Prince ensured that history would not repeat itself, keeping Community's season alive with a dominant complete-game shutout performance in the circle that saw her give up just two base hits. Of the 21 outs recorded, Prince struck out an impressive 16 batters on 114 pitches, bouncing back after an uncharacteristic performance in the Region 5-AA Championship against Chapel Hill.

For the Lady Lions, Addison Melton got the start, throwing the complete 7.0 innings. Melton gave up seven runs with six earned on 12 hits and four walks while striking out just four batters on 115 pitches.

To go along with 12 hits – including a trio of doubles – the Viqueens swiped five bags and were hit by two other pitches. In all, the visitors left just six on base compared to the eight left on in the region title game.

Neither team scored in the first two innings until Community broke the stalemate in the top of the third, plating one run to take an early 1-0 lead. The visitors tacked on another run in the fourth, doubling their lead heading into the fifth at 2-0.

The Viqueens' offense blew the game wide open in the top of the fifth inning after plating three more runs to take a commanding 5-0 lead. After Prince put up another zero in the home half of the fifth, Community tacked on an insurance run in both the sixth and seventh innings to seal the program's third State Tournament berth in four seasons under head coach Cam Farrell.

At the plate for Community, Anna Haskins finished 2-4 with a double (7), a run scored, and a stolen base. Mattie Maxey went 2-4 with a double (9) and a run scored with an RBI (30), Taylar Wessner went 1-3 with a walk, a run scored, and a stolen base, and Haylee Webb finished 2-3 with an RBI (21), a HBP, and a stolen base. Carlie Blanton went 1-2 with an RBI (30) and two walks, Kamryn Farrell finished 2-3 with two RBIs (17), and Alana Tate went 2-3 with a double (9), two runs scored, and a stolen base.

Camden's leadoff batter, Emma Pierce, went 1-2 with a walk while 7-hole hitter, Avery Wright, finished 1-3. Both hits mustered up by the hosts were singles.

Camden Central's season comes to a close as District 12-AA and Region 6-AA Champions.

Community advances to the Class AA State Tournament for the third time in four years.



The Community Viqueens The Community Viqueens (pictured) clinched the program's third Class-AA State Tournament appearance in four seasons after downing Camden Central on Friday, 7-0. *Submitted Photo - Cam Farrell.*



Annie Prince (pictured) tallied 16 strikeouts in a two-hit shutout performance at Camden Central to punch the Viqueens ticket to State. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

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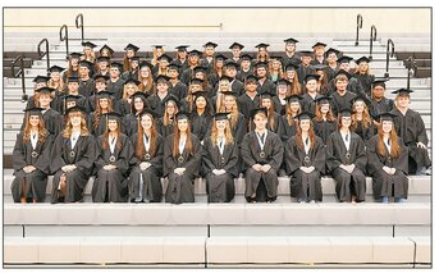

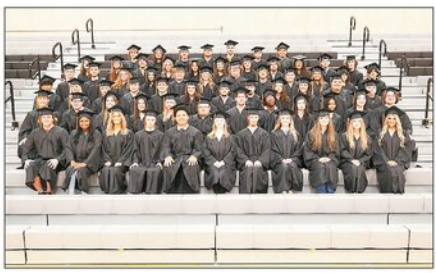

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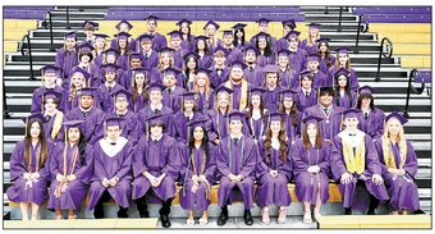



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- 1 (9-ounce) block feta cheese
- 4 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
- 1/4 cup heavy whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh oregano



Place feta, cream cheese and next five ingredients in the bowl of a food processor fitted with the steel blade. Blend ingredients until well combined, stopping to scrape down sides with spatula. Blend again until smooth. Transfer dip from food processor to a covered container. Chill in refrigerator for at least one hour. When ready to serve, spoon into serving dish. Drizzle with olive oil and top with the fresh herbs. Serve with pita crackers, crostini or fresh veggies.

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Don't forget dessert! For a light, no-cook option that can be made ahead, serve Strawberry Frozen Yogurt Bars made with protein-packed ingredients like Greek yogurt, peanut butter, and almonds.

- 1/4 cup raw almonds
- 8 whole graham crackers
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 16 ounces plain Greek yogurt
- 1/2 cup fat-free sweetened condensed milk
- 1 1/2 cups fresh strawberries, chopped

Line an 8-x-8-inch baking pan with parchment paper so it comes up a couple inches above the rim. This will make it easy to remove from the pan.

Place almonds and graham crackers in food processor and pulse until finely ground. In microwave-safe bowl, combine butter and peanut butter. Melt in microwave for approximately 30 seconds. Stir to combine. Add in crumb mixture, stirring until well combined. Pour mixture into lined pan, patting down evenly and firmly to create the crust. Place in freezer to set for about 30 minutes.

While the crust is setting, prepare the filling. Clean strawberries, removing stems. Cut into bite-size pieces. In a medium mixing bowl combine yogurt and sweetened condensed milk, stir until well combined. Gently fold in strawberries. Remove crust from freezer and pour yogurt mixture on top, spreading evenly to cover crust. Cover with plastic wrap and place in freezer for eight hours.

Before cutting and serving let it sit at room temperature for approximately 10-15 minutes. Cut into 16 squares with a sharp knife.



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