REMEMBER AND HONOR 9/11

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'The impact of that day cannot be measured in mere words, for it was a kind of event that shook us all regardless of where we were at the moment.' Dave Rogers, veteran

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North vacates Bedford County Partnership for Tullahoma

By Dawn Hankins

When the words "need" or "develop" were spoken around the local economic Partnership Board table, Bedford County's own Kelly North was there to put those verbs into action. This week, she announced she's leaving her vice presidency with SBCP to accept an economic development role in Tullahoma.

When asked why she is departing, North said, "Tullahoma is more than just a neighboring community for me; it is home. It's where I grew up, raised my family, and continue to invest as a business owner."

North said that over the last 10 years, her work in Shelbyville and Bedford County, first through the Chamber and then with the Partnership, has been "an incredibly meaningful chapter" in her career.

"Together, we've built programs, secured investments, and strengthened a community I deeply respect. I am proud of what we have accomplished, and I will always be grateful for the opportunity to serve."

She added, "With that said, I am truly honored to accept the appointment as executive director of the Tullahoma Area Economic Development Corporation. This role allows me to bring the experience I've gained back to my hometown and channel it into advancing the community that shaped me. I am eager to work alongside the TAEDC Board, the City of Tullahoma, and our many regional partners to position Tullahoma for even greater opportunity and growth.

Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership is in excellent hands, with strong board leadership and an exceptional staff. The

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Through Workforce Development and as serving as vice president of the local Partnership, Kelly North (center) has been an instrumental part of local education the last several years. She is now focusing on a new position in Tullahoma.

County Commission has light but insightful meeting

By Dawn Hankins

While the Bedford County Commission meeting agenda was a little lighter than usual Tuesday night, there were some deep, thoughtful, words spoken about a retired senator and an event that is coming up at East Side School to benefit local families.

See photo and info about overpass being named for retired senator on page 3 today.

Commissioner Greg Vick announced that on Friday, October 3rd, from 7:45 to 11:30 a.m., every student at East Side Elementary will receive a brand-new winter coat, thanks to the generosity of an anonymous local donor who lives in the community.

Vick said this event is a follow up to last school year's distribution of 1,000 pairs of shoes. He said now children at East Side will receive winter warmth.

In addition to the coats, several partners are stepping in to make the day even more special:

- Reyes Coca-Cola Bottling will provide hats and gloves for each child.
- The World Literacy Foundation will gift every student a new book to encourage reading and success in the classroom.
- The new Five Below store in Shelbyville will donate tote bags so students can carry their coats, books, and goodies home.

Commissioner Vick has done more than show up for these events; he has also played a key role in making this initiative possible, said organizers last week. His connections with the school, benefactors, and community partners — along with his deep commitment to serving local families — have been instrumental in ensuring that every child at East Side Elementary will feel the warmth and support of their community this winter, school representatives stated.

"It's about more than just meeting a need," said Vick. "This day will give our children confidence, comfort, and the joy of knowing they are cared for by their neighbors."

"At cityCURRENT, our mission is to power the GOOD in our communities," said Eileen Vick of cityCURRENT Nashville. "Events like this are a beautiful example of what happens when caring individuals, businesses, and organizations come together to make sure every child feels valued, supported, and prepared for success"

The distribution event will include volunteers helping students try on coats, select their books, and celebrate together. Organizers say the day will be filled with excitement, gratitude, and joy — the kind of memories that last well beyond winter.

This event is exclusive to the students of East Side Elementary. Any questions or

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New Bethel Baptist in Bedford about to celebrate 170 years of glorious history

By Dawn Hankins

When New Bethel Baptist Church, 1832 Highway 64 West, celebrates its 170th Homecoming service on Oct. 5, Frances Arnold, who plans to attend, will be recognized as the oldest, living member. She is about to turn 101.

She looks forward to celebrating with New Bethel and especially her longevity on her birthday Sept. 21. So, it's going to be a great month of celebration for Mrs. Frances, who joined the church, with her new husband, James Arnold,

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Frances Arnold

Ad Veritas: Seeking the truth about the day that changed us all

By Daniel Richardson

Every year, as September 11th comes back around, I can't help but think back to where I was that morning in 2001. I was sitting in a 7th grade geography class when word started to trickle in. Our teacher wouldn't say much—only that something had happened that we would never forget. In the halls between classes I heard fragments of the story from friends. A plane had hit a building. The towers were on fire. It took hours, really days, for anyone to begin to understand the scope of what had just taken place.

Nearly 3,000 lives were lost that day. Thousands of families were shattered. Firefighters, police officers, and ordinary citizens showed unimaginable courage in the face of chaos. For all of us who lived through it, the world was never quite the same again.

But with remembrance also comes the realization that the full story may not yet have been told. The collapse of World Trade Center Building 7, though it was never struck by a plane, continues to raise questions. Eye-witness accounts of explosions in the lower levels of the towers persist. And the lack of visible plane wreckage at the Pentagon has fueled decades of speculation. These things don't take away from the real grief of the day—they simply highlight our human need to know the truth.

For me, 9/11 was more than a news story. It was part of what inspired me—and countless others—to enlist in the military after high school. In my case, it was the United States Marine Corps. Years later, I found myself deployed to Iraq in the winter of 2009–2010, still serving in the shadow of those events. The ripple effects of 9/11 reached far and wide, shaping not only foreign policy and military service, but the personal lives of millions of Americans.

That's why I'll be watching closely this week as Tucker Carlson releases his new five-part documentary series, The 9/11 Files. It launches on September 11 and will look directly at some of the questions that have lingered for nearly a quarter-century. As difficult as it is to revisit that day, I believe the truth must be told—whatever it is. The series will be available episode by episode at tuckercarlson.com, with members able to access all of the episodes immediately.

As we pause this week, let us do three things: remember the lives lost, honor the bravery shown, and commit ourselves to truth. Memory without truth can become hollow. Truth without memory can grow cold. But when we hold on to both, we find strength to grieve well, to honor rightly, and to carry forward with hope.



SECOND ANNUAL VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR HELD

Submitted Photo

It was a rainy day but the second annual Veterans Resource Fair (Health, HotRods and Veteran Fair) went off without a hitch last Saturday at the Music City KartPlex off Highway 231 North. The event always begins with color guard and salute to the American Flag. See more photos on page 12.

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Special guests assist Tony Rice Center

Some very special guests took the time to stop by and greet customers this year.

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Comstock nets hat trick

In the first 'Battle of Bedford' of 2025, the Cascade Lady Champions took down the Community Viqueens.

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COMMISSION

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anyone wanting to volunteer to contact Eileen at 615-927-4174 or eileenv@citycurrent.com.

County business included:

The Commission's denial by 17:0 of a rezoning request by Glen Cruzen, representing Southern Land Acquisitions. The group was seeking 25.48+/- acres be rezoned from A-1 to R-1. (Tax Map 088; Parcel 063.04.) An R-1 zoning classification would allow minimum lot sizes of 30k sq. ft. This request received an unfavorable recommendation from BC Planning Commission and the Rules and Legislative Committee.

The property is on Highway 64 West (Lewis Avenue)- beyond the North Linda Drive subdivision on the same side of the road backs up to the Duck River. The same owner attempted to get the City to annex it a few years ago and it failed. PC was principally concerned with its proximity to the confluence of Flat Creek and the Duck, and the floodplain surrounding it on three sides. The PC didn't want to risk recommending a high-density development that will produce more sediment runoff than a typical development. The river has been placed on Threatened Status and for reasons of public health and safety, should be treated as such. A standard county lot in the A-1 zoning class is one full acre, and it just didn't ring true with the PC at this time to recommend more homes along the river surrounded by a designated floodplain on a threatened river of high status.

While the location technically qualifies for consideration under Article IV, Section 4.042, the physical and environmental constraints present on the site, including extensive regulatory floodplain areas, limited building acreage and proximity to the ecologically sensitive Duck River, render this request inconsistent with the adopted County Comprehensive Plan. The unfavorable PC vote was 8:0.

Other announcements:

Commissioner Linda Yockey stated that the Flat Creek Barbecue is Oct. 4, beginning at 4 p.m. And, the Normandy Chili Supper will be Oct. 11 at 4 p.m.

Commissioner Sylvia Pinson mentioned the Great American Mule Show coming up September end and Commissioner Anita Epperson mentioned the 4-H Pumpkin sale (see advert on pg. 12.)

NORTH

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collaborative spirit that defines the organization will ensure its continued success long after my transition."

Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership Board of Directors extended its heartfelt congratulations this week to North on her appointment and extended a statement:

"For the past decade, Kelly has been an integral part of economic and community development in Bedford County. While we are sad to see her step into a new role, we take pride in knowing that a neighboring community will now benefit from the same talent and dedication that have made such an impact here. Tullahoma is gaining not only a proven leader but also someone with deep personal ties to the region. We thank Kelly for her service, wish her the very best in this next chapter, and look forward to working with her as a regional partner in the years to come.

The Partnership remains strong and well-positioned for continued success thanks to the foundation Kelly has helped build. Our dedicated staff and engaged board of directors are committed to advancing our mission of driving economic growth and tourism, supporting our workforce, and promoting the vitality of Shelbyville and Bedford County.

The board of directors will be engaging in a candidate search in the near future."

While The City of Shelbyville ended its involvement with the Partnership just over a year ago, Bedford County is still a part of the Chamber and Partnership economic development.



TANKER UPSET HALTS EARLY MORNING TRAFFIC

Photo by Michael Martin

A tanker truck overturned early Tuesday morning right off the interstate at Beech Grove. No further details were available at press time.

Breaking News late Wednesday

Conservative political activist and author Charlie Kirk was shot Wednesday while on stage speaking at an event at the Utah Valley University, law enforcement officials said. Videos on social media appeared to show shots fired at Kirk as he spoke from a stage around noon local time.

"We must all pray for Charlie Kirk, who has been shot. A great guy from top to bottom. GOD BLESS HIM!" President Trump wrote Wednesday.

Kirk, 31, is founder and CEO of Turning Point USA, a powerful conservative youth organization active in over 3,500 college campuses. Kirk hosts a popular podcast and is known for hosting "Prove Me Wrong" debates on college campuses. He was President Trump's youth leader during his campaign.

No word was available at press time on Kirk's condition, though videos demonstrate he was likely shot in the chest as he could be seen clutching his chest.

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8mm film of Shelbyville area for use in a Free Video Project being produced for The Fly Museum

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BEDFORD COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2025

UTILITY PLANT	$ 58,622,018	
CONSTRUCTION WORK IN PROGRESS	480,364	
ALLOWANCE FOR DEPRECIATION	(30,661,448)	
		$ 28,440,933
CURRENT ASSETS		
CASH IN BANK	11,676,557	
WORKING FUNDS	1,500	
ACCOUNTS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES	501,429	
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	346,105	
PREPAID EXPENSES	11,196	12,536,786
OTHER ASSETS		
UTILITY DEPOSITS	10,000	10,000
	TOTAL ASSETS	40,987,719
LIABILITIES		
LONG-TERM DEBT		9,899,444
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	141,223	
CURRENT PORTION OF LONG-TERM DEBT	578,658	
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS	228,553	
INTEREST PAYABLE	36,365	
SALES TAX PAYABLE	36,071	
ACCRUED PAYROLL LIABILITIES	29,875	
ACCRUED BENEFITS	75,871	
DEFERRED TAP FEES	105,599	
DEFERRED INFLOW	41,303	1,273,518
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	11,172,962
NET POSITION		29,814,757

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STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

For the year ended June 30, 2025

OPERATING REVENUES		$ 6,817,864
OPERATING REVENUE DEDUCTIONS		
PLANT OPERATIONS	2,054,426	
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION	953,205	
ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL	1,333,528	
DEPRECIATION	1,431,894	
PAYROLL TAXES	66,978	5,840,031
OPERATING INCOME		977,833
OTHER INCOME		
INTEREST INCOME	290,767	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	1,371	
		292,138
OTHER DEDUCTIONS		
INTEREST ON LONG-TERM DEBT		228,661
INCREASE IN NET POSITION BEFORE OTHER NON-OPERATING INCOME		1,041,310
OTHER NON-OPERATING INCOME		
TAPFEESINEXCESSOFCOSTOFINSTALLATION	50,918	
CONTRIBUTIONS-DEVELOPERS	148,154	
CONTRIBUTIONS-OTHER GOVERNMENTS	55,129	254,201
INCREASE IN NET POSITION		$ 1,295,511

TRAVEL AND TRAINING: Commissioners $7,831.26; Management $5,434.11; Employees $2,521.56

State Route 437 overpass officially named in honor of Jim Tracy

By Dawn Hankins

Bedford County Commission moved without hesitation on Tuesday when it came to the naming of the 437 overpass in honor of Jim Tracy, former member of the Tennessee Senate for the 14th district, which includes Bedford County.

Curt Cobb, County clerk and master, and Warren Wells, Celebration CEO, recently submitted the proposal to name the Walking Horse Overpass over State Route 437 overpass in honor of the former state senator.

Commissioners have checked with the state to make sure there are no other applications for naming the overpass. They were given the green light for Tracy.

Commissioner Biff Farrar, chairman of the Rules Committee, which pushed this resolution forward to the Commission floor, said Tuesday that he believed it should be mentioned for the record the accomplishments of Tracy and his contributions to Bedford County. So, he took a few minutes to talk about the former insurance company owner's portfolio.

Tracy has served as well in many local capacities over the years from business leadership to school board. Farrar, a former coach, mentioned that Tracy's been a small business owner, former teacher and coach, and former TSSAA & NCAA basketball referee.

As for his USDA work, Tracy served as senior advisor, supporting the Commissioner and all divisions within the department. While serving as USDA Rural Development director in Tennessee he worked with rural communities to address local issues including facilities, broadband, water, and sewer. In this role, he facilitated federal grants and low-interest loans for businesses and citizens.

Farrar also mentioned that Tracy was instrumental during the time he served with the state ag division in helping with work needed at the Bedford County Ag Center on Midland Road.

Tracy previously served as president of the Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce and was founding member of the Bedford County Economic Development and Tourism committee, and Chairman of the Tennessee Leadership Council of the National Federation of Independent Business.



Commissioner Biff Farrar

Government issues that matter

Coming up at the Shelbyville City Council meeting on Thursday

By Dawn Hankins
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When Shelbyville City Council meets on Thursday, Sept. 11, at 6 p.m., there will be several items up for consideration. The recent discussion about open container drinking off the south end of the public square will likely not be voted on this month.

The beer board had the discussion on its agenda for Wednesday evening at its regular meeting.

The Planning Commission, which the City wanted to also discuss the issue before a vote, meets next Thursday, Sept. 18, at 6 p.m.

Items to be considered at Thursday's regular City Council meeting include:

- a resolution authorizing an application for a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant between the state, TDOT, and the City for the construction of an observation deck, overlooking Fisherman's Park and the construction of a greenway trail.
- a resolution authorizing a grant contract between the state, TDOT and the Aeronautics Division in the amount of $20,000 for 2025-2026. A minimum local share for this grant will be just over a thousand dollars.

The City is also considering a motion concerning the Brownfield Redevelopment Area Grant (BRAG) for assessment. The assessment is free through South Central Development District. Representatives recently made a presentation before City Council, with an invitation to participate.

It is a chance for the City to have some old properties reassessed for useability.

EPA awards competitive Brownfield Grant funding to government entities and certain non-profit organizations that can be used to pay for brownfields assessment and planning activities at one or more brownfield sites.

The Brownfields and Land Revitalization Program does not perform cleanup activities at brownfield sites. The program instead awards competitive grant funding to government entities and certain non-profit organizations that can be used for cleanup activities at one or more brownfield sites.

The National Guard isn't the gestapo

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review

Donald Trump's alleged fascist crackdown is finally here -- federal troops are on the streets of major U.S. cities with almost certainly more on the way.

First, they came for Los Angeles, then for Washington, D.C., and next, if reports are to be believed, Chicago.

There's no doubt that Trump loves the optics and sense of strength that comes with deploying the National Guard to U.S. cities, while many of his political enemies love the thrill of decrying the arrival of the dystopia they've always warned about.

The Guard troops obviously aren't Trump's equivalent of Mussolini's squadristi or Hitler's brownshirts --brawlers and enforcers operating outside the law to crush a political party's opponents.

They are a well-trained, entirely lawful military force that isn't engaging in street fights or arresting dissidents. The Guard's role has, mostly, been to stand in front of federal buildings and other public landmarks. In Washington, D.C., they walk along Metro platforms and generally make themselves visible (they are often seen drinking coffee and taking photos with tourists). In short, they've been a benign presence, although still a political flashpoint.

For Trump, the Guard deployments are an emblem of the restoration of public order. Nothing says the lawman is back in town quite like Humvees parked in front of Union Station and camouflaged federal troops walking the streets. That the troops are overkill makes them even more potent as a symbol -- Trump really means it.

That they generate a reaction from his opponents is even better, since it prompts them into attacking a token of lawfulness in places that suffer from endemic disorder.

So, Trump feels an urge to take the show on a national tour, with the Windy City or perhaps Baltimore as the next stop. This is a bad idea. D.C. and L.A. present unique circumstances not replicated in other cities.

Legally, D.C. is an easy question. Although Congress has granted D.C. home rule, the federal government has plenary power over the district. The president of the United States has direct authority over the D.C. National Guard and can also take control of the city's police department. Constitutionally and legally, Trump is on solid ground.

Since D.C. has a unique status and the feds have taken over the police department, there has been useful collaboration between the federal and local law-enforcement officials. (The early returns have been encouraging, with the city seeing a moderate dip in crime.)

TITLE: None of this would apply to Chicago or Baltimore. The federal government has no special role in governing them, and politically hostile mayors would maintain full control of their police departments. The emphasis would surely be on resistance to unwelcome federal intrusions rather than reluctant cooperation.

Now, this was true in L.A., as well, but the riots and obstruction of federal immigration enforcement there gave Trump the authority to federalize members of the California National Guard and protect federal assets.

Unless similar unrest breaks out in Chicago or Baltimore, Trump is going to have to stretch for a legal justification for deploying the National Guard and risk a high-profile legal reverse.

Regardless, the National Guard has limited utility as a police force. Its boots on the ground can create a sense of a safer environment, and perhaps, at the margins, free up local police resources for other duties. But what places like Chicago need is more intensive policing in high-crime areas. The National Guard is not going to -- nor should it -- become de facto cops making gang and drug arrests in the South and West Sides of the city. (The FBI and DEA, on the other hand, could actually help.)

At the end of the day, there is no easy cure for the flagrant misgovernance of cities like Chicago. It is a long-term, deep-rooted ideological and political phenomenon that won't be easily reversed, whether the troops in camouflage show up or not.

Final thoughts on this year's Celebration

By TWHNC CEO Warren Wells

Editor's note: During Tuesday's Bedford County Commission meeting, TWHNC CEO Warren Wells, in the audience, was recognized for his work with making this year's Celebration the very best. Commissioner Keith Davis said he didn't have final numbers, but he believes it might be the most eventful show in a long time, and possibly ever, in TWHNC history.

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It's never to early to plan ahead!
TWHNC Fall Classic - Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2025
Spring Fun Show - May 21-23, 2026
The 88th Annual Walking Horse National Celebration - August 26 - September 5, 2026

As the dust settles on another unforgettable Celebration, I want to extend my deepest thanks to each and every person who made this year's event one of the most successful in recent memory.

Our entry numbers were strong, the horses through the gate were impressive, and the attendance was exciting. From the very first day, the excitement built steadily, reaching a crescendo on that final Saturday night. Every food booth (most non-profits), bathroom, and ticket gate I passed had lines. And while that might sound like a challenge, it was honestly thrilling to witness. The energy in the air that night reminded me of what it felt like as a kid attending the Celebration. It was something truly special.

To our incredible exhibitors and trainers: thank you for bringing your best. The quality of horses and the spirit of competition this year were nothing short of inspiring. You put on an amazing ride and created moments that will be remembered for years to come.

To all of our sponsors: thank you for believing in this event we love so much. No matter the level at which you give, please know it takes every single contribution to make an event of this magnitude possible. We simply couldn't do it without you. I'd also like to ask everyone to please listen when sponsor names are called out, and support these businesses every chance you get. They are the backbone of this show.

To our Celebration team, volunteers, and contractors: your efforts made all the difference! I want to thank all those who worked the weeks and months on the grounds leading up to the show. The grounds looked absolutely stunning, and your hard work helped set the stage for the magic that unfolded.

This year's Celebration reminded us all of why we love this event and this breed. Thank you for being part of it, and for keeping the tradition and our community miracle alive and thriving.

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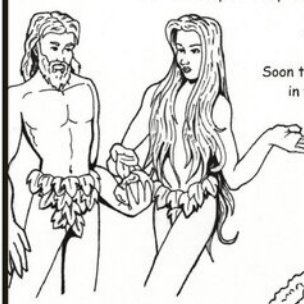
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TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

All was wonderful with Adam and Eve in the garden God had placed them in... Until the serpent tempted Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit, the fruit of the TREE OF KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL. She did eat. And then she invited Adam to join her.



Soon thereafter they heard the voice of the Lord walking in the garden in the cool of the day and they hid from God because they were afraid.

When God questioned them, Adam confesses that he did eat of the forbidden fruit - but he protested that the woman gave it to him. Eve, when questioned, blamed the serpent.



And Adam and Eve were driven from the garden and were caused to labor for their food by tilling the ground from which man had been taken.

Next week: All about Eve.

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HOMECOMING

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in 1942.

The church has a long and prosperous history in Bedford County. Through the lean years to the COVID years, the congregation has kept the faith and the doors open.

New Bethel was first established in 1855, held services in a log cabin about a mile southwest of the present location on a farm owned by Zach Roberts in the community of Old Bethel or Musetown. The church continued to serve at this location until 1884.

Green Nichols was first pastor and first deacon was Jim Campbell. There were seven charter members of families: W.F.Barnett, Frank Price, Tom Muse and B. Muses, according to church records.

Due to growth, in the fall of 1947, plans were made to replace the old building with a new one. It took $15,000 to build a new sanctuary with Sunday school rooms in the basement and add a coal furnace.

Thomas Cartwright was given a building contract in April 1948. The church was dedicated to the Lord on September 1950-debt free with a note burning. The pastor at the time was H.J. Talent.

A parsonage was purchased in 1982, from Claude Peller for $35,000. It was located about a half mile southwest of the church and sold in 1994, for $48,000.

Times were changing in the area and prices were going up. But the church persevered.

In 1986, the church made more renovations, including its fellowship hall. Again, debt-free, the church held a note burning just 3 years later.

The property east of the church known as the Bryant property was purchased on Sept. 23, 2008, plus 6 acres, a house and two garage outbuildings for $100,000. The church now has a total of 8.49 acres.

A playground for the children was built on the east side of the church in 2010. On Nov. 11, 2020 (a hard year for most churches) a "new" New Bethel Baptist cemetery was established to the right of the old cemetery.

Present pastor Jonathan Curry became interim pastor on Jan. 26, 2014, and was ordained right in the church on Sept. 21, 2014. He was voted in by the congregation as a bi-vocational pastor on Nov. 9, 2014.

In addition to this rich history, the pastor says there will also be a lot to celebrate at New Bethel on Oct. 5 in the way of the future.



New Bethel Baptist Church, located at 1832 Highway 64 West in Shelbyville, will celebrate 170 years of ministry on Oct. 5th.

Joe Rucker, Heart of Texas recording artist, will be singing. The day begins at 9:30 a.m. and after the worship service there will be a fellowship meal.

"We're also going to try to have a section on the church property of the modes of transportation through the years (horse buggy, classic cars, etc.,)" advised Pastor Jonathan Curry.

Is God Dead: Manson and Fifty Years

Now, back to the question, "How do you get from atoms to self-consciousness?" How do you get from the atomic chemistry in your brain to a mental thought—maybe even the thought about how fascinating this column is? If we are all just a conglomeration of atoms like the Darwinists, or the atheists, or even some of the Michaels of the world say we are, then from whence doest thou thoughts come? States of self-consciousness are not our brains. The brain is a part of our body. It is made up of cells, which are made up of atoms. The brain and self-conscious states, or we can say the mind, are two different things.

Here is another thought: How do we explain things such as love, hate, hope, faith, and seeing the color red? These are abstract ideas. These are nonmaterial things. They are not made up of atoms. There is no love atom or faith atom. These are all nonphysical mental states. How can this be explained? Remember Michael, the Bible skeptic? How do you suppose Michael explains these things? How do you get from atoms in your brain chemistry to faith, hope, or love?

There are so many questions. If we are all just a bunch of atoms, as most nonbelievers insist, how do you prosecute a person for a crime they committed 50 years ago? How do you keep a man in prison for life? Based on human physiology, the overwhelming majority of cells in your body are replaced at some particular frequency. Blood cells live about 90 days and are replaced with new blood cells. Skin cells are replaced about every 7 days, and bone cells are replaced every 10 years. Over a period of time, you end up with a substantially different body.

When they convicted Charles Manson for murder in January of 1971, he was made up of particular atoms. But at the end of his life in November of 2017, some 40+ years later, there was not much left of the old Mason who committed the crime. The only thing about him that was physically the same person was the enamel in his teeth and some cells in the cerebral cortex. He was not even the same man; he was a substantially different man. Mason's last words, by the way, were: "I am the most famous human being that ever lived." The sad thing is, he was about to meet Jesus face to face—absolutely the most famous man who ever lived. Even so, in order to hold Manson accountable for a crime he committed 40 years ago, there must be a "unity of self overtime." But what is that? Interestingly, naturalists, materialists, or Darwinists have no way of explaining where self-consciousness comes from. They have no way of defining faith, hope, or love. They have no way of explaining why it is just for Manson to be held accountable even 40 years later. But theists, those people who believe there is a God, do have an explanation for these things; they do have a way to explain where self-consciousness comes from—mind/body dualism.

A few weeks ago, we mentioned the phrase coined by the philosopher René Descartes: "I think, therefore I am." What Descartes was trying to do was actually build an apologetic approach to the existence of God based on the mind. He deconstructed or reverse-engineered what constitutes a human being; he tore it all down to a foundational starting point. He said: All I can really be sure of is that I have the capacity to think. I don't know if the body really exists or if it is a product of the mind. Does the mind invent the body? It sounds eerily like the movie The Matrix, where everyone is part of a computer program. But Descartes said I know the mind exists because I can think. From there, he reasoned that the mind and the body are two separate entities coexisting within each man. The separate mind—that is, the soul—and body is what we call mind/body dualism. In other words, human beings are made up of a material body and an immaterial soul. This is exactly what Paul is talking about in Romans 7, where he describes the war that goes on between his body and his mind, or soul (see Rom 7:15-25). It is the mind/body dualism within him that is at war with one another. It is the soul of man that houses self-consciousness; it is the immaterial soul that explains how "atoms think;" it is the soul that provides "unity of self over time." This is also how it is, just that there are very few statutes of limitation for murder—there is a "unity of self over time." Because of the immaterial, unchanging nature of the soul, a criminal can be prosecuted for a crime 50 years after the fact even though his body is no longer the same body that committed the crime. A good way to remember this is that "the body carries out crimes, but they are committed by the soul."

But it is from within the soul that love, hate, hope, joy, and faith are found. And it is only your soul that knows "what it is like to be you."

Please join us again next week as we continue pondering Friedrich Nietzsche's question:

Is God dead?

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

CROWELL'S CHAPEL LUTHERAN CELEBRATES 200

Crowell's Chapel Lutheran in the Halls Mill community will celebrate its 200th anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 14. Service and program will begin at 10 a.m. There will be a meal on the grounds after service and memorabilia will be on display in the church. Look for this story in next week's T-G.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST WORSHIP

This Sunday at First United Methodist Church in Shelbyville, Pastor Abe Zimmerman will preach "The Ties that Bind: Part 1" from John 10:1-16.

"As we establish our fall rhythms, we are reminded of the ways that the people of God are uniquely connected to each other. Come ready to reflect, reconnect, and rediscover the beauty of being part of a people shaped by love, trust, and shared purpose," said Pastor Zimmerman.

Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 a.m., followed by the worship service at 10 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church are available during worship. For those unable to attend in person, FUMC-S offers a livestream on Facebook and YouTube and a broadcast on WLLJ 98.7 FM and AM 1580.

WORLD OUTREACH EVENT

The Culture & Christianity Conference, hosted by Allen Jackson Ministries, will gather Sept. 19-20 at World Outreach Church in Murfreesboro, with leading voices from across the nation tackling today's cultural challenges through the lens of God's truth.



Wheel FCE Monthly Report

Wheel Family and Community Education (FCE) Club met Aug. 14 at 2 p.m., with John Diller reporting.

Members present were Jerry Sue, Peggy, Janet, Judy, Tina and John.

It was announced that the Nov. 12 meeting will be a bake sale. Judy will bring 5 items.

Food will be brought to the give-a-way.

The group studied about and learned that it is better (cheaper and more beneficial) to prepare food at home instead of eating out at restaurants.

The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

The next meeting was planned for Sept. 11, 2025.



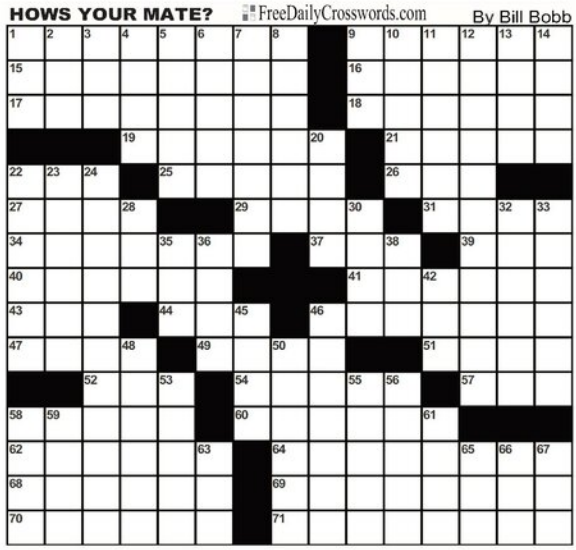
FROM THE FOOTPRINTS, A CASE IS BUILT

Submitted Photo

Instructor Chris Hobbs reports that the Criminal Justice-III students at Community High School, currently studying criminal investigations, recently lifted actual footprints from a mock crime scene. From left, William Eynon, Brailey Whitehead, Ariel White, Brailee Jacobs, Kaylee Collins, Isabella Schlatter and David Parrish.

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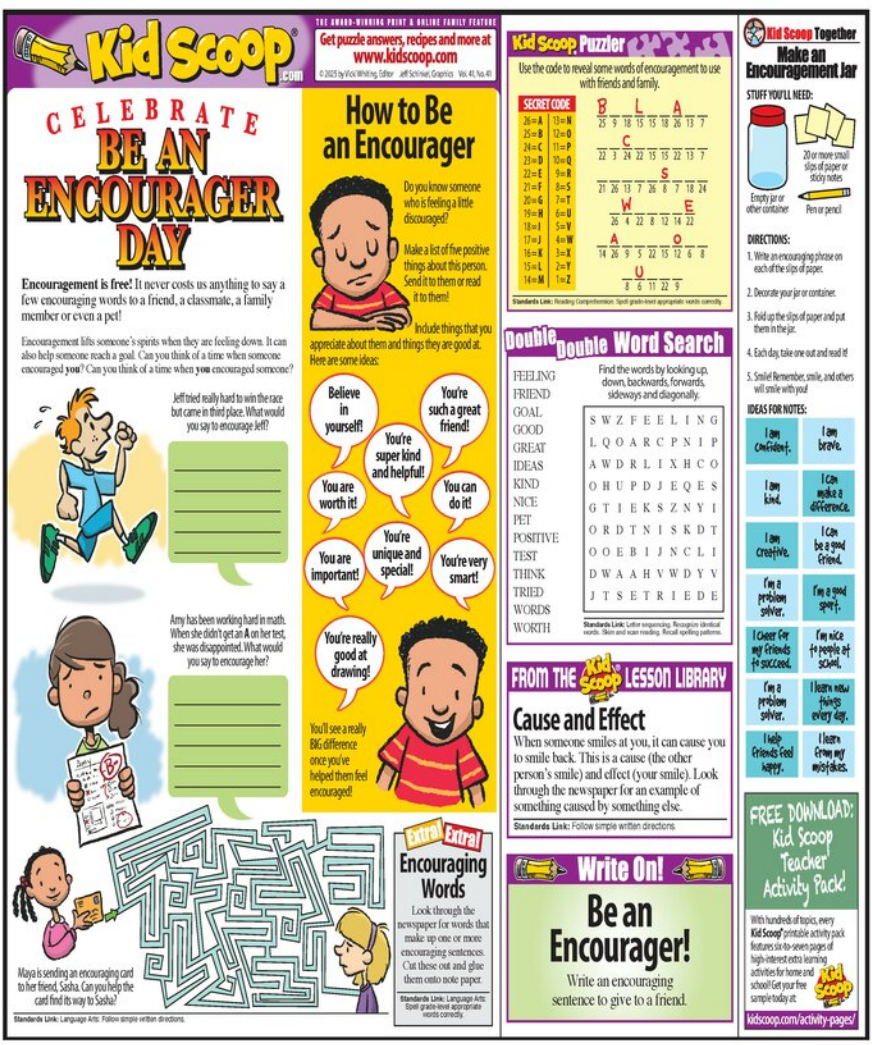


CLUES ACROSS

1) Cash-for-goods place
9) Looking at a looker
15) Kind of surgery
16) Hardly serious writing
17) Attorney's fee
18) Take a stripe from
19) Astronaut with Armstrong and Collins
21) To the point
22) Record store purchases
25) Strong cotton thread
26) No one in particular
27) Actress Moreno
29) Feudal worker
31) Strikebreaker
34) Batting statistic
37) Architect's wing
39) Barcelonan's "I love"
40) Move through tulips?
41) Motion detector, e.g.
43) Old English letter
44) He wrote "Defence of Fort M'Henry"
46) Inhabited by ghosts
47) Tennis ranking
49) Art___ (Erte's genre)
51) Hamburg's river
52) It's nothing
54) Everything, in Essen
57) Acoustic organ
58) George of "Star Trek"
60) Corduroy features
62) Whitney Houston's record label, once
64) Skep mama?
68) Titanic and Lusitania
69) Good place to be kicked?
70) "Hotel California" rockers
71) Rule of evidence

CLUES DOWN

1) ___ capita income
2) Tankard contents
3) Kind of blanket
4) Org. with eligibility rules
5) Moonshine maker
6) Indian language
7) Manage
8) The risks involved
9) Unconventional
10) Garbo of film
11) Physiological thresholds
12) Inaccessible place
13) Clears, on a pay stub
14) More than cheerfulness
20) Hawaii's rare goose
22) Cargo cases
23) Split 50-50
24) "The Tommyknockers" author
28) Gallery display
30) "Born Free" lioness
32) Slide presentation?
33) Canadian I United States divide
35) Fine and dandy
36) Commanded right
38) Romanian currency
42) Ship's heading (Abbr.)
45) Subscription length, often
46) Certain criminal activities
48) Type of locomotive
50) Coterie
53) English liquid measure
55) Cast out
56) Take care of
58) "The Handmaid's___"
59) Domingo rendition
61) Go bananas
63) Donkey kin
65) Marceau's mime character
66) "Able was I___ I saw Elba"
67) Immigrant's course, briefly



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STATE OF TENNESSEE, Bedford COUNTY

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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; Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Vylla Solutions – Tennessee, LLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Vylla Solutions – Tennessee, LLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on 9/26/2025, at or about 11:00 AM at the usual and customary location at the Front steps of the Bedford County Courthouse, located in 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:

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Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: September 3

Location: 130 Millet St; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Noah Riley Pickelsimer; Price, $299,990 (Deed).

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

Location: 102 August Way; Seller, Cody L Lynch, Lauren Lynch; Buyer, Jordan Echevarria, Jordan Kennedy Spudville; Price, $315,000 (Deed).

Location: 430 Gant Rd; Seller, James R Reed; Buyer, Bryan Tyrie, Rhiannon Chouinard; Price, $392,400 (Deed).

Location: 313 Cottonwood Dr; Seller, Jennifer Beckett; Buyer, HP Realty Co LLC; Price, $190,000 (Deed).

Location: Green Lane; Seller, Black Diamond Construction LLC; Buyer, HP Realty Co LLC; Price, $1,584,000 (Deed).

Seller, Ron F Charlebois, Deborah A Charlebois; Buyer, Michael Charlebois; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 223 Hillview Ave; Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, Taneeka Frye; Price, $338,685 (Deed).

File date: September 4

Location: 400 Cascade Hollow Rd; Seller, Aaron M Wright Sr, Mary A Wright; Buyer, Matthew Vasquez, Kaitlin Riggle; Price, $325,000 (Deed).

Location: 286 Emily Lane; Seller, McMichael Taylor Gray LLC, Cousin Enterprises LLC; Buyer, CWS Investments Inc; Price, $350,000 (TRD).

Seller, Michael Glen Johnson, Anita Daniel Johnson; Buyer, Michael Glen Johnson, Anita Daniel Johnson, Johnson Revocable Family Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, James Anthony Cobble, Richard Cobble Estate; Buyer, James Anthony Cobble; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: September 5

Seller, Jose L Cardenas Arriaga; Buyer, Wayne Neese; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 107 Ledgeview Dr; Seller, John K Graff; Buyer, Karen J Stewart, Larry L Stewart; Price, $380,000 (Deed).

Location: 202 Lee Lane; Seller, Whitney Shaun Carroll; Buyer, Carl Brent Stacy, Betty Stacy; Price, $165,000 (Deed).

Location: 140 Shelbyville Mills; Seller, Sean Hosman; Buyer, Multiple Streams Investments LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Unionville Deason Rd; Seller, William Thomas Holton; Buyer, New Vision Baptist Church of Unionville; Price, $275,000 (Deed).

Location: Hannah Gap Rd; Seller, Brian Kilgore; Buyer, Octavio Cortes Navarro; Price, $137,500 (QD).

Location: Hannah Gap Rd; Seller, Brain Kilgore; Buyer, Blanca Estella Gomez Sosa, Octavio Juan; Price, $137,500 (QD).

Location: 110 Townsend Ave; Seller, Robynne J Barrera; Buyer, Kevin Patrick McCabe; Price, $249,000 (Deed).

Seller, Johnny Mark Thomas, Betty T Cook Estate, Kathy Thomas Gannon; Buyer, Jesus Daniel Acosta Lizarraga, Diana Acosta; Price, $262,000 (Deed).

File date: September 8

Location: Sulphur Springs Rd; Seller, Heather Dietz; Buyer, Kevin Rains, Sherri Rains; Price, $15,000 (Deed).

Location: 312 Atlantic Ave; Seller, James Patrick Osbeck, Susan Mary Osbeck; Buyer, Sonia Pena, Alfredo Pena Gonzalez; Price, $349,000 (Deed).

Location: 328 Spring St; Seller, Felicia Overcast; Buyer, Jacob Lecian, Haylee Burns; Price, $285,000 (Deed).

Location: Lower Halls Mill Rd; Seller, Stephen G Hitt Jr, William J Hitt; Buyer, Martha Joellen Mallard; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 300 Lamb Rd; Seller, Thomas Edward Upchurch Jr; Buyer, Trenton Gary Upchurch; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Laws Hill Rd; Seller, Grace Farms Builders; Buyer, Brian Kilgore; Price, $125,000 (Deed).

Location: 3230 Hwy 82 E; Seller, Stephen Luongo, Alexandra Luongo, Alexandra Choras, Steve Luongo; Buyer, Stephen Luongo, Alexandra Choras, Steve Luongo; Price, $0 (QD).

Consumers continue to add credit card debt: Wallet Hub Study

Wallet Hub's recent inflation-adjusted analysis of the data reveals that consumers added $28 billion in credit card debt during the second quarter of 2025. Key highlights from WalletHub's new Credit Card Debt Study are outlined below. You can also check the results of WalletHub's new Fed Rate Survey, along with projections for how a September prime rate drop could affect our wallets.

Credit Card Debt Study Key Findings

• **Q2 Results:** At $28 billion, the increase in credit card debt during Q2 2025 was around 21% smaller than the increase in Q2 2024.

• **Debt Is Well Below the Peak:** Total credit card debt as of Q2 was roughly $1.32 trillion on an inflation-adjusted basis, which was about 13% below the record high.

• **Household Debt Has Some Breathing Room:** The average household credit card balance was around $10,951 at the end of Q2 2025, after adjusting for inflation. That's $2,062 below the record high.

• **Best Balance Transfer Credit Cards**: The best balance transfer credit cards currently offer 0% APRs for up to 24 months, with no annual fees and low balance transfer fees.

See the complete findings of WalletHub's Credit Card Debt Study.

Fed Rate Survey Key Findings

• **Inflation Remains a Top Concern**: More than 9 in 10 people think inflation is still an issue.

• **More of a Mandate to Fix Inflation**: 7 in 10 people think inflation is a bigger issue than the job market right now.

• **Growing Concern About the Economy**: Nearly 3 in 5 people think the economy is getting worse rather than improving.

• **Distrust in Government Data**: Nearly 3 in 5 people say they don't trust economic data from the government.

• **Inflation Seen as a Bigger Threat Than AI**: 77% of Americans are more worried about inflation stealing their money than AI stealing their job.

Projected Impact of a Fed Rate Cut

• Consumer Savings: Credit card users will save roughly $1.92 billion in interest over the next 12 months if the Fed cuts its target rate by 25 basis points on September 17 (88% probability).

• Mortgage Savings Boost: The Fed's September 17 rate cut has already decreased the cost of the average 30-year mortgage by $9,763 over the life of the loan, as mortgages have fixed rates that are priced with a far longer time frame in mind than other borrowing methods.

• Auto Loan Rate Drop: WalletHub expects the average APR on a 48-month new car loan to drop by around 12 basis points in the months following a 25-basis-point Fed rate cut.

See the full results of WalletHub's Fed Rate Survey.

"U.S. credit card users added $28 billion to their tab during the second quarter of the year, according to WalletHub's analysis of new data from the Federal Reserve. Although this increase wiped out roughly half of our first quarter paydown, it's 31% below the average amount that we've added during the second quarter of the year dating back to 2021. That's the good news. The bad news is consumer confidence in the economy is flagging, and concerns about inflation are sky high. Nearly 3 in 5 Americans think the economy is getting worse, according to a new WalletHub survey, and 77% of people are more worried about inflation stealing their money than AI stealing their job. A Fed rate cut in September could save households billions over the next 12 months, but people still aren't very excited due to their expectations for high prices for the foreseeable future."

- John Kiernan, WalletHub Editor



Obituaries

Duane Keith Bergmann



Duane Keith Bergmann, 89, of Shelbyville, died September 7, 2025. Memorial services will be held 7:00 p.m. Friday, September 12th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home with the Revs. Abe Zimmerman and Scotty Sorrells officiating. Visitation will begin at 6:00 p.m.

He was born October 16, 1935, in Ohio. He was a member of First United Methodist Church and Masonic Lodge 130 of Shelbyville.

Duane was preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and Lois Orwig Bergmann; his wife, Dolores Bergmann; and son, Scott Keith Bergmann.

He is survived by a son, Bradley Kent Bergmann of Shelbyville; sister, Corrine Smith of Jacksonville, Fla., and several nieces.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital.

His remains will be interred at Graceland Memorial Park, Kenilworth, New Jersey, beside his loving wife at a later date.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Jeanette Lowe Bush



Jeanette Lowe Bush, 80, of Shelbyville, died September 5, 2025, at Stone River Post Acute Care in Murfreesboro. She was born May 27, 1945, to Roy A. Lowe and Evelyn Adams Lowe of Shelbyville. She was employed for many years by the State of Tennessee as an inspector at the driver's license station in Bedford County before retiring in 2011.

Jeanette was a 1963 graduate of Central High School. She loved nature, gardening, cooking and was an avid animal lover, most especially cats.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her lifelong companion, Thomas Allen. She is survived by her sister, Judy Lowe Stone (Steve) of Manchester; niece, Tracy Brown Swan (Dennis) of Murfreesboro; great niece Sarah Ramsey (Hunter) and great nephew Connor Swan, both of Murfreesboro; Aunt Marie Bressler of Bell Buckle; and many cousins and friends.

In lieu of flowers, Jeanette would have loved donations go to A Nutter Cat Rescue at ancrescue.org or New Destiny Dog Rescue at 202 E. Highland Avenue, Shelbyville, TN.

Funeral Services will be held 1:00 P.M. Tuesday, September 9th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home Jeff Collet officiating. Burial will follow at Lynchburg Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 11:00 A.M.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Delela Joyce Butler



Delela Joyce Butler, 80, of Shelbyville, passed away December 11, 2024 in Cabot, Arkansas. She was born February 11, 1942, in Booneville, Kentucky, to the late Elmer and Ella Baker.

Joyce, as she liked to be called, was married to the late Bobby Dean Butler of Shelbyville, TN. Husband and wife for 56 years, they met in Fort Ord, Ca., where they shared the oath of military service in the U.S. Army. Serving throughout the United States and Europe, this allowed them the chance to travel. Of the many places they have lived, Germany was the best of them all, where weekends were for traveling to wine country, historic castles and Christkindlmarkt's during Christmas.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, Joyce served honorably for 20 years as a nurse, where her assignments have taken her to many countries. Upon retiring from active duty, she continued serving as a nurse at the Veterans Administration, providing care to her fellow veterans.

Joyce relished the warm months of summer and enjoyed being outdoors. An avid gardener, it wasn't uncommon for her to volunteer you to 'snap beans' when it was time for canning. She embraced the time spent together. If she was grinning at you, you knew to grab a big bowl and find a comfortable chair; you're going to be there a while.

Joyce is a member of the Moose Lodge of Shelbyville, the Elks Lodge of Oklahoma, the V.F.W., the Baptist Church and a member of the Retired Enlisted Association.

Joyce is survived by her son, Brian (Michelle) Butler; daughters, Vanessa (Eldon) Sanders, Lisa (Thomas) Mansfield; brother, Carl Lee Baker; sister, Linda Crocker; nine grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Roger Baker.

"A Gathering of Friends and Celebration of Life" will be held Saturday, September 13th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home in Shelbyville from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Afterwards, Joyce will be laid to rest at the Jones Family Cemetery next to her husband, Bobby Dean Butler.

Ricky L. McConnell



Ricky L. McConnell, age 67, of Shelbyville, TN., passed from this life suddenly Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at his residence. Per the family's wishes, his remains will be cremated.

Ricky McConnell was born on June 20, 1958, in Shelbyville, Tennessee, to the late Edward Vernon McConnell and Milbrey Phillips McConnell. A devoted public servant, Ricky dedicated 32 years to the Shelbyville City Fire Department, rising through the ranks from Firefighter and Inspector to Fire Chief. His commitment to service extended beyond his community—he proudly served his country for 33 years in the Army National Guard, including two deployments during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Ricky was also a faithful member of Southside Church of Christ, where he found strength and fellowship throughout his life.

Survivors include his devoted wife of 37 years; Valerie Cook McConnell, children; Phillip (Britney) McConnell and Stasha McConnell all of Shelbyville, grandchildren; Chloe McConnell, Kirstin McConnell, Avery McConnell, Elizabeth "Lizzy" McConnell, sister; Judy (Charlie) Caffey of Murfreesboro, Madlyn (Barry) Lester of Lascassas, TN and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were be held Sunday, August 31, 2025, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Pastors Tim Gunels and Yram Lopez officiating.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society or Wounded Warriors Project.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com

Joe William Sons



Joe William Sons, 88, of Lynchburg, died September 4, 2025, after an extended illness. He was born February 3, 1937, in Moore County; a retired 50-year law enforcement veteran; a Veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of Emmanuel Church Pentecostal.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard Levoy Sons Sr. and Daisy Flossie Burns Sons; a son, Ricky Joe Sons; grandsons, Travis Wade Sons, Tyler Andrew Sons; two sisters, Jean Vaughn and Faye Carter.

Joe is survived by his wife of 70 years, Viola Mae Powell Sons; his children, Timothy Ray (Regina) Sons, Dennis Troy (Tammy) Sons, Anthony Wade (Sandra) Sons, Connie Sons Adams (Ron), Sandi Sons Carter (James); brother, Leonard Levoy Sons Jr. (Kathy); sisters, Alice Nichols, Sue (Alvin) Clanton; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held 4:00 P.M. Sunday, September 7th, at Hillcrest Funeral home Rev. Ron Adams officiating. Burial will follow at Hickory Hill Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 2:00 P.M.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Janet Grace Smith



Janet Grace Smith, age 65, of Wartrace, TN., passed from this life on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at home under the care of her family and Gentiva Hospice.

Born on October 13, 1959, in Bangor, Maine, Janet was the daughter of the late Philip Hanson and Margaret Louise Wasson King. A graduate of Brewer High School, Class of 1978, she went on to build a successful career as a supervisor in the auto parts manufacturing industry, working with companies across the United States.

Janet found joy in the simple pleasures of country life—fishing, watching deer from her back porch, and soaking in the quiet beauty of nature.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, John Allen Smith; significant other, Rick Tucker; and brother-in-law, Pete Phelon.

Janet is survived by her sons: Bryan (Julia) Smith of Wartrace, TN., and Adam (Keisha) Smith of Shelbyville, TN; grandchildren: David (Rosario), Miranda, Caleb, Pierce, and Stori and great-grandson: Lucas. She is also survived by her siblings, Philip King Jr. of Tullahoma and Patricia Phelan of Wartrace; nieces and nephews; Amy (William) Cookson of Wartrace, TN., Rebecca (Stacy) Phelan, of Winchester, TN., Luther (Denise) Phelan, of Maine; as well as additional nieces, nephews, extended family members, and cherished bonus children, Augustin (Noemi) Reyes and Paulino (Araceli) Reyes.

Janet chose cremation with no public services.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com.

Caregiver Relief Program of Bedford County

Chili Supper, Scavenger Hunt & Silent Auction

Supporting families impacted by Alzheimer's disease & other dementias

Tuesday, September 30, 2025
5-7pm
Fair Haven Baptist Church
2726 Highway 231 N, Shelbyville TN

Tickets $10, at the door or by calling 931-685-9039.
Donations accepted to participate in the scavenger hunt.

The Caregiver Relief Program Scavenger Hunt list will be released on Friday, Sept. 26, via our website and Facebook page. Printed lists will also be available at our office at 500 Elm St. Completed scavenger hunt lists must be submitted to our office before noon on September 30 or by 5:30 at the chili supper. Winners will be announced at 6. Prizes will be Wal-Mart gift Cards. You do not have to be present to win.

Silent Auction Bidding will be open until 6:30

Email us at: admin@caregiverreliefbedfordco.org or call 931-685-9039 to request a scavenger hunt list or to become a sponsor for our event.

Paypal: admin@caregiverreliefbedfordco.org
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Special guests assist Tony Rice Center at TWHNC food booth

The Tony Rice Center had another successful year at the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration with their food booth.

The group was well represented. Some very special guests took the time to stop by and greet customers this year. (See photos.)

The list of guests (not pictured) also included: Council members Josh Blevins and Marilyn Ewing; Commissioners Keith Davis and Sylvia Pinson.

TRC is a local recovery treatment center for men, specializing in the therapeutic (emotional and physical) care of those suffering from addiction. The facility is located on Railroad Avenue.

The Shelbyville Times-Gazette was proud to be one of TRC's business sponsors for its food booth this year.

The menu included tacos, fish sandwiches and pork rinds.



Tony Rice Center Executive Director Cody Harris and Tennessee State Representative Pat Marsh



State Sen. Shane Reeves, TRC's Cody Harris, State Rep. Pat Marsh and TRC Volunteer Chris Clay



County Commissioner Greg Vick and friends

Death Notices

Lonnie C. Trice

Lonnie C. Trice, age 89, of Knoxville, TN., passed away on Monday, September 08, 2025, in Knoxville, TN. He was a native of Maury County, TN., and the son of the late Fred Leon Trice and Mamie Sue Davis Trice. He was retired from the Tennessee Highway Patrol as a trooper for over 22 years. He later worked as a salesman selling automotive parts. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Jo Ann Black Trice.

He is survived by his children, Fred (Susan) Trice, Stephen Trice, Mary Ogan, Molly Cole, Joe (Wendy) Cole.

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

John W. Sanford

John W. Sanford, age 75, of College Grove, TN., passed away on September 5, 2025, at his residence. He was a native of Franklin, TN., and a son of the late Charles Warner "Mickey" Sanford and Pauline Johnson Sanford. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, James "Jim" Sanford, and Charles "Wolf" Sanford.

Mr. Sanford is survived by wife of 56 years, Gail Rollins Sanford of College Grove, TN; children; Chris W. (Courtney) Sanford of Chapel Hill, Amanda Sanford Young of Unionville.

Lawrence Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Barbara Ruth Maze Brown Rust

Barbara Ruth Maze Brown Rust passed on Friday, September 5, 2025, at 90 years of age in Manchester at her daughter's home after a lengthy illness.

Barbara was born in Maxwell, TN., to the late Tennessee Cozetta Maze Brown Stone and Alton Maze on July 26, 1935. An only child, she was raised by her stepfather Pascal Cooper Brown. Barbara met Henry Rust at Franklin County High and got married in Trenton, Georgia on February 28, 1953. Henry and Barbara were blessed with three children. She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry B. Rust, mother, father, and son, Howell Rust. Survivors include: Ruthie Frassrand (David) of Manchester, Brenda Hitt (Brent) of Normandy.

Henry and Barbara were the long-time owners of Northside Clocks in Manchester.

Feldhaus Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Marshall Baker

Surrounded by his family, Richard (Dick) M. Baker passed on September 8, 2025. He was predeceased by his parents, Dan and Alta Lee Baker; wife Carolyn Baker; daughter Marcie Baker.

Survivors include daughter Pam (Billy) Longshore; son Bric (Emily) Baker, son Chad Baker.

Dick Baker was born on February 6, 1936, in Birmingham, Alabama, as part of the Baker Dairy family.

He thrived at Baylor playing football for 4 years. The highlight of his time at Baylor was meeting Carolyn Sue Simmons. They were married for 61 years until her death on July 30, 2017.

Feldhaus Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Shelbyville Mayor Randy Carroll



City Council member Betsy Noel



Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham

HOWS YOUR MATE?

By Bill Bobb

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HELP US GROW OUR YOUTH ARTS PROGRAM ON VOLUNTEER SATURDAY

The Fly is asking for volunteers to help with the cleanup of their lower level on **Saturday, September 13, 2025** from **9am to 4pm**.

This special day of service is dedicated to helping make way for new Youth Arts programming, which will include children's theatre, visual arts and media arts.

Grab your work gloves, bring your enthusiasm and help The Fly make our new Youth Arts initiatives a reality. Whether you're a longtime supporter or a first-time visitor, everyone is welcome to join in this important community effort.

Interested volunteers can sign up at https://flyartscenter.ludus.com/volunteer.

4th Annual Shelbyville
POSTCARD & PAPER MEMORABILIA
Fall Show

THE FLY ARTS CENTER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025
9AM - 3PM

Blue Raiders show fight early, fall at Wisconsin

MT ATHLETICS

MADISON, Wis. – Middle Tennessee struck first and hung tough early, but Wisconsin pulled away after halftime in a 42-10 loss Saturday at Camp Randall Stadium.

Jacob Hathaway opened the scoring with a 27-yard field goal, and after a Badger surge, Damonte Smith's interception set up Nicholas Vattiato's four-yard touchdown pass to Hunter Tipton that cut the deficit to 14-10 at the break.

Vattiato finished with 197 passing yards and a score, with Nahzae Cox hauling in three catches for 75 yards. Muaaz Byard led the defense with nine tackles.

By the Numbers:
9: Muaaz Byard recorded a career-best nine tackles to lead the Blue Raiders
7: Middle Tennessee tallied seven tackles-for-loss
1: Damonte Smith caught his first career interception, a change in possession that saw the Blue Raiders score on the following drive

Blue Raider Notes:
Offensive Player Notes
#1 | Nahzae Cox | WR | Jr.
His 37-yard catch in the first quarter was his longest since 2023 when he hauled in a 42 yarder for Fresno City College.
Recorded 75 receiving yards on the day, the most of his Division I career.

#11 | Nick Vattiato | QB | r-Jr.
Made his team-leading 26th straight start today
Finished 20-of-31 for 197 yards with a touchdown

#82 | Hunter Tipton| TE| Sr.
Hauled in his first touchdown pass since 2023 at Northeast Oklahoma A&M and just the second of his collegiate career. Tipton grabbed a 4-yard pass from Vattiato just before the half to bring the Blue Raiders to a 14-10 score.

#50 | Ikani Tuiono | OL | r-Sr.
Made his first Blue Raider start today when he lined up at right guard

Defensive Player Notes
#35 | Muaaz Byard| LB | r-Jr.
Made his second career start today against Wisconsin
Recorded a career-high nine tackles, including 1.5 TFLs, to lead the team against the Badgers

#18 | Kalen Woods | S | r-Jr.
Recorded a career-best four tackles and matched his career high with two solo tackles

#25 | Jackson Lowe| CB | r-Fr.
Made his first collegiate start at right corner for the Blue Raiders at Wisconsin
He finished the game with a career-best five tackles to go with his first TFL

#47 | Chayce Smith | LB | r-So.
Made his Blue Raider debut today against the Badgers
Tallied a career-high three tackles on the day

#92 | Damonte Smith | DT | r-Sr.
Recorded his first career interception late in the second quarter to set the Blue Raiders up at the Wisconsin 12-yard line. MTSU would score two plays later to close the gap at the half.
After collecting 2.5 TFLs against APSU, Smith had 1.5 TFLs in the loss to Wisconsin to give him a team-best 4.0 for the year. Smith entered the 2025 season with 6.0 career TFLs.

Special Teams Player Notes
#99| Jacob Hathaway | PK | Gr.
Attempted and made his first career Blue Raider field goal in the first quarter. Connected on a 27-yard FG to give MTSU an early 3-0 lead.
Up Next
The Blue Raiders (0-2) will continue their road stand, heading next to Nevada next Saturday. Kickoff is set for 4 p.m. CT on MW.com and over the air on the Blue Raider Network.



Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

Lady Champs' Comstock Nets Hat Trick in Win Against Viqueens

BY NOAH MADDOX
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UNIONVILLE, Tenn. – In the first 'Battle of Bedford' of 2025, the Cascade Lady Champions (3-0-0, 2-0-0) took down the Community Viqueens (0-2-0, 0-1-0), 5-0, thanks to a hat trick from sophomore forward Lexi Comstock.

In both sides' first contest since August 21st due to the Horse Show Break, Cascade came out looking like their usual possession-dominant selves, and they earned a penalty in just the 3rd minute when Brinlie Collet was taken down in the box. Olivia Winnett stepped up to take the penalty, powering home her third goal of the season into the bottom left corner to put the Lady Champs ahead, 1-0.

One minute later, Comstock's tame attempt was saved by Alana Tate as Cascade kept up the pressure.

In the 12th minute, Kaylee Martin nearly scored after Comstock's sizzling pass across the box was sent just wide of the Viqueens' goal by Martin.

In the 17th minute, Cascade once again was awarded a penalty following another foul in the box after Comstock dribbled through a couple of defenders. Collet stepped up and slotted home her fourth goal of the season into the bottom right corner to double Cascade's lead to 2-0.

Community registered its first shot-on-goal in the 32nd minute from a tame long range effort.

In the 34th minute, Comstock was played in behind, and she used her pace to pounce on the bouncing ball, bringing it under control before firing it home across goal into the left corner past a diving Tate to give the Lady Champs a 3-0 lead at halftime.

In the second half, it only took Cascade seven minutes to add on to its lead. In the 47th minute, Collet delivered a cross in from the left flank into the path of an onrushing Comstock, who re-directed the ball into the back of the net to extend Cascade's lead to 4-0.

Finally, in the 52nd minute, Comstock put the finishing touches on her incredible performance by completing her hat trick with a beautiful outside-of-the-box long-range curler into the top right corner to bring her season tally to a team-high six goals on the season and give Cascade a 5-0 lead.



Lexi Comstock (8) scored three goals in the win at Community. *T-G Staff Photo - Noah Maddox*

Eaglettes Take Down Blackman With Three First Half Goals

BY NOAH MADDOX
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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes (5-2-0) scored three goals in the first 20 minutes against the Blackman Blaze (2-3-0) to secure a 3-0 win at home on Tuesday.

Freshman forward Kyler Doak, who is one of three freshmen starting and one of seven starting underclassmen, tallied a brace, and she opened the scoring in just the 3rd minute. Doak pounced on an errant touch by Remeniece Henning in Blackman's backline before dribbling past the keeper, Isabel Kinsman, to pass the ball into the net and put Shelbyville ahead 1-0.

"They [underclassmen] are still growing their chemistry, and they bring a lot of good energy," said Eaglettes' head coach Casey Curry, "A lot of the girls knew each other from middle school, but we're still working on building up that chemistry in attack."

Doak had another shot attempt saved three minutes later. Then, in the 8th minute, Doak netted her second goal of the night after her shot went up and over Kinsman in goal from the right side of the box to double the Eaglettes' lead to 2-0.

In the 20th minute, sophomore Olivia Blackburn dribbled down the right flank, cutting inside onto her left foot and finding the back of the net at the far post in a one-on-one situation with Kinsman to extend Shelbyville's lead to 3-0 going into the halftime break.

In the second half, Malia Lawrence nearly got on the board for the Blaze, but a strong right-hand save by Yas McFarland preserved the clean sheet.

"I'm really proud of them because they're putting in what we're asking," said Curry, "We've played a lot of tough teams to start the season, so the scores don't always reflect accurately on how they played. Even so, there is still a lot we still have to work on."

Shelbyville controlled much of the game, and probably could have scored three more goals throughout the rest of the game. The one and two-touch passing gave Blackman problems, and the Eaglettes' counter-pressing sped the Blaze up all night long.

Shelbyville begins district play with a trip to Columbia Central on Thursday night.



Freshman Kyler Doak (18) tallied a brace in the 3-0 win against Blackman on Tuesday night. *T-G Staff Photo - Noah Maddox*

Golden Eagles Take Down Franklin In Thriller to Open Region Play

BY NOAH MADDOX
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FRANKLIN, Tenn. – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (1-2, 1-0) picked up their first win of the season on Saturday night, 15-14, at Franklin (1-2, 0-1) to kick off District 6-6A competition.

After Friday night's kickoff was forced to reschedule due to thunderstorms across the region, the Golden Eagles' defense held the Admirals to just 160 total yards in the nailbiting affair to allow Jackson Themm to kick the game-winning 21-yard field goal in walk-off fashion.

Despite the slim margin on the scoreboard, Shelbyville actually heavily outgained the Admirals, compiling more than 380 total yards compared to Franklin's 160. The hosts' quarterback, Ryder Gregg, was held to just 9/20 passing for 78 yards and one touchdown by a ferocious Golden Eagles' defense. The ground game didn't fare much better, as Shelbyville limited Franklin to just 88 yards on 21 attempts.

For Shelbyville, superstar tailback Robert Bailey amassed more than 150 yards on the ground, but it was the legs of Stephen Bobo that opened the scoring from one yard out in the first quarter. After a failed two-point conversion, the Golden Eagles took that 6-0 lead into the halftime locker room after neither team found points in the second quarter.

In the third quarter, Franklin finally found a way to get on the board after Gregg connected with Joseph Panaia from 12 yards out to take a 7-6 lead. After Shelbyville was forced to punt the ball on its next drive, Luke Thompson found enough space on the punt return for a 53-yard touchdown, giving Franklin an eight point lead, 14-6, heading into the fourth quarter.

In the fourth, Bailey found the end zone from six yards out for his only touchdown of the game, but after the two-point conversion attempt came up short, Shelbyville needed one more stop from its defense to have a chance to win the game.

After forcing a punt, Bobo directed his team down to the Franklin 4-yard line before Jackson Themm came on to attempt a go-ahead 21-yard field goal. Themm, kicking in place for the injured Johnathan Betzelberger and is the starting middle linebacker for Shelbyville, nailed just his second field goal attempt of the season to walk it off for the Golden Eagles, 15-14.



Jackson Themm (45) nailed the walk-off 21-yard field goal at Franklin to secure Shelbyville's first Region 6-6A win of the season on Saturday. *Photo courtesy of Shelbyville Central Football Facebook.*

Franklin falls to 1-2 (0-1) and is set to travel to Coffee County on Friday night.

Shelbyville improves to 1-2 (1-0) and returns to the Eagles' Nest for its 2025 home opener against the Independence Eagles on Friday night.

Cascade Suffers First Defeat of Season at Summertown

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SUMMERTOWN, Tenn. – The Cascade Champions (2-1) lost their first game of the 2025 season at Summertown (2-1), 23-21, on Friday night.

Nate Zimmerman surpassed 100 yards rushing for the first time this season for Cascade to go along with a pair of touchdowns. Sam Bradley finished 11/19 for 97 yards through the air with a passing touchdown. Bradley also tallied 52 yards rushing on nine attempts.

Meanwhile, the Eagles ran for 230 yards as a team, but it was a 58-yard catch-and-run completion from Max Dillard to McKaleb Powell with 7:30 left in the fourth quarter that put Summertown ahead for good.

Summertown opened the scoring on a 5-yard touchdown plunge by Dillard on the first drive of the game with 7:51 to go in the first quarter.

Cascade went three-and-out on its ensuing possession, giving Summertown great field position at the Champs' 43-yard line after a 17-yard punt return. However, Cascade's defense bowed up in the red zone, forcing Summertown to settle for a 27-yard field goal from Brad Hoffman to take a 10-0 lead with 3:55 to go in the first quarter.

The Champs responded by putting together their first touchdown drive of the night, capping it off with a one-yard leaping touchdown by Zimmerman to trim the lead to 10-7 with 10:19 left in the second quarter.

In response, Summertown took nearly eight minutes off the clock before finding the end zone from one yard out with Cainaan Klinghard to put the Eagles back up by 10 points, 17-7, with 2:39 left in the first half.

The Champs looked like they would at least tack on a field goal before halftime, but an illegal formation penalty led to an unsportsmanlike conduct foul which led to a fourth-and-twenty from the Eagles' 40-yard line with 19 seconds left. After Cascade failed to convert, both teams headed to the halftime locker room with Summertown leading, 17-7.

To start the second half, Cascade took the kickoff and drove into the end zone after generating some chunk plays in the passing game. Bradley ended the drive by finding Delontae Clay on a screen, and Clay did the rest to find the end zone from 21 yards out to trim the Eagles lead to just three points, 17-14, with 8:16 to go in the third quarter.



Nate Zimmerman (20) ran for 107 yards and 2 TDs on 25 attempts in the loss at Summertown on Friday night. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

Summertown used over seven minutes of clock on its ensuing possession, but were ultimately unable to trouble the Champs' defense and were forced to punt away with just under two minutes left in the third.

Cascade was aided by a facemask penalty on the second play of the drive that moved the ball all the way to the hosts' 46-yard line, and then Zimmerman capped off the drive with a 27-yard touchdown run to put the visitors in front for the first time all night, 21-17, with 10:44 left in the fourth quarter.

However, on the ensuing drive for the Eagles, Dillard connected with Powell on one of the only pass attempts all night long for Summertown, giving the hosts a 23-21 lead that they would not relinquish.

Cascade reached the Eagles' 37-yard line on the next possession, but after failing to convert on fourth-and-eleven, Summertown regained possession with just 3:52 remaining in the fourth. After Klinghard picked up six yards on a third-and-five, Summertown was able to run out the rest of the clock and secure its second win of the season.

Cascade falls to 2-1.

People Around Town

Veteran's Resource Fair





QUILT OF VALOR PRESENTED DURING VETERANS FAIR

Vietnam Veteran Glenn Blythe received his Quilt of Valor at the recent Veterans Resource Fair. He was a sergeant in the US Army, serving from 1967-1970. He is currently a resident of Tennessee State Veterans Home. Amy Martin made the official presentation. At right is Cooking with a Veteran representative Jesus Fuentes.













TIME TO CELEBRATE!

BC Communications Photo

Liberty School students dressed in bright colors-face paint and all- recently in honor of Homecoming. Liberty recently got a new addition and a ribbon cutting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 18 at 5:30 p.m.

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