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School proficiency rates the highlight of monthly Commission meeting

By Dawn Hankins
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Bedford County Schools Superintendent Tammy Garrett received praise and applause Tuesday night, following her quarterly report which informed the Board of Commissioners that local learning percentages are up, based on state data for last school year.

As for demographics, which people often ask her about, Garrett said 47% of Bedford County students are currently considered economically disadvantaged. She said 12% have disabilities and 16% are English learners.

In achievement, regarding proficient students, English Language Arts (ELA) was up about 3% over last year. The system was up about 10% since 2021, according to the superintendent.

"If you think about how many students that is, there are about 870 more students who are proficient," said Garrett, praising administrators, students and educators.

In science last year, the system went up about 1.7% and is up about 11.5% in science since 2021. The growth area, she said, is social studies. She said the system is at the same level as previous year but up by about 8.5% since 2021.

She praised two top schools-Cascade Elementary and Thomas Magnet-both which had the highest proficiency rates in the system. Thomas was 82.2% proficient in math and Cascade Elementary was at 64.7% proficiency in math.

In ELA, Thomas Magnet was 82.1% proficient and Cascade Elementary was 54.1% proficient.

The superintendent had some "shout outs" and said Thomas third grade ELA was 92.3% proficient. She called that phenomenal and recognized a third-grade teacher present. There was applause.

Garrett said Thomas Magnet 7th grade math and Thomas' Algebra I was 100% proficient. Cascade third grade was 71.7% proficient in its math scores.

"In growth for the district, the district composite was a level 3 [out of possible 5.] We had six level 5 schools."

Those level 5 schools are: Shelbyville Central High, Cascade Middle and High School, Community High, East Side Elementary and Cartwright Elementary.

"Our growth area will be our middle schools," said Garrett. "We've got some work to do in our middle schools."

Commissioner John Boutwell commended Garrett and her "team" for the work they've done toward increasing the proficiency rate.

Commissioner Syvia Pinson thanked Garrett for allowing students to participate recently in the Great American Mule Festival.

County Mayor Chad Graham was absent. Commissioner Biff Farrar presided. Sixteen of the 18 Commissioners were present for the monthly meeting.

In other County business:

• Register of Deeds Johnny Reed said during his quarterly report that 336 deeds were recorded this quarter and 152 quick claim deeds and 5 trustee deeds. More documents were done this quarter and a total of $651,945 went through the office. More people he said are signing up for the property

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FUTURE FIREFIGHTERS IN ACTION

Photo by Brian Bruce

Dawson Bruce and Zippy Sabastian helped out during the Normandy Volunteer Fire Department Chili Supper last Saturday night. A great turnout was reported. See firefighter photo on pg. 7.

Wartrace native Erica Wright now prolific writer

Author shares childhood memories at annual Friends of Library lunch

By Dawn Hankins

As Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library continues to celebrate its 10th year in its current facility, it was only fitting that author Erica Wright serve as guest speaker for the annual Friends of the Library luncheon, held on Tuesday at the Blue Ribbon Circle. She shared her experiences of reading at the local library as a child.

Formerly of Wartrace, Wright brought with her to the luncheon several of her books, including "Famous in Cedarville" which she says was formed from her childhood memories in Bedford County. She read a portion to the audience as they dined on a box lunch.

"I knew I wanted to write about Wartrace," said Wright. "But I didn't want to be held accountable for every detail I had forgotten."

She told the room full of avid readers (obvious when free books were announced) that she had fond memories of visiting the library here (Argie Cooper Public Library.) She recalled sitting in the library's "animal chairs" as a child and reading books like the "Yellow Pelican."

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T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

Guest author Erica Wright, formerly of Wartrace, reads an excerpt from one of her books during the Friends of the Library annual fall luncheon, held Tuesday at the Blue Ribbon Circle. See more photos on pg. 3.

'The group turned toward the house, clambering up the rotting steps. The place used to be a showstopper, or so all the locals said.'

-Excerpt from "Famous in Cedarville" by author Erica Wright

Grant to provide new learning opportunities at library

During the recent Friends of the Library luncheon, SBCPL Director Margaret Petty discussed a tremendous federal grant recently received.

The grant for $630,000 was awarded through a broadband initiative administered by the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (TNECD). This investment will provide broadband access and digital opportunity programs to more than 97,000 Tennesseans across 75 counties.

Petty told patrons Tuesday that locally, funds will be used to add a patio portion-complete with solar panels- to the back of the commons room of the library. She said the room will be used for classes and workshops and children's reading times.

Currently in the planning stages, construction is expected to start March 1, depending on weather. Completion date is set for June. The grant must be used by next October.

Halloween coloring page contest

Check out our Halloween coloring page contest on pg. 5 today!
Submit to the T-G. Judges will select the best for a $25 gift card! Others to be printed in T-G edition.





SERVING THE 'LEAST OF THESE'

Photo by Trenton Harris

Shelbyville Police Officer Josh Graves recently took time out of his day to help this senior across the street to a safer place. Graves has been recognized by SPD for his exemplary service.



HISTORIC 'HAUNTED' UPTOWN TOURS CONTINUE

Photo by Calvin Cannon

Last Saturday night marked another great Historic 'Haunted' Uptown Tour. See the Bedford Briefs inside today for more 'haunted' tour information.

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Eaglettes advance to Championship

Shelbyville advances to take on Franklin County in the title game on Thursday night at 6:30 p.m.

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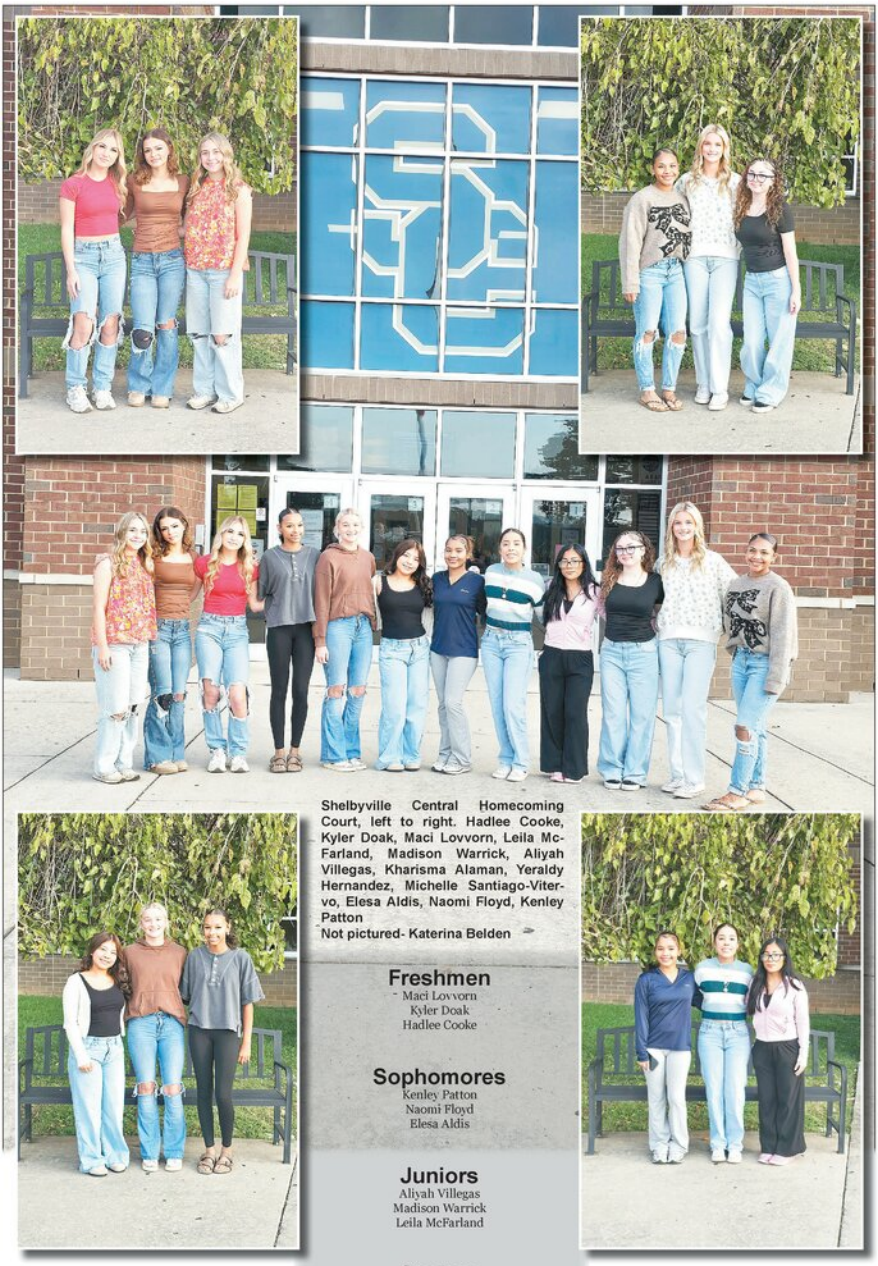
Shelbyville Central Homecoming Court announced



Shelbyville Central Homecoming Court, left to right. Hadlee Cooke, Kyler Doak, Maci Lovvorn, Leila McFarland, Madison Warrick, Aliyah Villegas, Kharisma Alaman, Yeraldy Hernandez, Michelle Santiago-Vitervo, Elesa Aldis, Naomi Floyd, Kenley Patton
Not pictured- Katerina Belden

Freshmen
Maci Lovvorn
Kyler Doak
Hadlee Cooke

Sophomores
Kenley Patton
Naomi Floyd
Elesa Aldis

Juniors
Aliyah Villegas
Madison Warrick
Leila McFarland

Seniors
Kharisma Alaman
Yeraldy Hernandez
Michelle Santiago-Vitervo
Not pictured- Katerina Belden

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fraud alert, which is free through the register of deeds office.

• County Clerk Donna Thomas reported for the quarter there were 21,606 transactions in her office. There was a total $629,000 collected through her office. The County's portion of revenue was $275,000. Total transactions in the clerk's office are down 1% over this time last year. She said it seems fewer people here are buying vehicles/ registering vehicles. Total collections are down 3%. However, BC revenue is up by 2%, which she said is largely due to a lot of passport applications. She said that's a high percentage of dollars per transaction, Thomas advised.

• Commissioners approved to set the local rate for out of county prisoners at $75.03 per day. However, commissioners have a plan to revisit this rate as they believe the County may need to ask for more dollars regarding its prisoner services. This $75.03 rate does not include state prisoners which are at a set rate of $43 a day. Finance Director Robert Daniel said most of the out of county prisoners of late are coming out of Dekalb County. A new jail is being proposed there.

• Commissioners approved a contract between Vanderbilt Bedford County Hospital and Bedford County School System for health services.

Joint Information Center Established for Bucksnort Explosion

A Joint Information Center (JIC) has been established in Bucksnort, Tennessee, to coordinate information related to the explosion at Accurate Energetic Systems, LLC, in Humphreys and Hickman counties.

Hickman and Humphreys County Sheriff's Offices along with the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives are leading the investigation.

All media coordination, inquiries, and information requests should be directed to:

BucksnortIncident2025@gmail.com

PIOs from multiple agencies are on site supporting unified messaging and response coordination. Please route all official updates and media contact through the JIC to ensure consistency and accuracy.

Further coordination updates will be provided as the incident progresses.

Grace Baptist Church
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10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
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Wed., Oct. 22
7:00 p.m.
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WRIGHT

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Wright recounted the time she contracted scarlet fever and her mother went to the library off the square and checked out the maximum number of books allowed. Daughter of Paula and Kevin Wright, she says she will never forget that tower of reading material her mother brought home.

In fact, it might just be what eventually set her on her path to being an author. That did not occur right away but after she received her degree in English.

Wright no doubt has put Bedford County/Wartrace on the map as a professional poet and novelist. Her latest mystery "Hollow Bones" (Severn House) was called "an incredibly rich work of literature" in the Nashville Scene.

Her essay collection "Snake" (Bloomsbury) was one of LitReactor's Best Books of 2020. Wright said yes, she wrote a book about snakes. In fact, she said snakes appear somewhat in most of her novels, though her agent has requested she tone down that aspect in future novels.

By happenstance, one has actually snuck in again, she says with a grin.

Wright will soon be releasing two books in 2026: the poetry collection "A Buyer's Guide to the Afterlife" (Black Lawrence Press) which she says reflects her experiences as parent and the mystery "The Museum of Unusual Occurrence" (Severn House).

Her poems have appeared in Arts & Letters, Blackbird, Denver Quarterly, New Orleans Review, and The Rumpus.

Now a resident of Knoxville, she was the senior poetry editor at Guernica Magazine for more than a decade and has taught at Bellevue University in Nebraska. She holds degrees from New York University and Columbia University.

While living in places like New York City, Atlanta, Ga., Gainesville, Fla., Nashville, Houston, Texas and Washington D.C., Wright says she's visited every library possible. In fact, when she moved to D.C., she said she immediately got her driver's license so she could get her library card.

She admits not all libraries are the same. Perhaps she was spoiled as a child perusing the well-organized Bedford County book shelves.

The author shared while she's not an avid reader of Stephen King novels, she agrees with a statement he once made, "Books are a uniquely portable magic."

Friends of the Library Chair Jessica Osborne Calahan opened and closed the program.

SBCPL Director Margaret Petty shared some exciting news about a new grant the library has received.

This year's Friends luncheon was in memory of Rheaetta Farrar Wilson, who passed on July 19. Farrar was a former library board trustee, foundation members and a local educator for many years.

During the invocation, Rev. Eddie Watson described Wilson as a "gentle heart" and "someone who always put the needs of others before her own."

With lots of emotion from presenters, Farrar received her final accolades and was memorialized Tuesday for her endless support of the local library and community.

"Without her fierce loyalty, our new library building would not have been possible," said SBCPL Director Petty.



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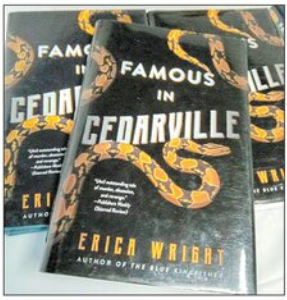







PUBLIC NOTICE

The Shelbyville Public Works Department will hold their 2025 Fall Clean-Up Week October 20th through October 23rd. The City will be running normal route pickup throughout the week and clean-up items will be picked up the same day as your normal trash is picked up. Questions may be directed to, Public Works Department at 684-2644 during normal business hours.

Please keep in mind that these items are only picked up for free by the Shelbyville Public Works Department during Spring and Fall Clean-Up Weeks each year.

NO hazardous material will be picked up. All items must be placed curb side on your normal trash pickup day. If you require assistance, please call 684-2644 and we will be glad to help.

New Rules and Guidelines have been adopted by the Shelbyville City Council and are listed below for your convenience. The Rules and Guidelines may also be found on the Public Works website: http://www.shelbyvilletn.org/publicworks.htm

Lisa Smith, City Recorder
Buck Vallad, Public Works Director

Spring and Fall City Wide Clean up Rules and Guidelines

THIS PROGRAM IS PROVIDED FOR RESIDENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF SHELBYVILLE CITY LIMITS

Fall Clean-up Dates: October 20, 2025 – October 23, 2025

- Bulk items such as furniture (couches, chairs, tables, mattresses), carpeting and appliances, must be placed curbside sorted and stacked in a neat and orderly manner no later than 6:00 AM the morning before your scheduled cleanup day and no earlier than a week before your cleanup day. Bulk collection starts on Monday; however, actual collection time will vary due to total volume and type of materials set out. This program is for items that are not normally hauled by your trash service.
- Items must be sorted and stacked separately with like items such as wood, metal and household items.
- All City residents have one pick-up per household. Any items placed curbside after pick-up will not be picked up by the City.
- All mattresses must be placed in a mattress bag which can be purchased from retail stores such as Amazon, Lowe's and Walmart ETC...
- Any items containing glass, the glass must be secured with plastic or tape to eliminate breaking.
- Paint and/or paint cans will not be accepted. Paint and paint cans can be disposed of at the city transfer station located at 712 Blue Ribbon Parkway Shelbyville, TN 37160.
- All rims must be removed from tires before being placed curbside. Any tires with rims still left in them will not be picked up. There is a limit of 4 tires maximum per household.
- Any items left curbside after pick-up will be in violation of International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) 308.1 Accumulation of Rubbish or Garbage and Municipal Code Title 8 Health and sanitation section 8-209 Keeping Property clean.
- Failure to follow spring and fall city wide clean up rules and guidelines will result in items not being picked up.

PROHIBITED MATERIALS

- Materials such as roofing materials, tile, concrete, bricks, stones, etc., automotive body parts, engines, transmissions, batteries, used oil, paint, insecticides, chemicals and hazardous waste will not be collected.
- No biohazardous materials will be accepted such as blades, needles or anything containing bodily fluids.

This is a free service provided by the City of Shelbyville. The City reserves the right to refuse any items for Cleanup that do not meet the criteria of the program. Questions/Comments should be directed to the Public Works Department at 931-684-2644.

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Cain's Descendants

In the land of Nod, Cain found a wife. The following is reported concerning Cain's descendants in Genesis 4: 17ff: Cain lay with his wife, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. Cain was then building a city, and he named it after his son Enoch. 18 To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad was the father of Mehujael, and Mehujael was the father of Methushael, and Methushael was the father of Lamech. 19 Lamech married two women, one named Adah and the other Zillah. 20 Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who live in tents and raise livestock.

21 His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all who play the harp and flute.
22 Zillah also had a son, Tubal-Cain, who forged all kinds of tools out of [g] bronze and iron. Tubal-Cain's sister was Naamah.



23 Lamech said to his wives,
"Adah and Zillah, listen to me;
wives of Lamech, hear my words.
I have killed [h] a man for wounding me,
a young man for injuring me.
24 If Cain is avenged seven times,
then Lamech seventy-seven times."

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The winner selected will win a $25 gift card and will be featured in an issue of the Times-Gazette. Please make sure the child's name and contact information accompanies their coloring page submission.

THANK YOU!

We thank the following sponsors for their participation in this contest, Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library, First Presbyterian Church, Dixie Doodle Boutique in Unionville, Tina Davenport-Shield of Shelter Insurance and local artist Crystal O'Neal of Shelbyville.





Ghostly Graveyard Cake

- 1 box chocolate cake mix
- 10 chocolate creme cookies
- 1 cup black melting chips
- 1 cup red melting chips
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 3 cans buttercream icing
- 1 purple food coloring
- 1 black food coloring
- skull sprinkles
- tombstones and bones candies

1. Prepare cake mix according to package instructions in three 6-inch baking pans. Once baked, allow to completely cool outside of pans.

2. In zip-top bag, using rolling pin, crush chocolate creme cookies; set aside.

3. In separate small bowls, add black melting chips and red melting chips.

4. In microwave, heat heavy whipping cream 1 1/2 minutes. Pour half the mixture into one bowl of chips and other half into other bowl of chips. Stir until chips are completely melted; set aside.

5. After cakes cool, on cake board, add small amount of buttercream icing so cake sticks. Using bread knife, level cakes.

6. Place one cake on cake board and add thin layer of icing on top. Place second layer of cake on top and add thin layer of icing on top. Place final layer of cake on top and add thin layer of icing on top. Add thin layer of icing to entire cake. Freeze 15 minutes.

7. In small bowl, mix two parts purple food coloring to one part black food coloring. Ice cake with deep purple icing. Using grooved scraper, scrape along sides of cake. Using angled spatula, smooth top of cake.

8. Add skull sprinkles around edges of cake. Using piping bag with small opening at tip, drip black drip mixture around top edges of cake. Repeat using red drip mixture.

9. Add chocolate creme cookie crumbs to top of cake. Add tombstones and bone sprinkles to top of cake.

Costume your way to a howling good Halloween

By DAWN HANKINS

Candy may be the mainstay of Halloween but picking out the best costume is always fun and sets the spooky mood.

On Tuesday night, volunteers and staff at Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library hosted a costume workshop. Rocky Derryberry said his wife Emilee' serves as children's librarian at SBCPL; he's been volunteering on and off for a few years.

"When they received a grant to work on the makerspace, the director knew that I had some experience with 3D printing and costuming. She asked if I would lead some of the classes/workshops."

Derryberry says he started actively creating costumes in 2014, when he and his wife began attending comic conventions and really liked the environment. They especially are fans of dragon Con held in Atlanta, Ga., every Labor Day weekend. It's a large gathering of 80,000 people celebrating comics, science, anime and many other "nerdy" topics, according to Derryberry.

"The community is very accepting and helpful to those who find interest. I am just glad to pass on some of the knowledge that I was able to get from others."

Derryberry said the hope is that the library space, recently donated from board members, will be fully developed into an area where people can schedule time to use the equipment.

"It's all still in process and for the moment, we are trying to offer workshops twice a month for people to come in and make use of the facilities and answer questions that anyone might have."

So, get your "cosplans" on and hit the library "hall."

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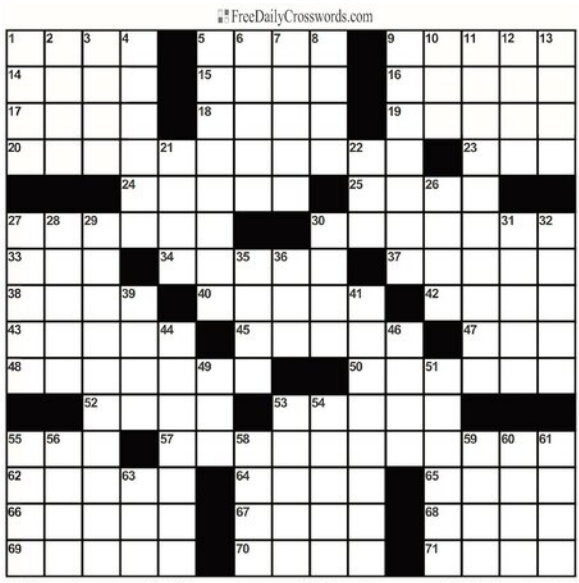
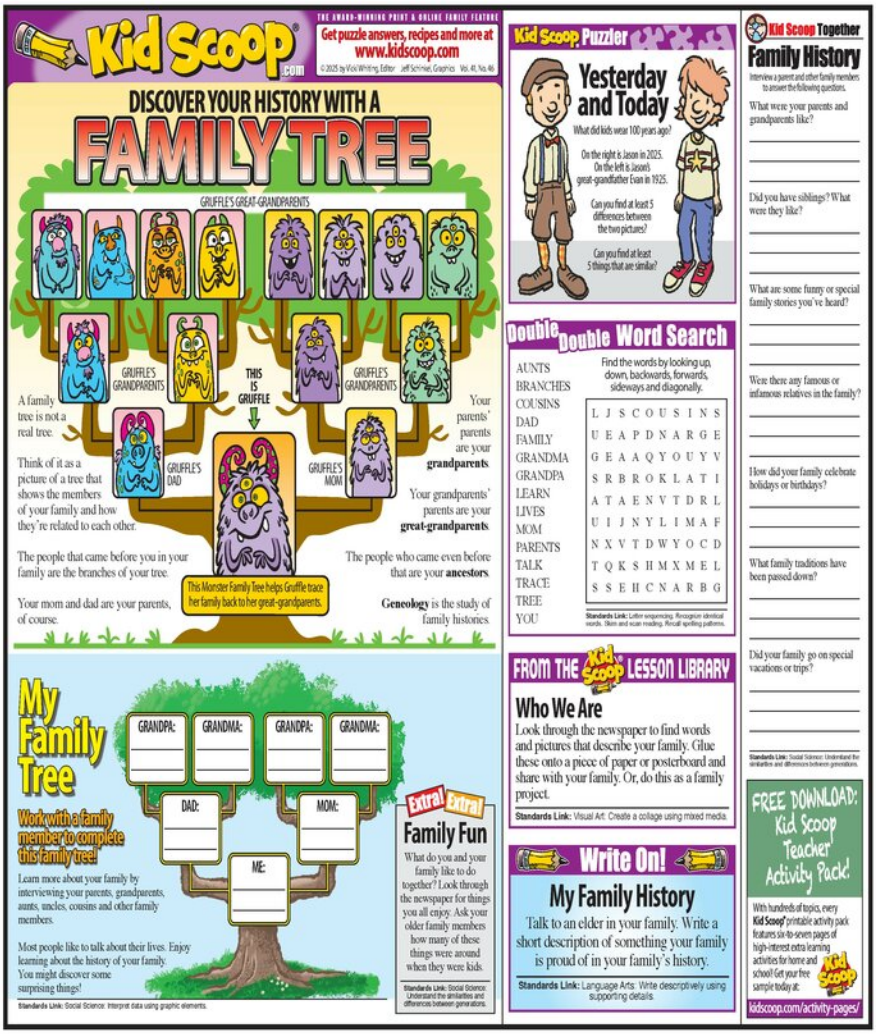


CLUES ACROSS

1) Word with "-A-Rama"
5) Parting words
9) Errand runner
14) Common cosmetics ingredient
15) Prefix for "dynamic"
16) Caterpillar, initially
17) Turkish currency
18) Car wash supply
19) Had a home-cooked meal
20) Wild fights
23) Forest denizen
24) Breakfast staple
25) "___ I care!"
27) Do more origami work
30) Visible blight
33) Geller with the spoons
34) Bear that's not really a bear
37) Indication of police action
38) Fail to see
40) Flounder in water
42) Easy dupes
43) Group of eight
45) Place for a barbecue
47) Romanian currency
48) Parents and some poker players
50) Car front
52) "Big Brother" host
53) Very pale
55) Brain of a PC
57) Feature of a disorderly fight
62) Certain shooting iron
64) Aquarium growth
65) Doing nothing
66) Like Santa's workers
67) Department store section
68) Exciting star
69) Some bridge seats
70) Young winged god of the Greeks
71) Happy and appreciative

CLUES DOWN

1) With no need to part?
2) Miscellaneous assortment
3) No longer new, as clothing
4) Primitive shelter
5) Bridgetown's place
6) Decade makeup
7) Grain bane
8) "Eh"
9) Spectacles
10) Horse's nibble
11) Wild melee
12) There is no good in it
13) Captain or general, e.g.
21) Egg part
22) Mary___ cosmetics
26) Egyptian goddess
27) Bit of gossip
28) Longtime "All My Children" character
29) Brawl ingredients
30) Point to the right?
31) Drive away
32) Follow, as a consequence
35) High mountains
36) Hawaii's Mauna___
39) Window frame
41) Elaborate Catholic ritual
44) Intensifies
46) Black-and-white cookie
49) Biochemistry abbr.
51) What six outs constitute
53) Freud contemporary
54) Music-score sign
55) Ship workers
56) Carpet feature
58) Everyone has one
59) Heroic person, to some
60) Edible seaweed
61) Honey-based drink
63) On, as a candle



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 November 30, 2021, executed by BILL JAMES GRIMES AKA BILL GRIMES JR. conveying certain real property therein described to ARNOLD W. WEISS, ESQ. WEISS SPICER CASH, PLLC, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee recorded December 7, 2021, in Deed Book TD1034, Page 788; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to UNITED WHOLESALE MORTGAGE, 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 November 14, 2025 at or about 11:00 AM at the main entrance to the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, to wit:

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BEDFORD, STATE OF TENNESSEE, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND IN THE 10TH CIVIL DISTRICT OF BEDFORD COUNTY, STATE OF TENNESSEE, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING FROM THE MIDDLE OF A COOPERTOWN ROAD (ROVER-LONGVIEW ROAD) AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTHEAST SIDE 225.5 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH SIDE 202 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE WEST SIDE 162 FEET; AND THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE 202.5 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO POINT OF BEGINNING, BY ESTIMATION.

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THE NORMANDY TEAM

Photo by Brian Bruce

Normandy Volunteer Firefighters got together for this group picture before getting ready for the annual chili supper fundraiser.

Kings BBQ Named Grand Champion of Jack Daniel's World Championship Invitational Barbecue

Lynchburg – Last weekend, the 36th Annual Jack Daniel's World Championship Invitational Barbecue in Lynchburg awarded Jacksonville, Fla.-based barbecue team Kings BBQ the title of Grand Champion, earning $25,000 and the chance to defend its trophy at next year's competition.

"From start to finish, this competition is about celebrating the barbecue community," said Ryan King, pitmaster, Kings BBQ. "They host it for us, and winning it means I've accomplished a long-term goal. It means the world to stand among the best and come out on top."

King has spent over a decade growing his passion for barbecue, which is rooted in his Southern upbringing. Through years of competition across the Southeast U.S., King has built a brand known for bold flavors and exceptional quality. His dedication was rewarded Saturday night with one of the most prestigious titles in competitive barbecue.

This year, 91 teams from around the world including Australia, Brazil, Switzerland and more competed at The Jack™ in categories including Pork Ribs, Pork Shoulder/Butts, Beef Brisket, Chicken, Dessert, Jack Daniel's Sauce, and Cook's Choice/"Home Cookin' from the Homeland." To qualify to compete, domestic teams must have won a state championship with a minimum of 25 competing teams, or a competition with more than 50 teams battling in the categories of Pork Ribs, Pork Butts, Chicken and Beef Brisket.

"I'm always amazed by the craft, creativity and commitment that BBQ teams from all over the world bring to our small town of Lynchburg," said Jack Daniel's Master Distiller Chris Fletcher. "This year was no exception, and we congratulate Kings BBQ for coming out on top among fierce competition. Just like the way we make whiskey, taking it slow can make all the difference."

Boggs Hog BBQ was named the Reserve Grand Champion, taking home a cash prize of $10,000.

Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: October 7

Location: Coopertown Rd; Seller, James L Lingenfelter, Debra Jo Lingenfelter; Buyer, Lingenfelter Revocable Trust, James L Lingenfelter, Debra Jo Lingenfelter; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Old Columbia Rd; Seller, Rebekah Pendergrass, Jason Pendergrass; Buyer, Pendergrass Tennessee Community Property Trust, Jason L Pendergrass, Rebekah L Pendergrass; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 378 Old Columbia Rd; Seller, Rebekah L Pendergrass, Jason K Pendergrass; Buyer, Pendergrass Tennessee Community Property Trust, Jason L Pendergrass, Rebekah L Pendergrass; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Haynes Service Company LLC; Buyer, Jonathan Wade Stewart, Laura Annie F Stewart; Price, $590,000 (Deed).

Seller, Eddie Price; Buyer, Eddie Price, Carol Price; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: October 8

Location: 216 Archery Lane; Seller, DCC Strategic Realty Partners LLC; Buyer, Linda Sue Brogdon; Price, $250,000 (Deed).

Location: 213 Moreland Dr; Seller, Mark Carty; Buyer, PB and J LLC; Price, $147,000 (Deed).

Location: 838 Longview Rd; Seller, Ronald Boehm, Danyell Boehm; Buyer, Michael Joseph Little, Brittany Elice Little; Price, $599,000 (Deed).

Location: Shelbyville Lewisburg Hwy; Seller, James A Hallworth III, Angele M Hallworth; Buyer, Freda F Head; Price, $165,000 (Deed).

File date: October 9

Location: 217 Dunnaway St; Seller, Blue Reef Homes LLC; Buyer, Caleb Shew, Lorena Lara; Price, $290,000 (Deed).

Location: 476 Bill Russell Rd; Seller, Robert McClean, Peggy McClean; Buyer, Tennessee Homes LLC; Price, $482,000 (Deed).

Seller, Virtle Eugene Crouch, Mary Jo Crouch; Buyer, Crouch Family Revocable Trust, Virtle Eugene Crouch Revocable Trust, Mary Jo Crouch Revocable Trust; Price, $0 (Deed).

Seller, Lynda M Hill, Manuel Mack Motes; Buyer, Manuel Mack Motes Jr; Price, $0 (Deed).

Seller, Manuel Mack Motes Jr; Buyer, Mandy Lynn Motes; Price, $300,000 (Deed).

Location: 360 Harrison Rd; Seller, Marion Lavan Crawford, Margie Ann Crawford; Buyer, Marion Levan Crawford, Margie Ann Crawford, Tina Vanett Crawford; Price, $0 (Deed).

File date: October 10

Location: 126 Peachtree Lane; Seller, Ryan Martin, Laura Martin; Buyer, Matthew J Dasher, Carmen M Kornau; Price, $299,900 (Deed).

Location: Maxwell Chapel Rd; Seller, Samuel C Davis, Tonya Davis, Sam L Davis, Nancy J Davis; Buyer, Jacob William Dodson, Amanda N Dodson; Price, $249,900 (Deed).

Seller, Jesse Cataldo, Kristina Cataldo; Buyer, Ryan Martin, Laura Martin; Price, $509,900 (Deed).

Location: 102 Hillview Ave; Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, Christopher Eric Holton, Alexis Josephine Elena Lee Holton; Price, $346,110 (Deed).

Location: Highway 231; Seller, Jesse H Purdom, Karen J Purdom, Jessie H Purdom; Buyer, Paula Tucker; Price, $1,500 (Deed).

Location: Paschal Rd; Seller, James Christopher Crowell, James Randall Crowell Estate, James Chris Crowell, James R Crowell Estate; Buyer, James Christopher Crowell, James Gregory Crowell Jr, James Chris Crowell; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: Burnt Hill Rd; Seller, James Christopher Crowell, James Randall Crowell Estate, James Chris Crowell, James R Crowell Estate; Buyer, James Christopher Crowell, James Gregory Crowell Jr, James Chris Crowell; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: 212 Dunnaway St; Seller, Clemenza T Dye, Clemenza T Cantrell; Buyer, Anastacio Hernandez; Price, $112,000 (Deed).

Location: 1507 Wilson St; Seller, Purchasing Fund 2024 1 LLC; Buyer, James Stovall; Price, $225,000 (Deed).

File date: October 13

Location: Montgomery Rd; Seller, Bonnie T Cady; Buyer, Robert Michael Hallum, Cynthia Cady Hallum; Price, $550,000 (Deed).

Seller, Bedford Development LLC; Buyer, Wheatfield Homeowners Association Inc; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Ledbetter Rd; Seller, Fernando Fernandez Valdez, Francisca G Macareno; Buyer, Francisca G Marcareno; Price, $0 (QD).

NOTICE

MELISSA ANN ODEA

The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights as to Lindsey Brooke Odea, DOB 10-3-2024. It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby **ORDERED** to serve upon Elizabeth Spurbeck, Attorney for the Tennessee Department of Children Services, 1106 Madison Street, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160, an Answer to the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Tennessee Department of Children Services, within thirty (30) days of the last day of publication of this notice, and pursuant to Rule 39(e)(1) of the Tenn. R. Juv. P. you must also appear in the Juvenile Court of Bedford County, Tennessee at Shelbyville, Tennessee on the 5th day of December, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., for the Hearing on the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights by the State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services. If you fail to do so, a default judgment will be taken against you pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-1-117(n) and Rule 55 of the Tenn. R. of Civ. P. for the relief demanded in the Petition. You may view and obtain a copy of the Petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents at the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office, Shelbyville, Tennessee. (10164tc)

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The Bedford County Beer Board will meet on Monday, October 20, 2025 at 5:00PM in the Duck River Room, 1 st Floor, Bedford County Courthouse, located at 1 Public Square in Shelbyville, TN to consider the following application: Backroads Bar and Grill, 1902 Warners Bridge Rd., Shelbyville, TN 37160. An agenda for the meeting can be found at: www.bedfordcountytn.gov.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Bedford County Building & Codes

A Bedford County Board of Code Appeals meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.

Bedford County Historic Courthouse
1 Public Square, 2nd Floor, Room 200

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Death Notices

Louise Jones

Mrs. Louise Jones, age 89, of Shelbyville, passed away Sunday, October 12, 2025 after an extended illness.

Mrs. Jones was born December 6, 1935 in Pleasant Grove to the late Russell Adams and Jesse Rhea Eaton Adams. She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Wayne Jones, two daughters, Connie (Merle) Nelson and Bonnie (Everette) Harden; grandchildren, Patrick (Lori) Harden, Alea Lambert, and Alex Nelson; great-grandchildren, Jacob Harden, Gunner Harden. Kayde Rippy, Isaac Rippy and Ali Rippy.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Barnett Payne

Barnett Payne, age 87, passed away peacefully on October 6, 2025, at Alive Hospice in Murfreesboro. He was born on August 4, 1938, in Chattanooga, to the late Roy Barnett Payne and Ann Elizabeth Smith Payne. Barnett was married for 35 years to his beloved wife, Cecilia "Peggy" Payne, who survives. He is also survived by his children: Mike Payne (Martha), Rachael Hill (Jamie), Elizabeth Vise (Rick), and Valerie Payne.

Barnett served as an alderman for the Town of Wartrace.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Ann Butler

Ann Butler, age 88, of Shelbyville, passed away Friday, October 10, 2025, at her home. She was born December 15, 1936 in Hornbeak, TN, to the late Joseph Albert and Ether Lilly Bradford Walton. She retired from KMART where she worked for 27 years.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Bobby Eugene Butler; daughters, Pamela Casey and Baby Girl Butler; and her son Rickie Butler, Sr.

Survivors include her brother, Henry Denene Walton; her son, Phillip Butler; daughter, Cynthia (Larry) Wright, and daughter-in-law, Lana Butler.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

James Merton Witt

James Merton Witt, age 84, of Unionville, passed away Saturday, October 11, 2025.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Witt was born February 18, 1941, in Berwyn, Illinois, to the late Robert and Charlotte Dunning Witt. He worked for many years in the communication industry as a supervisor with AT&T.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary Ann (Hatch) Witt; his brother Robert (Deana) Witt of Longs, SC and his sister Kathy (Ron) King of Flora, IL.; three children, Margaret (Christian) Irvine-Pawola of Murfreesboro, Jeffrey (Tammy) Witt of Maryville, Barbara (Tim) Moore of Lawrenceville, GA.

Gordon Jackson Hennon Jr.

Gordon Jackson Hennon, Jr., age 93, of Normandy, passed away October 12, 2025.

Mr. Hennon was born, August 16, 1932 in Miami, Fla., to the late Gordon Jackson and Clara Moore Hennon.

He is survived by special friend, Michelle Grimes, and her children; and good friends, John and Pat Beckham, Grady and Leona Vasser and family; Theresa Moore, Ed Gau and Michael Glennon, also a fellow Amateur Radio (HAM) club member.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Johnny Douglas McCanless Jr.

Johnny Douglas McCanless Jr. 52 of Murfreesboro, passed away October 11, 2025 after an extended illness.

He was born February 21, 1973, in Nashville. He grew up in Hermitage with his family.

He is survived by his parents, Johnny Douglas McCanless Sr. and Marilyn Crosslin McCanless of Bell Buckle; his sister, Beth England of Burns, TN.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

George William Smalley

George Smalley, age 70, passed away on Sunday, October 5th 2025. He was born October 22, 1954, and was native to Connecticut but spent most of his adult life in Unionville.

George was preceded in death by his parents, James and Bessie Smalley.

There will be a celebration of life at a later date. Gowen-Smith Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Rosemary Priester Bomar

Rosemary Priester Bomar, 87, passed away peacefully on October 6, 2025. Born on September 28, 1938, in Meridian MS, Rosemary was daughter of the late James Cluis Priester and Mary Earl Rainer Priester. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, Col. Julian Clyde Bomar; her eldest daughter Julianne Bomar Elder; her two brothers, Bill and Alan Priester.

Rosemary was an ordained minister.

She is survived by her two daughters: Janna Suzanne Woods (Jim) and Jennifer Jolynne Logan (Patrick.)

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

The importance of preventive care and leveraging year-end benefits

By Jannah Branch-Smith, FNP, and Kaylin S. Craig, MD, MMHC





As the fall season kicks off and schedules begin to fill up, it is important to prioritize your health and make sure you're getting the most out of your health care coverage before benefits reset in January.

Preventive care, including annual wellness visits and screenings, is intended to help you identify and stay ahead of any potential health problems. These visits and screenings, such as colonoscopies or mammograms, vaccinations and routine lab work, enable your primary care provider to catch conditions early — sometimes even before symptoms arise. Many cases of high blood pressure, diabetes and even certain cancers can go undetected until the condition has progressed to a later stage, which serves as a reminder that these visits should not be put off.

Your primary care provider will consider your age, family history and risk factors to determine which screenings are essential. For example, it is generally recommended that individuals over age 45 have regular colon cancer screenings, but someone with a family history of the disease should begin at a younger age.

Many insurance plans cover preventive services at little to no cost to you, but benefits and funds from flexible spending accounts (FSA), health savings accounts (HSA), or vision and dental coverage may not roll over into the new year — meaning you run the risk of losing them if you don't leverage these benefits before the new year.

In addition to a primary care appointment, schedule dental and vision appointments before they book out during this busy season. Dental visits help detect issues such as cavities and support overall oral health, which is often overlooked. Similarly, a routine eye exam can identify early signs of glaucoma and ensure your prescription is up to date. Use your remaining FSA or HSA funds on items that go beyond traditional medical costs, such as prescription glasses, physical therapy, postpartum care products and other eligible health expenses. A full list of these available expenses can typically be found online through your health care insurance provider's website.

While using your benefits with a financial saving incentive before the year ends, it is also the first step to creating healthier and sustainable lifestyle habits. Preventive care helps you manage your health, which ultimately results in better outcomes and lower costs by decreasing the likelihood of developing chronic and preventable diseases. Set time aside for yourself and your family this fall and schedule those doctors' appointments you've been putting off. Taking these steps allows you to maximize valuable benefits and helps you start the new year with your health on track.

Branch-Smith is a family nurse practitioner at Vanderbilt Primary Care Providence Marketplace providing virtual care to patients across Middle Tennessee. Craig is an assistant professor of Clinical Medicine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Making Louise's cookies for Christmas

By DAWN HANKINS



If there ever was a kind friend to me and loyal reader of the Times-Gazette over the years, it had to be Shelbyville's own Louise Jones. I wonder how many of our cookbooks she contributed to over the years. She even created many of her own from her awesome family recipe collection.

There were times I would call and ask her cooking questions. But as time went on, age took hold of her memory.

Sadly, Louise passed on Sunday, Oct. 12, after an extended illness. Feldhaus Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Our "cooking" friendship began when years ago I visited her home to do a holiday feature story on her family cookbook. Boy that was a joy. There were some great cooks in her family.

From Christmas cakes to her famous gingerbread cookies, Louise could put out a spread. She never forgot her family's favorites.

That family adored her and will always cherish her many holiday dinners. There were times when she literally pulled herself up to the counter. She was a strong woman of great faith.

I cherish the recipes, like her famous Banana Pudding-a recipe that she shared with me and many others over the years.

I will miss tooling out Dover Street toward her house. While there we looked at her family pictures and she reminisced about her upbringing which was unique and special. Best I remember Louise was a twin and twins were numerous in her extended family.

Louise is survived by her husband of 69 years, Wayne Jones, two daughters, Connie (Merle) Nelson and Bonnie (Everette) Harden; grandchildren, Patrick (Lori) Harden, Alea Lambert, and Alex Nelson; great-grandchildren, Jacob Harden, Gunner Harden. Kayde Rippy, Isaac Rippy and Ali Rippy.

I know her family will miss her. But we know her reward is great in heaven, because Louise gave so much of herself to those she loved-all her life.

She probably never realized what our visits meant to me. Maybe in her heart, she did.

You'll be missed gal. Soon.







BC FARMERS LEAVE STATE FAIR AS WINNERS IN THEIR FIELD

Submitted Photos by Matthew B. Deist, extension agent BC

Six farmers from Bedford County submitted a total of 17 entries in the Tennessee State Fair's Hay & Field Crop Contest this year and half of them (pictured) had entries that placed in the top 10 of their respective classes. Johnny Reed placed 5th in Lot 6 - Warm Season Annual Grass with his crabgrass entry. Tracy Vannatta placed 2nd in Lot 2 - Group 4 Soybeans and was the State Winner in Lot 1 - Group 3 Soybeans. Stephen King placed 7th and 8th in a very competitive Lot 2 - Legumes Other Than Clover (alfalfa) and Lot 8 - Mixed Grass Without Legume respectively. Bedford County farmers with entries in the State Fair: Carl Brown (Unionville), Stephen King (Unionville), Kenny Phillips (Bell Buckle), John Puckett (Wartrace), Johnny Reed (Shelbyville), Tracy Vannatta (Bell Buckle.)

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Business Spotlight

A Natural Herbal Alternative – Asé Apothecary

By NOAH MADDOX



NIKKI QUINLAN
Owner of Asé Apothecary

In this week's Business Spotlight, we are highlighting Asé (ah-shay) Apothecary, located right off The Celebration grounds at 701 Whittorne St. in Shelbyville.

Nikki Quinlan started Asé Apothecary in the throws of COVID-19, selling natural herbal infusion remedies from her house. Now, five years later, she is running a full-time business near the heart of town.

"I opened March 15th," Nikki said, "Got the building in January, had to remodel, then finally opened. I was doing it out of my house for a few years starting around COVID [in 2020] and I had a little honor system at first. It started with just elderberry syrup, then I started adding and making more things and it just went on from there."

After recently stepping down from her previous job to pursue her passion full-time, she is now able to keep Asé Apothecary open six days a week – 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Nikki offers over 150 herbs, botanicals, and roots infused into a variety of mediums, including Herbal oils, Seamoss, local honey, and homemade loose-leaf tea blends, among other products.

Her highest sellers are the oils, which are designed to treat and assist with a wide range of conditions, including sleep aid, nausea suppression, and hormonal imbalances, among others.

"They say that it [infusing oils] takes about 30 minutes, but I infuse mine for days," she said, "I'll let it go 10 hours overnight, and then come back the next morning for 10 more hours."

She does encourage customers and potential customers to consult with their doctors about any potential conflicting medications before trying anything.

Her business also offers weekly yoga sessions on Wednesday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., weather permitting. Also, starting in January, Asé Apothecary will be hosting sound bath events at the Shelbyville Recreation Center on two Fridays per month from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

You can find more information and stay up to date on everything happening at Asé Apothecary on their Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/Aseapothecary) and Instagram page (@AseApothecary).



ROLE MODEL FOR LOCAL KIDS

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Lt. Tracy Harvey of Bedford County Sheriff's Department, and friend, joined first responders out at Jernigan Field in Wartrace last Saturday for Fire and Safety Day. There was reportedly a great turnout.



Community Calendar

HAUNTED HISTORY TOUR

The next Haunted History Tour, sponsored by Historic Uptown Shelbyville, is Saturday, Oct. 18, from 8:13 to 9:13 p.m.

4TH FRIDAY FEST

The 4th Friday Fest begins on Friday, Oct. 24, at 4 p.m. Extended shopping hours at Uptown Merchants. Children activities on closed South Main Street. Around the courthouse will be the Celebration City Car Club Cruise In and music by Chase Clanton. Restaurants and food trucks will be on site. Vendors welcome on South Main for a $5.00 vendor fee, contact Calvin at 931-639-3643 to sign up.

BOO AND BREW

The 10th annual Boo and Brew sponsored by Historic Uptown Shelbyville is planned for 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25th. Costume and pie eating contest and beer tasting at Torso.

TRICK OR TREAT ON THE SQUARE

Historic Uptown Shelbyville will sponsor its annual Trick or Treat on the public square Friday, Oct. 31, at 3 p.m.

NORMANDY FALL FESTIVAL

Normandy Fall Festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Music, vendors and food. The Town of Normandy is sponsoring a time capsule, which will be buried at the base of the flag pole on Oct. 25 during the fall festival. Time TBD. Memory cards are being sold for $10 each. Photo prints in black and white can be included. Stop by Town Hall. Various local items will be added. The time capsule is to be exhumed in 2052.

FLY AUDITIONS

RADIUM GIRLS has been chosen as the 2026 EMERGE PRODUCTION!

After a vote by the Youth Arts community, Radium Girls by D.W. Gregory was chosen as our 2026 Emerge (Ages 13-18) Youth Theatre production.

Directors: Mary Margaret Edwards, Ashley Bell

Audition Dates: Sunday, November 16 at 2pm and Monday, November 17 at 6pm

Location: The Fly Arts Center, 204 S. Main St, Shelbyville, TN 37160

Performance Dates: February 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, & March 1

Summary: Radium Girls is a 2000 play by D.W. Gregory based on the true story of young women who painted glow-in-the-dark watch dials in the 1920s, then suffered a mysterious, fatal illness due to radium poisoning. The play follows dial painter Grace Fryer as she fights her former employer, the U.S. Radium Corporation, and her own family to seek justice and establish workplace safety regulations, a case that became a landmark victory for labor rights and workers' compensation.

In addition to actors, the Fly is looking for talented and creative people to assist with set design, costumes, lighting, sound and stage management.

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Eaglettes Outlast Lincoln County, Advance to District 9-AAA Championship

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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes (11-3-1, 4-0-1) took down the Lincoln County Lady Falcons (6-6-3, 2-2-2) in the District 9-AAA semifinals, 2-0, on Tuesday night.

With the win, Shelbyville clinched a spot in both the District 9-AAA Championship and the Region 5-AAA Tournament for the first time since 2022.

"It [making the District Championship] is really exciting, especially with such a young group of girls," Eaglettes' Head Coach Casey Curry said postgame. "They've worked hard. We haven't been here in a few years. It's super exciting for our seniors because the last time we were in a District Final was their freshmen year."

The Golden Eaglettes' Kaitlyn Burk opened the scoring in the sixth minute, admittedly aided by a stroke of good luck. After getting the ball on the right flank above the box, Burk cut inside onto her left foot and unleashed a curler towards the far post. The Lady Falcons' keeper initially made a save, parrying the ball up into the air, but the backspin took the ball behind her head and into the side netting for the evening's opening goal.

"She [KB] is a great connector [in the midfield]. A lot of times she goes unnoticed because she doesn't score a lot, but she is a playmaker," said Curry, "She controls and connects the defense to the offense, and she's a great leader."

The Golden Eaglettes kept the heavy pressure up, but Lincoln County continually found ways to frustrate Shelbyville's attack.

In the 14th minute, Jayda Frazier found herself through on goal in a one-on-one situation on the right wing, but her early shot attempt was saved at the near post.

It took 25 minutes, but Lincoln County won its first corner of the night in the 26th minute, finally breaking the Shelbyville pressure for a moment.

In the 39th minute, a yellow card was shown to the Shelbyville sideline for an equipment infraction.

Shelbyville managed to hold on to its 1-0 advantage going into halftime, but the tension was palpable inside the Eagles' Nest due to Lincoln County's defensive play.

"Our forward, Kyler Doak, who has scored lots of goals for us this season, they did double her, so we had to figure out how to make those connections in attack and just work together," Curry said, "In the second half, we came out and they got on it."

The first noteworthy event in the second half came in the 46th minute when Dara Frazier was shown a yellow card for delaying play by standing in front of the ball before a free kick.

After a couple corners were thwarted by the Lady Falcons, Mary-Grace Marshall nearly scored her second career goal in as many games in the 57th minute, but her long-range effort was denied by the crossbar.

Finally, in the 64th minute, Shelbyville Central found the crucial second goal, this time off of a set piece. After winning yet another corner, Jayda Frazier whipped in an outswinging ball off of her right foot, and it turned out to be a perfect delivery right to the head of senior Britzel Hayitin, who redirected the ball into the back of the net to give the Eaglettes a 2-0 lead with just 15 minutes left to play.

A pair of yellows were handed out shortly after, one to Lincoln County and the other to Jayda Frazier, but ultimately Lincoln County was unable to crack the stout Eaglettes' defense.

Lincoln County's season comes to a close.

Shelbyville advances to take on Franklin County in the District 9-AAA title game on Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. inside the Eagles' Nest.



Shelbyville Central took down Lincoln County on Tuesday night to advance to the District 9-AAA Championship game. *T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox.*

Lady Champs Return to District Championship After Big Win Over Huntland

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BELL BUCKLE, Tenn. – The Cascade Lady Champions (12-1-1, 8-0-0) advanced to their fifth-consecutive district championship on Tuesday night after mercy-ruling the Huntland Lady Hornets (2-11-0, 2-6-0), 9-0, in the District 9-A semifinals.

The Lady Champions put seven goals past the visiting Lady Hornets in the first half alone.

Ella McGeary opened the scoring early with her fourth goal of the season before Kaylee Martin also found the back of the net for her fourth goal of the campaign.

Shortly after, Lexi Comstock scored her first goal of the night to grow the lead to 3-0.

Cascade kept up the intense pressure before Comstock scored her team-leading 24th goal this season to give the Lady Champs a 4-0 lead. Claire Smithson provided her fourth assist of the season on Winnett's first goal of the night to make it 5-0 before Ella McGeary provided an assist to Winnett a short time afterwards.



Olivia Winnett (15) netted a first-half hat trick on Tuesday night to lead the Lady Champions to their fifth-consecutive District 9-A Championship game. *T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox.*

Finally, to close out the half, Winnett put Cascade's seventh goal on the board with a solo goal to bring her season tally to 14 goals.

In the second half, Jemely Palomo got on the scoresheet for the first time this season, and then Alayna Ormiston sent everyone home with her first goal of the season as well later on.

Huntland's season comes to a close.

Cascade advances to host Chapel Hill in the district title game on Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. after the Lady Rockets outlasted the Community Viqueens in the other semifinal.

Pettersen's Late Brace Leads Blue Raiders Past FIU, 2–1



MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Middle Tennessee women's soccer (8-4-3, 3-1-1 CUSA) overcame an early deficit to secure a 2–1 victory against FIU (6-4-3, 3-2-0 CUSA) on Sunday afternoon at Dean A. Hayes Track and Soccer Stadium.

The Blue Raiders faced a challenge after the Panthers scored just three minutes into the match, taking an early 1–0 lead.

Senior forward Emma Pettersen finally equalized in the 83rd minute, finishing a pass from freshman Lilah Cornell. Pettersen then contributed the game-winning goal six minutes later, connecting with a cross from senior Idun Kvaale, with an additional assist credited to junior Hannah Murphy in the 89th minute, securing the comeback.

Head Coach Aston Rhoden commented on the win:

"I think a lot of it was just believing in our identity and who we want to be. We made a few tactical changes, but we kept fighting and remained optimistic that we could win the game."

Pettersen reflected on the team's performance:

"Well, we try to treat every team the same and focus on ourselves. Beating FIU, a tough team, gives us perspective for upcoming games and potential matchups in the conference tournament against stronger teams or new teams in this conference."

By the numbers:

Goalkeeper Demi Gronauer recorded three saves and anchored a back line that limited FIU to just six total shots.

Pettersen notched her career brace, bringing her total to 15 career goals.

With this performance, Pettersen is the second MTSU player to achieve a brace this season, following Alli Craig, who accomplished this against Jackson State (Aug 17).

Golden Eagles' Comeback Bid Thwarted by Wildcats in Non-Region Affair

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CLARKSVILLE Tenn. – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (3-4, 3-1) nearly overcame a 14-0 and 21-6 deficit on the road, but ultimately came up short against the Clarksville Wildcats (6-2, 4-0) 28-19 on Thursday night in a non-region contest.

Early on, it looked like Clarksville might run away from the Golden Eagles, taking a 14-0 lead into the halftime locker room thanks to some ill-timed penalties from the visitors paired with strong WIldcat defense.

Neither team scored in the first quarter, but then with 6:35 to go in the second quarter, Josh Anderson scored his first touchdown of the season on a 10-yard touchdown run. The extra-point was no good, giving Clarksville a 6-0 lead.

Following another Golden Eagles punt, Anderson broke free for 69 yards before he was tackled at the Shelbyville one-yard line. Ahvare Galbreath finished off the drive with a one-yard plunge into the end zone for his eighth touchdown of the season. Following a successful two-point conversion, Clarksville extended their lead to 14-0 with 3:25 left in the first half.

Coming out of halftime, neither offense managed to reach the end zone until Stephen Bobo used his legs to fly 56 yards to paydirt and nearly cut the lead in half, 14-6, with 3:06 remaining in the third quarter.

However, Clarksville responded on its ensuing possession, marching down the field to the Golden Eagles five-yard line before Jamarcus Watkins found the end zone for his fourth rushing touchdown of the season to give the Wildcats a 21-6 lead on the first play of the fourth quarter.

Even still, Shelbyville would not go away. Less than three minutes later, Stephen Bobo once again found enough space for a 50+ yard touchdown run, this time from 55 yards out, for his fifth rushing touchdown this season. After the two-point conversion attempt failed, the Golden Eagles still trailed by two scores, 21-12, with 9:10 left on the clock.

After the Shelbyville defense got a stop to give the ball back to the offense, Robert Bailey found the end zone for the sixth time this season from 24-yards out to cut the lead to 21-19 with 4:45 left in the fourth quarter. All of a sudden, a game Clarksville had felt in firm control of for the vast majority of the night was in the balance.

After taking possession on the kickoff, Clarksville found themselves facing a fourth-and-one at the Golden Eagles' 29-yard line. However, the Wildcats' Ahvare Galbreath found a hole, bursting through the seam to score his second touchdown of the night and put the game away, 28-19.

Clarksville heads into their bye week.

Shelbyville Central returns home for a massive Region 6-6A contest against unbeaten Ravenwood on Friday night.



Stephen Bobo (15) finished 10/20 passing for 164 yards and one interception in the loss at Clarksville last Thursday. Bobo also ran for a pair of 50+ yard touchdowns in the second half. Robert Bailey (31) scored his sixth touchdown of the season, but was held under 100 yards for the first time in this year. *Photo courtesy of Shelbyville Central Football Facebook.*

Champs Fall at Chapel Hill as Mitchell Sets Rockets' Single-Season Rushing Record

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CHAPEL HILL, Tenn. – The Cascade Champions (3-4, 0-3) suffered their third-consecutive loss of the season against the Rockets from Chapel Hill (6-2, 2-1) at 50-20, in a Region 4-AAA matchup on Friday night.

Chapel Hill's superstar sophomore tailback, Quincy Mitchell, toted the rock 25 times for 329 yards and four touchdowns en route to setting the single-season rushing record at Chapel Hill in just eight games. So far in 2025, Mitchell has amassed 1,963 yards and 23 touchdowns on 165 carries, averaging 11.9 yards-per-rush in a dominant campaign. Mitchell also had two receptions for 40 yards and another score, including a 35-yard touchdown reception late in the first half.

Micah Morgan attempted just three passes, finishing 3/3 for a total of 42 yards and one touchdown while rushing eight times for 43 yards and two scores.

For Cascade, Sam Bradley finished 14/25 with 188 yards and two touchdown passes along with matching his season total by throwing two interceptions. He also ran the ball 10 times for 66 yards. Also on the ground, Nate Zimmerman tallied eight rushes for 60 yards, and Josh Cunningham added eight carries for 24 yards and one touchdown.

After Cascade was forced to punt in Rockets' territory, Chapel Hill opened the scoring on its first drive of the game thanks to a four-yard Morgan touchdown run with 3:13 left in the first quarter to take a 7-0 lead to cap off a 76-yard drive.

Following a fake punt attempt from Cascade, the Rockets put together a two-play, 55-yard touchdown drive thanks to a pair of carries by Mitchell, who found the end zone from 25 yards out to double the Rockets' lead at 14-0 with 11:16 remaining in the first half.

On the Champs' ensuing drive, Bradley was intercepted in Cascade territory by Chandler Schnapp, setting up an eventual 8-yard touchdown run by Mitchell with 7:52 to play to make it a 22-0 game after a successful two-point conversion.

Bradley instantly responded for Cascade on the very next snap, finding Corey Gooch behind the Rockets' defense for a 72-yard touchdown pass. After a failed two-point conversion, Cascade trimmed the lead to 22-6 with 7:33 remaining in the half.

Not to be outdone, Quincy Mitchell broke free for a 68-yard touchdown run less than 30 seconds later, extending the Rockets' lead to 29-6 with 7:07 left in the second quarter.

Cascade once again put together a scoring drive, this time capping it off with Bradley's second touchdown pass to Delonte Clay from 27-yards out on a beautiful over-the-shoulder catch to cut the lead back to two scores, 29-13, with 5:05 left in the half.

However, the Rockets' made it a perfect five touchdowns on their first five possessions after Morgan found Mitchell from 35 yards out on Morgan's second pass attempt of the game to give Chapel Hill a 35-13 lead with 1:27 remaining in the quarter.

Bradley, who seemed to have his mojo back, led Cascade down to the Rockets' red zone, but threw his second INT of the night to Braiden Bourne trying to find Braxtyn Burris over the middle to end the half.

To start the second half, Chapel Hill put together yet another scoring drive, capping it off with Mitchell's fourth and final rushing touchdown of the night from nine yards out. After another successful two-point conversion, the Rockets' lead grew to 43-13 with 10:54 to go in the third quarter.

Later on in the second half, Morgan found the end zone from eight yards out. Cascade put together one final touchdown drive with just over three minutes to go in the fourth quarter with Josh Cunningham scoring his first career touchdown on a one-yard plunge to reach the final margin of 50-20.

Chapel Hill sits in second place in Region 4-AAA as they begin their bye week.

Cascade will now look towards homecoming against Watertown on Friday night to try and stay alive in the hunt for a postseason berth.



Corey Gooch (4, pictured against Giles County) finished with 91 yards and one touchdown on four receptions in the loss at Chapel Hill on Friday. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

One family's journey with breast cancer

This one hit very close to home in 2024

By Dawn Hankins

Value each day with which you're blessed. That's what I learned this last year from someone very close to me-a breast cancer survivor.

According to the American Cancer Society, the average risk of a woman in the United States developing breast cancer sometime in her life is about 13%. This means there is a 1 in 8 chance she will develop breast cancer. This also means there is a 7 in 8 chance she will never have the disease.

I've never had the disease and I'm truly, truly thankful. But members of my family have had the diagnosis. And yes, we lean on the side of caution as it is on the maternal-female-side of my family.

When cancer enters your family, it certainly puts a whole new perspective on "the C word."

My aunt and now my sister have had breast cancer on my maternal side and the location of my grandmother's was undetermined at the time it was found, because it had metastasized (early 1970s.)

On my paternal side, which doctors don't seem as concerned about regarding hereditary factors, my female cousin and my grandmother had breast cancer. Both recovered well.

When my sister, Angela Neill, was told in 2024, that she might have breast cancer, the first thing we did was hit our knees in prayer. She was only in her early 50s.

I could explain to you how I felt during this process but I had rather my sister share her story. After all, those having breast cancer know best what this feels like emotionally and physically.

Angela's Cancer Journey

My cancer journey started on Nov. 25, 2024. I had gone for a follow-up appointment for a mammogram. My physician explained to me that same day that I had a mass in my right breast and it would require a biopsy to see if the mass was cancerous.

On Nov. 28, I received a life-changing phone call from my physician that the mass was cancerous.

The doctor said I had Invasive Ductal Carcinoma but that it was caught early. On Feb. 7, 2025, I chose a lumpectomy to remove the mass.

After some healing, in March, I had 15 rounds of radiation to make sure the cancer was gone. During this time, I had visits to the oncology department to go over the plans for my medicine for the next 5 years to make sure the cancer did not return.

When I went through my cancer, it wasn't just about the healing part, it was about the mental and spiritual part also. I know when I was first told that I had breast cancer, there were so many things that went through my mind. I wondered if I would get to see my grandchildren grow up and what this cancer is going to do to me physically.

I remember the first time I went to see my oncologist and walked into the office, which was full. I sat down and looked around at all the cancer patients-a lot of them sicker than I. Then I realized how blessed I was for my cancer to be in an early stage and that it could be treated.

I have made a full recovery and continue to have my follow-up appointments to stay cancer free.

I made it through breast cancer with the Healing Hand of my Lord and Savior and with the love and support of my family.

I hope that I can help save someone else's life by talking to them about taking 30 minutes to get your routine screening.

I will forever remember the friends that I met during my treatments-those that were going through the same thing I was and also the physicians and medical professionals that took such good care of me.

Psalm 30:2 says, "Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me." (NIV)

The Lord still has plans for me to do and I will live my life through Him, every day.



Angela Neill, Breast Cancer Survivor

Well, this is my baby sister's story. I just want to say thank you to the Lord for His merciful healing. We continue to pray for those still on the journey.

If you would like to share your breast cancer journey, email dawn@richardsonmediagroup.net.

Healthy Info from Breast Cancer.org

The month is about more than pink ribbons. While some feel inspired, many people living with breast cancer feel like the month overlooks their experience with the disease.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month can mean different things to different people. For some, it's a trigger — 31 days in the fall of pink-ribbon reminders of a disease that forever changed them. For others, it's a chance to show their support for the more than 2 million women around the world who are diagnosed with the disease each year.

Understanding the goals behind the global campaign and the emotions felt by the many different people living with the disease may help you decide if and how you want to commemorate the month.

What is Breast Cancer Awareness Month?

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an international health campaign that's held every October. The month aims to promote screening and reduce the risk of the disease, which affects 2.3 million women worldwide. Known best for its pink theme color, the month features a number of campaigns and programs designed to:

- support people diagnosed with breast cancer, including those with metastatic breast cancer
- educate people about breast cancer risk factors
- encourage women to go for regular breast cancer screening starting at age 40 or earlier, depending on personal breast cancer risk
- raise money for breast cancer research

In the month of October, there are also specific dates designed to raise awareness of specific groups within the breast cancer community.

Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day (October 13)

October 13 is nationally recognized in the U.S. as Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day. About 168,000 women in the U.S. are estimated to have metastatic breast cancer (cancer that spreads beyond the breast to other parts of the body). Some researchers believe this number will rise to over 246,000 living with the disease by 2030. Despite the growing numbers of people living with metastatic disease, most money for breast cancer research doesn't go toward studying it.

Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day seeks to educate the public about the challenges that people with metastatic breast cancer face and the need for more research — and more treatments — for this deadly disease.

The day also serves as a reminder that people can do all the right things — breast cancer screenings and all the recommended treatments for early-stage breast cancer — and still have cancer spread to other parts of the body.

As sf-cakes, a member of the Breastcancer.org Community, shared, "Being stage IV during Breast Cancer Awareness Month sucks. All the messaging about 'if you catch it early, you'll be fine,' is simply not always true."

Men's Breast Cancer Awareness Week (October 17–23)

Although breast cancer is much more common in women, breast cancer affects men, too. In 2021, President Joe Biden designated October 17 to October 23 Men's Breast Cancer Awareness Week. According to the American Cancer Society, about 2,800 men in the U.S. will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2025, and about 510 are expected to die from the disease. But lack of awareness and stigma can be barriers to detection and care in men, trans men, and non-binary people.

The history of Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The event began in 1985 as a week-long awareness campaign by the American Cancer Society, in partnership with Imperial Chemical Industries, a British company that made tamoxifen. The campaign eventually grew into a month-long event.

In 1992, the pink ribbon came into play after Alexandra Penney, SELF magazine's editor-in-chief, partnered with Evelyn Lauder, Estée Lauder's senior corporate vice president and a breast cancer survivor, to distribute pink ribbons after the magazine's second annual Breast Cancer Awareness Month issue.

Other variations of the pink ribbon have emerged in recent years to raise awareness that all people with breast cancer are not the same. These include ribbons for raising awareness about metastatic breast cancer, men with breast cancer, inflammatory breast cancer, and more.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month controversy

Although many people feel supported by the month's events, activities, and pink merchandise, others intensely dislike Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The ubiquitous pink ribbons and celebratory atmosphere can seem like a distraction from the very real need for a greater understanding of the disease and more research leading to better treatments.

Trends in breast cancer incidence

In recent years, incidence rates have increased by 1% per year, according to the American Cancer Society. The rise in incidence rates is a little steeper in women younger than 50 (1.4%). This is thought to be due to risk factors of having excess body weight, not having children, or having a first child after age 30.

Trends in breast cancer deaths

Breast cancer, according to the American Cancer Society, is the second leading cause of cancer death in women. (Only lung cancer kills more women each year.) The chance that any woman will die from breast cancer is about 1 in 43 (about 2.3%).

Breast cancer death rates have been decreasing steadily since 1989, for an overall decline of 44% through 2022. The decrease in death rates is believed to be the result of finding breast cancer earlier through screening and increased awareness, as well as better treatments.

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