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County makes bold move for decentralized septic authority board

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Commissioner Bill Anderson, fourth from left, said during the Rules Committee meeting Tuesday that he's concerned about potential decentralized septic system failure in a housing development in Longview. He's all in for an authority board to make sure future developments protect the interest of taxpayers. From left, Commissioners Anita Epperson, John Boutwell, Greg Vick, Anderson, and Biff Farrar.

The Rules and Legislative Committee of Bedford County Commission voted Tuesday, with almost a sense of urgency, to begin the process of organizing an authority to oversee any decentralized septic systems in Bedford County.

Some County Commissioners believe that many local developments (though based on current regulations) are not serving in the best interest of the local taxpayers.

The Rules Committee voted unanimously and made its recommendation for a 7-member board.

Commissioner John Boutwell explained following the meeting about why he voted to have the authority. "We have a responsibility to ensure folks are not exposed to raw sewage and it does not get into our creeks and river."

As recommended by the County Planning Commission, Mayor Chad Graham, who was present, is now tasked with bringing qualified names forward to the November Commission meeting.

Commissioner Greg Vick assured that this decision does not affect those homeowners with a sewer system or septic tank.

"The only people this will affect is people who live with a decentralized system in a subdivision."

Commissioner Yockey added, "It may include a single house that puts in a decentralized system. It may not just involve a subdivision."

She assured, "It doesn't have anything to do with wastewater authority."

Yockey said her concept of such an authority is that the Planning Commission would review the final plat for the decentralized systems. Her thought is how this authority can assist the already overloaded PC and zoning office.

She said the PC would approve the utility district assigned to the system. "It's similar to BZA [Board of Zoning Appeals.] It falls under the Planning Commission. But it would be a decentralized wastewater system board."

She advised this board will report to the Planning Commission. She assured this authority would not be reporting to the County Commission all the time.

Yockey said the next steps this fall is for the PC to "clean up" its subdivision regulations. As well, a utility overseeing the septic systems will have to come about soon.

Commissioner Anderson asked Yockey when she refers to a utility district, is she talking about a company like Consolidated in Murfreesboro. She said "yes" and there are several others like Consolidated to choose throughout the state.

Commissioner Anderson

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'I would be for the STEP Systems. Spring Hill will only allow STEP systems for all future developments because they can add no more homes to their current sewer system. Hawkins & Price is installing new STEP systems all over Rutherford County to take the pressure off of their sewer system. Bedford County is once again behind on this issue.'

-Local Realtor Steven Flippo

Grants amounting to $20,500 awarded to local teachers

Presentations made at school board meeting

By Dawn Hankins



During the recent Bedford County Board of Education meeting, the Shelbyville-Bedford Community Foundation awarded 18 BCS teacher grants (out of 30 applications) across nine schools for the 2025-26 school year. The total prize package was worth $20,500!

Communications Director Carol Garrette announced that the spring Connected Community 5K was the main fundraiser for the grant dollars.

Superintendent Tammy Garrett performed the honors of each presentation last Thursday. She was assisted by administrator Felecia Moon.

The first teacher grant was awarded to Lisa Crunk of Thomas Magnet for $1,000 for Acoustic Panels for TMS gym.

The second teacher grant was awarded to Zack Spears and AJ Vanderpool of Cascade High for $1,600 for one Upper Story Spintronic Classroom Bundle.

The third teacher grant was awarded to Chris King of Harris Middle for $2,100 for Get Up & Gaga: Active Play for Every Student.

The fourth teacher grant was awarded to Megan Lawell of Harris Middle for $750 for Lifelong Learners in Motion: Building Habits for Health and Focus exercise equipment for the library.

The fifth teacher grant went to Caren Fisher and Josh

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Will it be a lean Thanksgiving for SNAP recipients?

By Dawn Hankins

Tennessee Department of Human Services has received notification from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service (USDA FNS) that, if the federal government shutdown continues, federally-funded SNAP benefits for November will be unavailable.

Bedford County has several agencies and nonprofits that can assist with food. We will have a list of those in the Times-Gazette prior to Thanksgiving, should the shutdown continue.

TDHS is closely monitoring the situation and will update its web page as needed.

SNAP, formerly called the Food Stamp Program, helps people living near or below the poverty line afford groceries. The program is funded by federal dollars but administered by state and local agencies.

The United States Department of Agriculture started notifying states last week that it was seeking alternative sources of funding, but in the meantime, advised that states should pause issuing benefits approved after Oct. 16.

The disruption of funds could impact 42 million people, or 1 in 8 Americans, who rely on SNAP to buy their family's food.

The USDA's contingency plan allows the agency to tap into reserve funding to keep SNAP operating if the federal government remains shut down longer than a month.

But financial experts warn that it would cost about $8 billion to keep benefits flowing for everyone in November. That is, amidst the federal government shutdown.



GRINDSTONE COWBOY SETS OPENING DATE

T-G Photo by Renee Brown

Saturday, Nov. 8, 2025, has been set aside as the grand opening of Grindstone Cowboy on the south side of the historic square in Shelbyville. The day-long celebration begins at 7 a.m. and will include live music and other events, culminating in a concert headlined by owner and country music star Craig Campbell at 7 p.m.

Schools Central Office will soon move up Madison Street to TCAT building

By Dawn Hankins

During last Thursday's school board meeting, Superintendent Tammy Garrett announced that the Central Office will soon be relocating about 2 miles up Madison Street to the historic Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) building. A new TCAT facility will open in the near future off Highway 231 North.

The T-G asked Garrett a few questions about the move this week.

What is the anticipated move date for the Central Office to the Madison Street TCAT building?

The move date has not yet been finalized. TCAT staff will officially turn over the building to Bedford County Schools on Nov. 16. We are currently working with our maintenance department and architect to develop a schedule for necessary work and to determine a transition timeline.

Who will be moving to the new location?

Administrative services, currently housed at 500 Madison Street, along with maintenance and custodial services, will be relocating to the new facility.

How will this affect operations?

We are planning a smooth transition that will not interrupt services or access for staff, students or the public.

What can the public expect during this process- if they need to meet with Central Office personnel or departments?

All services will continue uninterrupted. We will maintain operations at the current Madison Street location until everything is fully operational at the new campus.

Will the Madison Street building still be used for education by Bedford County Schools, or will it return to the City?

Bedford County School Board has not yet made a final decision regarding the future use of the building. The Board is carefully considering all options to determine how the facility can best serve the needs of our students and educators.

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The Cascade Lady Champions finished as the District 9-A Runners-Up after falling to Chapel Hill before keeping their season alive in Tuesday's win at Culleoka.

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Commissioner Linda Yockey, representing the County Planning Commission, said current housing developments, i.e., types of septic systems used, are currently not under County authority. But a new decentralized septic system board will have such authority, if approved by County Commission.

mentioned he didn't understand why the water treatment company Adenus has even been considered to manage the septic system for the Longview development. He referred to problems with that company in Mt. Juliet/Wilson County.

"That's the same one in Mt. Juliet in Wilson County that's got all the failures and is being sued right now. That's a problem. Why aren't we using Consolidated . . . .?"

Yockey responded, "Because we don't have this [authority] in place and they [developers] can do what they want to do-pick who they want to pick."

Yockey said the finance office has informed her that under this new authority, there will be a bid process and only certain utility districts meeting Bedford County's preferred recommendations will be considered. Those specifications, she said, could include a clean business record (no lawsuits.)

"As far as Longview goes, we have no jurisdiction over that," advised Yockey.

While the EPA recognizes alternative septic systems as being green and friendly to the environment, Tennessee doesn't seem to have had the best of luck with alternative septic systems.

Mt. Juliet and Wilson County have been threatened by the EPA over illegal pollution in waterways. The County's wastewater authority is run by Adenus-the wastewater treatment management company mentioned by Anderson-and has been accused of illegally releasing polluted wastewater into Old Hickory Lake.

At issue is a type of decentralized wastewater management system called a "drip dispersal," which is typically used for developments like subdivisions or schools that are not connected to a traditional municipal sewage system.

Anderson stated boldly, when referring to the type of alternative system being put in Longview, that he hopes it doesn't fail. He reminded that there's a creek only one-tenth of a mile from that new housing development.

Anderson said he's heard conflicting information about the pere site and that concerns him too. Yockey said her purpose before the committee was not to get into the Longview development. But she did say that if the decentralized system authority had already been in place, things might have been done different out there.

Commissioner Greg Vick said yes and under this new authority, the developer would submit their plan, which utility company they are going to use, and come before the County/authority for review.

Anderson said the duties of the utility district concern him most. He said the best choice for management is clearly not the one being sued for apparent failure.

Yockey told Anderson, "Commissioner Anderson, if we would have had this in place, the utility district would have been up to the specs that we require."

"Who's going to set the specs?" asked Commissioner Anita Epperson. "Is that going to be the Planning Commission . . . the Board?"

Yockey said likely that new authority board, with its members holding qualified credentials, would set the RFQ (request for quote) specs.

Vick stated that whether property is at 2 acres or 10, the authority would make those qualified decisions regarding septic systems. "It takes somebody more than a bunch of politicians to make such decisions. We need some real engineering help on this."

Vick said the authority will decide what works and what doesn't in the way of wastewater disposal for future Bedford County developments.

Anderson asked who would be responsible for any septic failures in such housing developments as Longview.

Yockey answered, "My understanding is that when the utility district takes over the decentralized system, they are the owner of that system."

Anderson said someone will have to repair any failures but he doesn't want to see the financial axe fall on the homeowners.

Yockey said she will be part of writing the duties and responsibilities for this authority board. She assured that septic system failures should be spotted early-if a board is doing its job.

Vick said the County currently has no protection for septic failures. But he believes this authority is a step in the right direction.

Rules Committee Chair Biff Farrar then entered the discussion. He stated that he had concerns with how many people are going to be on the authority and their qualifications. He asked if Commissioners will serve on the decentralized septic system board.

"When we form this board, I want to make sure . . . not just the good old boys. I'm concerned about who those people are."

Not all local people agree with the County on this issue. Local realtor Steven Flippo said in regard to the County's action Tuesday night: "' I would be for the STEP Systems. Spring Hill will only allow STEP systems for all future developments because they can add no more homes to their current sewer system. Hawkins & Price is installing new STEP systems all over Rutherford County to take the pressure off of their sewer system. Bedford County is once again behind on this issue. They are scared of the new technology that filters the waste down to clean water. Everyone seems to forget that 50 years ago everyone was putting their sewerage in the ground with little to no filter. Many times, in 55 Gallon drums. This new technology that has been around for several years now is so far advanced from where they started its really amazing. And if people truly wanted to save the farmland, they would stop forcing 5-acre minimums for people who don't want or know how to take care of 5 acres and use the good land that is out there to put in a STEP system where you can build on the land that is not suitable to perc."



Public safety prayers



Courthouse and Property Committee: speedy meeting

Commissioner Vick talks with T-G after Rules meeting

Clarifies the need for decentralized septic system authority

As we have seen emerging subdivision, schools and businesses develop in the county many, if not most, have no access to sewer. They must rely upon a septic tank. But septic tanks must have soils that perc or accept the waste water or effluent and allow it to slowly drain through the soil. In Bedford County, because we have so much bedrock and karst topography, acceptable soils are not readily available nor are they sufficient to handle larger than average volumes of waste water.

The state understands this and allows for the installation of alternative or Decentralized Waste Disposal Systems. These systems allow homes to connect to a common waste line and move the effluent into a common holding area. The effluent is then treated inside of the chamber of the disposal system. Once treated, the effluent is then distributed through a series of irrigation channels and introduced into the soil at a rate that allows the water to properly percolate through the soil acceptance field. If properly installed and monitored this system will perform well.

The state has specific regulations on the percolation rates. It is my opinion, as well as the waste water oversight body of TDEC (Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation) these minimum rates allow too much effluent to be introduced into too small of a disposal area (i.e. creating system overload.)

I believe this percolation rate needs to be more closely defined so as to create a percolation rate and saturation level which covers more area so as not to overload the system and allow it to properly disperse the effluent.

Builders and developers want to build houses and develop property to sell, that is what they do. They do not want to dedicate more land than necessary to such an endeavor. Thus the need for more land for the alternative waste system means less land to sell and develop. I not only understand that concept but I totally agree.

The purpose of the Waste Water Authority is however, to develop standards which will exceed the state minimum standards but not excessive to the degree builders and developers are not overly leveraged by dedicating too much land. Because at the end of the day, those expenses must be passed on to the purchasing homeowner. Such an event would certainly mean higher costs for an already expensive housing market.

So, it is a delicate balance.

We have to protect our ground water. Equally, we know the minimum state standards are not sufficient (case in point according to TDEC over one-half or 50% of these systems are failing due to over saturation usually due to a neglected or improperly monitored and installed system.) When a system fails, the released water ponds and then runs off into our creeks, our streams, our Duck River and worst of all into our neighbors' yards.

We are seeing an increased use in Decentralized Waste Disposal Systems statewide. We know that unless we set standards on them now, we will be facing a potential failure rate of 50%. That is unacceptable. We also know that if the system is improperly installed, improperly managed and allowed to become neglected, the probability of failure dramatically increases.

It is my opinion the creation of the Decentralized Waste Water Board will provide proper oversight in reviewing these decentralized disposal plans. This Board will also develop rules regarding operation and oversight and set expectations and boundaries, that will dramatically reduce the potential for system overload or failure.

We cannot watch and do nothing. We have to act and act now. We have to protect ourselves, our neighbors and our natural resources.









CELEBRATING GROWTH, SUCCESS

Photos by Carol Garrette

Bedford County Board of Education recently celebrated with its 2024-2025 educators and schools that achieved through state testing and accountability outstanding student growth and success. Shown are TVAAS and TN Ready Level 4 and 5 Growth Teachers, Kindergarten and Pre-K Portfolio Teachers. Represented are also the schools that achieved Level 5 growth. See full story at t-g.com.

GRANTS

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Crowe of Harris Middle for $1,000 for The Martian book study.

Karen Jackson and Sharon Frazier at Cascade Elementary accepted the sixth award in the amount of $725 for First Grade Accelerated Reading.

The seventh teacher grant was awarded to Lee Ann Butts of the Central Office for $150 for "Bee" Literate.

The eighth teacher grant was awarded to Chase King at Harris Middle for $2,200 for Strum, Strive, Succeed: Cultivating a Growth Mindset through Music.

Rebecca Bradshaw, Kristi Griffin, Kristyn Gutierrez, Melissa Kearce, and Katlynn Luttrell of Learning Way received the ninth recognition and $500 for The Power of Play: Building a Social, Emotional, and Academic Foundation in Kindergarten.

The night's tenth teacher grant was awarded to CTE instructor Sam Blevins of All 3 High Schools for $1,000 for the ICON Program Dual Enrollment Support scholarships.

The eleventh teacher grant was announced as awarded to Tammy Bach of Learning Way for $1,000 for Good Energy/Healthy Kids Crew food and supplies.

The twelfth teacher grant was awarded to Twila Forster, Ashley Cook, Wendy Littrell, Susie Adcock, and Candi Lane of Cascade Elementary for $1,500 for Magnetize Your Skills: Staying Connected to Learning.

The thirteenth teacher grant went to Scott Hrouda of Cascade High for $1,000 for Fully Charged: Restocking the Elements of Success in Chemistry.

The fourteenth teacher grant was awarded to Katherine Marsh of Thomas Magnet for $925 for Junior Achievement Biz Town for 5th Grade Students.

The fifteenth teacher grant was awarded to Michelle Simpson and Valerie Ward of Eastside for $1,300 for Painting the Free Throw Lines on the Gym Floor.

Announced as the sixteenth teacher grant recipient was Phillip Maybee of Cascade Elementary for $750 for Synthesizer Music Stations.

The seventeenth teacher grant was awarded to Marilynn Newman of Shelbyville Central for $1,000 for Ending Period Poverty at SCHS. (See story below.)

The eighteenth teacher grant was awarded to Kimberly Best of Cascade Middle &Elementary for $2,000 for Lighting our Troupe!

ENDING POVERTY GRANT AT SCHS

Marilynn Newman, SCHS Faculty World Languages department chair of Shelbyville Central, notes that the Preventing Period Poverty project started in 2023 as a student-led initiative.

My French 3 and AP French class read a book called Kiffe Kiffe Demain which is an immigration story and had a tiny section in it where the young heroine was frustrated in a store because she had to ask for help in the grocery aisle. The checker announced the product over the loudspeaker, and she was embarrassed. This sparked a class conversation/discussion.

After reading the novel, we learned about the absence rates of female students vs. male students over the school year, the poverty rate, and the 2018 mandate that requires schools to provide feminine hygiene products (an unfunded mandate.)

The class prepared a presentation for the faculty meeting. With church assistance and community support, the students collected enough products to supply the entire school products for the end of the year.

Following that time, the next year's class continued the project each year with proceeds from the Gumbo Cookoff. A former teacher's daughter, Kelly Pietkiewicz, was able to provide products through the Community Foundation Grant projects.

This year, I applied for the Community Foundation Grant and was able to benefit from that. With assistance from Nurse Lindsey Yoes and our attendance Dean Chris Fritz, we are hoping that providing period products throughout the school will eliminate related attendance issues, missed time from class, and positive attitude related to attendance.

Will citizens go hungry to prove a Washington point?

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I think about the government shut down and I really get sad, for many reasons. But the biggest has to be the thought of children going hungry, simply because politicians-elected to serve the common good-can't agree enough or compromise on issues to keep the people fed.

Obedience is certainly better than sacrifice. I believe this verse serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of aligning one's life with God's will.

If you didn't know, SNAP recipients will likely not get assistance during November, according to the Department of Agriculture, due to the government shut down. How's that for a happy holiday for those families in need?

While I'm sure many people are taking advantage of the SNAP program, etc., I feel that many in these times could rightfully need the assistance. Prices are ridiculous for food.

Why is it the people always have to suffer at the hands of politicians?

I don't find solace in that fact that children will go hungry. Ask teachers how many come to school hungry, already. We're just building on a fire storm.

Where's our empathy?

Please know that there are help groups available in this County and others to help you during this time of need with food. Your local food banks should have a valuable resource list available. We will also be printing in the T-G before Thanksgiving any assistance available, should this travesty of a shutdown continue.

Dependence on government assistance is a difficult place to be in life. But if it is for nourishing children, I'm all in.

There are people who are dogmatic about government assistance. But the real point here is that if you make a mockery of those who use it, how much better are you?

We are commanded as Christians to serve the 'least of these.' Jesus did not have a select few of people he ministered to during his ministry.

Let us pray that maybe President Trump will make good for the American people after this is all over with. A little cash, please.

Winter could be rough for many. And aside of the SNAP recipients, think of those laid off and furloughed federal workers. They have bills like everyone else.

Perhaps it's time to clean house in Washington-that is, regarding voting the same olds in next election day?

Or simply, is this what it's come down to and what we have to look forward to in the future? I believe we can do better than this.

This is no way to run a country. It's actually down right embarrassing.

Governor's Volunteer Stars Awards (GVSA) seeking adult and youth volunteers

The Governor's Volunteer Stars Awards (GVSA) is an annual event that honors the efforts of volunteers from across Tennessee. Each year one adult and one youth are selected to receive this prestigious award in recognition of their exemplary volunteer service in the county. The guidelines and application for this award is listed below.

Award Guidelines

Who is eligible?

• Any adult or youth (age 25 or younger) who lives in Bedford County and whose volunteer activities in Bedford County benefit the community in a substantial, important, or unique way.

Activities can include, but are not limited to serving nonprofits, neighborhood groups, schools, and faith-based organization.

• Students receiving course credits are eligible, only if the volunteer service extends beyond course requirements. This must be clearly indicated in the nomination letter.

• National Service program participants (AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps*VISTA, RSVP, Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, etc.) are encouraged to apply based on their volunteer involvement in their national service assignment

Who is not eligible?

• Individuals involved in "court mandated community service" or those serving as "loaned executives."

• Persons who receive compensation for service rendered (except National Service participants noted above)

• Individuals, who have previously received a Governor's Volunteer Stars Awards

• More than one individual (Family members will need to be submitted as separate nominations.

Corporate and civic volunteer groups, businesses and nonprofits may be interested in submitting a nomination for the GVSA Business and Nonprofit awards, go to www.volunteertennessee.net for more information.)

Nomination Form & Process

• Volunteers may be nominated by anyone or may nominate themselves. If an individual is nominated multiple times, the review panel will consider only the first nomination form submitted.

• The nomination narrative should specifically be formatted and address questions for the Governor's Volunteer Star Awards. If it is written as a nomination for another award, it will not be given to the judges for consideration.

• A submission of a resume or list of nominee's accomplishments/service does not meet narrative requirements.

• The narrative should also reflect the four categories of the judging criteria, which are:

o Need: Service addressed a specific need in the community (i.e. poverty).

o Action: The nominee was actively involved and took initiative.

o Innovation: The nominee used creative methods to solve community problems.

o Impact: The activity or service produced positive changes and provided an example to others.

• The Selection Committee uses a scoring rubric to ensure fairness and transparency.

In order to best prepare your nomination, below is some information that will be important to gather prior to starting the form submission.

In addition to contact information for the Nomination and the Nominator, you will need to supply a narrative and at least one photo, two photos are preferred.

The purpose of the narrative is to provide relevant information to the selection committee. The narrative must be no more than 200 words and must answer the following questions:

1. What organization(s) does the nominee serve with?
2. How long has the nominee completed volunteer activity with the organization(s)?
3. What type of service does the nominee perform?
4. What makes the nominee's volunteer service unique and/or creative?
5. What is the extent to which the nominee's service goes above the call of duty?
6. How does their service address or solve a local community need?
7. What is the degree to which their services/actions have made a lasting contribution or meaningful impact on their community?
8. What sets the nominee apart in terms of their character and/or commitment to the community?

Deadline & Submission Information

The deadline to submit this application is Friday, November 7, 2025 by noon. The application form can be found here: bit.ly/GVSA25

By submitting a nomination, you are confirming that Volunteer Tennessee, sponsor of the Governor's Volunteer Star Awards and the GVSA County Coordinator may use this information to highlight the service of your nominee in various forms of media.

For questions, please contact Hayley Markowitz, Community Engagement Coordinator, via email at Hayley.Markowitz@yourlocaluw.org.





BEDS MADE FOR THOSE IN NEED

Submitted Photos

Sleep in Heavenly Peace and Homes of Hope of Bedford, Inc., were assisted by over 50 volunteers last weekend and were able to make 22 more beds for those in need here. Living Stones Community Church on Nashville Dirt Road hosted.

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FEATURES FROM THE BIBLE

TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

Three Characters Seth, Third Son of Adam and Eve:

Adam and Eve were privileged to bring other children into the world. The only one whose name is given was Seth. There is very little information in the bible about Seth. It is recorded that he was the father of Enosh.



Enoch:

The next character of note was Enoch. The unique thing about Enoch is that while it is recorded of the others of his day that they died, the bible record of Enoch says that he, "walked with God, and was not, for God took him."



Methuselah:

Enoch was the Father of Methuselah. We remember Methuselah because of his old age. He lived to be 969 years old. And he died.

Genesis 5



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Smokestack players say upcoming fall play really special

By Dawn Hankins

Unlike some plays of the past, Community High Smokestack Theatre's fall play "Gazebo Stays" was written by someone quite familiar to the students.

It's written and directed by the school's own Tony Davis, who has been at the school for over three decades.

Is he ready to retire? He told the T-G this week, not just yet.

First things first; he has his debut play to present Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14 and 15. Each performance is at 7 p.m., at the high school auditorium.

It'll be a while, but-as they say in the military, I'm "getting short"! I've been at Community High for almost 32 years; I began as a student teacher in January of 1994 and became a full-fledged teacher that fall.

What will I miss most? Hard to put my finger on it. The students, certainly. Drama kids are the best ever in my opinion. They are interesting and exciting young folks. Their talent never ceases to amaze me. Beyond that, I'll miss the thrill of "opening night"...of seeing an audience of (sometimes) hundreds of people who've come to see our work. It's a rush.

The kids at Community have inspired me with their talent and enthusiasm. I wasn't sure theatre was going to work at such a small school. In 1994 the high school was just under 300! Then a girl named Kristen Campbell auditioned for our first production, Wait Until Dark, and I knew we were going to be alright. She wasn't just good; she was a FANTASTIC high school actress.

My future plans will definitely include theatre. Also, I've always wanted to get the time to write (plays, mostly). This current production, Gazebo Stays, is one of my first attempts at that. I hope to one day publish.

Honestly, the work that we in the Smokestack Theatre Group have been able to do is far above what I imagined. That's because of my principals, Dr. Robert Ralston, and earlier, Dr. Mike Landis. Both showed our program such trust, and we fed off that. And because of those who helped, like Mr. Mark Gregory (sound) and Mrs. Angie Gambill (photography.) Couldn't have done this without so many who were there for us.





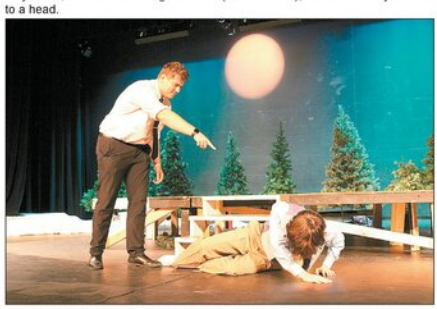
5 longtime friends reunite at the retirement of their favorite teacher, where deep seated fears and anxieties come to a boil.



Billy's final, emotional meeting with Jane (Kalen Collins), as Gazebo Stays comes to a head.



Homecoming dance turns into a watergun fight for the girls of Eastland High (L-R) Skyler Smith, Destiny Roaden and Kalen Collins.



Billy (Parker Behrns) threatens Don (Aaron Kight) in Gazebo Stays.

Big boost for college savings! Eligible Tennessee families can get an extra $1,500 through TIPS 4-to-1 match

NASHVILLE – Tennesseans can take advantage of an extra $1,500 to jumpstart their children's college savings through the Tennessee Investments Preparing Scholars (TIPS) program.

Offered by the Tennessee Department of Treasury, TIPS is a 4-to-1 matching grant program designed to help income-eligible families save for future college costs through a TNStars College Savings 529 account.

Here's how it works:

1. Check your eligibility: If you're a Tennessee resident with a child age 14 or younger, visit Treasury.TN.gov/TIPS to see if you meet the household income requirements.

2. Apply: If you meet the eligibility criteria, complete the TIPS Program Application.

3. Open an account and start saving: Once approved, open a TNStars account for each child. You can open an account online in minutes with as little as $25 to start. For every dollar you deposit to the TNStars account by June 30 of the qualifying period, the State will match it with $4 – up to $500 per child, per year, with a lifetime maximum match of $1,500.

"Between savings and matching grants from TIPS, Tennessee families now have more than $2.6 million for their children's future education," said State Treasurer David H. Lillard, Jr. "I encourage eligible Tennessee families to take advantage of this generous match to help put your child on a path to future success."

TIPS is accepting applications for the current qualifying period through June 30, 2026.

View eligibility and apply for TIPS at: Treasury.TN.gov/TIPS.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

FUMC Shelbyville Worship

This Sunday, at First United Methodist Church Shelbyville, Pastor Abe Zimmerman will preach "The Emotions of God: Part 2" from Luke 19:1-9. In this series, the church will journey through the emotional life of Jesus—God in human form—whose tears, compassion, anger, and joy reveal the heart of God. It's a time to discover how Jesus' emotional life can guide our own. 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 WLIJ 98.7 FM and AM 1580.

First Prez Trunk or Treat

First Presbyterian Church's Trunk or Treat event is Sunday, Oct. 26, from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

The church is located behind the U.S. Post Office.

SOMETHING SPOOK-TACULAR HALLOWEEN COLORING CONTEST FOR K-6 GRADE CHILDREN

Stay tuned! Our winner of the Halloween Spook-tacular coloring contest will be announced in the Thursday, Oct. 30, edition and at t-g.com.



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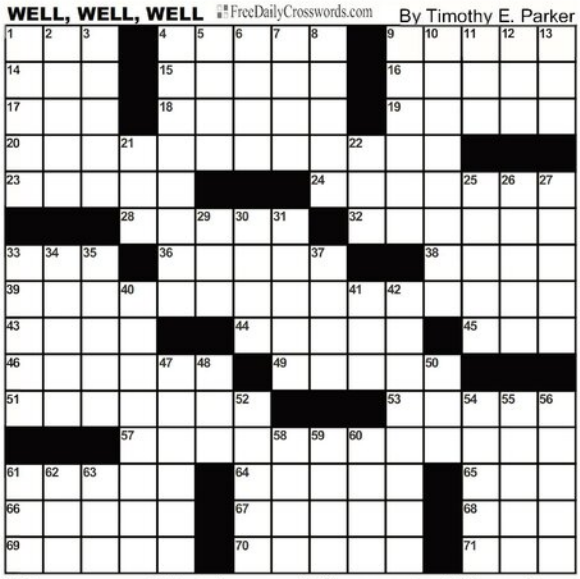
Crossword

WELL, WELL, WELL FreeDailyCrosswords.com By Timothy E. Parker



CLUES ACROSS

1) Keg spigot
4) Window parts
9) Musical exercise
14) Valuable rock
15) Move very gradually
16) Huge ship
17) Major network
18) Crew member
19) Express audibly
20) Totally prepared
23) Crime committed with bad lighting?
24) Pizza fractions, often
28) Court figure, briefly
32) Honeybunch alternative
33) Parenthesis, essentially
36) Mixtures or medleys
38) Akin to
39) Apt end to a peaceful day
43) ___-bodied
44) Ogre's lack
45) Medicos, briefly
46) One who has your home covered?
49) Device in the beauty salon
51) Section of a lyric poem
53) Cheese chunk
57) Treat for a babysitter
61) Set straight, as tires
64) Comparatively sicker
65) Kiwi's extinct relative
66) Like Swiss cheese
67) Like some sugar units
68) Pothook shape
69) Bit of severe weather
70) Some freshwater ducks
71) "Justas I predicted!"

CLUES DOWN

1) Island nation east of Fiji
2) Ann___, Mich.
3) River to the Rio Grande
4) City in Pennsylvania
5) Clothes presser
6) Bawdy
7) Lecherous gaze
8) Bender
9) Gunk
10) It's tough to fight, it's said
11) Picnic pest
12) Director Spike
13) Human thing to do, it's said
21) Cuban couple
22) Word with "first" or "band"
25) Attempted
26) Boy Scout, at times
27) Oozes
29) Certain Ivy Leaguer
30) Approaching, poetically
31) ___ and aahed
33) Some culture mediums
34) Automaton
35) Amber, for one
37) Name on a billboard
40) Visibility helper
41) ___ Lanka (Ceylon)
42) Shop VIPs
47) Item name derived from a person
48) P on a frat house
50) Gun, as an engine
52) Pronouncement
54) Some coins
55) Barnyard honker
56) Clear a blackboard
58) Down in the dumps
59) Isle of exile for Napoleon
60) Command to a dog
61) Sounds of understanding
62) Auction offering
63) U.N. workers protection gp.



SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on 11/18/2025 on or about 12:00 PM, At the main entrance to the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN, Bedford, Tennessee, conducted by the Co-Substitute Trustees as identified and set for the herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by DONALD JUDGE, to Premium Title Services, Inc, Trustee, and recorded on 03/24/2016 as Instrument No. 16001710, Book TD853 Page 215 as in the real property records of Bedford County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner(s) Debt: Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Owner Trustee for Oowen Loan Acquisition Trust 2024-HB1

The following real estate located in Bedford County, Tennessee, will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of records:

LYING AND BEING IN THE SEVENTH (7TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

SAME BEING LOT NO. 15 OF THE EDRELLINGTON SUBDIVISION. A PLAT OF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN THE DEED BOOK57, PAGE 1, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE. TO WHICH REFERENCE IS HERE MADE FOR PARTICULAR OF DESCRIPTION. SAID LOT FRONTS 55 FEET ON THE NORTH SIDE OF BIRD STREET IN SAID SUBDIVISION AND RUNS BACK BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES A DISTANCE OF 135 FEET AND BEING THE SAME LEGAL DESCRIPTION CONTAINED IN THE PREVIOUS DEED OF RECORD.

BEING PROPERTY CONVEYED BY WARRANTY DEED FROM EDGAR ALAN BOMAR AND WIFE, MARY C. BOMAR TO DONALD JUDGE AND WIFE, DIANNE JUDGE, RECORDED SEPTEMBER 2, 2004, IN BOOK 264 AND PAGE 531, IN BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Tax ID: 078O E 028.00 000

Current Owner(s) of Property: DONALD JUDGE

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 445 BIRD ST, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

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

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO ADJOURN THE DAY OF THE SALE TO ANOTHER DAY, TIME AND PLACE CERTAIN WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION, UPON ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE SALE SET FORTH ABOVE. THE TERMS OF SALE ARE CASH. ANY TAXES OR FEES WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASER. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE PURCHASE PRICE. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE CO-TRUSTEES.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: SYNCRONY BANK, THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

If applicable, the notice requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. 35-5-101 have been met.

All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor or Workforce Development are listed as Interested Parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them, and the Sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities' right to redeem the property as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and Tenn. Code Ann. §67-1-1433.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or co-trustees.

For additional sale information visit: https://www.tnforeclosurenotices.com

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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 HEREIN 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.

Parcel ID: 002024 00101

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 400 COOPERTOWN RD, UNIONVILLE, TN 37180. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): BILL JAMES GRIMES AKA BILL GRIMES JR.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

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

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

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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)

People around town, caring, healing smiling



Vicki Caldwell



Madison Sowers

Vanderbilt Tullahoma-Harton Hospital recognized two of its team members who often serve the residents of Bedford County:

Vicki Caldwell, RN, at VTHH, won a Patient and Family Choice Award for her calm, caring approach, and her passion for helping others during life's toughest moments. Caldwell, 59, started out as a business major in college, but "hated it." So she switched to nursing, earning her RN in 2005.

"It was a calling," she said. "All I ever wanted to do was work in the emergency department."

Caldwell said she likes the fast pace of the emergency department, the variety of cases that come through the door, and above all, the ability to help people — patients and family members — when they may be at their lowest, most vulnerable point.

"Even when you have to give them very bad news, a lot of times, it's being there," she said. "Maybe it's holding their hand, asking what can I do?"

Madison Sowers, LPN, who works in the Medical/Surgical/Telemetry unit at VTHH, earned The Daisy Award for always taking an extra minute to brighten the day of patients with kindness and a smile.

A patient said of Madison, "I came into the hospital, very scared and worried about what was going on. Sunday, when Madison came in for the first time, she asked me how I was. She didn't talk much, but by the time her shift ended, she was talking a lot more. When Monday morning came, she came into my room and after a long night, the first thing she said was, 'Good morning, how are you?' with a big smile on her face; knowing the night had been so long it brightened my whole day. As the day went on, she came to check on me and we started making little jokes with each other and laughing. She was a kind face to see in a time when I was so worried.

The DAISY Award is a recognition for extraordinary nurses who exemplify compassion toward patients and families.

Vanderbilt Health distributes the award in partnership with The DAISY Foundation, which was formed in 1999 to honor the memory of J. Patrick Barnes, a 33-year-old man who died of complications of the autoimmune disease Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP). Barnes' family was moved by the care they received from his nurses and wanted to recognize them to preserve his memory. DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System.

Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: October 14

Seller, May Tory Homes LLC; Buyer, Stacey Lenon, Donald L Lenon III; Price, $299,900 (Deed).

Location: Dye Rd; Seller, Sourcesouthern LLC, Land Exit Solutions; Buyer, Sourcesouthern LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Dye Rd; Seller, Sourcesouthern LLC; Buyer, Jody E Morris, Kelly W Morris; Price, $312,500 (QD).

Location: Pepper Hill Rd; Seller, Joanna Morton Butler; Buyer, Joanna Morton Butler, Charles W Morton, Kimberly Morton Sanford; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Norman Lewis Parson, Clara Ruth Parsons Estate; Buyer, Norman Lewis Parsons, Vickie Parsons; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Thompson Rd; Seller, Juan L Alcala, Maria I Alcala, Maria G Alcala, Maria G Baucom, Maria I Alcala Garcia; Buyer, Adela G Alcala; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 607 Hwy 82 E; Seller, Pricilla Jacobs, Priscilla Prather; Buyer, Pricilla Jacobs, David Jacobs; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: October 16

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

Location: 2056 Halls Mill Rd; Seller, Mark Woodward, Debra Woodward; Buyer, Woodward Revocable Living Trust, Mark M Woodward, Debra L Woodward; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Pamouansith Pahn, Terng Rachakhamdee; Buyer, William J McDonald, Amy L McDonald; Price, $404,500 (Deed).

Location: 1156 Bell Buckle Wartrace; Seller, David A Hazlett, Rhonda J Maisano; Buyer, Bentley C Porterfield; Price, $550,000 (Deed).

Seller, John A Lee, Lisa A Lee; Buyer, James B Lindsay, Shelia Lindsay; Price, $483,000 (Deed).

File date: October 17

Seller, MSQD Holdings LLC; Buyer, David Bell, Kim Bell; Price, $743,000 (Deed).

Location: Whiteside Lane; Seller, Roger G Forsee; Buyer, Roger G Forsee, Linda P Forsee; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Unionville Deason Road; Seller, Michael Brian Lynch; Buyer, Dustin Dillon; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Rachel Thomas Grijalva, Michael David Grijalva II; Buyer, Lauren E Thompson; Price, $420,000 (Deed).

Location: Trinity Road; Seller, George E Gray, Joan M Gray; Buyer, Jamie McMillen Butera; Price, $103,450 (Deed).

Location: 617 Kingree Rd; Seller, Gary Boyce Construction LLC; Buyer, Lisha Bates; Price, $299,900 (Deed).

Location: 1101 Bugscuffle Road; Seller, Harlon G Prince, Cindy A Prince; Buyer, LAWBS Holdings LLC; Price, $160,000 (Deed).

Location: Himesville Road; Seller, Jo Ann Urban Llewellyn; Buyer, Ruth Sheperd; Price, $13,333.33 (QD).

File date: October 20

Location: 209 Taylor Creek Lane; Seller, Walter Ronald Fausnaught Jr, Andrew Fausnaught, Jean Marie Fausnaught, Walter Ronald Fausnaught; Buyer, Kristen Topping, Zeljko Mekic; Price, $450,000 (Deed).

Location: 519 Sun Circle; Seller, Kenneth L Clay, Patricia G Cook Clay; Buyer, Charlotte K Brayden Ledington, David Owens, Lynn Owens; Price, $285,000 (Deed).

Location: 120 Enden Ave; Seller, Danielle Erin Ellis, Danielle E Morrell; Buyer, Adam M Morrell; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Knob Creek Rd; Seller, Sandra G Brewer; Buyer, Jesse Cataldo, Kristina Cataldo; Price, $295,000 (Deed).

Location: 216 Graham Way; Seller, Kallie Brooke Baker; Buyer, Jacob Riley Baker; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 1148 Longview Rd; Seller, Shannon Dickey; Buyer, Joseph Dickey, Tambra Dickey; Price, $130,900 (Deed).

Location: 222 Republic St; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Michael D Grijalva II, Rachel Thomas Grijalva; Price, $355,990 (Deed).

Seller, Lauren Elizabeth Thompson; Buyer, Christopher C Shaver, Amy L Shaver; Price, $252,000 (Deed).

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Bid No. 26-6 Water Tank Reinsulating at Community Elementary and Middle School

Bid packages are available on the Bedford County website, bedfordcountytn.gov, or at the Bedford County Department of Finance, 200 Dover Street, Suite 102, Shelbyville, TN. **Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, November 6, 2025.**

Obituaries

John Hilary Dawson



John Hilary Dawson, age 83, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, passed peacefully from this life early Sunday morning, October 19, 2025, at NHC Healthcare of Murfreesboro following an extended illness.

Born on December 2, 1941, in Carthage, Tennessee, Hilary was the son of the late Will B. Dawson and Ova Mai Braswell Dawson. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Fannie Dawson Roberts, Doris Tyree, and Flora Caplenor; and brothers, Howard Dawson and Robert Dawson.

A proud graduate of Smith County High School, Class of 1959, Hilary stood out as a gifted athlete in both baseball and basketball, and was elected as class president all four years and student body president his senior year. He built a career in business management. His career began with Morrison's Cafeteria, promoted from trainee to manager during his 9 years of service. He continued his career with Palmer Food Service as general manager for 25 years until his retirement.

Hilary lived a life rich in purpose and connection. He was an avid golfer, fisherman, cook, Jr. Pro basketball coach, and a devoted member of Fair Haven Baptist Church, where he served as deacon. He had a gift for investing in others—sharing his wisdom, his faith, teaching Bible classes, and his love for fishing and golf.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Barbara Wilmore Dawson; sons, John Kevin (Lori) Dawson and David Arnold (Julie) Dawson; grandchildren, John Thomas (Ashley) Dawson and Joseph Tyler (Tabitha) Dawson; great-grandchildren, Maverick Thomas Dawson, Alex Kai Dawson, Oakley Elizabeth Dawson, and Frances Anne Isabella Dawson; and his sister, Joann Dawson Henley.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. October 22, 2025, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Peter Allen officiating. Burial will follow at Willow Mount Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be held Wednesday, 2 hours prior to the funeral services beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to Fair Haven Baptist Church, the American Heart Association, or the Parkinson's Foundation.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

There's nothing spooky about these Halloween night bites

Creamy Mac & Cheese Cups

Dairy Alliance

- 3 cups milk
- 2 1/2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups (6 ounces) Cheddar cheese, shredded
- 3/4 cup Mozzarella cheese, shredded
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese grated
- 8 ounces elbow macaroni, cooked and drained



1. Preheat oven to 350°. In medium saucepan, slowly add 1 cup of milk to flour, stirring constantly until all lumps have dissolved. Add remaining milk, stirring thoroughly. Place on stove and simmer 15 minutes, stirring occasionally, until sauce thickens.

2. Add 1 cup of Cheddar, mozzarella and Parmesan cheese; stir until blended. Add macaroni, stirring gently to coat well.

3. Line muffin tin with paper muffin cups and place one scoop of mac and cheese mixture into each muffin cup. Top with reserved 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar. Bake 15 minutes or until golden brown.

4. Let cool for 5 minutes before serving.

Cheesy Corn Muffins



- 3 cups fresh corn kernels
- 2 cups shredded white cheddar cheese
- 3/4 cup milk
- 2 large eggs beaten
- 1/2 cup chopped scallions
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- vegetable oil for frying

Yogurt Dipping Sauce (Yield: 1 Cup)

- 1 5.3-ounce container plain Greek Yogurt
- 2 tablespoons chopped scallions
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika

1. In a large mixing bowl, combine corn kernels, cheese and next eight ingredients. Mix until all ingredients are thoroughly combined. Sprinkle flour over mixture and gently combine. Set aside to rest while preparing yogurt sauce.

2. In a small mixing bowl, combine the yogurt, herbs and remaining spices until well combined. Transfer to a small serving dish, cover and place in the refrigerator until ready to serve.

3. Working in batches depending on pan size, heat oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium heat. Using a 1-ounce scooper, drop the fritter batter into pan, leaving space between for them to spread. Using the back of a spatula, gently press down on the batter to flatten the fritters. Once edges are golden, flip fritters over and continue cooking, approximately 3-4 minutes each. Remove from pan and place on paper towel-lined plate. Repeat batches until all batter is used. Transfer to serving plates or platter. Serve immediately or at room temperature with yogurt sauce.

Death Notices

Garry Richard Hemb

Mr. Garry Richard Hemb, age 76, of Shelbyville, passed away Thursday, October16, 2025 after an extended illness.

There are no services scheduled at this time.

Mr. Hemb was born December 5, 1948 in Illinois, to the late George and Esther Brandis Hemb. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Deborah Josephson Hemb; a brother, Larry Hemb, and a sister, Lorrie Huske.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Maria Perez-Perez

Maria Pérez, age 53. Originally from Tolimán, Querétaro, was born on August 2, 1972, and passed away on October 19, 2025. She is survived by husband, Ventura Villeda Rivera, with whom she had been married for 37 years; her children, Claudia Villeda Pérez, Jessica Villeda Pérez, Omar Villeda Pérez, Alejandro Villeda Pérez, and Karla Villeda Pérez; and her grandchildren, whom she loved dearly.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



A GREAT FINANCIAL SHOT IN THE ARM

Information was received today from the state reporting that the amount awarded to Shelbyville Bedford County Senior Citizens Center for technology upgrades from the Tennessee Department of Disabilities (TDD) totals $17,000.

Shop local, support artists and artisans

Fly Arts Center sponsors fall Marker Markets

The Fly Arts Center continues to host its monthly Maker Markets on the first Friday of each month (with the exception of July and December). The main goal of the Maker Market is to provide a platform for local artists and artisans to showcase their creative talents, while providing revenue opportunities and a chance to connect with the community.

In addition, the Fly volunteers hope to create a place where residents and visitors can come together with local artists to enjoy and purchase quality, handmade items.

Each artist/artisan vendor who desires to sell at the Maker Market must submit an application. All submissions will be juried by a committee from images submitted with the application.

Certain criteria such as creativity and originality, popular and/or aesthetic appeal and technical skill will be used in determining acceptance. The Fly reserves the right to decline approval based on limited space and/or based on over-representation of one or more type of item already confirmed to be available at the Maker Market. If this occurs, vendors will be placed on a waiting list.

All vendor fees must be paid at the time of application acceptance. Members of The Fly Arts Center receive a vendor fee discount. Discounts are also offered when vendors commit to attend multiple dates.

Admission to shop the Maker Market and parking is always free.

Upcoming Maker Market Dates

- Friday, Nov. 7 - 4pm to 8pm (Vendor Deadline: 10/27/25)
- SPECIAL SHOP SMALL SATURDAY HOLIDAY MAKER MARKET

Saturday, Nov. 29 - 10am to 4pm - VENDOR SPOTS FULL

All vendors spots have been filled for our Holiday Maker Market on Saturday, November 29th. Applicants going forward will be added to our waiting list. Should a registered vendor not confirm and pay for their spot, volunteers will go down the waiting list in the order in which applications were received.

Highlights of the Sheriff's Office this month-September

By Dawn Hankins

Deputies logged in 82,183 miles, served 655 warrants, made 230 arrests, conducted 320 investigations, 45 accidents without injury, 11 with injury, 65 motorist assists, 239 stops, 58=911 calls and over 700 calls. And that's just for the month of September.

Sheriff Swing also gave the Public Safety Committee the following report from the 17th Judicial Drug Task Force for September: 22 investigations; 32 defendants were identified and arrested or indicted or pending arrest for indictment; one vehicle was seized from a drug defendant with marijuana charge; seized all kinds of drugs, including crystal meth, powder cocaine, crack-based cocaine; 37 doses of heroine/fentanyl powder, 14 grams of mushrooms.

The task force investigated 18 previously convicted felons and did many, many searches and controlled drug buys. As well, the investigators are working with state and federal authorities on social security scams and fraudulent credit card/fraudulent identification cases, the sheriff reported.

Court security officers searched 4,970 people in September. They maintained security for 40 court sessions. There were 1,635 individual court cases held. Deputies served 31 civil and criminal warrants and 24 people were taken into custody on warrants or court-related charges.

The number of defendants getting a ride to corrections/court by deputies was 131 inmates.

Commissioner Eric Maddox asked the sheriff about staffing needs. And the sheriff said interviews are scheduled because the department is down three or four officers.

He said it's difficult because some of the vacancies are for SROs in the schools. He said those officers must be certified and that makes the hiring more difficult. He said some patrol have expressed an interest, which is good because if regular deputy position doesn't have to be certified.

"Used to, SRO was what everybody was gunning for but that's slowed down," said Swing.

WELL, WELL, WELL By Timothy E. Parker

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BEDFORD BRIEF

ANNUAL BAKE SALE

The Methodist Women of First United Methodist (on the square) will have their annual bake sale in the fellowship hall on Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LOST AND FOUND

With the Bell Buckle Craft Fair now history, town employees are finding items left behind and placing them in "Lost and Found." Contact BB Town Hall at 931-389-9513 to claim your lost items.

BB HAUNTED EVENING

Bell Buckle's Haunted Evening will be held Friday, Oct. 24, from 5 to 8 p.m. A face painting, treat trunks, games, a pumpkin carving and scarecrow contest are just a few activities planned. Go to BELLBUCKLECHAMBER.COM for more information.

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.

FLAT CREEK CC MONTHLY EVENT

Flat Creek will have its regular monthly potluck at the community center (115 New Herman Rd) on the first Saturday of November, the 1st, at 6:00. The food will be prayed over at 6:00, and music will follow, beginning at 7:00. Jim and Inge Wood are organizing their annual November student talent show for the entertainment program. Bring a dish, bring your family, and come out to enjoy a good meal and good music provided by all our musicians, young and old, from here in Flat Creek.

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.

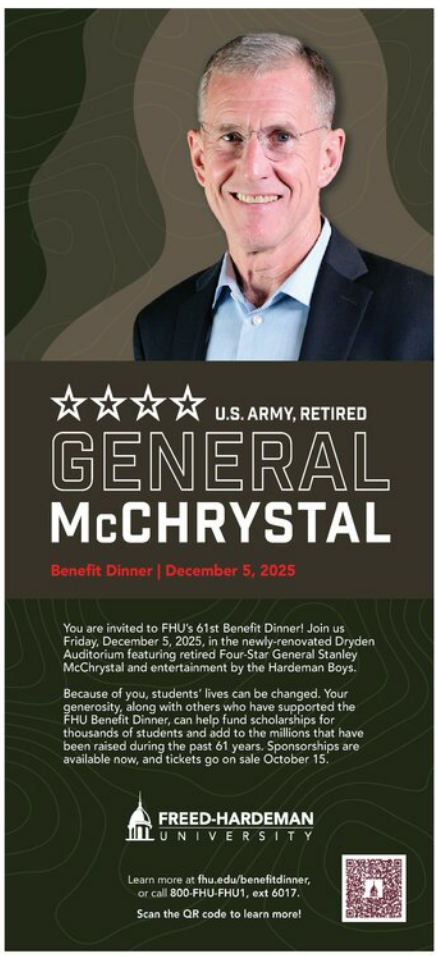
October 26th | 1-3pm
Set Design
With Jody Barnes-Turner

October 26th | 3:30-5:30pm
Costume Design
With Jamie Janine

HANDS ON EXPERIENCE AND LEARNING

Submitted Photos

Community High School Criminal Justice Student Organization held its first ever Training Day on Friday Oct 17. Students within the criminal justice organization received training and instruction by rotating to various stations throughout the course of the day. The stations consisted of Unknown Call Response, Felony Traffic Stops, Crime Scene Investigation, Conducting Field Sobriety for D.U.I. Arrest & Drone Operations. This event was designed to teach as well as prepare students for future competitions while also gaining career-related skills. Chris Hobbs is instructor.



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Cascade would get the ball to start the second half, and managed to reach the Purple Tigers' 31-yard line where they faced a 4th-and-4. Bradley tried to scramble right and pick up the yardage needed, but he was lassoed down short of the first down, turning the ball over on downs.

Watertown marched down to the Cascade 13-yard line, taking 5:04 off the clock before the Champions' forced the Purple Tigers to settle for a 24-yard field goal by Osborne to give the visitors a 13-9 lead with 3:32 left in the third quarter.

After picking up a first down, Cascade was forced to punt, and when Davis capped off a 92-yard drive that took just 3:30 off the clock, Watertown took a two-score lead for the first time all night at 20-9 with 10:10 remaining.

Cascade reached Watertown territory, but Bradley's third INT of the game was caught by Bratcher at his own one-yard line with 7:36 to go. Aided by penalties, the Purple Tigers were able to drive 99 yards in 4:14 to put the game away on a 10-yard touchdown run by Davis to take a commanding 27-9 lead.

Cascade would go four-and-out, allowing Watertown to kneel out the clock and punch their ticket to the Class AAA Playoffs.

Cascade's bid for a postseason berth is officially over, and they turn to take on Marion County before wrapping up the regular season with the 'Battle of Bedford' on October 31st against Community.

Eaglettes' Season Comes to a Close at Franklin in Region 5-AAA Semis, Finish as District 9-AAA Runners-Up

BY NOAH MADDOX
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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes fell to the visiting Franklin County Rebelettes, 2-0, in the District 9-AAA Championship on Thursday.

After the Eaglettes came back to win 2-1 in the regular season matchup, a tightly contested championship game was expected, and it is exactly what the two sides delivered. The two teams remained locked in a scoreless tie for 71 minutes before District 9-AAA MVP Cali Banks pounced on a bouncing ball in the Eaglettes' box, half-volleying it up and over Yaz McFarland and into the back of the net to break the stalemate.

Franklin County added a penalty in the 79th minute to seal the district title after Gracen Baggett converted from the spot into the left corner to put the game out of reach.

Early on, both teams traded time with possession, until the Rebellettes began to assert control on the ball. Although both teams registered a few shots on goal, none of the attempts threatened either keeper, and both teams went into halftime level at 0-0.

However, in the second half, the Eaglettes came painfully close to scoring not once, but twice within five minutes. First, in the 45th minute, Shelbyville's free kick from the left flank was spilled by Casey Silver in the box, but Kyler Doak's first-time shot attempt was tame and right at Silver for a relatively simple save.

The next opportunity came in the 49th minute when a great touch by Doak found some space in the box, but her outside-of-the-boot effort ended up being right at Silver yet again.

The Eaglettes continued to stay on the front foot, winning a free kick straightaway from 20 yards out, but Jayda Frazier's shot attempt flew just over the crossbar.

After Franklin County found the go-ahead goal, Shelbyville was unable to generate any more opportunities, and the defending 2024 Class AAA State Champions from a year ago were crowned the District 9-AAA Champions for 2025.

On Tuesday, the Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes (11-5-1, 4-1-1) saw their season end at the Franklin Lady Admirals (17-1-1), 2-0, in the Region 5-AAA Semifinal on Tuesday night.



The Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes finished their 2025 campaign as the District 9-AAA Runners-Up. *T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox.*

Franklin scored a pair of first-half goals to secure their place in the Region 5-AAA Championship on Thursday.

"Starting out as the Head Coach and making it as far as we did with these seniors when they were freshmen [in 2022] – who were critical players then for us – made this run very special to me," said Eaglettes Head Coach Casey Curry. "I hate that we didn't get this game, but you're just playing against a whole different level up here. The first time we scrimmaged earlier this year, they beat us 4-0. It's just something for us to learn from and push towards because we have the talent, and because we are so young, we have so much to grow towards. It was a pretty tough loss, but I'm proud of our girls. They fought until the end."

SCHS generated a couple of half-chances in the second half, but overall were mostly unable to find any rhythm in attack against a physical Lady Admirals side. Josie Johnson, a freshman forward for Franklin, opened the scoring in the 13th minute to give the hosts a 1-0 lead.

Then, in the 28th minute, junior Aubrey Gates doubled Franklin's lead to 2-0, an advantage that the Eaglettes were ultimately unable to overcome.

"This team had a lot of fight in them that I love, and a lot of good energy and chemistry," Curry said about her squad postgame. "I think as they grow and build that, it's going to be pretty fun to watch over the next few years. We lose four starters [Mary Grace Marshall, Yasmine McFarland, Britzel Hayiten, and Karen Camarillo] but after that we have one soon-to-be senior who starts and then all freshmen and sophomores. We have a lot of potential in the years to come."

Shelbyville's season comes to a close at 11-5-1 (4-1-1) as the 2025 District 9-AAA Runners-Up.

Lady Champs Bounce Back and Advance to Region Championship After Upset Loss in District Title Game

BY NOAH MADDOX
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UNIONVILLE, Tenn. – In a turn of events hardly anyone outside of Chapel Hill could have seen coming, the Cascade Lady Champions suffered just their second defeat of the season, and it came at the hands of the Lady Rockets from Chapel Hill, 3-2, on Thursday at Community.

Cascade came into the final having handedly defeated the Lady Rockets in their two previous matchups – 7-0 and 5-1 respectively – but this time, Chapel Hill jumped on the Lady Champs early and often.

Clara Jung opened the scoring in just the 5th minute to put the visitors on the scoreboard ahead, 1-0, on an assist by Sydney Petty. Three minutes later, Baeliy Stalnecker doubled Chapel Hill's advantage off an assist from Alex Whiteside to take a 2-0 lead.

After a pair of efforts from the Lady Champions were off target, but then Lexi Comstock scored her 25th goal of the season to pull one back for Cascade and trim the lead in half.

Neither team was able to find another goal, sending the tense affair to halftime with Chapel Hill holding a one goal lead, 2-1.

As the second half began and still both sides were unable to score, Stalnecker provided what turned out to be the game-winning goal in the 85th minute to secure her brace.

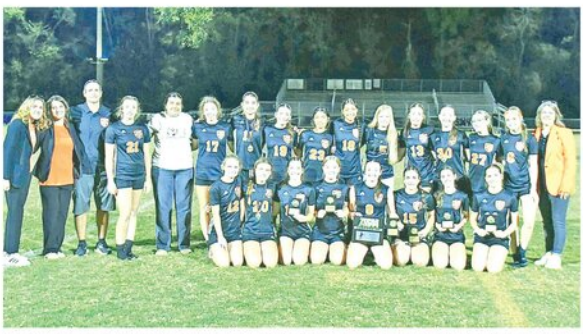
Comstock matched Stalnecker minutes later, securing a brace of her own to trim the lead to 3-2, but ultimately there was not enough time remaining on the clock for Cascade, and the Lady Rockets secured their historic district championship.

Facing elimination on Tuesday, the Cascade Lady Champions (13-2-1, 8-0-0) returned to their winning ways at the perfect time in the Region 5-A Semifinal at Culleoka (9-5-1, 6-1-1) in a 6-0 win.

Kaylee Martin, Olivia Winnett, and Lexi Comstock all tallied a brace in the dominant performance over the District 10-A Champions and punched Cascade's ticket to the Region 5-A title game. After falling to Chapel Hill in the District 9-A Championship in unexpected fashion by conceding three goals, the Lady Champs posted a clean sheet against the Lady Warriors, keeping star eighth grader Emerson Massey – who led the hosts with 19 goals on the season coming in – off the scoresheet.

Martin opened the scoring on Cascade's first attack of the night to take a 1-0 lead within the opening minutes, setting the tone for the Lady Champs immediately before she assisted on Winnett's first goal minutes later to double Cascade's lead.

The visitors kept their foot on the gas, eventually finding their third goal of the night on Martin's sixth goal of the season. The sophomore winger, who came into Tuesday's match with four goals to her name so far this season, netted half of her total on the year in just the first half against the Lady Warriors.



The Cascade Lady Champions finished as the District 9-A Runners-Up after falling to Chapel Hill before keeping their season alive in Tuesday's win at Culleoka. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

After taking a momentary rest, Comstock returned to the pitch and immediately put her stamp on the game by scoring a pair of goals in rapid succession. Kyla Pulley provided her second assist of the season on Comstock's first goal, and then Brinlee Collett dished out her third assist in 2025 for Comstock's 28th goal of the campaign to complete her brace and give Cascade a commanding 5-0 lead heading into the halftime break.

Shortly after the start of the second half, Winnett completed her brace with her 16th goal of the year to reach the final margin of 6-0.

Cascade advances to the Region 5-A Championship on Thursday night at Chapel Hill with kickoff set for 6:00 p.m.

Turnovers Doom Golden Eagles in Homecoming Loss to Ravenwood

BY NOAH MADDOX
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SHELBYVILLE Tenn. – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (3-5, 3-2) trailed by just two possessions at halftime against Region 6-6A foe Ravenwood (8-0, 4-0), but four total turnovers led the way for the visiting Raptors to pull away in a 45-14 win on Friday night.

This loss ended a streak of seven-consecutive home wins for the Golden Eagles dating back to last season. Despite the defeat, the Golden Eagles sit in prime position to clinch a trip back to the postseason for the third consecutive season in their first year in Class 6A.

In the first half, Robert Bailey and Stephen Bobo both found the end zone after falling behind 21-0 in the first six minutes. Against arguably the best public program in the state of Tennessee, Bailey tallied 71 yards rushing and one touchdown on 28 attempts. Meanwhile, Stephen Bobo finished 10/19 passing for 141 yards with those three interceptions while running twice for 20 yards and one touchdown.

The Golden Eagles' two touchdowns in the second quarter trimmed the Raptors' lead to 28-14, but Ravenwood's defense took over the game in the second half, pitching a shutout and outscoring the hosts 17-0 in the process.

Shelbyville showcased a few new wrinkles that Golden Eagle fans could see moving forward, including some read option with Bailey and Torrion Mathis both in the backfield. Also, Cyonn Rucker, a freshman who has started two games under center this season as well as becoming one of the best defensive backs on the team, got himself a few reps at wide receiver with Bobo at quarterback as well as coming away with his first interception of the season.

Xzayvier Jordan hauled in a 51-yard reception, his longest of the season, to get Shelbyville in position for one of the two touchdowns in the first half, and Jack Conditt finished with three catches for 39 yards. Chandler Jones added a pair of receptions for 18 yards as well.

Ravenwood's quarterback, Femi Babaloa, got the scoring started on Ravenwood's opening drive, breaking multiple tackles before reversing field to find the end zone from 48 yards out with 10:28 to go in the opening period and go up 7-0.

On Shelbyville's ensuing possession, Grant Lucas nailed Bobo on a pass attempt, knocking the ball out in the process and into the path of Matthew Anderson for a 41-yard scoop-and-score to quickly double the Raptors' lead to 14-0 with 8:19 left in the first quarter.

After forcing another turnover – a deflected intereception by James Nelson for his third INT of the season – the Raptors found the end zone from 24 yards out thanks to a Caden Pace run, taking a 21-0 lead with just over six minutes to go in the first quarter.

Finally, the Golden Eagles found a way to move the ball into Ravenwood territory, and as the second quarter began, Robert Bailey punched it in from one-yard out to get Shelbyville on the board with just over 11 minutes left in the first half.

Ravenwood would find the end zone once again – this time from 32 yards out – when Babaloa kept the ball on a speed option down the left sideline for his second rushing touchdown of the night.

Bobo orchestrated one more touchdown drive in response, and the Golden Eagles' quarterback dove into the end zone from one yard out on fourth-and-goal to cut the lead to 28-14 with 4:51 left in the first half.

Shelbyville forced a punt on the ensuing Ravenwood possession, and then the two teams traded interceptions. First, a Bobo pass was picked off and returned to midfield by Danny Brown. However, on the very first play of the Raptors' drive, Babaloa was intercepted by Cyonn Rucker on an underthrown deep ball down the left sideline with 57 seconds left in the first half sent both teams to the locker room with the Golden Eagles hanging on.



Robert Bailey (31) and Stephen Bobo (15, QB) accounted for the two first-half touchdowns scored by Shelbyville in Friday's loss to Ravenwood. *Photo courtesy of Shelbyville Central Football Facebook.*

Shelbyville got the ball to start the second half, but after a critical holding penalty nullified what would have been the third first down of the drive, Bobo threw his third and final interception of the night on 3rd-and-15 to Wyatt Appleton. Appleton nearly took it all the way back for six, but was brought down inside the 10-yard line, allowing Maverick Chance to find the end zone on the very next play and grow the lead to 35-14.

Ultimately, the Golden Eagles were unable to score again and the Raptors tacked on 10 more unanswered points to close out yet another Region 6-6A road win.

With the win, Ravenwood sets up a massive showdown against Brentwood for the top seed from Region 6-6A for the playoffs.

Shelbyville suffers its second loss in region play, and will have a quick turnaround to host non-region foe Hendersonville on Thursday night before closing out the region schedule at home against a struggling Coffee County team.

Champs Eliminated From Postseason Contention in Homecoming Loss to Watertown

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BELL BUCKLE, Tenn. – The Cascade Champions (3-5, 0-4) were unable to capitalize on an inspired defensive performance, falling to Region 4-AAA foe Watertown (5-3, 3-1), 27-9, on Friday night.

The Purple Tigers' do-it-all quarterback, Garrett Davis, racked up 171 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 23 attempts while also finishing 9/18 passing for 157 yards with one touchdown and one intereception. While the Champs' defense bottled him up for 21 of those carries, it was two long runs of 41 yards and 62 yards that broke open the game for Watertown.

The visitors also forced three Cascade interceptions, and all three of them were thrown to Jesse Bratcher. Bratcher also finished with four receptions offensively for 52 yards and one touchdown.

Sam Bradley, who started the season without throwing a pick through the first five games, saw his tally rise to seven INTs in the last three games. He finished 11/25 through the air for 134 yards and those three interceptions. Bradley also ran the ball for the Champs' only touchdown of the night from five yards out, finishing with 49 yards rushing on 11 attempts.

Nate Zimmerman helped out on the ground, totaling 48 yards on 13 attempts with 43 of those yards coming in the second half. For Watertown, Landon Harper and Will Burns IV combined for just 39 yards rushing on 16 attempts as the two tailbacks for the Purple Tigers.

To open the game, both defenses allowed the opposing offense to reach the red zone, but both defenses also bowed up to force a field goal. First, Watertown's Brody Osborne connected from 34 yards out to cap off a nearly four-minute long opening march and put the visitors ahead 3-0 before Gabe Perez-Rubio responded with a 29-yard field goal of his own to draw Cascade level at 3-3 with 6:59 to go in the opening period.

After Cascade forced a Watertown punt, Bratcher came away with the first of three interceptions on the night when Bradley aired out a deep ball down the right sideline intended for Corey Gooch. However, an inspired Cascade defense forced a three-and-out, and this theme of stout defenses would continue for the majority of the first half.

Then, with 2:35 remaining in the second quarter, Ze'Shawn Swaggerty came through the Watertown line untouched, hitting Davis right as he released the football. The ball fluttered high in the air and came down in the waiting arms of Champions' linebacker Kaden Hill for the second turnover in as many possessions for the Purple Tigers. Hill was finally brought down at the Watertown 20-yard line, and a few plays later Bradley ran it in from five yards out to give Cascade its first lead of the night. After a successful two-point conversion was called back for holding, the extended extra point was missed, leaving the score at 9-3 with just 1:20 left in the first half.



Andrew Dowell (7) hauled in two passes for 36 yards, including this 33-yard catch-and-run in the first quarter. He also registered numerous tackles for the Champions in the tough loss to Watertown on Friday. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

Because of a celebration penalty, Cascade was forced to kickoff from its own 20-yard line. Three plays later, Watertown was in the end zone. After the first play of the drive went nowhere, Watertown hurried to the line just in time for Davis to find Dacio Carter streaking behind the Champions' defense due to a busted coverage for a 40-yard completion. Watertown took its final timeout of the half, and on the ensuing play, Davis, who had completed just two passes before this drive, found Bratcher for a spectacular contested catch in the end zone for a 24-yard go-ahead touchdown with just 22 seconds on the clock, putting the Purple Tigers ahead, 10-9, going into the halftime locker room.

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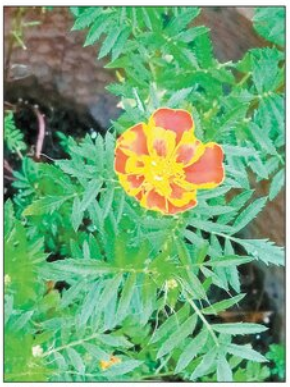
It's Fall Y'all!



Miss Kitty suns herself in the warm rays of autumn.



Some plants, like this marigold, remain strong through cooler days.



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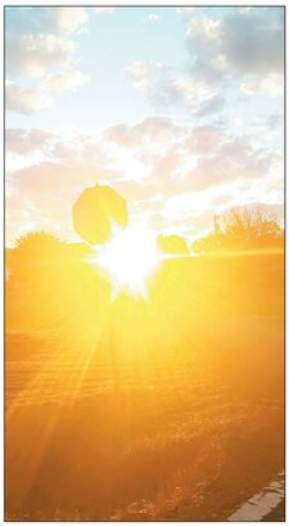

There's nothing like a Tennessee sunrise.



Fall bestows a ray of colors in plants.





Healthier Halloween Dirt Cups

Dairy Alliance



Snack time gets a healthy, kid-approved upgrade with these dirt cups!

Blended with creamy avocado, rich cocoa, and milk, this playful treat delivers chocolatey flavor toddlers love while sneaking in nutrients they need.

Milk adds high-quality protein, calcium, and vitamin B12—nutrients that help support early brain development, strong bones, and healthy growth.

The texture is silky and smooth, just right for little spoons, and the chocolate granola "dirt" and gummy worms make it extra fun. It's the perfect way to turn dessert into something that's both delicious and nourishing for your growing spook.

- ½ cup milk
- 2 cups mashed avocado, about 4 medium avocados
- 5 tablespoons cocoa powder
- 3 tablespoons maple syrup
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- ½ cup chocolate granola
- 12 gummy worms

In a food processor add the avocado, milk, cocoa powder, maple syrup, and vanilla. Blend until smooth. You can add more milk to the food processor to reach your desired consistency.

Divide the "pudding" between the four cups and place in the refrigerator to chill for 30 minutes.

Place the chocolate granola in a zip-top bag and crush into small "dirt-like" crumbs using your hands or a rolling pin.

Remove cups from the fridge and sprinkle the crushed granola over each one.

Top with gummy worms or other Halloween candy. Enjoy!



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