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TN Downs files state complaint against BCUD

Water utility states complaint is without merit

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This is part 1 of an ongoing story.

During a recent hearing before the Tennessee Board of Utility Regulation (TBOUR), Bedford County Utility District representatives must have felt they were being penalized and getting sent to the sidelines by TN Downs Development.

The recent complaint filed by TN Downs Development centers on whether BCUD "can or will" provide adequate water flow and hydrant service needed for fire suppression for TN Downs, i.e., a large private development planned along Highway 231 North.

A decision on the complaint by TN Downs against BCUD was postponed until December when the state comptroller's office can achieve a discovery of more information regarding the case for TBOUR.

During the recent hearing, testimonies were received from TN Downs' attorney Joe Lackey; Bedford County Fire Chief Mark Thomas; Bedford County Commissioner Greg Vick; and attorney Dewey Branstetter, legal counsel for BCUD.

Leading the hearing for the Comptroller's Office was Ross Colona, assistant director for the TN Comptrollers Office, division of local government.

The utility district is privately operated and is not a part of Bedford County Government. BCUD is the premier provider of water and natural gas service for Bedford County residents.

BCUD's attorney said the complaint recently filed is untimely and false in its allegations. He added that the utility has been responsive to requests from the developer for information. Branstetter then introduced BCUD representatives present: David Dickens, president of BCUD board; District Manager Kevin Mayhorn; and BCUD Engineer Buddy Koonce.

He reminded the board of a letter he submitted to Ross Colona, who stated his recommendation to the board was to have the parties together for more discussion and bring back the complaint to the TBOUR December meeting.

Attorney Branstetter worked to set the record straight and reminded TBOUR of its rules and regulations regarding complaints filed. "This is just not a proper complaint. It's untimely, first of all, based on your rules-if something comes in, less than 30 days before-it's supposed

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In regard to a complaint filed recently against Bedford County Utility by TN Downs, Bedford County Fire Chief Mark Thomas (above) and Bedford County Commissioner Greg Vick addressed the state utility regulation board, revealing difficulties they've had in efforts with BCUD, regarding public safety and economic growth of Bedford County.





FARMER FAMILY FOR TRUNK OR TREAT

Submitted Photo

Costumes of all kinds could be found at the First Presbyterian Church Trunk or Treat event Sunday night. See more photos from this event inside today. Children are encouraged to carry flashlights when trick or treating.



ROCKIN' HALLOWEEN IN STYLE

T-G Photo by Marilyn Ewing

These ladies know how to rock a trunk or treat! See additional photos from the Trunk or Treat event held at the Judicial Center last Thursday on pg. 12. Please drive safely on Friday afternoon and evening as there will be events happening all over town!

Hundreds of vehicles to join 29th Highway 41 Toy Convoy on Sunday, Nov. 2

Hundreds of vehicles in all shapes and colors are about to line up for the 29th Highway 41 Toy Convoy, planned for Sunday, Nov. 2.

Motorcycles, hot rods, jeeps, vans, trucks, rat rods, big rigs, dump trucks, police cars and fire trucks are coming in from across the South to make this the largest ever toy convoy, said Katy Ishee, founder and organizer.

Firetrucks will come from Wartrace, Bell Buckle, Bedford County, Manchester, Hickerson Station, Hillsboro, New Union, Summitville and North Coffee.

Lineup begins at 9 a.m. at the Raiders Academy, 865 McMinnville Hwy., in Manchester. The convoy rolls at noon with a police escort and will travel out Highway 41 to Beech Grove, turning west on 64 over to Wartrace to Winette Ayers Park in Wartrace.

Each person is asked to please bring a new unwrapped toy or two to help brighten Christmas for the kids. Admission is $10.00 a vehicle or $20, if you enter the car, bike, jeep, truck show.

Twenty plus trophies will be given to the winners, including, most patriotic vehicle and the young at heart award. All show entries must register in Manchester and ride in the convoy.

No entries will be taken in Wartrace, according to the organizer.

Ishee advised, "CSX is all aboard the convoy and will be stopping the train in Wartrace to let the convoy roll. AIR EVAC LIFE TEAM 44 will be flying in for the afternoon. The Coffee County team was recently ranked as one of the top 3 bases in the US!"

Grand Marshal is Roger Piggot, ICEMAN of Iceman TV Productions, who will be leading the convoy. Piggot is also bringing in a film crew who will be filming for his new series, American 250 Patriot Nation TV that will air internationally next summer, according to Ishee.

Special guest 15-year-old Webb Schmidt will be taking the stage with Virgil T & the Uncle Tom Band. Webb will be playing the National Anthem and the band will be doing an Allman Brothers tribute-a crowd favorite.

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AND THE HALLOWEEN COLORING CONTEST WINNER IS....

T-G Photo by Renee Brown

Isabella Everhart, a student at Victory Baptist Academy, was selected as this year's Halloween Coloring Contest winner. She is the daughter of Jonathan and Leah Everhart. Isabella received a $25 gift card. Please see her winning entry on pg. 2 today. We appreciate all of the children who participated.

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Lady Champs Soccer

After winning Region Title at Chapel Hill, Lady Champs' season ends at State against Merrol Hyde.

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A GREAT PLACE FOR TRUNK OR TREAT

Submitted Photo

It was a great time had by many at the First Presbyterian Church Trunk or Treat event last Sunday.

NEWS AT THE FLY

Check out the website and social media for Fly Arts Center

Support needed for local artisans and programs

From acting lessons to 3D Sculpture creations, there's truly something for everyone with a love of the arts in Bedford County.

Did you know that the Fly was recently awarded an Art for All grant from the TN Arts Commission that is funding a monthly art class? This grant is allowing artists to offer the Art for All class free to the public (limited seating.)

Local artists like Crystal O'Neal are also trying to improve support of local artists through rotating Art Exhibits in the Fly Art Gallery, supporting monthly Maker's Markets, holidays markets and participation in events held on the square and in the community.

Local artist O'Neal said recently, "As an artist myself, having the support of the Bedford County Arts Council and The Fly Arts Center is so important. It seems there are very few affordable ways in which an artist can promote themselves."



FALL FUN DAYS WITH FIRST COMMUNITY BANK

FCB Photos

First Community Bank's Airport Branch held its annual Fall Festival last Friday with several little, and big, spooks showing up for the fun and food. The Moore County Branch in Lynchburg, 535 Majors Blvd., will have its annual chili day on Friday, Nov. 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Art is a place for children to learn to trust their ideas, themselves and to explore what is possible.

MaryAnn F. Kohl, children's art educator

The Times-Gazette would like to thank all of the children who entered our T-G Halloween Coloring Contest. We feature today Isabella Everhart's winning entry. The judges remarked on Isabella's eye for detail, like the circle around the kitty's eye.

Thanks again to the advertisers who supported this page - ***Dixie Doodle Boutique, Shelter Insurance/Tina Davenport, First Presbyterian Church, Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library and local artist Crystal O'Neal.***





HONORABLE MENTION

Receiving an honorable mention for our Halloween Coloring Contest is 10-year-old Joshua Glosson. His unique colors struck a cord with one of our judges.

CONVOY

From page 1A

Ishee said a long-time tradition of the convoy is that everyone is asked to please fly an American flag to salute our military and first responders and our country! Please make sure the flags are secure as the convoy can hit speeds up to 50 MPH.

"You will see everything from small window flags to huge American flags blowing in the breeze."

The convoy will travel from the school up to Highway 41 turning north. They will travel with several police escorts out to Beech Grove to Hwy 64 and turn west through

horse country to the park in Wartrace.

"The ride should be gorgeous with the leaves peaking in Tennessee," Ishee said. "The public is invited to bring their chairs out along the route with their flags and enjoy this wonderful display of patriotism and good will."

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand to visit with the kids.

Food trucks will be available at the park.

Ishee explained that Winette Ayers Park is reserved for show entries only. The motorcycles will park down the walking trail.

Non show participants will park across the road at the horse show grounds across the street.

"Please do NOT send money to anyone online as I was informed of a scam using my maiden name (Katy Olliff) and my picture and the woman claiming she was me and to send her $30 per vehicle. We do not have an online account. She is a fraud."

If you want to help but can't join you can send a check to Hwy 41 Toy Convoy Box 72 Normandy TN 37360 or drop off your toys at C.A.R.S. on MacArthur St, in Manchester or the Town hall in Wartrace.

The toys will be distributed through Steve Graves/Gene Taylor Christmas Foundation and Coffee County Rescue, Manchester Police Dept., Wartrace and Bell Buckle Fire Departments

For more info contact organizer Ishee 931-224-0612.

Editor's Note: **The U.S. Department of Agriculture which manages the SNAP nutritional program for millions across the country has commented "the well has run dry." Who is to blame for all this, mainly that people may go hungry this month due to the continued federal government shut down.**
Read the guest column by Dave Sliger of Shelbyville, our resident historian and columnist:

The United States should bow her head in shameful sorrow that she has permitted just 535 of her millionaire citizens to shut down our great nation.

We may lead in industry, freedom of the press and democracy, but on the other hand we also lead in another arena for which there is no pride - that being we have undoubtedly the most stupid, self-serving, selfish; uncaring elected pompous asses imaginable as they pound their chests in righteous indignation declaring with shameless lies how they are patriotic Americans with American's interest their only priority in serving in Congress.

If anyone believes this rhetoric then we are a sinking ship.

If these politicians were sincere in carrying out their duties as elected members of Congress, then for certain we would not be headed down the road of insolvency and chaos. There is no doubt the members of Congress have not read the entire 1,500 pages of the funding bill, but worse yet it is apparent none has read or even basically comprehends the US Constitution.

No, their main course is solely for political gain with their respective party and continuance of their self-serving mode. They only read those portions of the bill for which they can shout and declare they will not accept any compromise until their demands are met. And the average American can rest assured not a single member of the Congress will miss a single meal, face the danger of having their utilities cut because of nonpayment, or face being forced out onto the street for not paying the rent.

And do they really care that the 42 million Americans dependent upon the government for assistance are facing a bleak future if the funding is not restored?

Again, not a single one gives a hoot. All they care about is soliciting votes and maintaining their millionaire lifestyle.

America's political agenda has obviously sunken to an all-time low, with the funding bill in limbo and the radical squad leaders of the Democrat party calling for the outright assassination of their opponents, and nary a word in protest by the rational Democrats (if there is such a creature still in existence) or the left-leaning media.

Again, our current course in America is an embarrassment and how can Congress have the intestinal fortitude to face their constituents and stand there barefaced uttering how they care for all Americans?

Celebrating 100 years of service: Community School in Unionville, where I spent 12 years of my life

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Community School Alumni Association will hold a special 100th anniversary celebration 2 p.m. this Sunday, Nov. 2, at Community Elementary. The public is welcome to attend this special ceremony which is promised to be great with videos from various educators and special messages. And cake!

My grandmother was a young girl when she entered the doors of Community School back in the 1920s. My mother and siblings followed in her footsteps as alumna. Then I and my siblings and other family members went on to graduate in Unionville.

I'm sure it's quite unusual these days for people to be educated for 12 years in the same school. But we did it!

I actually had a lot of the same teachers as my mom and there were a few still at the school from my grandmother's days. They gave so much to the school and students from working ballgames to science fairs.

Some of my family members went on to become teachers at Community-some retired and some still teaching.

So, I'm proud of the part my family has played in the history of Community School. In fact, here's a history note of my own; it was at Community where I received my first kiss in junior high. (My sister witnessed that and told on me. She has never let me live that down. Who was it? She knows that's a sister (bestie) thing. Keep it closed.

So anyway, I was reading some of the Community School history compiled by some of my friends and neighbors. It seems teachers who came into the area were boarded at different places and were only paid about $60 a month during the Great Depression. Given the times, sometimes they didn't get paid, according to history records.

I thought readers might enjoy re-reading some of the school's history. It's unique to say the least.

So, long may her flag wave for more generations to come.

Community High School is a public-school serving grades nine through twelve in northern Bedford County. The school originally was built in 1925 to accommodate those children who finished the eighth grade at the ten elementary schools in the area: Rover, Haynes, Longview, Green Hill, Taylor's Cross Roads, Cedar Grove, Unionville, Fall's Creek, Poplin's Cross Roads, and Ray's Chapel.

A brick building was constructed in 1939, with additions in 1946, 1954, 1955, 1964, and 1975. In 1997, grades 7-12 moved into a newly constructed building on the 3470 Highway 41A North campus. Community School shared a cafeteria with Community Elementary but were otherwise separate schools. Due to overcrowding, portable classrooms were added over time since the 1997 construction.

In the fall of 2009, grades 9-12 moved into the new Community High School located at 100 Community Crossing (fronting Unionville-Deason Road). The building is a state-of-the-art high school facility located on over ninety acres with a capacity of 500 students. The building at 3470 Highway 41A North houses grades 6-8 as Community Middle School. Community High School continues to use outdoor athletic facilities located on the Community Middle School campus. Beginning as a small unit school in 1925, Community is now a complex of three separate schools serving northern Bedford County. A classroom wing just a couple of years ago finalized former school projects.

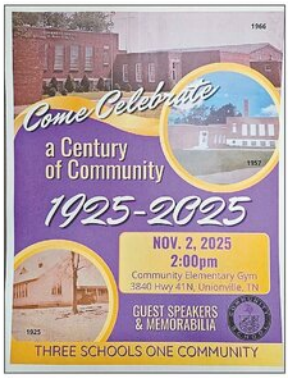
And according to Principal and Alumni Robert Ralston, there's more to come in the way of a master plan.

So how did it all start? Here's some fun and interesting facts.

What a great history lesson.

Come out Sunday and celebrate with the Community School alumni and community. It will be a joyous day.

I lift my hand to heaven to those who continued the work and persevered over the years for the little school house and gave so much that the school is what it is today.



BCUD manager outlines major projects underway

By Dawn Hankins

Though recently called on the state utility carpet and accused of not providing needed community services, BCUD manager Kevin Mayhorn told the T-G this week there are three major projects underway designed to strengthen local infrastructure and prepare Bedford County for continued growth.

"Since joining BCUD, I have met with numerous elected officials, residents, developers, and neighboring utilities to emphasize my commitment to collaboration. My goal remains the same—to provide safe, reliable, and cost-efficient utility services to all residents of Bedford County. My door is always open, and I look forward to continuing to work together for the benefit of our community.

1. Water Treatment Plant Upgrade
- Expands capacity from 2 million to 6 million gallons per day
- Project cost: $6.8 million
- Estimated completion: Summer 2026

2. Unionville-Deason Road Water Project
- Includes a 1 million-gallon-per-day pump station, 25,000 feet of 12" water line, and multiple infrastructure upgrades
- Project cost: Approximately $5 million
- Plans submitted to the State of Tennessee for approval
- Expected construction start: Spring 2026

3. Natural Gas Gate Station Upgrade
- Reconstructing the Snell Road regulator station with larger regulators, valves, and piping
- Will increase gas flow to the north end of Bedford County
- Estimated cost: $100,000
- Estimated completion: Winter 2025

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Nov. 3 deadline rapidly approaching!

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Tennessee Promise is a last-dollar scholarship, covering tuition and mandatory fees not already paid by the Pell Grant, HOPE Scholarship, or Tennessee Student Assistance Award.

"Tennessee Promise is more than a scholarship—it's a pathway to opportunity," said Dr. Steven

Gentile, THEC Executive Director. "Tennessee Promise provides two-years of tuition-free and the opportunity to quickly pursue their career goals and prepare for a lifetime of success."

Students may use the Tennessee Promise scholarship at any of Tennessee's 13 community colleges, 23 Tennessee colleges of applied technology (TCATs), or other participating four-year public and private colleges offering an associate degree program.

Applying is simple. The Tennessee Promise application is accessed through the TSAC Student

Portal. To create a Student Portal account, students will need to provide:

- First and Last Name (as it appears on the Social Security card)
- Social Security Number
- Date of Birth
- Personal Email Address (not a school email)

Take the first step toward your dream career and apply for Tennessee Promise today!

Learn more at CollegeforTN.org/tnpromise.

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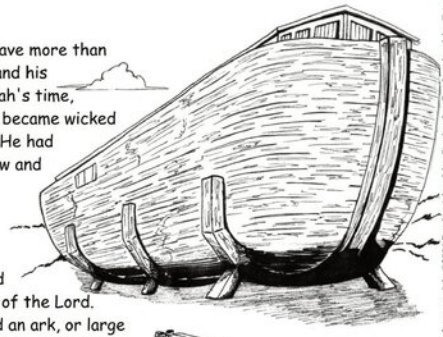
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Noah was the great-grandson of Enoch who "walked with God and was not, for God took him."



The writer of Genesis gave more than four chapters to Noah and his descendants. During Noah's time, the people of the earth became wicked and God was sorry that He had made man. In His sorrow and grief, God decided to destroy all living things that he had created.

Noah was a just man and found grace in the eyes of the Lord. God called Noah to build an ark, or large boat. This ark was to protect Noah and his three sons and the 4 wives during the destruction by water all of the living things on the earth. Noah was also instructed to take animals of every kind into the ark. This he did.

Genesis 6

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BCUD

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to be put off to the next meeting [December.]

He said the rule is that the complainant needs to seek discussion and hopefully a compromise with the entity. He said that has absolutely has not happened in this complaint against BCUD and therefore based on the law, it's all without merit before TBOUR.

Branstetter contended that BCUD has submitted costs to the developer but those numbers were really based on opinion of probable cost. He admitted with such a short window, there's things he doesn't know.

However, the BCUD attorney said he knows that the TN Downs reps went to the state board at the 9th hour following one email. And now, at the hearing, bringing with them County representatives with a whole different set of issues.

He said the whole event-complaint-has been working less than a month which is again against TBOR rules. The BCUD attorney said the real issue, as said by Colona at the outset of the meeting, is that this complaint concerns more than fire suppression.

The attorney advised, "This is just a mechanism for them to get in front of you to try get what they want . . . haven't come to the utility district to ask what we can do to work on this. They haven't even asked what we're doing to extend our lines. You should know there's a $5 million project to extend water to this 231 North corridor. They didn't mention that to you."

"What bothers me . . . a lot of what's in staff recommendations is based on letters from stakeholders who weren't in the packet. That's irrelevant. You've got to go based on what the complaint says-what the law says . . . ."

He asked TBOUR to dismiss due to the complaint being full of false allegations, especially the portion that says BCUD will not provide sewer service. (BCUD only provides water and gas to its customers.)

The attorney said a meeting between BCUD and TN Downs is still doable, though this filed complaint is not a good start to negotiations.

Branstetter further advised state utility board members, "It's a cheap shot, really a cheap shot, at Bedford County Utility District and this board should not allow it. And it may be your board next time . . . ."

Key point: Did TN Downs ask for a decision from TBOUR?

There was an "ask," Colona answered the state utility board member.

Colona advised, "We can tell there's animosity locally, between the County, between the utility district, between everyone at play. There is a whole lot of information that has to be found here."

Colona said that is why the comptroller's office is asking for the complaint to be deferred to December.

"What is the stance from Bedford County Mayor?" asked one TBOUR member.

Colona said he's not spoken with the mayor.

The T-G reached out to Mayor Chad Graham on Monday for comment on the County's stance (based on the comments made by fire chief and the county commissioner.)

Graham advised, "To my knowledge, we are not a party to the complaint and Bedford County Government has no authority to mandate or regulate Bedford County Utility District even though they use Bedford County as part of their name."

Complainants say a lack of timely, transparent cost and capacity information has delayed development and raised public-safety concerns. Attorney Lackey said this is a situation where a "great deal of investment" is trying to go on Highway 231 North corridor.

"It seems that Bedford County Utility District is either unwilling or unable at this time to provide the infrastructure needs for the immediate growth that is coming to Bedford County, specifically in this corridor, as well as the past services that are provided in this area which we contend are inadequate."

He said his client, David Bouquellin, the developer he represents, has reached out for months to BCUD. He claims that he has not been able to get what his group refers to as "transparent costs, effective response time."

He said BCUD has told the developer they do not "have the ability to service this area for fire suppression." There are also problems, the attorney advised, getting from BCUD any water flow rates.

The TN Downs attorney noted that his client would like to have more discussions with BCUD. But first, there were comments made at the hearing to be heard from Bedford County Commissioner Vick and Fire Chief Thomas.

Thomas said during his discussion that he was somewhat unprepared to speak at the hearing. But went on to tell TBOUR that there are several issues with fire hydrant locations and that BCUD has denied some of his fire department requests for Highway 64 West.

Chief Thomas described operational strains in the County's fire response, saying BCFD crews sometimes haul water 20 miles because hydrants and adequate flow are not available near new subdivisions.

Thomas said a deposit was made with BCUD to get a fire hydrant in a parking lot off Highway 64 West (for the safety of fire fighters.) But he said the request was denied by BCUD-even though his department was willing to foot all the costs.

BCUD manager Mayhorn told the T-G Monday that this issue with BCFD precedes him as manager. But the BCUD staff involved in that situation have their own take on that fire hydrant request off Highway 64 West, he advised.

Bedford County Fire Department requested the installation of a fire hydrant near the new fire station located on Highway 64 West. BCUD's main water line is located on the opposite side of the highway from the new station.

The initial request was to install a hydrant (technically a flush hydrant, as BCUD does not provide fire protection services and our hydrants are designed primarily for system flushing) across from the station.

Mayhorn was told by staff that Chief Thomas later requested the hydrant be installed behind the fire station to provide easier access for the fire trucks. However, fulfilling that request would have required BCUD to obtain a state permit to cut or bore across Highway 64, installing several hundred feet of 6-inch ductile iron pipe, multiple valves and fittings, and performing open-cut work through the station's parking lot.

The Fire Department reportedly offered to cover the cost of materials, while BCUD would have been responsible for labor, permitting, and asphalt replacement. BCUD instead offered to install the hydrant near the existing waterline (which aligns with BCUD standard procedures) and allow BCFD to use it for emergency purposes. However, BCFD declined the offer if the hydrant could not be installed at their preferred location.

Chief Thomas said homes being built now in the County are anywhere from 4,000 to 5,000 square feet and any new developments must now include fire hydrants in neighborhoods.

"We just have to continue to buy fire trucks and water haulers, and most of our water haulers are 2,000-gallon tankers. I'm having to run 4 and 5 of those trucks to a subdivision."

The fire chief told the board that effects crucial response times.

Thomas added, "The development in Bedford County is exploding. And I know it's like that in a lot of rural communities . . . fire services need this help from your utility districts to put in fire hydrants. If I can get 50 gallons of water a minute out of one hydrant, that's better than having to travel 20 miles down the highway to haul. It's safer that I'm not having to run all these tankers up and down the highway."

Fellow County Commissioner Vick, who represents the district where TN Downs is located, said that he was not at the hearing to "criticize BCUD" but was there to support utility needs within a $215 million investment. Commissioner Vick said the utility district refuses to help expand the development of the Highway 231 North corridor yet continues to maintain control over the large county service area.

"I'm here today to ask you to intervene . . . County government can't solve it but you can. Your decision is very important to Bedford County."

Vick shared some comments with the T-G this week.

Bedford County Government is not a party to the complaint nor does Bedford County Government nor the Bedford County Commission have the authority to oversee or instruct BCUD on any matter. However, my responsibility, as the County Commissioner for the District, is to represent the taxpayers, the residents and the voters for my District. They are my constituents and Tenn Downs is one of them. I made that point clearly in my opening sentence.

Tenn Downs was denied service for their proposed project by BCUD. Tenn Downs filed a complaint with TBOUR. I was asked to speak on behalf of Tenn Downs at the Board hearing.

I requested TBOUR to serve as mediator for this dispute.

I made it equally clear; County Government lacked the statutory authority to resolve any dispute with BCUD. The TBOUR Board of Directors agreed to my suggestion and voted to instruct their staff to initiate discussion with all stakeholders to help resolve the dispute.

I fully support the Tenn Downs project for my district and will equally support any decision made by TBOUR to resolve this dispute.

See page 3 today for BCUD response to major 231 projects.

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Business Spotlight



The Event Nook is filling up its 2026 calendar

Owner celebrates a year of success

By DAWN HANKINS

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COMMUNITY PRAYING WITH AND SUPPORTING THOSE IN NEED

Submitted Photos

Through a food distribution sponsored by three Normandy churches recently, 23 families in the community received boxes of food, household and personal care items. Most of all, church families spent time in prayer with those in need. Van Ayer farms provided the pumpkins. Lots of people volunteered, organizers said.



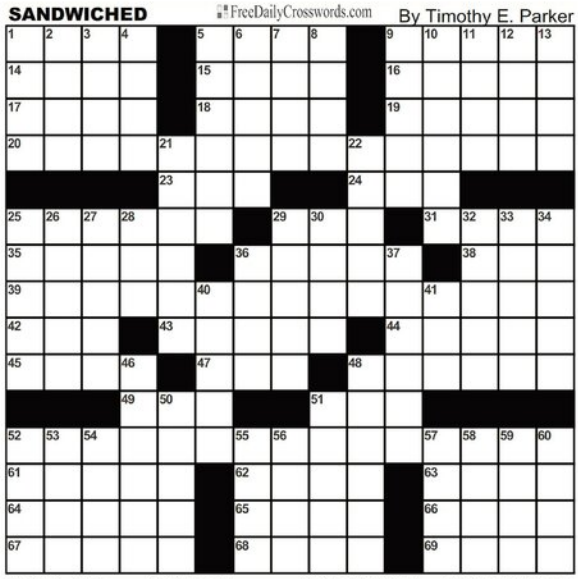


Crossword

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By Timothy E. Parker



CLUES ACROSS

1) Having packed on the years
5) Fair share, often
9) Agenda entries
14) Was a passenger
15) Abbr. at the end of lists, sometimes
16) Kathmandu's locale
17) Blue hue
18) Opera solo
19) Egypt's capital
20) Painful thing to pull
23) Olympic powerhouse
24) "___ you sure?"
25) Crooked
29) Joke
31) Hardware for a bulletin board
35) Disdain
36) Part of a TV feed
38) Couple thousand pounds
39) Sandwich feature, often
42) Nightfall, poetically
43) Fertile type of soil
44) About to go off
45) Branch headquarters?
47) Functioned as
48) Everyday or usual
49) Bitterly regret
51) Darjeeling, for one
52) Company picnic event
61) It's what's happening now
62) Artist Chagall
63) False god
64) Flower girl, often
65) About
66) Dice dots
67) Certain venomous snake
68) Put on weight
69) Eyelid affliction

CLUES DOWN

1) Flatfoot's lack
2) "Duchess of Alba" painter
3) Dutch dairy product
4) Shelters for some animals
5) The real Citizen Kane
6) Skylit lobbies
7) "Lie" form
8) It represents a country
9) Bring upon oneself
10) Child's dishes
11) Cast-of-thousands film
12) Loose, crumbly deposit
13) ___ gin fizz
21) Kind of vision
22) David Blaine's art
25) Colorado resort
26) Debris of fallen rocks
27) Nutty birds?
28) Circle section
29) Take a wild stab
30) Does a bit of math
32) Mr. T's TV unit
33) ___ del Sol
34) Prepare to propose
36) Between ports
37) Cleveland native
40) Scattered, as seed
41) "To___ is human ... "
46) Hypnotic state
48) Converted liberal, informally
50) Anesthetized
51) They show off abs of stone
52) Volcano in Sicily
53) Electrical power network
54) Turned right, on a horse
55) Bad air
56) "Legal" prefix
57) Tears violently
58) Mine entrance
59) Cheat, in a way
60) " ... or___!"

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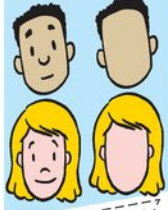
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"I want to start a wildfire of acknowledgment," says Chief Cunningham. "This is the kind of fire we don't want to put out!"



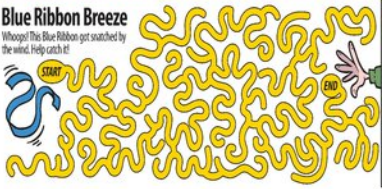
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Blue Ribbon People

Can you make a list of 10 helpful people you know who are making a difference?

Blue Ribbon Breeze

Whoops! This Blue Ribbon got snatched by the wind. Help catch it!



Extra! Extra!

I Make a Difference

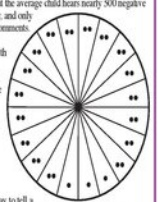
Cut out pictures from the newspaper that show places where you make a difference and people in whose lives you are important.

Standards Link: Social Science: Understand the importance of public virtue and the role of citizens.

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

From the Kid Scoop Lesson Library

Tell Your Story

Write about what happened when you gave someone a Blue Ribbon. Send your Blue Ribbon story to the editor of your local newspaper.

Standards Link: Visual Art: Create a collage using mixed media.

Write On!

You Matter to Me!

Write a message to a friend or family member telling them some of the reasons why they matter and make a difference.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write descriptively using supporting details.

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4. Place: Affix the Blue Ribbon above their heart, pointing upward toward all their dreams coming true. IMPORTANT: Do not affix a Blue Ribbon to silk or leather!
5. Cheer: Say, "In order to get the cheerleaders on the ribbon jumping for your dream, I'm going to point to them and shout BING!" Bing: This is the sound that helps make dreams come true!
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Liberty FCE observes fall, looking forward to Christmas

Liberty Family and Education Club (FCE) met Oct. 20 for its monthly meeting, with Ann Spencer reporting.

Eight members attended and there was one visitor.

President Judy Smith called the meeting to order by reading the hint of the month. Long-time member Dorris Turrentine read, "Leaves of Autumn."

Member Debbie Parker gave the devotion. Judy Smith attended the recent Taste & Tell Luncheon.

Members were reminded there's a county-wide meeting Nov. 6, at 4 p.m. at the County extension office. The theme: "yeast breads."

The Share Fair theme: "Christmas in July."

Whitney Danhof, extension agent, gave an educational lesson this month, "Joy to the World." The crafts began with a pumpkin serving bowl and ended with a nativity theme. A pumpkin was made from two plastic bowls glued together and painted orange. Tree ornaments were of various kinds, including snowflakes and a clothespin donkey.

Dorris Turrentine shared Christmas gifts she's making this season. On display were purses made from flannel shirts, framed quilt dolls and a painted fish.

Plans were made to feed the Farm Bureau on Nov. 3.

Judy Smith read the adjournment.



A GREAT PLACE FOR TRUNK OR TREAT

Submitted Photos

It was a great time had by many at the First Presbyterian Church Trunk or Treat event last Sunday.





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)

Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: October 21

Seller, Richmond Lee Northon; Terri Jean Northon; Buyer, Stephen Thomas, Sharyn L Thomas; Price, $615,000 (Deed).

Seller, Billie Rhea Galland; Buyer, Terri Sue Jackson; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Gregory Mill Rd; Seller, Roger Eugene Burrahm, William Josh Burrahm, Delphie Hicks Burrahm Estate, Raymond Eugene Burrahm; Buyer, Roger Eugene Burrahm; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: Gregory Mill Rd; Seller, Roger Eugene Burrahm, William Josh Burrahm, Delphie Hicks Burrahm Estate, Raymond Eugene Burrahm; Buyer, William Josh Burrahm; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: Gregory Mill Rd; Seller, William Josh Burrahm; Buyer, William Josh Burrahm, Casey Burrham; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: October 22

Location: 521 Airport Rd; Seller, Robert Daniel Moxley, Teresa Gail Moxley; Buyer, Ramiro Jeremias Cinto Velasquez, Norma Castillo Ramirez; Price, $420,000 (Deed).

Location: 27 Sarvis Ridge Rd; Seller, Juan Guillen; Buyer, Donna Grimshaw, Carla Gibson; Price, $483,500 (Deed).

Location: Old Lane Rd; Seller, Lorenzo Anthony Chrestman, Charlotte Jane Duncan Chrestman; Buyer, Minor Family Revocable Living Trust; Price, $1,450,000 (Deed).

File date: October 23

Location: 810 Coopertown Rd; Seller, Glenn Thomas Barrett; Buyer, Blandina Tello Balderas; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Augusta Court; Seller, Anthony M Matusek Jr; Buyer, American Home Constructors Inc; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Augusta Court; Seller, American Home Constructors Inc; Buyer, Billie Leach, Paula Leach; Price, $384,900 (Deed).

Location: Quail Hollow Rd; Seller, Kenneth Jonas Parker; Buyer, Green and Hitchcock Developments LLC; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: 400 Dow Dr; Seller, Dale R Watson, Vicki L Watson; Buyer, Ming Hui Realty LLC; Price, $345,000 (Deed).

File date: October 24

Seller, Michael A Bryant, Stephanie Bryant Williams, Timothy L Bryant, Elanda Elaine Whittington; Buyer, Miles Cordell Wilson; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Judy Patricia Cooper, Joseph Michael Cooper; Buyer, New Hermon Cemetery Inc; Price, $55,000 (Deed).

Location: 101 Church St; Seller, Donald R Gallagher, Barbara Jean Gallagher; Buyer, Noah Franklin Moran; Price, $277,900 (Deed).

File date: October 27

Location: Ripy Ridge Rd; Seller, Just Right Construction LLC; Buyer, The Four of Us LLC; Price, $35,000 (QD).

Location: 115 Peach Tree Lane; Seller, Teresa L Bailey, Teresa L Day; Buyer, Teresa L Bailey; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Squire Hall Rd; Seller, Mickey Jo Woodson, Vicki Woodson Henley, Johnny Woodson, Peggy Jo Woodson Estate, Lindy Archer Woodson; Buyer, Buford L Herman, Deborah R Herman; Price, $450,000 (Deed).

Location: 2654 Hwy 41 A; Seller, Aaron Duggin, Carman Jamie Bailey, Robin Lynn Bailey; Buyer, Carman Jameson Bailey, Robin Lynn Bailey; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 93 Honeybee Dr; Seller, Kyle Kramlich, Krystal Kramlich; Buyer, Tod Bishop Tanner, Deborah Dawn Tanner, Tod and Deborah Tanner Family Living Trust; Price, $530,000 (Deed).

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Obituary

The Rev. John Vernon "Jack" Carney Jr.



The Rev. John Vernon "Jack" Carney Jr., 88, of Shelbyville, died Monday, October 27, 2025, at The Heart Remembers memory care in Shelbyville.

Visitation will be Thursday, October 30th, from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Hillcrest Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held 11:00 A.M. Friday, October 31st, at Hillcrest Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

A native of Nashville, he was the son of the late John Vernon Carney Sr. and Mary Claire Hunt Carney and the husband of the late Carrie Lee Jones Carney who died in 2010.

He was an educator who served as a teacher and then a vice principal at Cascade School and was a United Methodist pastor for 50 years, from 1972 through 2022, serving numerous rural churches in Bedford, Coffee, Moore and Marshall counties.

He served one term as a member of Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen. After his retirement in 2022, he attended Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church, where he had been a pastor on two different occasions.

He was a graduate of West End High School in Nashville, and then, decades later as an adult student, earned three college degrees- a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from Middle Tennessee State University, both in psychology and a master's degree in divinity from Trevecca Nazarene University.

He served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve and was a Mason, (Masonic Lodge 143 in Louisville, KY.)

He enjoyed model trains, building model ships, cooking and woodworking. In the late 1970's, he was an announcer for WTCV-FM, a Christian radio station in Shelbyville and was a former member of The Challengers, a Southern Gospel quartet.

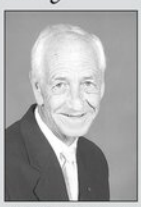
In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Willie Mae Harris of Smyrna and Nell Graham of Pewee Valley, Kentucky.

He is survived by four children, John I. Carney of Shelbyville, Elecia Sue Tucker of Linden, Michael (Kelly) Carney of Fayetteville, N.C. and Thomas (Lisa) Carney of Bell Buckle; seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Obituary

George Edward Gray



Mr. George Edward Gray, of Shelbyville, TN, passed away peacefully on October 28, 2025, at the age of 82.

Born on July 9, 1943, in Shelbyville, TN, Ed lived a life full of love and purpose. He shared 41 beautiful years of marriage with his wife, Joan, the love of his life and his favorite dance partner. Together, they lit up every dance floor they stepped onto. Their connection was effortless and joyful, a true reflection of the deep love and companionship they shared.

Mr. Gray, as he was best known, dedicated his career to education, proudly serving the Bedford County School District and surrounding areas for 46 years. He was a passionate and respected educator, admired for his wisdom, patience, and unwavering commitment to his students. His influence reached far beyond the classroom, leaving a lasting impact on countless young lives and colleagues who considered him both a mentor and a friend. Mr.

Gray served as both Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Bedford County Schools, Supervisor of Special Education in Bedford County, Principal of Community K-12 School, Principal of Lewis County High School, Principal and teacher at Forrest School in Chapel Hill, and Assistant Principal of Giles County High School. He was honored as Superintendent of the Year for the South Central Area by the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents in 2011.

Outside of education, Mr. Gray served as President of the Shelbyville/Bedford County Chamber of Commerce in 2011-2012, and was the recipient of the Shelbyville/Bedford County Distinguished Services Award in 2006. He also served as President of Riverbend Country Club in the 1990's.

Outside of work and upon retirement, Ed found his greatest joy in time spent with family — cheering on his grandchildren, sharing stories, and wisdom. His presence brought warmth and steadiness to every room he entered.

Ed will be remembered for his kind heart, his gentle strength, and the way he and Joan danced through life together — always with love, grace, and joy.

He is survived by his loving wife, Joan Gray of Shelbyville, TN; step-children: Kim Todd Cook of Shelbyville, TN, Terri Jo (Tripp) Womble of Shelbyville, TN, Dee (Carla) Todd of Fayetteville, TN, Joe. B. (Amy) Todd of Shelbyville, TN, and nephew, Tripp (Carmon) York and niece, Carlyn York of Shelbyville, TN; 10 grandchildren, Brittany (Daniel) Booher, Emily (Creole) Kemp, Bailey (Jarrett) Dickens, Micheal Thomas (Cade) Cook, Dalton (Emili) Todd, Eric Womble, Dillan (Meg) Todd, Kaydee (Isaiah) Miller, Canyon Todd, River Todd; 8 great-grandchildren, Ellie Kemp, Avery Booher, Emmitt Kemp, Peyton Booher, Dawsyn Dickens, Ryeitt Dickens, Gwendolyn Todd, Abigail Todd, Colter Miller; sister, Barbara June (Charles) Klinestiver of Lenoir City, TN; brothers, Willis Gray of Lewisburg, TN, Joe (Honey) Gray of San Antanio, TX; sister-in-law, Janice Gray of Hendersonville, TN, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by: father, Jack Gray, mother, Adelle Gray, and brother, Thomas Gray.

A visitation with the family will be on Saturday, November 1, 2025, from 10 AM to 1 PM at the Shelbyville First United Methodist Church. Funeral services will be conducted at 1PM on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at the Shelbyville First United Methodist Church with Rev. Abe Zimmerman officiating. Burial will follow at Willow Mount Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research in his memory, or Shelbyville First United Methodist Church.

Pallbearers will be Tripp York, Micheal Thomas Cook, Dalton Todd, Eric Womble, Dillan Todd, Canyon Todd, River Todd, Daniel Booher, Creole Kemp, Jarrett Dickens, and Isiaih Miller.

Honorary pallbearers will be Mike Bone, Don Embry, Terry Saylor, Terry Looper, Hal Skelton, Jimmy Williams, Dr. Steven Bills, and John T Bobo.

Doak-Howell Funeral Services is serving the family.

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Death Notices

Deborah Haston Massey

Deborah Haston Massey, 74, of Murfreesboro, died Oct. 27, 2025, at Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital. She was born Dec. 19, 1950, in Shelbyville to her parents the late Raymond Earl Haston and Lou Mae Aulabaugh Haston. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Massey and sisters, Becky Beard, Kay Bacher and Donna Bell.

She is survived by a sister, Bonnie Haston Delk of Shelbyville.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Brandon Allen Stone "B. Stone"

Brandon Allen Stone "B. Stone," age 44, of Shelbyville, passed away Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements and will be posting a full obituary soon.

Edward Eugene "Eddy" Kowalski

Eddy Kowalski, age 77, of Shelbyville, passed away Oct. 17, 2025, at his home. He was born in Illinois in 1948. Eddy was a local business owner for 52 years.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years; 4 children, 9 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild.

The family requests donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project or Bedford County Animal Control.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

John Campbell Jr.

John Campbel Jr., 79, of Shelbyville, passed away Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025, at his residence with his family by his side.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Mary Ruth Curry Campbell; a sister, Emma Jean Vaugh.

Mr. Campbell is survived by his wife, Debra Kay Kelly Campbell; three daughters, Mary Kay Augustus (Raymond), Anita Jean Nelson (Paul) and Kimberly Sue Ann Sanders (Kenneth); 2 brothers, James Campbell (Brenda) and Wayne Campbell (Debra); sisters; Connie Pinkston and Barbara Jones.

Gowen-Smith Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Breast Cancer Incidence is Rising in Young Adults: Signs and Symptoms to Look Out For



LAUREN SNIDER, MD

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Breast cancer is the most common non-skin cancer diagnosed in women in the United States, with approximately 1 in 8 women developing breast cancer in their lifetime. Breast cancer is also the second leading cause of cancer death in women each year, according to the American Cancer Society. Over the last one to two decades, there has been an increase in breast cancer diagnosis in women under age 50. Fortunately, breast cancer is treatable. Annual screening mammography beginning at age 40 (for women with average risk) coupled with increased awareness has proven effective for earlier breast cancer detection and more treatment options when cancer is detected early, thereby leading to overall reduced breast cancer-related deaths.

The American College of Radiology recommends that all women have a breast cancer risk assessment with their health care provider by age 25. This assessment will determine if earlier breast cancer screening is necessary before age 40 and if supplemental imaging such as breast MRI for breast cancer screening is warranted. Risk prediction models for breast cancer assess for family history of breast and ovarian malignancy; inherited high-risk genetic mutations (i.e., BRCA1/BRCA2, CHEK2, ATM, etc.); reproductive and hormonal personal history; lifestyle factors (i.e., alcohol consumption, tobacco use, body mass index, etc.); mammographic breast density; and other risk factors for breast cancer.

Breast cancer can present in a variety of ways. The following breast symptoms warrant further evaluation by a health care provider and dedicated breast imaging:

- Palpable breast lump/mass either in the breast or underarm
- Persistent breast pain not associated with the menstrual cycle
- Non-pregnancy/breastfeeding-related nipple discharge, especially if bloody
- New nipple skin changes not improved with topical ointment or oral medications
- New breast skin changes—including new redness, warmth, swelling or skin dimpling resembling an orange peel
- Asymmetric changes in breast size compared to one another

Experiencing these symptoms does not always indicate breast cancer is present; however, evaluation by your health care provider and dedicated breast imaging, if clinically warranted, should be sought. Women should perform monthly breast self-exams at home to become familiar with their breasts, learn what is normal for them, and detect any changes that may indicate possible breast cancer and require evaluation by a health care provider. Per the American Cancer Society, women who are still menstruating should perform their breast self-exams three to five days following the end of their period, when the breasts are less tender and swollen. Postmenopausal women are encouraged to perform monthly breast self-exams on a consistent day each month. Women should be aware that at home breast self-exams do not replace annual screening mammograms but rather are supplemental to help women alert their health care provider earlier when breast changes are noticed.

Regular screening mammography detects breast cancer earlier and saves lives. While there are various breast cancer screening guidelines, the American College of Radiology and the National Comprehensive Cancer Network remain at the forefront of setting breast cancer screening guidelines. Women considered to be at an average lifetime risk of developing breast cancer — should begin annual screening mammography at age 40. Women considered to be at a high lifetime risk (20% or greater risk) of developing breast cancer benefit from a more aggressive breast cancer screening regimen that includes both an annual mammogram screening and annual breast MRI beginning before age 40. There is no age cutoff/threshold to stop annual screening mammography, as research and mammography databases have shown women over age 75 are continuing to be diagnosed with breast cancer. Women over age 75 should continue breast cancer screening as long as they remain in overall good health.

In summary, all women are at risk of developing breast cancer in their lifetime, even without a family history of breast cancer or dense breast tissue. For this reason, all women should undergo a breast cancer risk assessment with their health care provider by ages 25-30, so that higher risk women can be identified and offered more intensive breast cancer screening regimens with mammography and breast MRI before age 40. Even if women are older than 30, a breast cancer risk assessment can be performed at any age, and all women are encouraged to have one performed with their health care provider. Average lifetime risk women should begin routine screening mammography at age 40 and every year thereafter as long as they remain in good health. Early breast cancer detection saves lives.

The Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center is hosting a Young Adult Cancer Symposium on Nov. 15 for young adults ages 20-45 to discuss key issues and hot topics including fertility preservation, financial toxicity, survivorship and more related to breast, colorectal and hematologic cancers. Sign up to attend if you are interested in learning more and taking charge of your health care journey.

Is God Dead: What is the point?



Ty B. Kerley, DMin
Columnist

So, what is the point? That is the ultimate question, right? The ultimate worldview question: what is the point? Ultimately, there must be a point to it all rather than not. We humans possess the attributes that we do for some reason. Consider the human qualities that have nothing to do with "survival of the fittest," like the human soul and all it entails. For example, the exclusively human capacity to think abstract thoughts, especially abstract thoughts about a God that no one can directly see or hear. Even so, there is a strong argument to be made that a great Being of which one greater cannot be conceived exists necessarily. Let me explain.

The ontological argument for the existence of God was first put forward by Anselm of Canterbury in 1078. Anselm defined God as "a being than which no greater can be conceived."

He further argued that even nonbelievers like our Bible skeptic, Michael, could conceive of such a maximally great being. And because such a being must exist in the mind, it must also exist in reality because if this Being only exists in the mind and not in fact, then a greater Being (one who does exist in the mind and in reality) must be possible. Because of this, this greatest possible Being must exist necessarily in reality. Such are called ontological arguments.

Through the centuries, ontological arguments have been modified and improved upon by notable figures such as Descartes and Leibniz. Today, Christian Alvin Plantinga has offered yet another modification to the argument. Plantinga's formulation can be generally stated this way:

1. God is, by definition, a Being greater than which nothing can be conceived.

2. It is greater to exist in reality than to exist only in the mind.

3. Therefore, God must exist in reality. If he did not, he would not be the greatest being possible.

There is no argument concerning number one; even the Bible skeptic Michael must agree with that. Number two, however, is questioned, and the concern is this: is it truly greater to exist than to not exist? The 18th-century philosopher Immanuel Kant was not so sure. However, one of the weaknesses of the ontological argument is that it depends on the assumption that "something exists."

For this reason, the ontological argument is not a helpful argument from which to begin arguing for the existence of God.

First, as a starting point, the ontological argument ends up being what philosophers call "question-begging" or "a circular argument." Paul Edwards defines a circular argument as "when one proposition is defended by reference to another, and the second is defended by reference to the first." This is what philosophers called arguing in a circle.

Second, and closely related, the ontological argument presupposes what Michael, the Bible skeptic, categorically denies—the existence of the God of theism as revealed in Scripture.

Third, the ontological argument is flawed as a starting argument because it requires "something to exist" to be true. Once it is established that something exists, then it is logical that a necessary God exists.

However, the weakness of the ontological argument points to the beauty of what we have been attempting in this column: to present a cumulative case argument for the existence of God

that builds layer upon layer of evidence. As such, and at this point in the cumulative case argument, we have already established that something indeed exists based on evidence from the cosmos, irreducible complexity, and intelligent design. And if something exists, it is highly reasonable to conclude that such a maximally great Being also exists. For this reason, the statement that "something exists; therefore God exists" is not an unreasonable proposition but naturally flows from the logic and from concrete evidence observed and deduced from "the things that have been made" (Rom. 1:19ff) and have been presented to this point.

Undoubtedly, it is a deep, complex question: Is God dead? Complex questions sometimes

require more than simple answers. Sometimes, complex questions require a cumulative-type approach, which is not so much unlike a lawyer who presents layer upon layer of cumulative evidence to a jury. At this point in our "case," much has been given, so much so that a summary of where we are is in order. Join us next week as we offer a brief overview of the evidence we have considered to this point and some very important preliminary conclusions about what that evidence tells us. Until then, remember, whether we realize it or not, all of us live as if we have answered the question: Is God dead? What is your answer?

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

THIS IS ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

This Sunday, at First United Methodist Church Shelbyville, Pastor Abe Zimmerman will preach, "The Emotions of God: Part 3" from John 11:17-44. In this series, the church will journey through the emotional life of Jesus—God in human form—whose tears, compassion, and love reveal the heart of God.

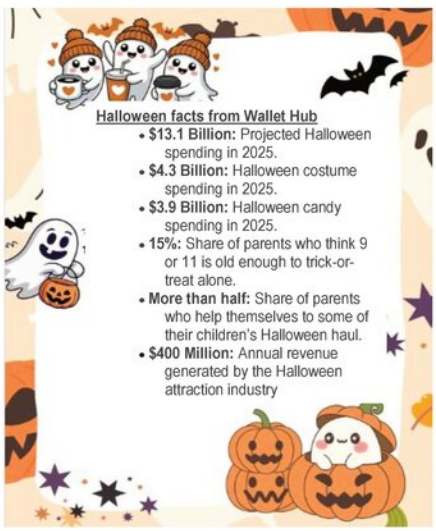
This is also a special service as FUMC-S honors All Saints Sunday, remembering those who have died in the past year. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 a.m., followed by the worship service at 10 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church are available during worship. For those unable to attend in person, FUMC Shelbyville offers a livestream on Facebook and YouTube and a broadcast on WLIJ 98.7 FM and AM 1580.





Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen volunteers are gearing up for a busy day on Nov. 16, which is the annual fundraiser luncheon and silent auction.



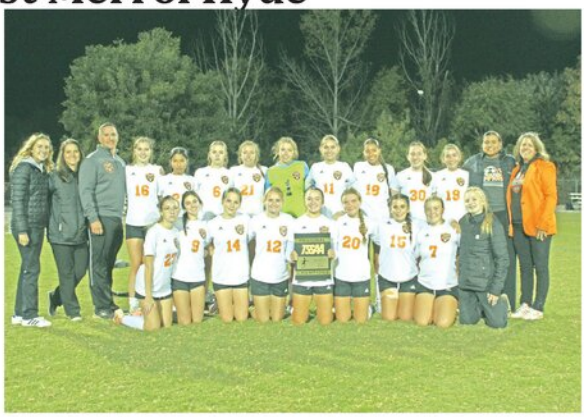


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"They Love Each Other so They Did it For Each Other" – After Winning Region Title at Chapel Hill, Lady Champs' Season Ends at State Against Merrol Hyde

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The Cascade Lady Champions secured the program's third-consecutive Region 5-A Championship on Thursday night in its 2-0 win at Chapel Hill. *T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox.*

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. – The Cascade Lady Champions (15-3-1, 8-0-0) saw their season come to a close against the Merrol Hyde Lady Hawks (15-3-1, 1-0-0), 5-0, in the quarterfinals of the TSSAA Class A State Tournament at Chattanooga Christian School on Tuesday afternoon.

"They [Merrol Hyde] are very good at the simple things and don't make a lot of mistakes," Lady Champions Head Coach Wendy Williams said postgame. "They play well together, they have great touches, they're good with their movements, and that's how they dominate."

"We watched film and we saw that they prey on bad touches. We knew that coming in. Our goal was to fight and make it as hard as we possibly could."

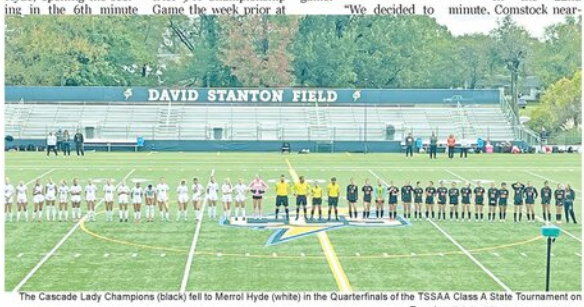
Peyton Evans netted a hat trick to lead the way for the defending State Champions Merrol Hyde, opening the scoring in the 6th minute a team-best 26 goals scored on the season, finally broke the second half seal in the 62nd minute with a powerful left-footed shot that beat Makenzie Fisher to her far post, extending the Lady Hawks' lead to 3-0.

Evans completed her hat trick in the 81st minute by volleying home a cross from Cruz before returning the favor with an assist on Cruz's second goal of the game in the 88th minute to reach the final scoreline of 5-0.

Despite the loss, Cascade finishes 2025 as the Region 5A Champions and its third consecutive state tournament appearance.

"What I'll remember the most about this team is their heart, their resiliency, and their willingness to push past being comfortable," Williams said. "They were willing to do whatever it took to make our team successful, and they would sacrifice themselves for the good of the team. They love each other so they did it for each other."

After losing the District 9-A Championship Game the week prior at



The Cascade Lady Champions (black) fell to Merrol Hyde (white) in the Quarterfinals of the TSSAA Class A State Tournament on Tuesday. *T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox.*

before doubling the Lady Hawks' lead just three minutes later. However, despite threatening the Cascade goal multiple times across the following half hour, the Lady Champs held on defensively just enough to reach halftime down by just two goals and with an opportunity to find a way back into the game.

"We asked a lot out of our backline," Williams acknowledged. "Not one of them played defense last year, so this was a learning experience for them and they pretty much dominated for the majority of the season. They work well together, they all have great attitudes, and our team as a whole was willing to sacrifice and play wherever we asked them to just to make it work for the team."

After generating a couple half-chances that forced routine saves out of Merrol Hyde's goalkeeper, Emma Kate O'Neill, the Lady Hawks settled back in and controlled the game much like the first half. Merrol Hyde held Lexi Comstock – who scored a record-breaking 32 goals this season – from generating even a single shot on goal as part of a larger defensive effort limiting Cascade's attacking threats.

Gabby Cruz, coming into Tuesday with home against the Lady Rockets (12-6-0, 6-2-0) in an upset, the Cascade Lady Champions exacted revenge in the Region 5-A Championship at Chapel Hill, 2-0, last Thursday.

Cascade jumped out in front of the Lady Rockets in just the second minute behind the right foot of Lexi Comstock. After Brinlee Collet sent Comstock in behind the Chapel Hill backline with a beautiful through ball, Comstock overpowered the Lady Rockets keeper with a hard and low shot into the left corner to put Cascade ahead 1-0.

"It [scoring early] was huge for our momentum," Lady Champs' Head Coach Wendy Williams said postgame. "That's kind of what happened in the district final against us. They came out and scored quickly to gain the momentum and we just couldn't get it back. I think it was very important for us to come out strong in the beginning and that was one of the things we discussed before the game was to come out with our level of energy and intensity from the opening kick to own the game."

After nabbing the opening goal, a positional change began to take place. Kaylee Martin, who had started the whole season on the left wing and leads the team with nine assists, was shifted to the backline at right back to help deal with Baeliy Stalnecker after she netted two goals in the district title game.

"We decided to try and change things up," Williams said about the tactical switch, "This was our fourth time playing them, so anything that we can do to throw a wrinkle in there is to our advantage."

The move pushed Brinlee Collet out wide and allowed Kyla Pulley to move up top, pairing with Comstock. Following the early goal, the Lady Champs entered a tough, physical battle as the Lady Rockets settled into the game.

In the 22nd minute, Comstock nearly doubled Cascade's lead, but her sizzling effort flew just over the top of the crossbar from 16 yards out. Neither side was able to find a goal before the halftime break.

In the 46th minute, Baylee Cole became the first player to enter the referee's book when she was shown a yellow card for a tactical foul on Comstock to half a promising attack.

Four minutes later, in the 50th minute, Kyla Pulley's hustle directly resulted in Cascade finding its game-clinching goal on a lightning-quick counterattack. Initially, Comstock's long ball over the top to Pulley looked like it would trickle harmlessly into the arms of the keeper, but Pulley instead forced a rushed clearance. Cascade quickly recycled possession, playing Pulley into space to play a cross into the box from the right wing. Her ball on the ground found the onrushing Comstock, whose shot attempt was initially saved before Collet tapped in the rebound for her 10th goal of the season to double the Lady Champs' lead to 2-0.

"She [Kyla Pulley] always makes something happen. She'll dig deep, she'll run fast, and she's just so determined. We just felt like putting her and Lexi [Comstock] up top was a good combination," Williams said.

Cascade's sudden pressure nearly produced a third goal three minutes later, but Winnett's venomous shot was pushed up and over the crossbar.

In the 60th minute, Lady Rockets' Head Coach Jason Ellis was shown a yellow card, and then in the 72nd minute, Cascade's Kenzie Bledsoe was shown a yellow for a late challenge. In the end, Chapel Hill was unable to mount anything truly threatening on Makenzie Fisher's goal as the Lady Champs' keeper kept her 10th clean sheet of the year and sealed Cascade's third-consecutive Region 5-A title.

Then, on Saturday against Huntington in the state-sectional round, Lexi Comstock netted a hat trick to power Cascade back to state in a dominant 5-0 win, where they fell to Merrol Hyde on Tuesday afternoon.

The Lady Champions graduate just two seniors in Ella McGeary and Kaydence Bynum, so despite losing an impactful pair of players, Cascade will have high hopes heading into 2026.



Lexi Comstock's (8) hat trick against Huntington brought her season tally up to a remarkable 32 goals. *T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox.*

Golden Eagles Win High-Scoring Non-Region Affair Against Hendersonville

BY NOAH MADDOX
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SHELBYVILLE Tenn. – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (4-5, 3-2) wrapped up its final non-region regular season contest with a 42-31 win over Hendersonville (4-4, 2-1) on Thursday night.

Sophomore Torrion Mathis ran for a career-high 183 yards with three touchdowns on just nine carries for the Golden Eagles, highlighted by a long 77-yard scamper at the start of the second half. Stephen Bobo tacked on 78 yards with one touchdown on just five attempts himself. Star senior Robert Bailey added 103 yards rushing himself as well as another touchdown. In total, the Golden Eagles imposed their will on the ground against the Commandos, running for 402 yards on 39 attempts as a team.

Bailey opened the scoring with 5:50 left in the first quarter on Shelbyville's opening drive, finding the end zone on a 14-yard scamper to put the Golden Eagles on top, 7-0.

On the Commandos' next possession, Shelbyville's Ellington Scott recovered a fumble by Tate Rumney to set the Golden Eagles up near the red zone for their second drive.

Two plays later, Stephen Bobo doubled Shelbyville's lead with a wizard-like 26-yard touchdown run to put the Golden Eagles up 14-0 with 4:52 remaining in the opening period.

Shelbyville Central kept its foot on the gas pedal, growing its lead to 21-0 at the end of the first half. Torrion Mathis punched it in from two yards out for his first score of the game with 50 seconds remaining in the quarter to put the Golden Eagles up 21-0.

To open the second half, Mathis picked up a 77-yard run to put Shelbyville into the red zone, and eventually Mathis punched it in from a yard out to grow the lead to 28-0 with just over nine minutes left in the third quarter.

From that point on, the result was a mere formality despite the eventual final score. Torrion Mathis scored his third touchdown of the night before Treyvion Mathis scored his first touchdown of the season on the ground.

Hendersonville piled up 31 points to close out the night, but never truly threatened the Golden Eagles in the second half.

Shelbyville looks forward to a win-and-in situation to close out the regular season on Thursday, October 30th, with a Senior Night matchup in region play against Coffee County, LIVE on WLLI 98.7 and AM 1580 at 6:45 p.m.



Robert Bailey (31) in the Wildcat with Torrion Mathis (16). Mathis led SCHS on the ground with 183 yards rushing and 3 TDs in Thursday's win over Hendersonville while Bailey ran for 103 yards and another TD himself.
Photo courtesy of Shelbyville Central Football Facebook.

Middle Tennessee Advances to Conference USA Tournament with Shutout Win Over Kennesaw State; Brown Named CUSA Defensive Player of the Week

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO Tenn. – Middle Tennessee women's soccer (10-5-3, 5-2-1 CUSA) finished its regular season on a high note Saturday night, achieving a 1-0 victory over Kennesaw State (2-11-4, 1-6-1 CUSA) at Fifth Third Stadium, thus securing a place in the Conference USA Tournament.

Senior forward Emma Pettersen scored the winning goal in the 71st minute, marking her ninth goal of the season, with an assist from Taijah Fraser to break the tie.

Freshman goalkeeper Ella Sellers played a key role in the Blue Raiders' defense, making four saves during the match. She notably stopped a penalty kick from Kennesaw State in the 17th minute to keep the score level.

The match was tightly contested, and both teams had a player sent off after a double red card in the 60th minute. Despite this, Middle Tennessee kept its composure, controlling possession and securing the victory.

"Really proud of the team's performance tonight. It was another tough game, but we showed great resilience to earn the win," said Aston Rhoden, "Now we'll rest tomorrow and start preparing for the CUSA Tournament next weekend."

The Blue Raiders outshot the Owls 16-6, with a 3-4 advantage in shots on goal, and maintained a 51% possession rate.

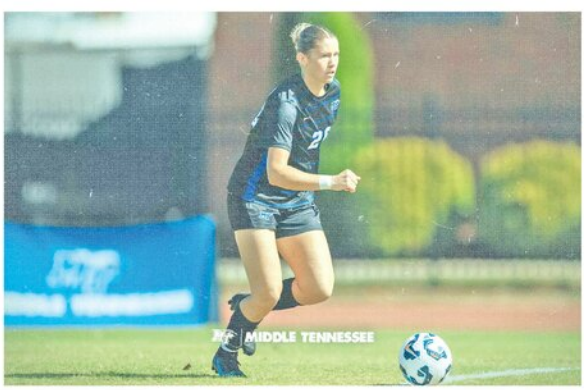
Sellers recorded her fourth shutout of the season.

The Blue Raiders are set to compete as the fourth seed in the Conference USA Tournament in Lynchburg, VA, on Nov 2.

Following the win, Middle Tennessee defender Emma Brown has been recognized as Conference USA's Defensive Player of the Week, according to an announcement from the conference office on Tuesday.

Brown started and played the full 90 minutes in each of the Blue Raiders' final three matches, guiding the defensive unit to two clean sheets — incltuding a decisive 1–0 win on the road at Kennesaw State that clinched a spot in the CUSA Tournament.

A steady, veteran presence, Brown has started all 18 matches this season, helping MTSU limit opponents to just 16 goals across 18 games (0.89 goals per game) and contributing to three total shutouts. Her leadership, communication, and ability to organize the back line have been critical in keeping Middle Tennessee among the league's top defensive teams.



Emma Brown (pictured) was named as the CUSA DPOTW on Tuesday. *Photo by MT Athletics.*



Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

Spooks and Treats Around Town









LARGEST ATTENDANCE YET?

Photos by Joyce Jones

The Trunk or Treat event held at Bedford County Judicial Center is reported to be the "best yet." A large crowd enjoyed activities like The K9, Strong Man and Anastasia's Bubble Show.







OFF THE CHAIN!

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People described the great time held at Bedford County Judicial Center last Thursday in many ways. One attendee said the annual Trunk or Treat Event was "off the chain!"

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