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The T-G salutes Robert Drawdy, U.S. Army, 1993 to 2013

Veteran still on a mission through Truth and Nails Center

By Dawn Hankins
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'Mr. Robert is the true thing--what he talks about is the way he lives. His ministry is his love for God and he shares his love for God by helping others, without expecting anything in return. He's dedicated his life to living for Jesus.'

Suzi Wilson Sinclair

Robert Drawdy spent 20 years in the military. Today, this veteran continues to serve others but perhaps in a slightly different way than when he was in U.S. Army.

But he will certainly tell you his life has certainly come full circle. That is, it's turned out, he believes, exactly as The Good Lord ordered.

A Georgia native, his life is anything but slower paced in Shelbyville where he now resides. He's built Veteran ramps and has also done work with the VFW. Just last week, he changed the oil in a Veteran's vehicle.

He's part of a group these days that has breakfast together Monday, Wednesday and Friday. But he's really busy with his own nonprofit, so he joins when he can.

Though the military career which he retired from in 2013 will always have a special place in his heart, his current mission is just as important. Drawdy continues to operate Truth and Nails Technical Center in Shelbyville which he founded a few years ago.

Walking into the equipment laden shop on Anthony Lane, a person might hear a band saw or drill. But more importantly, if you listen closely, one will likely also hear such conversations going on as, "How's your week been?" or "Remember Jesus Loves You."

He's likely to tell a person he doesn't even know: "Sorry you're sick. I'll pray for you."

Drawdy started with a vision of teaching others the trades and skills that he believes the Lord has afforded him.

His purpose? To bless and be a blessing, that is, reflect love and compassion through God's guidance.

In addition to learning to do woodwork, people are being fed The Truth, Drawdy explains. "This vision started with the concept of "Give a man a fish and feed him for a day; TEACH him to fish and feed him for a lifetime."

At first, it seemed to be "just a good thought", a dream of sorts, to be able to share his talents. He had a calling to try and better the life of another at no cost.

Drawdy quickly realized this was a vision much larger than a soon-to-be retired Army Sergeant First Class with five God-given blessings (known as children) could fund.

Now he knows it wasn't "just a good thought" but more of a softly whispered

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Robert Drawdy, founder of Truth and Nails Technical Center in Shelbyville, says his vision for the nonprofit is based on the verse: "Give a man a fish and feed him for a day. Teach him to fish and feed him for a lifetime."

The T-G salutes all Veterans this week. Our story today is focused on 20-year Army veteran Robert Drawdy. We thank you for your service.

Shelbyville Mills: An era and school remembered

By Al Simmons
Historical Society President

A once-prominent Bedford County community and school are being remembered and memorialized by its former inhabitants and their descendants with a historical marker for Shelbyville Mills School.

The school was so entwined with the Mill community that the development of the school and its evolution cannot be separated therefrom. This is a brief community history and those remembrances crystallized into a memorial celebration and historical marker.

After its establishment in 1807, the earliest development of Bedford County occurred at locations along the Duck River where mills were erected to serve the families and businesses of a growing pioneer population. The earliest mills in Bedford County were in the Three Forks and Shelbyville areas along the river.

The first mill on Duck River near Shelbyville was upstream of the current dam, and others soon followed. Downstream of the current dam, in 1852, Sylvan Mills was erected as a woven cotton fabric mill. It produced fabric from raw cotton throughout the late 1800s and into the early 1900s.

During the 1920s, the mill changed ownership and became known as "Shelbyville Mills," as most of us today knew it. It produced cotton fabric to make canvas tops for Henry Ford's Model T automobiles as well as cotton cord to make rubber tires stronger and more durable.

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Shelbyville Mills Alumni Planning Committee and Historical Society at Shelbyville Mills School Historical Marker Dedication: From left, Harry Segroves, Donnie Pilkington, Horton Posey, Ray Armstrong, Jackie Houk, Donnie Redd, Wanda Holden, Mickey Elliott, and Martha Peoples with Historical Society President Al Simmons.



BEDFORD BRIEF

PREPARE FOR ADVENT

Ministerial Association Hosts Lessons & Carols

Bedford County Ministerial Association warmly invites the community to their 2nd Lessons and Carols program on Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. at Edgemont Baptist Church in Shelbyville. This community-wide service is a great way to begin the season of Christmas, note organizers. It will be an evening of Scripture, song, and celebration. "We are excited for special guest singers Jody McBrayer, Gene McDonald, and Angela Primm," says Pastor Abe Zimmerman. "Come experience the wonder of the season as voices unite across our community to tell the story of Christmas through songs and powerful readings. All are welcome — bring your family, invite a friend, and let's fill the sanctuary with light and love!" See the ad on pg. 12 today.

National Pen celebrates '60'

Local anniversary and '60' new positions in 2026

By Dawn Hankins

Vea la traducción al español de esta historia en la página 2 de hoy.

Two years ago, National Pen in Shelbyville was forced to announce a reduction in its workforce. Today, the company is making made good, announcing the creation of over 60 new positions at its Shelbyville facility.

The company stated this plus for Shelbyville is part of a major expansion designed to enhance its operations and better serve customers across the entire United States. As well, the Shelbyville plant will celebrate its 60th anniversary in 2026.

Recruitment for the new positions will begin immediately, company officials note, with roles expected to be filled throughout early 2026. Vacancies will be posted as they become available on National Pen's Careers website https://careers.pens.com.edu States.

This measure of growth is supported by the acquisition of a second building on Blue Ribbon Parkway in Shelbyville.

"Shelbyville is National Pen's longest established operational site, and home to many of our longest tenured and most experienced team members. Although the past several years has been a period of much transition and change in Tennessee, 2026 will mark a new chapter in a story that spans almost six decades as we consolidate a range of operations domestically to offer the best possible product, service and delivery times to our U.S. customers" said National Pen CEO Peter Kelly. "I'd encourage local people who are interested in starting or growing an exciting career with a long-established but growing organization to explore the open positions listed on the Pens.com website."

The new roles will span a range of manufacturing and fulfilment functions, supporting National Pen's decision to broaden the activities conducted in Shelbyville. Supported by the acquisition of a second building in Blue Ribbon Parkway, these expanded capabilities will strengthen National Pen's operational network in the U.S, enabling faster delivery times and an improved customer experience nationwide.



YOUTH HELP VFW DISPLAY OLD GLORY

Submitted Photo

In preparation for upcoming Veterans Day events, Scouting America Troops 370 and 390 helped out the VFW on Saturday with the traditional American Flag display along Lane Parkway. See more pictures and info on page 3.

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Golden Eagles head back to postseason

The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles wrapped up regular season play with Senior Night against Coffee County.

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MILLS

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In December 1933, the mill changed ownership when U. S. Rubber Company purchased it and made Shelbyville Mills a branch of their company's textile division. See photos on page 2 today.

Employment expanded with many new employees as the U. S. economy recovered from the Great Depression. To assure a steady, experienced workforce, U. S. Rubber built a company town near its mill. The town included homes for many employees, a fully-stocked grocery store, a barber shop, and a new neighborhood school for their employees and community children. With the growing community, postal service soon was provided with the Royal Post Office.

Local newspapers from earlier years indicate the Mill area had a community school, but its facilities were becoming insufficient with the local community's growth. With collaboration between the local community and the new U. S. Rubber ownership, a new school, Shelbyville Mills School, was built in about 1935 and became part of the Bedford County School System. The school served the first through eighth grades. Its facilities were expanded and upgraded over the years and eventually included 10 classrooms, a 200-seat auditorium, lunchroom, equipped playground, and one of the first fully-equipped gymnasiums in the area. The school later added kindergarten and special education classes. See photos on page 2.

The school's sports teams were known as the "Royals," and competed in and won championships in baseball, football, and basketball. Sports activities also included boxing, marbles, ping pong, and shuffleboard. Other school activities included 4-H Club, class plays, holiday festivals, and Glee Club.

With the county-wide consolidation of schools in the mid-1970s, Shelbyville Mills School closed in 1976, and students attended other county schools.

Business opportunities declined in the 1970s and 1980s, resulting in the decline of work for Shelbyville Mills. U. S. Rubber changed its name to Uniroyal, resulting in Shelbyville Mills losing much of its identity. Uniroyal closed its Shelbyville Mills plant in 1982. Other businesses came to the area as times changed the makeup of the area, but the "village" never again reached the "community" level once known as Shelbyville Mills.

Once the heart of the Mill Village, the school stood firm until it was razed this year. However, many village and school memories survive in the minds and souls of its alumni; its impact forever etched into their daily lives.

In 2020, a group of school alumni organized a school reunion to share old memories and develop plans for an ongoing remembrance of their beloved school. This group, known as the Shelbyville Mills School Alumni Planning Committee (Shown in picture below), continues to promote their school legacy and schedule annual alumni activities. Out of their various planning sessions came the idea of erecting a historical marker for Shelbyville Mills School. They contacted the Bedford County Historical Society who helped develop the marker configuration and ordered the marker.

On Saturday, Nov. 1, the Planning Committee held a breakfast and fundraiser at the Fellowship For Christ Church at 142 Richdale Lane, with the funds raised to be used to purchase the historical marker. After the breakfast, the attendees disbanded and regrouped at the old school site on West Jackson Street where they joined numerous other school alumni for the marker ceremony.

Committee Chair Ray Armstrong began the ceremony by welcoming attendees. Committee member Jackie Houk recited a poem she wrote recalling school highlights and former classmates.

Then, Historical Society President Al Simmons presented a short history of the Shelbyville Mills Community and School. The Planning Committee then unveiled the historical marker as Simmons officially presented the marker to the community, dedicating it as a recognition of the history and heritage of Shelbyville Mills School and its contributions to Bedford County legacy.

Chairman Armstrong concluded the ceremony by recognizing distinguished attendees, including City Mayor Randy Carroll who complimented the school alumni for recognition of an important segment of county history and hoped that other schools would do the same.

Armstrong thanked fund contributors, the current property owner who permitted the installation of the marker, and the Historical Society for acquiring and helping fund the marker. The attendees sang the school alma mater in concluding the ceremony.

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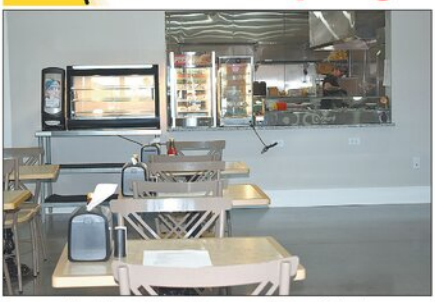
Business Spotlight



New Jailhouse Café and Market opens off Highway 231 North

Local father and son open The Jailhouse Café on North Creek Drive

By Marilyn Ewing
Special to the T-G

A much-needed dining experience near Bedford County Corrections is just one of several reasons father and son, James and Blue Farrar, decided to open The Jailhouse Café & Market and relocate their bail bonding business.

The complex includes the new location of the 24/7 Farrar Bail Bonding. The Cafe & Market and bail bonding office are located off Highway 231 North at 150 North Creek Drive in Shelbyville.

Now, in between court sessions, folks can pop over to the Jailhouse Café and Market and have a burger lunch, a salad or even a hot meal-all to begin next week.

Or folks just in the mood for local hospitality and nostalgia may want to stop by for coffee or tea.

The state-of-the art café is now open to the public and features Ruth Arnold of Ruth's Kitchen who is bringing her southern goodness with a whole new concept.

Elvis is definitely in the building at the Jailhouse Café, with an array of framed art and Elvis decor.



Blue Jay Farrar, owner/bail bondsman



Ruth of Ruth's Kitchen



Blue and Patricia Farrar, owners/ bail bondsmen

National Pen celebra '60 Subtítulo Aniversario local y '60' nuevos puestos en 2026

Hace dos años, National Pen en Shelbyville se vio obligada a anunciar una reducción de su personal. Hoy, la empresa está compensando eso, anunciando la creación de más de 60 nuevos puestos en su instalación de Shelbyville. La empresa declaró que este beneficio para Shelbyville forma parte de una expansión importante diseñada para mejorar sus operaciones y atender mejor a los clientes en todo Estados Unidos. Además, la planta de Shelbyville celebrará su 60.º aniversario en 2026. La contratación para los nuevos puestos comenzará de inmediato, señalan los funcionarios de la empresa, y se espera que los roles se cubran a lo largo de principios de 2026. Las vacantes se publicarán a medida que estén disponibles en el sitio web de Carreras de National Pen: https://careers.pens.com. "Shelbyville es el sitio operativo más antiguo de National Pen y hogar de muchos de nuestros miembros de equipo más antiguos y experimentados. Aunque los últimos años han sido un período de muchos cambios y transiciones en Tennessee, 2026 marcará un nuevo capítulo en una historia que "Se extiende casi seis décadas mientras consolidamos una serie de operaciones a nivel nacional para ofrecer el mejor producto, servicio y tiempos de entrega posibles a nuestros clientes en EE.UU.", dijo el CEO de National Pen, Peter Kelly. "Animaría a las personas locales interesadas en iniciar o desarrollar una carrera emocionante en una organización de larga trayectoria pero en crecimiento a explorar las posiciones abiertas listadas en el sitio web Pens.com." Los nuevos roles abarcarán una variedad de funciones de manufactura y cumplimiento, apoyando la decisión de National Pen de ampliar las actividades realizadas en Shelbyville. Respaldadas por la adquisición de un segundo edificio en Blue Ribbon Parkway, estas capacidades ampliadas fortalecerán la red operativa de National Pen en EE.UU., permitiendo tiempos de entrega más rápidos y una mejor experiencia para el cliente a nivel nacional.

Veterans Coffee Hour
"Honoring Those Who Served"

Monday, November 10th, 2025
10am - 11am

hosted by
Rosenwald Recreation Center Trustees
516 Tillman Street
Shelbyville, TN 37160

Everyone is invited to join us for
Coffee, Refreshments and
Socializing in support of
Our Veterans . . .

Domestic violence and poverty in Tennessee

How Legal Aid empowers victims to escape domestic violence

Editor's Note: Local law enforcement dispatch records clearly indicate there is an issue with domestic abuse in Bedford County. Abuse can be from the hands of a man or woman. We hope that anyone who is a victim of physical abuse will find this editorial from the Legal Aid Society helpful. We thank DarKenya W. Waller for this resource.

Seven. That's the average number of attempts domestic violence victims make to leave their abusers before they succeed.

It's easy for those on the outside to say they'd never tolerate abuse from a partner, but in reality, most victims remain in violent situations much longer than they could have ever anticipated.

Having spent 17 years working in family law before becoming Legal Aid Society's executive director, domestic violence is an issue close to my heart. It's important to understand the complexity of domestic violence situations and the role that poverty plays in keeping victims trapped — particularly here in Tennessee- where our poverty rate is the 12th highest in the nation.

Statistically, women are much more often the victims of domestic violence than men; at Legal Aid Society, we frequently assist wives who've spent their lives raising kids and haven't built careers outside of the home.

Power and control are at the heart of domestic abuse, and abusers often create a power imbalance by taking control of the family finances, preventing their victims from accumulating the money needed to leave.

Another tactic of abusers is punishing their victims by way of the legal system, filing frivolous lawsuits that require time and money to respond to, putting victims' employment at risk. Even the prospect of receiving spousal or child support from a former partner often requires an expensive, time-consuming court battle as monthly bills continue to pile up.

Domestic violence situations are all-consuming. When victims want to leave but don't have the resources to be self-sufficient, they often sink into limbo — working and paying bills while enduring continued abuse. This increasingly isolates them from family and friends who want to help, but eventually run out of patience.

The sad fact is that the level of assistance for domestic violence victims is woefully imbalanced to the actual need. At Legal Aid Society, we work to maximize our effectiveness by offering wrap-around services with agencies like the YWCA, the Office of Family Safety and the Mary Parrish Center, all of which specialize in different issues related to domestic violence.

Our attorneys advocate on clients' behalf as they navigate legal proceedings, which sometimes get nuanced and messy because clients aren't perfect. Sometimes a previous legal charge, no matter how minor, can make it harder for domestic violence victims to get a protective order that keeps them safe from an abuser.

A person who calls us for bankruptcy assistance, for example, might need help because an abusive partner is in charge of the family finances. Getting a protective order can help set a victim on firmer footing as they regain the ability to manage their own money. We work to gradually remove legal barriers one by one, allowing clients to move forward with a much greater chance of success.

Leaving a violent relationship can be the most dangerous time for survivors. According to research cited by the U.S. Department of Justice, about 55% of women killed by intimate partners had left or tried to leave their abuser at least once in the year before their death. This makes careful planning essential. When clients are preparing to exit a violent relationship, we help them plan ahead so they can leave quickly and safely — finding a place to hide car keys and a change of clothes, arranging for a friend to receive them and provide shelter, and making a list of important documents to grab.

Amid the challenges of our current social climate, we'll continue making our best efforts to serve domestic violence victims, partly by leveraging the generosity of our pro bono volunteers from the legal community. We'll also continue to expand our library of self-help materials that enable victims to seek legal solutions independently.

If you're in a domestic violence situation, or know someone who is, call Legal Aid Society at 1-800-238-1443 or visit las.org to learn how we can help.

DarKenya W. Waller is executive director of Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands, which provides free legal services to qualifying low-income individuals in 48 counties across Middle Tennessee.

Is your family hungry? Don't lose hope

By Dawn Hankins

I found some interesting conversation on our Facebook page the other day. While I don't always share those (obvious reasons) these were pretty good.

One person said in response to USDA not funding the nutritional program SNAP, we should ask ourselves, "WWJD?" That's the acronym for What Would Jesus Do?

Another said yes, Jesus would open that contingency fault and turn out those funds to the people, particularly those starving. Moses would have done the same.

Maybe we aren't at that point yet? Don't be so sure.

Question is: Do we want to get there? We live in one of the richest countries in the world. But where is all that money going?

Sad as it may be, the government wants to maintain control.

Wrong, only if you're willing to let it happen.

Just like Twila Paris used to sing, "God is in Control." That song resonates today, I think, more than ever.

This is no time for fear
This is the time for faith and determination
Don't lose the vision here carried away by the motion
Hold on to all that you hide in your heart
There is one thing that has always been true
It holds the world together
God is in control
We believe that His children will not be forsaken
God is in control
We will choose to remember and never be shaken
There is no power above or beside Him, we know
Oh, God is in control, oh God is in control

The governor this week rolled out a plan to provide funding for those providing food assistance. That's at least a start.

The Trump administration has been forced by a judge to provide at least partial funding for the Supplemental Nutrition (SNAP) program. While SNAP recipients may not get all they're used to this month, at least maybe there will be food for a small Thanksgiving.

We take so much for granted in this country. It's time we really examine what is going on in Washington.

Someone put it rather eloquently this last week: "We should not be worried about the people losing SNAP. We should be worried about the millions on SNAP."

That is to say, it's a shame people even have to use the help from the government. But Jesus did say there will always be the poor. Matthew 26:11

He knew way ahead what was in store. Keep praying with and feeding those in need. This County does a great job! But more are coming, maybe more of our elderly, if things don't change.

I've taught my grandchildren that we will always give the man standing near the grocery store some dollars, without judgement. That's between that person and The Lord.

Why?

Because Hebrews 13:2 says, "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by some people have entertained angels without knowing it."

That means there are blessings out there waiting for those helping others in need. It's just the way we're supposed to roll as Christians and those who profess to love others.

Taking the time to prepare for Veterans Day







Shelbyville City Council agenda for Thursday, Nov. 6

City Council study session begins at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Codes building on Cannon Boulevard. This month's meeting was postponed from Tuesday to Thursday, due to some Council members attending a governor's conference earlier in the week.

The public may comment if signed up with City Hall prior to the meeting.

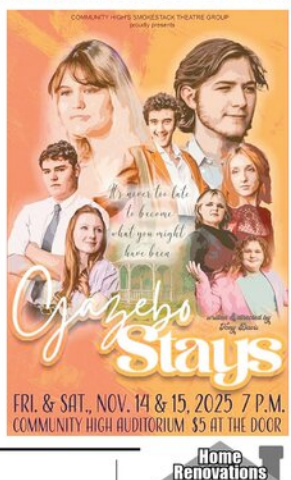
City Manager Scott Collins will give an update on projects. Highpoints are expected to include the grand opening of Grindstone Cowboy on the square and the progress of South Spring Street which is now pedestrian only.

Council is expected to discuss several new items, including a TDOT letter requesting funds for TAP construction and the 2nd annual Christmas event sponsorship with the County.

There will also be an employee benefits committee recommendation on employee medical insurance.

New business includes a rezoning request for a parcel owned by the James Trollinger estate on Richdale Lane. This request is for 57.8 acres to be rezoned from Residental 3 (R2 medium low density) to Residential-3 (R2 medium residental.)

Full coverage of this meeting will be posted at T-G.com and in next week's print edition.



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TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

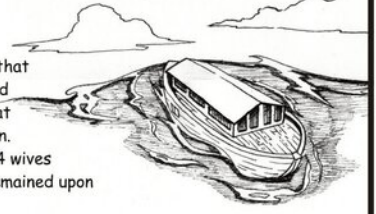
Noah in the Ark



God's instructions to Noah were to take into the ark that he had built two of each animal on the earth and 7 of each animal that was clean and to be eaten for food.

With all safe in the ark, the rains came, for forty days, and the water covered the earth.

Noah and his family were secure in the ark, as it moved about on the water.



All things that were on the earth that breathe, died: birds, and cattle and beast and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. Only Noah and his 3 sons and the 4 wives remained alive. And the waters remained upon the earth 150 days.

Genesis 7

Next week: Deliverance

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DRAWDY

From page 1A

command from The Lord to open the Truth and Nails Center in Shelbyville, TN.

Drawdy soon found himself going to pick up a used band saw-one which he got a really good deal on. He arrived home with a truck full of various tools that the seller wanted to "donate to the cause."

Yes, friends and family asked out of love, "Why now? Why this?"

Drawdy kind of felt like Noah. But he kept his faith and mission, really more like a good soldier. He knew they'd understand in time his mission.

Another time he was at a local machine shop looking for a tool used on a metal lathe that he had purchased. The seller lowered the price after hearing its intended use. And, the owner of the shop gave him the needed tool as well as offered to donate a milling machine if his vision became a non-profit organization.

Coincidence? Drawdy doesn't think so.

Drawing back on his decision to join the military, the Army veteran notes, "I didn't know it at the time but I can see it now. It was more of God's providence then it was my decision to join the military. I say that because what other career path allows you to retire at 42 with the benefits of the military?"

Drawdy says he's been allowed the freedom to pursue the path the Lord called him to. "As for me, the decision was made because the job I currently held didn't have medical benefits. My wife and I had just gone through the pain of having our second miscarriage. She needed a surgery to correct the issue, which we couldn't afford. All in God's timing, an Army recruiter contacted me and I was offered a contract to join the Army that I couldn't refuse."



He says now, through the grace of The Good Lord, he's able to share the Gospel in a big way with this community. And he has much support from friends and family.

It's his pleasure to provide the hands-on instruction in various trade skills. Friend Brian Loso notes that watching him interact with youth is a beautiful sight and much needed these days.

He adds, "We have a brief Bible study with the students that are here for the Training Program or for court appointed/college required community service before each class. We verbally share the Gospel with each client that we assist with our Helping Hands Program, as well as with those that take advantage of our shower usage that we offer."

This man, once a formidable shield of protection for this country, is now providing free showers? Drawdy says, "If it is ordered by God, then it is honorable."

So how would he best like to be remembered? As a missionary, veteran, local friend to many?

This veteran answers without hesitation, "As a redeemed sinner saved by grace, who lived life, displaying love for Christ, my family, others and then self. In that order. I do not do it perfectly but that's my desire."

What's one of his greatest life lessons?

"That we are not in control near as much as we may think. Truth is, there are only two things a person is in control of and that is the choices we make and our reaction to any given situation. I personally strive to be pleasing to the Lord in both, though I often fail miserably."

He may say that but there are those who do not think he fails. In fact, they hold him in highest regard.







Suzi Wilson Sinclair, formerly of Shelbyville, has had her share of difficulties and she has nothing but praise for Drawdy's mission. "Mr. Robert is the true thing. What he talks is the way he lives. His ministry is his love for God and he shares his love for God by helping others, without expecting anything in return. He dedicates his life to living for Jesus.

She continued, "He taught mom and I so much-not only home repairs when we were remodeling our house-but he did Bible study with us and with my two boys each morning. I grew up in church and was attending then and he still taught me so much. He and Mrs. Jennifer are true Christians who do the work of God."

Lots of youth visit Truth and Nails on a weekly basis. So, if this veteran could change anything for the better for the youth of this nation, what would it be?

"That not one of them would be found lacking a loving participating mother and father in their life."

Truth and Nails Technical Center, a 501c3 non-profit charitable organization, is overseen by a 7-member board. There are no government grants of any kind, Drawdy advises.

"We receive five reoccurring in-kind donations that totals $470 a month. The classes we teach are free of charge and we charge no labor cost for the task we do. Sometimes we get a donation of appreciation and many times we don't."

There is also on site the thrift store, The Funding Farm, which houses items that were made by students that can be purchased, and custom items that can be ordered. The center is also enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards program (NPO number is 39071.)

"Then we have our smoked cheese fundraiser which we are currently taking orders for until Nov. 14, with it being ready for pick-up Nov. 17. Contact us through Facebook if interested in placing an order."

Drawdy says his day-to-day operational goal: To Share....To Train.... To Help.... which is done through the three programs: The Sharing Program, through Bible studies, and verbal conversation when he and his team share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with students and clients.

He adds, "With these programs being done out of compassion, I have personally seen hearts changed, fear fade, hope given, tears shed, joy renewed, despair removed, stress lifted, self-esteem grow and deep-rooted friendships sprout."

Truth in Nails provides hands-on instruction in metalworking (welding, lathe and milling operations), woodworking (lathe, band, scroll and table), home repair/remodeling (laying wood flooring and tile), auto repair (brakes, oil changes), finishing (painting and powder coating of metal items and staining techniques.

While in the Army, Drawdy worked as a welder and a machinist, and it was during his last 8 years that he worked on a little project for a White House communications agency. He's humble, like any good soldier. But Drawdy actually did something quite spectacular; he made podiums for the presidency.

Still, just as he learned skills for life, he wants to teach others to "fish." At Truth and Nails, he is working to empower students, no matter their background, to achieve economic self-sufficiency through meaningful employment.

Some day this veteran may be more at ease. But for now, he's got much work to complete.

Hours of operation for Truth and Nails/Funding Farm are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed on Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.



Ribbon cutting held at Shelbyville's newest restaurant

Grindstone Cowboy makes its Shelbyville debut

T-G Photos by Noah Maddox





Grindstone Cowboy, a new coffee shop and restaurant located on South Spring Street off the public square, held its ribbon cutting Wednesday morning and had a soft opening. City Mayor Randy Carroll was among those speaking. The grand opening for the Shelbyville location is planned for Saturday, Nov. 8. All day!! We will have more information about owner and country music star Craig Campbell and family's new venture in next week's T-G. Partners in the business are Beth and Mike Davis.

Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

1) Cheap trinket
5) "To Sir, With Love" singer
9) Indian state
14) British royal
15) Of the same kind
16) Tea choice
17) Board room happening
20) Works in the cutting room
21) Data for an accountant
22) Member of a governing body
25) CIA operative
26) Harmless lizard
28) August 13, e.g.
32) Screenwriter's creation
37) Make accustomed
38) Move into the limelight
41) Chubby plus
42) Viola effects
43) "I've got a secret to tell you"
44) Grammar book topic
46) Suffix with "claim" or "cool"
47) Pinched pennies
53) Person in the audience
58) Orleans's river
59) Cap-a-pie
62) Elevated habitation
63) Lay down a road
64) Busy person's list heading
65) Monopoly collections
66) Liveliness
67) Change, often

CLUES DOWN

1) Airport exits
2) Positive pole
3) Loosen, in a way
4) Triangular river formation
5) Place to wash up, briefly
6) Oahu instrument, briefly
7) Merry-go-round music
8) See through a disguise
9) Certain teasing
10) Lead-in to "date" or "trap"
11) Brief comic performance
12) Top-of-the-line
13) Million-byte units, in computerese
18) Attendance fig., often
19) World's Fair word
23) Dreaded character
24) Curb (with "in")
27) Terra- ___ (fired clay)
28) Fascinated by, as a hobby
29) Two-handed
30) "Cogito, ___ sum"
31) Matches, in a way
32) "Now hold on there!"
33) Some airport arrivals
34) Supplements (with "out")
35) Twig construction
36) Big club
37) Real ending?
39) Units of work
40) Offend a sense
44) Bring to ruin
45) Vast Eurasian plain
46) Pot starters
48) Nobel-winning U.N. agency
49) "Excelsior," to New York
50) Climbing spike
51) Make smaller, in a way
52) Self-produced CDs, maybe
53) Churchill's "___ Country"
54) "Shoe" setting
55) "The Larry Sanders Show" actor
56) Give off
57) Abbr. at the end of a list
60) Nero's breakfast, perhaps
61) "___ Hur"

GET IN LINE

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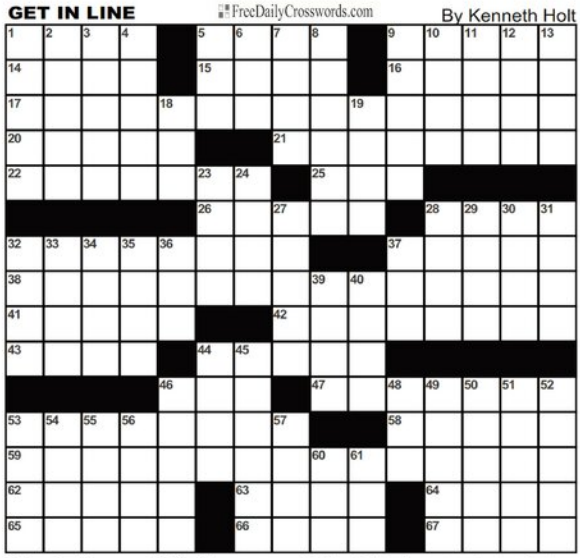
By Kenneth Holt



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Veterans Day

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month people around the world remember the soldiers who have fought in wars.

It was started after World War I. More soldiers had died in WWI than in any other war before that one. An Australian journalist by the name of George Honey asked people around the world to observe two minutes of silence at 11:00 a.m. as the treaty to end the war was signed.

Color this flag. Cut it out and display it in a window on Veterans Day, November 11.

Flags: A High-Flying Tradition

People fly the American flag on Veterans Day. How many times a day do you see the flag?

Every country in the world has a flag. A flag is a **symbol** of a country. A symbol is a picture that tells us something without using words.



The American flag has a blue corner section with white stars, called the **union**. The rest of the flag has red and white stripes.

Why stars and stripes?

Stars are considered a symbol of big dreams. When we say, "Reach for the stars," it means dream big.

The stripes are symbolic of the rays of light emanating from the sun.

There are 50 stars representing the 50 states and there are 13 stripes representing the 13 original states.

Red symbolizes hardiness and valor. White is for purity and innocence. The blue represents justice.



THANK YOU VETERANS!

The Six Branches of the U.S. Military

Men and women who serve in our military are called veterans. Veterans Day is a day to thank them for their service defending our nation. Use the code to discover the six branches of the American military.

SECRET CODE

A=A, B=N, C=C, D=O, E=D, F=P, G=E, H=R, I=F, J=S, K=G, L=T, M=H, N=U, O=I, P=V, Q=L, R=Y, S=M

How many stars can you find on this page? Have a friend try. Who found the most stars?

Circle every third letter to discover a nickname of the American flag.

ODFLJSDWV
GBNLQLOB
CRUGY

Extra! Extra!

Veterans Day Words

Look through the newspaper for five or more words that describe a veteran. Put the words into ABC order.

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

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

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Here are some common symbols. Circle each one you have seen. Underneath each symbol, write what it means.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

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

VETERANS
MILITARY
COUNTRY
SYMBOL
PURITY
SECRET
NATION
DREAM
VALOR
STARS
LIGHT
FLAG
CODE
BLUE

T	H	G	I	L	M	A	E	R	D
N	A	T	I	O	N	T	Y	H	S
R	A	Y	S	B	B	A	R	N	N
T	K	T	S	M	L	T	A	S	O
E	A	I	L	Y	U	R	T	T	G
R	C	R	L	S	E	V	I	A	E
C	O	U	N	T	R	Y	L	R	T
E	D	P	E	R	R	F	I	S	A
S	E	V	A	L	O	R	M	N	S

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

From the Kid Scoop Lesson Library

Symbol Search

Look through the newspaper for a symbol. A symbol is a picture that has a meaning. Write what the symbol means and why you think it does or does not do a good job of expressing that meaning.

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

Write On!

My Hero

Write a paragraph about your personal hero. Be sure to tell why this person is your hero.

Kid Scoop Together

Flag Etiquette

There are rules for flying the American flag that help people show their flag the proper respect.



1. Flags are flown at half-mast to show grief for lives lost. When the flag is flown at half-mast, it should first be raised to the top of the flag pole for a moment and then lowered slowly to the half-mast position.



2. The union (stars and blue panel) should always be in the upper left corner when a flag is displayed as shown above.
3. The flag shouldn't be flown in bad weather. When possible it should be taken down at night. If the flag is flown at night, it should be illuminated by a spotlight.
4. The flag should never touch the ground.
5. When a flag becomes old or damaged, it can be donated to a local Scouting troop for proper disposal.

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Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: October 28

Seller, James R Warner, Christy Warner; Buyer, James A Bush, Elizabeth Nicole Bush; Price, $379,000 (Deed).

Location: 803 River Ranch Road; Seller, David A Mast, Jessica Lee Mast; Buyer, Brendan McSherry; Price, $370,000 (Deed).

Location: 203 Earl Smith Rd; Seller, Patricia B Harmon, Patricia B Moore; Buyer, Markeith Roland Johnson, Ammy Renae Johnson; Price, $600,000 (Deed).

Location: 392 Thompson Rd; Seller, Brandon Adcock, Sara Keller; Buyer, Matthew Welch; Price, $250,000 (Deed).

Seller, Prisciliano Ruiz Najera; Buyer, Prisciliao Ruiz Najera, Susana Ruiz Robles; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: October 29

Location: Puncheon Camp Rd; Seller, James D Brown, Claudine J Brown Estate, Jimmy D Brown; Buyer, James D Brown; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: 121 Nestledown Crossing; Seller, Jan Marie Coey, William Garrett Coey; Buyer, Coey Family Trust, William Garrett Coey, Jan Marie Coey; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 433 Davis Lane; Seller, Foundation Legal Group LLP, Nationstar Mortgage LLC; Buyer, Nationstar Mortgage LLC; Price, $246,000 (TRD).

Seller, May Tory Homes LLC; Buyer, Adam Malone Belote, Paula M Belote; Price, $429,900 (Deed).

Location: 138 Webb Lane; Seller, Robert Gallahaire, Teri Gallahaire, Benjamin Gallahaire; Buyer, Benjamin Allen Gallahaire; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 215 Warren Circle; Seller, LLG Trustee TN LLC, Stephen Swain; Buyer, Lakeview Loan Servicing LLC; Price, $250,469 (TRD).

Location: 200 Sunset Blvd; Seller, Rubin Lublin TN PLLC, Joshua E Stewart; Buyer, Greg Curl; Price, $211,000 (TRD).

Location: Singleton Rd; Seller, Donna Urban; Buyer, Ruth Shepherd; Price, $13,333.32 (QD).

Location: 316 Savage Hollow Rd; Seller, Bobby Miles Mooneyham; Buyer, Sandra D Graham; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: October 30

Location: 125 Anderson Creek Rd; Seller, Jenifer A Skywark; Buyer, David Ryan Enssey; Price, $262,000 (Deed).

Seller, Hiram W Napier; Buyer, Jennifer Napier; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 601 Belmont Ave; Seller, Tammy Lynn Patterson; Buyer, Annette H Ross, Daniel J Robbins; Price, $90,750 (Deed).

Location: 104 Hidden Circle; Seller, JC Builders LLC; Buyer, Michelle Leigh Haggerty; Price, $322,900 (Deed).

File date: October 31

Location: Highway 41 A; Seller, Rockford Lodge LLC, Nicholas T Hill; Buyer, Joshua Crosslin, Nicholas T Hill; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 242 Green Acres Rd; Seller, Taylor Yeager, Jennifer Yeager; Buyer, William Wackrow; Price, $580,000 (Deed).

Location: New Herman Rd; Seller, Nakia Maria Kellow; Buyer, Bobby D Elkin; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Lower Halls Mill Rd; Seller, Ricardo Bravo Mojica; Buyer, Rodney Bowling, Chanel Donegan; Price, $70,000 (Deed).

Location: White Rd; Seller, Duke Lynn, Abigail Lynn, Mario Eugene Lynn; Buyer, Duke Lynn, Abigail Lynn; Price, $10 (QD).

Seller, Adam M Belote, Paula Belote; Buyer, Jose R Alvardo Medina, Rocio Cruz Romero, Jose R Alvardo Medina; Price, $325,000 (Deed).

Location: 260 Arnold Rd; Seller, Douglas J Doornink, Wendy S Doornink; Buyer, Terresa Anne Smith, James Paul Smith; Price, $540,300 (Deed).

Location: 3441 Hwy 231 S; Seller, Shawn C Linne, Shawn L Linne, Barbara J Linne; Buyer, Steven Russell Cullen, Delores Ann Cullen; Price, $300,000 (Deed).

File date: November 3

Location: 368 Laws Hill Rd; Seller, Thomas Lee Wiser, Hannah Wiser, Laws Hill Trust; Buyer, TKF Southern Land Design LLC; Price, $925,000 (Deed).

Location: Sandusky Rd; Seller, J Murray Milliken; Buyer, Jamie A Diamond, Daniel F Oros; Price, $1,200,000 (Deed).

Location: 101 Holly Ct; Seller, Lacey J Hazlett, David A Hazlkett; Buyer, Michelle B Sauls, Donald A Sauls; Price, $460,000 (Deed).

Location: 160 Osteen Lane; Seller, Elmar Martinez Ramirez, Gabriela Martinez; Buyer, MSDQ Holdings LLC; Price, $143,000 (Deed).

Location: Hwy 130; Seller, Andrew Gross, Chrys Gross; Buyer, Taylor O Yeager, Jennifer M Yeager; Price, $463,500 (Deed).

Location: 416 Sims St; Seller, Jeffrey Donald Floyd, Jennifer Ladona Finchum; Buyer, Zachary Adams King, Amie Marie Anthony King; Price, $90,000 (Deed).

Location: 114 Stanley Blvd; Seller, Benjamin Ross Nichols, Haley Marie Nichols; Buyer, Amber Largent; Price, $240,000 (Deed).

Location: 1236 Old Columbia Rd; Seller, Devan L Story; Buyer, Nicolette L Story; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Unionville Highway; Seller, Patricia Thompson Farrar; Buyer, Brooke Ann Farrar, James E Farrar III, Patricia Thompson Farrar; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Lane Parkway; Seller, Tracy Teal; Buyer, Hana Family Homes LLC; Price, $325,000 (Deed).

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MELISSA ANN ODEA

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NOTICES

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monthly Commissioner Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 11, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M.
Bedford County Historic Courthouse
1 Public Square, 2nd Floor Courtroom
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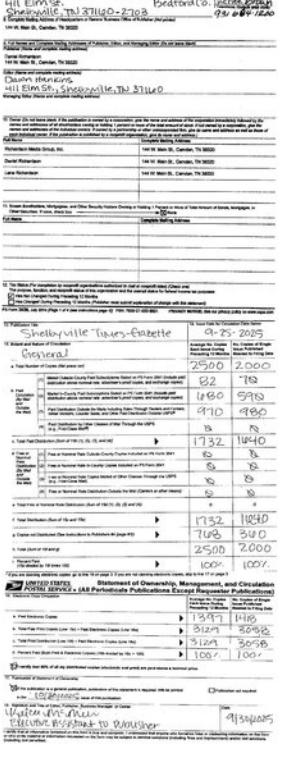

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)
Division of Water Resources (DWR)
Notice Requesting Public Comments on Draft Permit Actions
FILE # NRS 25.214

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public of the following proposed permit action and solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed activities on the aquatic environment.

Pursuant to The Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977, T.C.A. §69-3-108 and Tennessee Rules, Chapter 0400-40-07, the proposed activity described below has been submitted for approval under an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit and Section 401 Water Quality Certification. Section 401 of the Clean Water Act requires that an applicant obtain a water quality certification from the state when a federal permit is required. This notice is intended to inform interested parties of this permit application and draft permit and rationale, and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. At the conclusion of the public notice period a final determination will be made whether to issue or deny the permit.

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Mike Lee
Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Division of Water Resources, Natural Resources Unit
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APPLICANT: Drew Harpool Interim VP of Business and Finance Middle Tennessee State University
1301 East Main Street
Cope Administration Bldg. 119
Murfreesboro, TN 37132
(615) 494-8812

LOCATION: Shelbyville Municipal Airport
Shelbyville, Bedford County
2028 Highway 231 North
Latitude 35.5553414532 Longitude -86.446596
Wetlands.
The site is located the site is within the Duck River Watershed (HUC 06040003). (for more information, access http://tdeconline.tn.gov/dwr):
To view the proposed location of these impacts and the watershed condition, visit the Division's map viewer at http://tdeconline.tn.gov/dwr/ and search on the permit number or coordinates listed in this Public Notice.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION / PURPOSE
Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) is proposing the construction of a new aviation facility at Shelbyville Municipal Airport in Shelbyville, TN Aerospace Department, for the flight training program, and aircraft maintenance program. Construction will require impacts to 1.21 acres of 4 small wetland areas.
Compensatory mitigation for unavoidable impacts to 1.21 acres of wetlands will be accomplished through the purchase of 2.42 credits from the Briar Pond Bottom Mitigation Bank.

ANTIDEGRADATION
In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 0400-40-03-.06), the Division has made a preliminary determination that the proposed activities will result in greater than de minimis degradation of impact of waters with available parameters. Any appreciable permanent loss of resource value associated with the proposed impact is proposed to be offset by sufficient mitigation to result in no overall net loss of resource value. Pursuant to Antidegradation Statement, in waters with available parameters for habitat, an activity that would cause degradation of habitat above the level of de minimis will only be authorized if applicant has demonstrated to the Department that there are no practicable alternatives to prevent or lessen degradation associated with the proposed activity and the degradation is necessary to accommodate important economic or social development in the area and will not violate the water quality criteria for uses existing in the receiving waters.
For more information, please reference Tennessee's Antidegradation Statement which is found in Chapter 0400-40-03 of the Rules of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

FACTORS CONSIDERED
In deciding whether to issue or deny this permit, the Division will consider all comments of record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws. The division will consider the nature, scale and effects of proposed impacts. The Division will consider practicable alternatives to the alteration, loss of waters or habitat, diminishment in biological diversity, cumulative or secondary impacts to the water resource, and adverse impacts to unique, high quality, or impaired waters. In addition, the Division will consider whether more than de minimis degradation is justified by important social or economic development in the area.
In making this decision, a final determination will be made evaluating appreciable permanent loss of resource values and proposed compensatory mitigation to ensure the project will not result in no overall net loss of state water resources values.

HOW TO COMMENT
TDEC is requesting public comment on this proposed permit action. Obtaining a broad range of facts and opinions on Agency actions is one of the best ways to ensure appropriate decisions. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the Division. Written comments must be received within thirty days following distribution of the approved public notice materials (including signage and newspaper ad). Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced. Send all written comments to the Division's address listed below to the attention of the permit coordinator. You may also comment via email to ARAP.permits@tn.gov.
After the Division makes a final permit determination, a permit appeal may be filed by the applicant or by any person who participated in the public comment period whose appeal is based on comments given to the Division in writing during the public comment period or in testimony at a formal public hearing. If it is hard for you to read, speak, or understand English, TDEC can provide translation or interpretation services free of charge by contacting Brian Canada at 615-979-1406 or Brian.Canada@tn.gov.
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PUBLIC HEARING
Interested persons may request in writing that the Division hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be received by the Division within the comment period, indicate the interest of the party requesting it, the reason(s) a hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the Division will hold a public hearing in accordance with 0400-40-07-.04(4) (f). Send all public hearing requests to the attention of the permit coordinator at the address listed below or via email to ARAP.permits@tn.gov. Any scheduled public hearings will be advertised through a similar public notice process.

FILE REVIEW
The permit application, supporting documentation, including detailed plans and maps, draft permit and rationale, and related comments are available for review on the internet at the Division's Water Resources Permits Dataviewer
(https://dataviewers.tdec.tn.gov/dataviewers/?p=2005:1:9486548805959:) by entering the permit file number listed in the title of this Public Notice. The file may be viewed and copied at the address listed below.
Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation Division of Water Resources,
Natural Resources Unit Davy Crockett Tower
500 James Robertson Parkway, 9th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Obituary



Polly Prosser Sanders Dodson

Polly Prosser Sanders Dodson age 93, formerly of Shelbyville, TN., died November 4, 2025, in Covington, Georgia, at her residence.

Mrs. Dodson was born May 7, 1932, in Moore County, Tennessee. She was the daughter of Thomas Guy Prosser and Julia Womble Prosser. She is survived by son Robert C. Sanders Jr. (Monica) of Covington, GA; step-daughter; Julia Dodson and step-son; Richard Dodson of Chattanooga, TN, sister; Grace Clanton of Shelbyville, grandchildren; granddaughter, Jessica Kelly (Ridge) of Georgia; Sam White (Brittney) of Florida; step-grandchildren; Cole Denham and Lindsey Webb (Wesley) of Georgia, Hilary and Cam Dodson, great grandchildren; Ryan, Tegan, Asa, Loclyn, Addy, Dakota, and Beckett, along with many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Dodson was preceded in death by husband K.C. Dodson; daughter Emily White; grandson, Alex White; brothers: Harold, Thomas and Frank Prosser; sisters, Hester Prosser, Margie Shearin, Sue Bragg and Shirley Robert.

Mrs. Dodson attended Moore County High School; graduated from Shelbyville Central High School; she received a B.S. from the University of Tennessee; EDS from Middle Tennessee State University; Post Graduate at University of Tennessee Nashville and Knoxville; and Post Graduate at Vanderbilt-Peabody.

She taught in Giles County, Giles County Counselor, Columbia State College and TPS in Nashville. She later became a business woman and antique dealer.

She was an active member of Historic Red Oak Methodist Church in Covington, GA, a supporter of the University of Tennessee and a former charter member of the University of Tennessee Alliance of Women Philanthropists; a life time member of the James K. Polk Memorial Society; supporter of the Moore County Archives; Bedford County Rescue Squad; Shelbyville Art Center; Charter and board member of Columbia Soroptimist Club. Past member of Ladies Hermitage Association; American Association of University Women, Columbia Business and Professional Club, Columbia Bridle and Saddle Club; APTA of Maury County; Active of the Republican Party.

Graveside services will be held 3 PM Saturday, November 8, 2025 at Willow Mount Cemetery in Shelbyville, TN 37160. With Brother Ron Dewitt officiating.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family

www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com



Peggy Ann Bonds

Peggy Ann Bonds, 79, of Shelbyville, died October 29, 2025.

Funeral Services will be held 2:00 P.M. Saturday, November 1st, at Hillcrest Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin at 1:00 P.M.

She was born March 5, 1946, in Shelbyville. She was a former employee of Bedford County School System and member of Gateway Church of Shelbyville. She loved her family and friends. Peggy lived life to the fullest - always up for the next adventure.

She was the daughter of the late Silas and Nancy Jane Marsh Bonds.

She is survived by her children, Kelly Lynn Mattingly of Shelbyville; her son, Jimmy Wayne Griggs of Murfreesboro; her sister, Pat Bonds Richards of Madison, Alabama; and grandson, Grayson Wayne Freeman Griggs.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



THOSE WERE THE DAYS!

Photo by Shirley Hall

A parade of vintage Model Ts recently made their way through the Town of Bell Buckle.





Town & Country Garden Club October meeting at Stonewall Ridge Farm

Professional designer shares entertaining and flower arranging tips

Town & Country Garden Club members met Oct. 15, describing their meeting venue as "breathtaking."

The meeting was held at Stonewall Ridge Farm, home of member Nancy Fayard. Hostesses were Nancy Fayard, Rebecca Parker and Carroll O'Brien.

The "delicious" lunch featured Poppy Seed Chicken, a tossed salad and muffins-all provided by Riverbend Country Club.

Educational trivia was presented by Rebecca Parker and she educated the group about the rutabaga, which is a cross between a turnip and a cabbage.

This month's arrangement was: "Nature's Beauty Fruit and Flowers." The specimen was the mum.

The "excellent" program was presented by Amy Montgomery, owner of the stores, "Amy Montgomery Home" in Columbia and Gaslamp 2 in Nashville.

Amy worked as a designer in homes for 30 years. Her first job was decorating country music singer Waylon Jenning's office in Nashville.

Amy shared that she loved small scale designing the most and it led into providing live flower arrangements for client parties.

She will close her store in Columbia later this year to focus full time on providing dinner and flower event dinners in her Nashville home.

During these dinners, she discusses topics of food, table settings, flowers and other topics.

Amy said one group of about 13 women come from Texas frequently to participate.

She gave some hosting tips: always set your napkin and silverware in traditional positions so guests don't have to make the effort to rearrange them and she recommends having wine and a snack for the guests to enjoy while hostesses are completing the meal.

The guest speaker was excited to share about her Instagram program "Flower Friday" when she shares about flower arranging.

After she did some of her own flower arranging, Amy auctioned off the bouquets for charity.

Garden Club members Linda Anderton and Carroll O'Brien walked away winners.





WELCOME TO BRUSHY MOUNTAIN

School Photos

Criminal Justice - III students at Community High School recently visited Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary located in Morgan County, TN. Students gained real-world experience as to living a life of incarceration and the hardship of making poor choices. This tour allowed students to see historical state corrections, Brushy Mountain, which closed in 2009, and opened in 2018 as a tourist attraction, was back then the last place you wanted to find yourself. The facility held in maximum security the state's most violent murderers, robbers and rapists for over a century. With some sentences 200 years or more, most of the men who walked through the gates spent the rest of their lives in Brushy.





These are actual weapons known as "shanks" that were removed from former prisoners while they were incarcerated at Brushy Mountain.



Students look over pictures of James Earl Ray who was convicted in 1968, of the assassination of Civil Rights Leader and Pastor Martin Luther King Jr.

Death Notices

Dorothy Annette Sweeney

Dorothy Annette Sweeney, age 62, of Shelbyville, TN. Born March 24, 1963, passed from this life October 29, 2025.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Douglas Van Allen

January 16, 1960 – October 29, 2025

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Danny Ray "D-Ray" Phillips

Danny Ray "D-Ray" Phillips passed away peacefully at his home in Shelbyville, on October 29, 2025 at the age of 62. Born in Yazoo City, Mississippi on December 6, 1962, he was the son of the late Walter Lee Phillips and Lettie Ruth Phillips.

He is survived by his children, Natasha Jameson, Jasmine (Tony) Dudeck, Jessica (A.J) Vanderpool, and Logan (Jarylin) Phillips and siblings, Walter Phillips, Willie Phillips, and Cynthia Greer.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Linda Brenner Odeneal

Linda Brenner Odeneal was born on August 4, 1948, in Brooklyn, New York, to the late Walter and Anna Brenner. She departed this life on October 30, 2025, after an extended illness.

Linda dedicated 25 years of service to the Bedford County School System. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gary Tenery Odeneal.

She is survived by her two sons, Daniel (Natalie) Odeneal and James (Crystal) Odeneal; her sister, Evelyn (Vito) Lorenzoni.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Is God Dead? Where we are



Ty B. Kerley, DMin Columnist

Since we began our journey several months ago, it seems to me a good time to take stock of where we are. Friedrich Nietzsche, the nineteenth-century German philosopher, first coined the bold phrase, "God is Dead" in 1883. In 1966, Time magazine, in startling fashion, asked the question directly: "Is God Dead?" After all, it's an important question! And it is an important question because everyone who is alive, or who has ever lived has given an answer to the question in the way they choose to live their lives. Our Bible skeptic, Michael, it seems, has also made a decision. If you recall, we began our conversation concerning the question, is God dead? with the Bible skeptic, Michael. Remember, Michael thinks the Bible is not the inspired work and Word of God, but rather a creation solely of man's imagination. Michael said of the biblical writer's inspiration that inspiration comes in many forms, like artists who write songs because of inspiration. I think the Bible could be written in the same way just like any book, song, or other art. But I think it is in some ways art because it is a creation of man but it is also handpicked in certain ways because it has gone through different interpretations. Consequently, Michael does not believe in Christianity, nor is he sure if God is dead or, if He ever existed in the first place. Michael says he does not know, but it turns out Michael, like everyone else in the world, has made a decision that reflects his indecisiveness, and that, we said, is Michael's dilemma. And so began our journey: a journey to present a cumulative case argument to the Michaels of the world. Not unlike a legal case presented in a court of law, each week we have been presenting and uncovering evidence that seems to indicate a Supreme Being who created all that exists. Our case started from the kalam cosmological Argument from which we determined there to be compelling evidence from cosmology and physics that there exists an uncaused, personal Creator of the universe, who in relation to the universe is beginningless, changeless, immaterial, timeless, spaceless, and enormously powerful.

But that was only the start of the case. We said that to know the artist, one needs to study their works of art. If you want to learn about Van Gogh, then you need to study Starry Night. If you're going to learn about Andy Warhol, then you need to study his self-portraits. If you want to learn about the Artist of creation, you must look at His creation. And it is from that perspective that looking at the teleological argument for the cosmos, plus the irreducible complexity found in biological systems provided much more compelling evidence for the case. From the design argument, further evidence of the Artist came into view: the design, unity, order, and complexity of creation itself implies the Creator of the universe is a highly intelligent Designer who purposefully designed and brought the universe into being.

Over the last few weeks, evidence has been presented, and the argument has been made that human beings are endowed with unique and sophisticated attributes—attributes found nowhere else in the animal kingdom; nowhere. The dualistic constitution of human beings. And it is the soul of man that houses many uniquely human attributes. One of the most fascinating is the human capacity of self-consciousness; often called the argument from consciousness. From the argument of self-consciousness, we have warrant in suggesting that the human beings God freely chose to create consist of two substances; one material, and one immaterial; one body being uniquely human, and one spirit being similar in substance to God, who is Spirit.

Given the present and cumulative evidence, we are driven to ponder a great question: why are humans so uniquely endowed? Philosopher Anthony O'Hear compels us to ask a simple question: could it be that the Creator, who is personal, intentional, and purposeful in His design and creation placed a particular and unique expectation upon mankind? After all, there are not a lot of expectations placed upon a skunk's behavior. Nor are there distinct obligations placed upon a dog, a cat, or any other non-human member of the animal kingdom. Once again, these are uniquely human attributes and they are attributes warehoused in the human soul. —Join us next week as we begin to look at human morality—its origin and purpose—as we continue to search for an answer to the question, Is God dead?

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Ty B. Kerley, DMin., is an ordained minister who teaches Christian apologetics and relief preaches in Southern Oklahoma. Dr. Kerley and his wife, Vicki, are members of the Waurika church of Christ and live in Ardmore, OK. You can contact him at dr.kerley@isGoddead.com.



CHS CJSO OPENS ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

School Photo

Community High School Criminal Justice Student Organization (CHS CJSO) is sponsoring its 3rd annual Christmas toy drive, "Blessing for Bedford" Nov. 3 through Dec 11. If anyone knows of a child in need, please contact criminal justice instructor Chris Hobbs @ 931-685-1418 and have the child placed on the toy drive donations list. Those receiving donations will be contacted by phone on Dec. 11, to make arrangements for pick up. Those who would like to donate a new toy to a child in need, donation bins located at Yoes Barbershop, Community High School, Dollar General in Unionville, Marathon Market in Unionville.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

This Sunday at First United Methodist Church Shelbyville, Pastor Abe Zimmerman will preach, "Thanking It Through: Part 1" from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Gratitude is simple when life is smooth—but what about when it's not? Thanking It Through is a two-part sermon series that explores how scripture invites us to cultivate thanksgiving not just in ease, but in adversity. 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.

BEDFORD BRIEFS

VETERANS DAY PARADE

The local Veterans Day parade is Saturday, Nov. 8 at 11 a.m. Traditional parade route applies.

VETERANS DAY-NOV. 11, 2025

All government offices and County convenience centers will be closed on Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Legends Restaurant is offering Veterans a free meal with military identification.



GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Bedford County Board of Commissioners meets in regular session Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m. Shelbyville City Council meets in regular session on Thursday, Nov. 13, at 6 p.m.

Bedford County Board of Education meets in regular session on Thursday, Nov. 20, at 6 p.m.

Meeting agendas can be found on respective websites.

MAKER MARKETS AT THE FLY

- Friday, Nov 7. – 4 to 8 p.m. (Vendor deadline has passed)
- Special Shop Small Saturday Holiday Maker Market, Saturday, Nov. 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Vendor spots full)

Please go to flyartscenter.com/maker-market for more information.

GRAND OPENING COMING FOR GRINDSTONE COWBOY

The highly anticipated grand opening for Shelbyville's own Grindstone Cowboy restaurant is planned for Saturday, Nov. 8. Opening at 7 a.m. Festivities start at 4 p.m. Special headlining performance by owner Craig Campbell.

WARTRACE CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE

Wartrace CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE is Saturday, Nov. 29, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Handmade gifts, treats, art and more. Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus, Santa pictures, music, Dickens Dancers, Christmas Cloggers and Nativity scene. The Wartrace Tree Lighting Ceremony is at 6:00. Fun for the whole family. Located in Historic Downtown Wartrace. Booth spaces are available. Facebook.com/The Wartrace Voice, wartracemerchants@gmail.com or 209-499-3432.

DEMENTIA TOUR

Bedford County Caregiver Relief Program will host a " virtual dementia tour" Thursday, Nov. 13, from 3 to 6 p.m. The event will be held at Christ Lutheran Church at 500 Elm St. Call Dana at 931-685-9039 to schedule a tour or for more information.

THE 52ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

Theme: Christmas Around the World. Saturday December 6th , 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (Rain Date: TBD) Fill out the entry form and return NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM THURSDAY November 20, 2025. MAIL TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: Shelbyville Jaycees, P.O. Box 361, Shelbyville, TN 37162. If you have questions, please Call Connie Smith 931-307-5285.

Rules:

- Only one Santa is Permitted in the Parade
- Tossing Candy is not permitted by anyone but Santa due to safety issues-You may walk beside your float and hand children candy
- NO ATV's- 4 Wheelers are allowed only if pulling trailer
- 40 ft Max- Includes truck & trailer
- Vehicle Burnouts are prohibited
- NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL PERMITTED

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS IN BELL BUCKLE

The old-fashioned Christmas in Bell Buckle is planned for Dec. 6, 13 and 20, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sleigh rides, carolers and more! The annual pet parade is at noon on Dec. 6.



OFFICER GRUBBS HONORED BY SPD

SPD PHOTO

Shelbyville Police Sgt. Russ Grubbs was recently recognized on his 14th anniversary with the department. SPD honored him with words like "integrity" and "dedication." He currently serves on B-day shift.

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Champs Shut Out Vikings in 'Battle Of Bedford' to End 2025 Season

BY NOAH MADDOX
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BELL BUCKLE, Tenn. – The Cascade Champions (4-6, 1-4) took down the Community Vikings (0-10, 0-5), 48-0, at The Stable on Senior Night to win their eighth-straight in the annual "Battle of Bedford".

After opening the game with a 67-yard catch-and-run swing pass to Nate Zimmerman following a holding penalty, Kaden Hill would run it in from six yards out for his first rushing touchdown of the season to complete the 3-play scoring drive. Cascade converted the two-point conversion, taking an early 8-0 lead with 9:55 remaining in the first quarter.

The Vikings responded with a three-and-out and punted the ball back to Cascade, but the shanked punt traveled just two net yards to give the hosts possession starting in the red zone. 49 seconds later, senior Reidy Brainard scored his first career touchdown on a one-yard plunge with 6:31 to go in the first quarter to take a 14-0 lead.

On Community's second play of the next possession, Cascade's Cain Harden fell on a fumbled snap to give possession back to the Champions on the Vikings' 18-yard line. One play later, ZeShawn Swaggerty scored his first touchdown at Cascade on an 18-yard counter run to take a 21-0 lead with 5:32 left in the first quarter.

After both teams traded scoreless drives, Nate Zimmerman scored his seventh touchdown of the season from a yard out to give Cascade a 28-0 lead with 8:45 to go in the first half to cap off a 23-yard scoring drive.

Then, after another Community punt, Braxtyn Burris found Corey Gooch in the back of the end zone on a double-reverse pass from 31-yards out for his first passing touchdown of the season, growing the Cascade lead to 36-0 after a successful two-point conversion with 6:12 left in the half.

Kaden Hill opened the scoring in the second half after a five-plus minute scoring drive, finding the end zone from eight yards out to take a 42-0 lead with 2:20 left in the third.

Then, Dustin Pinder capped off the dominant defensive performance by tacking on one more touchdown with a 15-yard scoop-and-score to take a 48-0 lead with just over 10 minutes left in the game.

In total, Cascade ran for 114 yards on 20 carries, led by Nate Zimmerman's 51 yards rushing and two touchdowns on nine attempts. Sam Bradley finished 3/10 for 83 yards while Burris went 1/1 for 31 yards and one touchdown.

Community was led by Severen Garman's 42 yards rushing on 14 carries, but in total the Vikings struggled to get anything going offensively.

Community's season finishes at 0-10.

Cascade's season finishes at 4-6.



The Cascade Champions shut out cross-county rival Community on Friday night, 48-0. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

Blue Raiders Battle to the End in Weekday CUSA Finale

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Middle Tennessee rallied late but came up short in a 24-21 loss to Jacksonville State on Wednesday night in the Blue Raiders' fourth and final Weekday CUSA matchup at Floyd Stadium.

The Blue Raiders (1-7, 0-4 CUSA) jumped ahead early on a 10-yard touchdown pass from Nicholas Vattiato to D. Taylor but trailed 7-6 after a second-quarter 56-yard strike to Deondre Johnson. MTSU responded with an 11-play, 80-yard drive capped by a 2-yard touchdown reception by Jekail Middlebrook in the third, and the Blue Raiders converted the two-point try to stretch the lead to 14-7.

Jacksonville State (5-3, 4-0) reclaimed the lead early in the fourth on a 30-yard touchdown pass from Caden Creel to Deondre Johnson. Middle Tennessee answered again when Middlebrook plunged in from 6 yards out to pull the Blue Raiders ahead 21-17 with 7:45 left, but JSU's Cam Cook broke the tie with a 3-yard TD run at 4:29 to make it a three-point game.

Quarterback Nicholas Vattiato finished 23-of-45 for 235 yards and two touchdown passes. Jekail Middlebrook was effective as a dual threat, finishing with 20 rushing yards and a 6-yard rushing TD while adding six catches for 87 yards and a receiving score – 107 all-purpose yards in all. Alex Mitchell paced the defense with 16 tackles, and Parker Hughes added 10 stops.

By the Numbers

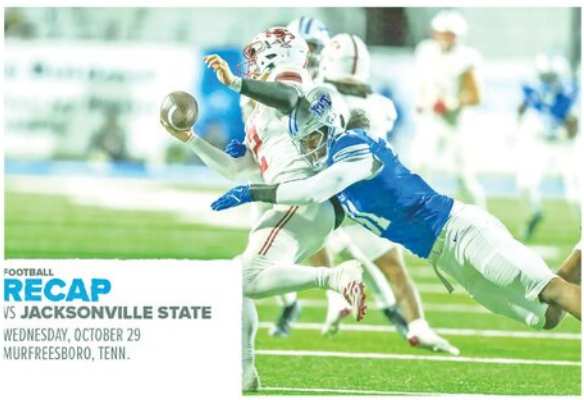
18: Middle Tennessee totaled 18 first downs, edging Jacksonville State's 17.

107: Running back Jekail Middlebrook recorded 107 all-purpose yards, leading all Blue Raiders with 87 receiving yards and another 20 on the ground as he accounted for two touchdowns.

3-for-3: MTSU was a perfect 3-for-3 in the red zone, converting all three trips into touchdowns.

Up Next

The Blue Raiders will remain at home to take on FIU on Saturday, Nov. 8. Kickoff is set for 2 p.m. CT on ESPN Platforms and over the air on the Blue Raider Network.



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Blue Raiders Fall 2–1 to Missouri State in CUSA Semifinal

MT ATHLETICS

LYNCHBURG, Va. – Middle Tennessee (11–6–3, 5–2–1 CUSA) saw its Conference USA Tournament run come to an end Tuesday night, falling 2–1 to Missouri State (7–8–4, 2–3–3 CUSA) at Osborne Stadium.

The Bears struck early, finding the net in the 4th minute to take a 1–0 lead. The Blue Raiders responded in the 22nd minute, as senior forward Taijah Fraser broke free and finished unassisted for her fourth goal of the season.

Missouri State regained the lead just 10 minutes later, capitalizing on a loose ball in the box to carry a 2–1 advantage into halftime.

Junior defender Sadie Sterbenz placed three shots on target, while goalkeeper Ella Sellers recorded two saves. Freshman defender Scottie Newton added a late attempt that forced a save in the 85th minute. Despite a strong push and four second-half saves from MSU goalkeeper Ella Becker, the Blue Raiders were unable to find the equalizer.

By the Numbers

Middle Tennessee outshot Missouri State 5–1 in the second half.

The Blue Raiders finished with an 8–6 edge in total shots and a 5–4 advantage in shots on goal.

MT earned five corner kicks, while holding the Bears to none.

The Blue Raiders controlled most of the second half, limiting Missouri State to one shot over the final 45 minutes.



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MTSU's Simmons steps away from coaching duties

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Middle Tennessee Head Football Coach Derek Mason announced today that offensive line coach Kendall Simmons has decided to step away from the game for personal reasons, effective immediately.

Simmons, a former Auburn standout and eight-year NFL veteran, was in his second season on Mason's staff.

"Kendall Simmons is a great man, a good coach, and a tremendous mentor to young adults," said Mason. "He's poured his heart into helping our players grow both on and off the field, and the positive influence he's had on this program will endure. We fully respect Kendall's decision and his privacy, and our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family during this time."

Offensive Quality Control Assistant Dylan Barnett will serve as the interim offensive line coach for the remainder of the 2025 season.

Golden Eagles Run Wild on Senior Night, Down Red Raiders

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SHELBYVILLE Tenn. – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (5-5, 4-2) wrapped up regular season play with a 28-14 win on Senior Night at home against Coffee County (2-8, 1-5) on Thursday in a Region 6-6A contest.

The Golden Eagles, in their return to the highest classification in Tennessee High School Football, finish the regular season with a .500 record overall and a winning record in region play. Most importantly, Shelbyville Central is headed back to the postseason.

"Through 11 weeks, we have just grown so much," Golden Eagles' Head Coach Jud Dryden said postgame, "Our seniors and leadership have grown, our young guys have grown, our young guys have grown, everybody has grown, and it is an absolute testimony to them, their mindset, and what they wanted to accomplish this year. Especially since everybody said that it probably couldn't happen, so we are incredibly proud from those seniors on down."

Even without Robert Bailey, who was held out for precautionary reasons after re-aggravating a lower-leg injury a week ago, Shelbyville ran for 425 yards as a team, including a career high 246 yards and two touchdowns on 21 carries from sophomore Torrion Mathis. Stephen Bobo finished with 15 rushes for 124 yards and one touchdown, and Treyvion Mathis chipped in with nine carries for 55 yards and one touchdown.

"Those dudes [offensive line] have been playing ball week after week," said Dryden, "Everybody knows about Robert [Bailey], but that offensive line shows just how important they are in all those yards that Robert has because there hasn't been a letoff, at all. Two more backs come in and have the same production."

Early on, however, Coffee County came out looking like the more inspired team, marching right down the field on its opening drive with a 11-play, 94-yard TD drive that took 5:28 off the clock, punctuated by a 26-yard touchdown run from Jett Trussler to take an early 7-0 lead with 5:10 to go in the opening period.

The Golden Eagles did respond, generating a 9-play, 82-yard scoring march that took 4:40 off the clock that Stephen Bobo capped off with a 13-yard touchdown run, his eighth of the season. However, the extra point was missed, and Coffee County still held a 7-6 lead with 45 seconds left in the first quarter.

Coffee County drove down into Golden Eagles' territory, but Shelbyville's defense forced a turnover-on-downs. However, the Red Raiders forced a three-and-out thanks to a holding penalty, and they tipped a Stephen Bobo pooch punt which gave the visitors excellent field position at their own 49-yard line.



Torrion Mathis (16) fights hard for extra yards. Mathis led all players with a career-high 246 yards rushing to go along with 2 TDs on just 21 carries (11.7 YPC) in Thursday's win. *T-G Staff photo by Noah Maddox*



Stephen Bobo (15) finished just 2/8 passing for 15 yards and 1 INT, but he ran for 124 yards and this touchdown on 15 attempts in Thursday's win. *T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox.*

The Red Raiders would find the end zone on a 19-yard touchdown run by Cam Stafford, who finished as their leading rusher with five carries for 53 yards and the one score. His run capped a 7-play, 51-yard touchdown drive that used up 3:45 of the clock, extending Coffee County's lead to 14-6 with 5:04 to play in the first half.

Shelbyville yet again found a response, and after Bobo sprinted for 45 yards into Red Raiders' territory, Torrion Mathis found the end zone from eight yards out before Bobo ran in the two-point conversion to tie the game at 14-14 with 2:12 to go in the half. The Golden Eagles went 81 yards in seven plays and took just 2:39 off the clock, and sent the hosts into the halftime locker room in a tie game.

"You get past the emotions of the first half with it being senior night and everything going on, mistakes put us behind the chains several times, so you get into halftime and you have a moment to stop and reset your mind," Dryden explained. "All of a sudden, it's not about emotions, it's about focus and intensity. There's no emotions in that, it's focus and intensity, and that's what they brought out in the second."

After Ladarius Sparrow blocked a 45-yard field goal attempt on Coffee County's drive to start the second half, a Bobo screen pass interception thwarted the Golden Eagles ensuing offensive possession in the red zone. However, with Coffee County threatening near the red zone, Sparrow picked off an overthrown slant from Kaysen Lowery on the first play of the fourth quarter to give Shelbyville the momentum for good.

The Golden Eagles used 5:21 off the clock to drive 79 yards in 11 plays, capped off by a 10-yard touchdown run by Torrion Mathis on 4th-&-Goal from the 10-yard line with 6:30 to go. After Mathis ran in the two-point conversion, Shelbyville took its first lead of the night at 22-14.

Shelbyville's defense picked the perfect time to force its first three-and-out of the night, giving the ball back to its offense with 5:20 remaining. 121 seconds later, Shelbyville nearly doubled its lead when Treyvion Mathis ran in his first touchdown of the night from three yards out with 3:19 left in the game. The two-point conversion attempt failed, leaving the score at 28-14.

On Coffee County's final drive of the night, Reager Edwards, who dropped a sure-fire pick-six at the end of the first half, got in the way of a Lowery pass over the middle of the field for the interception, sealing the Golden Eagles' fifth win of the season in the process. After completing his first five passes of the game, Lowery finished 13/22 passing overall for 145 yards and a pair of INTs.

With the win and the Antioch Bears taking down Rossview, the Golden Eagles are officially the 3-seed from Region 6-6A in next week's playoffs and will travel to Antioch, the 2-seed from Region 5-6A, on Friday, November 6th, at 7:00 p.m.

"It's going to be interesting. We're going to be looking at going up against possibly one of the top four quarterbacks in the state of Tennessee [Andre Adams], so that's going to be a challenge in and of itself. We feel like our offensive line can compete with most anybody, so it's going to be interesting to say the least."

Middle Tennessee Defeats TSU 59–53 in Season Opener

MT ATHLETICS MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Middle Tennessee opened its 2025–26 campaign with a 59–53 win over Tennessee State on Monday morning at Murphy Center.

MTSU jumped out to a 25–15 lead after the first quarter, shooting 45 percent from the field and forcing six TSU turnovers in the opening frame. The Blue Raiders maintained a 38–28 advantage at halftime behind the play of sophomore forward Savannah Davis, who reached double figures before the break. Tennessee State responded with a strong third quarter, outscoring MTSU 15–6 to trim the deficit to 44–43 entering the fourth.

Middle Tennessee regained control in the final 10 minutes, opening the quarter with key stops and a steady offensive rhythm to outscore TSU 15–10 down the stretch. Davis led all scorers with 16 points, while senior guard Alayna Contreras added 14 points, four steals and two assists. Freshman guard Blair Baugus anchored the interior with a 10-point, 12-rebound double-double, helping MTSU finish with a 44–41 advantage on the boards.

By the Numbers

21: MTSU forced 16 turnovers and turned them into 21 points.

4: Four Blue Raiders scored in doubles figures including Baugus posting her first double-double.

44: Middle Tennessee won the battle of the boards with 44 rebounds on the day.

The Blue Raiders head to St Louis, MO, to take on the Saint Louis Billikens on Thursday, Nov. 6. Tipoff is scheduled for 4 p.m. CT. The game will air on the Blue Raider Network and on ESPN+.



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People around Normandy

Fall Festival reported the best yet!

All reports indicate that the thousands who turned out recently for the Normandy Fall Festival had a great time.

Town of Normandy officials noted: "We had people from all over, even California. We are sure there were at least 2,000 people here throughout the day. Our best event yet!"





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