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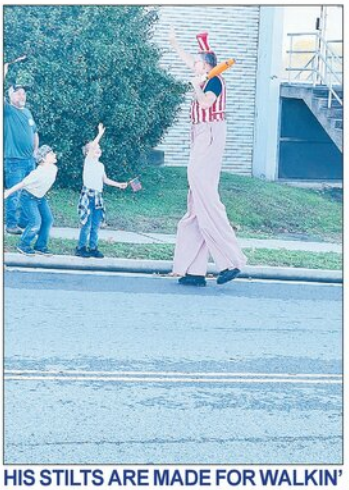
CANDY FOR THE NICE FIREMAN

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

Captain Matt Hart of the Shelbyville Fire Department graciously accepts some candy from one of the little princesses in the Shelbyville Veterans Parade Saturday. See more parade photos inside today.

Editor's Note

So many veteran groups, families, individuals, businesses, churches, troops, law enforcement and emergency personnel were involved in this year's Veterans Parade. The community thanks all, especially the youth and children, who participated. Please enjoy throughout today's issue a continuance of Veteran's Day, because truthfully, we should celebrate our veterans every day.



HIS STILTS ARE MADE FOR WALKIN'

Photo by Meridith Miller

Children and adults were thrilled to see the stilt-man in the Veteran's Parade last Saturday.

Chris Cook honored at TN Corrections Institute awards ceremony

By Dawn Hankins

Lt. Chris Cook of Bedford County Sheriff's Department has been recognized as the Program Facilitator of the Year by the Tennessee Corrections Institute (TCI.) The award was presented to the Bedford County employee recently at the TCI Programs Summit in Franklin.

Cook, the jail's program director, is greatly involved in the success of the MRT or Moral Reconation Therapy programs for men and women.



The sheriff's department said this week, "Lt. Cook has worked diligently in building and overseeing our inmate programs for the jail. Due to his hard work, dedication to improving lives, and "outside the box" thinking the past few years, the Bedford County Jail has quickly become a model for other jails implementing inmate programs."

While he may be the one to drive the engine of success, Cook told the T-G this week he thanked staff and the many community volunteers who make our programs possible. But it's the program participants who have worked even harder to change their lives.

"Well, I'm honored the State recognizes our accomplishments and I'm proud this program I started is having this much success. Honestly though, I'm mostly happy for all the volunteers and supporters who have put their heart into this. I get a lot of pride from watching people get out and restore their relationships with family and find their purpose."

MRT, or, is a program the jail piloted beginning in April of 2022. It consists of 16 steps and participants must complete the first 12 in order to graduate. The program is comprised of testimonials and questions that require participants to recount dark moments in their lives then come to terms with them. Participants are accountable to one another during the program.

The Times-Gazette recently ran a series of stories about the women's MRT program with one "charter member" now on her way to obtaining a college degree in criminal justice. There is also a men's MRT program and stories are forthcoming in the T-G.



BCSO Photos

Lt. Chris Cook, program director at BC Corrections, accepts his award at the TN Corrections Institute Summit in Franklin.

New County 'waste water committee' to work with planning commission

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Are you a citizen involved in or concerned about the direction of local property development?

If so, Tuesday night's Bedford County Commission meeting might have been of keen interest to you.

New subdivision regulations should now be around the corner which could significantly impact any new local development patterns. That is, if the 'waste water committee' appointed by the County Commission on Tuesday night does its due diligence.

The Commission will return in one year to sum up whether this wastewater committee was a good move or not for the County. Those appointed by the mayor (a process in by-laws according to Tuesday night statements) are: local real estate agent Alan Gill, who was selected chairman; Lynn Kasicki, attorney; Commissioners John Boutwell and Keith Davis; retired developer Denny Hastings; Samuel Coats, an agent with Soil Conservation District; and Kasey Kesselring, who was appointed for his financial experience.

The people appointed to the committee weren't necessarily the issue Tuesday night during heavy discussion on the floor. In fact, some of them, Gill and Kesselring, spoke before the Commission.

Former Webb School Headmaster Kesselring, who said basically he's been drafted to the advisory committee, advised he has experience, call it a blessing or curse, running an institution which operated a packaged wastewater plant that had to be managed and licensed.

"It can be a complex process but I think this step is about planning. The County often takes criticism for not planning . . . answers to solutions to problems. This is a step in that process-to plan, to research, to educate and only to recommend."

He said it's his understanding this committee has no authority over the Commission and is only there to make recommendations to planning. He said this appointment is just an exercise in "learning and planning."

Commissioners Drew Hooker, Diane Neeley, Eric Maddox and Biff Farrar voted to defer any action until they could confidently gain some answers to burning questions from their constituents, mainly in Districts 1& 2.

Farrar, chair of the Rules Committee which brought forward the issue to the full Commission, said he's not against the formation of the commit-

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Plans underway for local Christmas celebrations

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 pictures, music, Dickens Dancers, Christmas Cloggers and Nativity scene. The Wartrace Tree Lighting Ceremony is at 6:00 p.m. 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.

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS IN BELL BUCKLE

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

HERE COMES, ANOTHER BEDFORD COUNTY CHRISTMAS!!

The Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the second annual Bedford County Christmas on Friday, December 5th, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on the Historic Shelbyville Square. Evening festivities Include: a live performance by Hannah Nicolaisen (American Idol Top 20, Season 21), photos with Santa, live reindeer, Disney characters and superheroes, The Mid-State Cloggers, a live nativity presented by Shelbyville First United Methodist Church, the lighting of the courthouse and Christmas tree. Special features include a Lowe's of Shelbyville Build-A-Toy Workshop, merchants open on the square, special activities, and activities by non-profits. Various vendors will be available.

A VERY NORMANDY CHRISTMAS

A Very Normandy Christmas will be held Saturday, Dec. 6, from 1 to 6 p.m. Activities include food trucks, Santa, a food drive event and a tree lighting ceremony.

THE 52ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

Theme: Christmas Around the World. Saturday December 6th 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

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How to retire the flag

Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts held a joint flag retirement ceremony at Fellowship for Christ Church in Shelbyville on Sunday.

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Stephen Bobo commits to Vanderbilt Baseball

Shelbyville Central's Stephen Bobo officially announced his commitment to Vanderbilt on Sunday, November 2.

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COMMITTEE

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tee but was concerned about some of the issues brought up Tuesday night.

The four commissioners stood alone in their decision to defer and their motion to defer failed. So, the motion was back on the floor to approve a 'wastewater committee' and passed 13:4. Commissioner Scott Johnson was absent.

Before that final vote to approve, Commissioner Neeley said that 6 months ago, the intention was to strengthen regulations for wastewater management. She said at the last planning meeting, she heard things like the committee would review developer plans.

The Commissioner said now, given what she's heard, she had rather see the recommendation go back to the Rules and Legislative Committee for further research.

She also requested that from this point forward, planning commission meetings be live on YouTube Government Channel, like the regular Commission meetings. She said she doesn't feel there's a clearly defined set of goals for this committee, yet.

"I'm just not sure that we're going in the direction that we all intended. We have to do something and I get that. But I'm uncomfortable with what we're putting forward."

She said slowing down the process would more properly align the responsibilities of the committee and set firmly any credentials for the members. It would also give the County a bit more vision.

Neeley questioned whether developers and realtors with vested interests in development need to be involved on such a wastewater committee. She said according to a state rep recently, the state won't increase its wastewater regulations because of all the push back of those with such vested interests. Commissioner Neeley said that's happening here, with everyone wanting to serve their own interests.

But she said that's not fair to the people Commissioners represent. "It's our job to protect our community."

Neeley said the one thing she continues to hear is that the County's growing too fast. As well, the County doesn't have the infrastructure for higher density development.

Would this mean more dollars would be required?

Local residents weighed in on that issue at the outset of the meeting. Steven Jordan accused the Commission of seeing dollar signs.

"I've been here since 2001," said Jordan. "I've seen four property tax hikes just in about 6 years. There's no way that I believe that is not going to end up being a tax increase again. Somebody's got to pay for it."

Before his time was called by Mayor Chad Graham, Jordan said, "Another thing I feel like is that this shouldn't be as it's not what the people want."

Jordan said he believes Commissioners Greg Vick, who sponsored the wastewater committee out of the Rules Committee, and Linda Yockey, who answered multiple questions Tuesday night in the stead for the PC, should not be re-elected to their board seats.

Resident Lee Kelley said confidently that she was there to advocate for a wastewater committee. "Bedford County needs to have a wastewater advisory committee because if we don't take control of the coordination of wastewater treatment, somebody at the state or federal level will. And we will get what they push down on us, not what we want."

Kelly, who is married to a local realtor, said growth is happening in Bedford County, whether citizens want it or not. For that reason, she said, the infrastructure needs should be determined locally by such in-County advisory as proposed.

"We need to ensure that all higher density development occurs along four lane highways and not two-lane blacktops that can't handle the traffic. In order to have higher density development, we need to have provisions in place for wastewater management, including sewers, if it comes to that," Kelly told Commissioners.

She said the County needs to prevent the local Duck River from "poor quality water" that's released into it. She said this happens when too many people are putting in septic tanks and then failed systems leach into the ground water and eventually the Duck River.

"We need to have a vision that will provide for the needs of the entire County . . . as these places grow, their borders are going to start encroaching on each other and you're going to have different people managing land that is next to each other. So, we need a unified system."

Kelly said the biggest reason to begin organizing such a committee of knowledgeable experts is to help future generations with home buying.

"It may not happen this year . . . or 5 years but it's coming. It's going to affect the young people of this County who are increasingly unable to afford to buy homes because they're being priced out of the market (by the density needs of lot sizes to provide perc for septic tanks) so please consider forming a committee to consult with experts to find the best, possible solution."

Commissioner Bill Anderson, a member of the Rules Committee, said it's time to do something. He said or, the County is basically stuck with what land development standards the state rolls out.

There were a lot of questions about the "authority" of such a board or committee. Commissioner Yockey clarified that planning issues, say with regulations, stay with the planning commission. But if there are rezoning issues involved, those decisions must come before the full Commission.

Commissioner Maddox revisited some former Rules Committee meeting minutes. He said he believes it's counterproductive to have two Commissioners on the wastewater committee.

Maddox advised from what he sees, the cart is before the horse and the Commission is taking a "shotgun approach."

"I know for a fact that Bedford County is going to grow . . . but we, as a governing body, have to manage that growth in a way that all Bedford County citizens can benefit from it."

He said he received late on Monday the list of committee members. "Given just a little over 24 hours to vet these folks, it doesn't make sense to me."

He said to Neeley's point; the PC needs to do be allowed to do its job and have advisory. But he said the County is not ready to form the wastewater committee.

Commissioner Hooker stated about the same as Maddox. But he said he's not surprised that the County was about to push through another major issue, noting it's being done the same way for the last 7 years.

"We find out 24 hours ahead of time and are supposed to come in and rubber stamp this," said Hooker.

Likely one Commissioner who brought everything back together before the final vote was Commissioner Boutwell who said, "Six months ago we had our town hall meeting here . . .but for some reason, we can never really get anything moving forward."

He said it's incidental whether he remains on the wastewater board. But what is important is that research is done on wastewater systems. He said then establish some standards, greater than those of state which a quarter have failed.

"We've got 18 people on this Commission and all kinds of different viewpoints. We'll never realign the stars just right. We've got to move forward and do something."

He said people are vulnerable if sewers in the future leak and then get into the river.

"It's just something we need to take care of and move forward."

One person thrown into the discussion Tuesday night was Planning Director Chris White, who was absent (personal time off.) People tried to speak on his behalf and some members of the public who gave personal comments accused this process of being a levy to raise property taxes.

But here is likely what White would have told the Commission had he been present. He talked with the T-G about a month ago regarding the duties of the wastewater authority.

"The Planning Commission does not have authority to create a wastewater authority, levy fees, change septic laws, or act beyond its statutory powers. Our role is limited to promulgating subdivision regulations, approving subdivisions, and making zoning recommendations to the County Commission, nothing more. This effort is a positive step, designed to protect homeowners and ensure responsible development. It fills a current gap in our regulations by requiring that decentralized wastewater systems meet basic standards, no different than how building codes protect homeowners when constructing a house. This is a consumer protection effort, nothing more.

"To be clear, this current initiative is not about creating an authority. It's about establishing sound, enforceable standards at the Planning Commission level to protect residents from unscrupulous private sewer operators. These [wastewater] systems require regular maintenance to function properly, and when that doesn't occur, as we're seeing across the state, homeowners are the ones who suffer."



Local resident Steve Jordan speaks before Bedford County Commission, calling out a couple for recent actions on a wastewater committee. Standing behind him is Lee Kelly, a local resident in support of the wastewater committee. At left, back, is Kasey Kesselring, who was appointed to the new advisory committee.







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BEDFORD COUNTY MAYOR HONORED DURING VETERANS PARADE

Bedford County Government photos

Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham, a U.S. Army veteran, was given two honors Saturday morning during opening ceremonies for the Bedford County Veterans Day Parade. State Rep. and Speaker Pro Tem Pat Marsh announced that Graham had been named a ceremonial aide-de-camp to the Governor of Tennessee. The honor is only available to veterans of the military and law enforcement.

Commander Tommie Boleyn of VFW Post 5019 presented Graham with a Medal of Commendation, given to veterans who make a significant contribution to their community after their military service.



State Rep. Pat Marsh presents Mayor Chad Graham with a certificate naming him a gubernatorial aide-de-camp.



Tommie Boleyn of VFW Post 5019 hangs the Medal of Commendation around Mayor Chad Graham's neck.



Boleyn shakes Graham's hand.



CITY RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES-VETERANS

City photo

The City of Shelbyville recently recognized its employees who served in the military. One of those is Mayor Randy Carroll.

SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSITION INFORMATION NIGHT

Informative session for parents, students, educators and more

A special education transition information night will be held at Community High School Library, Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2025, from 6:00-7:00 pm.

Programs to be presented: TN Center for Decision Making and Support; Skills Development; TRC-Smyrna (Tennessee Rehabilitation Center); The ARC TN; TCAT Shelbyville; Community and Employment Services/MAPS; Vocational Rehab; Possibility Place; Jeremiah's Promise;

ECF Choices, the Katie Beckett Program, the Department of Disability and Aging and Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee.

Parents and guardians: please RSVP to Jes Hanson at hansonj@bedfordk12tn.net to ensure enough information packets are available. Please send Jes an email if you're unable to attend and need information collected for you and sent home.

SCOUTS HOLD FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY





Submitted Photos

Bedford County Scouts are very involved in this community. On Sunday, Scouting America BSA Troop 390, Packs 390 & 312, along with Girl Scouts of America Troops 2166, 2878, and 2794, held a joint flag retirement ceremony at Fellowship for Christ Church in Shelbyville.

The American Legion provides a respectful and dignified way to retire an American flag. Here are the steps to follow:

1. Inspect the Flag: Ensure the flag is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display. Remove grommets and hardware.
2. Fold the Flag: Use the standard 13-fold method to fold the flag lengthwise in half twice until the union is visible along the folded edge.
3. Prepare for Disposal: Place a fire-safe metal container on stable ground and have a water bucket and fire extinguisher within reach.
4. Conduct the Ceremony: During a flag disposal ceremony, participants stand aligned in two parallel rows, facing each other. A small fire burns beyond the rows of members, opposite the Legion commander. The flags are presented to Legion commanders, who inspect them to ensure they should be discarded.
5. Final Steps: After the flag has been fully consumed, ensure to safely extinguish the fire and conform to local and state fire codes and ordinances.
6. For more detailed instructions and to find a local American Legion post, visit the American Legion website or contact your local post directly.







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FEATURES FROM THE BIBLE

TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

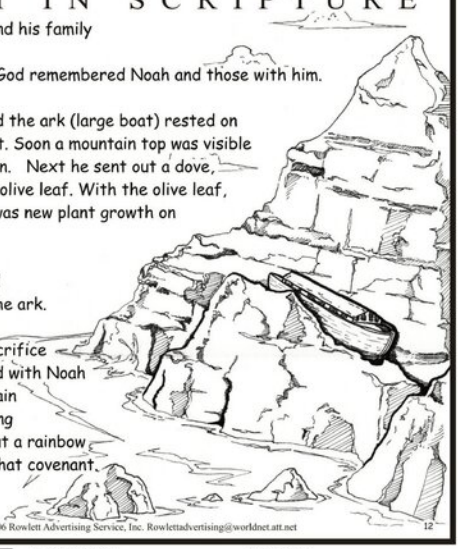
Deliverance for Noah and his family

After the great flood, God remembered Noah and those with him.

The waters receded and the ark (large boat) rested on the mountains of Ararat. Soon a mountain top was visible so Noah sent out a raven. Next he sent out a dove, which returned with an olive leaf. With the olive leaf, Noah knew that there was new plant growth on the earth.

Noah and his family and all the animals exited the ark. Noah built an altar to the Lord and made a sacrifice to Him. God covenanted with Noah that He would never again destroy every living thing with water. And God put a rainbow in the sky as a sign of that covenant.

Genesis 8 & 9.



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A GREAT DAY TO HONOR VETERANS

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Thankfully, it was a nice, sunny day Saturday for the Veterans Parade. The weather turned unseasonably cold on Monday.



ANNUAL FUMC TENT

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Every year, members of First United Methodist Church on the square host cocoa and cookies during the annual Veterans Day Parade. Join FUMC-S for services this week.



YOUTH BRING THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE!

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The red, white and blue colors were very appropriate on a day to salute veterans last Saturday. Thanks to all the school bands-Community, Cascade and Shelbyville Central-that came out and participated. It means more than you know to veterans.

DECORATING FOR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

Submitted Photo

The Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen Annual Fundraiser Luncheon and Silent Auction is Sunday, Nov. 16, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The SCSK is located at 336 S. Cannon Blvd.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES

This Sunday, District Superintendent Rev. Rickey Wade will share the message "Teaching and Preaching" from Matthew 10:5-8. 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.



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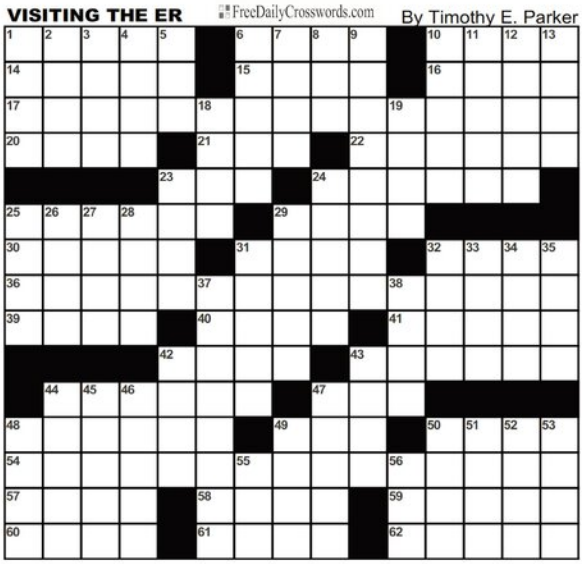

CLUES ACROSS

1) On one's toes
6) Developer's map
10) Hard knocks upside the head
14) Unusual collectible?
15) Grain holder on a farm
16) Assortment of stuff
17) Reward for an outstanding investor
20) Con
21) Color subtlety
22) Societal no-nos
23) Disobeyed a zoo sign?
24) Most like King Solomon
25) Flowering ornamental shrub
29) Exclusive
30) Break one of the Ten Commandments
31) Lass
32) Chickens and ducks, e.g.
36) Transportation choice in Chicago
39) Dress in India
40) Have confidence in (with "on")
41) Tractor handle?
42) Bulk beer purchase
43) Mixes smoothly
44) Certain iron, in golf
47) Sauce variety
48) Caterpillar case
49) "Eureka!" relative
50) On the briny
54) Privilege for some producers
57) Italian money of old
58) ___ out a living (barely scraped by)
59) Certain meat cut
60) "All in the Family" producer Norman
61) Addition column
62) Moms' relatives?

CLUES DOWN

1) Tablet brand
2) Hilo feast
3) Blows it
4) Irritate
5) Part of a Happy Meal
6) Prefix meaning "false"
7) Dietary, in ads
8) Late rhyming boxing champ
9) Mexican snack
10) Frigid, molded dessert
11) Unnatural bread spreads
12) Burgundy grape
13) Drunkards
18) Perlman of "Cheers"
19) "___ on Down the Road"
23) Greek cheese
24) Fret
25) Air force heroes
26) "J'accuse" author
27) Affirm
28) Jeans name
29) Emulate a crab
31) "Silly" birds
32) Hightail it
33) "A Prayer for ___ Meany"
34) Mr. Cleaver of classic TV
35) Caustic cleaning supplies
37) Thing on an HO scale
38) One way to stand by
42) Chinese dynasty during Confucius' time (var.)
43) Crude dude
44) Daring
45) Ghana capital
46) Kind of battery
47) Place for rakes and shovels
48) Kind of phone
49) Baker's necessity
50) Eastern pooh-bah
51) Con artist's operation
52) Volcano in Sicily
53) Tries to get an answer
55) Eisenhower's nickname
56) "Catholic" ending

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WONDER WEDGE wonders ...

"What in the world would we do without a wedge?"

An **inclined plane** is a sloped surface like this illustration.

Wedges are made up of inclined planes that make our work much easier.

Wedge to the Rescue

The sun was out. The classroom was getting warmer and warmer. Wonder Wedge looked around and saw his friends sweltering. One at a time the kids got up and tried to open the door. But, each time the door slammed shut. How could they keep the door open?

How many wedges can you find on this page?

Wonder Wedge came to the rescue! He showed the kids two pieces of wood. Which one would work best to keep the door open?

"The wedge is best!" says Wonder Wedge. A wedge is made out of one or more inclined planes. It helps us do many different things.

Standards Link: Physical Science: Students understand simple machines and how they work.

Wedges at Work

A knife, a nail, a doorstop, a pushpin and even a screw are types of wedges. They help us do many different things. Look at these pictures and circle all of the wedges the children are using.

Standards Link: Physical Science: Students recognize simple machines and how they work.

Working Together

Draw a line to match the tools that work together.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

How is a screw like a wedge?

A wedge and a screw are both made with an inclined plane. To see how a screw is made from an inclined plane, try the following experiment:

1. Cut out the triangle-shaped wedge pictured here. *(Fig. 1)*
2. Tape side A to a pencil. *(Fig. 2)*
3. Roll the triangle around your pencil. Tape the tip of the triangle to the pencil. *(Fig. 3)*
4. What has happened to the slanted line of the triangle? This slanted line is also called an **inclined plane**.

Fig. 1 SIDE A Fig. 2 Fig. 3

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions.

Extra! Extra!

W-to-W Dot-to-Dot

Select one page of the newspaper. Find and circle all of the Ws that you can. Draw lines to connect the Ws to make a dot-to-dot design. Color your design.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

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Wild & Wacky Puzzle

WOW! How many Ws are here?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

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

WEDGE
WONDER
SCREW
WORKING
WARMER
WHEEL
WITHOUT
WOULD
WOOD
WACKY
WILD
WOW
WORLD
DRAW
SHOWED

W H D E W O H S D Y
G N I K R O W L W A
W O R L D E I R I L
Y A E T G W D H T E
K H R D O O W N H E
C E E M R E E W O H
A W S O E M R A U W
W O U L D R C R T A
N W Y W S W S D H Y

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

From the Kid Scoop Lesson Library

Machine Search

Look through today's paper for tools and simple machines that help make work easier. Find a picture of each of these simple machines: lever, wheel and axle, pulley, screw, wedge and inclined plane.

Standards Link: Research: Students use the newspaper to locate information.

Write On!

Write Words Wonderfully

Write an alliteration: a sentence where every, or nearly every, word starts with the same letter. Example: *Agitated alligators ate the apples anxiously.*

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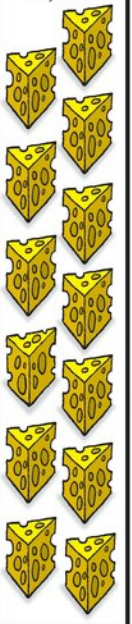
Cheese, Please!

Have someone time you to see how quickly you can find the wedge of cheese that's different from all the others. Switch places and time the other person. Who was fastest at finding the cheese?



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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: November 4

Location: 213 Maple St; Seller, Jonathan Remington Loose, Rebecca Loose; Buyer, Hawkerty Properties LLC; Price, $375,000 (Deed).

Location: 122 Sandusky Rd; Seller, Patricia Johnson, Wes Johnson; Buyer, Rebecca Lynn Kelley; Price, $496,194 (Deed).

Location: Creamery Hill; Seller, Bobby L Gordon; Buyer, Robert Benz; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 541 Possum Trott Rd; Seller, Donna L Epps; Buyer, The Parker Trust; Price, $10 (QD).

Seller, Elizabeth Davis; Buyer, Jackson T Nelson, Jeffrey Todd Nelson; Price, $82,500 (Deed).

Location: 541 Possom Trott Rd; Seller, Donna L Epps; Buyer, The Parker Trust; Price, $10 (QD).

File date: November 5

Seller, Harold E Biggers, Harold E Biggers Sr; Buyer, Sheri M Disney; Price, $12,500 (QD).

Seller, John T Bobo, Janice R Bobo, D B Nelson; Buyer, Darrel W Durham; Price, $210,000 (Deed).

Location: Lower Halls Hill Rd; Seller, Charles Rodney Bowling, Chanel Donegan; Buyer, J & M Development LLC; Price, $85,500 (Deed).

Seller, Shawn W Roberts; Buyer, The 736 Nova Lite Trust; Price, $615,000 (Deed).

Location: Scales Rd; Seller, Devonya Diane Douglas; Buyer, Audrey Douglas Pate, William Joseph Douglas, Noah Douglas; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 2825 Sims Rd; Seller, Deborah E Baron; Buyer, Brian Kilgore; Price, $46,000 (Deed).

File date: November 6

Location: 1272 Longview Rd; Seller, David Walls, Kayla B Walls; Buyer, Kayla B Walls; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Gary Boyce Construction LLC, Jason Williams; Buyer, Gary Boyce; Price, $0 (QD).

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Location: 111 Earnhart St; Seller, Christopher Richard Madeo; Buyer, Blake R Morgan; Price, $110,000 (Deed).

Location: 310 White St; Seller, Christopher Richard Madeo; Buyer, Blake R Morgan; Price, $105,000 (Deed).

Location: Lynchburg Highway; Seller, Joe McBee Estate, Glenda Lea McBee, Joe Wayne McBee; Buyer, Glenda Lea McBee; Price, $0 (Deed).

Seller, Randall Lloyd Farris, David Lee Farris Sr, Brian Dale Farris, William C Farris Jr, Sandra Lynn Davis, Cecelia Evelyn Flippo, Lisa Marie Farris, Leisa Marie Farris; Buyer, HP Realty Co LLC; Price, $125,108.50 (Deed).

Seller, Billy Jay Pope, Jami Alan Pope, Billy Jack Pope Estate; Buyer, Morgan Hayes Golden, Isaac Allen Golden; Price, $318,000 (Deed).

Seller, Randall Lloyd Farris, David Lee Farris Sr, Brian Dale Farris, William C Farris Jr, Sandra Lynn Davis, Cecelia Evelyn Flippo, Lisa Marie Farris, Leisa Marie Farris; Buyer, James R Jarrell; Price, $447,525.03 (Deed).

Seller, Randall Lloyd Farris, David Lee Farris Sr, Brian Dale Farris, William C Farris Jr, Sandra Lynn Davis, Cecelia Evelyn Flippo, Lisa Marie Farris, Leisa Marie Farris; Buyer, James R Jarrell; Price, $173,405.97 (Deed).

Location: Parsons Rd; Seller, Anthony L Burns; Buyer, Cody Michael Burns, Kayla Brooke Burns; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Hwy 130 W; Seller, Prentiss Holt; Buyer, The 1845 Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Mount Herman Rd; Seller, Daniel S Moody; Buyer, Cletus Fentress, Lehman Dennis Fentress; Price, $292,600 (Deed).

Location: Highway 41 A; Seller, Grady L Cunningham, James D Riddle; Buyer, Local Storage 6 LLC; Price, $435,000 (Deed).

Seller, Samuel J Schlitz, Sherry Kay McFarlin; Buyer, Gregory Scott Coleman; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: November 7

Location: 141 Holly Court; Seller, Laurie Ann Boulden, Brain James Boulden; Buyer, Robert W Greenwood, Jan Greenwood; Price, $525,000 (Deed).

Location: 2020 Hwy 130 W; Seller, Roy J Glenn; Buyer, Roy Junior Glenn, Roy Junior Glenn Revocable Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Thomas E Thompson; Buyer, Steven S Fortner, Angela A Fortner; Price, $340,000 (Deed).

Seller, Harley Dillon Cates Estate, Brent William Cates, Dillon Cates, Mary Cates; Buyer, Jeffery Dillon Cates; Price, $0 (Deed).

File date: November 10

Seller, May Tory Homes LLC; Buyer, Kenneth L Hill, Angela R Coop; Price, $419,900 (Deed).

Seller, Trevor Van Mater, Andrea J Van Mater; Buyer, Trevor R Van Mater; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Randall Lloyd Farris, David Lee Farris Sr, Brian Dale Farris, William C Farris Jr, Sandra Lynn Davis, Cecelia Evelyn Flippo, Lisa Marie Farris, Leisa Marie Farris; Buyer, Paul D Gambill; Price, $143,286 (Deed).

Seller, Randall Lloyd Farris, David Lee Farris Sr, Brian Dale Farris, William C Farris Jr, Sandra Lynn Davis, Cecelia Evelyn Flippo, Lisa Marie Farris, Leisa Marie Farris; Buyer, Jaime Arias; Price, $128,700 (Deed).

Seller, Randall Lloyd Farris, David Lee Farris Sr, Brian Dale Farris, William C Farris Jr, Sandra Lynn Davis, Cecelia Evelyn Flippo, Lisa Marie Farris, Leisa Marie Farris; Buyer, Jaime Arias; Price, $154,077 (Deed).

Seller, Sarah Yvonne Welch, Alecia M Welbern, Billy D Williams Estate; Buyer, Sarah Yvonne Welch, Alecia M Welbern; Price, $0 (Deed).

Seller, Randall Lloyd Farris, David Lee Farris Sr, Brian Dale Farris, William C Farris Jr, Sandra Lynn Davis, Cecelia Evelyn Flippo, Lisa Marie Farris, Leisa Marie Farris; Buyer, Jeffrey Goodrich, Kimberly Goodrich; Price, $200,134 (Deed).

Location: 439 Tines Dr; Seller, 439 Tines Drive LLC; Buyer, Penny Lee Jacobs, Lisa Marie Jacobs; Price, $309,900 (Deed).

Seller, Lavenia Green; Buyer, Lavenia Green Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Lazy Branch Rd; Seller, Chantz Staden, Jennifer Staden; Buyer, Ronnie Sutton, Stephanie Sutton; Price, $565,000 (Deed).

Location: 1790 Unionville Deason Rd; Seller, Frank Dye, Debbie Dye; Buyer, Jimmy A McCombs, Lisa S McCombs; Price, $659,500 (Deed).

Seller, Sarah Yvonne Welch, Alecia M Welbern, Billy D Williams Estate; Buyer, Haynes Service Company LLC; Price, $275,000 (Deed).

Seller, Sarah Yvonne Welch, Alecia M Welbern, Billy D Williams Estate; Buyer, Matthew Allen, Ashley Allen; Price, $215,388.80 (Deed).

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated April 17, 2015, executed by Kenneth W Arnold, an unmarried man, to David Marttalla as Trustee, for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MCMINNVILLE, its successors and assigns, and appearing of record on April 20, 2015, in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, at Book TD833, Page 760, and Instrument Number 15002147.

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, the party entitled to enforce said security interest; and having appointed Clear Recon LLC, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustee by instrument filed or being filed for record in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, with all of the rights, powers, and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust, and that the undersigned, Clear Recon LLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on December 15, 2025, at 11:00 AM, local time, at the main entrance of the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, located in Shelbyville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, paid at the conclusion of the sale, the following described property situated in Bedford County, to wit:

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Bedford, State of Tennessee, and is described as follows:

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

SAME BEING LOT 16 IN MYERS PLACE SUBDIVISION, REVISED PLAT, SAID PLAT BEING RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 71, PAGE 125, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE. SAID LOT NUMBER 16 FRONTS 85 FEET ON THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF BATES STREET AND EXTENDS BACK BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES 150 FEET TO A LINE IN THE REAR ON WHICH IT MEASURES 85 FEET.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO KENNETH W. ARNOLD, AN UNMARRIED MAN, BY WARRANTY DEED FROM MICHAEL ZUCCARO AND WIFE, BRENDA ZUCCARO, DATED APRIL 17, 2015, OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 325, PAGE 303, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

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The street address and parcel number(s) of the above described property are believed to be correct; however, such references are not a part of the legal description of the property sold herein, and, in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control

This sale is subject to tenant(s)/occupant(s) rights in possession.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: Kenneth W Arnold, Aqua Finance, Inc.

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If the United States or the State of Tennessee have any liens or claimed lien(s) on the Property, and are named herein as interested parties, timely notice has been given to the applicable governmental entity, and the sale will be subject to any applicable rights of redemption held by the entity as required by 26 U.S.C. § 7425 and/or Tennessee Code § 67-1-1433.

All right and equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good; however, the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

The transfer shall be AS IS, WHERE IS, AND WITH ALL FAULTS, and without warranties of any kind, express or implied, as to the condition of the Property and the improvements located thereon, including merchantability or fitness for particular purpose. Trustee shall make no covenant of seisin or warranty of title, express or implied, and will sell and convey the subject real property by Substitute Trustee's Deed only.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded by the Substitute Trustee at any time.

THIS OFFICE IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Clear Recon LLC
Substitute Trustee
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Phone: (877) 319-8840
File No: 1154-3344A
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NOTICES

Lynch Storage Auction located at 4010 Hwy 231, Bell Buckle, TN 37020 is holding an auction at 7 AM on November 21, 2025 This auction is to satisfy liens under TCA 66-31-015 #44 Sheryl McKinzie #43 Brian Duval

HELP WANTED

Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library is seeking a Full-Time Youth Services Librarian. Full-time vacancy for an energetic, team-oriented Youth Services Librarian with a strong public service commitment. Provides library services and programming for and with children, teens, & young adults.

Position Overview: Performs responsible and varied administrative and professional library work related to planning, organizing, and directing the activities of the Children & Teen Departments, which serves patrons ranging in age from preschool to young adult. Work schedule may include evenings and Saturdays.

Minimum Qualifications: AA or AS two-year college degree preferred. Experience in a position working with children, teens, and/or young adults preferred. Library experience preferred. Successful applicants must complete a successful 6 –month probationary period.

Salary: $25,000/year with some benefits. Applicants should submit cover letter, resume, and contact information for 3 business references to: Margaret Petty, Library Director via email director@sbcplibrary.org

The Closing Date for receiving applications is Sunday, November 30, 2025. Interviews expected to begin in December.

Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library is seeking a Part-Time Library Assistant.

Position Overview:The Library Assistant performs a variety of patron contact duties including: actively assisting patrons with finding library materials and with using the catalog, assisting patrons with self-directed activities, handling all circulation duties, shelving library materials, and maintaining displays. The Library Assistant is usually the first point of contact for patrons and must exhibit excellent customer service while performing all work duties. Work is performed under general supervision.

Minimum Qualifications: High School Diploma or GED equivalent required. Previous public library or bookstore experience is preferred.

Job Type: Part-time

Pay: $12.25 per hour

Schedule: 15 hours per week plus substitute hours. Weekend and Evening availability is required.

To Apply: Applicants should submit resume, and contact information 3 business references to: Margaret Petty, Library Director via email director@sbcplibrary.org

The Closing Date for receiving applications is Sunday, November 30, 2025. Interviews expected to begin in December.

WANTED

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Obituaries

Opil Faye Oliver



Opil Faye Oliver, age 81, of Shelbyville, passed from this life on November 10, 2025, at home surrounded by her loving family.

Faye Oliver, born on February 24, 1944, in Pisgah, AL, was the beloved daughter of George Rape and Maybell Burton Rape. She was preceded in death by her parents, her daughter Connie Oliver, and her sister Marie Swafford.

A graduate of Chattanooga Valley High School, Class of 1962, Mrs. Faye spent many years managing convenience stores throughout Bedford County. Outside of work, Faye loved to crochet, tend to her flower garden, planting flowers, canning fruit and vegetables, fishing, and spending time with her great grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Deborah (Earl) Marlin of GA, Donna Smith of AZ, and Max (Regina) Oliver of Bell Buckle; grandchildren, Melissa (Jeff) Benson Jessica Welch, Amber (Jesse) White, Jay (Kacey) Oliver, Shonta McBride and Jamie Oliver; 11 great grandchildren and four adopted great grandchildren. She is also survived by siblings, Linda (JH) Morrison of GA, and Wanda (Mike) Bailey of GA along with several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 16, 2025, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Mike Bailey officiating. Burial will follow at Willow Mount Cemetery.

Visitation with the family will be held prior to funeral services, starting at 12:00p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital @ www.stjude.org or by mail 501 St Jude PL. Memphis, TN 38105.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com

Kaaren Marie Froberg Saylor



Kaaren Marie Froberg Saylor of Shelbyville, TN., passed away on November 7, 2025 in Shelbyville. Kaaren was born in Bellingham, Washington in 1942 and grew up in Whatcom County area. Kaaren also lived in Maine, Montana and Colorado before settling in Middle Tennessee in 1977. Kaaren is a graduate of Meridian High School in Laurel, Washington, Steed College in Johnson City, TN. and from Middle Tennessee State University.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy Henry and Hellen Marie Froberg and her life partner of twenty-five years, Ronnie "Hal" Pruett. She is survived by four sons, Jeff Hilton (Sharon) of Sharpsburg, GA., Roy Saylor (Beverly) of Wartrace, TN., James Saylor (Lesa) of Jackson, TN., Travis Saylor (Marimir) of Naples, Italy. She is also survived by her sister, Sherry Foster of Bellingham, WA., seven grandchildren, Britney Saylor of Portsmouth, Maine, Kelsey Saylor of Chattanooga, TN., Kaitlin Marcom (Jeremy) of Tullahoma, TN., Kyle Saylor (Samantha) of Knoxville, TN., Clair Hilton of Sharpsburg, GA., Alayne Bravo (Kevin) of Murfreesboro, TN., and Menley Williams (Alex) of Murfreesboro, TN., and seven great grandchildren, Jordan, Mackenzie, Hunter, Theodoro, Evelyn, Suzanna and Nash.

Kaaren was a lifelong artist and lover of crafts. She at times in life enjoyed quilting, painting, sketching and many other crafts.

She and her partner Hal were enthusiastic Genealogy researchers, tracing her family, his family and others back several hundred years, proving/earning "First Families of Tennessee" certification for her sons, James and Travis through the Saylor and Little lineage. She loved reading, road trips, birds and nature.

Rather than attempting a memorial service at this time, a "get together" of family and friends will be planned at a later date.

In lieu of flowers or other physical gifts, please make memorial donations to your charity or church of choice.

Colleen Gayle Smith



Colleen Gayle Smith, 77, of Shelbyville, passed away November 7, 2025 at the age of 77. Funeral Services will be held 2:00 P.M. Monday, November 10th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home Rev. Kenneth Smith officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin at 11:00 A.M.

She was born November 12, 1947 in Nashville, TN.; a homemaker and a member of Bible Presbyterian Church.

Gayle was the daughter of the late Onie Elmer Mosley and Maude Louise Hogue Mosley and the wife of the late Wilfred Dale Smith and sister of Joe O. Mosley and Onie R. Mosley.

She is survived by a daughter, Tammie Poole (Michael) Newton of Knoxville, TN.; step-daughters, Katrina (Randall) Harden, Karen (Craig) Boyd of Beech Grove, Tn., Treetie Colvin of Mt. Juliet, Tn., 3 granddaughters, several step grandchildren, caregivers/nieces Deborah Lamb, Hope Schuler and several other nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bedford Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 1523, Shelbyville, TN 37162.

Death Notices

Rickey Glen Leverette

Rickey Glen Leverette, age 69, of Manchester, formerly of Chapel Hill, left on his heavenly journey, Friday, November 7, 2025 at St. Thomas – Midtown Hospital after 6 months of long battles with surgeries and health issues. Rickey was a son of the late Robert Clerey Leverette and Lucille King Leverette.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Pam Leverette; 4 daughters, Misty (Arthur) Stephens, Sonya Leverette, Natalie (Chris) Nunley and Nicole (Jeff) Norman; a son, Mike Bell.

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

Keith William Ponder

Keith William Ponder, 63, of Tupelo, Mississippi, passed away on November 10, 2025, at North Mississippi Medical Center. In Tennessee, he had served as publisher of The Daily Herald of Columbia and as senior vice-president of Lakeway Publishers, Inc. based at The Tullahoma News. He left Tennessee at the beginning of 2024.

Born on June 13, 1962, in Newton, Iowa, Keith was the eldest son of Bill and the late Louise (Spake) Ponder. Keith is survived by his wife of 40 years, Sharon (Jones) Ponder; their daughter Abby Ponder and their son Mitchell Ponder and his wife Lexy (Tays) Ponder. He is also survived by his father, Bill Ponder, and brothers Steve (Marcie) and Paul (Sue) Ponder along with several cherished family members.

Holland Funeral Directors is honored to serve the family.

Cladie Mae Boykin

Cladie Mae Boykin passed away peacefully surrounded by family and love.

Funeral services will be 1:30 PM Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel

Visitation will be from 12 Noon until service time Wednesday at the funeral home.

Born on March 27, 1929, to the late Dan and Lucy Gordon, Cladie was a native of Murfreesboro. Cladie was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers James, Robert, and Edward Gordon; her sister, Frances Robertson; her beloved daughter, Paula Boykin;

Survivors include her husband, Abraham F. Boykin; her brother, Joe Gordon; her daughters, Pam (Bruce Martin, Jan (Jimmie) Young, and Stephanie Boykin.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Arthur Hawkins

Robert Arthur Hawkins, 86, of Fairfield, passed away Monday, Nov. 3, at his residence surrounded by his family. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Melissa Mangrum Hawkins and sister, Sara Ooten.

Robert is survived by his wife of 65 years, Sarah Jane Stephens Hawkins and daughter, Vickie Hawkins of Fayetteville.

Per his wishes he will be cremated. No services are planned.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Shannah Leah Craft

Shannah Leah Craft, 44, of Shelbyville, passed away October 31, 2025. Funeral Services will be held 2:00 P.M. Sunday, November 9th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Cothran Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 12:00 P.M.

She was born May 18,1981, in Shelbyville. She was former retail clerk at Dollar General Store and a member of the Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jenna Leigh Addison.

Shannah is survived by her parents, Tammy Lee Hopper Hastings of Shelbyville, Timothy Lee Rhodes of Florida; her step-father, Ron Hastings; a son, Elijah Craft, grandmother, Betty Jean Paul and brothers, Timothy Brian Rhodes and Justin Rhodes.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Vanderbilt is one of TN's cleanest hospitals, review states

Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital announced today that it has been recognized by Becker's Hospital Review as one of only 10 hospitals in Tennessee to receive a five-star cleanliness rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Hospital rankings are determined by the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems surveys, which collect patient feedback through standardized surveys based on the inpatient experience. Hospitals are evaluated on several aspects of care, and this achievement acknowledges VBCH's commitment to maintaining superior operational practices that support a clean and healthy environment for patient care.

"I believe this recognition is more confirmation of our commitment to the best patient care experience here at Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital. This would not have been possible without the leadership of Syreeta Jordan-Dixon, director of environmental services, and her entire team of dedicated individuals," said Mike DeFoe, MBA-HCM, executive director of finance for Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital.

VISITING THE ER By Timothy E. Parker

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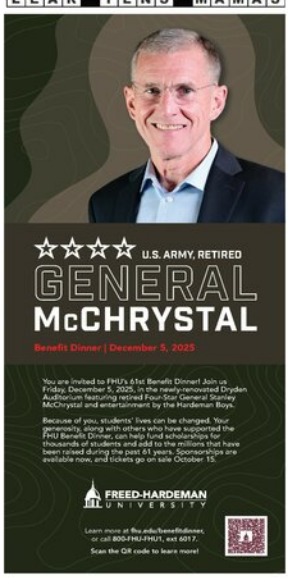

Sweet Coffee Cake with a Crunch



(Family Features) You can delight nearly any guest with this cake that delivers a mild sweetness and crunchy topping. Serve it warm with a side of ice cream or a light dusting of powdered sugar.

Cinnamon-Pecan Streusel Coffee Cake

Family Features

Nonstick cooking spray

Topping:

- 3/4 cup old fashioned rolled oats
- 1/3 cup flour
- 1/3 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1/4 cup pecans, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 5 tablespoons butter, softened

Cake:

- 1-1/2 cups flour
- 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 3 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 whole egg
- 1 egg yolk
- 5 tablespoons milk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1. Heat oven to 350°F.
2. Spray 9-inch round baking pan with nonstick cooking spray.
3. To make topping: In medium bowl, combine oats, flour, brown sugar, pecans, cinnamon and salt.
4. Using pastry blender, cut butter into mixture until blended.
5. To make cake: In small bowl, combine flour, baking powder, salt and baking soda.
6. In large bowl, mix cream cheese, butter and sugar. Beat mixture until smooth.
7. Add egg, egg yolk, milk and vanilla extract. Beat mixture until smooth.
8. Combine flour mixture with cream cheese mixture. Spread mixture in pan. Sprinkle topping over batter.
9. Bake 35-40 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream or dust with powdered sugar.

Golden Eagles' Season Comes to a Close at Antioch

BY NOAH MADDOX
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ANTIOCH, Tenn. – Shelbyville Central (5-6, 4-2), put up a fight in the first round of the TSSAA Class 6A Playoffs on Thursday, but ultimately the Antioch Bears' (10-1, 5-1) high-powered offensive attack was too much for the Golden Eagles to overcome in a 42-13 loss.

For the Bears, 4-star quarterback Andre Adams finished 18/27 passing for 325 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions. He also ran for a pair of touchdowns on the ground, accounting for five of the six total scores on the night for Antioch.

For Shelbyville, Robert Bailey was limited to just two rushes in his final career game with the Golden Eagles, still hampered by a lower-body injury sustained against Hendersonville a couple of weeks prior.

After falling behind 14-0 through the opening frame behind a one-yard plunge by Adams followed by an 80-yard catch-and-run by Arkansas State commit Brandon Goliday, the Golden Eagles forced a turnover-on-downs at the Bears' own 30-yard line. Bobo scampered for 20 yards down to the nine-yard line before finding Reager Edwards all alone in the end zone on fourth-and-goal to cut into the lead, 14-7, with 7:30 remaining in the first half. However, that would be as close as Shelbyville would get for the rest of the evening.

Antioch tacked on two more touchdowns before the break, capped off by Adam's two-yard run into the end zone – his second rushing touchdown of the night – with just 19 seconds left in the second quarter to take a 28-7 lead into the halftime locker room.

Both teams traded punts to start the third quarter, and then a failed fake-punt by Shelbyville, Coby Belton scored on a 10-yard pop-pass to extend the Bears' lead to 36-7 after a successful two-point conversion with 3:55 left in the third quarter.

Shelbyville's offense managed to put together one more scoring drive – a 65-yard march – punctuated by a two-yard touchdown run by Treyvion Mathis one play after a 33-yard completion from Stephen Bobo to Reager Edwards. The Golden Eagles were unable to convert on the two-point conversion, and Shelbyville trimmed the lead to 36-13 with 2:45 remaining in the third quarter.

The Bears would eventually find the end zone one final time late in the fourth quarter thanks to a twelve-yard touchdown pass from Adams to Timothy Thomas on fourth-and-goal with 4:10 left, extending the lead to the final margin, 42-13.

Shelbyville, who spent the previous two seasons in Class 5A and qualified for the postseason both times, came into Thursday's rescheduled contest making its fourth-consecutive playoff appearance under head coach Jud Dryden. In Dryden's first season back in 2022, the Golden Eagles were still in Class 6A and finished 1-10, but did secure a playoff berth with that one win being in region play. That season ended with a shutout loss at Oakland. This year, Shelbyville saw considerable improvement, and will head into 2026 with a substantial amount of momentum.

Antioch improves to 10-1 and advances to take on Collierville on Friday night away from home.

Shelbyville's first season back in Class 6A ends at 5-6.



Shelbyville's 2025 campaign came to a close at Antioch on Thursday night in a 42-13 loss in the first round of the TSSAA Class 6A Playoffs. *Photo courtesy of SCHS Football Facebook.*

Blue Raiders Fall at Home to FIU

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Middle Tennessee showed flashes on offense throughout the afternoon, but FIU capitalized on key swings of momentum to hand the Blue Raiders a 56-30 loss Saturday at Floyd Stadium.

MTSU (1-8, 0-5 CUSA) struck first with a 48-yard touchdown connection from Nicholas Vattiato to Jekail Middlebrook, capping a 90-yard drive. Despite FIU's three-touchdown surge in the second quarter, the Blue Raiders responded with an eight-play, 65-yard scoring march and a 48-yard Jacob Hathaway field goal to pull within 21-17 before halftime.

Vattiato threw for 242 yards and three touchdowns, while Cam'ron Lacy delivered a career day with 108 receiving yards. Middlebrook added 64 receiving yards and a touchdown as part of his 95 all-purpose yards. Backup quarterback Roman Gagliano provided a late highlight with a 60-yard touchdown strike to Lacy in the closing minute.

Defensively, Korey Smith and Jackson Lowe each recorded interceptions, and Shakai Woods led the charge up front with a sack and tackle for loss.

The Blue Raiders outgained FIU through the air (331–257) and held a slight edge in time of possession, but six combined turnovers proved costly as the Panthers (4-5, 2-3) pulled away in the second half.

By the Numbers

108: Cam'ron Lacy posted 108 receiving yards, his second 100-yard game of the season, highlighted by a 60-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter.

331: Middle Tennessee threw for 331 passing yards, outgaining FIU through the air behind Nicholas Vattiato and Roman Gagliano.

2: The Blue Raiders' defense recorded two interceptions, with picks by Korey Smith and Jackson Lowe.

Up Next

The Blue Raiders travel to Bowling Green, Ky. to take on WKU on Saturday, Nov. 15. Kickoff is set for 2:30 p.m. CT on ESPN+ and over the air on the Blue Raider Network.

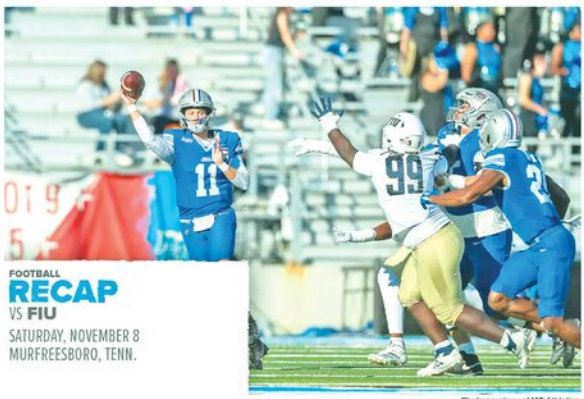

Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

Middle Tennessee Falls to Tennessee Tech 63–54

MT ATHLETICS

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. – Middle Tennessee (2-1) suffered its first loss of the season Tuesday night, falling 63–54 to Tennessee Tech (3-0) at the Eblen Center.

The Blue Raiders jumped out to an early 21–13 lead after the first quarter behind hot shooting from freshman guard Yu Han Lin, who finished with a team-high 17 points on 7-of-9 shooting and added two steals.

Despite holding a 31–26 advantage at halftime, Middle Tennessee struggled to maintain momentum as the Golden Eagles outscored the Blue Raiders 22–11 in the third quarter to take control.

Freshman Macie Phifer added 13 points, including three 3-pointers, while senior guard Alayna Contreras tallied 12 points. Freshman guard Blair Baugus pulled down a team-high 12 rebounds for the second straight game and chipped in six points.

By the Numbers

12: Baugus recorded back-to-back games with 12 rebounds.

16: Middle Tennessee scored 16 points off Tennessee Tech's 17 turnovers.

42: The Blue Raiders shot 42 percent from the field.

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Follow Middle Tennessee Women's Basketball on social media on Facebook (/MTSUWBB), X (Formerly known as Twitter) (@MT_WBB) and Instagram (@mt_wbb).



Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

"This is it, this is awesome" – Golden Eagles' Dual-Sport Star Stephen Bobo Commits to Vanderbilt Baseball

BY NOAH MADDOX
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SHELBYVILLE Tenn. – Shelbyville Central's Stephen Bobo, the No. 115 ranked player in the Class of 2027 according to Perfect Game, officially announced his commitment to Vanderbilt on Sunday, November 2nd.

"It took about an hour to kick in after I committed, but when it did I was like, holy cow this is awesome. It felt great. When it hit I was initially wondering like did I make the right decision, all that stuff, but it went by and I was just thinking, wow, this is it, this is awesome," he told the Times-Gazette.

Bobo, who stars both on the gridiron as the Golden Eagles' starting quarterback and on the diamond as both a starting pitcher and outfielder, plans to transition to full-time outfielder in college.

"I'm almost positive that I'll play in the outfield [at Vanderbilt]," he said. He still plans to play both ways for Shelbyville Central for his junior and senior seasons.

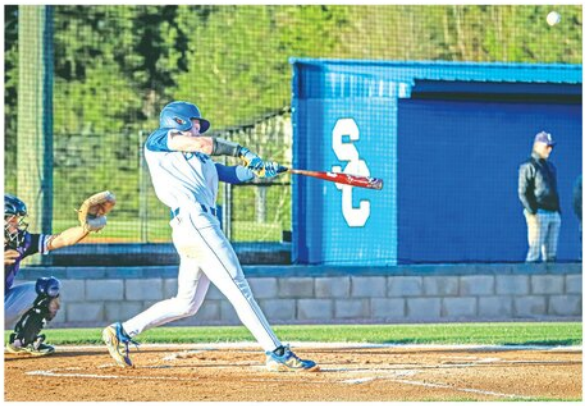
In his sophomore season with the Golden Eagles, Bobo posted .534/.630/.757 splits at the plate for a team-best OPS of 1.387 while leading the team with 36 RBIs, eight doubles, and five home runs to go with 28 walks. On the mound, Bobo ended the year with a 6-3 record in nine appearances, posting an ERA of 1.11 as he struck out 66 batters while walking just 17 and allowing opposing batters to hit just .178 against him en route to the team finishing with a 27-10 record overall.

"He can definitely hit for power," Shelbyville Central Head Coach Chase Jones said, "but he's more of a gap-to-gap hitter. He can put so much pressure on a defense with his athleticism and speed that the key for him is to just get the ball in play and force the defense to make plays on him. He's so athletic that he's going to win a lot of those battles."

For Bobo, the recruiting timeline started as soon as his junior year began at Shelbyville Central.

"Schools started reaching out on August 1st. I could start taking visits on September 1st, and my first one was September 20th at Indiana. It took me a while to decide – a week-and-a-half after my last visit [at Vanderbilt]," Bobo explained.

"Ultimately it came down to Vanderbilt and Georgia Tech. I honestly couldn't really decide so I based it on location, and Vanderbilt is obviously a lot closer to home. Of course, Coach Corbin having 30 years of experience, you can't really go wrong with that."



Stephen Bobo (15) finished his sophomore season batting a blistering .534 with 36 RBIs and eight doubles while working a team-high 28 walks to just six strikeouts all season. He finished the year with .534/.630/.757 splits for an astronomical OPS of 1.387. *Submitted Photo by Amy Todd - SCHS Baseball Facebook.*

Bobo's recruitment began on the first day of August with more than 20 schools reaching out trying to get him to take a visit, but ultimately he trimmed his visit list down to Indiana, Auburn, Georgia Tech, and Vanderbilt. He took his first visit on September 20th with Indiana, and concluded with Vanderbilt about a week-and-a-half before he ultimately made a decision.

"I told the coaches that I was going to decide when I did just so they wouldn't have to worry or anything and it would be that day [Sunday, November 2nd] that I'd tell all the schools," he said.

"Going up there [to Nashville], seeing everything, I know for a fact they can develop me into a really good player. Obviously I trust their coaches, and I have a really good relationship with them too."

The 5'10 lefty also thanks his family for the role they played in his recruitment process.

"My family definitely helped me a lot and guided me through it all. I was calling my older brother William a lot as well as my cousin, Luke, who is about to go off to Tennessee. Obviously I was talking to my dad and my mom – they made a pros and cons list, and we went over them all and discussed everything – and I even asked my little brother what he thought. He obviously said Vanderbilt, but he didn't really help much. He just said 'I want you to go to Vanderbilt,' with no reason at all," Bobo said with a laugh.

Bobo's older brother, William, is currently in his first season at Austin Peay, playing wide receiver on the Governors football team, and William was able to give advice based on his own recruiting experience, among other factors.

Now that the three-month process is complete, Bobo is glad that the decision is behind him so that he can go back to just playing ball.

"During the process, it was fun, but it was definitely stressful talking to all the schools," he said, "I definitely feel relieved now that I made my decision."

Bobo recognizes that he still has a lot of room for improvement, especially since he now has clarity on his collegiate plan of being a full-time position player.

"This offseason I'm working on getting faster, getting stronger, eating and fueling my body right," he acknowledged.

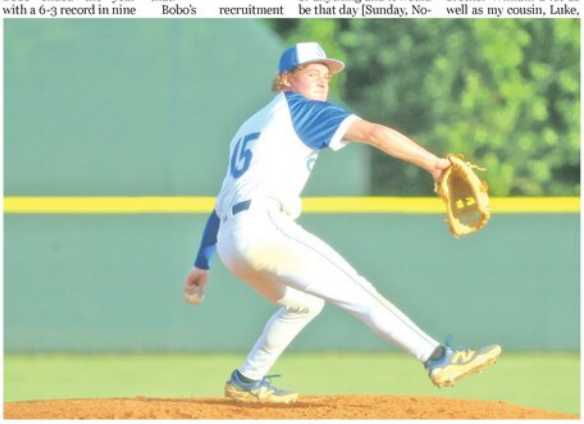
Jones offered insight on what exactly the areas are that he and his staff will be focusing on helping Bobo improve now that he's made his decision.

"His bunt skill, he's good at it but he needs to get better at it so he can take full advantage of every ounce of athleticism and speed that he has," Jones continued, "We talked about baserunning – working on leads, working on getting really good jumps, working on how to read pitchers – and then working on perfecting his angles defensively in the outfield. Those are the biggest points of emphasis to help get him ready for the next level."

Bobo, who is 100% locked in to Vanderbilt, received high praise from Jones about what the future could look like if he continues on his current path.

"He is such a natural at playing this game," Jones concluded, "He's just such a competitor. He is so confident but he is the least arrogant kid you'll ever be around. He has an extreme level of confidence to where when he steps out on the field to where it's not really a lot of thinking for him. If Stephen stays true to who he is and continues what he's done to put himself in this position, there's no telling how far he can go in this game."

Shelbyville Central's season begins in early March of 2026 with specific dates still TBA.



Stephen Bobo (15) finished the 2025 season with a 6-3 record and an ERA of 1.11 on the mound while tallying a team-high 66 strikeouts to just 17 walks in 44.1 innings of work as a sophomore. *Submitted Photo by Colby Stanford.*

MTSU's Baugus named CUSA Freshman of the Week

MT ATHLETICS

DALLAS, TX. - After a historic first week in a Blue Raider uniform, Middle Tennessee freshman forward Blair Baugus has been named the Conference USA Freshman of the Week, as announced by the league office Monday afternoon.

Baugus, a native of Waynesboro, Tennessee, became an immediate difference-maker for a roster featuring eight newcomers. The freshman opened her collegiate career with back-to-back double-doubles, making her the only freshman in the nation to start two games and record a double-double in each to begin the 2025-26 season. She is the first MTSU freshman to achieve the feat since Ebony Rowe in 2010-11.

Baugus made her debut in Middle Tennessee's 59-55 win over Tennessee State, posting 10 points and 12 rebounds to go with five blocks, four steals and two assists in 34 minutes. Her five blocks were the most by any CUSA player during opening week. She followed that performance with another commanding outing in the Blue Raiders' 73-55 road win at Saint Louis. Baugus tallied 13 points and 11 rebounds, added three assists, two steals and two blocks, and knocked down all six of her free throw attempts. Through two games, the freshman is averaging 11.5 points, 11.5 rebounds, 3.5 blocks, 3.0 steals and 2.5 assists while shooting 38.1 percent from the field.



Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

Her two-way presence has been instrumental in Middle Tennessee's 2-0 start, as she leads all CUSA freshmen in scoring, rebounding, steals, blocks, minutes and efficiency.

Local public safety and nonprofits well represented during Veterans Parade

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Shelbyville Police Department

Monthly Statistics – October 2025



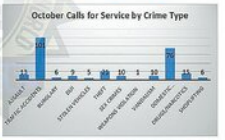
Total Calls for Service
2,443

These statistics provide a snapshot of the activities of the Shelbyville Police Department in October 2025. The Shelbyville Police Department remains committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community. We appreciate the ongoing support and cooperation of our residents.

Average call response time
4.25 minutes







'I love band! I love a parade!'

Shelbyville held its annual Veterans Parade last Saturday.

T-G Photos by Dawn Hankins



















