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City Council moves into holiday season

By Dawn Hankins
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All seems to be at peace between the City and the County governments, at least through Christmas.

The City of Shelbyville voted last Thursday during its regular meeting to provide $10,000 again this year for the Bedford County Christmas event on the square. This is a match request to the County's contribution.

The Christmas spectacular is on Dec. 5 and organizers promise the second annual will be just as rich in holiday décor and will include of course Santa and fireworks. (See Christmas events this page for more information.)

During its monthly meeting Thursday, the City also made a move to repair some past poor relations with the Chamber of Commerce/Partnership. The City has requested gold status membership from the Chamber of Commerce, again.

Last year, the City was refused membership and former Partnership/Chamber of Commerce CEO Shane Hooper, now in another job, blasted the City during a County committee meeting over the City's poor attempt at community cooperation.

Council said Thursday they hope that now the two entities can refresh their relationship and that the Chamber will accept the membership request.

Councilman Josh Blevins made a motion that the $5,000 be sent immediately to the Chamber if notification of approval is received. That motion was approved by all Council.

As of Tuesday, the City had not received any response from the Chamber board.

Under old business, the City approved an ordinance to amend the Shelbyville Zoning Map by approving the rezoning of the Residential Zoning Classification on a portion of approximately (+-) 1.08 Acres owned by Jorge Nieto Angeles and Josue Neito, addressed as 804 East Depot St., from Residential-3 (R-3, Medium Density Residential) to Commercial-2 (C-2, General Business.) This received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission.

Council denied on first reading a rezoning request of approximately 57.8 (+/-) acre vacant parcel owned by James D. Trollinger, Trust, addressed as Richdale Lane, from Residential-3 (R-2, Medium Low Density Residential) to Residential-3 (R-3, Medium Density Residential.) This request received an unfavorable recommendation from the Planning Commission.

Mayor Randy Carroll said this request was denied due

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Submitted Photo

City Council Member Marilyn Ewing and Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham have a moment during the TCAT-Shelbyville ribbon cutting on Tuesday. See more pictures inside today.

TCAT's new home officially opens with ribbon cutting

Several local officials, friends, administrators and students were in attendance Tuesday morning as Bedford County Higher Education Center, the new home of Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Shelbyville, held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at its new location off Highway 231 North.

Speakers at the event included TCAT-S President Jimmy L. Wright; Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham; Shelbyville Mayor Randy Carroll; Chancellor of Tennessee Board of Regents Flora Tydings; State Sen. Shane Reeves; and State Rep. / Speaker Pro Tem Pat Marsh. All stressed the importance of the facility to the community's economic growth and the lives that will be changed by post-secondary vocational education.

Marsh and Reeves were praised for their support of the project in the General Assembly. Mayors Graham and Carroll said this education center is going to change the face of education in this area.Shelbyville and Bedford County cooperated to make land available next to their jointly-owned industrial park.

Wright and Tydings surprised State Rep. Marsh with the news that the facility's community room will be named in his honor.

The previous TCAT-S location will be the new administrative offices for the Bedford County Board of Education. No word has been released on what will occupy the Board of Education's current Madison Street Central Office.

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Bedford County Government Photo

From left, Chamber of Commerce Director Dana Rodriguez;TCAT-S President Jimmy Wright; State Rep. Pat Marsh; Chancellor of Tennessee Board of Regents Flora Tydings; State Sen. Shane Reeves; BC Mayor Chad Graham; and City Mayor Randy Carroll. See more photos on pg. 3.

Local ministerial association to present 'A Night of Christmas' Nov. 30

By Dawn Hankins

A crowd is expected to be singing and rejoicing in celebration of Advent, Nov. 30, with a special concert planned by Bedford County Ministerial Association. Three of Christian music's top vocalists will be featured.

"A Night of Christmas" (lessons and carols) will be presented 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, at Edgemont Baptist Church, 150 Fairfield Pike, in Shelbyville.

Bedford County Ministerial Association advised recently that this is a community-wide service and will be a great way for all in the community to begin the Christmas season.

Pastor Abe Zimmerman said, "It will be an evening of scripture, song, and celebration. We are excited for special guest singers Jody McBrayer, Gene McDonald, and Angela Primm. 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

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COMMITTED TO THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE

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Shelby Chapter DAR participated in the Veterans Day Parade held last Saturday in Shelbyville. See more DAR activities on page 12.

Correction from 11/13/25 Edition-County Wastewater Advisory Committee Story by Dawn Hankins

Editor's note: Alan Gill, elected last Tuesday as chair of the County's new Wastewater Advisory Committee to the BC Planning Commission, is no longer a "real estate agent" but a state certified real estate appraiser. The T-G is happy to set the record straight.

Plans underway for local Christmas celebrations

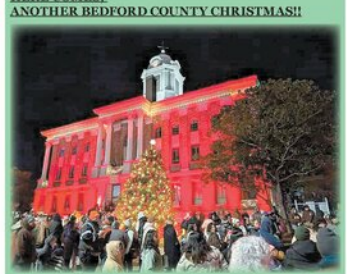
WARTRACE CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE

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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Kaegan Young scores 1,000th point;

Kaegan Young, who signed with UT Southern over the summer, led all scorers with 20 points.

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friend, and let's fill the sanctuary with light and love!"

The concert is free to the public. There will be a special offering to Bedford County Cancer Foundation. The singers are all paid by a special donor/organizer of the event.

Angela Primm is one of the premier voices today in Christian music. Her musical history spans genres, continents, and audiences. She has commanded the attention of mega-stars from Aretha Franklin, Barbara Mandrell, Dolly Parton, and Brooks and Dunn to Southern Gospel music legends, such as the late Vestal Goodman and Dottie Rambo. Angela's background is what dreams are made of, and she is only beginning to step into the fullness of her purpose.

Singing behind musical geniuses, Andrae Crouch, Patti Austin, Bill Gaither, Rascal Flatts, and others, her four-octave soprano voice added rich tones and depth of sound to each artist's recording. Angela Primm whose gift of song, love of the Gospel, and Gospel music has catapulted her, as the Bible says, "before great men."

Performer Gene McDonald's roots in gospel music run deep, having spent his childhood singing tenor with his family as they traveled throughout the Midwest. In high school, he was given the opportunity to sing with Jack Campbell & The Ambassadors, and during college he attended Ben Speer's Stamp Baxter School of Music. It was during that time that McDonald joined the Plainsmen Quartet, and later went on to spend nine years with The Florida Boys.

Today, he is a regular on the Gaither Homecoming tour, as well as performing select solo dates across the country every year.

Jody McBrayer of Franklin is best known for being a member of the award-winning groups Avalon and Cana's Voice. In addition to his group endeavors, Jody is also a solo artist, speaker, and worship leader.

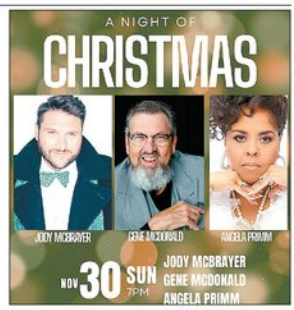
McBrayer has traveled the world, telling his story and utilizing his gifts with countless people in the hope that through sharing his life experiences, others will be changed for the better.

Jody McBrayer's story is a testimony to the power of faith. It's how—when he was at the end of his rope—God met him in unimaginable and miraculous ways.









The Webb School in Bell Buckle's first quarter honor roll

The following Bedford residents earned High Honors status for achieving all A's on their report card:

Bell Buckle – Atticus Loose, Easton Gallagher, Cadence Garcia, Hailey Gay, Grace Shibayama, Kaleb King, Eleanor Loose, Charlotte Ring, Amelie Taucare, Charlie McClain, Ruthie McClain

Shelbyville – Athena Byrd, Lyla Victory, Addison LaHann, Lily Tennant, Ava Anderson, Isaac Brown, Jasmine Judge, Corbin Riley, Miles Shafer, Lawson Simons, Anna Kate Gregory, Paizley Hodges, Mary Mosier, Landon O'Neal

Wartrace – Adalynn Simons, Morgan Ridner, Elijah Simons, Grayson Harrell, Chere Potts

The following Bedford County residents earned Honors status for achieving all A's and B's on their report card:

Bell Buckle – Callie Martin, Addison Gay, Mikaela Taucare, Sophie Townsend, Jasper Adams, Ava DuPuy, Camden Collins, Luke Gay, Shizuku Yanagida, Catherine French

Shelbyville – Deacon Allen, August May, Ava Baker, Christian Baker, Cameron Snyder, Haley Helton, Ellie Landers, Khloe McSwain, Sterling Smith, Drew Baker, Sahara Curtis, Harrold Thomas, Gavyn Anderson, Grayson Anderson, Logan DiPietro, Ryan Edwards, Blake Davis

Unionville – Bentley Stacy

Wartrace – Jeffry Dowell, Ava Simons, Anne Beard, Emery Potts, Carson Sutton, Kylie Singer

Christian S. Parrish convicted in 2022 murder of Charles D. Mayes

Sentencing hearing in January 2026

Christian Sayvon Parrish, of Nashville, has been convicted on two counts of murder in Bedford County Criminal Court for his part in the killing of Charles Dejuan Mayes of Shelbyville in 2022. (Count 1- a lesser charge of facilitation of 1st degree premeditated murder. Count 2- first degree murder in the perpetration of a felony/ a/ka/a felony murder.)

Parrish was the third person to be arrested (he in 2024) for this crime, and now convicted. Previously arrested, charged and convicted in this same crime were Davontay Holt and Mikayla Bowen, both of Shelbyville.

Davontay Holt took an amended plea to 2nd Degree Murder with a total effective sentence of 32 years @ 100%. Ct. 2 1st Degree Murder was dismissed.

Mikayala Bowen took a plea to 1st Degree Murder-Facilitation with a total effective sentence of 32 years @ 100%. Ct. 2 1st Degree Murder was dismissed.

Mayes died from a gunshot wound to the head while being transported to the hospital in October 2022. The murder was said by Shelbyville Police to have taken place at Mayes' home on Chestnut Drive in Shelbyville.

The victim was born Feb 9, 1990, to Brenda Mayes and Larry Armstrong of Shelbyville. He graduated from Shelbyville Central High in 2008.

He was a dad. He was an artist by nature and was said to have loved all kinds of music.

His obituary states that he had a sweet temperament and genuine spirit. "He was the most unselfish person you could ever meet. He was smart, caring, sensitive, kind, real, compassionate, charming, easy-going, and quiet. He was a critical thinker and often gave words of encouragement to anyone in his presence."

Bedford County School System launches new district app

Technology features two-way messaging for student families

Bedford County Schools (BCS) recently announced the official launch of the Bedford County Schools TN mobile app — now a single, unified platform for all school and district communications.

The new app streamlines communication by replacing multiple tools previously used for messaging teachers, coaches and school staff.

The app is available for any community member, parent, student, or supporter to download. Users can follow the school district and their preferred schools to stay up-to-date on news, events, announcements and important district information — all from one convenient place.

In addition to this public access, BCS families will have exclusive access to rooms, a secure two-way messaging tool built directly into the app. Rooms connects parents, caregivers and students with teachers, coaches, school leaders, club sponsors and more, ensuring they receive timely updates and can communicate easily with the staff who support their students every day.

"We are excited to finally share this all-in-one communication solution with our families," said Superintendent Dr. Tammy Garrett. "Our goal is to simplify communication, strengthen connections and ensure that every parent, caregiver and student has reliable access to the information they need. This app is an important step toward creating a more seamless, engaging, safe experience for our entire school community."

Families can follow the simple instructions provided by the district via email, phone call or text message to log into the app and access Rooms. Users can download the Bedford County Schools TN app through App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Androids.

Families may also access Rooms through a web browser by visiting https://bedfordcountyschoolstn.id.thrillshare.com/. To log in, users should enter the email address or mobile number currently on file in Skyward, ensuring that their account connects directly to their students' teachers, coaches and support staff. Once logged in, families are encouraged to update their notification preferences in settings to receive messages and announcements so they stay informed.

Additional information, including an app overview, login support resources and FAQs, can be found at www.bedfordk12tn.com/Stay-Connected/.

Garrett added, "Bedford County Schools is committed to providing simple, secure and effective communication tools that support student success. With the launch of this new Bedford County Schools TN app, the community can stay informed like never before, and families gain powerful new tools to stay connected to their child's school experience."

Fly Arts Center awarded $32,000 grant to present 8 free outdoor concerts in 2026

By Dawn Hankins

The Levitt Foundation recently announced the 2026-2028 Levitt Music Series Grant award winners. And thanks to the public's generous votes, the Fly Arts Center in Shelbyville is one of the new grantees!

Levitt Music Series Grant totals up to $120,000 across three years.This means that the Fly Art Center can now be assured of seven to 10 free, outdoor concerts per year in 2026, 2027, and 2028!

In 2027 and 2028, The Fly Arts Center will be eligible to receive up to $40,000 per year, for a total grant award of up to $120,000 over three years.

In an unprecedented collaboration, the Levitt Foundation—the leading social impact funder of free outdoor concert series in America—has partnered with the Tennessee Entertainment Commission, supported by the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development and the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development. Together, these agencies awarded Levitt Music Series Grants to six Tennessee communities. Cities with populations under 250,000 were eligible to apply, with the core goals of the Levitt program being to: amplify community pride and showcase a city's unique character; enrich lives through the power of free, live music; create inclusive, vibrant public spaces that bring people together.

"Tennessee has always been a place where creativity and innovation flourish," said Fly Arts Center President Jody Barnes-Turner. "The Fly Arts Center is proud to build on our community's rich artistic history. This grant gives us an extraordinary opportunity to expand our local entertainment offerings, drive economic development, and boost tourism in Bedford County."

> *'These events and the development of the Riverview District will also enhance our efforts to promote tourism to our beautiful City.'*
>
> **Shelbyville Mayor Randy Carroll**

Planning committees for the 2026 concert season are already being formed, advised Barnes-Turner on Wednesday. The Fly Arts Center is preparing to book a diverse lineup of talent—from emerging regional performers to award-winning artists—across genres including rock, folk, world music, country, jazz, Latin, children's entertainment, blues, and more.

Located at 204 South Main St., The Fly Arts Center is home to:

- **The Fly Community Theatre**
- **Bedford County History Museum**
- **Art Gallery**
- **Youth Arts Programs**
- **Art Scholarship Program**

Literary Arts Program

"This achievement would not have been possible without the incredible support from our community," said Barnes-Turner. "We extend heartfelt gratitude to every individual and business who voted online and by text during the September public voting phase. Your votes helped advance Shelbyville to the final round of competition statewide and nationally."

"Additionally, the support and commitment from individuals, organizations, and local businesses played a significant role in the selection process. We extend a heartfelt thank you to Cooper Steel, Bedford County Schools, the City of Shelbyville, Leadership Bedford, and The Center for Family Development for their continued support of the arts and our community. We look forward to strengthening these partnerships as we work together to bring free, live music to our beautiful town."

Turner said Bedford County Arts Council and The Fly Arts Center remain committed to encouraging and promoting the arts, fostering community engagement, and creating inclusive spaces where creativity thrives.

"We strive to provide a sanctuary where artists, families, students, and visitors can learn, grow, and celebrate the arts together."

City Mayor Randy Carroll said Wednesday, "We are pleased to have this concert grant awarded to the Fly Arts Center. These music events, indoor or outdoor, will provide entertainment for the citizens of Shelbyville and Bedford County."

The mayor added "These events and the development of the Riverview District will also enhance our efforts to promote tourism to our beautiful City."

Congratulations recently went out from the foundation to the 66 communities coast to coast and Puerto Rico that were awarded Levitt Music Series grants. In total, the Levitt Foundation is awarding $7+ million dollars over 3 years to 34 new and 32 returning Levitt Music Series grantees.

COUNCIL

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to traffic concerns off Fairfield Pike and near Cartwright Elementary. There were also some incompatibility issues with the proposed development and the current Richdale Lane neighborhood.

Several announcements were made, including that all City offices will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, and on Friday, Nov. 28. Thursday's trash will be picked up on Wednesday, with regular route schedule applying.

City officials also announced that Shelbyville Fire Department is currently accepting donations for its annual toy drive. SFD requests new/unused, unwrapped, toys. Department drop-off locations are City Hall and Shelbyville Rec Center. Deadline for toy drop off is Dec. 12. Please call 931-205-8215 with any questions about the toy drive.

In other action, Council:

- authorized the mayor to sign a grant contract for a $100,000 Grant from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation for environmental assessment of the former Armark Industrial Textile Facility. There is no cost to the City.
- approved a Request for Proposal (RFP) for City Welcome signs.
- approved a Capital Budget Amendment not to exceed $15,000 for repairs and upgrades to the City Hall Sign. Inspections showed it is very deteriorated.
- authorized for the mayor to sign a Certificate of Compliance for retail wine sales for The Bargain Barn d/b/a United Grocery Outlet #17 at 108 Lane Parkway.
- authorized the bid for various rocks for City departments to the only responsive bidder Rogers Group, Inc., Shelbyville TN with two 1-year options for renewal.
- approved a 5-year extension to the National Cooperative Contract Lease agreement with Motorola (Watchguard) for 47 Police Department Body Cameras and video manager software at the current cost of $49/month for each body camera. The contract extension will go into effect September 23, 2026.

A 'flock' of a different kind this season

Commission's approval of car plate reader technology becomes a 'sensitive issue' for some County residents

By Dawn Hankins
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Car plate reader technology which is being praised as a great asset to law enforcement isn't considered of late to be so great by some Bedford County constituents, discussions at a Tuesday night's Public Safety Committee meeting.

Are there privacy issues at stake with a company that stores such information indefinitely on a cloud-based system?

Bedford County Commission approved last week for Bedford County Sheriff's Office to pursue the purchasing of Flock cameras. These cameras have reportedly already helped Shelbyville Police apprehend child molesters to car thieves in a very short time frame.

County Commissioners Drew Hooker and Eric Maddox abstained from last week's funding vote. All other commissioners present approved for the plate-reading technology.

Maddox said Tuesday, "As an elected representative of the people of District 1, it's my job to vote the will of the folks I represent. Over the past many weeks, there's been a lot of talk around the Flock camera systems, especially in the Town of Bell Buckle. There have been many concerns raised about the system by the constituency, especially as it pertains to data privacy. I voted to abstain last week, due to the fact that although the solution was presented as a positive tool for law enforcement, which I support, more of the constituents in my district were still concerned, had more questions or simply stood against the installation of the cameras within their community."

Though most of the constituents of District 1 leaned on Maddox to do their bidding, one resident, long-time educator, John Anderson, decided to speak for himself during public comment time Tuesday. Citing an earlier reference made in committee to Hebrews 11, Anderson said he has "faith" in the Public Safety Committee.

Then, holding up a copy of the booklet, "TN State Constitution," Anderson asked the committee if they had all read the book-well-and understand its contents.

He then moved in to question the committee about their constitutionality as elected officials, given they approved last week what he deems questionable Flock camera technology. So, the retired school teacher gave them their homework to read-the state constitution booklet in its entirety.

He then asked if anyone had heard of Matrix (Partners) a venture capital investment firm. He was shocked at their response.

Anderson claimed the group is a link between the Flock artificial surveillance and the Chinese government. "I'm not making this up. I'm not a fool. I've done my homework. There is a link and you voted money that is going to go to Matrix."

According to public information available online about Matrix, In 1985, Matrix raised its first institutional private equity fund. In 2001, Matrix Partners completed fundraising for Matrix Partners VII, a $1 billion venture capital fund. In 2006, Matrix raised Matrix Partners VIII fund, with $445 million of investor commitments.

In 2006, Matrix also raised a separate $150 million India fund. In July 2009, Matrix raised Matrix IX fund with $600 million. As of 2018, the firm has raised eleven U.S venture capital funds and five China focused funds.

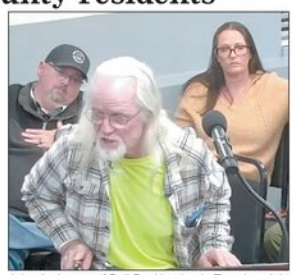
In November 2021, The Wall Street Journal reported that Matrix Partners is a major investor in Chinese semiconductor firms, raising U.S. national security concerns. Matrix is an investor with Flock technology, according to information released by business organizations online.

In July 2024, Matrix Partners announced a renaming and organizational update, with its Indian arm becoming DZ47 (with the brand name of Z47) and its Chinese arm becoming MPCi, while the U.S. operations will continue under the Matrix brand.

Anderson said he's not happy about his tax money going to China. "I know there's a connection. I don't know how it functions. At least 2 members of the Board of Commissioners already know. You need to do more research before you vote more money."

Later in the Public Safety meeting, Maddox said he didn't know Anderson was coming to the committee meeting. But he believed everyone should have respect for Anderson's comments and consider what he had to say.

"It's still a sensitive issue," Maddox told the committee Tuesday.



John Anderson of Bell Buckle pleads Tuesday night with County Commissioners about rethinking their decision of going into business with Flock Camera systems. In his right hand is the TN Constitution booklet.

More TCAT ribbon cutting ceremony pictures



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Ron Adcock, former Technology Center Director



Guests at the ribbon cutting ceremony



Ivan Jones, right, former TCAT President





State Sen. Shane Reeves, speaker. He was instrumental in the funding for the new TCAT.



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Bedford County Government Photo

State Rep. Pat Marsh was honored with a special room dedicated in his name at the new TCAT facility on Tuesday. He is given credit for much of the work needed at the state level to provide in Bedford County such an educational facility.



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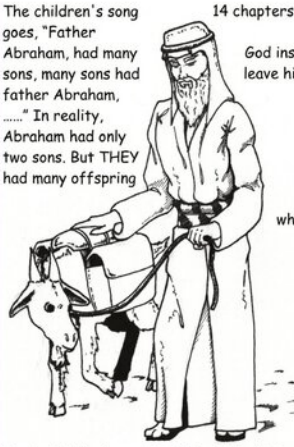
FEATURES FROM THE BIBLE

TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

Abram Called
Genesis 12

Genesis 12 tells about God calling Abram to be the father of a special people who would be blessed and would in turn be a blessing to the rest of the world. The next 14 chapters of Genesis shows us how this was accomplished.

The children's song goes, "Father Abraham, had many sons, many sons had father Abraham, ..." In reality, Abraham had only two sons. But THEY had many offspring



God instructed Abram to leave the place where he was, leave his country, his people and his father's household and go to a land that He (God) would show him.

God promises to make Abram a great nation. The promise continues, "...and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all the people of the earth will be blessed through you."

Abram left his home and family, departing from the place where he was when God called him and went to the place where God directed him to go. (Continued next week).

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Is God Dead? Right and Wrong



Ty B. Kerley, DMin
Columnist

We concluded last time by analyzing the popular "COEXIST" bumper sticker. According to this bumper sticker, "c" is the symbol of Islam, "o" is the symbol of the peace movement, "e" is the symbol of transgenderism, "x" is the Jewish star of David, the dot on the "i" is the witch worshiping Wiccan symbol, the "s" is the Taoist yin/yang symbol, and the "t" is the Christian Cross of Christ. One big happy family, they say. But that cannot be true because each one makes an exclusionary truth claim and claims to be the ultimate and exclusive moral truth.

Indeed, Christians hold that there is a moral law written on the hearts (in the soul) of men by the Creator as an endowment of their creation. That means that the moral law is seated in the human soul as an aspect of consciousness. Everyone recognizes it as a non-negotiable law that "just is" a part of being human. The atheist claims there are no absolute truths. That your truth is your truth and my truth is my truth because no absolute truth applies to all people. Instead, all truth is relative. The atheist says truth is only relative to the person who believes it, not everyone else. Christianity is true for some, and atheism is true for others, and that is okay as long as we respect each other because there is no absolute truth anyway, or so they say.

However, Christians hold that there is an absolute moral law and that law points to a Law Giver. We can present the classical moral argument this way:

1. Every law has a lawgiver.

2. The Moral Law is a law.

3. Therefore, there is a Moral Law Giver.

Every law has a lawgiver. There is little dispute here. If we think about every law that society is required to abide by, each of those laws was drafted by some government servant, voted on by some governing body, and enacted as laws for all of society to follow. So, all those laws have some level of government as the lawgiver. That is one of the reasons why governments are established. They are granted power as lawgivers for a particular society that is under their charter. Premise one is rarely disputed, so we can say, yes, every law has a lawgiver. Premise two makes the statement that there is a moral law. This premise, as one can imagine, does have opposition. We have already touched upon those who say there is no absolute truth; your truth is true for you, and my truth is true for me. Further, we said that those people have a relativist view of truth. For them, truth is relative to whatever you want it to be. But there is no such thing as a relative moral law; there is an innate moral law written on the heart of every human being.

The Enlightenment philosopher John Locke argued that humans are born with a tabula rasa (blank slate). Locke said there are no innate aspects to our nature, including our moral nature. Our moral boundaries are simply the result of experiences recorded on the mental "blank slate" we are each born with. But this cannot be true. There is an absolute sense of right and wrong that is not learned or conditioned but is inborn to every individual. The torture of a child is a violation of moral obligations among all peoples, in all places, and in all times. That is because the torture of a child is a violation of an innate and universal moral law. And everyone on the planet knows this.

But I want to return to the question; how do governments govern without concrete moral law? Without a moral law, there is no way to distinguish between good and evil. With no moral law, concepts of good and evil are just opinions. Nietzsche's master/slave morality proves that. Good is whatever I say it is for me; you say good is whatever is good for you. Nonetheless, society cannot and does not function this way. There must be an agreement on what basic morality is: murder is morally wrong or it is not? Even those who say morals are relative cannot live in a world without moral law because even the relativist cries out for equal and standard justice. Even a thief knows it is wrong to steal; watch what happens when someone steals from him; he calls the police and demands justice.

In the end, it seems to me the premises are true: every law has a lawgiver; the moral law is a law; therefore, there is a Moral Law Giver. Join us again next week as we continue to look at human morality, what it is, and where it comes from. All of this and much more along our journey in search of the answer to the question: is God dead?

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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NEWS AT THE FLY

There are a lot of great things happening this season at Fly Arts Center

LOOKING FOR LOCAL TEEN ARTISTS

If you are between the ages of 13 and 18, the Fly wants to see your art! A jury of Fly Art Gallery artists will select two-dimensional pieces to be featured in an exhibition at The Fly Art Gallery during our Dinner Theatre Event (December 5th - 14th, 2025) and will remain on display until February 2026.

Submission Deadline: Sunday, November 23, 2025 at 9pm CST.

Artists will be notified of selections by November 29 via email. Artworks chosen for the exhibition will be delivered, ready for display, to the gallery between November 30 and December 2.

Teen artists may submit up to four (4) works of art for consideration. The number of accepted pieces may vary depending on participation (space is limited), so artists are encouraged to submit their very best work.

Please note: The Fly only accepts submissions of two-dimensional works that are no larger than 36 inches on the longest side. The selected artworks should be appropriate for viewing by all ages.

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SPECIAL SHOP LOCAL SATURDAY HOLIDAY MAKER MARKET AT THE FLY

FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING

Saturday, November 29th from 10 am to 4pm is a special holiday edition of monthly Maker Market. In addition to shopping for unique handmade gifts made by local creators, The Fly will be the hub for family-friendly holiday fun.

10am - 4pm

Holiday Maker Market, Concession Stand Open & Blood Drive

10am - 1pm

Photos With Santa and Mrs. Claus for Kids

1:30pm - 4pm

Photos With Santa and Mrs. Claus for Dogs

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The Fly is offering free art classes, funded by the Tennessee Arts Commission.

Saturday, December 13th, 10am - 12pm. Instructor: Emily Ciecka

Pen & Ink Drawing Basics

A pen and ink drawing is a type of artwork created by applying liquid ink to a surface, typically paper, using a pen or other tool to create images. This traditional drawing method uses techniques like hatching, cross-hatching, stippling, and ink washes to build up values, textures, and a sense of depth.

The final result can range from a simple sketch to a complex composition, capturing fine details and bold lines with precision and creativity.

All participants must pre-register online. Class size is limited to the first 15 participant signups. Spots are expected to fill quickly.

All supplies provided. Participants are limited to a maximum of three Art for All class signups.

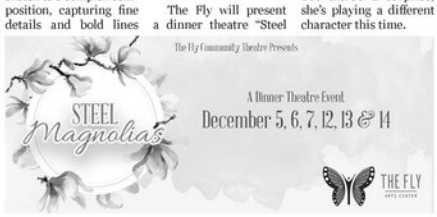
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The Fly will present a dinner theatre "Steel Magnolias" Dec. 5-7 and Dec. 12-14. Please note the Sunday, Dec. 7, event is show only.

Go to the Fly Arts Center social media and website for times and ticket information.

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Preview: Back by popular demand is Shelbyville's own Kay Rose. But there's a surprise; she's playing a different character this time.



BAD AFTERNOON FOR SOMEONE

T-G Photo by Renee Brown



It was just after 3 p.m., in Shelbyville, on Tuesday, and all was not well for some folks. This accident happened in front of the O'Reilly's Auto Part Store on North Main.



HANDSHAKES TO GREAT CONVERSATIONS

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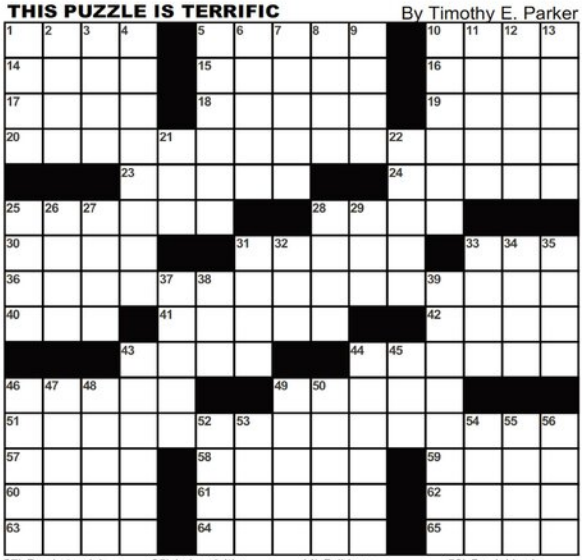
This fall, Southside Elementary 5th graders have sharpened their communication skills. Throughout the school year, students will meet and chat with local professionals, impressing them with their new confidence and handshake etiquette.





Crossword

THIS PUZZLE IS TERRIFIC By Timothy E. Parker



CLUES ACROSS

1) Thing you can't make when bald
5) Cut dramatically, as prices
10) Make untidy, as hair
14) Dr. Frankenstein's assistant
15) "New Guinea" starter
16) ___ spumante
17) Church part
18) Old knockout gas
19) Chinese currency
20) Seal hunter
23) Like some jackets
24) Some Boston pros, briefly
25) Era
28) Carpentry leveler
30) Man famed by elevators
31) Evidence
33) Vast amount
36) 115-pound brawlers
40) Secure one's shoes
41) Double-reed instruments
42) Gambler's "lady"
43) Final notice
44) Long, narrow strips
46) Kirby of "City Slickers"
49) Assumed name
51) Really great tidings
57) What this is
58) Smallest detectable sensation
59) Face-to-face exam
60) Particular breath mint
61) Grammar topic
62) "Us" or "them," in competitions
63) West enders?
64) One who goes for the gold?
65) Irate (with "off")

CLUES DOWN

1) Engine knock
2) Biology lab gel
3) Amble all over
4) Expanded essay
5) Discharged
6) Carpenter's machine
7) Food for a ladybug
8) Bird feeder fill
9) Aesop's also-ran
10) Utter confusion
11) Typical
12) Begin
13) Kitchen features
21) Tango quorum
22) Genre for 37-Down
25) Display a public notice
26) Vanity case for milady
27) Ready to pick
28) Some farm females
29) Weed uprooter
31) Novel staple
32) Place for a literary catcher
33) Not open or ajar
34) Carve in stone
35) Is inquisitive
37) Mechanical man or woman
38) J. Edgar Hoover's org.
39) Gorbachev's policy
43) Beginnings
44) Evildoer
45) Move one's tail
46) Italian bowling game
47) It can create long lines
48) 180 on the road
49) Male Madison Ave. employee
50) Feudal lord
52) Homecoming returnee
53) Not finalized, legally
54) Great Lakes city
55) Utilize hip boots
56) Winter vehicle

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Funny Flyers

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's a *squirrel*???

Do they really fly?

How do some squirrels fly? They don't have wings like birds.

The flying squirrel has a flap of skin that stretches from its front legs to its hind legs. When it stretches out its legs, these skin flaps form "wings." The squirrel uses these to glide from tree to tree.

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have external features that help them thrive in different kinds of places.

Squirrel Flight Plan

Flying squirrels use their tails to change direction and even move up and down. They turn and dive like stunt pilots and even turn somersaults! Using their tails as brakes, they land feet first and sink their sharp claws into the bark of a tree.

After landing in a tree, they climb up higher in the tree and look around for the next landing.

Standards Link: Life Science: Adaptations in physical structure improve an animal's chance for survival.

Climb & Spell

Use the letters on the acorns to make new words as you climb the trees.

_IG	C_NE	_AME
D_G	CA_E	_AME
_OG	_AGE	TA_E
LOG	PAGE	TAKE

High-Flying Facts

Use the code to learn some amazing facts about the flying squirrel.

Flying squirrels can glide as far as ◢◤ feet (▂■ meters).

Flying squirrels live in the forests of Asia, Europe and North America. Most of them grow to be ◥ to ◢◣ inches long (◣·✚ centimeters).

Some Asian flying squirrels grow to be more than ✚ feet long (◢ meter)!

D	I	C	N	O	G	M	S	P	I

SECRET CODE:

◢ ◣ ✚ ▂ ■ ◤ ◥ ◆

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Standards Link: Word Analysis/Phonemic Awareness: Distinguish sounds in words.

How many leaves can you count on this page?

Mom Saves the Day!

One day, when a _____ squirrel came back to the cozy hole in the oak tree where her little babies were _____, she saw a frightening sight. A lumberjack was in the tree, _____ a limb off. In horror, she watched him pull her four hairless babies from the nest. She knew she would have to act fast!

Not _____ a moment, she climbed the tree, then up the man's pant leg and grasped one of her babies in her mouth. She then _____ higher and sailed with her baby 86 feet across the river. She _____ the baby up to a hole in another tree. She did this again and again until all of her babies were safe.



sawing carried wasting
climbed sleeping mother

Find where each word belongs in this story.

Standards Link: Life Science: Describe similarities and differences in the behavior of animals.

Extra! Extra! Long Leaps!

Use the columns in the newspaper as guides to cut out long strips of paper. Measure your newspaper strips and line them up to show the number of feet (or meters) a flying squirrel can glide.

Standards Link: Measurement: Use standard and non-standard units to measure.

Kid Scoop Puzzler



Flying Squirrel Feast

The flying squirrels are having a feast, but which foods will they eat? Start with the letter in the square and read every other letter in the border to find out what foods flying squirrels like to munch. Then circle those foods.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

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

FLYING
TREE
EAT
AMAZING
GRASPED
SAILED
CLIMB
DIVE
CLAWS
HORROR
SINK
RIVER
COUNT
SKIN
ACT

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

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

From the Kid Scoop Lesson Library

Talking Pictures

Cut out pictures from the newspaper and paste them on paper. Write words for the people, animals or objects in the pictures to say. Draw "talking bubbles" around the words to create comics.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Answer questions about information found in the text.

Write On!

Up in the Air

Up in the air, it's a bird,
it's a plane, no it's ...
Finish this story about something flying through the air.

Proof It!

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the paragraphs below and circle the seven errors you find. Then rewrite the paragraphs correctly on the lines below or a separate sheet of paper.

Squirrel Surprise

Last saturday, I was raking up the leafs in my backyard. Two squirrels were chasing each other from branch two branch in our tree. They raced around the trunk of the tree and onto the lawn.

My dog Jethro started running across the lawn toward the tree and barking lowdly. The too squirrels scrambled up to the highest branch of the tree.

As I went back to raking leafs, an acorn bonked poor Jethro on the head.

Did the squirrels throw that acorn? I'll never no, but they sure seemed to be giggling!

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

File date: November 12

Location: 320 White St; Seller, Barrani Azad Kafroshy; Buyer, Joseph Daniel Houk; Price, $151,000 (Deed).

Location: 319 Deer Point Rd; Seller, Lurton B Hinkle II, Angela Hinkle; Buyer, Matthew Reed; Price, $50,000 (Deed).

Location: 411 & 413 Myers St; Seller, John T Bobo, Janice R Bobo, D B Nelson Jr, Charlene Nelson; Buyer, Scott Feldhaus, Chelsea Feldhaus; Price, $377,500 (Deed).

Seller, Fonda Elizabeth Daly Shiraz, Tabitha Michelle Washington, William Patrick Daly Jr, William Daly; Buyer, James E Farrar; Price, $140,000 (Deed).

Location: Bunker Hill Rd; Seller, Georgios Stratikis; Buyer, Georgios Stratikis, Suzanne Stratikis; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Hwy 231; Seller, Marlene B Cartwright, Marie H Blackburn Estate; Buyer, Marlene B Cartwright, Myron V Blackburn; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: 312 Maplewood Dr; Seller, Claudia G Mallard; Buyer, Antonio Gonzalez Mendoza; Price, $42,500 (Deed).

File date: November 13

Location: Union Ridge Rd; Seller, Victor K Farris, Anna C Farris; Buyer, William Nickels, Amy Nickels; Price, $240,000 (Deed).

Location: Greenbriar Swamp Rd; Seller, Betty Lou Crick Estate, Terrie Crick, Bettie Swisher, Betty Swisher, Bettie Lou Crick; Buyer, Terrie Crick; Price, $15,000 (Deed).

Location: 2125 Hwy 130 W; Seller, Juan B Cruz, Lisa Ann Vonic; Buyer, Jeffrey Young, Alicia Yvonne Young; Price, $600,000 (Deed).

Location: 3004 Highway 41 A; Seller, Josh Green, Angela Green; Buyer, John T Dawson, Ashley N Dawson; Price, $465,000 (Deed).

Seller, Sarah Yvonne Welch, Alecia M Welbern, Billy D Williams Estate; Buyer, Greg Curl; Price, $55,902 (Deed).

Location: 105 Rochester Dr; Seller, High Caliber Investment 1 LLC; Buyer, Christopher Holzer, Kelsey Holzer; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 2509 Hwy 231 N; Seller, Peter Franklin Jelsma, Julie Marie Pena; Buyer, BSCO Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: November 14

Location: 209 Gladys Dr; Seller, Jimmy Raby, Elaine Raby; Buyer, Jeff Ross, Shelia Ross; Price, $380,000 (Deed).

Location: 286 Hawthorne Hill Rd; Seller, Clayton Jones; Buyer, Debbie Dye, Frank Dye; Price, $505,000 (Deed).

Location: 304 Bethany Lane; Seller, Edward Neese, Lisa B Neese; Buyer, Hawkins & Hawkins Real Estate; Price, $250,000 (Deed).

Location: 3525 Fairfield Pike; Seller, Michelle Santos; Buyer, AMA Living Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 103 Beechwood Lane; Seller, Kimberly Dawn Hicks, Kim Warren, Jeffrey Hicks; Buyer, Jennifer Rose Ortega; Price, $84,900 (Deed).

File date: November 17

Location: 257 Bunker Hill Lane; Seller, Robert W Greenwood, Jan Greenwood; Buyer, Alma Lizbeth Villanueva Vega, Cristhian Guiterrez Mendez; Price, $335,000 (Deed).

Location: 808 Cowan Ave; Seller, Jessica Jordan, Vincent Patrick Lewis Bradbary, Bridget Davenport; Buyer, Austin Reed Emerson; Price, $141,000 (Deed).

Location: 1650 Kingdom Rd; Seller, Jones Trust, David F Jones, Tanya J Jones; Buyer, Virtuous Holdings LLC Series 1650 LLC; Price, $2,500,000 (Deed).

Location: Sevier St; Seller, Galilee Primitive Baptist Church; Buyer, First Baptist Church; Price, $10,000 (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.

Parcel ID: 089G L 01300 000659

Commonly known as 113 Bates St Shelbyville, TN 37160

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.

Notice of Sale Published On-line at HTTPS://BetterChoiceNotices.com

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
651 East 4th Street Suite 200
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37403
Phone: (877) 319-8840
File No: 1154-3344A
Newspaper: Shelbyville Times Gazette
Publication Dates: 11/13/2025, 11/20/2025

Cozy up to peace of mind: 4 tips to avoid common pet hazards this Thanksgiving

(Family Features) Thanksgiving is a time for cozy gatherings with loved ones to share gratitude, crisp adventures, festive decor and, oftentimes, delicious food. However, many traditions associated with giving thanks, including the feast, can pose risks to your furry family members.

Even with the best-laid plans, accidents can happen. From tempting table scraps to the crackling fire and festive decor, it's important to take steps to prevent seasonal hazards from ruining the celebration for your pets. However, should those unforeseen moments occur, participating VCA Animal Hospitals Emergency Care locations offer access to world-class emergency medicine, 50% off an ER exam for all pet owners and free ER exams for CareClub members.

For added peace of mind, taking these extra precautions during the festivities can help keep your furry friends safe and healthy:

Skip the Table Scraps

While pleading eyes can be hard to resist when you're gathered around the table, remember – and remind little ones – many Thanksgiving foods can make pets sick. Avoid feeding pets turkey skin, which can trigger pancreatitis, or bones, which could splinter and lead to choking or internal injuries, and pack away any leftovers quickly to keep curious pets at bay. Similarly, beware of ingredients like onions, garlic and chives, which are common in stuffing and casseroles, and are toxic to both dogs and cats.

If you want to include your four-legged family members in the celebration, plain turkey breast, unseasoned green beans or pumpkin puree are safe for most pets to consume. However, many other seasonal desserts contain chocolate, raisins, grapes or the sugar substitute xylitol, which can also be harmful. Be sure to keep beverages out of reach as well, as pets can quickly absorb alcohol, which may lead to alcohol poisoning.

Mind the Decorations

Seasonal decor can make your home feel welcoming, but pets are curious by nature and often attracted to new items in their living spaces. Help keep your furry friends safe by sitting or hanging decorations out of paws' reach and unplugging extra cords and string lights when not in use as they pose a chewing – and shock – risk to pets.

Beware of Open Flames

Heat sources, such as fireplaces and wood stoves, can be enticing with their warm embers and golden hue, but they also pose serious fire and burn risks should wagging tails or chilly noses get too close. Keep pets a safe distance from open flames by placing a guard around the flame and, similarly, keep lit candles out of pets' reach.

Prepare for Cool-Weather Walks

If you live in an area with snow and ice, be cautious of weather conditions when sending pets outside to play or use the bathroom, and consider a pet sweater or jacket and booties to protect them from the cold. When going out for walks, particularly during the early morning and late evening hours, use a non-retractable leash to keep furry family members close, wear high-visibility gear and avoid paths, roads and trails with limited lighting.

Visit vcaholiday.com to find a location near you in case of emergency and more tips to keep your pets happy and healthy this Thanksgiving.

Emergency Situations That Require Immediate Attention

During the holidays – or any other time or year – accidents can happen. Should your pet be involved in any of these situations, they likely require emergency veterinary attention:

- Severe accident or trauma
- Vomiting or diarrhea that goes on for an extended time
- Severe fever or malaise
- Birthing problems
- Broken bones
- Getting hit by a car
- Seizures
- Shock
- Uncontrolled bleeding
- Attack by another animal
- Known or suspected toxin ingestion
- Difficulty breathing or severe coughing

FOR SALE

Very nice brown leather, electric recliner
1 month old. Retails for $1,600.
Will accept $600. Please call 931-580-1420

WANTED

Paying cash for older sports card collections. Unopened sports card cases and boxes. Comic books and antique sports related items.
Shelbyville
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REAL ESTATE AUCTION
Sat., Nov. 22nd, 11:00 am
636 Deery St., Shelbyville



Conveniently located minutes from downtown Shelbyville. Property in need of repairs and selling in "As Is" condition.
Preview begins at 10:00 am or by appointment
Sale is subject to court approval.

Terms: A $10,000 Down payment due day of sale with balance due within 30 days.
Houses built prior to 1978 may contain lead base paint. This ad serves as a notice to conduct an inspection prior to the auction. Announcements made day of the sale take precedence over

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SHELBYVILLE POWER,
WATER, AND SEWER BOARD
WILL MEET

November 25, 2025, AT 5:00 PM
AT THE SHELBYVILLE POWER
SYSTEM OFFICE,
308 SOUTH MAIN STREET.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO
ATTEND ANY AND ALL MEETINGS.

ANYONE DESIRING TO COMMENT TO
THE BOARD ON MATTERS GERMANE TO
THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA SHALL
CONTACT JASON REESE BY NOON ON
THE DAY BEFORE THE MEETING.

SHELBYVILLE POWER, WATER & SEWER BOARDS
931-684-7171

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
Shelbyville Municipal Airport (SYI)
Shelbyville Municipal Airport - Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) Development
Shelbyville, Bedford County, Tennessee

The Shelbyville Municipal Airport (SYI) is providing public notice of the availability of the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) for the Shelbyville Municipal Airport - Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) Development project.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to address MTSU program's growth and existing facility deficiencies by relocating their flight training program, Aerospace Department, and aircraft maintenance program from Murfreesboro Municipal Airport (MBT) to SYI (TM partners, 2023). The Proposed Action would be designed to provide the required square footage of educational, aircraft maintenance, administrative, classroom, hangar, landside parking, and laboratory space.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Southern Region, after careful and thorough consideration of all facts and after coordination with appropriate local, state, and federal agencies approved on November 12, 2025, an environmental FONSI for the proposed Shelbyville Municipal Airport – Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) Development project.

The FONSI and FEA are available as a hard copy or online for public review for 30 days through Saturday, December 20, 2025.

- Website: SYI-MTSUDevelopment.AirportPlans.com
- Shelbyville Municipal Airport, 2828 Highway 231 North, Shelbyville, TN 37160

Anyone needing project information or special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is encouraged to contact Caitlin Hetzel, at (501) 823-0730, mail at Garver, Attn: Caitlin Hetzel, 4701 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118, or email at PublicInvolvement@GarverUSA.com. Hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Tennessee Relay System at (Voice/TTY 711). Requests should be made at least four days prior to the end of the review period.

Free language assistance for Limited English Proficient individuals is available upon request.

Obituaries

Mary Jo "Polly" Clanton



Mary Jo "Polly" Clanton, 87, of Shelbyville, passed away November 15, 2025 at her home after an extended illness surrounded by loved ones and family.

She was born February 20, 1938, in Rutherford County, Tn., to the late Clifford Mason and Adie Maie LovVorn.

She worked as a registered cosmetologist and was a Kmart Associate. A devoted mother, wife and homemaker, she was a member of the Southside Church of Christ.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Edward Clanton Sr., a brother, Marion LovVorn and grandson, Steven Zackary Clanton.

Mary Jo is survived by her sons, Robert E. Clanton Jr. and Steven Clifford Clanton; five grandchildren, Kyle Clanton, Kristen Clanton, Mason Clanton, Carson Clanton, Collin Clanton; five great grandchildren, Kelbie Prosser, Lucas Clanton, Shayla Prosser, Kylee Jane Clanton, Levi Clanton; three great-great grandchildren, Liam Clanton, Hallie Gene Clanton and Wrenly Carballoso.

Funeral Services will be held 2:00 P.M. Thursday, November 20th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home Jeff Smith and Jon LovVorn officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin at 12:00 P.M.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is serving the family.

Roy Russell O'Dell Wix



Roy Russell O'Dell Wix, age 73, of Wartrace, passed away peacefully at his home on

October 29, 2025. Roy was born on November 18, 1951, in Michigan to Reverend Richard and Elizabeth Wix.

He was known for his passion for hunting and his love of East Tennessee, where he spent many years camping and fishing with his family and friends. Roy was an avid gun collector who enjoyed target shooting and sharing his knowledge with others. One of his greatest joys was passing down hunting and fishing skills and a respect for nature.

During his later years, he also thoroughly enjoyed being involved in Celebrate Recovery.

He is survived by his children, Gina (and Lloyd) Davis of Bell Buckle, TN, Russel Wix of Wartrace, TN; his brother Ellery "Sam" Wix of Shelbyville, TN; his grandchildren, Nolan Wix, Alleena Wix, Abigail Wix, Ava Davis, and Kingston Wix. He also leaves behind several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Doris Walker Wix; and his sister, Patricia Clark.

A memorial service was held November 8, 2025.

Jessie Ann Holmes



Jessie Ann Holmes, age 78, of the Flat Creek community, received her wings early

Friday, November 14, 2025, and is now with her Lord and Savior.

Jessie was born on June 24, 1947, in Grandview, TN. Her parents were the late

Earl Brady and Lois Eva Burnett.

Jessie married Stanley E. Holmes on December 14, 1963. The couple were blessed

with two wonderful sons – Eddie Dean Holmes and Joseph Clinton Holmes, three

grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Just shy of 62 years together, Jessie and Stanley resided primarily in Ponchatoula,

LA., and then later in Flat Creek community in Bedford County, TN. Jessie loved

life but thrived at her two favorite pastimes: yard work (including indoor plants)

and cooking for family and friends.

Jessie is preceded in death by her parents, three sisters and two brothers.

She is survived by her husband, Stanely Holmes; sons: Eddie Dean Holmes and

Joseph (Dori) Holmes; three grandchildren: Derek Joseph (Ella) Holmes, Cynthia

Evelyn (John) Robinson and Caleb Joseph Thaggard; two great-grandchildren: Iris

Holmes and John Asaph Robinson; brother, Marvin Brady; and three sisters: Sue

(Ralph) Link, Virginia and Nancy. She is also survived numerous nieces, nephews

and cousins.

No public services are planned at this time.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com

Mary Virginia Freeman



Mary Virginia Freeman, age 69, of Shelbyville, TN., passed from this life Saturday, November 15, 2025, at Alive Hospice in Murfreesboro after an extended illness, with her family by her side.

Virginia was born on September 23, 1956, in Shelbyville, TN., to the late William Lawwell and Hazel Crowell Kubinski. A lifelong resident of Bedford County, she dedicated her career to nursing, serving the community with compassion and care for many years.

Virginia had a generous heart and a joyful spirit. She loved shopping, music, caring for others, giving thoughtful gifts, and spending time with her family and friends.

A woman of faith, she was a member of Blankenship Community Church and formerly served as pianist at Northfork Baptist Church. She served as a registered nurse with Vanderbilt Heart for 28 years.

Virginia is survived by her devoted husband of 35 years, Tyson Freeman; children: Jill (Rob) McKamey, Lauren (Mason) Byrd, and Wendy Martin; grandchildren: Madison and Macey McKamey, Marcus and Tori Martin; siblings. She also leaves behind her brother, Tommy (Peggy) Lawwell and step-father, Doug Kubinski along with several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Jaden McKamey.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home, with Butch Sobiek officiating. Burial will follow at Cothran Cemetery in Rockvale.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and again on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 one hour prior to the service staring at 12 noon.

Memorial donations can be made to the American Heart Association at https://www.heart.org or 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

Russell Keith Hart

Russell Keith Hart, age 93, of Lewisburg, died Nov. 18, 2025, in Lewisburg. He was son of the late Johnathan Malcolm Hart and Tessie Naomi Bridwell Hart Dreibelis. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years, Dorlene Winsett Hart; 2 sons, Charles Baxter Hart, II, James Malcolm Hart.

Mr. Hart joined the Marines at age 18 and after serving 20 years he retired as a Gy/Sgt. Mr. Russell served in the Korean War as well as the Vietnam War.

Survivors include his daughters, Regina (David) Erdly and Cindy (Mike) Barron of Lewisburg.

LAWRENCE FUNERAL HOME and CREMATION SERVICES in Chapel Hill are in charge of arrangements.

Death Notices

Brenda Jo Watts Smith

Brenda Jo Watts Smith, age 75, of Pharr, Texas, passed peacefully from this life on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at TriStar Centennial Medical Center in Nashville.

Doak Howell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Maria J. Tablada Morales

Maria J. Tablada Morales, age 65, of Shelbyville, passed peacefully from this life on Sunday, November 16, 2025, at her home.

Doak Howell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Adam "Malibu" Wayne Faulk

Adam "Malibu" Wayne Faulk, of Shelbyville, passed away on November 16, 2025. He was born on July 31, 1988, to Terry W. Faulk, who survives, and the late Rose Marie Short. He is also survived by his daughters, Hailie Rose Faulk and Penelope Star Faulk.

Gowen-Smith and Feldhaus Memorial Chapel are assisting the family.

How to Honor Loved Ones' Memories During the Holidays

(Family Features) The holiday season can be a time of joy and connection, but it can also bring intense feelings of loss and sadness for those grieving the death of a loved one.

To help families honor memories while caring for their emotional well-being, the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) recognizes the unique challenges of this season and offers these resources and tips.

Embrace Your Feelings

Grief is unique to each person, and emotions during the holidays can vary widely – from sadness and longing to moments of joy and peace. Give yourself permission to feel whatever arises without judgment. Allow space for tears or quiet reflection and remember it's OK to experience mixed emotions. Acknowledging your feelings honestly can help you move through the season with greater self-compassion.

Create New Traditions

While old holiday traditions often hold treasured memories, creating new rituals can help you honor your loved one in a personal way.

"Keep as many traditions as you can keep, but we always encourage families to create a new tradition to remember that loved one who's been lost," said Tim Schramm, owner of Howe-Peterson Funeral Homes.

Lighting a candle in their memory, sharing stories that celebrate their life or setting up a special display of photos or keepsakes are small acts that can bring comfort. Some people find meaning in donating to a charity in their honor or volunteering together with family or friends to celebrate the spirit of giving.

Lean on Your Support System

Having trusted people around you can offer solace. Whether through family gatherings, friends, support groups or counseling, reaching out helps bridge feelings of loneliness. Being with others who understand your grief or sharing your memories can provide reassurance and companionship during times that might feel isolating.

Set Boundaries to Protect Your Well-Being

It's important to do what feels right for you, even if that means saying no to events or stepping away from overwhelming situations. Setting limits helps protect your emotional health and allows you to navigate the holidays at your own pace.

"As funeral directors, we often remind families that caring for yourself is just as important as honoring your loved one," said Dr. Camelia Clarke, owner and licensed funeral director at Paradise Memorial. "Setting boundaries isn't selfish – it's an act of compassion that allows you to truly be present in the moments that matter most."

Communicate honestly with loved ones about your needs as they will likely appreciate your openness.

Prioritize Self-Care

Grief can be emotionally and physically tiring, especially around the holidays. Take care of yourself through adequate rest, comforting meals, finding a new hobby or buying yourself a gift. Simple mindfulness practices, such as journaling or breathing exercises, can also help manage stress and bring moments of calm.

Remember with Compassion

Honoring your loved one's memory is a personal journey. You might choose to share stories, write letters, observe moments of silence or engage in creative expressions like art or music. Embracing these acts with kindness and patience fosters healing and helps keep their spirit alive.

The holiday season often brings both challenges and opportunities for healing. By embracing your emotions, leaning on support, creating meaningful rituals, and caring for yourself, you can honor your loved ones in ways that feel right for you. Remember, you don't have to face this time alone. Resources like journey cards from RememberingALife.com and other ways to keep memories alive are available to provide guidance and comfort as needed.

Get a little 'cheesy' with this Thanksgiving side

Cheese Souffle

The Dairy Alliance and Tennessee Technological University dietetic students

- 2 ounces Cheddar (1/2 cup after shredded)
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 1 egg, separated
- Nutmeg, to taste
- Salt, to taste
- Pepper, to taste

1. Shred the cheese and set aside. Heat a saucepan over medium and add flour and butter. Stir continuously for 1-2 minutes until golden and nutty. Whisk milk in, stir until mixture comes to a simmer. Simmer until thickened, then set aside to cool.
2. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
3. Separate egg white from yolk, and put in two separate bowls.
4. In a large mixing bowl, combine egg yolk, grated cheese, cooled roux, nutmeg, salt, and pepper. Stir to combine.
5. In other bowl, beat egg white until foamy stiff peaks form. Next gently, fold egg white mixture into other mixture in two batches.
6. Fill 2 6-oz buttered ramekins with mixture.
7. Bake for 22-25 minutes. Let cool briefly and enjoy!

THIS PUZZLE IS TERRIFIC By Timothy E. Parker

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'I am very proud of this young man'
Chris Hobbs, criminal justice instructor at Community High School

Submitted Photo

The team, from left, Community High School Principal Robert Ralston; guidance counselor Kailey Pierce; Beverly Whitaker, WBL; Deputy Chief Nikia Elliott; senior Julian C. Morris; Jail Administrator Ronnie Prince; ICON Supervisor Sam Blevins and CJ Instructor Chris Hobbs.

Community High School and Bedford County Sheriff's Department has joined forces once again to offer senior, Julian C. Morris, a work-based learning (WBL) opportunity.

Morris will soon start an internship program geared towards a career in corrections. During this WBL experience, Morris will learn a variety of career skills focused on serving as a correctional officer.

"This unique opportunity allows students to have an entry level career experience into the criminal justice profession," said Chris Hobbs, criminal justice instructor, who is credited with much of the success of this program.

Also given a lot of credit for this internship are: BCSO Chief Deputy Nikia Elliott; Jail Administrator Ronnie Prince; ICON Supervisor Sam Blevins; CTE Director Lori Sexton; CHS Principal Robert Ralston; and WBL Coordinator Beverly Whitaker.



LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEET WITH SCHS CJ STUDENTS

School Photo

Major Charles Merlo (left) with Shelbyville Police Department and SRO John Cooke from Bedford County Sheriff's Office recently met with newly elected Shelbyville Central Criminal Justice Student Organization officers Amber Dow, president; Navaeha Chantharack, sergeant; and Rebecca Sebastian Perez, corporal. Topics of discussion included community safety, crime and technology.

OFFICER RECOGNIZED FOR 26 YEARS OF SERVICE

SPD Photo

Jerry Lawrence was recently recognized by Shelbyville Police Department for his 26 years of service. Officer Lawrence is assigned to the A Day shift.





Office of the Sheriff
Bedford County Tennessee
Activity Report for the month of October, 2025

Total Miles: 82,407
Total Citations: 9
Total Warrants Served: 772
Total Arrests Made: 242
Total Inmates Currently in Holding: Jail: 337
10-27 (Burglary): 2
10-42 (Alarms): 31
10-43 (Investigations, etc): 347
10-44 (Stolen Vehicle): 2
10-45 (Auto Acc. No Injury): 62
10-46 (Auto Acc. W/Injury): 8
10-49 (Drunk Driver): 1
10-56 (Prowler): 1
(Child Abuse): 3
(Assault/Agg. Assault): 26
10-64 (Motorist Assist): 86
10-72 (Fire): 0
10-86 (Domestic): 14
10-14 (Escort - No Arrest): 23
10-15 (Transport In Custody): 27
10-81 (Traffic Stop): 226
911 (Hang-up & Other): 51
Other: 88
Total: 722



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Benefit Dinner | December 5, 2025

You are invited to FHU's 61st Benefit Dinner! Join us Friday, December 5, 2025, in the newly-renovated Dryden Auditorium featuring retired Four-Star General Stanley McChrystal and entertainment by the Hardeman Boys.

Because of you, students' lives can be changed. Your generosity, along with others who have supported the FHU Benefit Dinner, can help fund scholarships for thousands of students and add to the millions that have been raised during the past 61 years. Sponsorships are available now, and tickets go on sale October 15.

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Scan the QR code to learn more!

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Blue Raiders battle to the end but fall at WKU

MT ATHLETICS

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Middle Tennessee delivered one of its most inspired efforts of the season Saturday, pushing rival WKU deep into the fourth quarter before ultimately falling 42-26 in Bowling Green.

Quarterback Roman Gagliano turned in a standout performance in his first collegiate start, throwing for 389 yards, two touchdowns, and adding 82 rushing yards as he kept the Blue Raiders' offense humming all afternoon. Explosive plays – including a 52-yard strike to Myles Butler and a 34-yard touchdown run by DJ Taylor – pulled MTSU within two points early in the final quarter.

The Blue Raider defense had its moments as well, highlighted by Parker Hughes' 62-yard interception return, his first career pick, that set up a fourth-quarter field goal to make it 28-26.

Despite being outpaced in time of possession, Middle Tennessee outgained WKU through the air and matched the Hilltoppers big play for big play until the final minutes. WKU added two late touchdowns to pull away, but the Blue Raiders' fight, resilience, and offensive firepower were on full display.

MTSU (1-9, 0-6 CUSA) now turns its attention to celebrating its seniors in its final home game against Sam Houston Nov. 22 after showing significant progress on both sides of the ball.

>> Offensive Player Notes

#5 | Myles Butler | WR | Gr.

• Recorded his first 100+ yard receiving game of the season with his 105-yard performance

#6 | AJ Jones | WR | R-Jr.

• Grabbed his third touchdown catch of the season in the second quarter. All three touchdowns have come in the last four games.

#16 | Roman Gagliano | QB | R-Fr.

• Made his first collegiate start today against WKU in place of the injured Nicholas Vattiato. Vattiato had started 33 straight games for the Blue Raiders.

• His 389 yards made him the first QB to throw for over 300 yards in his first start since Chase Cunningham in 2022. Cunningham made his first collegiate start at Charlotte and responded with 379 passing yards on 28 of 40 throwing five touchdowns and a team-high 65 rushing yards.

• Gagliano's 64-yard run in the second quarter was the longest by a quarterback this season and the second longest by the team behind Jekail Middlebrooks' 72-yard run.



. Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

#28 | Rickey Hunt | RB | R-So.

• Made his first collegiate start at running back today against WKU in place of leading rusher and the nation's leading receiver for running back Jekail Middlebrook.

#29 | DJ Taylor | RB | Fr.

• Rushed for a career-high 50 yards on six carries.

• Taylor scored his first career touchdown on a 34-yard carrty in the third quarter. The carry marked his longest run of the year.

#89 | Landon Collins | WR | Fr.

• Made his first Blue Raider start today when he lined up at receiver

• Hauled in a career-best 49 yards in Bowling Green on three receptions, including a longest catch of 38 yards.

#91 | Felix Hixon | NT | R-Jr.

• Made his first career start today against WKU.

>> Defensive Player Notes

#9 | Parker Hughes | ILB | Gr.

• His interception, accompanied by a 62-yard run, in the third quarter was the first of his career.

#11 | Brandon Buckner | OLB | Gr.

• Recorded his first multi-sack game of the season, tallying two sacks on the day.

• His 2.5 tackles-for-loss for 11 yards mark a career-best

#25 | Jackson Lowe | CB | R-Fr.

• Lowe tallied a career-best eight tackles, tacking on his fourth pass breakup on his career as well.

#58 | Korey Smith | ILB | So.

• He finished the game with a career-best 11 tackles.

#91 | Felix Hixon | NT | R-Jr.

• Made his first career start today against WKU.

Blue Raiders Come Up Short at Rice, 66–59

MT ATHLETICS

HOUSTON, Texas — Middle Tennessee (2–2) faced a challenging road matchup on Saturday afternoon, ultimately falling to Rice (2–1) by a score of 66–59.

The Blue Raiders established an early 9–4 lead midway through the first quarter behind baskets from senior Alayna Contreras and freshman guard Carsyn Swaney. The second quarter remained competitive, featuring five lead changes and four ties. Freshman Blair Baugus played a crucial role in regaining momentum for MTSU, contributing a series of inside baskets and two free throws that tied the game at 17–17. Rice took a 29–27 lead going into halftime.

In the fourth quarter, Baugus knocked down a three-pointer at the 6:44 mark to cut the deficit to 50–47. Moments later, Swaney's steal led to a transition layup by Macie Phifer, giving Middle Tennessee a 51–50 lead.

The Blue Raiders continued to battle until the end, with Baugus scoring her final field goal with just seven seconds remaining. However, Rice secured the victory at the free-throw line.

Baugus recorded a career-high 22 points and seven rebounds, while Contreras added 10 points, and sophomore Savannah Davis contributed 13 points off the bench.

By the Numbers

15: Both teams finished with 15 bench points.

22: Baugus recorded a game-high 22 points.

32: MTSU scored 32 points in the paint, compared to Rice's 24.



. Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

UP NEXT:

The Blue Raiders will host the No. 12 Tennessee Lady Volunteers on Thursday, Nov. 20. Tipoff is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. CT. The game will air on the Blue Raider Network and stream on ESPN+.

Vikings Suffer Season-Opening Defeat at Hickman County

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CENTERVILLE, Tenn. – The Community Vikings (0-1) entered the first year under new head coach Hunter Ferrell at Hickman County (1-0) on Tuesday, falling 76-41 in the first game of the Hunter Ferrell era.

The Bulldogs had three players score in double figures, with Bradyn Brown finishing with a team-high 17 points, Tim Puckett scoring 16 points, and Will McDonald chipping in with 14 points of his own.

For Community, Charlie Haskins led the way with a game-high 19 points, and Josh Powers joined him in double-figures with 10 points on the night.

Hickman County took a 17-10 lead at the end of the opening period thanks to six points from Brown, five from Puckett, and four from McDonald in a balanced effort. For the Vikings, Powers led the way with five points, and Haskins connected on a three-pointer as well.

In the second quarter, Haskins scored six of the eight points for Community while the Bulldogs connected on three more triples to help grow the lead to 34-18 heading into the halftime locker room.

Coming out of halftime, Brown took over for Hickman County, leading the charge with eight points to go along with eight points from Puckett as well. Brody Worley connected on a pair of three-pointers for good measure as part of a 28-point third period that saw the Bulldogs take a commanding 62-34 lead going into the final frame. Haskins led the way with six points for Community.

The result was merely a formality in the fourth quarter as Hickman County outscored the Vikings 14-7 to reach the final margin of 76-41.

Kaegan Young Scores 1,000th Point; Lady Champs Fall Late at Franklin County

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WINCHESTER, Tenn. - The Cascade Lady Champions (0-1) held a slim lead for the majority of Tuesday's Hall of Fame matchup at Franklin County (1-0), but were unable to hold on late, falling 45-42 in the season opener.

Kaegan Young, who signed with UT Southern over the summer, led all scorers with 20 points on 8/13 shooting, ending the night reaching the 1,000 career-point mark in the process. She is the second Lady Champion to score 1,000 points under Janie Demonbreum, the first being Sophie Ray a season ago. Lizzie Keele chipped in with eight points as well.



Kaegan Young (22) scores two of her game-high 20 points at Franklin County on Tuesday night.. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

For Franklin County, Kenzie Arnold led the way with a team-high 12 points, including ten in the second half. Gracen Baggett added 10 points of her own, as did Jaelyn Ritchie.

Cascade jumped out to an early lead, but the Rebellettes were able to tie the game at 12 going into the second quarter. In that second quarter, the Lady Champs outscored the hosts by two points, heading into the halftime locker room with a 21-19 lead.

In the third quarter, Young scored seven of the 12 points for the Lady Champions, extending Cascade's lead to 33-29 heading into the final frame. She would also score six of her team's nine total points, but ultimately Franklin County forced just enough turnovers that led to easy layups to take their first lead of the night since early in the first quarter, 43-42, with 1:33 left to play.



Kaegan Young (right) after scoring 1,000 career points at Franklin County. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

Cascade was the beneficiary of missed free throws in crucial spots by the Rebellettes, and had a chance to tie the game with less than ten seconds left. Demonbreum drew up a play to get Suzanna Crews a corner three, but her shot was off to the left. Even after Na'Kayjah Holman missed a pair with five seconds, Cascade was unable to get a better shot than a half-court heave that landed harmless on the hardwood, preserving the Franklin County win, 45-42.

Franklin County improves to 1-0 and travels to Battle Ground Academy on Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

Cascade falls to 0-1. The Lady Champions are scheduled to host Eagleville for their home-opener at 6:00 p.m. LIVE on WZNG The Zinger 100.9 and AM 1400.

Champs Roll in First Game of Worsley Era at Franklin County

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WINCHESTER, Tenn. - The Cascade Champions (1-0) led by as much as 38 points at an overmatched Franklin County (0-1) on Tuesday night, ultimately taking home the season-opening win by that margin, 66-28.



Tyler Rodgers (25) soars through the lane for two of his 13 points in Tuesday's win. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

Kaleb Kelso led all scorers with 16 points, Tyler Rodgers added 13 points, and Noah Watson chipped in with 11 points to spark the visitors to the big win.

Jayden Cisco was the only Rebel to reach double figures with 11 points. Monte Johnson chipped in with eight points of his own, but the hosts struggled to get anything going against the tenacious Cascade defense. The Champions forced more than 20 turnovers on the night with the majority of them directly leading to easy baskets on the offensive end.

Cascade took a 19-9 lead after the opening period, and the lead only continued to grow in the second quarter. The Champs held a 33-13 lead until the Rebels went on a 5-0 mini-run to draw within 15 points, 33-18, heading into the halftime locker room.

In the third quarter, the visitors put together their best quarter of the night, outscoring the Rebels 25-7 to take a commanding 58-25 lead going into the final frame.

Cascade kept up the defensive intensity despite the massive lead, holding the Rebels to just three points in the fourth quarter to take home the 66-28 victory.

Franklin County falls to 0-1 and will travel to Cannon County on Thursday night.

Cascade improves to 1-0 and will host Class A State Tournament favorites, Eagleville, in the season's home-opener on Friday night, LIVE on The Zinger 100.9 and AM 1400 starting at 5:45 p.m.



Kaleb Kelso (5) led all scorers with 16 points to begin his senior year, leading Cascade to a 38-point season-opening victory on Tuesday. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

Golden Eagles Soar at Cleveland Behind Big Second Half to Open 2025

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CLEVELAND, Tenn. – After going into halftime with a slim 38-32 lead, the Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (1-0) came out of the locker room on a mission, outscoring the hometown Cleveland Blue Raiders (0-1) by 20 points in the second half, taking home the season-opening victory in dominant fashion, 78-52.

Shelbyville's Tae'Shawn Shelton scored a team-high 20 points, Jevon Lee continued right where he ended his freshman year with 15 points, and Malek Johnson chipped in with 14 points of his own in the blowout win.

Cleveland was led by Brayden Beavers who put in a game-high 22 points on the night on five threes, but he was the only Blue Raider to reach double-figures.

Early on, Beavers and Ben DeLoach connected on a pair or triples each, both tallying eight points in the first quarter to give Cleveland an early 18-16 lead. However, in the second quarter, the Golden Eagles' offense came to life with six different players scoring en route to a 22-point quarter. Shelton led the way with seven points to put Shelbyville in front for good.

In the third quarter, the Shelbyville defense continued to stay locked in, holding Cleveland to just nine points in the period to take a commanding 60-41 lead going into the final frame. From there, the Golden Eagles could coast to an impressive season-opening victory on the road, 78-52.

Cleveland travels to take on Chattanooga Central on Friday night.

Shelbyville travels to Murfreesboro to take on Siegel on Thursday night, LIVE on WLIJ 98.7 and AM 1580 starting at 5:45 p.m.

Eaglettes Struggle at Cleveland to Open the Season

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CLEVELAND, Tenn. – The Shelbyville Central Eaglettes (0-1) struggled to find any consistent offense in Tuesday's season-opener at the Cleveland Blue Raiders (1-0), falling 69-26.

Jada Berry led the Eaglettes with nine points on the night while Yazmine McFarland chipped in with a pair of three pointers.

Meanwhile, Cleveland finished with five players in double-figures, led by Laney Copeland's game-high 13 points. Addy Gravelle and Emily Patterson each scored 12 points, Ariyah Huffman added 11 points, and Ilianis Rodriguez chipped in with 10 points of her own, including eight in the first quarter alone.

Cleveland took a 17-11 lead after the opening period, but that lead quickly ballooned to 27 points by halftime. The Blue Raiders held the Eaglettes scoreless in the second quarter, outsourcing the visitors 21-0 to take a 38-11 lead into the halftime locker room.

Cleveland kept up the pressure, growing the lead to 55-20 at the end of the third quarter before coasting to a 69-26 win.

Cleveland improves to 1-0 and will travel to Girls Preparatory School in Chattanooga on Friday night.

Shelbyville Central falls to 0-1, but look to bounce back at Siegel on Thursday night, LIVE on WLIJ 98.7 and AM 1580 starting at 5:45 p.m.

People around town: Shelby Chapter DAR

Submitted Photos



Shelby Chapter DAR had an America 250 table at the Normandy Fall Festival on Oct. 25. Maureen Garrett and Lee Travis (not pictured) handed out American flags, Constitution booklets, and patriot coloring pages to attendees. They met several individuals interested in genealogy and American history.



From left, Mary Cathryn Perry, Linda Ross, Nancy June Brandon, Ardis Rittenberry-members of FUMC Shelbyville and Shelby Chapter DAR who presented refreshments at the recent meeting.



During the Oct. 22 DAR meeting, Judge Muriel Robinson was awarded the DAR Women in American History award and medal. Lee Travis read several of Judge Robinsons' accomplishments. Regent Maureen Garrett made the presentation.

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Psalm 100 KJV:

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1. Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.
2. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.
3. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
4. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
5. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.



How sweet it is- honey roasted turkey!



(Family Features)

During this season of Thanksgiving, people are focused on family, friends and, of course, food. This honey-roasted turkey breast recipe is the perfect main dish when gathering your loved ones for a comforting meal you can feed good about.

The secret ingredient is raw honey, sourced entirely in the U.S., tested for safety, quality and three times for purity.

So, welcome your guests, raise a toast and feast on all that's made possible by honeybees, including this show-stopping honey-roasted turkey.

Honey-Roasted Turkey Breast

Servings: 8

- 1 full turkey breast (6-7 pounds), bone in, skin on, fully thawed
- kosher salt
- freshly ground black pepper

Glaze:

- 1/2 cup Busy Bee Raw Honey or other raw honey
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 3 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 3 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1 clove garlic, peeled and crushed

1. Preheat oven to 500 degrees.
2. Season turkey liberally on both sides with salt and pepper; let sit at room temperature 1 hour in large roasting pan with roasting rack.
3. To make glaze: In medium saucepan over high heat, combine honey, orange juice, mustard, vinegar, salt, pepper, thyme and garlic.
4. Bring to boil then reduce heat to medium and simmer 15 minutes, or until reduced by two-thirds.
5. Remove from heat and set aside.
6. Place roasting pan in center of oven and reduce temperature to 350 F.
7. After 45 minutes, brush on layer of glaze. Cook 10 minutes.
8. Brush on another layer of glaze. Cook 10 minutes.
9. Brush on one more layer of glaze, cooking until internal temperature of turkey registers 165 F.
10. Remove from oven and let rest 30 minutes.
11. Cut meat from bone, slice and drizzle with remaining glaze before serving.

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