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Fly Arts Center celebrates 2025, and looking toward 2026

Historic building turns 100 next year

By Dawn Hankins

Fly Arts Center patrons held a ribbon cutting ceremony and grand reopening celebration last Friday at the historic site on South Main Street. It was a time to celebrate 2025 and look forward to great things planned for 2026.

"Over the past fifteen months, our incredible team of volunteers has worked tirelessly to restore and revitalize The Fly Arts Center. As our historic building approaches its 100th anniversary in 2026, these renovations mark a major milestone in preserving and celebrating a true community treasure," said Fly Arts Center President Jody Barnes-Turner.

The Fly's refreshed facility now features a restored theatre and remodeled art gallery. As well, there's a renovated history museum with expanded artifact displays.

"We are deeply proud of these accomplishments and the dedicated volunteers who made them possible," said Barnes-Turner.

As for the arts in 2026, word is, the "butterfly" is about to go "buck wild" in celebration of a new season. The Fly is planning a New Year's Eve party to kick things off, featuring live music by Kelson Buck & the Buckwild Band.

It's all happening on Wed, Dec. 31. Tickets are $45/person and include a champagne toast, two drinks and party favors.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live music begins at 8:30. Tables may be reserved for parties of 6 or more. Tickets are limited. For more information, go to flyartscenter.com.



Council to enjoy upcoming holiday events

Tough decisions later this month, concerning local development

By Dawn Hankins
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During City Council's study session Tuesday, City Manager Scott Collins delivered what could be an early Christmas present for Shelbyville businesses. The downtown improvement grant through the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development has been approved, which means that local businesses could soon apply for building improvement dollars.

Collins said a meeting is planned with South Central Development District on Friday to work out the perimeters. Downtown businesses will soon receive their information for the application process.

Improvements can include:

- Building Façade Improvements (At least 50% of the proposed total grant project must be for façade improvements)
- Downtown Gateway Improvements on publicly owned property
- Streetscape Improvements on publicly owned property
- Downtown Courtyard Improvements-on publicly owned property
- Downtown/Wayfinding Signage
- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
- Safety and Stability Improvements to include roofs and sprinkler systems at a percentage of total project

Collins also said right of way dollars are forthcoming from the state and will hopefully enhance the continuation of some significant, local projects.

Collins mentioned Friday's Christmas on the square event and a new activity at Shelbyville Parks and Recreation. The half mile walking trail at the Rec Center, called North Pole Stroll, is a brand-new activity full of lights and inflatables.

"We decided to do something a little bit different this year . . . encourage folks to get out and take a stroll with family, loved ones," said Trevor Freitas, Rec Center director.

Collins said public works and the Christmas committee, made up of City employees, have both really gone over and above with Christmas decorations.

In other business, City Council discussed a resolution for adopting a Plan of Services for an area proposed for annexation, 25.33 (+/-) acres comprising of two tracts of land under the same ownership of Suzy Cartwright Johnson, addressed as State Route 437 ("ByPass") and referenced in Bedford County Tax Map 069, Parcels 061.04 and 061.05, located south of the Bypass and northeast of Richdale Lane. This annexation is by owner consent and to be incorporated within the boundaries of the City of Shelbyville.

There were some questions which came up from Councilman Henry Feldhaus regarding this property on Highway 437 and annexation.

"Is it technically in the City?" he asked.

Mayor Randy Carroll said the property is technically in the County, hence the reason for the annexation request.

Feldhaus asked if the annexation includes the highway. And what about the adjoining land on the side?

Planning Director Tom Batchelor said he was 90 percent sure of that answer; he didn't respond to Feldhaus but said he would get back to them. Council meets in regular session on Dec. 16 at 6 p.m.

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LEVEL 4 AND 5 URS TEACHERS RECOGNIZED

BCS Communications Photo

During the November Bedford County Board of Education meeting, 1st and 2nd grade teachers whose students reached Level 4 and Level 5 growth on the Universal Reading Screener for 2024-2025, were recognized. See additional photo and the list of teachers on page 3 today.

Lots of Christmas happenings this weekend

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 and fireworks! 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.

THE 52ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

Theme: Christmas Around the World. Saturday Dec. 6 at 4:00 p.m. (Rain Date: TBD.) 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

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS AT FUMC-S

First United Methodist Church on the square will sponsor a live nativity on Friday, Dec. 5, from 5 to 6 p.m. On Sunday, Dec. 7, at 5 p.m., a children's musical, "Good News Flash" will be presented. Featured singers include the Wesley Warriors and J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) choirs.

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.

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.

Send us your "Dear Santa" letters by Dec. 12. Please include the child's first name and grade. (Preschool and elementary age children.)

Email to: dawn@richardsonmediagroup.net, mail to us at PO Box 380, Shelbyville, TN 37160, or drop by the office at 411 Elm St.

Print spot ads available on "Dear Santa" page. Contact Dawn at dawn@richardsonmediagroup.net.



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Battle of Highway 41-A

Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles force overtime, but fall just short to rival Tullahoma in the 'Battle of Highway 41-A.'

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Feldhaus said he's often thought about, and proposed, that the 437 Bypass should be annexed same way as 231 North at the airport. He said now property owners are out near the bypass wanting to annex.

Also up for discussion was an ordinance of the Shelbyville City Council to amend the Shelbyville Zoning Map by approving the rezoning of approximately 13.07 (+/-) acres (a vacant parcel) owned by Suzy Cartwright Johnson, Addressed as State Route 437, referenced in Bedford County, Tennessee Tax Records as Tax Map 069, Parcel 61.04 and Attached as Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B-Survey", From County Agriculture-1 (County A-1) to Commercial-2 (C-2, General Business.)

As well, there was requested an ordinance of the Shelbyville City Council to amend the Shelbyville Zoning Map by approving the rezoning of approximately 12.26 (+/-) acres (vacant parcel) owned by Suzy Cartwright Johnson, Addressed as State Route 437, referenced in Bedford County, Tennessee Tax Records as Tax Map 069, Parcel 61.05 and attached as Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B-Survey" From County Agriculture-1 (County A-1) to Residential-4 (R-4, higher density.)

The Planning Commission provided a favorable and unanimous recommendation for the annexation and rezoning of parcel 61.04 to C-2. But there was an unfavorable recommendation by the Planning Commission for the rezoning of parcel 61.05 to R-4 (higher density-apartment complex) and some concern raised by some councilmen over such requested developments off 437 Bypass.

Councilman Josh Blevins, who sits on the City PC, said this type of rezoning request (for higher density) is a decision that needs to be made by City Council. He said 180 units, as proposed, would make this apartment complex development incompatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

Announcements:

- A Bedford County Christmas event will take place on Friday, Dec. 5, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. "Santa's Elves" will be giving out free hot chocolate and cookies at City Hall from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.
- The City of Shelbyville will host its annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon on Dec. 8, beginning at 11:00 AM at Blue-Ribbon Circle.
- Winners for the 2nd Annual Downtown Merchants' Window Decorating Contest will be announced at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 16. Voting for the People's Choice opened Tuesday at noon and will end at noon on Monday, Dec 15.
- City Hall will be Closed on Wednesday, Dec. 24 and Thursday, Dec. 25, in observation of the Christmas holidays.
- Public Works will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 24, for Christmas Eve. Wednesday's trash will be picked up on Tuesday, Dec. 23, with Tuesday's regular route. Public Works will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 25, for Christmas Day and Thursday's trash will be picked up on Monday, Dec. 29, with Monday's regular route.

Though the developer was not pleased with the PC decision, Blevins said he was advised that the City of Shelbyville Usage Map is "just a guide."

"I don't know if we want to be clogging up our bypass with a lot of apartment complexes?" said Councilman Blevins.

Councilman Bobby Turnbow added, "We've got to be careful, as a Council."

Council is scheduled to officially vote on this ordinance during regular session, which has been moved to Dec. 16 at 6 p.m.

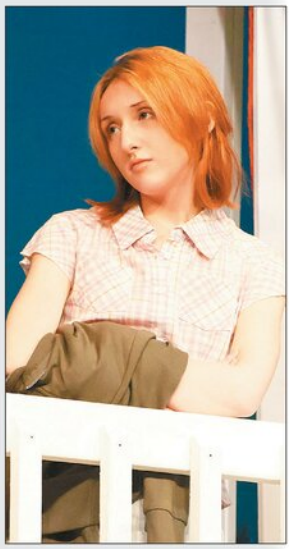
Community performance of GAZEBO STAYS a big seasonal hit

Submitted Photos

Bravo to students Aaron Kight and Kalen Collins, Parker Behrns (as "Billy), "Don" (Aaron Kight), and Destiny Roaden who portrays "Kim", one of several high schoolers who find a "home away from home" at the local gazebo. A friendship is formed when "Don" (Aaron Kight) meets the school's top actor, "Bruce", played by Aslen Wright.









CHAMPIONS AT STATE HORSE EVENT

Cascade High School's FFA Horse Judging Team, led by instructor Mike Swafford, recently competed at the TN FFA State Horse Evaluation contest at Miller Coliseum at MTSU in Murfreesboro. Team members were: Leah Tapp, Bre Lovvorn, Emma Black and Taylor Wilson-all who showcased their skills in placing six classes and giving three sets of oral reasons, achieving outstanding results. The team received first in placings; second in performance; and fourth overall out of 79 teams. Taylor Wilson earned the 3rd high individual ribbon out of 305 contestants!

Tennessee Promise applications hold strong with more than 67,000 high school seniors applying for the scholarship

Nashville, TN – Monday, November 24, 2025 – The Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) announced today that more than 67,000 high school seniors applied for Tennessee Promise ahead of the November deadline, maintaining strong statewide momentum for one of the nation's most successful college access programs.

Tennessee Promise, a program administered by THEC, provides students with last-dollar scholarship support to cover tuition and mandatory fees not already paid by the Pell Grant, HOPE Scholarship, or Tennessee Student Assistance Award. Through partnerships with the Ayers Foundation Trust and tnAchieves, students also benefit from mentoring, guidance, and hands-on support to ensure a successful transition from high school to higher education.

"Tennessee Promise continues to be a powerful driver of opportunity," said Dr. Steven Gentile, THEC Executive Director. "Seeing this level of sustained engagement from students across the state reinforces our shared commitment to making higher education accessible, affordable, and within reach for every Tennessean."

Next Step for Students: FAFSA Opens Doors to Additional Financial Aid

Now that applications are in, the most important next step for students is completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)—a requirement for Tennessee Promise eligibility and the key to unlocking both federal and state financial aid opportunities. The FAFSA deadline for Tennessee Promise applicants is April 1.

Level 4 and 5 teachers recognized by school board

Cascade Elementary
Ambre Cooke-4
Haley Epperson-5
Sharon Frazier-5
Karen Jackson-4
Sarah McKinney-4
Kaylee Melson-4
Beth Ray-4
Stefanie Sloan- 4 Cannot Attend
Community Elementary
Lauren Ray-4
Misty Thompson-4
Kally Watts-4
Madalyn West-4
ErinWood-4
Learning Way
Tamara Bach-4
Liberty
Christy Howell-4
Kelli Pyrdum-4
Crystal Sarellano-4
Earl Scheidler-4
Shana Pitts-4 Cannot Attend
Eaken
Cammy Hawn-4
Thomas Magnet
Anna Davidson-5
Beth Keele-5
Rhonda Wooten-5



Bedford County Schools honored with Change Makers Award

Bedford County Schools (BCS) has been named a 2024–2025 RTI2-A+B Change Makers Award recipient by the Tennessee Tiered Supports Center, in partnership with the Tennessee Department of Education.

The award recognizes districts that have strengthened their tiered academic and behavioral support systems, creating lasting change that benefits every student.

BCS RTI Coordinator Susan Huff and Social and Emotional Learning and Mental Health Supervisor Lindsay Wiley were recognized as key contributors to the district's success.

"Congratulations to Susan and Lindsay for their leadership in supporting every student's success," said Superintendent Dr. Tammy Garrett. "This award reflects our district's commitment to strong, responsive systems that help all students thrive."

Bedford County Schools is committed to providing high-quality education and robust support systems that ensure every student can reach their full potential. Through innovative practices and a dedicated staff, the district continues to strengthen student achievement and community engagement across Bedford County.

"Districts like Bedford County Schools show what's possible when schools commit to building strong, sustainable systems of support," said Educational Consultant Dr. Julie Daye from the Tennessee Tiered Supports Center. "We are proud to celebrate their impactful achievement and look forward to sharing their story as they continue on the path of becoming a Model of Demonstration for school districts across the state of Tennessee!"

Bedford County Schools will soon share its innovative practices as an RTI2-A+B District Model of Demonstration across Tennessee.

Bedford County Schools is a district of sixteen schools committed to the academic and personal success of each child and serving over 8,800 students.



Dr. Julie Daye, Educational Consultant at Vanderbilt University (left), represents the Tennessee Tiered Supports Center in presenting the Change Makers Award to Bedford County Schools' Lindsay Wiley (middle) and Susan Huff at a recent statewide conference in Chattanooga.

TDOE announces school and District Designations for 2024-25 School Year

Several Bedford County schools earn Reward status

Last week, the Tennessee Department of Education announced state school and district designations for the 2024-25 school year, including Reward schools, Exemplary districts, and In Need of Improvement districts. These designations are based on various performance indicators, including student achievement and growth.

Bedford County schools Eakin Elementary, East Side Elementary and Cascade High School have been named Reward Schools for last school year by TDOE. This honor recognizes schools with high performance or significant improvement in academics, growth, attendance, graduation rates and success across all student groups.

Across the state, the number of Reward schools increased from 377 in 2023–24 to 459 in 2024-25, representing a 22 percent increase. At the district level, the number of Exemplary districts increased from 10 in 2023–24 to 14 in 2024–25, reflecting a 40 percent increase. The number of In Need of Improvement districts decreased from nine in 2023–24 to eight in 2024–25, reflecting an 11 percent decrease. The complete list of district and school designations is available on the department's accountability webpage.

"Because of the dedication of Tennessee district, charter, and school leaders, along with our outstanding educators, we are proud to see their hard work demonstrated in these results," said Lizzette Reynolds, Commissioner of Education. "Congratulations to the 459 Reward schools and the 14 Exemplary districts for reaching this incredible milestone."

Each year, schools and districts are eligible for designations based on their overall performance across indicators that are essential to student success, including how they prepared students to be proficient (achievement), accelerated student learning (growth), encouraged students to attend school regularly (chronically out of school), prepared students for postsecondary success (graduation rate and Ready Graduate), and supported English learners acquiring language skills.

Schools are recognized as a Reward school when they demonstrate high levels of performance and/or improvement in performance by meeting objectives across performance indicators and student groups, and the Reward school distinction places significant emphasis on performance and improvement across all indicators from the prior school year.



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Genesis 13

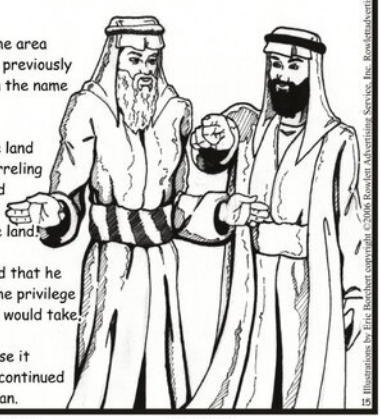
The famine that sent Abram from Canaan to Egypt was over so Abram returned to Negev with his wife and his nephew, Lot, and everything he had. Abram was wealthy with livestock, silver and gold.

They continued to Bethel and on to the area between Bethel and Ai, where he had previously built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the Lord.

Lot also had flocks and herds and the land would not support both families. Quarreling arose between Abram's herdsmen and Lot's herdsmen. There were also the Canaanites and Perizzites living in the land.

Being a peacemaker, Abram suggested that he and Lot part company. He gave Lot the privilege of choosing which part of the land he would take.

Lot chose the land near Sodom because it appeared to be more fertile. Abram continued to live in the less fertile land of Canaan.



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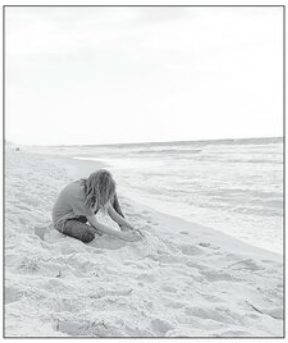
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Turning the tide on new Christmas memories

By DAWN HANKINS



T-G Photos by Dawn Hankins

Children and grandchildren grow up so fast, make some Christmas memories this year. Build some sandcastles, together.



This is a recent baptism held on a Florida beach.



Quiet coastlines: A great spot for early morning prayers.

On a recent trip down the Emerald Coast, I witnessed something for the first time in my life-a baptism on a beach. I've seen baptisms in water troughs, baptistries, creeks and rivers. It was a beautiful sight early one morning.

But it would be only fitting, right, to go to such beautiful waters for such a great ceremony of people professing their lives of service to The Lord. I didn't hear the conversations but I pray that's what was going on. (See photo.)

The late Billy Graham emphasized that baptism is an important act of obedience and a public declaration of faith. But he believed it is not a requirement for salvation. I agree. It is a public profession and symbolism of one giving their whole life to Jesus Christ. The profession of faith made prior to baptism is the key to salvation in Him.

The reason for the season is upon us. My prayer is this year that you make time for your children and grandchildren. Make some memories-good ones-they will remember for the rest of their lives.

It is time we put the adversities of 2025 behind us and move forward as a free nation. Joy comes at Christmas.

I understand the Lessons and Carols event held on Sunday and sponsored by the Ministerial Association might have been the best attended yet. We thank those who put on this special night at Edgemont, featuring some of the best vocalists.

So, this holiday season, don't get wrapped up in all the packages, ribbons and bags of stuff. While shopping local is really important, little hearts mean the most. Remember to love those little ones and appreciate each day you have to spend with them.

It saddens me to read a lot of domestic reports from law enforcement during the holiday season. My advice is making a change this season if maybe you haven't had the best family Christmases over the years.

It's never too late to make life more meaningful for those you love. Christmas is a special time for those changes. Let's pray about that as a community-that people will find true joy and love in their hearts this Advent.

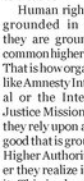
Locally, don't forget the Christmas spectacular-one complete with fireworks- this Friday, Dec. 5, on the public square. And following up on Saturday at 4, is the annual Jaycees Christmas parade.

So, turn on that Christmas music, grab the hands of those kiddos and rock around that Christmas tree!

Reminder: The Times-Gazette is accepting "Letters to Santa." The deadline is Dec. 12. Email those to dawn@richardsonmediagroup.net, drop them off at our office at 411 Elm St., or mail them to PO Box 380, Shelbyville, TN 37162.

I can't wait to read those!

Is God Dead? Adolf Hitler and Mother Teresa



Ty B. Kerley, DMin
Columnist

It is said that "the moral law is not always the standard by which we treat others, but it is nearly always the standard by which we expect others to treat us."

Human rights are not grounded in opinion; they are grounded in a common higher authority. That is how organizations like Amnesty International or the International Justice Mission function; they rely upon a common good that is grounded in a Higher Authority, whether they realize it or admit it. This is closely related to the argument from evil, where the atheist claims that the existence of evil in the world proves that there is no God. However, evil in the world does not disprove God, but it confirms that men instinctively know what evil is because they also know what good is. If man knows what good and evil are, then it is the moral law written on his conscience that has told him so. There is no other source. Remember, an atom is neither good nor evil.

As apologist Norman Geisler points out, if no moral law exists as the absolute standard for moral behavior, then there is no moral difference between Mother Teresa and Adolf Hitler; it is just your opinion. But, most of us, anyway, are appalled by what Hitler stood for, yet we praise Teresa for what she stood for. Only because there is a moral law seated in the consciousness and written on the human heart can we make that distinction. It is only because there is a moral law that things repulse us.

For multiple reasons, Darwinists and evolutionists have very little to say about moral law because it, like human consciousness, is an internal reality. There are no atoms that make up the moral law, just as there are no atoms that make up consciousness. With no atoms, there are no molecules; without molecules, there are no cells, and without cells, there can be no evolution. In other words, the moral law didn't come to you from the goo via the zoo. It is a brute fact residing in the deep recesses of the heart. It is a created reality. That is what makes us different from all the other animals. Philosopher Anthony O'Hear writes, "It is our perception of good and evil, of just and unjust, which distinguishes us from animals. But the Darwinists live and die by their evolutionary presuppositions. Christian philosopher William Lane Craig asks us to consider this: there are no moral obligations in the animal kingdom; think about it. The lion kills the zebra, but he doesn't murder the zebra. In the same way, the male dog sometimes breeds with its mother or sister. It procreates with its kin, but it doesn't commit incest. The hammerhead shark copulates violently with the female shark, but he doesn't rape her. There is nothing morally wrong with these behaviors because no moral obligation is pending upon them. These things in the animal world are things that "just are." They are brute facts for them. But those things are not considered things that "just are" in human society; they are all egregious violations of moral obligations. Why? Because God does not and did not create Himself. It follows that He does not, or did not create moral values; they are eternally present in His being. In part, that is what Christians mean when they proclaim, "God is holy. God is righteousness. God is just." For that reason, when God creates humans in His image and likeness, they must acknowledge objective moral values and treat each other accordingly.

But further, what this means is that if you are a Darwinist and believe in evolution, then there is no moral ground to stand on concerning the Holocaust or any other moral evil. Since Darwinists believe that survival of the fittest is a natural outworking of evolution, then there is no moral law that says the Holocaust was morally wrong or evil. In fact, without the moral law, what Hitler did is no different than the lion killing the zebra or the dog breeding his sister; "it just is." The Russian writer and Christian philosopher Fyodor Dostoyevsky said, "If God didn't exist, everything would be permitted." For Hitler, God did not exist; in his mind, everything was permitted. Even Nietzsche wrote that morality "has truth only if God is the truth; it stands or falls with faith in God." Even the atheist recognizes, though fails to admit, that there is no grounding for morality outside of the Moral Being that Christians call God.

Even so, Nietzsche argues that Christian morality is a "narrowing of perspectives." But I must ask: Do we really want to broaden our perspectives? How broad should the road be when it comes to the torture of a child? Shouldn't the perspective on murder, rape, theft, child abuse, etc., ad nauseum, be very narrow? Beyond that, who gets to set the boundaries? The military strongman? The intellectuals? The masters? Maybe, as Nietzsche suggests, it should be the philosophers who are "the commanders and the law-givers." But I hardly think so.

Join us again next week as we continue to probe the moral argument for evidence: *Is God dead?*

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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Keep the desserts coming, this holiday season!

If there's one food item that brings everyone together more than most during the holidays, it's warm, delicious desserts.

From classics like pumpkin pies and cookies to extravagant dishes like souffles, loved ones can savor the flavor of sweet treats at the dessert table all season long.

Leftover pumpkin? No problem.

Celebrate the seasonal deliciousness in these coffee house-style Brown Butter Pumpkin Spice Cookies. Featuring a rich, buttery flavor, these pumpkin cookies are rolled in cinnamon sugar, bake up soft and boast a sweet, crunchy exterior that's perfect for those who love pumpkin spice.

Happy baking!



Brown Butter Pumpkin Spice Cookies

Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 70 minutes
Yield: 48-50 cookies

- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 5 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 1 can (15 ounces) Green Giant 100% Pure Pumpkin
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- 2 egg yolks

For Rolling:

- 2 tablespoons cane sugar
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

1. In small sauté pan over medium heat, melt butter. Stir regularly until butter turns deep golden brown, 8-10 minutes. Pour browned butter into heat-safe bowl or measuring cup and refrigerate until cooled, but not solid, about 15 minutes.

2. In large mixing bowl, whisk flour, baking soda, salt and pumpkin pie spice. Set aside.

3. In separate medium mixing bowl, stir browned butter and brown sugar. Whisk in pumpkin and vanilla extract followed by eggs and egg yolks.

4. Gradually mix wet ingredients into dry until evenly mixed. Refrigerate dough 30 minutes.

5. Form dough into four separate logs 2-3 inches in diameter and about 7 inches long. Wrap each cookie dough log with plastic wrap. Freeze dough 30 minutes, or until ready to bake.

6. **For rolling:** Preheat oven to 350 degrees and line large baking sheet with parchment paper. Stir sugars and cinnamon on large plate. Unwrap desired amount of dough (thaw slightly at room temperature if dough is completely frozen) and roll each log in sugar mixture.

7. Slice into 1/2-inch slices. Place on baking sheet 3 inches apart.

8. Bake 14-15 minutes. Repeat with remaining cookie dough.

9. Cool cookies at room temperature on baking sheet 10 minutes before transferring to cooling rack and cooling 10 minutes.

Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

1) Prices paid
6) Matures, as wine
10) Fjord explorer?
14) Sneak___ (glimpse)
15) Romanian coins
16) "That's clear to me," hippiestyle
17) Dog found in the pound
18) New York canal
19) Grandma, affectionately
20) Easy___
21) A lift, in Aspen
22) Alumnus, for short
23) "Say___" (dentist's request)
25) Pungent-smelling
27) Forrest Gump's forte
31) Abstains from
35) By way of
36) Winter fall
38) Aid one's alma mater
39) Eat an ice cream cone, e.g.
41) You can't tell if she's coming or going?
43) Strip in the Middle East
44) City of Light
46) Mischievous type
48) Coop resident
49) Affording a view
51) Monotonous in cadence
53) Comprehension
55) Geological time
56) River border
59) Weaver's tool
61) Mended temporarily
65) San Juan, Puerto___
66) Emit amplified light
67) Subtle sarcasm
68) "Back___hour" (shop sign)
69) Quarter-miler's path
70) Launch a tennis ball
71) Bachelor's party
72) Flogging memento
73) Some playing cards

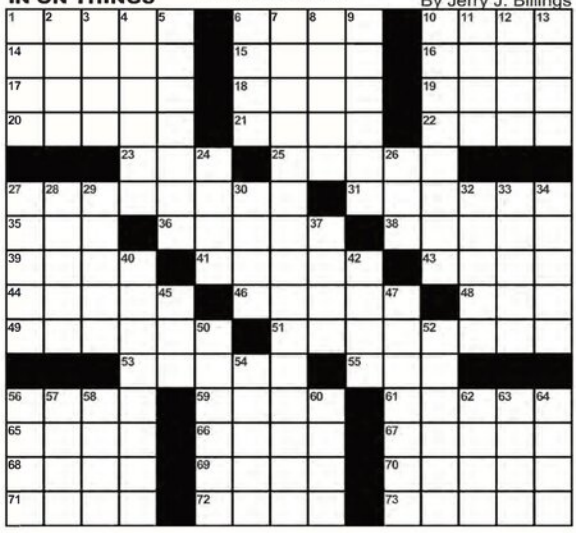
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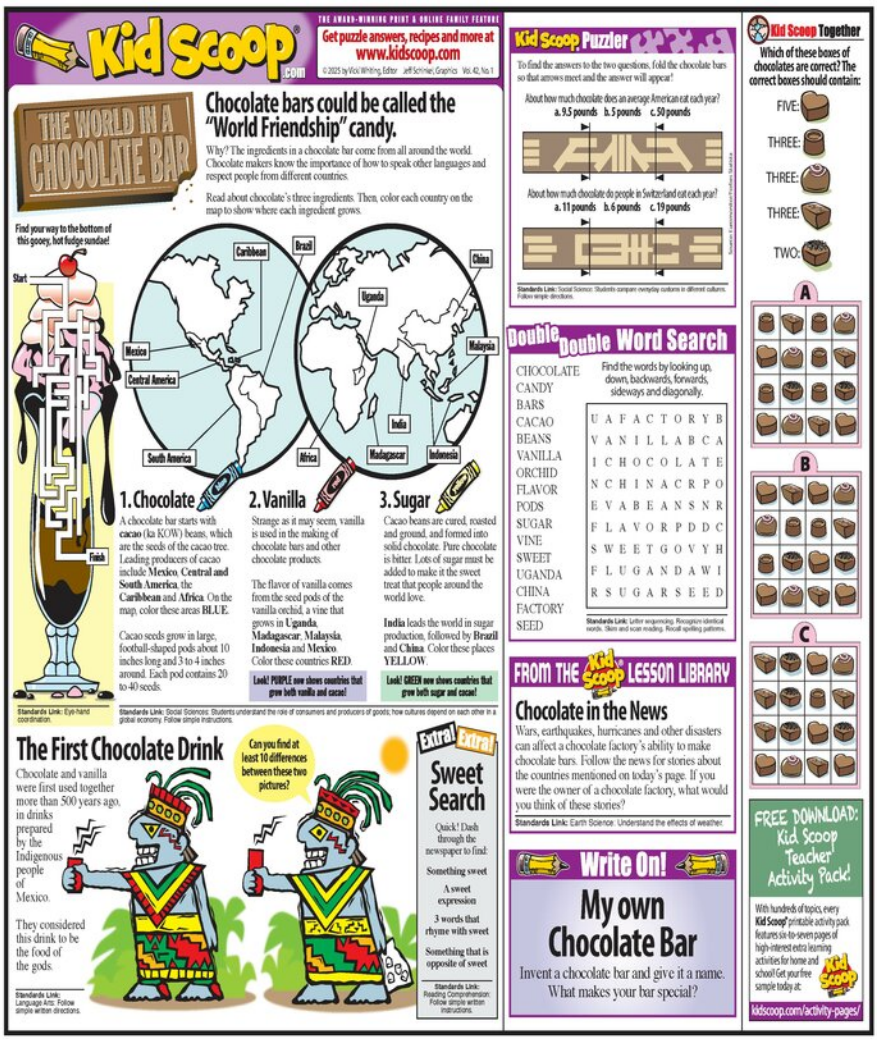
1) Dwelling in Durango
2) ___ out (withdraws)
3) Word in a Doris Day tune
4) Little sack of leaves
5) Airport porters
6) Aid in crime
7) Pig, in the Flintstones' kitchen
8) Early 30-ton computer
9) Lead-in for "Madre" or "Leone"
10) Door opener?
11) Jewish month before Nisan
12) One of Columbus' three ships
13) "Goodness gracious!"
24) Celeste or Ian
26) "Direct" ending
27) Insect feelers
28) "Sacro" addition
29) Mother-of-pearl
30) A tide
32) "Famous potatoes" state
33) Thirteen, to some bakers
34) What the hillbilly batter did?
37) Vehicle at a stand
40) Empire State Building climber
42) Outfielder's call
45) Title of respect
47) Stuck-up sort
50) Immature
52) Hunter, at times
54) Dry white Italian wine
56) Jewish rite of circumcision
57) The "non-existent" contraction
58) "Sweet 16" org.
60) Soften, as chocolate
62) Skin orifice
63) Green feeling?
64) Pre-Easter purchases

IN ON THINGS

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By Jerry J. Billings





SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on 01/08/2026 on or about 11:00 AM, at the Main Entrance, Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, Bedford County, Tennessee, conducted by the Co-Substitute Trustees as identified and set for the herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by JOHN DANDRIDGE AND WIFE, JANIE DANDRIDGE, to Wesley D. Turner, Trustee, and recorded on 07/06/2004 Book TD554 Page 320 in the real property records of Bedford County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Ameriquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-R8

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

BEGINNING AT A METAL PIN ON THE WEST MARGIN OF RABY AVENUE AT THE SOUTHEAEAST CORNER OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, SAID METAL PIN BEING APPROXIMATELY 151 FEET NORTH OF THE NORTH MARGIN OF NARROWS ROAD; THENCE LEAVING THE SAID WEST MARGIN NORTH 86 DEG. 30 MIN. WEST 294.70 FEET TO A METAL PIN, THENCE NORTH 5 DEG. 20 MIN. EAST 75.00 FEET TO A PAINTED MARK ON ROCK; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEG. 31 MIN. EAST 297.50 FEET TO A METAL PIN ON THE WEST MARGIN OF RABY AVENUE; THENCE FOLLOWING THE SAID WEST MARGIN SOUTH 0 DEG. 30 MIN. EAST 26.40 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 9 DEG. 30 MIN. WEST 49.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND BEING LOTS NOS. 4 AND 5 IN BLOCK "B" OF CLEARVIEW HEIGHTS ADDITION NO. 2, A PLAT OF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET "A", ENVELOPE 35, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO JOHN DANDRIDGE AND WIFE, JANIE DANDRIDGE ON 09/09/03, BY DEED FROM ROGER B. WILLIAMS AND WIFE, PARALEE WILLIAMS, FILED FOR RECORD ON 09/11/03, IN BOOK 257, PAGE 969, REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Tax ID: 99H-C-38 / 099H C 038.00 000 / 07-099-H-099-H-C-038.00 -- 000 / MAP 99H, GR. C, PARCEL 38 NC

Current Owner(s) of Property: JOHN DANDRIDGE AND WIFE, JANIE DANDRIDGE

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Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: November 18

Seller, Mark Leon Howell, Joann Howell Estate; Buyer, Mark Leon Howell; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 114 Anna Way; Seller, Deidra Danielle Barnes, Deidra Danielle Elijah, Lawrence Earl Barnes Jr; Buyer, Kim Meyer, James Alfred Meyer; Price, $310,000 (Deed).

Seller, Stephen Mark McGee; Buyer, Donnie E Claxton; Price, $150,000 (Deed).

Location: Snell Rd; Seller, James Barritt; Buyer, James S Barritt, Raymond Nadeau; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: November 19

Location: 215 Warren Circle; Seller, Lakeview Loan Servicing LLC; Buyer, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: Pass Rd; Seller, Kathy Rebecca Shavers Hise, Berle L Shavers Estate; Buyer, Kathey Rebecca Shavers Hise, Richard Hise; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: 1000 Woodbury St; Seller, Ryan Curl, Samuel Curl; Buyer, Bobby Jean Shuey; Price, $269,900 (Deed).

Location: 116 Earnhart St; Seller, Lisa Curl, Emily Curl Ford; Buyer, Nickolas Porter, Elizabeth Stejskal; Price, $245,000 (Deed).

Location: Idle Dr; Seller, Idle Drive Investments LLC; Buyer, DFH Crescent LLC; Price, $1,384,883.70 (Deed).

Location: Singleton Rd; Seller, Darren Burns; Buyer, Larry J Burns; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Singleton Rd; Seller, Larry J Burns; Buyer, Ruth Shepherd; Price, $6,666.67 (QD).

Location: Haley Rd; Seller, Trisha L Henegar, Allen D Shoffner Estate, Allen and Edna Shoffner Family Living Trust; Buyer, Michael Allen Shoffner; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 200 Hillview Ave; Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, Shryl D Gonzales; Price, $336,225 (Deed).

File date: November 20

Location: 1910 S Cannon Blvd; Seller, Nestor Solutions of Tennessee LLC, Scotty B Moore, Emily Jane Moore; Buyer, Jonathan G Dugdale; Price, $214,501 (TRD).

Location: 142 Warner Bridge Rd; Seller, Joseph A Bird, Denisse Bird, Joe Bird; Buyer, DJB Shelbyville LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Madison St; Seller, Albea Americas Inc, Twist Beauty Packaging US Inc; Buyer, Shelco Warehouse LLC; Price, $275,000 (Deed).

File date: November 21

Location: Lane Parkway; Seller, John Higgins; Buyer, John R Higgins, Marna H Higgins; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Lane Parkway; Seller, John R Higgins, Marna H Higgins; Buyer, Higgins Tennessee Community Property Trust, John R Higgins, Marna H Higgins; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Lane Parkway; Seller, Stanley P Vaught; Buyer, Stanley P Vaught, Terri Lynn Vaught; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Lane Parkway; Seller, Stanley P Vaught, Terri Lynn Vaught; Buyer, Vaught Tennessee Community Property Trust, Stanley P Vaught, Terri Lynn Vaught; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 1590 Old Columbia Rd; Seller, Walter C Bowman, Cheryl A Bowman; Buyer, Walter Clint Bowman, Cheryl Adcock Bowman; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Singleton Rd; Seller, David Burns; Buyer, Ruth Shepherd; Price, $6,666.67 (QD).

Location: 565 Jennings Lane; Seller, Anjanette Clifford, Linda Lea Roither; Buyer, Anjanette Clifford, Linda Roither; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 500 Park Place; Seller, Derrick Willever, Dana Willever; Buyer, Bryan Hughes, Nicole Hughes; Price, $385,000 (Deed).

File date: November 24

Location: 1062 Whiteside Hill Rd; Seller, Savanna Ann Fluter; Buyer, Randy Barton; Price, $524,900 (Deed).

Location: 902 Apple Blossom TRL; Seller, Daniel Gragg Construction LLC; Buyer, Paige Gunn; Price, $579,000 (Deed).

Location: 611 Burns Rd; Seller, Done Khounsaknara; Buyer, Justin Jay Roeun; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 400 Neely Ave; Seller, Foundation Legal Group LLP, Waymond L Boyd, Melver L Boyd, Melva L Boyd; Buyer, Village Capital & Investments LLC; Price, $243,661 (TRD).

Seller, Jonathan H Leggs, Katrina R Leggs; Buyer, Kristofer Everett; Price, $275,000 (Deed).

Location: 406 Fairway Green Dr; Seller, Justin N Cutler; Buyer, Alfredo Zamayoa Aguirre, Guadalupe Acosta; Price, $254,900 (Deed).

Location: County Line Rd; Seller, Michael D Burdick, Sandra Burdick; Buyer, Michael D Burduck, Sandra Burdick, Casey Lee Burdick; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Lower Halls Mill Rd; Seller, Charles Rodney Bowling, Chanel Donegan; Buyer, William Brooks, Carlea Brooks; Price, $350,000 (Deed).

Location: 565 Jennings Lane; Seller, Anjanette Clifford, Linda Lea Roither; Buyer, ACLR Living Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 107 Ray St; Seller, Silvia Rodriguez; Buyer, Silvia Duenas Quezada; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 107 E Holland St; Seller, Salvador Mendoza Hernandez; Buyer, Javier Olvera Servin, Miriam Arreola Vega; Price, $295,000 (Deed).

File date: November 25

Location: 111 Pugh Rd; Seller, Jay Rhodes; Buyer, VDE Capital Enterprises LLC; Price, $327,843 (Deed).

Seller, J and M Development LLC; Buyer, Benjamin Nichols, Haley Nichols; Price, $357,400 (Deed).

Location: John Brinkley Rd; Seller, MSQD Holdings LLC; Buyer, Timothy Manning; Price, $165,000 (Deed).

Location: 1064 Frank Martin Rd; Seller, Stephen W Carden; Buyer, Larry L Stewart, Karen J Stewart; Price, $200,000 (Deed).

File date: November 26

Location: Fishing Ford Pike; Seller, Blake Cameron Yoes; Buyer, Jacquelyn Yoes; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: Shelbyville Murfreesboro; Seller, First Assembly of God Inc; Buyer, First Assembly of God Inc; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Braun Revocable Living Trust, Thomas R Braun, Elizabeth M Braun; Buyer, Teresa Horne, Jenna Horne; Price, $1,000,000 (Deed).

Location: 105 Fairway Green Dr; Seller, Justin Cutler, Andrew Suzore; Buyer, Zachary Brent Horner, Cadence Grace Horner; Price, $260,000 (Deed).

Seller, Joshua R Tyree, Cindy Crawley, Phillip Crawley; Buyer, Kelsey Curvin; Price, $140,000 (Deed).

Location: 181 Sims Rd; Seller, Paul T Thompson Estate, Deborah A Eaton; Buyer, CSB Contractors LLC; Price, $1,500,000 (Deed).

Seller, Timothy Lee Hill, Jenny Tomlin; Buyer, Kobe Elijah Muncey Watson; Price, $325,000 (Deed).

Location: 201 Hillview Ave; Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, Trevor Daniel Plafcan, Lexy Obrien Greene; Price, $350,000 (Deed).

Seller, Anna Jo McGowan Estate, Joe Richard Bennett, Anna J McGowan; Buyer, The William Thomas Kelly Irrevocable Trust, Moira Jean Williams; Price, $132,000 (Deed).

Location: Warners Bridge Rd; Seller, Donna Kay Mooneyhan; Buyer, Daniel Mooneyhan; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: December 1

Location: 2503 Horse Mountain Rd; Seller, Loyd S Warren, Linda T Warren; Buyer, Loyd and Linda Warren Trust, Loyd Shelton Warren, Linda T Warren; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 384 Adams Rd; Seller, Mayra Angel Mata; Buyer, Gail Cressey; Price, $570,000 (Deed).

Location: 1547 Longview Rd; Seller, David Leverette; Buyer, Janine Share; Price, $270,000 (Deed).

Location: Tulip Tree Rd; Seller, Bradley Evans; Buyer, Maggie Sue Evans; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Harrison Rd; Seller, Bonick Joint Trust, Ethan Bonick, Ashley Bonick; Buyer, Michael J Murphy; Price, $760,000 (Deed).

Location: 384 Montgomery Rd; Seller, Larry E Cook; Buyer, Larry E Cook, Thomas Lindsey; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: 112 North Linda Drive; Seller, Benjamin D Liddell, Rachel E Liddell; Buyer, Katherine Aguilar; Price, $290,000 (Deed).

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NOTICES

Today's date 12/04/2025
The following vehicle will be sold At Auto Collections LLC at 319 Madison St. Shelbyville, TN 37160, beginning 12/14/2025 at 8:00 am. If you have any interest in this vehicle call 931-492-4663
Vehicle
2008 Cadillac Escalade
Vin #
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PUBLIC NOTICE:

The Towers, LLC is proposing to build a 260-foot Self-Support Telecommunications Tower. Anticipated lighting application is medium intensity dual red/white strobes. The site location is Halls Mill Road, Unionville, Bedford County, TN 37180 (35° 36' 23.95" North and 86° 35' 10.40" West). The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A1327139.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS – Interested persons may review the application (www.fcc.gov/asr/applications) by entering the filing number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review (www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest) and online filings are strongly encouraged. The mailing address to file a paper copy is: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554. HISTORIC PROPERTIES EFFECTS – Public comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Terracon, 2105 Newpoint Place, Suite 600, Lawrenceville, GA 30043; 770-623-0755; PublicNoticeAtlanta@terracon.com. Reference Terracon Project No. 49257859.

WANTED

Paying cash for older sports card collections. Unopened sports card cases and boxes. Comic books and antique sports related items. Shelbyville

931-492-4304

Request for Qualifications (RFQ)
Public Art Mural Project – 103 Main St E

Release Date: December 1, 2025
Submission Deadline: December 8, 2025 by 4:00 p.m. CST

The *Town of Wartrace* is seeking qualified artists or artist teams with demonstrated experience in creating large-scale outdoor murals. This project will transform a prominent downtown wall into a vibrant, engaging public artwork that reflects the character, energy, and heritage of Wartrace.

Project Location
Address: 103 Main Street East, Wartrace, TN
Wall Dimensions: Approximately 100 feet long by 40 feet tall

This highly visible location is central to the downtown area and offers a significant opportunity to enhance the community's sense of place through creative expression.

Eligibility
- This RFQ is open to all qualified artists meeting the following criteria:
- Open to individual artists or artist groups.
- Must have a portfolio demonstrating relevant mural or large-scale artwork experience.
- Applicants must be 18 years of age or older.
- Must be a U.S. Citizen.
- Previous mural artwork experience is preferred.
- Must be able to sign a contract with the Town of Wartrace.
- Must be able to pass a background check.
- Must have insurance, or be licensed and bonded.

Selection Criteria
- Artists will be evaluated based on:
- Visually striking, lively, and distinctive artistic style
- Expressive, engaging, and original concepts
- Bright, energetic, memorable, and ethereal qualities
- Appropriateness for community setting
- Use of color, vibrancy, and creativity
- Quality and relevance of previous work
- Ability to meet deadlines
- Proof of insurance, license, or bond

Submission Requirements
Interested artists should submit the following materials:
1. **Artist Statement** – A brief introduction and explanation of your artistic vision and approach to mural work.
2. **Portfolio** – Images of 3–5 completed large-scale mural or public art projects, including location, date, and client or commissioning body.
3. **Résumé or CV** – Highlighting relevant experience and past public art projects.
4. **References** – Contact information for at least two previous clients or collaborators.
5. **Proof of Insurance or Licensing** – Documentation verifying insurance coverage, license, or bonding.

All materials should be submitted as a single **PDF file** via email.

Submission Instructions
Deadline: December 8, 2025 by 4:00 p.m. CST
Submit To: Mayor Brian Ross
Email: bross.mayor@townofwartrace.com
Subject Line: "Wartrace Mural RFQ Submission – [Your Name or Team Name]"
Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered.

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Obituaries

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Gracie Ellen Burrum Moore



Gracie Ellen Burrum Moore was born November 7, 1935, in Flat Creek, Tennessee, to Walter Marion Burrum and Essie Lorine Snell Burrum. She and her five siblings, Wilma, James Edwin ('Day'), Helen, Frances Marion ('Friss'), and Marie grew up during the Depression era supported by her father's work in retail and a hard-working mother who helped manage a few farm animals and fed their large family with love on a small budget. There are many happy stories of growing up in Bottle Hollow amidst rocks and creeks with siblings and her best friends Mary Michael ('Mike') Shofner and Annie Ruth Hale.

Upon graduation in 1954 from Shelbyville Central High, after her glory days as a majorette, she took her first job at Empire Pencil in Shelbyville. However, when Arnold Center opened during the onset of the space race, she landed an exciting position in the data reduction division. There, she found the young man that stole her heart.

Gracie and Floyd Glenn Moore, Jr. of Winchester, eloped and were wed by Glenn's friend, E.H ('Denny') Denman, in April,1960. The newlyweds moved into the family farmhouse on the Belvidere Highway in Franklin County, an older structure that Glenn had already begun to restore. With Glenn's handyman skills and Gracie's eye for decorating, they restored the house one room at a time and made it their home. Daughter Wendy Ellen was born in January of 1962 and son Kelly Glenn was born in May 1966. While raising their children on Glenn's frugal budget, she also engrained herself in Franklin County by volunteering on the beautification committee, the library board, the garden club, Meals on Wheels, and alongside Glenn in supporting the ministry at the Winchester Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Gracie had joined Glenn's family church after their marriage after having been raised in the Flat Creek Church of Christ.

Gracie loved raising her family on the farm surrounded by the beauty of nearby mountains, grazing cattle and the continuous cycle of planting and harvest time. She loved watching sunsets with a glass of wine on her front porch. She loved to meet people and welcome new friends to her community. She never met a stranger and later in life loved keeping up with friends near and far on social media. For almost 56 years, she enjoyed road trips with Glenn and drives on country roads. She loved to wear hats and boots. She loved to decorate with wheat, magnolia, cotton and cattails. She loved the simple and the fancy equally. Her favorite holiday was Thanksgiving, and she was an amazing cook.

Gracie enjoyed her family most of all, and her family started to grow in 1990 with Wendy's marriage to Paul Hudson Stevens in April and Kelly's marriage to Gina Caroline Gallagher in December of that same year. She rejoiced when her 'grands' started arriving in 1993. All 6 grandchildren were the apple of 'Anma's' eye for the rest of her long life. After Glenn's passing in 2016, Gracie took her role of matriarch even more serious, ensuring that the appreciation of the farm, importance of family, and most importantly her faith in our Lord Jesus were central to the legacy she would leave. Without Glenn ('Anpa'), she has watched the family continue to grow as three of those 'grands' married and three 'great grands' have been able to thrill and entertain her most every day for the last four years.

Gracie peacefully yet joyfully departed this life at her home with family on Saturday morning, November 29, 2025. She is survived by daughter Wendy (Paul), son Kelly (Gina); grandchildren Megan Caroline Moore, Ezekiel 'Zeke' Grant (Hannah) Stevens, Whitson Glenn (Courtnee) Moore, Jacob Ransom Stevens, Walter Keeling Moore, Ellie Grace Stevens (Matthew) Williams; great-grandsons Boone Glenn Moore, Milan Creed Moore and Hudson Schaeffer Stevens.

Family and friends are invited to attend a celebration of Gracie's life on Wednesday, December 3 at the Winchester Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Visitation begins at 11 a.m. The service will follow at 1 p.m. Pallbearers are her four grandsons along with Matthew Williams and Howard Hall. Honorary pallbearers are Carolyn Garner and Brenda Tate. A short burial service at Franklin Memorial Gardens will follow. Ladies are welcomed and encouraged to wear hats and/or boots in remembrance of Gracie.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests supporting a fund in her name at the Winchester Cumberland Presbyterian Church or the Moore Family Farm Scholarship fund located at First Vision Bank in Decherd.

Moore-Cortner Funeral Home, 300 First Ave NW, Winchester, TN 37398, (931)-967-2222, www.moorecortner.com.

Arthur Gene Gross



Mr. Arthur Gene Gross, 89, affectionately known as "Art", passed from this life on Sunday, November 23, 2025, at his residence in Wartrace. He was born on September 3, 1936, to the late John L. Sr., and Sophie Jones Gross in Nashville. Art enlisted in the United States Army and served during the Vietnam War.

Arthur was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred; daughter, Marsha; parents, John L., Sr., and Sophie Gross; siblings, John L. Gross, Jr., Frances Singleton, Mildred Ann Gross and Gary Gross.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his children, Prentice (Nadine), Connie, Timothy, Shirley, and Eric; his siblings, James Porter, Elaine Joyce, and Morganthau Gross; grandchildren, Javondi, Christopher, Lloyd, Loren, Chandler, Chase, Lazarus, Ronnie, Trey, and only granddaughter Marsha; great grandchildren, Krista, Kirstin, Na'kya, Patience, Christopher Jr. "CJ" Landon, Keyshawn, Preston Arthur, Ophelia, and Elyza; great-great granddaughter, Paislee;

Visitation, Thursday, December 4, 2025 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Bird Street Church of Christ in Shelbyville. Funeral Services will take place on Friday, December 5, 2025 at Bird Street Church of Christ beginning at 11:00 a.m. with Bro. Anthony Booker, officiating and eulogist. Interment will follow at Middle TN Veterans Cemetery in Pegram beginning at 2:00 p.m. J.A. Welton & Son Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements

Online condolences may be shared at www.weltonfuneralhome.com.

Betty Jean Paul



Betty Jean Paul, 80, of Shelbyville, TN., passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 22, 2025, at her home in Bedford County.

She was a native of Marshall County, the daughter of the late James Hunter and Anna Louise Bostic. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Pam Pilkington; granddaughter, Haleigh Stewart; grandson, Tony Dickson; granddaughter, Shannah Craft; and a great granddaughter, Jenna Addison.

Jean was a member of Victory Baptist Church. She loved her family and never met a stranger as many knew her as Mama Jean. Her love for gardening and cooking has been shared and passed down several generations.

She is survived by her daughters, Tammy (Ron) Hastings and Missy Hopper; her son, Tommy Hopper; her brother, Joe Hunter; two nieces; seven grandchildren; four great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Funeral Services will be held 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, November 26th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home Rev. Bobby McGee officiating. Burial will follow at Willow Mount Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 12:00 P.M.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

James Tommy Cook



James Tommy Cook, 69, of Shelbyville, died November 27, 2025.

Funeral Services will be held 2:00 P.M. Sunday, November 30th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home Revs. Eddie Reed, Jay Pope and Joe Hudson officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin at 11:00 A.M.

He was born November 18, 1956, in Bedford County. He was a retired 28 year machinist for American Can Corporation and a member of Living Stones Church. He was a hard working man who loved his family and friends. He is remembered for the many jokes he played on unsuspecting family, friends and neighbors especially at Halloween.

Tommy was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas "Buck" Cook and Frances Jean Overcast Cook and a sister, Patsy Pollock.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Fredna Lynn Bedwell Cook; his children, Joshua Todd Cook (Amber), Jacklynne Taylor of Shelbyville; four grandchildren, Briana Long, Dakota Long, Rylee Brown, Austin Brown; and sister, Sandra Pointer.

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Judith Wiser Martin



Judith Wiser Martin, known to all as Judy, passed away peacefully at her home in Shelbyville, Tennessee, on November 14, 2025, at the age of 81. She was born in Shelbyville to the late Winston and Katherine Wiser and lived her entire life in the community she loved. As the daughter of a five-time World Grand Champion trainer, she grew up surrounded by Walking Horses and the traditions of the industry. From the earliest days of her childhood, she was a horsewoman through and through.

Judy attended the University of Tennessee before marrying Joe Martin in 1961.

Together, they formed one of the most recognized training partnerships in the Tennessee Walking Horse world. Their barn produced a long line of top-quality horses and riders over several decades. Judy's natural feel for a horse, her quiet strength in the saddle, and her ability to bring out the best in both horses and people made her one of the most respected trainers of her generation.

Over the course of her career, Judy trained or rode dozens of notable champions and became known for her consistency and precision in the show ring. Her proudest professional achievement came in 1976, when she won the World Grand Championship on Shades of Carbon, a horse she and Joe developed from the earliest stages of his life. The win became a defining moment for her and remains one of the most fondly remembered victories in Celebration history.

Judy went on to train many of the industry's most admired horses, known for her fairness, patience, and deep understanding of the breed. She was inducted into the Tennessee Walking Horse Hall of Fame and, in 2025, was honored with the Living Legends Award, which recognized not only her competitive accomplishments but her lasting influence as a mentor, teacher, and leader within the industry.

Judy was loved not only for her expertise but for her straightforward nature. People valued her honesty and clarity. You always knew where you stood with her, and that quality endeared her to many. Riders trusted her guidance, trainers sought her counsel, and her presence shaped countless careers in and out of the show ring.

She was also an avid University of Tennessee sports fan and a sports lover in general. Her pride in the Vols was unmistakable. Many remember Judy and Joe pulling onto showgrounds in their bright orange and white horse trailer, a reflection of her enthusiasm for her team and her home state.

After retiring from full-time training in 1993, Judy opened Judy's Jewels, an antique and gift shop in Shelbyville. She later worked as a bank teller at First Community Bank and FirstBank. She formed close relationships with her regular customers, and her coworkers never ran out of stories to tell about her humor, personality, and the unforgettable way she approached life.

Judy touched the lives of many through her work with horses, through her businesses, and simply through the way she moved through the world. Her influence reached far beyond the show ring and left a lasting impression on the many communities she was part of in Shelbyville.

She is survived by her son, Joe (Mike) Martin-Grimes of Palm Springs, California; her granddaughters, Sydney Martin-Grimes of San Diego, California, and Kendall Martin-Grimes of Los Angeles, California; and her grandson, Ethan Martin-Grimes of Salt Lake City, Utah. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Robert Wiser and Edward Wiser.

A Celebration of Judy's Life will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at the Blue Ribbon Circle Club on the Celebration grounds. Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation beginning at 4:00 p.m., prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Walking Horse Trainer's Legal Fund by mail: P.O. Box 61 Shelbyville, TN 37162.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com

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Death Notices

Richard "Ricky" Thomas Hawkins

Richard "Ricky" Thomas Hawkins, age 69, of Fayetteville, TN. December 1, 1956 - December 1, 2025.

Doak Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Patricia Ann Kennedy Hedrick

Patricia Ann Kennedy Hedrick, age 87, of Shelbyville, TN. December 24, 1937- November 25, 2025.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

James McAshley "Mack" Dekle

James McAshley "Mack" Dekle, age 83, of Shelbyville. October 16, 1942 - November 26, 2025.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Roger Dale Williams, Sr.

Roger Dale Williams, Sr., age 78, of Shelbyville, TN. March 15, 1947 - November 28, 2025.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

William "Billy C." Henry Cunningham

William "Billy C." Henry Cunningham, age 77, of Wartrace, TN. August 8, 1948-December 23, 2025.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

John Lee Ralston

John Lee Ralston, age 97, died at his home in Eagleville on November 26, 2025. He was born on March 22, 1928, in Rutherford County, to the late David Wayhat and Mary Francis "Mamie" Turner Ralston.

He is survived by his son Edwin (Rita) Ralston of Nashville and a daughter, Susan Ralston Harper (Willard) Carrillo of Fort Morgan, CO.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth (Elizabeth) Ralston.

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

Larry Ernest Bates

Larry Ernest Bates, age 79, passed away on November 24, 2025, at Saint Thomas Rutherford in Murfreesboro. He was the son of the late Ernest Bates and Helen Warren Bates.

Larry is preceded in death by wife, Lynda Bates; and daughter, Connie Davis.

He is survived by sons, Larry (Jody) Mullins of Murfreesboro, Danny Bates of Shelbyville, and Jamie (Jennifer) Bates of Shelbyville; brother, Danny Bates of Wartrace; sister, Carolyn Sumner of Shelbyville.

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

Pamela Joy Phillips

Pamela Joy Phillips, age 63, passed away on November 25, 2025. She was born on February 11, 1962, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to the late Joe Greschel and Donna [Sammons, Pruett, Greschel, Gregory.]

Pamela was preceded in death by her parents and son, Phillip Phillips II.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Frances Hamler

Mary Frances Hamler was born August 24, 1953, to Mary E. Williams and the late Joe Stone in Nashville. She was reared in Shelbyville and departed this life on Thursday, November 27, 2025, in Murfreesboro, TN. Mary Frances was preceded in death by her father, Joe Stone and brothers, Jerome Williams and Andre Conner.

She married John Thomas Hamler and had five children: Anthony, Lisa, Tina, Xavier and Isis. Survivors include her mother, Mary E. Williams of Shelbyville; sons, Anthony Hamler of Shelbyville, Xavier Hamler of Murfreesboro; daughters, Lisa Hamler of Shelbyville, Tina Hamler of Tullahoma, Isis (Don) Castleman of Shelbyville.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Jewell Katherine Phelps

Jewell Katherine Phelps, 89, of Shelbyville, died Dec. 2, 2025. A native of Bedford County, she was preceded in death by her parents, Coy D. Powell and Mary Katherine Warren Powell and her husband, Noel Lee Phelps.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES: *LETS TALK ABOUT IT*

BCSO Photo

Recently, Sgt. Cam Farrell and Det. Lt. John Sweeney of Bedford County Sheriff's Department spent time with a group of fifth grade boys at Cascade Elementary. The group talked about bullying, cyberbullying, and the lasting impact words and actions can have on others. Also discussed were cell phone and social media safety. Farrell and Sweeney reminded students to think responsibly before posting online. Stranger danger was a big topic.



CLEEK RECOGNIZED

SPD Photo

Shelbyville Police Sgt. Joseph Cleek was recognized recently for his 7 years of service with the department. He is assigned to the A night shift.

5 KEYS TO BETTER DECISION MAKING

GATHER INFORMATION
Take time to understand all the facts before choosing.

STAY OBJECTIVE
Separate emotions from logic to gain a clear perspective.

CONSIDER OUTCOMES
Think about the short- and long-term effects of your options.

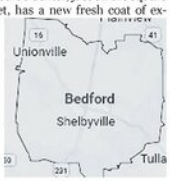
TRUST INSTINCTS
Sometimes your intuition offers valuable guidance listen to it.

LEARN CONTINUOUSLY
Reflect on past choices to improve future decisions.

COUNTY NEWS

REFURBISHED RECORDS CENTER

Bedford County Records Center, just off the square on North Main Street, has a new fresh coat of exterior paint, part of an ongoing effort to improve the storage of county records. The Records Center is operated by the county archives, under the direction of Archivist Carol Roberts.



Improvements to the building are paid from a dedicated fund, created by state law, which is funded by document filing fees in county offices. Past improvements have included a new HVAC system (proper temperatures are important for safe long-term storage) and, just this summer, a new roof. The next improvement will be compact shelving which will increase the building's capacity.

Eventually, the current Juvenile Detention facility, next door to the records center, will be torn down, and the records center will then be one of the first things visitors see as they approach the historic Shelbyville square. Even though the building is for storage and not open to the public, it's important that it look presentable, say county officials.

If you need to search recent records, contact the relevant county office; if you need to search historic records, contact the county Archives' public offices and reading room on the first floor of the historic Bedford County Courthouse on the square, call 931-735-6916 or e-mail archives@bedfordcountytn.gov.

CRIMINAL COURT REPORT, DEC. 3

*Richard Dale Ratleph, indicted, arraigned, aggravated sexual battery, felony B. Jury trial Dec. 11 and 12. Motion for admittance of "video."

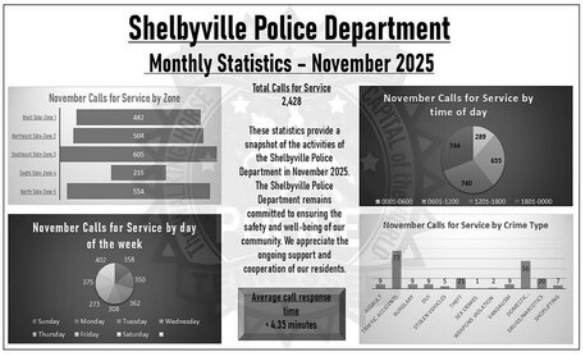
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CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

• Non-emergency Bedford County Government offices will be closed Dec. 24-26, and Dec. 27 (offices normally open on Saturday,) in observance of the Christmas holiday.

• County convenience centers will be closed Dec. 24-26 but will reopen on Saturday, Dec. 27.

• Government offices, as well as convenience centers, will be closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 in observance of the New Year's holiday.





Middle Tennessee Caps Season with OT Road Victory

MT ATHLETICS

LAS CRUCES. N.M. – Middle Tennessee closed its season with back-to-back wins and an overtime road victory, defeating New Mexico State 31–24 on Saturday at Aggie Memorial Stadium.

Roman Gagliano delivered the game-winner in overtime, finding AJ Jones on an 11-yard touchdown pass to put the Blue Raiders in front to start the extra period. The touchdown capped a five-play, 25-yard drive and marked Gagliano's third scoring pass of the day.

Needing a stop to seal the win, the MTSU defense held firm. New Mexico State managed just one first down on its overtime possession before the Blue Raiders forced an incompletion on 4th-and-9, ending the game and securing MTSU's second straight victory to finish the year 3–9.

Gagliano finished 24-of-42 for 260 yards and three touchdowns, spreading the ball among multiple receivers. On the ground, the Blue Raiders controlled the line of scrimmage, rushing for 199 yards as a team. Jekail Middlebrook powered the attack with 95 yards on 20 carries, while DJ Taylor broke free for a 64-yard touchdown run in the first half.

Defensively, Middle Tennessee generated timely pressure and contributed two takeaways, helping limit the Aggies to just 84 rushing yards. Reggie Johnson and Juwon Gaston were among several defenders who came up with key stops late, including during the decisive overtime stand.



Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

By the Numbers

459: Middle Tennessee piled up 459 yards of total offense — its third-highest output of the season — outgaining New Mexico State by 64 yards on the road.

199: The Blue Raiders rushed for 199 yards, their second-highest total of the year, led by Jekail Middlebrook's 95 yards and DJ Taylor's 77-yard performance.

17: MTSU turned defense into points, scoring 17 points off turnovers while forcing two interceptions in the win.

Middle Tennessee's scorching second half leads to 76-61 win over UAB

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Middle Tennessee Men's Basketball (5-3, 0-0 CUSA) rode a red-hot second half to cruise to a 76-61 win over the UAB Blazers (6-3, 0-0 AAC).

With the score 13-12 in favor of the Blazers at the halfway point of the first half, Torey Alston started to take over for the Blue Raiders. The redshirt sophomore had two blocked shots and six rebounds on the defensive end while also contributing nine points by the break. Middle Tennessee had six blocks as a team at halftime; UAB taking a slim 33-32 lead into the break.

The Blue Raiders put together a 7-0 run shortly into the second half, capped off by a thunderous jam by Alston and a beautiful double-clutch layup by Tre Green to help the team gain a 45-39 advantage with 16:56 to play. Kamari Lands, Green and Alston were all in double figures at that point, prompting UAB to call a timeout.

Middle Tennessee kept the Blazers scoreless from just over the 16:00 minute mark to just over the 12:00 minute mark to increase the lead to 13, the largest of the evening.

The Blue Raiders kept their foot on the gas late, shooting 63 percent as a team in the second half including five-of-nine from three-point range. Alston led Middle Tennessee with 19 points and eight boards. Sean Smith had 16 points on five-of-10 shooting, including a team-high three long-range bombs. Jahvin Carter had his sixth game of the year in which he reached double figures, posting 13 points. Defensively, the Blue Raiders blocked eight shots and had eight steals, forcing 11 UAB turnovers.



Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

By The Numbers

48: The Blue Raiders put up 48 points in the paint tonight, enough to outscore UAB by 12 down low.

8: Middle Tennessee tied their season high with eight blocked shots against the Blazers.

5: Five Blue Raiders notched double figures in scoring tonight, the third time for Middle Tennessee this season. The list included Tre Green, Kamari Lands, Torey Alston, Jahvin Carter and Sean Smith.

Nick McDevitt

"We were really good on the defensive end for the whole night," said Middle Tennessee Head Coach Nick McDevitt. "Tonight, we were really locked in on defense. UAB really thrives on second-chance points and points in the paint, so to win that battle on points in the paint was the real difference in the game. There was some familiarity with their guys, which led to a respect for their program, so we knew we had to stay locked in because that's a team that can go on a run in a hurry."

Torey Alston

"Coach (McDevitt) talked about being such a great first-half defensive team, and how we needed to do the same in the second half, and we came out and did that tonight," Alston said. "I felt a little sick after the (Cayman Islands Classic), but my coaches and teammates helped me push through and we had a good game. They are a good team when it comes to second chance points, but tonight we showed we can be physical and rebound well."

Up Next

Middle Tennessee hosts Belmont on Sunday, Dec. 7 in the Glass House with a 3:30 p.m. CT tip-off.

Vikings Win Thanksgiving Tourney After Fending Off Grace Christian

BY NOAH MADDOX
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CORNERSVILLE, Tenn. – First-year Head Coach Hunter Ferrell secured his first piece of hardware last Wednesday night after the Community Vikings prevailed over Grace Christian-Franklin to win their third game in three days and take home first place at the Cornersville Thanksgiving Tournament.



Submitted Photo courtesy of Scott Reed.

Charlie Haskins led all scorers with 20 points for Community, Jaxson Williams added 17 points, and Andrew Tocchio connected on four massive three-pointers to finish with 16 points.

Meanwhile for the Lions, Luke Lohrding scored a team-high 14 points, Jackson Holwd added 13 points, and Sam Lohrding and Chase Benham each chipped in with 11 points.

Community outshot the Lions, 32-14, at the free-throw line, connecting on 22/32 attempts at the charity stripe as they relentlessly attacked the basket all night long. In the opening period, Haskins and Williams combined for 13 of the Vikings' 17 points to take a 17-12 lead after one.

The Purple-and-Gold extended its lead in the second quarter, outscoring Grace Christian, 18-13, to take a 35-25 lead into the halftime locker room. Tocchio erupted for 14 points in the period, connecting on three treys to grow the lead.

In the third quarter, Haskins began to take over. He scored nine of Community's 23 points in the period, connecting on all four free throws early on then finding the distance from downtown once before he tacked on another layup. Williams added seven points after he connected on his second three-pointer of the night, and Tocchio made good on his fourth and final triple in the period to send the Vikings into the final frame with a 58-45 lead.

The Lions did make a late push, but despite outscoring Community, 21-17, it was not enough to threaten the Vikings. Haskins went 5/8 at the line, Josh Powers connected on a pair of two-point field goals, and Community held on to take home first place, 75-66.

Lady Champs Win Thanksgiving Tourney Over Hickman County

BY NOAH MADDOX
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CORNERSVILLE, Tenn. – The Cascade Lady Champions took home first place in the Cornersville Thanksgiving Tournament after pulling away from Hickman County, 58-46, last Wednesday.



Submitted Photo courtesy of David Smith.

Cascade turned the Lady Bulldogs over 18 times, outscoring Hickman County, 25-11, in points off turnovers. The Lady Champions also had an edge on the offensive glass, outrebounding the Lady Bulldogs, 14-7, to create an 11-3 advantage in second-chance points.

Despite those team advantages, the biggest difference in the game was Kaegan Young's relentless drives to the cup. Young shot just 4/11 from the field, but she finished with a game-high 24 points by getting to the charity stripe 21 times. She connected on 15 of her free throws.

Suzanna Crews and Jocelyn Laughlin also finished in double-figures for Cascade, with Crews scoring 11 points and pulling down nine rebounds while Laughlin chipped in with 10 points and seven rebounds with three assists.

For Hickman County, Ava Floyd scored a team-high 17 points, but she turned the ball over seven times against the tenacious Lady Champs' pressure. Zoie Chilton chipped in with 11 points, and Bailey Cramer added 10 points and seven rebounds.

The Lady Champions jumped on the Lady Bulldogs from the opening tip, racing out to a 22-13 lead at the end of the opening period of play. However, Hickman County responded by outscoring Cascade, 16-10, in the second quarter to trim Cascade's lead to 32-29 heading into the halftime locker room.

The third quarter was a tense, low-scoring affair, but the Lady Champs did marginally extend their lead heading into the final frame, 41-36.

From there, Cascade was able to pull away with Young at the free-throw line as the Lady Champs shot 13/17 at the charity stripe to close out Hickman County, 58-46.

Golden Eagles Suffer OT Defeat in 'Battle of Highway 41-A'

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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. - When the Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (6-3) went down by 14 points early in the fourth quarter against rival Tullahoma (5-0) on Tuesday night, it looked like the Wildcats would coast to an easy road win. Instead, the Golden Eagles came soaring back to force overtime before ultimately coming up just short, 74-67.

Once the Wildcats' lead ballooned to 47-33 with just over six minutes left, Shelbyville finally managed to find the range from downtown, sparking a 19-2 run over nearly four minutes to take a 52-49 lead. First, Tae'Shawn Shelton nailed a three from the top of the key, Malek Johnson hit a three followed by splitting a pair of free throws, then Tommie Cannon connected on a three to cut the lead to just four points, 47-43, prompting a timeout from the Wildcats.

Tullahoma was able to stem the tide momentarily before Shelbyville's defensive intensity forced yet another turnover that led to layups on the other end. Finally, Ladarious Sparrow connected on a go-ahead three-pointer – his only field goal of the night – with three minutes to go to put Shelbyville in front for the first time since the opening period, 50-49.

Even after Jasiah Berry's layup to extend the lead to three points, Tullahoma settled back in, earning a pair of free throws on back-to-back possessions to retake the lead until the very last possession of regulation. Up by one point with 14.5 seconds remaining, Alex Bobo split a pair of free throws to leave the door cracked for Shelbyville, and Jordan Taylor came bursting through that door with a buzzer-beating, game-tying finger-roll layup to send the game into overtime tied at 59.

Despite both teams feeling like a win had slipped through their grasp, ultimately it was Tullahoma who pulled away in the extra session with their prolific free throw shooting. The Wildcats shot a near-perfect 11/13 from the line in overtime, and finished 31/41 for the game.

Conversely, Shelbyville finished a putrid 11/26 from the charity stripe, including a shocking 4/15 tally in the first half alone. This led to the usually high-flying Golden Eagles being grounded for much of the night, heading into the halftime locker room trailing by four, 28-24, after holding a two-point lead, 9-7, at the end of the opening period.

Tullahoma outscored Shelbyville in the third quarter, 12-9, to take a 40-33 lead heading into the dramatic final frame.

Tommie Cannon led all scorers with a game-high 16 points for the Golden Eagles with 11 of them coming after halftime, Shelton finished with 14 points, Malek Johnson scored 10 points, and Jevon Lee chipped in with nine points.

For the Wildcats, Tinnon led the way with 14 points, Lukas Price added 13 points, Alex Bobo chipped in with 12 points, and Jackson Knight scored 11 points in the win.

Shelbyville falls to 6-3 overall, but looks to bounce back on Friday at home against Centennial.



Tommie Cannon (2) drives baseline against Tullahoma's Jayden Thompson (15). Cannon finished with a game-high 16 points in the OT loss to the Wildcats on Tuesday night. *T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox.*

Eaglettes Fall to Tullahoma in Rivalry Clash

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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. - In the first 'Battle of Highway 41-A' on the hardwood this season, the Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes (2-5) came up short against Tullahoma (3-2), 52-40, at home on Tuesday night.

Dara Frazier put on a show for Shelbyville Central, tying for the game-high in scoring with 19 points to lead the way for the Eaglettes.

"Dara [Frazier] is a great asset to our team, and despite being just a freshman, she doesn't look like a freshman out there," Eaglettes' Head Coach Keshia Jarrett said post-game, "She gives us what we need on both ends of the floor, she's a great leader, and she knows how to set everyone else up while also knowing that when we need a bucket, she can go and get hers as well."

For Tullahoma, McLayne Bobo matched Frazier with 19 points of her own, with 15 of them coming in the second half. Lizzy Sharpton was the only other player from either team to reach double-figures with 11 points.

The biggest difference in the game was free throw shooting, most notably Tullahoma's ability to get to the charity stripe at a high rate. This also helped put Shelbyville in foul trouble, as Yasmine McFarland, Kenley Patton, and Jayda Frazier all fouled out while Jada Berry and Dara Frazier both finished with four fouls. In total, the Lady Wildcats shot 30 free throws, but they allowed Shelbyville to hang around by making just 14 of them. Similarly, the Eaglettes finished a measly 9/18 from the charity stripe on the night.

Early on, the Eaglettes jumped out to an early 14-13 lead at the end of the opening period of play. Dara Frazier led the hosts with eight seven points while Janiya Leslie chipped in with four points and Jada Berry converted an old-fashioned three-point-play. Meanwhile, Sharpton scored seven of her 11 points in the first quarter to keep Tullahoma attached.

Tullahoma turned up the defensive intensity in the second quarter, holding the Eaglettes to just one made field goal as the visitors took a marginal 22-16 lead heading into the halftime locker room.

In the third quarter, Bobo took over for Tullahoma, scoring seven of the Lady Wildcats' 12 total points in the period to extend the visitors' lead to 34-25 heading into the final frame.

Tullahoma ended up outscoring Shelbyville, 18-15, in the fourth quarter to reach the final margin of 52-40.

"I felt like they never gave up," Jarrett said, "We definitely came out with an intense start, but I feel like we started the second quarter a little flat. That seemed to carry over into the third quarter a little bit, but then in the fourth quarter I just feel like time ran out on us and it was just a little bit too late."

Shelbyville falls to 2-5 but is scheduled to host Centennial on Friday night at 6:00 p.m.



Freshman guard Dara Frazier (24) led the Eaglettes with 19 points in Tuesday's loss to Tullahoma. *T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox.*

People Around Town

T-G Photos by Marilyn Ewing



Several in the community attended the official ribbon cutting last week for the newly renovated Fly Arts Center, including the mayors and other officials.



Museum pieces like this one were of particular interest.



Special trees lended the Christmas touch.

Easy, elegant charcuterie boards for effortless holiday hosting



(Family Features) When holiday occasions call for you to don your hosting cap, skip complicated appetizers and hors d'oeuvres to instead serve sustainable charcuterie with sommelier-approved wine pairings. After all, simplicity can still equal premium flavor with the right meats, cheeses and libations.

It doesn't take a hosting expert or pairing professional to create a spread that's as memorable as it is delicious. Charcuterie boards made with just a few ingredients can start the festivities on a high note by wowing loved ones with your pairing prowess.

Amaze your guests (and even yourself) by starting with heritage breed pork in small-batch artisanal production from Niman Ranch, whose independent family farmers and ranchers raise all animals with no antibiotics or added hormones ever. Their commitment to humane practices and sustainability leads to the exceptional flavor and tenderness your crowd craves and can taste in every bite.

Match the selection of meats – like prosciutto, Genoa Salame or capocollo in these recipes – with complementary cheeses and accents such as crostini, olives or even thyme-infused honey for an extra special touch. Finally, find the perfect bottle of wine for each board to round out a palate-pleasing spread that suits each guest's preferred pairing profile.



Prosciutto, Sottocenere and Aligote

- Niman Ranch Prosciutto
- Firm cheese, such as Sottocenere
- Toasted crostini
- Aligote wine

On a cheese board or platter, arrange buttery, silky prosciutto with Sottocenere, a firm cheese speckled with black truffle, or any firm cheese striped with dill or paprika or washed in ale. To round out these savory flavors, pair with Aligote, a white burgundy from France that's citrusy but refined with hints of green apple and honeydew.



Genoa Salame, Vintage Grand Ewe and Syrah

- Niman Ranch Genoa Salame
- Aged, firm sheep's cheese, such as Vintage Grand Ewe
- Olives
- Syrah wine

On a cheese board or platter, arrange genoa salame, featuring the rich flavors pulled from the spices and wine used in its making. Pair with an aged, firm sheep's cheese such as Vintage Grand Ewe, with notes of toasted almond, maple syrup and cultured butter. The sweetness of the cheese gives way to the genoa salame to be the star. Finish the board with skewered olives and serve with an unfussy red wine low in tannins like Syrah.



Capocollo, Aged Cheddar, Thyme Honey and Txakoli

- Niman Ranch Capocollo
- Aged sharp cheddar cheese
- Thyme-infused honey
- Txakoli wine

Start your cheese board or platter with savory capocollo laced with pockets of cured fat that balance out the meat. Its mild smokiness works well with an aged sharp cheddar for a salty, intriguing but complementary match. Serve with a side of thyme-infused honey for herbaceous sweetness. Pair with Txakoli, a dry Spanish wine that's easy to drink with hints of salt and pinesap.

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