COMMUNITY NEWS

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It's been busy at City Hall!







BUSINESS WINDOW DISPLAY WINNERS ANNOUNCED

T-G Photos by Dawn Hankins

Shelbyville Mayor Randy Carroll made the official announcement of the winners of the annual Christmas window display contest prior to Tuesday night's Council meeting. He said 11 merchants participated this year. The grand winner for 2025/People's Choice was Finn and Riley, (left photo.) Winning second place was Leanne's Flowers on the square (not present) and third place was awarded to Glass Hollow Tavern. Stacey Claxton, City HR department, was thanked for her work in this year's contest.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, CITY EMPLOYEES

T-G Photo by Marilyn Ewing

The City of Shelbyville held its annual employee Christmas lunch last week. From left, Shelbyville Police Department Chief Jan Phillips and Deputy Chief Pat Mathis. See more photos inside today.

Councilman & Commissioner team up to help reduce property tax burden on seniors

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Christmases of the future could be a bit merrier for senior-age property tax owners, if one County Commissioner and one City Council member are able to push through their proposal for a local senior property tax freeze.

During Tuesday's County Rules and Legislative Committee meeting, Commissioner Eric Maddox, and his guest, City Councilman Josh Blevins, socialized the idea for a potential senior (over 65) property tax freeze.

This does not mean, they explained, that senior citizens will not pay property taxes. They would simply pay the same rate (once approved) as long as they remain eligible.

Maddox said he and Blevins, good friends, have been working on researching senior property tax freezes for a while.

Maddox talked about how his widow grandmother had to count her pennies in order to make ends meet. He said he believes there are a lot of seniors doing the same right here.

He referred to those seniors who would qualify for this freeze as those who've already made their contributions to society.

Blevins, who was getting close on time with his own Council meeting changed to Tuesday night, talked swiftly about Tennessee counties-like larger Putnam-which have already implemented the state-allowed program.

In Tennessee, senior citizens may be eligible for property tax exemptions that can significantly alleviate their financial burdens. The primary exemption is available to those 65 years and older and is designed to provide relief by reducing property taxes based on certain qualifying criteria such as income.

Tennessee also offers an optional tax freeze for qualifying seniors, ensuring that their property rates do not increase as long as they remain eligible. But governments have to approve such a property tax freeze before it can be implemented.

Blevins explained that Tennessee will allow the County one of these options. He added that he's about to begin the same discussions with City Council in the coming weeks.

Maddox said he believes it's time to acknowledge the community's long-time tax paying seniors. He said the County Commission would implement the tax freeze through resolution or ordinance.

Bedford County is currently participating in the reduced property tax program, based on the senior's income. He said the Trustees office of course oversees this process and rec-

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At the end of the Rules and Legislative Committee meeting Tuesday night, Commissioner Greg Vick, who represents the 2nd District on the County Commission, made the announcement he will not be running next year for re-election. He commented he's put in 50 years in state and local government and now it's someone else's turn to serve. He said it was a privilege to serve District 2.

Raus' own Stanley Bomar: A life of service to his country

There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13 NLT

After college, Stanley Bomar, a native of the Raus community, stepped into a life few Bedford County boys could have imagined. He accepted an assignment with the United States Treasury Department and became a Special Agent of the United States Secret Service-a calling that required discretion, nerve and an unspoken willingness to stand between history and harm.

His service placed him in the presence of power without ever seeking it for himself. His first primary assignment was protecting Georgia Governor George Lester Maddox during Maddox's 1976 presidential campaign. In the years that followed, Stanley provided security for Presidents Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan, and George H. W. Bush, as well as for Gerald Ford's son. He also served as the primary protective agent for Lady Bird Johnson and her daughters, Luci and Lynda-a role that demanded both vigilance and humanity.

To protect a president is not merely to guard a person, but to safeguard the continuity of the nation itself. Stanley accepted that burden without question. If called upon to put his life between danger and the office of the President, he would have done so without hesitation, not for glory, but because the duty itself demanded it.

He traveled the world in quiet service, living a life threaded with intrigue, discipline, and responsibility, all while remaining, at heart, a Bedford County boy who knew the value of keeping his mouth shut and keeping his word.

This American servant passed away recently. See page 8 for his full obituary.

Bedford Briefs

COUNTY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

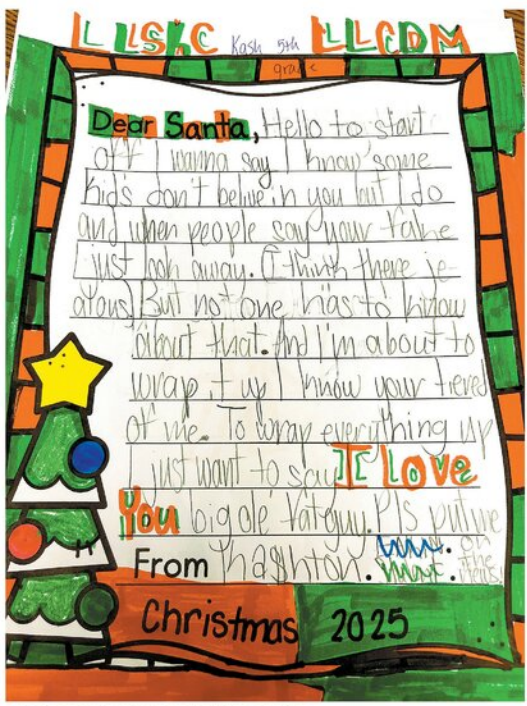
- Dec. 18: Board of Zoning Appeals, 5:30 p.m., historic Bedford County Courthouse
- Dec. 23: Planning Commission, 7 p.m., historic Bedford County Courthouse
- Dec. 24-26: Convenience centers closed for Christmas holiday
- Dec. 24-27: Non-emergency county offices closed for Christmas holiday
- Dec. 31-Jan. 1: Convenience centers, non-emergency county offices closed for New Year's holiday

CITY COUNCIL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Hall will be Closed on Wednesday, December 24th, and Thursday, December 25th, in observation of the Christmas holidays.

Public Works will be closed Wednesday, December 24th. Wednesday's trash will be picked up on Tuesday, December 23rd, with Tuesday's regular route. Public Works will be closed on December 25th for Christmas Day and Thursday's trash will be picked up on Monday, December 29th, with Monday's regular route.

City Council will meet in study session on Tuesday, Dec. 30, at 6 p.m.



CHILDREN SHARE WITH SANTA

We appreciate everyone who submitted "Letters to Santa" this year. While we enjoy reading them all, here is one that really caught our attention. See more letters inside today.

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POWER IN NUMBERS

BMTU is first of its kind in Bedford County

The union held a press conference, demanding improvements across the 10 building complex.

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Golden Eagles basketball

The Eagles bounced back Thursday night with a businesslike victory over Summit Spartans.

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Christmas Letters



BURDEN

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ommended Trustee Tonya Davis speak about the available programs offered to seniors, soon.

Councilman Blevins said his greatest wish is that government could help all seniors but there are obviously limits. But he said he has a heart for those struggling to make their yearly tax payments.

He mentioned a Shelbyville woman he met recently; she told him how she's struggling to pay her property taxes on a fixed income.

County Commissioner Linda Yockey, a member of the financial management committee, said in such a process, the County must keep budget and related costs all in mind.

Blevins added, "But I'm all for helping the ones we can versus not helping any of them."

Property Assessor Ronda Clanton was allowed to speak on the floor by Rules Chair Biff Farrar. Clanton, who announced last week to Commission that she's retiring in February, said freezing property rates for seniors would affect her office.

"I'm all for the elderly . . . helping them."

She said the current tax relief program offered through the state (via County Trustee) is probably the best option for Bedford County seniors.

"We haven't raised the property tax in 3 years," said Clanton. "So, it's doing nothing for them on the senior side-not helping them at all."

She then began to explain the stress and cost being experienced in the Property Assessor's office. She said the current staff is greatly overworked.

"We have to look at every piece of property, every year, whether it's benefitting them or not. So, there's going to be cost on my side too."

She said her office has had to begin assessing properties with campers/RVS-something she says that's turned into a "tremendous undertaking." In addition, her office has to assess mobile home parks and 6,500 parcels have to be reviewed each season. She said that doesn't count new construction assessments.

"So, when I put my budget in this year, I'm asking for two more people and a vehicle. We can't keep doing, with two people, all this stuff. And I understand completely the tax freeze. But you've got to look at the cost. If you want to help them now, do something more on the tax relief, because that helps them every year."

Blevins said a third of the Trustee offices in the state have successfully implemented the property tax freeze program.

His question to the County was whether the current property tax relief program, which began in 2021, is now maxed out. While the state program may not be maxed out, the income limits are subject to change annually, according to TN State Government.

"This is not a completely free deal but I don't want to be looking at a senior, about to lose their home . . . sorry you're going to have to move into a cheaper residence or go to a nursing home because we couldn't come up with a few more dollars," advised Blevins. "I can't speak for the Council; I'm one Council person. I know we're going to seriously look at this over the next couple of months."

Blevins urged the County to consider the senior property tax freeze and get the proposal to a vote.

The Rules Committee took no action Tuesday night to send the proposal on to the full Commission.

Commissioner Maddox told the T-G Wednesday morning that he received "several comments" from his fellow Commissioners, supporting the proposal after Tuesday night's meeting. He and Councilman Blevins are planning a full presentation to Rules Committee in January.



County Commissioner Eric Maddox, second from left, invited City Councilman Josh Blevins to speak with him before the County Rules and Legislative Committee meeting Tuesday night. Blevins has researched property tax freezes for seniors, comparing the success in other counties. Blevins said the City is going to discuss the same property tax freeze option for seniors soon as well.

We don't like to say: 'We told you so'
But we will, this time

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About a year ago, the Times-Gazette began writing a series of editorials about the likely environmental issues that could arise from such a plant like Duksan, located off Highway 231 North and Frank Martin Road. But many turned their heads to the notion.

Heck, I even won a Tennessee Press Association Award for a column about the Duksan operation opening. It must have turned some heads.

When you've invested your entire life to reading state reports, things just pop out at you. Thank you to Shelbyville Now for bringing this latest report to the community's attention this week.

Yes, some might say Duksan is so gracious, giving away money to local nonprofits. They recently presented a nice award to the local schools.

But the truth is, a Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation report now states that during a walk-through inspection, the company was found in violation of several laws pertaining to their type of operation-over 20 to be exact.

That's nothing to be admired. A slip up, likely not, with this many violations during one walk through.

As important as this company professes to be, they missed some things when training/training their employees.

Could more local people have done a better job? Well, we won't open that can of stink today.

So, TDEC's Division of Solid Waste Management, as a result of some sloppy housekeeping on the part of Duksan, has issued a 23-count Notice of Violation to Duksan Electera America Inc. for a broad range of hazardous waste violations.

Oh, they're just getting started, you may say?

These findings are so off the scale, they have elevated the facility's status to "Significant Noncomplier" in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's federal compliance database.

For the record, the 54-page Hazardous Waste Compliance Evaluation Inspection report, dated September 15, documents violations found during an August 13 inspection at Duksan's Shelbyville facility at 298 Frank Martin Road, where the company manufactures lithium-ion battery electrolyte solutions.

TDEC states in the public report that the company "must initiate immediate actions to correct any outstanding violations."

TDEC determined that Duksan is operating as a Large Quantity Generator of hazardous waste, producing large volumes of flammable solvent waste. According to the report, which is available online, the facility generates an estimated 56,500 pounds per month of ignitable solvent waste from tank cleaning operations and 11,400 pounds per month of solvent-contaminated wastewater from laboratory activities.

"During the walk-through of the facility, there was no spill control equipment and decontamination equipment located in the SAAs," the report states, noting similar deficiencies in the Central Accumulation Area and near hazardous waste tanks.

This very lengthy report goes on and on.

The point is that this merits, in my opinion, much more than a slap on the wrist or a turn of the head by our government officials.

CHURCH NEWS

This Sunday at **First United Methodist Church** on the public square, Pastor Abe Zimmerman will preach "The Light Has A Sound: Part 3" from Luke 1:46-55. God's light doesn't just shine—it resounds. It echoes in prophecy, sings in angelic announcement, whispers in hope, and bursts forth in joyful song. Discover how the Light has a sound. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 a.m., followed by the worship service at 10 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church are available during worship. For those unable to attend in person, FUMC-S offers a livestream on Facebook and YouTube and a broadcast on WLIJ 98.7 FM and AM 1580.

Shelbyville Bedford Manor residents form tenant union

First on the list is to improve housing conditions

On Monday, Dec. 15, 2025, residents of Bedford Manor at 400 Barksdale Lane held a press conference to announce the formation of a tenants' union and updated the press on their demand that their landlord owner "improve housing conditions, perform urgent repairs, and provide full 10-building pest control across the complex."

The Bedford Manor Tenant Union (BMTU) has requested a meeting with their landlord within 10 days and will update the press on the state of negotiations with their landlord. Their demands of pest control, repairs, and recognition and meeting with the tenant union are based on the regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which subsidizes via a $10 million Fannie Mae mortgage, LIHTC tax credits, and Section 8 voucher payments.

This event marks the creation of the first apartment complex tenant union in the history of Bedford County, organizers said.

See more of this story in the Dec. 25 edition of the Times-Gazette.

More City employee Christmas luncheon photos

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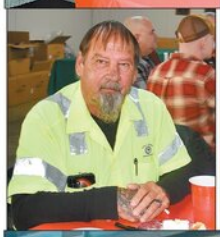

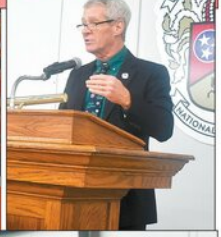



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TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

Lot, Abram & Melchizedek

Genesis 14

Lot's neighbors were at war. Four kings against five.



Sodom and Gomorrah were routed. The victor took away the wealth and provisions. And they also took away Lot and his goods. Abram pursues the captors and causes them to release his nephew (Lot) and all of his goods.

Returning to his home, Abram met Melchizedek, King of Salem (late called Jerusalem) priest of God Most High. Melchizedek provides bread and wine for the company of people with Abram.



Melchizedek blessed Abram in God's name and offered blessing, praise and glory to God, "who had given Abram's foes into his hands."

Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of all he had taken from the enemy. This is the first mention of a priest of God and of the tithe as being a tenth of one's increase.

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Wendy Littrell's Kindergarten Class Cascade Elementary

Hi Santa,
I love you so much! I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a journal, Skye paw patrol stuffed animal, and a kitty cat.
Bye Santa,
Jordan

Hello Santa,
How are you? I hope you have a happy Christmas. This year I would like a robot, transformers, mismatchers or legos. Bye Santa have a good time with Christmas,
Liam

Hi Santa,
My name is Rhett and I really like your elf on the shelf. I would like an electric race car, pistol nerf gun, and airsoft gun. I love you and Mrs. Claus!
See ya Santa,
Rhett

Hi Mom and Dad,
I am so thankful we are finishing the house. I hope it snows this Christmas. I would love a football helmet, a football, and cleats for Christmas. Let makes lots of waffle over break. I love you and have a great day,
Luke

Hi Santa,
I hope the reindeer are having fun. I'm not on the naughty list this year. I want a sea monsters squishy, rolling panda and animals for Christmas. I really love all the squishys.
Merry Christmas Santa,
Elliott

Hello Santa,
I love you! How cold is it in the north pole? I would really like an elf and an elf cam this year for Christmas! Thank you.
Bye Santa,
Garrett

Hi Santa,
I love you very much. How do you get down the chimneys? My Christmas list is a rainbow high doll, a Gabby's dollhouse, and a fairy that can fly all by herself. Have a good Christmas!
Love,
Allison

Dear Santa,
How does your sleigh fly in the sky? I am very thankful for you. This Christmas I would like a Gabby's dollhouse and barbies.
I love you Santa,
Mary

Hello Santa,
Thank you for all the gifts. This year I would love a dinosaur egg and a ball and net. I hope you have a safe trip.
Bye Santa,
Gunner

Dear Santa,
How are you? I can't wait to open presents on Christmas with my family. I would love a wooden baseball bat and a computer for Christmas. Stay warm on your ride.
Bye Santa,
Ezra

Hi Santa,
How are the reindeer? I started kindergarten this year. This year I want a reindeer stuffed animal that looks like yours, high heels, and a makeup kit. How is Mrs. Claus? Have a good Christmas,
Lorelei

Hi Santa,
Hope you are having fun. I would like a panda, a toy parrot, a puppy and a toy bathtub for Christmas.
Thank you Santa,
Ever Jane

Hi Santa,
What do the elves do in the North Pole? They are probably busy making toys. For Christmas I would like a new backpack, new folders, and sand toys. How is Mrs. Claus doing? Is she making lots of cookies? Have a good day Santa,
Harper

Dear Santa,
I love Santa and the reindeer so much! My Christmas list is a Sonic car that can drive, a Sonic bike, and a Sonic toy. I really like presents and thank you for them.
Grayson

Hi Santa,
I hope you get everyone nice presents. Your elf put a note on my TV that said you hoped I was being nice. I have definitely been good this year. I would really like a new skirt, a new puppy and a new kitten. I hope you have a great Christmas! Bye!
K'Lynn

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole? Is it super cold up there? I really love spending time with my mom. My Christmas list is a remote-control crane and a helicopter.
Bye Santa,
Graham

Hi Santa,
Thank you for the gifts this Christmas. I would really like to get a bounce house, squishmellow, and poppit this year. I hope you don't get too cold.
Bye Santa,
Lyla

Hi Santa,
I hope you had a good year. I would really like gifts please. If I could get a car and a book for Christmas. I hope had a good week!
Bye Satna,
Riley

Dear Santa,
My name is Ellison and I am six. I started school this year. Have the elves been good? I would love a car headrest to let me nap in the car, cool orange covers for my room lights, and a new glow in the dark blanket and pjs for Christmas. I hope you have a great day with the elves and Mrs. Claus.
I love you,
Ellison

Candi Lane's Kindergarten Class Eakin Elementary

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? For Christmas, I would like a Barbie gymnastics doll, a Lego set, and a Barbie vet doll, please. Merry Christmas!
Love Indie Biegas

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas, I would like a basketball, some new monster trucks, and slime, please. Merry Christmas!
Love, Parker Davis

Dear Santa,
I love you, Santa. For Christmas, I would like a toy car, a toy robot, and a sticker, please. I love you, Santa!
Love, Amari Denby

Dear Santa,
I've missed you! For Christmas I would like a Polly Pocket, a Glenda stuffed animal, and a new Gabby doll house with the Gabby cats, please. Merry Christmas!
Love River Grace Gunn

Dear Santa,
My elf, Elfie, is being so funny. For Christmas, I would like a red bird statue, a pink backpack with a smiley face and rainbow shoes on it, and a toy Elf on the Shelf, please. I love you, Santa!
Love Bristol Hill

Dear Santa,
I hope you get here safe. For Christmas, I would like a big Bumblebee Transformer, an Optimus Prime Transformer, and an ultimate Hot Wheels old car, please. Thanks for the presents!
Love Braxton Hines

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? For Christmas, I would like an American Girl doll, a kitty cat toy, and a coloring book, please. Merry Christmas!
Love Maggie Jones

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? For Christmas, I would like a new bike, Rubux, and some legos, please. I love you, Santa!
Love Connor Mansfield

Dear Santa,
I love you, Santa! For Christmas, I would like a little stuffie that is a tiny bird, a waterwow, and a little toy dog, please. Thank you for my presents!
Love Iris O'Brien

Dear Santa,
I've missed you! For Christmas, I would like a Furby, a makeup set, and some slime, please. Thank you for the presents!
Love Heidi O'Neil

Dear Santa,
Have you made a lot of toys this year? For Christmas, I would like some monster trucks, a new bike, and some money, please. Thank you for my presents!
Love Bryson Prater

Dear Santa,
I love you, Santa! For Christmas, I would like a four-wheeler, a go kart, and a robot that listens to what I'm saying, please. Merry Christmas!
Love Carter Schwab

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! For Christmas I would like a mermaid Barbie, a Barbie car, and a unicorn, please. I love you, Santa!
Love Chaselie Simpson

Dear Santa,
How is my elf doing at the North Pole? For Christmas, I would like the KPOP dolls, a koala squishmallow, and a big makeup set, please. Thank you for my presents!
Love Adeline Tapley

Dear Santa,
I love you, Santa! For Christmas, I would like a telescope, new headphones, and a camera, please. Santa, you're the best!
Love Lincoln Thomas

Dear Santa,
I hope God helps you get here safe from The North Pole. For Christmas, I would like a Pokemon playset, a basketball goal for outside, and a tablet please. I hope you be safe!
Love Fisher West

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? For Christmas, I would like a hoverboard, a remote control car, and some race cars, please. You're the best!
Love Hudson McKinney

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? For Christmas, I would like a new bike, a four-wheeler, and a remote control car please. Have a good night!
Love, Mack Edwards

Jamie Carter's PREK Class Eakin

Dear Santa,
I would like a baby princess that is tall, a baby doll house, pretend flowers, pretend baby earrings. I would also like pretend juice and milk for my dolls and diapers. Pretend sprinkles and pretend markers too.
Za'Nylah

Dear Santa,
Santa I would like a baby princess and a toy dinosaur.
Taya

Dear Santa,
I would like a gold abubu and a toy bambergini, birthday party toys and a leggo set of a Tsunami and a person on a beach.
Carlos

Dear Santa,
I would like glue, scissors, a pink suitcase, crafts, a toy laser gun, slime, bubble gum, Elsa earrings, Elsa power, and everything Elsa. I want a tablet with a game and lava.
Jayla

Dear Santa,
I would like Mighty pup toys, dinosaur toys, adult toys, big bad wolf stuff and a tv.
Rylee

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a tablet and a bike.
Ky'rhianna

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a a toy dinosaur, a scooter, a stuffed bear, art stuff, and a new purse for my mom, a pink on, she likes pink.
Liam

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a hospital house a real purple bunny, and a unicorn.
Gigi

Dear Santa,
Can I get a Paw Patrol watch that you turn into toys and about two of them, and a rainbow and crayons for my brother.
Jayvon

Dear Santa,
I want my grandma back at my house and a Barbie- Barbie doll. I want a fake tiny bracelet, another kind of barbie and a mermaid barbie.
Mariah

Dear Santa,
I really want a racetrace and some cars and that's all. My mom likes clippers, can you bring her some clippers?
Josiah

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me toy eggs, purple flip flops, and pink shoes. Thank you,
Sophia

Dear Santa,
I want a new shoes, a doll house that is blue and pink. Furniture for the dollhouse, and Santa pajamas.
Carina

Dear Santa,
I want everything Sonic. Blue and Yellow Sonic.
Ezekiel

Dear Santa,
I want toys, big big big toys.
Javier

Dear Santa,
I want a play ice cream cart, a red piano, and pink clothes, and a pink dress.
Rosalee

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some Blue Toys, some Bluey dance boombox, Bluey clothes for a girl, and some food toys.=.
Thank you,
Anali

Santa,
I want a Ho-Ho-Ho and a yellow one, and red one, and purple one toy. Ho Ho HO
Santa.
Elena

Dear Santa,
I want a video game that's like a video game where you blow up stuff and a toy for my sister.
Malakai
Dear Santa,
I want a bunch of toys and paper airplanes. I want to cars and play do.
Fernando

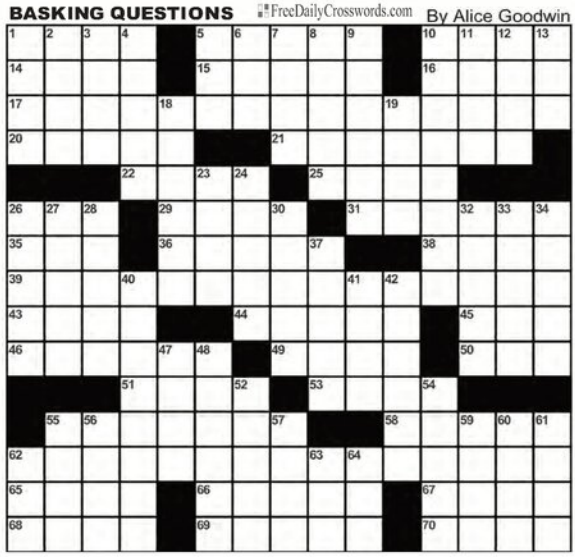


THE COUNTDOWN IS ON!

Despite being one busy dude, Santa made his rounds during the Christmas Parade in Shelbyville last weekend.

Crossword

BASKING QUESTIONS FreeDailyCrosswords.com By Alice Goodwin



CLUES ACROSS

1) Europe's tallest active volcano
5) The devil
10) Classify a film as PG
14) Wiener schnitzel meat
15) Calculators that don't need batteries
16) Mouse manipulator
17) One excited about a birthday
20) Cubic meter
21) Big Apple conveyances
22) Meadowlands pace
25) Commoner, briefly
26) Capone and Gore
29) Hollywood giants?
31) Tooth material
35) Dept. of Justice arm
36) Decorative wall hangings
38) Benefit event
39) Unfair things
43) At some earlier time
44) Cargo ship
45) Observe
46) Must
49) ___ a one (nobody)
50) The two doz. in a day
51) Duffer's scorecard listings
53) "That oughta ___!"
55) Savannah's place
58) Celestial phenomena
62) Unpaid charges
65) College club, briefly
66) Unsophisticated
67) Capital of Norway
68) Act fidgety
69) Positioned, as a building
70) Mulligan or ragout

CLUES DOWN

1) 12/24 and 12/31
2) High schooler's book
3) Scruff of the neck
4) Advance warning
5) Obeyed "Down in front!"
6) Attorneys' org.
7) They're hidden in the theme entries
8) Become troublesome
9) Light-fingered
10) Vegetable that's peeled
11) Like a fireplace floor
12) Golfer's collection
13) Be mistaken
18) Breakfast bowlful
19) Clive of films and TV
23) Cruel boss
24) Human trunk
26) Something attached
27) Freetown currency unit
28) Bordelaise or tartar
30) Gown material
32) Soggy grassland
33) Respected tribesman
34) Does high-tech eye work
37) Caesar or Waldorf
40) Some upright supports
41) Infamous fiddler
42) On the clothesline
47) Jelly-filled pastry
48) Bach is played on them
52) Commandments mount
54) Disturbances
55) Expert
56) JFK postings
57) Way in for a miner
59) Three-piece suit part
60) Qualified
61) Put in the overhead
62) Not right
63) "Now___ seen everything!"
64) Beatty of "Roseanne"



Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: December 2

Location: 108 Virginia Court; Seller, J Mark Cobb, Suzanne Oakley Cobb, John Thurman Cobb, John Mark Cobb; Buyer, Luis Salvador Mora; Price, $325,000 (Deed).

Location: 289 Fifth St; Seller, HP Realty Co LLC; Buyer, Roianne Heximer; Price, $272,000 (Deed).

Location: 115 West End Circle; Seller, Jorge Nieto Angeles, Virginia Vera Martinez; Buyer, Rachel Toon, Jason Lane Stacey; Price, $301,500 (Deed).

Location: Naron Rd; Seller, Sharon R Carrick, Michael David Carrick Estate, Alex Carrick, Mike Carrick; Buyer, Sharon Howard, Sharon R Carrick Howard; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: 510 Apple Blossom Trail; Seller, SMA Development Group LLC; Buyer, Saurin Pravinbhai Patel, Viral Patel; Price, $509,000 (Deed).

Seller, Walter Carl Chitwood, Joyce Chitwood Bingham, Frank Ahll Bingham, Alma Lou Bingham; Buyer, Walter Carl Chitwood, Lannie Kent Towe Sr, Lannie Kent Towe Jr; Price, $0 (Deed).

File date: December 3

Location: 200 Rochester Dr; Seller, Larry Lee Matthews, Robin Lynn Matthews; Buyer, Larry and Robin Matthews Revocable Living Trust, Larry Lee Matthews, Robin Lynn Matthews; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 714 Belmont Ave; Seller, Elizabeth Bradley, Thomas Wayne Bradley; Buyer, The Elizabeth Ann Bradley Revocable Living Trust, Elizabeth Ann Bradley; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 712 Belmont Ave; Seller, Elizabeth Bradley, Thomas Wayne Bradley; Buyer, The Elizabeth Ann Bradley Revocable Living Trust, Elizabeth Ann Bradley; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 128 El Bethel Rd; Seller, Elizabeth Bradley, Thomas Wayne Bradley; Buyer, The Elizabeth Ann Bradley Revocable Living Trust, Elizabeth Ann Bradley; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 2805 Sims Rd; Seller, Elizabeth Bradley, Thomas Wayne Bradley; Buyer, The Elizabeth Ann Bradley Revocable Living Trust, Elizabeth Ann Bradley; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 203 Hillview Ave; Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, Karlie N Ward, Justin C Ward; Price, $334,990 (Deed).

Location: State Hwy 16; Seller, Wartrace Creek Farm LLC; Buyer, Joshua Perry; Price, $229,500 (Deed).

Location: 422 Fairground Heights; Seller, Christopher Richard Madeo; Buyer, Blake R Morgan; Price, $125,000 (Deed).

Location: 101 Autumn Cove Rd; Seller, Gary Boyce Construction LLC; Buyer, Walter Keith Looper, Connie Clardy Looper; Price, $100,000 (Deed).

Location: 409 Winners Circle; Seller, Logan Minshall, Molli Minshall; Buyer, Kurt Kyle, Robyn Kyle; Price, $309,000 (Deed).

File date: December 4

Location: 127 Doak St; Seller, Donald Wayne Dice; Buyer, Jonathan Clouse, Victoria Clouse, Jonathan F Clouse, Victoria E Clouse; Price, $355,000 (Deed).

Location: 321 Spring St; Seller, Janie Vincent, Freda Arnold, Thomas Rogers, Dorthy Marie Tucker; Buyer, Silas W Cataldo, Evelyn Cooley; Price, $208,900 (Deed).

Location: 339 Gregory Mill Rd; Seller, Joshua Lucas; Buyer, Matthew Atkins; Price, $92,800 (Deed).

Seller, Bedford Development LLC; Buyer, Ole South Properties Inc; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 223 Lane Parkway; Seller, Southern Classic Smokehouse Inc; Buyer, Ramon Pichardo, Rosa Pichardo Maldonado; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Midland Rd; Seller, Robert Alan Mitchell; Buyer, Bryan Joseph Mitchell; Price, $62,000 (Deed).

Seller, Lisa Phelps; Buyer, Tabitha Lynch; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 342 Shelbyville Mills Rd; Seller, National Pen Tennessee LLC; Buyer, Phoenix Shelbyville II Industrial Investors; Price, $2,000,000 (Deed).

Location: 315 Zion Hill Rd; Seller, Wayne Neese; Buyer, Ralph Smally; Price, $85,000 (Deed).

Location: 315 Zion Hill Rd; Seller, Ralph Smally; Buyer, Ruben Soto; Price, $85,000 (Deed).

File date: December 5

Location: 106 Cottonwood Dr; Seller, Opendoor Property Trust I; Buyer, Edwin O Izaguirre Alvarez, Ashly Izaguirre; Price, $267,000 (Deed).

Seller, Patricia P Uselton, Carey R Uselton, Uselton Family Trust; Buyer, Drake Uselton, Carey and Patricia Uselton Irrevocable Trust; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: 449 Halls Mill Rd; Seller, Zachary McKinley Marstiller, Katherine Marstiller; Buyer, Lila Hart; Price, $235,000 (Deed).

Location: 115 Scotland Heights; Seller, Judge Travis Tampley, Davion Stephens, Jeremy Stephens, William Stephens, Demetra Howard, Demaira Davidson, Narquan Stephens, Robin M Stephens Estate; Buyer, DCC Strategic Realty Partners LLC; Price, $125,000 (Deed).

Seller, Latresa L Barton, Rhonda Russell Reed Estate, Kimberly D Shreve, Kally Dawn Watts, Katey Leigh Rowland, Jordan Reed; Buyer, F & M Properties LLC; Price, $250,000 (Deed).

File date: December 8

Location: Brittain St; Seller, Tennessee Duck River Development Agency; Buyer, Jon English; Price, $351,500 (Deed).

Location: 112 Elizabeth St; Seller, Shane Vanschaick; Buyer, Ora F Laizure, John Laizure; Price, $199,700 (Deed).

Location: 321 Rolling Rd; Seller, Mack Arnold; Buyer, Joseph D Santiago; Price, $252,588 (Deed).

Location: 1806 Longview Rd; Seller, Gregory F Heerdink; Buyer, Sarah M Davis; Price, $475,000 (Deed).

Location: 2152 Unionville Deason Rd; Seller, Michael Abdou Hanna; Buyer, Ozoreis Lamie Elghalid; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 216 Matt Drive; Seller, Timothy Ray Rudolph, Karissa C Rudolph; Buyer, Michael Thornton, Sarah L Thornton; Price, $390,000 (Deed).

Location: 217 Republic St; Seller, Keartis Martae McCaulley; Buyer, Deartis Martae McCauley; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: Manire Rd; Seller, Steven Nash, Nash Family Farms LLC; Buyer, Stephanie Nash; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: December 9

Location: Laws Hill Rd; Seller, Larry O Flippen, Hilda G Flippen; Buyer, Angelia F Hill, Charles A Hill; Price, $1 (QD).

Location: Laws Hill Rd; Seller, Larry O Flippen, Hilda G Flippen; Buyer, Angelia F Hill, Charles A Hill; Price, $1 (QD).

File date: December 10

Location: 310 Crest Dr; Seller, Tristen M Parker, Tristen Owens, Garrett Parker; Buyer, Keith Carl Luedtke, Laurel Dawn Luedtke; Price, $444,900 (Deed).

Location: 400 Neely Ave; Seller, Village Capital & Investment LLC; Buyer, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Price, $0 (Deed).

File date: December 11

Location: Fairfield Pike; Seller, Charles Marvin and Mary Philpott Living Trust, Charles Marvin Philpott, Mary Elaine Philpott; Buyer, Kurt Kyle, Robyn Kyle; Price, $312,700 (Deed).

Location: 627 East Lane St Units 627; Seller, Carra Marie Pennington; Buyer, Sanda Jane Hodgson; Price, $305,000 (Deed).

Location: 120 Coop Rd; Seller, John Milroy Habermehl III, Victoria Habermehl; Buyer, Citrine Creek Trust; Price, $915,000 (Deed).

Location: 885 Bugscuffle Rd; Seller, Billy W Ogles; Buyer, Billy W Ogles, Troy D Ogles; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 2005 North Main St; Seller, Gary Boyce; Buyer, Wendy Boyce; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 117 Prince St; Seller, Wendy Boyce; Buyer, Gary Boyce; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Bedford Development LLC; Buyer, Ole South Properties Inc; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: December 12

Seller, Lizette Torress, Rodolfo Quezada Jr; Buyer, Kurt Kyle, Robyn Kyle; Price, $312,000 (Deed).

Location: 460 Hickory Hill Rd; Seller, Kimberly McAnally Spence; Buyer, Kimberly Rhea McAnally; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Fay Creek Rd; Seller, Arturo Rico Sorcia, Silvia Jimeniz Parra; Buyer, Silvia Jimenez Parra; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Whitaker Rd; Seller, Susan Porch; Buyer, Ritchie E Porch, Deborah Porch; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 285 Mullins Chapel Rd; Seller, Keith Elroy Chunn; Buyer, Keith Elroy Chunn, Favian Shantae Short Chunn; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: December 15

Location: 1304 Union St; Seller, Union Street Holdings LLC; Buyer, DJEM Oak Knoll LLC; Price, $4,750,000 (Deed).

Location: 1304 Union St; Seller, Union Street Holdings LLC; Buyer, DJEM Oak Knoll LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 108 Hunters Lane; Seller, Denise Michelle Crowell, Johnny Ray Crowell; Buyer, Sterling Smith, Stephanie Chapman; Price, $225,000 (Deed).

Location: 350 Laws Hill Rd; Seller, Grace Farm Builders, James Williams, Neil Phillips, Ted Taylor; Buyer, David Leverette; Price, $550,000 (Deed).

Location: 405 S Wood Ct; Seller, Jason Cox, Lena Cox; Buyer, Rock West Holdings LLC, Rock West Holdings LLC Series B; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Dorothy Chapin, Dorothy Ann Helmholtz, Ryan Allen Helmholtz; Buyer, Curtis Taylor Newsom; Price, $247,800 (Deed).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
STATE OF TENNESSEE, BEDFORD COUNTY

WHEREAS, Tammie Hollis and Michael Hollis executed a Deed of Trust to Fifth Third Bank, N.A. (Tennessee), Lender and Todd Clossin, Trustee(s), which was dated May 17, 2005, and recorded on June 3, 2005, in Book TD586, at Page 594 in Bedford County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, Fifth Third Bank, National Association, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on January 20, 2026, at 10:00 AM at the usual and customary location at the Bedford County Courthouse, Shelbyville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, to wit:

Land in Bedford County, Tennessee, being all of Lot No. 2, South Wood Estates Subdivision, of record in Plat Cabinet B, Envelope 198, Register's Office for said County, to which reference is made for a more complete and accurate description and said lot.

Being the same property conveyed to Tammy Hollis by deed from American Valve Homes, Inc. of record in Book D270, Page 36, Register's Office for said County

Parcel ID Number:
099H-J-002.00-000
Address/Description:
102 Southwood Lane, Shelbyville, TN 37160
Current Owner(s):
Tammy Hollis (now) Baker et ux Estate of Michael J. Baker
Other Interested Party(ies):
Estate of Michael J. Baker

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

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

The website of the third-party internet posting company that is posting this advertisement pursuant to §35-5-101(a)(2) is: WWW.BetterChoiceNotices.com

This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

December 23, 2025, AT 4:00 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
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Full time position
Pay based on experience
Please send resume to:
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50 Inch Samsung TV
Never used, still in box
Please call:
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YARD SALE

Huge Multi Family
Christmas Sale
10AM Friday
and Saturday
2083 Globe Road,
Lewisburg
Wide variety of old and new Christmas items, Estate sale type items, antiques, cooking items, crystal, milk glass, many, many unique items. You won't want to miss out.

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



'TIS THE SEASON

Bedford County Government photo

For a number of years, a Shelbyville couple – who choose not to be publicly recognized – has made annual donations during the Christmas season to local law enforcement, fire protection and animal welfare agencies. This year's checks were distributed on Monday, Dec. 15, at the historic Bedford County Courthouse. From left, Assistant Chief Brian Cantrell of Bedford County Fire Department; Director Josie Lowery of Bedford County Animal Control*; Chief Matt Doak of Shelbyville Fire Department; Jane De Atley of Shelbyville-Bedford County Humane Association; Chief Mark Thomas of BCFD; and Suzanne Villemarette of Middle Tennessee Spay & Neuter Clinic. Receiving donations but not pictured here are Shelbyville Police Department and Bedford County Sheriff's Office.

*It was also announced at the County Financial meeting Tuesday night that Bedford County Animal Control is receiving grant dollars that will help bring the department into ADA compliance.

Obituaries



Herschel Stanley Bomar, Jr.
January 11, 1942 – December 8, 2025

Herschel Stanley Bomar, Jr., known to the world simply as Stanley and Stan, passed quietly on December 8 at his home in San Antonio, Texas, leaving behind a life that read less like a résumé and more like a well-worn American novel. He was a son of Bedford County, Tennessee, raised in the Raus Community, born at Queen City Infirmary in Tullahoma on a cold January morning in 1942, when the world itself seemed to be bracing for an unknown consequence.

Stanley was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Teri; his parents, Herschel Stanley and Virginia Frances Evans Bomar of Raus.

He is survived by his sister, Linda Bomar Yockey; his niece, Catherine Nichole Yockey; his nephew, Joshua Stanley Grant Yockey (Jennifer); and a great-niece, Everly Frances Yockey. While Stanley's nephew Josh carries forward both his and his grandfather's name, Stanley's quiet spirit lives in his great-niece, Everly.

Stanley grew up the way boys do in rural Tennessee, with red dirt on their cuffs, pocketknives worn smooth by constant use, and a confidence born not of arrogance but of freedom and belonging. He graduated from Shelbyville Central High School and earned a degree in political science from Middle Tennessee State University, though his real education had begun much earlier in the farm fields, creeks, and back roads of Bedford County.

In the 1950s and 60s, Stanley and his hunting and fishing companions Burt English, Joe Fly, Henry Hulan, Mickey Ray, Wayne Williams, and Eddie Murray left little of God's creation unchallenged. They fished every stream that would tolerate them, frog-gigged every pond that dared croak after dark, duck-hunted through weather that would make sensible men reconsider and tracked deer through woods that knew their breaths and footfalls by heart. On Sundays, when their mothers believed them safely tucked into Sunday school, they were often elsewhere entirely, testing both their aim and Providence on the back roads of Raus. It was a time of innocence, when the world felt wide and safe, and boys believed, correctly, that they were watched over by family, faith, and a community that knew exactly whose sons they were.

After college, Stanley stepped into a life few Bedford County boys could have imagined. He accepted an assignment with the United States Treasury Department and became a Special Agent of the United States Secret Service, a calling that required discretion, nerve, and an unspoken willingness to stand between history and harm.

His service placed him in the presence of power without ever seeking it for himself. His first primary assignment was protecting Georgia Governor George Lester Maddox during Maddox's 1976 presidential campaign. In the years that followed, Stanley provided security for Presidents Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan, and George H. W. Bush, as well as for Gerald Ford's son. He also served as the primary protective agent for Lady Bird Johnson and her daughters, Luci and Lynda, a role that demanded both vigilance and humanity.

To protect a president is not merely to guard a person, but to safeguard the continuity of the nation itself. Stanley accepted that burden without question. If called upon to put his life between danger and the office of the President, he would have done so without hesitation, not for glory, but because the duty itself demanded it. He traveled the world in quiet service, living a life threaded with intrigue, discipline, and responsibility, all while remaining, at heart, a Bedford County boy who knew the value of keeping his mouth shut and keeping his word.

Those who knew Stanley knew a man who carried his extraordinary experiences lightly. He did not brag, did not posture, and did not confuse importance with noise. His stories, when offered, arrived like unexpected gifts, measured, dry, often ending with a grin that suggested he had left out the best part on purpose. He understood that the truest adventures are rarely improved by exaggeration.

A gathering of family, friends, and friends-of-the-family will be held from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on December 30 at the Raus Community Center, the old Raus schoolhouse, a place well suited for remembering a man who never forgot where he came from.

Memorials may be made to Ducks Unlimited or the Bomar Cemetery Fund.

The family offers a heartfelt thank you to the Judy Gutierrez family and to Gina Sheftall of San Antonio for their care, loyalty, and kindness to Stanley in his later years. The family also thanks Doak-Howell for assistance in the arrangements.

Stanley Bomar lived a life that bridged quiet Tennessee creeks and the corridors of American power. He stood watch when history moved close to danger, and he did so with the same steady resolve he once brought to a fishing line at dawn. He has gone now, but the stories remain, and they will be told the way all good ones are, by firelight, with laughter, respect, and just enough truth to keep a listener leaning ever more forward.

Gary Wayne Ashley

"Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful, for beauty is God's handwriting" —Ralph Waldo Emerson



Gary Wayne Ashley, 78, father, grandfather, great grandfather, devoted friend, brother and lover of Jesus Christ and his beauty in all forms passed from this life on December 12th, 2025. As a man who found beauty in his earthly surroundings it is an assurance that his soul is flooded with exquisite sights unimagined in the heavenly plane.

Born in Winchester, TN June 21st,1947, to the late Mary Etta Davis-Ashley and Leroy Ashley, Gary grew up in the pastoral setting of Cowan, TN. It is easy to imagine his formative years in such a bucolic rural setting fostered his love for gardening as well as antiques. I think, had Shakespeare uttered his famous speculation of "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet" to Gary, he would have readily agreed. He had a way of looking past the outward trappings and imperfections to see the core of the beauty. His gift was to see the beauty because of the imperfections.

Gary's first job out of high school was at the Hat Factory in Winchester, TN. From there he went on to manage the Elmore Store and then the TG&Y store. When he left retail, he went to work at the Arnold Engineering Development Complex in Tullahoma, TN. He retired from Arnold and during his employ there touched many lives. His infectious laugh and welcoming smile linger with all those who ever had the good fortune to work alongside him.

In retirement Gary fulfilled a personal dream when he bought the historic Gore House on Belmont Avenue in Shelbyville, TN. Through his love of antiques and impeccable good taste he restored the home to its former glory and named it the Old Gore House Bed and Breakfast. His touch could be seen in every room in the home, and his warmth could be felt in each detail. What a joy it was for him to share with others his vision. Uncountable lives have been enriched by time spent in the accomplishment of the restoration of this grand old dame. This is a gift Gary has given to any who crossed her threshold. After completion of this restoration, he moved into his forever home which he also restored into his priceless masterpiece. He lent his loving touch to these homes and we are all the richer for it.

Gary was a devoted member of the Christ Lutheran Church in Shelbyville, TN. He truly lived what he believed and that is a remarkable accomplishment. With a giving heart and authentic compassion, Gary was a brilliant example of Christ's love.

In addition to his parents, Gary was preceded in death by daughter, April Dawn Ashley; brother, Julian "Juke" Ashley; and great-granddaughter, Blakelyn Sons. He is survived by his lifelong devoted friend and companion Terry Ingle; beloved sister Rhonda (Gary) Gray; sister-in-law Sheila Ashley; beloved daughters whom he adored with all of his being: Tarah (Bill) Swinson and Dana (Greg) Farris; grandchildren: Matthew "Scottie" (Amber) Farris, Sean (Natalie) Harper, Shay (Ashlyn) Harper, Ashlyn (Sammy) Adcock, Lexi (Austin) Sons, and Chaz Farris; great grandchildren: Jaycie, Dallas, Easton, Cleatyn, Grayson, Isabella, Brooks, Sienna, and Hollis; close friend Lucky Visha and beloved dog Petey, as well as several nieces and nephews and cousins.

Through his ready smile, quick wit, and easy charm Gary brightened a room just by entering. His ability to make people feel seen, valued, and loved is enduring and beautiful. This is the true legacy Gary has left his children and grandchildren. You will be in our hearts Gary, and we will think of you every time we see daffodils blooming in Spring and early morning dew on a rosebud. A life well lived, a true thing of beauty.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, December 15, 2025, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Rick Stevenson officiating.

Burial will follow at Cowan-Montgomery Cemetery in Cowan, TN.

Visitation with the family will be held on Sunday, December 14 from 4 to 7 pm at the funeral home.

Memorial donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital either by mail to 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 or at www.stjude.org/memorial.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

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Death Notices

Callie Rose Maupin

Callie Rose Maupin, 99, passed on December 10, 2025, at Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital. She was the daughter of the late William (Bud) and Rosa P. Maupin.

Survivors include a daughter, Dorothy Buckingham (husband deceased-Harvey Buckingham) and daughter Vicki (David) Ford. She was preceded in death by her parents and 3 brothers William J., Reuben L and Nathaniel Maupin; and 2 sisters, Golena High and Lizzie Maupin.

Feldhaus-Gowen Smith Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Michael Chauncey Moss

Michael Chauncey Moss was born on July 4, 1966, in Nashville, at Meharry Medical Center to parents Shirley Ann Johnson Moss and William Edward Moss. His maternal grandparents were Martha and Cecil Johnson, and his paternal grandparent, Florence Moss. He peacefully departed this life on December 11, 2025, after a brief illness.

Feldhaus-Gowen Smith Memorial Chapel, Shelbyville, TN is in charge of arrangements.

BASKING QUESTIONS By Alice Goodwin

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Lady Champs Dominate on the Glass in Win Over Lionettes

BY NOAH MADDOX
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BELL BUCKLE, Tenn. - The Cascade Lady Champions outrebounded Cannon County by 16, 34-18, allowing the hosts to go on a 12-2 run and pull away in the fourth quarter for a 59-48 win on Friday night.

Kaegan Young was the best player on the floor, finishing with a double-double consisting of a game-high 22 points with 11 rebounds while dishing out six assists and swiping an astonishing five steals. Her relentless aggressiveness allowed her to go 11/14 at the charity stripe as well. Caroline Parker added 11 points while Lizzie Keele chipped in with 10 points and seven rebounds. Keele also hounded Lionettes' star point guard, Abi Alexander, on defense all game, holding Alexander to just 13 points on 3/9 shooting.



Cascade huddles during a timeout against Cannon County. The Lady Champs exacted revenge for last season's District Championship loss with a dominant 59-48 home win. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*



Kaegan Young (22) scores 2 of her game-high 22 points on Friday against Cannon County. Young finished with a double-double, pulling down 11 rebounds on the night. She also dished out six assists and swiped five steals.
Photo courtesy of David Smith.

"Lizzie stepped up again defensively like she does every night in and night out, and Kaegan [Young], I mean, it's just another trip for Kaegan Young," Lady Champions Head Coach Janie Demonbreum said postgame, "She's such a unique person to watch because she is so selfless and she just does what's best for all of us most of the time."

Elly Bain led Cannon County with a team-high 20 points – scoring 10 in each half – but Cascade was able to neutralize her just enough early in the fourth quarter to land its knockout blow. Alexander added 13 points while Braylynn Taylor chipped in with 13 points on a trio of three-pointers.

Early on, both teams struggled to get anything going offensively as the two sides combined for just 12 points by the end of the opening period with Cannon County holding onto a slight lead, 7-5.

Bain began to assert herself in the second quarter, scoring eight of her 20 in the period to ensure the Lionettes were tied with Cascade at 19-19 heading into the halftime locker room.

In the third quarter, the Lady Champs came out ready to roll offensively, outscoring the Lionettes, 20-16, to take a 39-35 lead heading into the final frame.

Then, Cascade ramped up the defensive intensity as well generating quality looks on offense, sparking the knockout 12-2 run that all but sealed the victory. Young scored 14 of her 22 points in the second half, Parker netted eight of her 11, and Keele scored six of her 10, all in the final 16 minutes.

Meanwhile, Suzanna Crews switched onto Bain, holding her to just three points in the fourth quarter as Cascade outscored the Lionettes, 20-13, in the last eight minutes to take home the 11-point victory and win its third-consecutive game for the second time this season already.

Cannon County Survives Furious Cascade Rally

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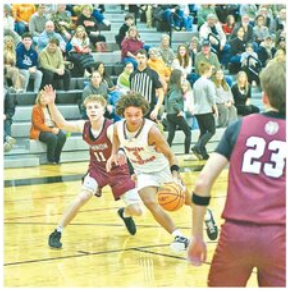
BELL BUCKLE, Tenn. - The Cascade Champions late-game surge against Cannon County on Friday night came up just short, 72-68, after being down by as many as 12 points late in the fourth quarter.

Cascade outshot the Lions from downtown, 11-5, including five made triples from Tyler Rodgers as part of his team-high 21 points, but the Champions couldn't slow down Lukas Phillips. Phillips finished with a game-high 31 points on an extremely efficient 12/17 shooting to go along with six rebounds, four assists, and one steal.



Kaleb Kelso (5) finished with 14 points, 4 assists, 3 rebounds, and 1 steal in Friday's loss to Cannon County.
Photo courtesy of David Smith.

Anderson Lara also stepped up for Cannon County, finishing with 12 second-half points en route to 16 points total. Miles Alexander, despite being hampered by foul trouble the entire second half, chipped in with 10 of his 12 points coming in the first half.

For Cascade, outside of Rodgers, Kaleb Kelso and Henry Stone also reached double-figure scoring, each finishing with 14 points. Kelso added four assists and three rebounds while Stone also dished out four assists with three boards.

"We preach in practice about next-man up and about when we sub you in, help us don't hurt us," Cascade Head Coach Doug Worsley said, "I thought we did a good job tonight of when the game looked like it was getting away and we brought in some subs, they played with desperation and it wore off on everyone else. The takeaway is that it could have gotten bad, but they showed great character and fight to make it close."

"We're obviously not happy with the loss, but we improved from Tuesday night."

Jaxon Gulick specifically stepped up considerably for the Champions in the second half on Friday. Gulick nailed his only two shot attempts – a layup and a three-pointer – in the fourth quarter, and he provided a level of intensity defensively that helped generate a couple rushed possessions and even a couple turnovers.

However, early on, Cannon County raced out to a 24-15 lead to end the opening period, and it looked like the home crowd at The Stable might be in for a re-enactment of Tuesday's defeat to Richland. Instead, Cascade fought back, outscoring the Lions, 21-15, in the second quarter to trim the lead to just three points going into the halftime locker room.

The majority of the third quarter was spent in a one or two-possession game, until Cascade seemingly melted down in the final 90 seconds with six turnovers in six possessions to give Cannon County a 54-45 lead heading into the final frame.



Tyler Rodgers (25) scored a team-high 21 points on a career-high five three-pointers on Friday night. He also added 4 rebounds, 3 assists, and 3 steals. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

The Lions would extend their lead to 12 points about halfway through the fourth quarter before Cascade went on one final run, trimming the lead to 70-68 with 12 seconds remaining before fumbling the ball on a long pass up the floor that resulted in one final game-sealing turnover.

"We're not where we want to be – and you wouldn't want to be there in December – but with this kind of effort and this kind of competitiveness, it speaks well for us moving forward," concluded Worsley.

Eaglettes Overcome Slow Start to Take Down Summit

BY NOAH MADDOX
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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – After trailing by 12 points in the first half, Keshia Jarrett's Eaglettes took their first lead of the night with 2:25 remaining after Janiya Leslie connected on a seven-foot floater en route to Shelbyville's 57-47 win over the Summit Spartans on Thursday night.

Kenley Patton's layup with 70 seconds remaining put Shelbyville up by three, 50-47, before Leslie nailed an ultimate "no, no, YES" three-pointer on the next possession that was the final nail in the Spartans coffin. The Eaglettes held the visitors to just a single point in the fourth quarter to complete the comeback.

"She's lucky she made that," Jarrett said postgame with a laugh, "I was a little nervous but it went in, so I couldn't say too much."

Leslie finished with a team-high 16 points, Jada Berry chipped in with 12, and Jayda Frazier scored nine of her 11 points in the second half.

"I feel like we really needed this to boost their confidence a bit, and they earned every bit of it," said Jarrett. "We came out flat, but we just kept fighting and fighting and fighting. We didn't execute the whole time, but what we didn't do was hold our heads down. I feel like our momentum and our energy is what really took over the game, especially late."

Bridget Allee led Summit with a game-high 17 points, but the Eaglettes held her to just a single made free throw in the second half. Sam Malcolm took over some of the scoring load from Allee in the second half, scoring 11 of her 13 in the final two periods, but it was ultimately not enough to overcome the intense Shelbyville defense. In total, Summit committed 14 turnovers, and shot just 17/25 (68%) from the free throw line.

"We prepared really well throughout the week. They're finally starting to mesh with each other and you can see the chemistry kind of coming together despite us having some injuries right now. But, in the end, we had players that stepped up and played and got the job done," Jarrett explained.

Dara Frazier, the Eaglettes' dynamic freshman point guard, was seen on the bench in a walking boot during the game, but the hosts were ultimately able to overcome her absence in the late stages of the game.

Early on, Summit jumped out to a 17-5 lead at the end of the opening period. Shelbyville looked a little discombobulated on offense against the Spartans 3-2 zone without their point guard, and Allee was leading the charge for the visitors on the other end. Allee accounted for seven of her team's points in the quarter, and the Spartans connected on three three-pointers in the first eight minutes.

In the second quarter, Shelbyville finally seemed to establish some semblance of momentum on the offensive end as they grew more comfortable playing against the zone, but Allee took things up a notch, hitting a pair of triples as she finished with nine more points to give her team a 29-24 lead heading into the halftime locker room.



Janiya Leslie (2) euro-steps her way around Summit's Sam Malcolm (22) in Thursday's win over Summit. Leslie finished with a team-high 16 points and hit the dagger three-pointer in the final minute. *T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox.*

To start the second half, the Eaglettes could not slow down Sam Malcolm, who had missed a good chunk of the first half due to foul trouble. The Spartans' center earned four trips to the charity stripe in the third quarter alone, leading to her scoring 11 of Summit's 17 points in the period to extend the lead to 46-38 heading into the final frame.

However, Shelbyville decided to erase the deficit by coming out and playing one of its best quarters of the season, outscoring Summit 19-1 in the fourth quarter en route to the 10-point victory.

Golden Eagles Coast to 74-63 Win Over Spartans

BY NOAH MADDOX
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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. — The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles bounced back from a pair of touch overtime losses on the Eagles' Nest on Thursday night with a businesslike victory over the visiting Summit Spartans.

Jevon Lee was a force all night long for the Golden Eagles, finishing with a game-high 22 points as Shelbyville pulled away to lead by as many as 21 points late in the third quarter.

"When we're clicking, we can be really, really good," Golden Eagles' Head Coach Shane Young said postgame. "I thought tonight was a good game for us because Summit tried to slow us down with that zone in the first half, but we were still able to play at a good pace and we put up 73 points. We've struggled with zone teams in the past, but I thought tonight we did a really good job making them have to come out of the zone in the second half and play man-to-man. That 3-2 zone is their staple, and tonight just gives you a glimpse of how special we can be."

After missing Monday's contest against MBA, Tommie Cannon made his presence known against the Spartans, finishing with 19 points and a pair of three-pointers. Jordan Taylor added 15 points while Tay'Shawn Shelton chipped in with 12 points of his own.

After trailing by one point, 17-16, to end the opening period, the Golden Eagles found a rhythm playing against that 3-2 zone offensively as well as turning up the intensity on the defensive end of the court. With the game tied at 21 in the early stages of the second quarter, Shelbyville went on a 14-3 run over the next three minutes or so, and eventually took a 37-28 lead heading into the halftime locker room.

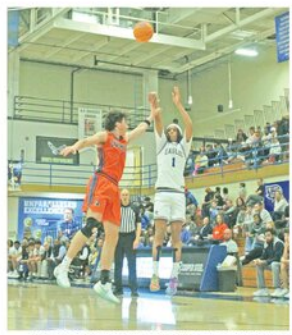
"Specifically, I thought we moved the ball pretty well against the zone," said Young, "We hit some shots in the places we wanted to get the ball against it. The transition stuff came when we started to turn them over, but we were able to do a good job of attacking and then either kicking out for an open three or hitting the high post to get an and-one. I thought they did a good job of being patient against it and finding the right shots."

To start the second half, Shelbyville kept up the pressure as its lead ballooned to 53-32 with 2:30 left in the period after senior Jordan Taylor capped off a runout with a high-flying dunk.

"The mindset we have is our defense is going to create our opportunities; we score off of our defense, and we want to be an elite defensive team that creates havoc. For the most part, I'm really proud of how we've played defensively so far this season, including tonight when we were able to force runouts off of their turnovers."

In total, Shelbyville forced 25 turnovers by the Spartans in an impressive display overall.

The Golden Eagles took a 57-40 lead heading into the final frame, but a momentary lapse in concentration on the defensive end led to a trio of Summit three-pointers that trimmed the lead down to nine points with more than six minutes left to go. Young took a timeout to refocus his team, and Shelbyville closed things out with relative ease to take home the 11-point victory.



Jordan Taylor (1) fires away from downtown against Summit. The senior finished with 15 points in the win and connected on a pair of three-pointers. *T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox.*

Summit's Ford DeShazo scored eight of his team-high 20 points in the fourth quarter, including a pair of three-pointers to open the period, but he was the only Spartan to reach double-figures as the Golden Eagles handed the visitors their second-consecutive defeat.

Viqueens Snap Two-Game Skid in OT Nailbiter Against Clay County

BY NOAH MADDOX
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UNIONVILLE, Tenn. – The Community Viqueens played their third-consecutive two-possession game on Friday night, this time taking home the victory with a 47-42 overtime win over Clay County.

Ella Eads took advantage of the Viqueens shooting a dismal 3/12 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter, scoring the game-tying bucket for her 18th point of the night to tie the game at 39 and send it to the extra session. Her 18 points were a game-high, and she was joined in double-figures by Natalie Smith with 14 points, but the Viqueens held the Lady Bulldogs without a made field goal in the extra session, outscoring the visitors, 8-3.

Brooklyn Yoes led the way for Community with a team-high 13 points – 10 of which came after halftime. Anna Haskins added nine points, Mattie Maxey chipped in with seven points despite shooting just 1/8 from the charity stripe in the fourth quarter and overtime. Conversely, Clay County shot 10/11 at the line for the game. In the end, the Viqueens were able to offset their free throw struggles by connecting on seven three-pointers compared to just two makes for the Lady Bulldogs.

Early on, Community took a 13-10 lead at the end of the opening period of play behind a trio of three-pointers. One apiece from Savannah Pearson, Haskins, and Yoes, as well as four points from Alyssa White, was good enough to hold a three-point lead after one.

In the second quarter, both teams took a step back offensively with Clay County winning the period, 9-8, to trim the lead to 21-19 heading into the halftime locker room. Morgan Pridemore and Haskins each connected from downtown to go with two points from Maxey. For the visitors, Smith nailed one of her team's two threes as well as a two-point field goal while Eads scored the other four.

In the third quarter, Community outscored Clay County, 12-9, to take a 33-28 lead heading into the final frame. Yoes scored her first points since the first quarter on two more three-pointers with a two-point field goal.

Then, in the fourth quarter, the Viqueens were held to just one field goal in the period – a two-pointer from Maxey – as Community capitulated at the free throw line. Maxey missed her first four shots before splitting a pair to allow the Viqueens to limp into an extra session. Meanwhile, Eads took full advantage, scoring seven of her team's 11 points in the period to send the game into overtime.

However, Cody Pierce's squad showed incredible resiliency to bounce back and pull out the win. The hosts held the Lady Bulldogs without a field goal for the full four minutes to snap a two-game losing streak.

Free Throw Woes Doom Vikings in OT Loss to Clay County

BY NOAH MADDOX
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UNIONVILLE, Tenn. – The Community Vikings saw their three-game winning streak come to an end in a 61-59 (OT) loss to the Clay County Bulldogs on Friday night.

The Vikings shot an abysmal 5/18 from the free throw line, including 2/12 in the second half alone, while the Bulldogs finished 9/11 at the charity stripe overall and 5/6 at the line in overtime.

Community had no answer for Nolan Adams for much of the night as he finished with a game-high 28 points, including 17 in the first half alone. Cole Eads joined his teammate in double-figures with 17 points.

Meanwhile, Charlie Haskins led the Vikings with a team-high 22 points, Jonathan Lawwel and Josh Powers each added 11 points, and Jaxon Williams chipped in with 10 points. Community was also held to just two three-pointers on the night while the Bulldogs nailed six.

Early on, Haskins and Powers looked unstoppable for the hosts, scoring eight points apiece as the Vikings added an old-fashioned three-point play from Williams to take a 19-12 lead at the end of one. Adams scored eight points while Eads added five in the period for Clay County.

In the second quarter, the Bulldogs exploded for 19 points that came solely from the duo of Eads and Adams. The former connected on a pair of threes and finished with 10 in the period while the latter scored the other nine while nailing another triple. Meanwhile, Haskins led Community with seven more points to bring his first-half total to 15 while Powers made the only regulation three-pointer for the Vikings. Clay County took a 36-35 lead heading into the halftime locker room.

In the third quarter, Community managed to tie the game at 45 heading into the final frame despite going 2/6 from the foul line, seemingly foreshadowing what was to come in the next eight minutes.

In that fourth quarter, the Vikings managed to hold Adams scoreless, but offensively the hosts could not buy a free throw. They went 0/6 in the quarter – including Haskins missing all four of his attempts – and the Bulldogs took advantage when Eads tied the game at 51 with 8.1 seconds to go.

During the extra session, Adams found his rhythm again, opening the overtime by hitting Clay County's sixth three-pointer of the night following a pair of free throws by teammate Aayden Cherry.

Lawwel scored five of his 11 points in the period while Williams added a three-pointer, but Haskins was saddled to the bench with five fouls and the Vikings ultimately were unable to salvage a win in overtime.



Heather Conditt's Kindergarten Liberty School

Dear Santa,
I would like a Little Gabby Headset with jewelry on it. I would like a speaker that plays music. Also, a Little Gabby Dollhouse that plays music.
Thank you,
Lucy

Dear Santa,
My name is Millie. I want a little lady elf stuffy. I would like an orange tablet that is a butterfly. Also, a horse farm with an orange roof. Can I have an orange Labubu?
Thank you,
Millie

Dear Santa,
I want a Bracelet Salon and a cowboy doll but a cowgirl. I would like a new Barbie House and a new cup. Also, a new bicycle with training wheels. I would like new Christmas lights for my mom, too.
Thank you,
Alayna

Dear Santa,
I want a teddy bear for Christmas. I also want a stuffed monkey and a toy car. I want an Elf on the Shelf for my house. One more thing, a toy boat.
Thank you,
Talon

Dear Santa,
I would like a ukelele and tablet for Christmas. Also, can I have a play sword? I also want a play kitchen with play food. That's it.
Thank you,
Skyley

Dear Santa,
I would like a little 3D printer and some surprises.
Thank you,
Evie

Dear Santa
I like your Elf on the shelf you sent me! I really like you. Can I have American Dolls for Christmas? I want Barbies and inflatables for my pool.
Thank you,
Elizaeth

Dear Santa,
I would like American Girl Doll stuff. I need accessories to go with the dolls. I also want rainbow kitty cat.
Thank you,
Emery

Dear Santa,
I want a motor truck and a car for Christmas.
Thank you,
Brandon

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie house with a slide and a pool at the bottom. I also want a phone.
Thank you,
Mia

Dear Santa,
I want a toy gun and a key to my house. I love you.
Thank you,
Elliott

Dear Santa,
I want a teddy bear and Labubu. That's it.
Thank you,
Rose

Dear Santa,
I want a Sky stuffy and a Sky Throw blankie.
Thank you,
Charlie

Dear Santa,
I want a hot wheel track for my hot wheel garage.
Thank you,
Max

Dear Santa,
I want a toy car, a baby doll, headphones for home, and a princess doll. I would like new dresses and a toy ring. Also, I want new socks and make-up.
Thank you,
Sadie

Dear Santa,
I want a toy telephone. I want a Bluey Bag. I have been good.
Thank you,
Emma

Dear Santa,
I want a Gabby toy and a Gabby house.
Thank you,
Mariah

Letters submitted by Melody Mooneyhan

Dear Santa,
My name is John. I am 12 years old and all I want for Christmas is a toy rc car.
Thank you!

Dear Santa,
My name is Sophia. I am 11 years old and I would love to have a reborn doll.
Thank you!

Dear Santa,
My name is Mason. I am 9 years old and I would love to have some Mr beast toy labs.
Thank you!

Dear Santa,
My name is Paisley. I am 7 years old and I would really love to have a my life doll with accessories.
Thank you!

Dear Santa,
My name is Waylon. I am 4 years old and I would love to have a big monster truck toy.
Thank you!





People Around Town

City employees recognized for their service

Photos by Stacey Claxton

The City of Shelbyville recognized the following employees reaching long-term years of service at its annual Employee Recognition Luncheon held on Monday, Dec. 8. Applauded were employees for their dedication, hard work, and commitment that have made a lasting impact on their respective departments, and the City.



5 Years

Front Row: L to R: LaTerra Holt (Police); Brandi Merlo (Police); Brian Wagner (Police) Back Row: L to R: Ben Chapman (Cemetery); Trevor Freitas (Parks & Recreation); Tracy Teal (Police). Not Pictured: Ricky Pollock (Airport)



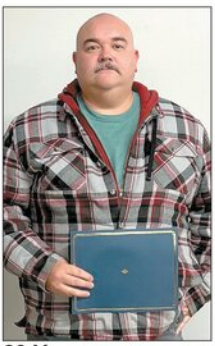
10 Years

L to R: Nate Everhart (Police); Adam Hice (Public Works); Tim McConnell (Public Works); Not Pictured: Austin Bruce (Fire)



15 Years

Cody Swift (Police); Not Pictured: Craig Tracy (Fire)



20 Years

Jody Shelton (Police); Not Pictured: Tim Dixon (Fire)



25Years

L to R: Blane Crump (Fire); Tony Williams (Public Works); Not Pictured: Matt Hart (Fire); Eric Smith (Fire); James Wilson (Fire)



40 Years

Eric McBee (Public Works)



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