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Celebrating Black History Month

Phyllis Ann Thompson-Green will hold book signing

By Dawn Hankins

Phyllis Ann Thompson-Green's world came to an abrupt halt in the summer of 2021, when her beloved daughter, Kelsey Michele (Thompson) Wallace, died suddenly during childbirth at a California hospital.

Phyllis painfully grieved for Kelsey or "Bella," as she was affectionately known. Kelsey was only 30 years old.

Today, Kelsey's children are all back in Murfreesboro, growing and thriving. Bexley is now 10, Braxton is 6, and Beaux, age 4, will be starting kindergarten in the fall.

"The kids are doing well in school and settling into this season of life," recently shared Phyllis.

She explains that Kelsey's husband, Marcus, is still currently deployed.

And as for Phyllis?

She's become an author of the book, "Where's Mommy?" (Phyllis Lanier)

"Braxton was the one who inspired this book. He is very inquisitive and would continue to ask over and over, 'Where is my mommy?' and I realized how many other children carry big questions in little hearts. I wrote "Where Is Mommy?" as a gentle, age-appropriate way to help children process grief, letting them know it's okay to ask hard questions, and that love doesn't disappear.

Phyllis is humbled to share that the book debuted as #1 in new releases on Amazon, and she will be hosting a book signing on March 8 at the Fly Cultural Arts Building in Shelbyville.

She is hoping to share this full-circle moment with the community—both as a family update and as a message of hope for other families walking through loss.

Formerly of Bedford County, Kelsey was a Shelbyville Central High cheerleader and went on to cheer for Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, where she was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.—Eta Psi Chapter. She graduated in 2014 from MTSU with a bachelor's degree in education. Her mom shared how "Bella" loved working at Dancy's dance studio on the public square for many years. She also assisted in a lot of pageants.

After moving to the West Coast, where her husband, Marcus, was then stationed, she went to work in human resources and later served as "the best mother and wife she could be"—words of adoration written in her obituary.

She and Marcus and their two children, seemed to be living a great life on the West Coast.

Soon, it was time to have another baby, little Beaux, who would survive his mom.

Due to childbirth complications, Kelsey will not have the opportunity to blow out the candles on her 40th birthday cake or see her children graduate from high school.

Phyllis, has had many questions relating to how her daughter could die this day and time in childbirth.

Could her death have easily been prevented?

Phyllis researched how death during childbirth is more common than one might think,



particularly within the African-American community.

According to a 2019 article from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Black, American Indian, and Alaska Native (AI/AN) women are two to three times more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes than white women—a disparity which increases with age.

The CDC notes while most pregnancy-related deaths are preventable, racial and ethnic disparities in pregnancy-related deaths have persisted over time, according to the CDC. Pregnancy-related deaths per 100,000 live births (the pregnancy-related mortality ratio or PRMR) for black and AI/ AN women older than 30 was four to five times as high as it was for white women.

Public safety, retail on 231 North, top City priorities

Riverview District Project on-going, barely mentioned

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Shelbyville City Council recently held what it called a Strategic Planning Meeting, with Councilmembers selecting what they wanted to see at the top of the priority list for 2026. No surprise, public safety, with its waning buildings and seemingly poor locations, was on top of the leader board.

A new police and fire station is currently in the preliminary phase and is expected to be located near the Musgrave Ball Field. While it would be nice to finish this project soon, a lot is still to be worked out by Council.

As well, Shelbyville Police expressed a great need for better radio communication. The City plans to jump on board immediately with the same TACN radio system that the County just implemented through the state. The City has been assured to use the same tower as the County.

This should improve radio communications between the City and County, it was discussed.

Also making the top prior-

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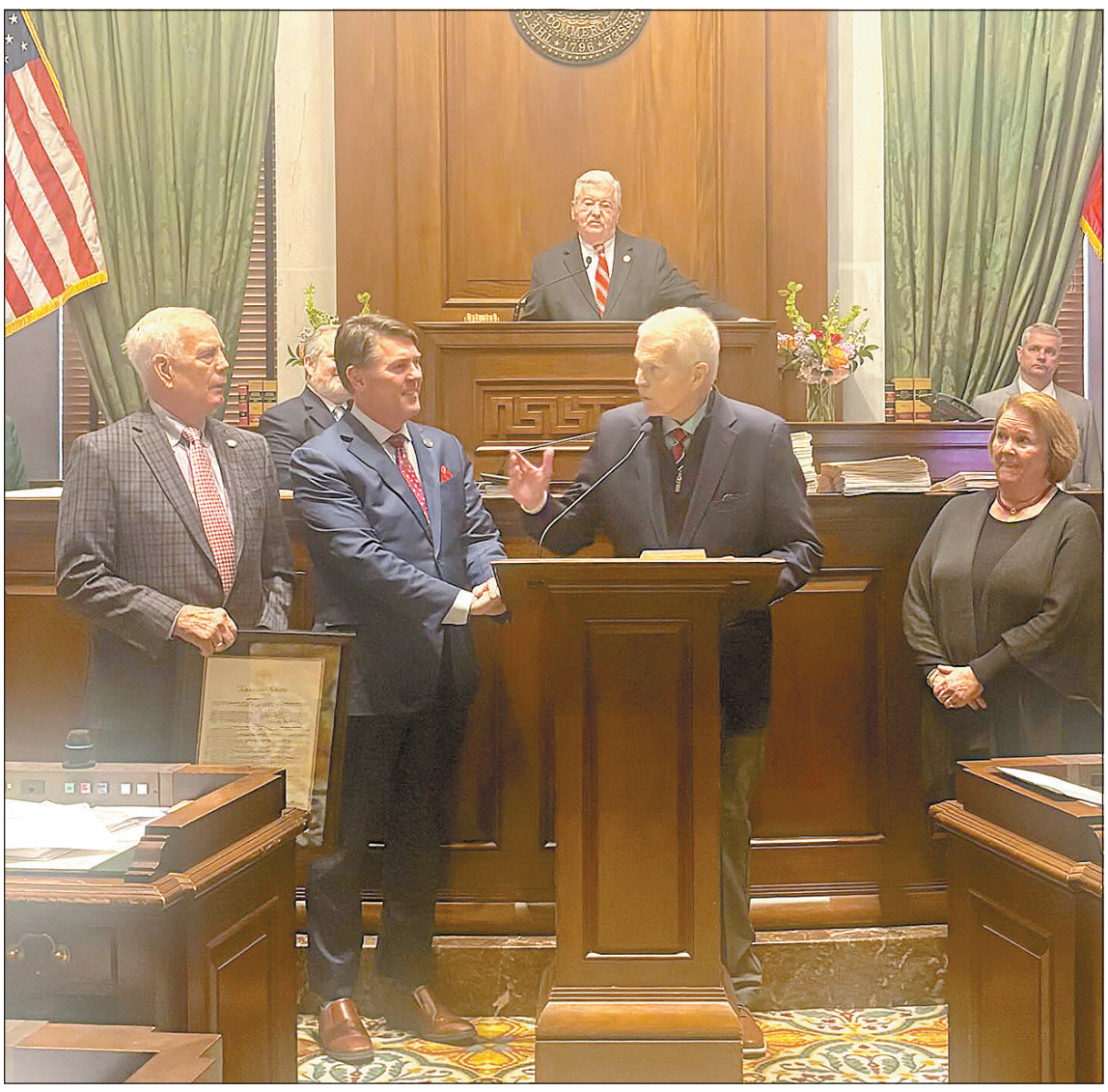

SHELBYVILLE'S JIM TRACY HONORED ON LEGISLATIVE FLOOR AND LOCALLY

The State Senate recently recognized former State Sen. Jim Tracy of Shelbyville on the legislative floor. Tracy was recognized for embodying the Volunteer State spirit over his 13 years of service. Bedford County has also honored Tracy, naming recently, with state approval, the 437 overpass in Tracy's honor.



HABITAT HOLDS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Submitted Photo

Shontelli Allen and Ted Birtcil enjoyed the Bedford Builds Habitat Ball Saturday night, which was designed with a Mardi Gras theme. This is an annual, formal dinner/dance, which raises enough money to build a house each year. Arty All the Time assisted in making masks. See more photos on page 10.

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Kaegan Young Sets Cascade Scoring Record

Class AA Miss Basketball Finalist, Kaegan Young, became the new all-time career scoring leader in Cascade history.

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Bo Gill runs for County Commission Seat, District 5

Bo Gill has announced his candidacy for Bedford County Commissioner, District 5. He told the T-G recently that he's driven by a commitment to service, community, and responsible growth.

"Bedford County is growing rapidly, and with that growth come real challenges—especially in infrastructure, public services, and preserving the rural character that makes our county home. I believe we can meet these challenges by planning wisely, seeking innovative funding solutions, and holding higher standards for residential development without placing unnecessary burdens on taxpayers."

Gill said that a core focus of his campaign is strengthening cooperation between City and County governments.

"Too often, a lack of communication leads to misunderstandings, conflict, and costly delays. I believe in proactive, diplomatic leadership—building relationships early, encouraging open dialogue, and working collaboratively to solve problems before they escalate."

Gill added, "I am especially committed to creating opportunities that encourage our young people and families to live, work, and stay in Bedford County. That means supporting responsible job growth, investing in infrastructure, and ensuring Bedford remains a safe, family-centered community."

Gill said he considers himself "a conservative who values preservation—protecting our local character, traditions, and way of life—while recognizing that thoughtful change is sometimes necessary."

He believes that public office should be about service, not personal ambition. Leaders should listen first, remain accessible, and approach each issue on its own merits with fairness and objectivity.

"If elected, I will prioritize transparency, community engagement, and practical solutions that reflect the values of District 5 and all of Bedford County."

"I would be honored to earn your support."

Gill currently serves as vice chairman of the Shelbyville Municipal Planning Commission and as a member of the Industrial Development Board. He has served as chairman and vice chairman of the Bedford County Republican Party.

He considers himself a family man. Born and raised in Bedford County, he is the son of Alan and Teresa Gill. He is supported, he said, by his wife, Emily, their daughter, Everleigh, and his brother, Tyler Gill, along with Tyler's wife, Staci, and their daughters, Lotti and Lila.

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Field appraiser Drew Reed seeks Bedford County Property Assessor role

After "prayerful consideration" and "years of dedicated work in Bedford County," Andrew (Drew) Reed, announces his candidacy for Bedford County Property Assessor.

"Shelbyville is my hometown. It is where I grew up, but it is also where I have chosen to raise my family and where I am dedicated to sharing my talents with the people of Bedford County whom I care deeply about."

He told the T-G this week that he believes he's uniquely experienced and prepared to lead this office. Reed has served this county since 2016, first through management of GIS and addressing at the 911 Center and Zoning Department. In 2019, he transferred to the County Property Assessor's Office, where he has worked as a field appraiser and currently manages cadastral mapping, GIS, and data management.

"Becoming Assessor is about more than gaining a title for me—I truly care about this county and how local policy affects each of us, personally. I am committed to serving my community to the best of my ability and to doing so in a fair and equitable manner."

Reed said one key goal he would have, as Property Assessor, would be to make sure every piece of property in Bedford County is valued fairly and consistently, so that every tax payer pays only their fair share.

"I will follow state guidelines in doing so and will be happy to answer any questions a property owner may have."

Reed said the Property Assessor's office is valuable to Bedford County. "We discover, classify, and value all taxable property. We do it 'according to value', which, in short, ensures tax fairness."

He further believes that the Property Assessor's office should operate according to the Tennessee Constitutional requirements and operate with accuracy, transparency, and public service.

"Our office is built around these principles and will continue to serve our citizens in the best way possible."

"Serving as Property Assessor has been a long-standing goal for me. I joined the office in 2019, as a field appraiser, and saw early on that there might be an opportunity to one day move into this role. It was at that point that I committed myself to learning multiple aspects of the office and how the office functions. I wanted to be fully prepared to lead this foundational office and seek the position of Assessor when the opportunity arose."

"I humbly ask for your support throughout this campaign and would sincerely appreciate your vote in the May primary and August election."



Donna Thomas seeks re-election as Bedford County Clerk

Donna Thomas has officially announced her bid for re-election as Bedford County Clerk. First elected in 2014, Thomas has proudly served the citizens of Bedford County for 3 terms.

A certified public administrator through the University of Tennessee's Institute for Public Service, Thomas leads an office that processes more than 83,000 customer transactions each year – an increase of 40% since Thomas took office. The Clerk's office receipts over $7 million annually. Thomas's team provides many essential services to the community, including title and registration, beer permits, business licenses, passport services, marriage licenses, and more.

Thomas is a member of the Tennessee County Clerks Association, presently serving on the Motor Vehicle Committee. She is also a member of the County Officials Association of Tennessee. Thomas also serves as chairperson of the Bedford County Public Records Commission.

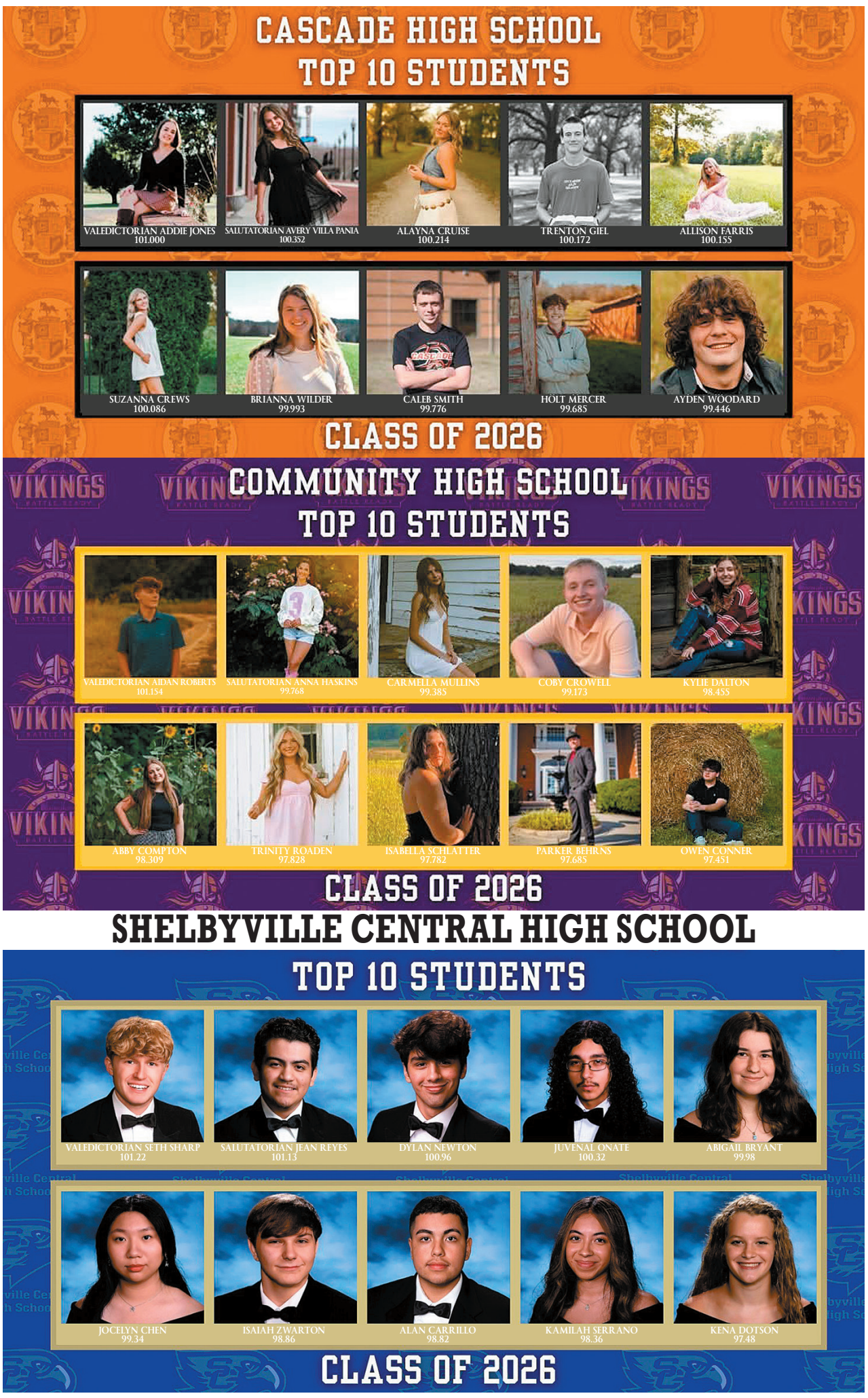
"Our office is not just about offering services — we're building relationships," Thomas said. "We remain focused on providing efficient, courteous, and personal service to every citizen. A great deal of my success is from putting the right people in the right positions. I have an excellent hard-working staff who are always eager to serve."

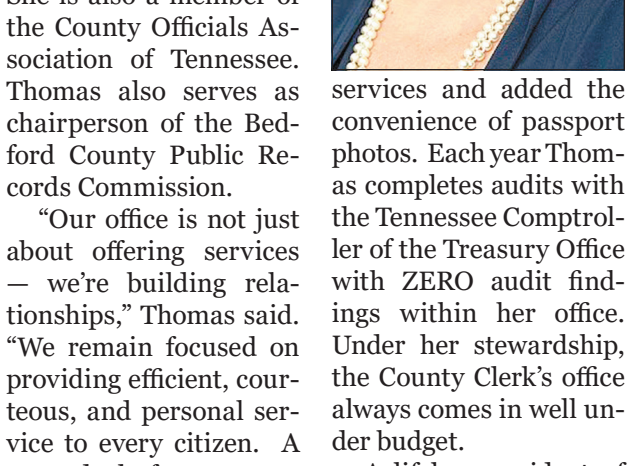
Under her leadership, the office has seen continued improvements in service delivery, reflecting Thomas's commitment to modernization without sacrificing the hometown values that matter most to Bedford County residents. She has increased online services and added the convenience of passport photos. Each year Thomas completes audits with the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury Office with ZERO audit findings within her office. Under her stewardship, the County Clerk's office always comes in well under budget.



A lifelong resident of Bedford County, Thomas has been married to her husband, Mark, for 45 years. They have 2 grown children and 3 grandchildren.

"I hope to serve Bedford County for another term, but I never take the trust of the voters for granted. If I can help you, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I would be honored to have your vote in the August 6 general election." said Thomas.





Community invited to view MRT crochet art

Special Exhibit at The Fly through March

The MRT Crochet Class at Bedford County Jail will present a Gallery Art Show of Crochet from now through March at the Fly Arts Center, 214 South Main St.

While there is no admission charge, monetary and material donations such as yarn and crochet tools will be accepted.

SAFETY

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ity list was Animal Control.

Quality of life was discussed and Councilperson Betsy Noel said she'd like to be able to have access to necessities within this town, rather than having to drive an hour away. And, they'd like to see more youth activities provided here.

Council member William Christie said he wants to see a retail development near the airport off Highway 231 North in the near future-one with perhaps a hotel or restaurants. Council discussed this would be good for the future MTSU aviation students to access as well as the local court system.

The Public Works buildings are in dire need of repair and Council placed those at a high level as well on the priority list.

Some projects on the list, like Animal Control, could take up to 5 years to complete.

But what about the long-discussed Riverview District Overlook Project?

Very little was mentioned about it on Wednesday, as far as being on the top of this year's priority list. Perhaps because a lot of the wheels of progress are already in motion, according to some Councilmembers.

Council member Henry Feldhaus, who has been a proponent of the Riverview/Duck River project for several years now, had to miss Wednesday's meeting. But he told the T-G this week that he presumes the Riverview District has enough grants and committed funding for the next 2 years.

"It is nearing the construction phase, and the City of Shelbyville has matched all grants to this point," explained Feldhaus. "Therefore, it is not at the top-of-mind during this election year with everyone else."

After viewing the meeting, Feldhaus said he only heard short term ideas come out of the strategic planning meeting

But as one of the "driving forces" behind the Riverview District vision, Feldhaus says he believes this long-term project will continue to have the support of elected officials.

"There is much support for this economic improvement," advised Feldhaus.

As for his priorities?

"I will continue to push for amenities and retail growth as improvements to our quality of life in Shelbyville."

Progress on the Riverview District

Last August, Whitney Summers, vice president/business development manager-East Region at Neel-Schaffer, Inc., updated Shelbyville City Council at its study session about the progress being made by her firm regarding the City's proposed Riverview District Walkway/Overlook. Yes, it's going to be expensive. But Summers advised Council members not to get scared because there are a lot of grants available for such projects, especially those aimed at enhancing tourism.

Mayor Randy Carroll asked about the City's financial burden for this project. Summers said there are some matching dollars required by the City for certain grants.

The City has planned and worked toward this project for a few years now-an overlook and walkway to the square area that is planned to enhance tourism by providing a regional venue for concerts and recreational activities.

Summers said as a refresher, a TAP federal grant for which the City applied through TDOT, was awarded in July 2021. The contract was signed soon after. The engineers have been working on the project since.

From a cost perspective, there's a past approved grant from 2021 (including 80/20 match by City) for just over $1.3 million. That grant pays for construction, according to Summers.

After she told Council about how lovely the project is going to be and healthy for the Duck River area off the public square, she got down to some cost estimates.

Summers advised Council "not to take it to the bank yet" but informed them that the cost of this Riverview project phase is estimated now, without final material and design costs, at $2.7 million.

She advised her firm is already in conversation with Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) about available grants.

One federal grant she mentioned is the CMAQ or Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program which provides dedicated federal funding to state departments of transportation for projects that improve air quality and reduce congestion.

The CMAQ program improves air quality by funding transportation projects and programs that reduce air emissions from cars, trucks and buses (mobile sources) in air quality non-attainment and maintenance areas, which are the only areas eligible for CMAQ funding. Because this is a new project to enhance tourism but is also an environment type project so to speak, the City could possibly toss its hat in the ring for these dollars, based on criteria.

City Treasurer Kay Parker asked about when grant awards would be announced and awarded. She said the CMAQ request is in and dollars available are being evaluated. the TAP program has not been opened yet for 2026 applications. She told Parker the City would apply in October and hear in July.

She said there are exceptions, sometimes, for early awards.

Mayor Carroll asked if the City's looking at another year to start this project.

"Right now, we're sitting at May 2026- contractor signing contracts and the pre-construction meeting is happening."

Summers said it's a "lengthy process" and construction is going to be about a 9-month process. Actual completion date, when people can walk, is set for 2027.

New bill could impose 'exorbitant' fees to view public records

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NASHVILLE — A bill cosponsored by a Johnson City state representative would eliminate the public's right to free inspection of public records.

These records can include detailed spending records; police bodycam footage; or internal communications between government employees.

The bill, if passed, would effectively reverse a portion of the Tennessee Open Records Act, which has been in place since 1957. Currently, Tennessee charges for copies made of public records, but allows the public or members of the media to inspect these records free of charge.

"We just simply should not get to a point where the only information we get from the government is what they want to put out in the press release," said Deborah Fisher, executive director of the Tennessee Coalition for Open Government. "And that is the direction we're going."

Ultimately, the fees are determined by the government entity itself. Fees would have to be "reasonable," as is provided by current law, and the information must be provided in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.

However, state law provides few specifics as to what exactly "cost-effective" and "reasonable" can mean.

According to Fisher, governments could base the charges on an attorney's hourly rate if it were determined that legal expertise was necessary to review or redact material. That would allow for governments to charge a member of the public or media thousands of dollars to look at a document.

Fisher said everyday members of the public would be the most acutely affected by the legislation, as they would have less incentive to pay hundreds or even thousands of dollars for the records. Businesses such as law offices and insurance companies are commercially incentivized to make these requests, and they can more easily afford the fees.

"It would basically create this new exemption to the public records law," Fisher said. "And that an exemption would be, 'If you can't afford to pay what we set as the price, you can't look at public records.'"

The bill was introduced last week, and so far, has not yet been assigned to a subcommittee. It is sponsored in the House by Johnson City State Rep. Rebecca Alexander, R, who did not respond to requests for comment on the legislation.

Similar legislation was introduced in 2015, but was quickly shot down amid public backlash. A year later, the state's open records council published a report showing citizens' overwhelming opposition to imposing a fee on the inspection of records.

The Office of Open Records Counsel, a division of the Comptroller's Office, found that levying these fees could create a public perception "that something is being deliberately hidden."

"This is not the democratic way," said one survey respondent. "This is an affront to our open democratic government, and I am totally against this! As are my friends as well as my husband. Please do not let this become the law."

The report stated that public records requests can be difficult to comply with due to complexities with locating certain information. Because of this, the OORC recommended the state create better practices for locating and fulfilling public records requests, rather than placing a barrier between the requestor and the information.

CONSUMER ALERT:

TDCI, AG's Office warn consumers about purchasing insurance policies from LifeX Research Corporation

NASHVILLE -- Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance (TDCI) and the Tennessee Attorney General's Office are warning consumers that LifeX Research Corporation is not licensed to sell insurance products in Tennessee.

TDCI's Consumer Insurance Services has received reports that consumers were told they could obtain health coverage through LifeX by becoming LifeX employees. However, LifeX is not licensed to sell major medical health insurance in Tennessee. Consumers have also been told the coverage would be issued by a well-known insurer, which is inaccurate. No licensed health insurers offering major medical coverage in the State of Tennessee provide coverage to Tennessee consumers through LifeX.

"Purchasing a health plan from a company that is not licensed to sell insurance in Tennessee could have disastrous financial consequences for unsuspecting consumers," said TDCI Commissioner Carter Lawrence. "Instead of providing coverage to help offset your healthcare costs, providers may not recognize your unlicensed plan, leaving you responsible for the full cost of care."

In other states, LifeX plans have also been associated with Benefit Health Plan, Inc. (BHPI) and Benefit Logistics Captive Insurance Company. These entities are not licensed to conduct insurance business in Tennessee.

"Protecting Tennessee consumers from deceptive practices is a top priority," said Tennessee Attorney General Jonathan Skrmetti. "Our office will aggressively pursue scammers, and we encourage anyone who suspects fraud to file a complaint with our Division of Consumer Affairs."

Consumers searching for health insurance online should never provide personal or financial information to unknown callers without confirming they are licensed insurance producers representing companies authorized by TDCI.

Red flags include:

- The caller will not identify the insurance company.
- The caller claims to be an agent but refuses to provide a license number.
- You cannot review plan details before purchase.
- You are pressured to act immediately to secure a low rate.
- You must join an association or pay an application fee to enroll.

For insurance-related questions or to file a complaint, contact TDCI at (615) 741-2218, 1-800-342-4029, or visit the TN Dept. of Commerce & Insurance's website Commerce & Insurance (TDCI)

To report deceptive business practices, file a complaint with the Attorney General's Division of Consumer Affairs at www.tn.gov/consumer.

The TN Dept. of Commerce & Insurance include divisions like the State Fire Marshal's Office and TennCare Oversight.

Bedford Briefs



FLAT CREEK MONTHLY POTLUCK

Flat Creek's monthly potluck, hosted at the Community Center off of Hwy 82 (115 New Herman Rd) is meeting on Saturday, March 7th. The meal will be prayed over at 6:00 and will be followed by an exciting entertainment program brought to you by the bluegrass band Mountain Ridge Five. Mountain Ridge Five Bluegrass Band, based out of Lavergne, is a group of talented musicians and singers deeply rooted in the traditions of the Bluegrass music genre that has been playing together since 2017 but have all been friends for many more years. The band has been featured on many radio shows and local television stations throughout Middle Tennessee as well as live Bluegrass festivals and music events across the mid-south region. As always, the community center is a great place to bring your family and friends for a good fellowship meal and live music on the first Saturday of the month. Please come out and visit with a dish or dessert.

VFW POST 5019 NEWS

VFW Post 5019 meets at 1320 East Depot St., Shelbyville, on the first Monday of each month.

On the 2nd Saturday each month, the VFW Post has breakfast, which is open to the public. Cost $10.

On the 3rd Saturday, the Post has live music. Cost $3.

The next VFW Post 5019 meeting is March 2 at 6 p.m. The meal is at 6 p.m. and the business meeting follows at 7. Spouses welcome.

The VFW has completely renovated the inside of the building and is now offering our building rentals for special events. For rental information call 931-581- 0999 or 931-580- 2865.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 23 NEWS

American Legion Post 23 meets at 1320 East Depot St., Shelbyville, on the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is March 3rd, with the meal at 6 p.m. and the business meeting at 7. Spouses welcome.

DAV CHAPTER 43 NEWS

DAV Chapter 43 meets the second Tuesday of the month at 1355 Highway 130 East, Shelbyville. The next meeting is March 10th, with the meal at 6 p.m., and the business meeting following at 7. Spouses welcome.

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FEATURES FROM THE BIBLE

TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

Will Rebekah Agree
Genesis 24

Isaac's servant met Rebekah at the well. She not only gave him water but also offered to water his camels.

The servant of Isaac gave Rebekah a nose ring and two bracelets, and asked Rebekah if there was room at her father's house for him to spend the night. Learning there was, the servant worshiped the Lord.

Rebekah reported the conversation with the man at the well to her brother, Laban, and her father, Betheul. Laban, went out and invited the man into their home.

Hearing the servant's story, Laban and Betheul believed that this was of the Lord and asked Rebekah if she would go with the servant and become the wife of Isaac. Rebekah readily agreed to go.

Back in Negev, Isaac was in the field one evening meditating when he looked up and saw camels coming. Rebekah was in the caravan. She looked and saw Isaac coming to meet them and sought to know who it was. The servant explained that it was his master.

Hearing a report from the servant about what has transpired in Nahor, Isaac took Rebekah as his wife.



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Obituaries

Dr. Shirley S. Brothers LaRoche



Dr. Shirley S. Brothers LaRoche, Ph.D. MTS, age 89, of Murfreesboro, TN, passed away Tuesday, February 24, 2026. She was born in the Fosterville Community of Rutherford County, TN to the late Powell M. and Sophia Coop Brothers and was a granddaughter of the late Dr. Lee Brothers.

Dr. LaRoche attended high school in Bell Buckle, TN., where she graduated as valedictorian of her class. She went on to receive her B.S. and M.A. degrees from Middle Tennessee State University and was a member of Kappa Delta Pi. She received her Ph.D. degree in psychology and post-doctorate internship from the University of New Mexico and her Divinity degree from Vanderbilt University Divinity School.

She met and married the late Norman C. Sullivan, a navy fighter pilot, while in college and they had three children: Norman, Timothy, and Shea.

Dr. LaRoche was a licensed Psychologist in the State of Tennessee and completed a full career as a clinical psychologist at the Alvin C. York Veterans' Medical Center in Murfreesboro. During her years at the VA, she provided the highest standards of psychological services to the departments of Psychology, Psychiatry, Medicine, Surgery, Oncology, and Neurology. She was an excellent teacher and served as Director of Psychological education and training for the VA Hospital for graduate students from Vanderbilt University, Meharry College, Middle Tennessee State University, and the University of Tennessee. She was appointed Adjunct Associate of the faculty of Vanderbilt University, MTSU, and the University of Tennessee.

Shirley was honored with numerous awards for her excellent work with both patients and students. Among these honors were yearly awards for "Outstanding Performance," the award for "Outstanding Woman of the Year" for community service, and "Outstanding VA Employee in the State of Tennessee."

Following her retirement from the VA, Dr. LaRoche completed her Divinity Degree from Vanderbilt University and was a member of the "Scholar Prophetarum." She volunteered spiritual care with the chaplain service at the Rutherford Hospital/St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital for several years.

Shirley loved people and people loved her. She loved God above all and believed in serving Him by serving her family, church, community (particularly those underprivileged and oppressed), and country.

Early in her career, she began teaching sixth grade in Virginia, then seventh and eighth grade accelerated classes at Bellwood School in Murfreesboro and subsequently was appointed Director of the "School for the Gifted" at Reeves Rogers.

In serving the Murfreesboro community, Dr. LaRoche participated in numerous charitable and philanthropic organizations, including President of the American Association of University Women (MTSU), Interim President of the Murfreesboro League of Women Voters, President of the Ambassadors for the Rutherford Hospital, and served several years on the Rutherford Hospital Foundation Board. She also served as President of the Women's Club, Regent of the Colonel Hardy Murfree Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, three years on the Murfreesboro Hospice Board, the American Heart Board, The Exchange Club Advisory Committee, MTSU Music Department, a member of the Junior League of Murfreesboro, provided classes in Education and Management at Franklin Heights in Murfreesboro for underprivileged women, a member of the Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities, and a life-status member of the American Psychological Association.

Dr. LaRoche was a long-time member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church where she sang in the choir and taught an Adult Bible Class for many years. She also served as Lector and Eucharist Minister, was active in the Ladies Guild and served and supported the Mission Ministry in Haiti feeding the children.

Dr. LaRoche also enjoyed many friends in Nashville and Shelbyville, TN. She was an associate member of the Shelby DAR chapter and the Shelbyville Women's Club. She was a member of the Ladies of Charity and book clubs in Murfreesboro and Nashville. Dr. LaRoche loved great books, history, classical music, opera, and played the piano for community groups. She travelled over most of the world appreciating the diverse cultures and beauty of the earth. Dr. LaRoche loved art and learned to paint in both watercolor and oil. She restored the beautiful Greek-revival ante-bellum home on Betty Ford Road where she and her late second husband, Richard F. LaRoche, Sr., attorney-at-law and former judge, lived and entertained family and many friends throughout the years.

Dr. LaRoche is survived by her children, Timothy Leigh Sullivan and wife Ellen, Shea Sullivan and wife Irma, and Norman Louis Sullivan and wife Donna; step-children, Richard F. LaRoche, Jr. and wife Gloria, Dr. Elizabeth LaRoche and husband John Murray, Cheryl LaRoche Kellerman and husband Bob, Debbie LaRoche Kennedy and husband Lynn, Lina LaRoche Warden and husband Dr. Jeffrey Warden; grandchildren, Emily Sullivan Martin and husband Bret, Katie Sullivan Slier and husband Clinton, Eric Sullivan and wife Shelby, Corrie Sullivan Dobis and husband Kyle, and Jessica Kincaid; great-grandchildren, Kennedy Mikel, Holland Slier, Weldon Martin, Claire Martin, Luca Sullivan, and Sterling Sullivan; brother, Winston Brothers and wife Bonnie; niece, Jeannie Williams and husband Wade; and nephew, John Brothers and wife Sheron.

In addition to her parents, Shirley was preceded in death by husbands, Norman C. Sullivan, Richard F. LaRoche, Sr, and J. Howard "Herby" Powell, Jr.

Visitation with the family will be 4:00 until 7:00 pm Friday, February 27, 2026, at Woodfin Memorial Chapel. A Funeral Mass will be held 11:00 am Saturday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to The Journey Home, Greenhouse Ministries, or St. Rose of Lima Catholic School in memory of Dr. Shirley LaRoche.

Woodfin Funeral Chapel Woodfin Chapel, Smyrna, PO Box 636 203 North Lowry Street

1488 Lascassas Pike Smyrna, TN 37167 is in charge of arrangements. Murfreesboro, TN 37133 Phone 615-459-3254.

Nancy June Arnold Jolly



Nancy June Arnold Jolly, 83, of Shelbyville died February 17, 2026.

Funeral Services will be held 2:00 P.M. Friday, February 20th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home Darryl Lewis officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin at 11:00 A.M. prior to service.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hershell Eugene Jolly; her parents, Wade Alfred Arnold and Sammie Kate Adcock Arnold.

Nancy is survived by her son, Randy (Teresa) Jolly; granddaughter, Whitney Jolly Sparkman; great-grandchildren, Alexa Nicole Sparkman and Jordan Michael Sparkman all of Murfreesboro; sisters, Thelma Vickers and Mary Newman; her caregivers, B.J. Simmons and Sarina Dotson.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Death Notices

Harold Allen Lamb Sr.

Harold Allen Lamb Sr., passed away February, 19. Born in Bedford County on July 13, 1948, he was son of the late Charles and Lucille Lamb.

Harold is survived by his wife of 21 years, Sandra Lamb; son Harold Allen Jr. "Charlie" (Laura) Lamb; bonus children Jeremy (Teresa) Graven, Mark (Liz) Graven, and Annale "Annie" (Matt) Iltis; sister Peggy (Mike) Overcast.

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

Anthony E. White

Anthony E. "Tony" White passed away on Feb. 20, 2026. He is survived by his wife of 57 years Diane White; his daughter, Jennifer Miller; his son-in-law Andy Miller; his sister, Faye Eudailey

In the past, he has served on the Marshall County Co-Op board, Farm Bureau, and Marshall County Commission.

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

THE ISSUE

Abiding by what's legal should take precedence over party objectives

By Dawn Hankins
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Well, President Trump's State of the Union address Tuesday night will go down in history for many reasons. One being it was said to be the lengthiest in U.S. history. Don't quote me on that because that was the spin doctors talking immediately after the session last night.

For sure, what is likely making the history books are the heroes honored last night. Some received Purple Hearts for their valor and others for their overdue humanitarian war efforts.

Didn't you love the 100-year-old who received the Congressional Medal of Honor? (I could have done without President Trump's comment that he might deserve one too.)

But the thing that will likely go down in history is how those who loathe President Trump sat like stumps as he talking about illegal immigration. Here's the thing folks, it's "illegal" based on the laws of this country. Period.

As he demonstrated last night, President Trump has no issues with those residents who have come into the U.S., **legally**. We do have a system in place.

But how can you sit still while he's talking about such a subject-like him or not?

Granted, there were some proverbial nods by some of his nay-sayers on a couple of other subjects. But to sit silent, during applause, while he discussed what he (really our dedicated men and women) have done to end illegal immigration was embarrassing.

What kind of message does that send to other countries? We can't even agree amongst ourselves when it comes to obeying our own laws?

I understand in the world of politics 'thou shalt not be moved' by the opposite party on certain subjects (social issues, mass acceptance and understanding.)

But to me, it reasonably tells the American public that some politicians will sit idly by-even when something illegal is smacking them right in the face.

So, I do believe that if abuse is going on in our capture of illegal immigrants, that should stop. There are cases when people make the situation worse by defying the demands of law enforcement. But any spiteful danger should stop for sure.

Christians are called to obey the laws of the land as a way to honor God, recognizing that earthly authorities are established by Him. However, when human laws directly conflict with God's commands, believers must respectfully choose to obey God above all.

Sure, some people call the efforts with ICE and U.S. Border Patrol violating human rights. The rights of whom? Many of those coming into this country have violated our young people and terrorized and taken, through gang activity, many neighborhoods.

Whether Republican, Democrat, Independent or Libertarian, you need to be asking yourselves:

Can we see the 'forest for the trees?'

The phrase signifies a situation where someone is so overly engrossed in minor details, they have a lack of perspective on the larger context. The importance is understanding how to maintain a balance between the attention to detail and the overall objective or goal.

It is good to remember this idiom during election time.



A ROOM FULL OF TENURED EDUCATORS

BC Communications Photo

During last week's Bedford County Board of Education meeting, several local teachers received tenure recognition. A teacher must have 5 years of service and meet certain state criteria for achieving this status.

Liberty FCE celebrates February as Hearth Month

Liberty Family and Community Education (FCE) Club met on Feb. 16, 2026. Judy Smith called the meeting to order. Debbie Parker read the call to order "Pitter Patter."

Dorris Turrentine read the devotional and shared a photo from her phone that related to the reading.

The Club will feed the Farm Bureau in April.

Bottled water was donated to the Soup Kitchen.

Thank you notes were read from Good Sam and Clothe our Children of Bedford County.

The County-Wide Meeting will be March 5 at 5 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Achievement Night is March 19 at 6 p.m.

Extension Agent Whitney Danhoff gave the educational lesson-"Healthy Activities for Heart Health." She gave 8 hints on how to improve hearth health and mentioned it's the leading cause of death in women.

The hints ranged from keeping a healthy weight to managing one's blood pressure. Danhoff said.

Club demonstrations were given by Dorris Turrentine (3 smocked dresses) and Ann Spencer (two baby blankets.)

The Club will meet next month at 5 p.m., at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church. Celebrating birthdays will be Ardis Rittenberry and Debbie Parker.

Judy Smith read the adjournment.

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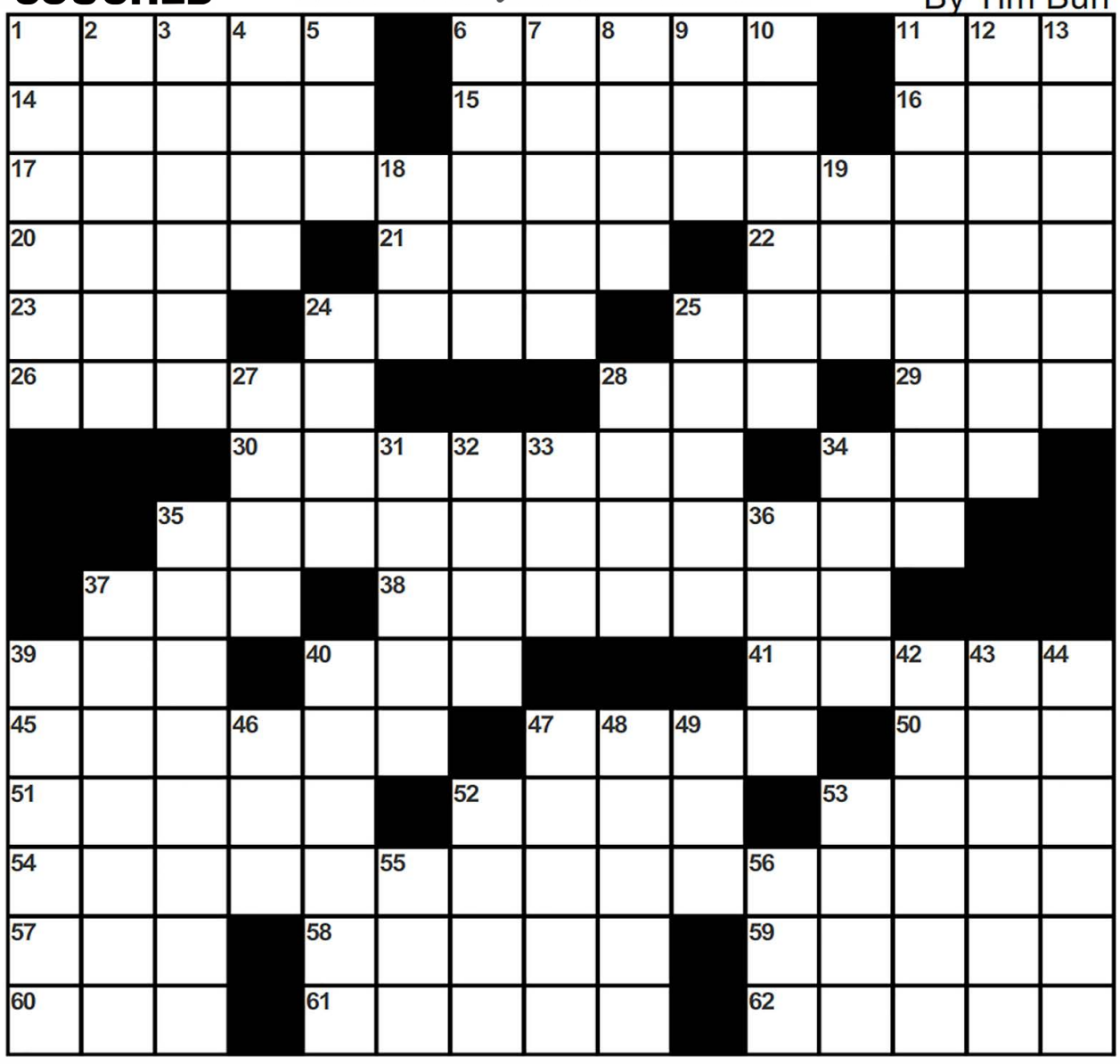

CLUES ACROSS

1) Wine stoppers
6) One-pot meals
11) High-arcing hit
14) Sports venue
15) White-sale item
16) "Ciao, Brutus"
17) Cable alternatives
20) Be aware of
21) "Oh, me!"
22) San Diego player
23) Bigheadedness
24) "___ Flanders"
25) Easy to control
26) AT&T, for one
28) Coffee house?
29) Grand Coulee or Aswan
30) John Lennon's lady
34) Drivel
35) Semi-gloss alternative
37) Is able
38) Alphabetic characters
39) Bare-bones bed
40) "___ all in your mind"
41) Playful marine mammal
45) Adjusts wheels
47) Advise caution
50) Eggs, to Nero
51) Spiral-homed antelope
52) "Art of Fugue" composer
53) "Wheel of Fortune" action
54) Time for cartoon watching
57) Donned the feedbag
58) Really dumb
59) Tiny weight
60) Cardinal, e.g.
61) Merchant's successes
62) Urged (with "on")

CLUES DOWN

1) Coffin
2) Certain citrus fruit
3) Come out with a modified version
4) Homophone of 46-Down
5) Actor Mineo
6) " It's___ Rock and Roll to Me"
7) Destroy completely, as a car
8) Some meadow creatures
9) "With this ring, I thee___"
10) Like some blouses or shoes
11) Pretentious
12) Partly coincide
13) Old-fashioned suit?
18) " 7 Faces of Dr.___" (1964 flick)
19) Cul-de-___
24) Beside the point
25) Stingless male honeybee
27) Blue shade
28) College course division
31) Bagpipers' gannents
32) Aces, sometimes
33) O'er and o'er
34) " Do you want to hear a secret?"
35) Filled to the gills
36) Appliance for smoothing cloth
37) Assemble in proper sequence
39) Victim of Brutus
40) Short-tailed lemurs
42) Hitting the bottle
43) Demonstrate clearly
44) Traveled far and wide
46) African antelope
47) Batman Bruce
48) Apexes
49) Greek "P"
52) Canaanite deity
53) Like a bug in a rug
55) FBI evidence, at times
56) Lobster coral

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THINGS THAT START WITH Z

Amazing Zebras

The stripes on a zebra are like the tiny lines of human fingerprints: No one zebra is striped exactly like another.

Why Stripes?

Zebras protect themselves by grouping together. When a group of zebras stand close together, it's hard to see where one zebra starts and another ends. This optical illusion protects zebras from the lions, hyenas, leopards and cheetahs that hunt them.

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



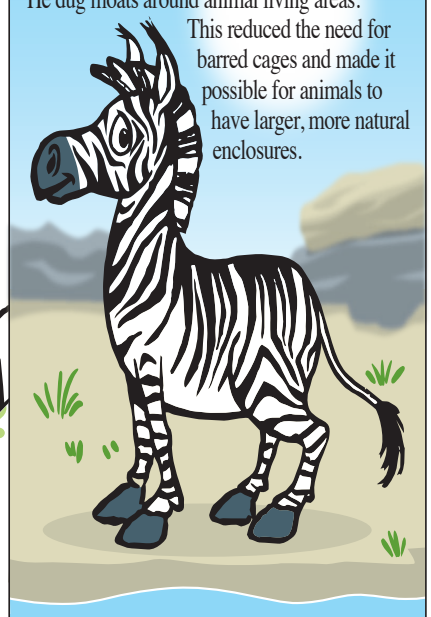
Are Zebras Fast?

Zebras are *very* fast! And they have to be in order to outrun lions and other predators.

Zebras can run up to 65 miles (105 km) per hour, while lions can reach up to 50 miles (80 km) per hour in short bursts. Cheetahs can reach up to 70 miles (112 km) per hour, so zebras must be alert at all times!

New Zoo Idea

In 1907, German zoo owner Carl Hagenbeck came up with an idea that improved zoos. He dug moats around animal living areas. This reduced the need for barred cages and made it possible for animals to have larger, more natural enclosures.



Hold this page up to a mirror to discover more zebra facts!

One zebra in a herd is always on watch for predators.

Zebra ears can rotate to locate sounds.

At night, a zebra can see as well as an owl.

Zip It!

Zippers were invented in the late 1800s. But they often popped open unexpectedly, causing a lot of embarrassment.

The zipper was perfected in 1923 on rubber boots made by the B.F. Goodrich Company. The company called the fastener a zipper because you just had to "zip 'er up" or "zip 'er down."

Circle every other letter to see what zippers were originally called.

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Standards Link: Social Science: Students understand the contributions of individuals in shaping our economy.



Draw a line from each Z word to its definition. Stuck? Use a dictionary.

1. ZINC	a. A path with back-and-forth angles.
2. ZEPPELIN	b. Silly or wildly funny.
3. ZITHER	c. The largest city in Switzerland.
4. ZURICH	d. A shiny, bluish-white metal.
5. ZIMBABWE	e. A country in southern Africa.
6. ZONE	f. A blimb-like airship.
7. ZAP	g. Great energy or excitement.
8. ZIGZAG	h. A musical instrument.
9. ZEST	i. An area with a special purpose.
10. ZANY	j. To strike something quickly.

ANSWERS: 1d, 2f, 3h, 4c, 5e, 6i, 7j, 8a, 9g, 10b.

Extra! Extra!

Red All Over

What's black and white and red all over? Not just a sunburned zebra! Choose one page of the newspaper. Circle in red all of the words that you know.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Mystery Z Poem

Our name starts with Z.
You eat us – now what can we be?
Our colors are dark green, pale green and yellow.
Our succulent flesh will taste quite mellow.
We grow on a bush with prickly stems.
We're shaped like a sausage with rounded ends.
We're an excellent source of Vitamin C,
Good to eat and also fat free.
In France we're *courgettes*, our name rhymes with linguine.
Eat us cooked or raw. Our name is …

Z _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Standards Link: Language Arts: Word recognition.

Double Double Word Search

ZANY
ZAP
ZEBRA
ZEPPELIN
ZERO
ZEST
ZIGZAG
ZINC
ZING
ZIPPER
ZITHER
ZONE
ZOO
ZOOM
ZURICH

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

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

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

From the Kid Scoop Lesson Library

Name Game

Look through the newspaper and circle the names of 10 places. List the names of these places in alphabetical order. Can you find each place on a map?

Standards Link: Social Science: Use map skills to determine the absolute location of places.

Write On!

Z Poems

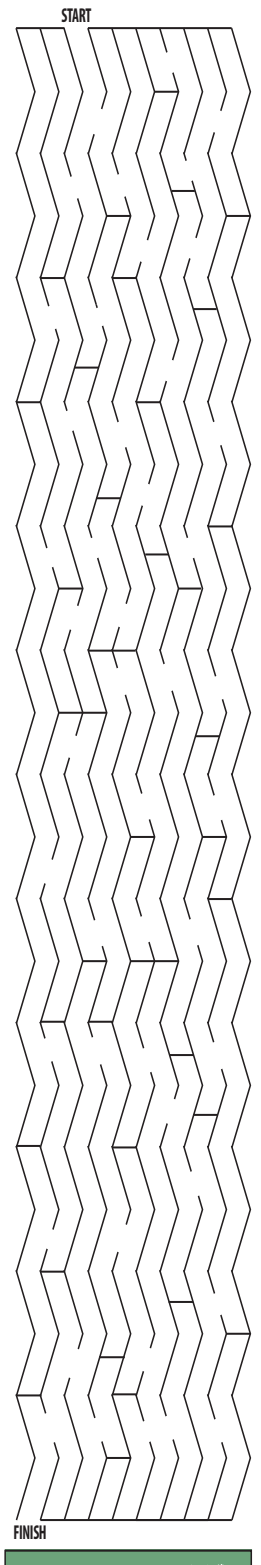
Be inspired by the letter **Z**. Write a poem about whatever comes to mind about the letter Z.

Kid Scoop Together

ZIGZAG MAZE

Can you find your way through this maze in under 2 minutes?

START



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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: February 17

Location: 1435 Unionville Deason Rd; Seller, Miguel A Juarex Maturano; Buyer, Peter Lauman III, Danica Lauman; Price, $414,900 (Deed).

Location: 2640 Highway 82 E; Seller, John Langston, Claudette Langston; Buyer, Frank Moreno Jr, Denise Caroline Moreno; Price, $940,000 (Deed).

Seller, Middle Tennessee Baptist Church; Buyer, Curl Properties LLC; Price, $1,250,000 (Deed).

Seller, Wanda L Woodlee, Wanda Woodlee Rogers; Buyer, Caleb Anderson Arnold; Price, $180,000 (Deed).

Location: Ernest Campbell Rd; Seller, Joseph G Lupo, Sandra A Lupo; Buyer, Timothy J Scheffler, Lisa R Scheffler; Price, $125,000 (Deed).

Location: 123 Tom Walker Dr; Seller, Megan Kathleen Hampton; Buyer, George Thomas Hampton Jr; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 206 Bates St; Seller, Timothy W Estes, Lonny L Cook; Buyer, Mares Properties LLC; Price, $75,500 (Deed).

File date: February 18

Location: US Highway 41 A; Seller, Martin K Shofner, Corabel A Shofner; Buyer, Martin King Shofner Family Limited Partnership; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 103 Summer Lane; Seller, Richard Melanson Jr; Buyer, Richard R Melanson; Price, $10 (QD).

Location: 114 Skyview Rd; Seller, Donna G Locke, Leonard Locke Jr; Buyer, Donna G Locke; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Baptist Church Rd; Seller, Tammy Lanora Fuller, Donald Holland Estate, Donnie Darrell Holland, Robin Denise Moore, Monty Earl Holland; Buyer, Running With Scissors LLC; Price, $257,400 (Deed).

Location: 950 Longview Rd; Seller, Adam Corgan, Kelsey Corgan; Buyer, Hector Romero, Maria Antonia Marrufo; Price, $718,500 (Deed).

Location: 611 Coble Circle; Seller, Noah Dearinger; Buyer, Joyce Rocco Watt, Patricia Lee; Price, $205,000 (Deed).

Location: 120 Blue Grass Dr; Seller, Rylan R Franker, Jasmine Michelle Franker; Buyer, Layton Leonard Bush, Alisha Sorensen; Price, $,334,900 (Deed).

File date: February 19

Location: New Herman Rd; Seller, Brad Betts, Tiera Betts; Buyer, 1065 New Herman Road LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Buffalo Valley Inc; Buyer, Aliyah Spence; Price, $230,000 (Deed).

File date: February 20

Location: Elizabeth St; Seller, Aaron M Householder, Charles Edmond Chapman Estate, Judith L Householder; Buyer, Greg Curl, Lisa Curl; Price, $25,000 (Deed).

Seller, James E Farrar Sr; Buyer, Rigoberto Vazquez Lopez, Andrea Diaz Gomez; Price, $30,000 (Deed).

Location: 153 Virgil Beasley Rd; Seller, Shawnn Gentry Moss; Buyer, Shawnn Gentry Moss, Bradford J Moss; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 144 Horseshoe Court Unit; Seller, Pamela Bowen Russell; Buyer, Michael Benjamin Louis Bowen; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Betty Jo C Batten; Buyer, Dennis and Betty Jo Batten Family Revocable Living Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 127 Central Ave; Seller, Lori Zimmerle, Cabinet Makeovers 401K Plan; Buyer, James Horne, Heather Horne; Price, $65,000 (Deed).

Location: 2114 Longview Rd; Seller, Jamie McMillen Butera; Buyer, Virtuous Holdings Series 2114 LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Lynda H Reed, James Milton Holloway Sr Estate; Buyer, Jamie McMillen Butera; Price, $264,000 (Deed).

Location: 420 Beechwood Rd; Seller, David Kip Mayton, Paula I Mayton; Buyer, Stephanie Smotherman; Price, $575,000 (Deed).

Location: Kennedy Rd; Seller, Roy B Daniels, Dianne L Daniels; Buyer, Austin Defoe, Kelsie Defoe; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 1275 Railroad Rd; Seller, Julie Dixon; Buyer, Julie Dixon, Leah Thomas; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Fishingford Pike; Seller, Lisa L Hobbs, Laura K Gordon, Sandra Y Hargrove Estate, Sandra Faye W Yoes; Buyer, Lisa L Hobbs, Laura K Gordon; Price, $0 (Deed).

File date: February 23

Location: 2610 Hwy 41 A N; Seller, Ronnie J Wright, Carol Leann Wright; Buyer, Ronnie Joe Wright; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 2612 Hwy 41 A N; Seller, Ronnie Joe Wright; Buyer, Ronnie Joe Wright, Carol Leann Wright, Wright Tennessee Community Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 329 Pinkston Rd; Seller, Ronnie Joe Wright, Carol Leann Wright; Buyer, Ronnie Joe Wright, Carol Leann Wright, Wright Community Property Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 108 Kinder Dr; Seller, Kevin Gunter; Buyer, Hayden Gunter; Price, $450,000 (Deed).

Location: Highway 64 West; Seller, Don R Cameron III; Buyer, Cameron Development LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

Sale at public auction will be on April 28, 2026 at 11:00AM local time, at the south door, Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, Tennessee pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by Betty F. Cullen and Stephen J. Cullen, to Homeowner's Title & Escrow, LLC, Trustee, as trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Aegis Mortgage Corporation d/b/a UC Lending, its successors and assigns on April 12, 2002 at Book TD474, Page 169;and modified by agreement recorded December 19, 2014 in Book TD827, Page 396 conducted by LLG Trustee TN LLC, having been appointed Substitute or Successor Trustee, all of record in the Bedford County Register's Office. Default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable.

Party Entitled to Enforce the Debt: Rocket Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns.

The real estate located in Bedford County, Tennessee, and described in the said Deed of Trust will be sold to the highest call bidder. The terms of the said Deed of Trust may be modified by other instruments appearing in the public record. Additional identifying information regarding the collateral property is below and is believed to be accurate, but no representation or warrant is intended.

Street Address: 334 Deer Point Road, Unionville, Tennessee 37180

Parcel Number: 047140.00000

Current Owner(s) of Property: The Heirs of Betty F. Cullen

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded Plat or Plan; any unpaid taxes and assessments; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; rights of redemption, equity, statutory or otherwise, not otherwise waived in the Deed of Trust, including rights of redemption of any government agency, state or federal; and any and all prior deeds of trust, liens, dues, assessments, encumbrances, including those created by a fixture filing or any applicable homeowners' association dues or assessments; any defects, adverse claims and other matters that may take priority over the Deed of Trust upon which this foreclosure sale is conducted or are not extinguished by this Foreclosure Sale; all claims or other matters, whether recorded or not, which may encumber the purchaser's title and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

The following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property to be affected by the foreclosure: any judgment creditor or lien holder with an interest subordinate to the said Deed of Trust or any party claiming by, though, or under any of the foregoing. Such parties known to the Substitute Trustee may include: All parties claiming by, though, or under Betty Cullen.

Terms of Sale will be public auction, for cash, free and clear of rights of homestead, redemption and dower to the extent disclaimed or inapplicable, and the rights of Betty F. Cullen and Stephen J. Cullen, and those claiming through him/her/it/them.

Any right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are waived in accord with the terms of 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 postpone or adjourn the sale to another time certain or to another specified date, time, and location certain, without further newspaper publication upon announcement by posting with the third-party internet posting company and announcing on the date, time, and location of each sale set forth above or any subsequent postpone or adjourned date, time, and location of sale; provided, however if the sale is postponed or adjourned for less than five (5) days after the original sale, announcement by internet posting is not required.

If you purchase a property at the foreclosure sale, the entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of a certified/bank check made payable to or endorsed to LOGS Legal Group LLP. No personal checks will be accepted. To this end, you must bring sufficient funds to outbid the lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser at the time the foreclosure deed is delivered.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded only by the Substitute Trustee at any time. If the Substitute Trustee rescinds the sale, the purchaser shall only be entitled to a return of any money paid towards the purchase price and shall have no other recourse. Once the purchaser tenders the purchase price, the Substitute Trustee may deem the sale final in which case the purchaser shall have no remedy. The real property will be sold AS IS, WHERE IS, with no warranties or representations of any kind, express or implied, including without limitation, warranties regarding condition of the property or marketability of title.

THE PROPERTY IS SOLD WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, RELATING TO TITLE, MARKETABILITY OF TITLE, POSSESSION, QUIET ENJOYMENT OR THE LIKE AND FITNESS FOR A GENERAL OR PARTICULAR USE OR PURPOSE. The title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

This Notice of Sale can be viewed online by Better Choice Notice Solutions at HTTPS://BetterChoiceNotices.com

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NOTICE

Notice to owner and/or lienholder of abandoned or unclaimed vehicles. Take note that the following vehicle will be sold on March 19, 2026 at 10 AM at Newton Ford South , 2811 Hwy 231 N Shelbyville TN 37160 to satisfy repair, and storage charges if not claimed within 14 days of this notice.

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

On this first Sunday of Lent, Pastor Abe Zimmerman of First United Methodist Church Shelbyville will preach: "Lent with Imperfect People: Part 2" from John 3:1-15. "We are looking at people in the Gospels whose lives were imperfect. Each week, we will recognize pieces of our own story in theirs, and discover how an encounter with Jesus reshaped their lives."

Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 a.m., followed by the worship service at 10 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church are available during worship. For those unable to attend in person, FUMC-S offers a livestream on Facebook and YouTube and a broadcast on WLIJ 98.7 FM and AM 1580.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

BEDFORD COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT
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Separate sealed bids for the 2026 WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT will be received by Bedford County Utility District located at 214 Bethany Lane, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160 until 10:00 a.m. local time on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, and then at said time and place publicly opened and read aloud.

This project consists of installing approximately 1,700 water meters within the Bedford County Utility District service area. Materials will be provided by the District.

The 2026 WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT Bid Package, Bid Form, Agreement, and other bidding instruments may be examined at the Bedford County Utility District. Copies of the bidding documents may be obtained at the office of BEDFORD COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT for no charge.

If the bid submitted herewith exceeds $25,000, the Bidder's license number and license expiration date must be included on the outside of the envelope. All Bidders shall comply with the Contractor's Licensing Act of 1976 and as amended (TCA Title 62).

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality in the bidding and to reject any or all bids.

All bids must be made out on the Bid Form bound in the contract documents, and the Bid Form should not be detached from the contract documents. Bids will not be opened from Bidders who have not obtained the contract documents from the Owner.

No Bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Kevin Mayhorn, General Manager
Bedford County Utility District

Public Notice -
2025 City Property Taxes

The deadline to pay 2025 City Property Taxes without penalty/interest is Saturday, February 28th.

City Hall is located on the Public Square at 201 N. Spring Street. We are open M-F, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Shelbyville City Hall drive-thru window will be open on Saturday, February 28th from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in order to accept property tax payments only. The drive-thru is located on the W. Holland side of City Hall.

Kay Parker, City Treasurer

Golden Eagles Finish as District 6-AAAA Runners-Up in Controversial Title Game Against Lincoln County

BY NOAH MADDOX
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MANCHESTER, Tenn. -In a rematch of last season's D9-4A title game that No. 1 seed Shelbyville Central (18-12, 5-3) won by four, this time it was the No. 3 seed Lincoln County Falcons (20-7, 4-4) who prevailed in a tight one, 62-61, inside of 'The Patch" on Tuesday.

The Golden Eagles had a chance to win this back-and-forth affair after Reese Smith missed a pair of free throws with 5.3 seconds to go, but Tae'Shawn Shelton's straight-on, off-balance 16-footer came up just short as the buzzer sounded.

"Our guys definitely fought, and I'm proud of them," said SCHS' head coach Shane Young, "They did just about everything they could, we just ended up on the wrong end of the stick tonight."

Malek Johnson, a senior guard for the Golden Eagles, was a star on Tuesday, putting in a team-high 18 points with seven of them coming in the fourth quarter alone. Jasiah Berry added 10 points, and was a force to be reckoned with inside as Lincoln County simply had no matchup for him. Berry finished with 10 points, but he didn't shoot a single free throw.



Shelbyville's Malek Johnson (5) drives to the basket in the fourth quarter of Tuesday's loss to Lincoln County. Johnson finished with a team-high 18 points for the the Golden Eagles. *Staff Photo.*

"Mook [Malek Johnson] has started a couple years for us," Young said, "This year, we've asked him to come off the bench, and he's done a really good job all season. Any given night, anyone on our team can have a big game. We have faith that both him and Jasiah [Berry] will come in and do their job to put us in a position to have a chance to win. They definitely played their butts off. We just have to get Jasiah [Berry] the ball in better ways."

A heavy point of contention both during and after the game was the free throw disparity between the two sides. Shelbyville Central was called for 23 fouls compared to the Falcons' nine despite both teams being extremely aggressive in attacking the paint. Lincoln County made seven threes, and they finished 15-of-20 at the charity stripe. Meanwhile, the Golden Eagles made a concerted effort to pound the ball inside with Jasiah Berry early and often, and continued their paint pressure all night long, resulting in just four made three-pointers as a team. Incredibly, Shelbyville Central shot just six free throws for the entire game.

"Props to Lincoln County, I don't want to take any credit away from them," Young said, "They did a great job, and Reese [Smith] is a helluva player, but there are some things that we don't get that everybody else gets when it comes to the whistle and it's starting to get a little frustrating."

Despite the free throw differential, the most impactful and controversial call was not a foul, instead it was a missed traveling violation. As the clock ticked down below 10 seconds, there was a heavy scramble for the ball on the Lincoln County end of the floor. It resulted in Maddox Franklin, who finished with 16 points on the night, ascending on a corner three. When he saw a Golden Eagle flying out of the air to contest his shot, Franklin brought the ball down to dribble after his feet left the floor for what should have been a fairly obvious traveling call for any one of the three officials. Instead, after two quick passes, Elijah Parks knocked down a corner three-pointer at the horn to give the Falcons a four-point lead, 43-39, at the end of the third quarter.

"I know it's hard to stay in the game after something like that happens, and it's been hard," said Young about the sequence at the end of the third quarter, "We just keep trying to keep them engaged despite how it can reach a point where it feels like there is almost nothing they can do to overcome that kind of whistle."

Despite the adversity, Shelbyville Central responded once again in the fourth quarter, storming back with a 9-2 run in the first 2:45 of the period to take a 48-45 lead after Jordan Taylor punctuated a fastbreak with a slam.

Less than a minute later, with the Golden Eagles holding onto a 50-49 lead, one of the three officials decided to disrupt the game and forced a lengthy stoppage to have some fans removed. Perhaps the fan(s) had a point, because at the 3:04 mark with the Falcons clinging to a 52-50 lead, the fouls were 5-to-0 in favor of the No. 3 seed.



The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles finished as the District 6-AAAA Runners-Up after a hard-fought game against Lincoln County on Tuesday night. *T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox.*

Coming out of the Shelbyville Central timeout, Jordan Taylor, who had picked up his fourth foul minutes earlier, was reinserted. He connected on a crucial and-one to both tie the game and re-take the lead, 53-52, with just over two minutes to go. Johnson split a pair of free throws to go up by two with 1:50 left, but then Parks found room outside the arc to drill his fourth three-pointer of the game to give the Falcons a 55-54 lead at the 1:25 mark.

On the ensuing possession, Johnson used a ball screen from Berry to free himself up for a 15-foot jumper that gave the Golden Eagles a one-point lead with 1:15 to go. Unfortunately for the top-seeded Golden Eagles, this would be the last time they held a lead as Smith once again found himself at the free throw line after drawing a foul while setting a screen. Smith converted on both, and after Shelbyville Central missed a three, Smith split a pair to go up by two, 58-56, with 43.0 seconds left.

Coming down looking to tie or take the lead, Shane Young opted to go for the tie with a Taylor drive to the basket, but he lost the ball after taking a ton of contact inside the arc, resulting in more free throws for the Falcons. Franklin made both to go up two scores with 25.1 seconds left before Taylor converted on a floater to cut the lead back down to 60-58. Franklin again made a pair, and then Shelton nailed a deep three at the top-of-the-key with 7.4 seconds remaining.

Out of the timeout, Smith got the ball and walked 80 feet to the free throw line, but he missed both with just 5.3 seconds to go. This left the door wide open for Shelbyville, but Shelton's heavily contested 16-foot pull-up came up just short off the front of the rim at the buzzer.

Shelton finished with 13 points on three threes and a pair of dunks for Shelbyville. Jordan Taylor added 10 points, Berry scored 10 points, and Johnson scored a team-high 18 points.

Reese Smith led all scorers with a game-high 23 points, Maddox Franklin scored 16 points, and Elijah Parks also added 16 points for the Falcons.

Early on, it looked like Lincoln County was in a load of trouble on both ends. Shelbyville opened with a 13-5 run from the jump in the first 5:37, and they eventually held a 17-9 lead at the end of the opening period.

In the second stanza, Shelbyville managed to grow its lead back up to eight points, 23-15, at the halfway point of the quarter, but the Falcons managed to knock down a couple of threes to help trim the lead back down to three, 26-23, heading into the halftime locker room despite Johnson's 11 first-half points along with Berry's six.

Coming out for the second half, Lincoln County settled into the game, outscoring Shelbyville Central 20-13 after the controversial buzzer-beating three-pointer from Parks to take a 43-39 lead heading into a highly competitive final frame.

The Golden Eagles outscored the Falcons, 22-19, but they came up just one point shy in their district title defense.

Shelbyville Central falls to 18-12 overall. The Golden Eagles are set to host the third-place team from District 5-AAAA, East Hamilton, on Saturday night at 7:00 p.m in the Region 3-AAAA quarterfinals.

SHELBYVILLE: M. Johnson 18 (1), T. Shelton (3), J. Berry 10, J. Taylor 10, T. Cannon 4, J. Lee 4, J. Conditt 2.

LINCOLN CO.: R. Smith 23 (1), M. Franklin 16 (2), E. Parks 16 (4), D. Ogle 4, B. Bryen 2, L. Leverette 1.

District 6-AAAA Awards Announced for SCHS



Shelbyville's Janiya Leslie (above) was named to the District 6-4A All-Tournament team on Monday night. *T-G Staff Photo.*



Shelbyville's Jada Berry (above) was named to the District 6-4A All-Season Team on Monday night. *T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox.*



Shelbyville Central's Malek Johnson (5) and Tae'Shawn Shelton (3) were selected to the 2026 District 6-AAAA All-Tournament team on Tuesday. *T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox.*



(Left) Shelbyville's Malek Johnson (5) was named as the 2026 District 6-AAAA 6th Man of the Year while Tommie Cannon (2) was named as the district's Most Improved Player. Cannon was also selected to the All-Defensive Team. *T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox.*



Shelbyville Central's Jevon Lee (30) and Tae'Shawn Shelton (3) were selected to the 2026 District 6-AAAA All-Season Team on Tuesday. *T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox.*

Viqueens Down No. 9 Lady Champs, Kaegan Young Sets Cascade Scoring Record

BY NOAH MADDOX
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BELL BUCKLE, Tenn. - No. 3 seed Community (15-13, 4-4) managed to pull away late against No. 1 seed Cascade (21-8, 7-1) to take a 51-37 win in the District 9-AA consolation game on Saturday afternoon in the third 'Battle of Bedford' matchup this season.

There was also a bit of record-breaking that took place during the game, as Cascade superstar senior and Class AA Miss Basketball Finalist, Kaegan Young, became the new all-time career scoring leader in Cascade history, surpassing Mark Gilmore's 45-year old record of 1,495 points after her 20-point outing on Saturday. With at least one game remaining in her career, Young now sits at 1,506 career points, becoming the first Cascade Champion or Lady Champion to reach the 1,500 points mark.

"It's a lot to take in. I'm just really thankful," Young said postgame, "I couldn't have done it without my teammates and coaches and trainers. I wouldn't be anything I am today without them. I want to thank God for giving me the opportunity and the talent, and all the connections that's brought with it. The love for the game goes so far beyond the record, it's just a sport that just keeps on giving."

Despite her 20-point afternoon, the Viqueens managed to control the game defensively overall, despite missing starting point guard Mattie Maxey after suffering a left leg injury in the D9-AA semifinal against Loretto. Community was also even in the turnover department with both teams committing 14 turnovers.

"This was just a great team win. Our girls played hard, they did their job tonight overall," Viqueens head coach Cody Pierce said postgame, "We did a great job against their pressure. The press hurt us against Loretto, but now that we knew the situation we were in, the girls were ready to play. Sara Flannagan and Madisyn Hill both stepped up and were a huge part of that game, and we didn't let the press bother us as much."

The Viqueens were led by Alyssa White through the first three quarters as she finished with a team-high 17 points and six rebounds. Savannah Pearson connected on a trio of three-pointers in the first half to finish with nine points, and Madisyn Hill scored eight points with seven rebounds and went 5-of-6 at the free throw line.

Despite Young finishing with 20 points and nine rebounds, the Viqueens made every touch and every shot extremely difficult. The District 9-AA MVP made four threes, but she went 4-of-14 (28%) from the field, which actually turned out to be a better percentage than what the Lady Champs shot from the floor as a team (20%). Cascade was outscored in the paint 20-4 overall after Jocelyn Laughlin went down with an apparent ankle injury just four minutes into the game. Laughlin did not return to the game.

"All five on the court were doing their job defensively," Pierce said, "We've smothered teams over the course of this past month. Our goal is to make every shot as tough as possible, and we continued to do that tonight."



Cascade's Kaegan Young (22) became Cascade's all-time career leading scorer after her 20-point performance on Saturday, surpassing Mark Gilmore's 45-year old record of 1,495 points set in 1981. Young now sits at 1,506 points for her career, becoming the first person at Cascade to eclipse 1,500 career points. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*



Community's Savannah Pearson (2) connected on three big treys in the first half of the Viqueens' win over Cascade on Saturday. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

Cascade jumped out to an early 7-2 lead on a Young triple at the 6:25 mark, but the Viqueens came storming back with a 9-1 run over the next 2:38 to take an 11-8 lead before Laughlin went down with an injury. The Lady Champs scored the final three points of the period to knot the score up at 11 at the end of the first quarter.

In the second, Community held Cascade to just three points, managing to take a 19-14 lead heading into the halftime locker room.

Coming out for the second half, the Lady Champs had their highest-scoring period of the night, outscoring the Viqueens, 13-12, to trim the lead to 31-27 heading into the final frame. However, Community managed to pull away in the fourth, outscoring Cascade 17-7 en route to the 51-37 win as the Lady Champs' struggles from the field continued.

Community improves to 15-13 overall. The Viqueens travel to Decatur County Riverside on Friday for the Region 5-AA quarterfinals. Tipoff is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

Cascade falls to 21-8 overall. The Lady Champions travel to District 10-AA champions, Hickman County, in the Region 5-AA quarterfinals on Friday night, LIVE on The Zinger 100.9 and AM 1400 at 6:45 p.m.

CASCADE: K. Young 20 (4), L. Keele 8, C. Parker 5 (1), L. Comstock 3 (1), J. Laughlin 1.

COMMUNITY: A. White 17, S. Pearson 9 (3), M. Hill 8 (1), A. Haskins 7, S. Flannagan 5 (1), M. Pridmore 4, B. Yoes 1.

District 9-AA All-Season, All-Tournament Teams Announced



The boys' All-District 9-AA Season Team featured 3 players from both Cascade and Community. (From left to right) Cascade's Kaleb Kelso, Summertown's Sawyer Sherman (55) and Lleyton Sherman (23), Community's Charlie Haskins, Loretto's Kylon Wilkerson, Summertown's Ryder Blackwood (4), Cascade's Cooper McElroy and Henry Stone, Community's Jaxon Williams, Summertown's Graham Howell, Community's Josh Powers, Chapel Hill's Andruw Myers & Freshman of the Year, Rylan Anderson, and District 9-AA MVP Mason Tidwell from Loretto. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*



The girls' All-District 9-AA Season Team featured three players from Cascade and two from Community. (From left to right) Community's Anna Haskins, Loretto's Ally Augustin, Summertown's Ella Busby, Loretto's Sophie Weathers, Cascade's Lizzie Keele, Chapel Hill's Baeliy Stalnecker, Community's Alyssa White, Summertown's Tess Long, Cascade's Caroline Parker, Loretto's Alexa Crosby, Summertown's Gabi Long as well as Freshman of the Year Zoei Bonner, and D9-AA MVP, Kaegan Young from Cascade. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*



The boys' All-District 9-AA Tournament Team featured two players from both Cascade and Community. (From left to right) Jon Hightower from Chapel Hill, Cooper McElroy and Kaleb Kelso from Cascade, Jaxon Williams and Charlie Haskins from Community, Mason Tidwell, Kylon Wilkerson, and Grant Fisher from Loretto, and Ryder Blackwood, Sawyer Sherman, Andrew Mabry, and Lleyton Sherman from Summertown.*Photo courtesy of David Smith.*



The girls' All-District 9-AA Tournament Team featured two players from both Cascade and Community. (From left to right) Caroline Parker and Kaegan Young from Cascade, Baeliy Stalnecker from Chapel Hill, Alyssa White and Savannah Pearson from Community, Ella Busby, Lena Brown, and El-Lee Lu Mason from Summertown, and Sophie Weathers, Ally Augustin, Jessie Chance, and Kinlee Stutts from Loretto. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

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First Commerce Bank has some BIG News!

First Commerce Bank, which operates here in Shelbyville, was recently recognized as a Top 10 Tennessee Bank in the Bank Performance Report for every quarter of 2025!

This achievement reflects the bank's continued strength, stability and dedication to serving its customers and communities across middle Tennessee.

Last September, Peoples Bank of Middle Tennessee officially become part of First Commerce Bank. While the name may be new, the bank's mission will feel familiar: to provide the friendly, personal service local residents have come to expect, while offering even more products, technology, and resources to help customers reach their financial goals.

www.firstcommercebank.net
Shelbyville Branch (Formerly Peoples Bank)
1122 N. Main St., Shelbyville, TN 37160
P.O. Box 707, Shelbyville, TN 37162
Lobby Hours:
Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday: Closed
Drive-Up Hours:
Monday - Thursday: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. to Noon

Our Mission

is to be the best at serving our customers one opportunity at a time.

First Commerce Bank was the dream of a group of local people who saw the need for a locally owned, locally managed community bank. With the help of over 1,000 shareholders, that dream became a reality on December 2, 2002.

Along with our employees, we realize that our customers and our community are our most important asset. Our goal is to provide our community with competitive banking products that meet our customers' needs. But we don't stop there. We strive to provide our banking products with superior and unparalleled customer service. When you hear us say "thank you for your business," we *truly* mean it!

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