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Paige Beech now serving as interim BC property assessor

County has another light monthly meeting

By Dawn Hankins
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Apple CEO Tim Cook has been known to say, "The longer the meeting, less accomplished."

In about 10 minutes Tuesday night, the 17 County Commissioners present for the monthly meeting approved a handful of important items.

Commissioners unanimously for Paige Beech to serve as interim property assessor through August. (Commissioner Drew Hooker was absent.)

Ronda Clanton has retired as property assessor after nearly 30 years. Clanton sat next to Beech Tuesday as the Commission made the official announcement. She was also at the swearing in ceremony, with Beech's family, following the meeting.

Beech has been Clanton's right-hand person, keeping up with all the comptroller laws and deadlines, Clanton recently told the Rules Committee.

Beech, herself, told the Rules Committee earlier this year how she will serve as interim but had no plans to run for election.

Currently vying for Bedford County Property Assessor in special election are: Charles Dabelgott (I); Emily Redd Hodges (R); and Drew Reed (R.) Hodges and Reed currently work in the property assessor's office with Beech.

In this year's regular election cycle (primaries in May, general election in August), voters will choose an assessor to fill the rest of Clanton's current term, through 2028.

In other business Tuesday, County Commission approved the Resolution No. 26-17 which allows for the sheriff's office to collect a community notification system fee from registered sexual offenders. This confused some commissioners as it was not originally on the meeting agenda.

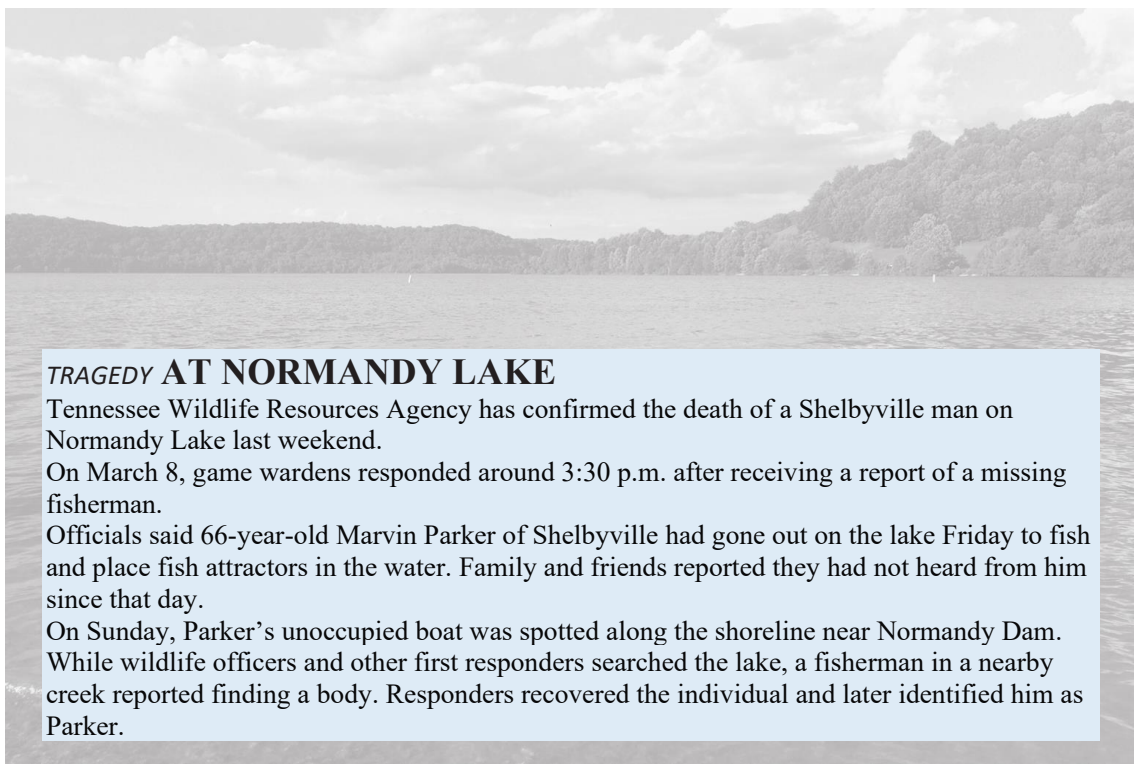
It was clarified that the resolution was sent to Commission from the Public Safety Committee last month. Ryan Clanton with Bedford County Sheriff's office made the presentation before the Public Safety Committee in February.

The Commission unanimously approved the resolution.

There were no public comments made Tuesday.



Paige Beech, right, has served faithfully as deputy property assessor for several years. Tuesday, she was sworn in as interim property assessor. Ronda Clanton, left, who was by her former co-worker's side, retired recently and Beech is helping the County out by filling in until the August election is complete. Beech should then return to her deputy duties and a new property assessor will complete Clanton's term until 2028.



TRAGEDY AT NORMANDY LAKE

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency has confirmed the death of a Shelbyville man on Normandy Lake last weekend.

On March 8, game wardens responded around 3:30 p.m. after receiving a report of a missing fisherman.

Officials said 66-year-old Marvin Parker of Shelbyville had gone out on the lake Friday to fish and place fish attractors in the water. Family and friends reported they had not heard from him since that day.

On Sunday, Parker's unoccupied boat was spotted along the shoreline near Normandy Dam. While wildlife officers and other first responders searched the lake, a fisherman in a nearby creek reported finding a body. Responders recovered the individual and later identified him as Parker.



Governor Lee makes stop in Shelbyville

Tour celebrates America's 250th anniversary

Joe Marchesoni, newly appointed Bedford County Chamber of Commerce CEO, addressed the crowd at Grindstone Cowboy during Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee's recent visit.

Gov. Lee visited Bedford County and other parts of southern middle Tennessee on March 6, as part of a tour of the state celebrating America's 250th anniversary.

Lee recalled visiting Shelbyville on a tractor during his first campaign for governor and noted how much the square has changed in the past 8 years.

"You all should be really proud of yourselves as a community," he said.

Lee emphasized how Tennessee is growing, with 91 of the state's 95 counties showing population growth and new business development.

"We're very fortunate to be Tennesseans," said Lee.

Bedford County Chamber of Commerce announced last week the official relaunch of its organization with a renewed mission to serve local businesses, strengthen community partnerships, and attract quality jobs and industry to Bedford County.

Central to this strategic renewal, the Chamber is pleased to welcome Joe Marchesoni as its new Chief Executive Officer. Marchesoni brings more than 30 years of experience in business development and community engagement, including leadership roles in the broadband and telecommunications industry. Most recently, he served as an Enterprise

Account Executive with United Communications, where he worked with businesses of all sizes to advance their technology solutions and connectivity needs.

In his new role, Marchesoni will lead the organization's efforts to strengthen local businesses, support workforce and economic development efforts, promote Bedford County's tourism assets, and to expand strategic partnerships with government, education, and industry leaders. His appointment marks a pivotal moment

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Bedford County Government Photo

New Bedford County Chamber CEO Joe Marchesoni speaks to the crowd during Gov. Bill Lee's recent visit to Shelbyville.



LIBRARY STAFF CHAT WITH GOVERNOR

Library Photo

Margaret Petty, right, director of Shelbyville-Bedford County Library, and Megan Kipker, library assistant, had a chance to speak with Gov. Bill Lee during his recent visit.



WOMEN SHARE STRENGTH AND BOND AT LUNCHEON

T-G Photo by Marilyn Ewing

Scott United Methodist Church recently sponsored a very well-attended women's luncheon. There was time to share, be motivated and encouraged by the special guests. See page 10 for more photos.

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Emily Hodges plans run for Bedford County Assessor of Property



Emily Redd Hodges has announced her candidacy for Bedford County Assessor of Property.

"I was born and raised in Bedford County, and reside in Shelbyville with my daughter. Over the past 6 years, I have had the honor and privilege of working for the former, now retired, Assessor of Property, Ronda Clanton. She allowed me a front row seat inside the Assessor's Office."

"When I started my career with the Assessor's office, I began working in personal property as a personal property clerk. This position gave me an understanding of business accounts, engaging in accuracy and compliance with the filing and processing of personal property schedules. I later advanced to my current position as a field appraiser where I physically go out, measure and account for all new construction, additions to buildings and residences, and review all existing structures, commercial and residential in Bedford County."

Hodges said this position has given her firsthand experience and knowledge on how fair and consistent assessments affect homeowners, businesses, and local services. During the 6 years that she's worked in the Assessor's office, she's furthered her education by taking state and IAAO (International Association of Assessing Officers) classes and courses pertaining to all the responsibilities of the office.

"My educational classes, office experience, and experience in the field have given me the foundation for the understanding of the assessor's responsibilities."

Hodges explained how the assessor of property does not set the tax rate nor collect taxes. "The assessor's job is to make sure that all appraisals are assessed fairly and equally whether you own a small tract of land, a farm, residence or a business."

"I will uphold the laws of the office as well as educate the public as to how the appraisal process works in the valuation of their property. I will be available to explain how properties are appraised and assessed as well as to advise of the right to appeal if they are not satisfied with their values. I will serve the citizens of Bedford County and be fair and equitable to all in their assessments."

Hodges says she's been fortunate to have other employment experiences in local government offices that she believes will help her be a better public servant to Bedford County. Before my employment with the property assessor's office, I worked at the Bedford County Health Department, 911 Communications Center, and Bedford County schools.

"I am a dedicated public servant, and have served the community for my entire career. I am running for the assessor of property to bring steady leadership, experience, and continued commitment to fairness to the office. I will continue the open-door policy and will be approachable, professional, and focused on serving the public."

Hodges said her goal, if elected, is to uphold the laws of the office as well as to educate the public as to how the appraisal process works in the valuation of property. She said she would also ensure that every taxpayer is only paying their fair share- "no more and no less."

Hodges said the accuracy of the assessments are vital, and they protect taxpayers, support essential services, and build trust in local government.

"I would be honored to earn your trust and your vote as your next Bedford County Assessor of Property."

Anders of Tullahoma announces candidacy for U.S. Congress in Tennessee's 4th District



Tullahoma resident and community advocate, Jacob Anders, has officially announced his candidacy for the U.S. House of Representatives, representing Tennessee's 4th Congressional District, which includes Bedford County.

"I'm raising children in Tennessee, and I've seen firsthand how our communities are being left behind by Washington insiders who prioritize special interests over everyday families," said Anders, an author, historian and researcher.

He strongly emphasized, "From Tullahoma, to the far reaches of the district, people are struggling with rising costs, no healthcare, and a lack of good-paying jobs! It's time for fresh leadership that actually places Americans first!"

He shared, "A recent report from the U.S. Census Bureau highlights the challenges in TN-4, where median household income lags behind national averages, and over 10% of residents live in poverty amid economic shifts in rural and suburban areas."

Anders, who is listed with the state as a Democrat, said his campaign focuses on three priorities:

• Affordability: I will tackle the rising costs crippling families by prioritizing affordable housing, Healthcare for All, and Universal Basic Income to ensure every Tennessean can thrive without financial ruin.

• Anti-War: As a mass shooting survivor and having lived through the horrible decades of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, I refuse to let more Americans die fighting for imperialism in the Middle East. We must end endless wars and bring our troops home.

• Accountability: Conserve God's gift of nature, DEMAND transparency by releasing the Epstein files with the predators' names unredacted, and disclose all files related to UFOs and aliens as witnessed by military personnel in U.S. military aircraft.

"Our district deserves a better representative than Scott DesJarlais!" said Anders. "We deserve a leader who listens to constituents, not billionaire donors," Anders said. "I've spent years engaging on platforms with regular people to hear about the issues that actually matter. Now, I'm ready to take that fight to Congress and deliver results for Tennessee."

Anders said he plans to connect directly with voters through town halls, door-knocking, and online debates."

"This isn't about party politics. I'm fighting for each and every Tennessean: Independent, Republican, Democrat and everyone in between! Humanity first!"

Anders is a staunch advocate for constitutional rights and digital ethics. He said he successfully challenged systemic censorship in a landmark pro se case.

He is married and has children.

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Shelby Chapter DAR hosts Citizens Awards Banquet

Shelby Chapter Daughters of American Revolution (DAR) held its Good Citizens Awards at the First Christian Church, Shelbyville, on February 22, 2026.

Fifteen Shelby Chapter members were present along with a large number of family members of the awardees.

The DAR Good Citizen program is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. Participants receive a cash award along with pins and certificates.

A student from each of Bedford County's High School was selected to represent their school in this program. C. J. Crowell from Community High School, Adelyn Jones from Cascade School and William Hutson Cobb from Shelbyville Central High were interviewed by Linda Yockey. They all responded giving their future plans for college and careers.

Ardis Rittenberry, Muriel Robinson and Aurelia Swann served as hostesses for this meeting and provided a beautiful reception table for guests.

No official meeting was held.

The March meeting is at Bell Buckle Banquet Hall on the 25th at noon. The speaker will present a program on the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Virginia.



DAR members Ardis Rittenberry and Linda Yockey are shown with, from left: Hutson Cobb from Shelbyville Central High; Adelyn Jones from Cascade School and C. J. Crowell from Community High School.



First Christian Church was the location for this month's Shelby Chapter DAR banquet. Judging from the smiles around this table, it was a great meeting. See the report by Marie Parsons.



Submitted photos

The quilt photo is an entry in the American Heritage DAR contest and the theme is America 250. The doll is a separate entry. The entries are the work of Aurelia Swann.

Bedford Briefs

RAUS TO HONOR MAYOR GRAHAM

Raus Community Club will have an appreciation night for Mayor Chad Graham and Commissioner Scott Johnson for their service to the community on March 14 at 6:30 p.m. Potluck meal served featuring an Irish food theme.

COMMUNITY HIGH SPRING PLAY PLANNED

Community High Smokestack Theatre will present its spring play, "A Monster Calls," Friday and Saturday, March 13 & 14, at 7 p.m. at the school auditorium. Admission is $5 at the door.

Based on the novel by Patrick Ness, the play concerns a young boy, Coner O'Malley, who finds himself one night unexpectedly visited by...something. But wait, it's more scarier than a "monster."

DAFFODIL DAY IN BELL BUCKLE

Bell Buckle Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Daffodil Day on Saturday, March 21. There will be a flower show and an Arbor Day ceremony as part of the festivities.

MAKER MARKET AT THE FLY

Arts, crafts and more will be available on Saturday, March 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., for the Maker Market at the Fly Arts Center.

COMMUNITY EGG HUNT PLANNED AT FCB

First Community Bank will host its 5th annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28, at 1 p.m. Bring your own basket.

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Some straight talk about the Bedford County Sheriff's race

Sheriff Austin Swing has served Bedford County for three terms. Over those years, the citizens of this county trusted him to lead the Sheriff's Department and to place the right people in the right positions to serve this community.

Now that he has decided not to run again, two people from inside the department are running for Sheriff: Chief Deputy Nikia Elliott and Lt. Detective John Sweeney.

Anyone connected to law enforcement around here knows this race has created some division inside the department. That's unfortunate, but leadership transitions often do that.

But here's the straight truth.

Sheriff Swing has had a front-row seat for years to how that department actually operates. He knows who carries the load, who makes the hard decisions, and who keeps the wheels turning every day.

Chief Deputy Nikia Elliott has been responsible for the day-to-day operation of that department for many years. That responsibility covers patrol, corrections, School Resource Officers, administration, and the coordination that keeps the entire organization functioning.

That's not a small task. Running the full operation of a Sheriff's Department is one of the most complex leadership jobs in local government.

Lt. Detective John Sweeney holds an important position as an investigator, and detectives are critical to solving cases and helping victims. But the responsibilities of a detective position are very different from managing the entire Sheriff's Office, including patrol operations, corrections, SRO programs, staffing, budgets, and the overall direction of the department. This isn't a knock against Lt. Sweeney, it's just the facts.

Those are two very different levels of responsibility.

The people of Bedford County trusted Sheriff Swing for over a decade to lead that agency and build the team around him. Because of that trust, I believe he owes it to the citizens of this county to help them make an informed decision about the future leadership of their Sheriff's Department.

Leadership isn't about avoiding tough decisions or staying quiet so nobody gets upset.

Leadership isn't about avoiding hard decisions — it's about making them.

Sometimes doing the right thing means somebody might disagree with you. That's life. If a leader's goal is to never upset anyone, then as Steve Jobs said: hand out ice cream.

Sheriff Swing knows better than anyone who has been carrying the responsibility of running that department. His voice could help the people of Bedford County understand what direction the Sheriff's Office should go moving forward.

Silence might keep the peace inside a building, but it doesn't always serve the people outside it.

At the end of the day, the voters will make the decision. That's exactly how it should be.

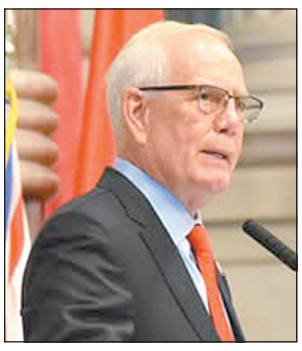
But when a leader has been trusted by the community for three terms and knows the inner workings of that department better than anyone else, speaking honestly about the future isn't politics.

It's leadership.

James Wilkerson
Shelbyville

(Editor's Note: This post recently appeared on Facebook by James Wilkerson. He has since clarified that he was not asking for an endorsement, but for transparency on role responsibilities to inform voters. He said this post was about providing the public with a clearer understanding of how the department operates so they can make the best decision for Bedford County.)

From the desk of State Rep. Pat Marsh



This week has been incredibly busy, with many meetings in my office with constituents and others sharing their thoughts on legislation. We have several major bills moving through the process that have made some people upset and others happy. It makes for very interesting days.

This year, I have around 12 or 13 bills, and I will be presenting 10 of them in different committees throughout the first week of March. I have seven bills to present specifically on Wednesday. There are over 600 bills moving through the House Committees this week, which is a near record! There are around 1,400 bills in total this year, and most of them will be presented in the next 2 weeks.

I have a proposed piece of legislation that I will be presenting next week that deals with funding for Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA). Their revenues are not keeping up with their expenses, and we are trying to develop another funding model that does not require an increase in hunting and fishing licenses. Our proposal is to allocate 10% of the property taxes paid by Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to the state to be redirected to TWRA. This would amount to roughly $16–18 million annually. I truly hope I can get this done so TWRA can continue its important work throughout Tennessee.

TWRA has a staff of 750 people who manage 1.6 million acres of public land, over see1,200 boat ramps, and 21 shooting ranges, in addition to issuing 10,000 boating certificates and 8,500 hunter education certificates each year. They play a critically important role in Tennessee by caring for our wildlife and managing our natural resources.

I attended the 45th annual FFA Legislative Breakfast on Thursday and heard about the great things they are accomplishing in Tennessee. Tennessee has about 34,000 FFA members, and nationwide there are 9,400 chapters with more than 1 million student members. I also learned that farming and forestry contribute over $100 billion to our state's economy.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the Tennessee Bankers Association held their annual Day on the Hill and their reception, with more than 700 Tennessee bankers in attendance. I was excited to have dinner with Scott Cocanougher of First Community Bank, along with members of their board and several employees.

Also on Wednesday, my sister, Susan Mayfield of Pulaski, was confirmed by the Senate Education Committee as a new member of the Board of Trustees at University of Tennessee- Southern. We are both very excited about this new chapter in her life.

On Thursday, I went to the retirement party for the Bedford County Property Assessor, Rhonda Clanton. She has been working this job for 30 years. I consider Rhonda a great friend and a real expert in her field of assessing property fairly and correctly. I wish Rhonda the very best in her retirement!

I had the pleasure of reading to my granddaughter, Kate's first grade class at the Thomas Magnet School in Shelbyville. It is reading week across America, and I had about 60 well-behaved students listen to a book about horses that Kate picked out.

On Wednesday, March 4, I had the pleasure of hosting Leadership Bedford County for a day on the Hill here at the State Capitol. It was a great opportunity to show them how state government works up close. We started the morning with a Chick-fil-A breakfast before heading to the legislature, where they were able to observe part of the committee process and even witness a little protesting. Later, the group had the unique opportunity to participate in a mock legislative session in the House chamber, giving them a firsthand look at how bills are debated and voted on. They had lunch at the Nashville Farmers' Market and spent time hearing from representatives of the TN Department of Corrections, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Tennessee Highway Patrol, and the TN District Attorneys General Conference to learn about the important work they do across our state. To finish the day, the group toured the TN State Capitol before heading home. It was great to see some familiar faces, and I hope they enjoyed their time learning a little more about how their state government operates!

I'm honored to serve as your state representative! Please call or email me if I can ever help. 615-741-6824, rep.pat.marsh@capitol.tn.gov. You are also welcome to come to the Capitol and stop by my office at 610 in the Cordell Hull building.

LOCAL BRIDGE MAY BE NAMED IN SMOTHERMAN'S MEMORY

By Dawn Hankins

When Bedford County Rules and Legislative Committee members meet 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, a new business item will be discussed-one which is to pay homage to a man who devoted much of his life to maintaining Bedford County roads-Clarence Stanley Smotherman.

A bridge in Smotherman's name (Halls Mill) is being considered.

Smotherman passed on Feb. 6, 2025 at the age of 71. He was a lifelong resident of Bedford County, born on Dec. 8, 1953, to the late Clarence and Louise Lamb Smotherman.

Stanley graduated from Shelbyville Central High School in 1972, and Motlow Community College, before earning his teaching degree from Middle Tennessee State University in 1978.

Family have noted that he had a fulfilling career in road construction for 40 years. He served as Bedford County Highway Superintendent for 20 of those years.

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28 MARCH — 10:00 AM — EASTER EGG HUNT ON THE SQUARE
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3 APRIL — 6:00 PM — GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
5 APRIL — 10:00 AM — EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

FUMC 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT WORSHIP

On this fourth Sunday of Lent, Pastor Abe Zimmerman of First United Methodist Church Shelbyville will preach, "Lent with Imperfect People: Part 4" from Luke 19:1-10.

"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," said Pastor Zimmerman.

Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 a.m., followed by the worship service at 10 am. 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.

SINGING OVER IN MOORE COUNTY

The Moore County 5th Sunday Night Singing will be at The Friendship Methodist Church on March 29, at 6:00 p.m., at 2934 Booneville Road. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

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FEATURES FROM THE BIBLE

TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

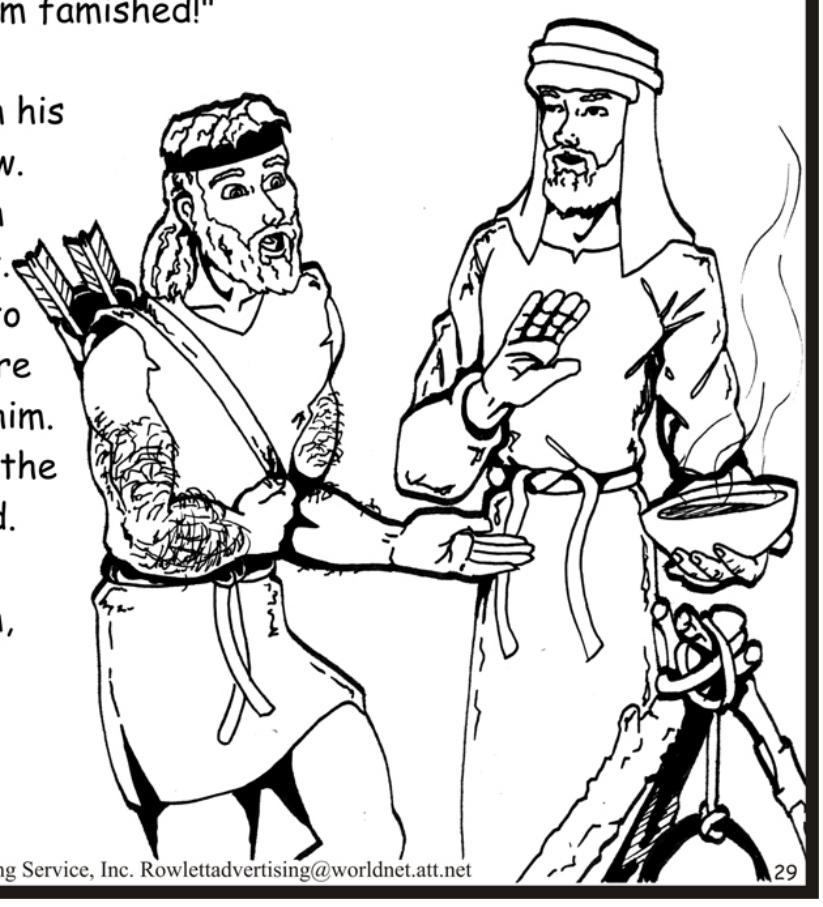
Birthright Lost

Genesis 25

How does one lose his or her birthright? One day Jacob was cooking some stew when Esau came in from the open country famished. He said to Jacob, "quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!"

Jacob requested that Esau sell him his birthright in exchange for the stew. Esau reasoned that if he died from hunger, what good was a birthright. Jacob demanded that Esau swear to him before he could eat. Esau swore to Jacob, selling his birthright to him. Finally Jacob served Esau some of the lentil stew. Esau ate and departed.

Note: Esau was also known as Edom, which means red, because of the red stew.



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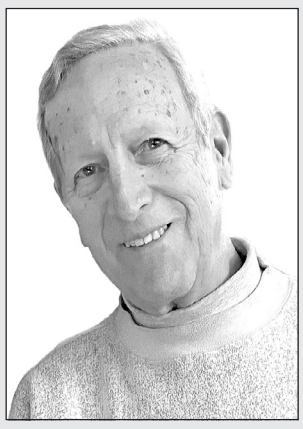

John Dixon Spear, 84, of the Wartrace community in Moore County, Tennessee, was tragically killed in an auto accident, Sunday, February 22, 2026, in Wartrace, Tennessee.

John, along with his late wife, Mildred, owned and operated Ledford Mill Bed and Breakfast in Moore County for over 20 years. He was born August 7, 1941, in Portland, Oregon, to the late Dixon Mitchelmore Spear and Margaret Harkness Spear Johnson.

John excelled in his studies at the acclaimed Lakeside School in Seattle and he later graduated from Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington and Columbia University in New York City. He served as a corporate data administrator at Armstrong World Industries for over 28 years. Other highlights of his career were assignments creating and developing new computer operations at several locations including Thirsk, North Yorkshire, England, Einstein Medical Center and McKesson HBOC in Pennsylvania.

John married Mildred Eschmann Spear, April 15, 1967, in Macon, Georgia, and together they visited all fifty states, all seven continents, and a total of 88 countries. Since Mildred's passing, John had added another six countries to his list. On one of his trips to Tennessee, John stumbled across a historic mill, log cabin and surrounding wooded acreage for sale at the intersection of Ledford Mill and Shipman Creek Roads in Moore County. After finalizing the purchase, he called his wife Mildred with the exciting news that they now owned a Bed & Breakfast! Before settling on their new property in Tennessee, the couple lived in Pensacola, Florida; Lancaster and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Norwell, Massachusetts; and several places in England.

He was an avid collector of pre-1860 American and British board and card games and was a charter member of The Association of Game and Puzzle Collectors Association. He and his late wife Mildred also collected antiques, and he was a member of the Antique Toy Collectors of America. Locally, he actively supported the Metropolitan Lynchburg / Moore County Chamber of Commerce, where he served as head of the website committee, and he supported the Friends of Animals Rescue and Adoption Center in Lynchburg. John was a lover of nature, people, animals and of life. He was highly intelligent, humble and a great conversationalist. John was loved by all who knew him.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his loving wife of over 53 years, Mildred Eschmann Spear; brother Alan Johnson; and stepfather Folger Johnson, Jr. Survivors include brothers, Bruce A. (Leanne) Johnson of Oregon, Brian W. (Pattie) Johnson of British Columbia; brother-in-law Edgar A. (Barbara) Eschmann of Georgia, sister-in-law Clare E. (Jack) Fisher of Nashville, and several nieces and nephews.

John is also survived by Carol Collet of Wartrace, whom he met February 26, 2025. Their short year together was a reminder of how enriching both of their former marriages had been and how wonderful it was to love and be loved again. The last year of John's life with Carol was filled with joy, laughter, and special times with their families and friends. Together, they were young at heart.

A memorial service is being planned for the near future with Jennings- Moore-Cortner Funeral Home, 181 Majors Blvd., Lynchburg, Tennessee, handling the details. The family requests memorial donations be made to Friends of Animals Rescue and Adoption Center, P.O. Box 8015, Lynchburg, TN 37352.

Patricia Thompson Farrar



Patricia Thompson Farrar passed from this life on Sunday, March 8, 2026, at Ascension St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital.

Born, May 9, 1969, to Patricia "Pat" Ann Carr Thompson and the late Richard Warren Thompson. In addition to her father, she was proceeded in death by her brother, Robbie Thompson; step-brothers, Robert, Ricky, and Ronnie Thompson; step-sister, Leslie Thompson and her grandmother, Anna J. Carr.

Patricia was born in Miami Florida and later would graduate class of 1987, from Community High School in Bedford County. She went on to attend Middle Tennessee State University where she earned a bachelor's degree in business management. She worked mainly as a bookkeeper alongside her husband "Blue" in their family businesses for the past 34 years.

Patricia was a dedicated mother, a free spirit and a world traveler. She was described as the glue of the family and also for the family business. In her free time, she loved spending time at Tim's Ford Lake with her family and friends, loved preparing delicious meals for her family, and attended every event for her children.

Along with her mother, she is survived by her loving husband of 36 years, James "Blue" Farrar, Jr.; her children: Blue Jay Farrar and Brooke Anne Farrar (Cason Warner); step granddaughter, June Marie Warner; sister, Tanya Thompson of Shelbyville; father-in-law, James Farrar, Sr.; mother-in-law, Felicia Greene Farrar; brothers-in-law, Lawson Farrar, Mason Reinhardt and Michael Farrar; sisters-in-law, Christina Tucker, Sandra "Cricket" Taylor, Amanda Farrar and Tamera Whitley, along with several nieces and nephews and a host of extended family members and friends.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 14, 2026, at the First Presbyterian Church, 600 N Brittain Street in Shelbyville, at 4 p.m., with Brother Jimmy Gray officiating. Visitation will be held prior to the funeral service, beginning at 1 p.m., at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to the First Presbyterian Church's music department by mail to: PO Box 699, Shelbyville, TN 37162.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Death Notices

Rebecca "Becky" Imogene Porter, age 86, of Bell Buckle, TN

March 30, 1939 - March 6, 2026

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James Bernard Keese, age 83, of Shelbyville, TN

Born March 10, 1942 - March 7, 2026

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Linda Sue Beasley King

Linda Sue Beasley King, age 79, of Unionville, died March 9, 2026.

She was daughter of the late James Washington and Dorothy Elise Giles Beasley.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas Larry King of Unionville, a daughter, Cynthia Rene' (Mark) Friedman and a son, Stephen Ashley (Elysha) King, all of Unionville; brothers, David (Brenda) Beasley and Donald (Judi) Beasley.

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

Postpartum Health and What Every New Parent Should Know

Bringing a child into the world is one of the greatest feats of life, but pregnancy and childbirth often overshadow a very important stage: postpartum care. Giving birth puts your mind and body through a lot of stress, so it's important to make sure that you are taking care of yourself.

After your baby is born, the hours following the birth are going to be pretty fast-paced. Medical professionals will be walking you through lessons on how to feed your baby, exercises to help with recovery, and other crash courses on being a parent. Here is what you can expect in those hours and months after childbirth.

After a vaginal birth, your health care provider will likely recommend that you remain in the hospital for one or two nights. Immediately after giving birth, you will be checked for your pain level, as well as vitals like temperature and blood pressure, and bleeding. Some abdominal pain and cramping are normal. To help with the pain for the first 24 hours, you can apply an ice pack with a clean cloth to the painful area. It is encouraged to move around in the first two hours after giving birth.

A cesarean delivery, or "C-section," is a surgical alternative to vaginal birth that cuts through several major layers of your abdomen and into your uterus to remove the baby. It might take a while to fully recover after a C-section. Your health care team will monitor your vitals closely and watch for symptoms such as bleeding and cramping, which are completely normal. Additional symptoms to watch for include fever, increasing pain, heavy bleeding, or uneven leg swelling. You will most likely stay in the hospital for two to three nights. While in the hospital, you will either be given medicine through an IV that you control, called patient-controlled medicine, or oral pain medication.

New parents should also be aware of the importance of the "golden hour," which is the first hour after birth, when uninterrupted skin-to-skin contact between parent and baby is strongly encouraged. This time helps regulate the newborn's temperature, heart rate and breathing, and reduces stress for both parent and child. Skin-to-skin contact in this window can also support early initiation of breastfeeding, as many babies instinctively begin to latch during this period. Breastfeeding in the first hours and days of life provides critical immune protection through colostrum and helps stimulate milk production. Lactation consultants are available to help address latching challenges, milk supply questions, or feeding concerns.

Your provider will check in on you during your postpartum hospital stay and share personalized instructions on how to take care of yourself when you get home. Not only are they interested in your physical healing, but they are also concerned with making sure you are feeling mentally and emotionally supported through this life-changing experience. It is important that you attend all your postpartum appointments and ask any questions you might have.

Your healing journey is not over once you arrive safely home with your newborn. After giving birth, your body and your family have just gone through some major changes. The stresses of life and your hormonal changes can make you feel like you're on top of the world one minute and like things are crashing down around you the next. Temporary, depression-like symptoms, frequently known as the "baby blues," can develop about two to three days after giving birth. You may experience feelings of sadness, be upset with those around you, and may even question whether you are cut out for parenthood. It is important to remember that these feelings are common and will often subside after a few days to a couple of weeks.



Jody Stonehocker, MD

Stonehocker is an associate professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology who treats patients in and around Middle Tennessee at the Vanderbilt Center for Women's Health.

Postpartum depression symptoms develop later, last longer and are more serious. Symptoms can develop one to three weeks after childbirth or at any time throughout the first year. Postpartum depression lasts more than just a day or two and often requires treatment, which may include a combination of medication and therapy. Common signs of postpartum depression include low energy; a lack of interest in activities you normally enjoy; eating or sleeping more or less than usual; anxiety about things outside of your control; and potentially thoughts about harming yourself or your baby. Postpartum depression is more common if you have a history of depression before pregnancy, but it can also be related to stress, hormonal changes, fatigue from a difficult pregnancy or delivery, and other factors.

The more familiar you are with postpartum care, the more prepared you can be to address your symptoms. When you start healing and prioritizing your health, you are able to be the best new parent you can be.

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as the Chamber renews its commitment to collaboration, operational transparency, and community impact.

"For over 40 years, the Chamber has taken many shapes and served many roles. We are proud to begin this new chapter with Joe at the helm," said Jody Lambert, Chair of the Chamber's Board of Directors. "His deep commitment to this community and his experience engaging businesses across Middle Tennessee will be instrumental as we work together to elevate our local economy and ensure Bedford County remains a destination for quality jobs and sustainable growth."

The Chamber will serve as a central hub for business support, workforce initiatives, educational alignment, and tourism promotion throughout Bedford County and the surrounding region.

"I'm honored to lead the Bedford County Chamber at such a pivotal moment in its organizational history," Marchesoni said. "This community is my home, and I look forward to working with our existing members, business leaders, educators, and elected officials to create new opportunities, attract new industry, and make Bedford County an even better place to live, work, and play."

For more information about the Chamber's new direction or to learn how to get involved, please contact the Bedford County Chamber at (931) 205-2730.

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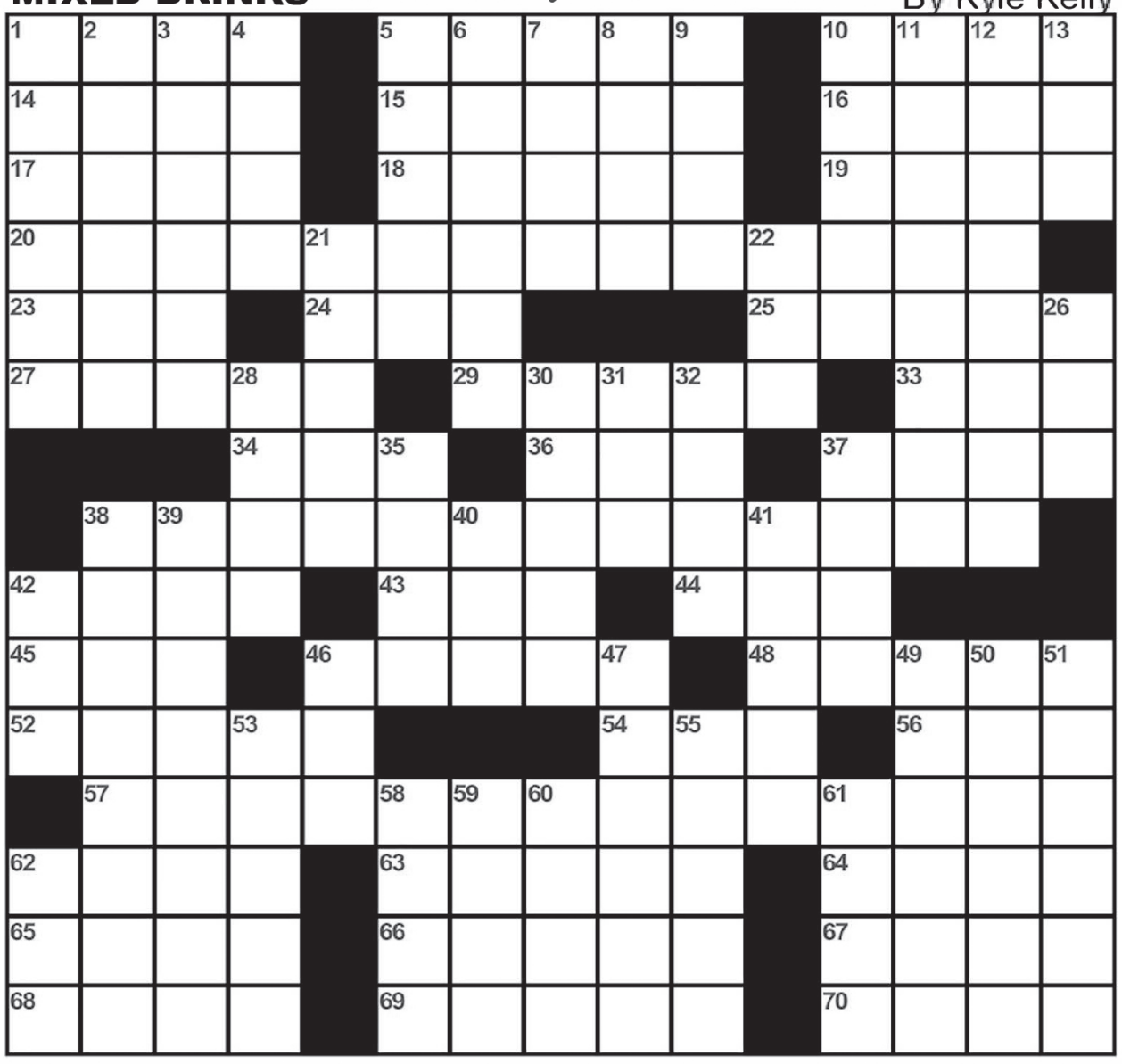

CLUES ACROSS

1) Little salamander
5) At an impasse
10) Poker variety
14) Jazz players are found here
15) Asian capital
16) Voicemail signal
17) No___ Traffic
18) Iron___ (rust)
19) Jessica of TV and film
20) Jimmy Buffett classic song
23) Hurricane heading, sometimes
24) Small cyst
25) Born to the purple
27) Columbus' birthplace
29) Third letter of the Greek alphabet
33) Had a bite
34) Tonic's go-with
36) Not to
37) "It's OK after all" in editing
38) Bond's bar order
42) Pitchfork point
43) Ford product
44) Utter
45) Anti-apartheid party, for short
46) Colonist to be shunned
48) Send in, as payment
52) False cover
54) Strange craft
56) Folk-rocker Difranco
57) Classic song by the Eagles
62) Indigenous people of Japan
63) It may be found in runes
64) Dignified "Shucks!"
65) It's fed to computers
66) Prepare to propose
67) Maitre d's offering
68) Hot-sauce quality
69) Poet William Butler
70) Get ready for the operating room

CLUES DOWN

1) Eggnog spice
2) Natural gas component
3) Beatty of "Reds"
4) Goon squad member
5) Driftwood site
6) Arduous
7) Any police vehicle
8) Ending passage in music
9) Ukrainian capital
10) No longer fresh
11) Tunnel-entrance structure
12) Without a single defeat
13) Org. with a crack staff?
21) Lie in store for
22) Rolled-over item
26) Replayed tennis shot
28) Folklore fiend
30) All excited
31) Bride's title
32) Hardness scale
35) Pleasant to be around
37) Scottish terrier
38) Small details
39) Those who lived long ago
40) Toddler's afternoon ritual
41) Golden-calf maker
42) "You're it!"
46) Romanian currency
4 7) Variety of apple
49) Protective envelope
50) Certifiable
51) Snarls, as traffic
53) Baseball catcher's position
55) Gasoline and kerosene, for two
58) Like a squid's squirt
59) "The___ Ranger"
60) Rug stat
61) Highway exit
62) Wood finishing tool

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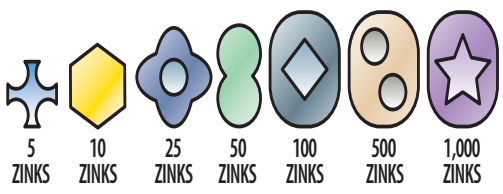
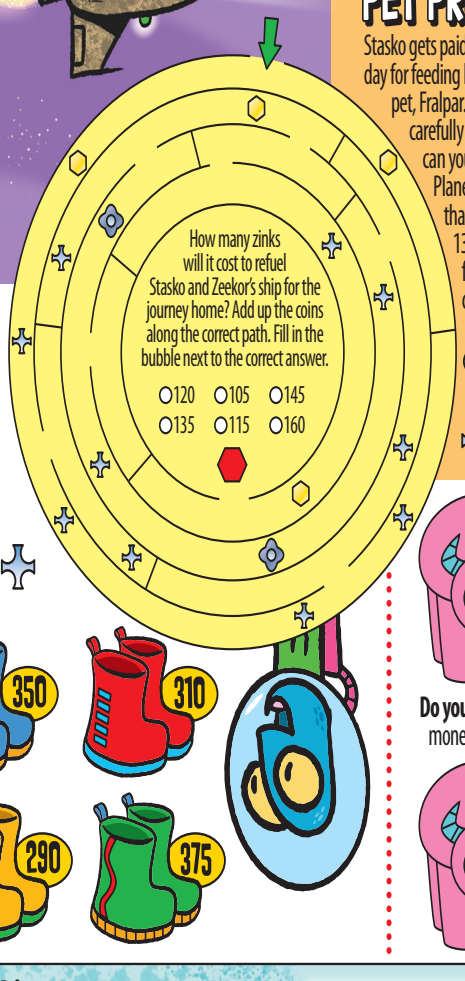
A VISIT TO PLANET MOOLAH

On the Planet Moolah, the money doesn't look like ours. But the inhabitants have their own money and they use it the same way we do to pay for stuff.

Zeekor and Stasko are traveling to the Supply Station to do some shopping. They'll need your help to figure out what things they can afford to buy. They'll also need your help counting out the money to pay.

Here is what money looks like on Planet Moolah. They don't have paper money. Instead, Moolahians use metal coins in different shapes. Below each coin, its value is shown.





PET PROJECT

Stasko gets paid 130 zinks each day for feeding her neighbor's pet, Fralpar. While she is carefully feeding Fralpar, can you circle some Planet Moolah coins that add up to 130 zinks? Have a family member check your math.



FANCY FOOTWORK

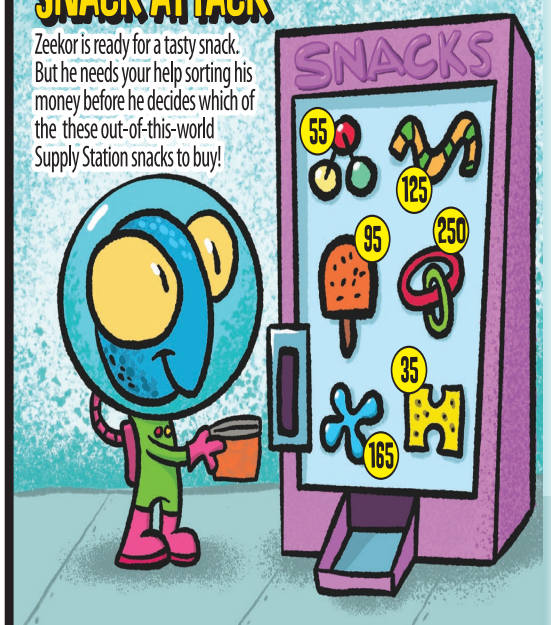
Zeekor and Stasko need new boots. Add up all the money they have saved and circle the two pairs of boots that cost exactly that much.



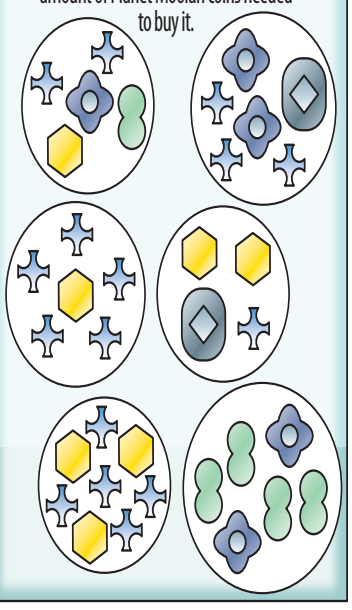
Do you have a piggy bank? Kids on Planet Moolah save their money in schneekflet banks. Find the two that are the same.

SNACK ATTACK

Zeekor is ready for a tasty snack. But he needs your help sorting his money before he decides which of the these out-of-this-world Supply Station snacks to buy!



Draw a line from each snack in the vending machine to the circle that contains that exact amount of Planet Moolah coins needed to buy it.





Extra! Extra!

Wants and Needs

Look through the newspaper to find examples of things people NEED to survive. Then find examples of things you WANT but don't need. Cut them out and glue them onto a poster showing **Needs and Wants**.

Standards Link: Social Science: Students understand basic economic concepts.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Stasko would love to buy a new Supernova Ultra ship. It costs 12,000 zinks. After giving the dealership 2,000 zinks, she has to pay it off in monthly payments.

1. How much would she have to pay per month to completely pay for the ship in 50 months?

   _____

2. Or, if Stasko gave the dealership 5,000 zinks for the first month's payment, and made payments of 500 zinks per month, how many months would it take to pay for the ship?

   _____



Double Double Word Search

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

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

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It Pays to Share

Newspapers often report on people sharing with others. Look for one or more articles about people donating or raising money for a good cause. List the time, talent and/or money that was donated to this cause.

Standards Link: Reading comprehension.

Write On!

A Penny Saved is a Penny Earned

"A penny saved is a penny earned" is a common saying. What do you think it means? Give an example of a time you saved money.

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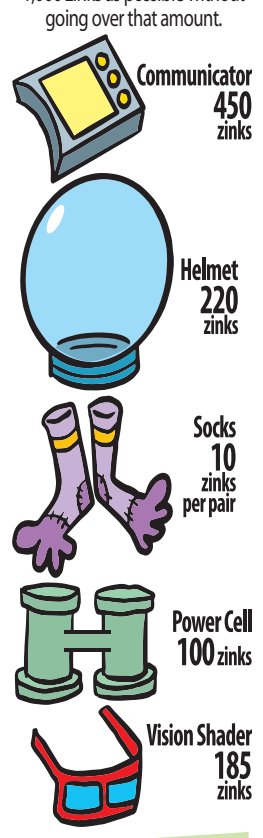

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Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: March 3

Location: 1644 Warner Bridge Rd; Seller, Carlos Javier Moya, Karrie Creason; Buyer, Moya Family Revocable Living Trust, Carlos J Moya, Karrie A Moya; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Coble Rd; Seller, Robert Kilgore; Buyer, Pleasant Michelle England; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 232 Republic St; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Jared Maupin; Price, $318,990 (Deed).

Location: 453 Bird St; Seller, Panfilo Ramirez Rodriguez, Veronica Rodriguez Amaro; Buyer, Beatriz Esmeralda Santiago Dominguez; Price, $185,000 (Deed).

Location: 1523 Green Lane Unit 4; Seller, Curl Properties LLC; Buyer, Reginald Nichols, Madine Nichols; Price, $235,000 (Deed).

Location: Hwy 41 A; Seller, Ruben Soto; Buyer, Waldo Antonio Carrasco; Price, $110,000 (Deed).

Seller, James Slater Hall; Buyer, Mary Catherine Hall; Price, $0 (Deed).

File date: March 4

Location: 201 Cumberland St; Seller, Nancy Nyberg Baty, John Bishop; Buyer, Joseph Elijah Sadler; Price, $339,000 (Deed).

Location: 302 Dow Drive; Seller, Del Campo Flooring LLC; Buyer, Daniel Knight, Alejandra Nunez Cervantes; Price, $375,000 (Deed).

Location: Hwy 41 A N; Seller, Ruben Soto; Buyer, Daniel Lopez; Price, $45,000 (Deed).

Location: Nelly Ave; Seller, Robert A Allison, Nicole P Allison, Allison Family Revocable Living Trust; Buyer, J & M Development LLC; Price, $232,000 (Deed).

Location: 298 Fly Rd; Seller, William Michael Pinkston, Brianna Hope Pinkston; Buyer, Ansley Shane Bateman, Amanda Bateman; Price, $249,000 (Deed).

Location: Knob Creek Rd; Seller, Dylan Coe Floyd, Tiffany Floyd; Buyer, Gary E Floyd; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Knob Creek Rd; Seller, Gary E Floyd; Buyer, Dylan Coe Floyd, Tiffany Floyd; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Arnold Rd; Seller, Stacey Lynn McKee; Buyer, Jerry Wayne McKee; Price, $0 (QD).

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

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

File date: March 5

Location: 509 Knob Creek Rd; Seller, Courtney Rayburn; Buyer, Courtney Armistead; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 305 Graydon St; Seller, Micah Donegan, Laquita Troxler; Buyer, Roger D Nelson, Karen Rene Nelson; Price, $324,900 (Deed).

Location: Fairfield Pike; Seller, Kayla M Leverette, Jerry Dewayne Parker Estate, Jerry D Parker; Buyer, Kayla M Leverette; Price, $0 (Deed).

File date: March 6

Location: 3143 Highway 41 A South; Seller, Michael W Baker, Desiree M Bell, Baker Family Living Trust; Buyer, Desiree M Bell; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 353 Helton Rd; Seller, Edward F Webster IV, Amy Marie Webster; Buyer, Aurelio Arteaga Estefes, Eva Hanayeli Bravo Alcantara; Price, $290,000 (Deed).

Location: 1512 Longview Rd; Seller, Jeri Roxanne Raney, Jeri Roxanne Crowell; Buyer, Jeri Roxanne Raney, Tenesha Makel Simpson; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: Kingree Rd; Seller, Charles W Bernd Jr; Buyer, Darrell J Bernd, Kendall Sanders Bernd; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 29 Trails End; Seller, William K Tomlinson; Buyer, William K McKamey; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: March 9

Location: 1204 West Lane St; Seller, Roberto Cruces, Jose Hernandez; Buyer, Jayden Michael Gulick, Ellie Mikai Tea; Price, $238,000 (Deed).

Location: 126 Tom Walker Dr; Seller, George Thomas Hampton Jr; Buyer, Christopher L Smith, Cristy C Smith; Price, $720,000 (Deed).

Seller, Ridgewood Development LLC; Buyer, DRB Group Tennessee LLC; Price, $2,907,000 (Deed).

Location: 967 Horse Mountain Rd; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Three Dog Properties; Price, $1,210,457 (Deed).

Location: 967 Horse Mountain Rd; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Bourne Sinquefield Real Estate Venture; Price, $284,990 (Deed).

Location: 1509 Lafayette St; Seller, Carol A Baucom; Buyer, Jeffrey P Baucom; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 126 Baker St; Seller, Ruben Soto; Buyer, Martha Flores; Price, $120,000 (Deed).

Location: Montgomery Rd; Seller, James T Campbell; Buyer, James T Campbell Living Trust, James T Campbell; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 146 Deer Point Rd; Seller, Ruth C Bowling, Ruth Carol Yates, John Paul Yates; Buyer, Ruth Carol Yates Bowling Trust, Ruth Carol Yates; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Ruth Carol Bowling, Ruth C Bowling Yates, Ruth Carol Yates; Buyer, Ruth Carol Bowling Yates Trust, Ruth Carol Bowling Yates; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Merrill Mow, Tracey Leonard, Tracey Mow; Buyer, The Mow Family Trust, Merrill Jospeh Mow, Tracey Lynn Mow; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 101 Deer Point Ct; Seller, Ruth Carol Yates, John Paul Yates; Buyer, Ruth Carol Bowling Yates Trust, Ruth Carol Yates; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 302 Gant Rd; Seller, Linda Joy Deal; Buyer, Linda Joy Deal Revocable Trust, Linda Joy Deal; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 2000 Old Nashville Dirt Rd; Seller, Ashley Brooke Fox; Buyer, Brandon Lee Monneyham; Price, $0 (QD).

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

Location: 2717 Midland Rd; Seller, Heath Presley, Alexandra Presley; Buyer, Heath Presly; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 139 Dogwood Ccourt; Seller, Jacqueline Marie Bennett, Oliver Carbajal, Oliverio Carbajal Ugarte; Buyer, Ellynda G Pingle, Ronald A Pingle; Price, $227,400 (Deed).

Location: Butler Ave; Seller, Tenesha Makel Simpson, Michael Henry Baker Estate, Michael H Baker; Buyer, Tenesha Makel Simpson; Price, $0 (Deed).

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the terms, conditions, and payments provided in a certain Deed of Trust dated JANUARY 30, 2024, executed by JORGE ANTONIO ALVAREZ ULATE AND TAINA POMALES, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP, to CITY TITLE, LLC, Trustee, of record in BOOK TD1109, PAGE 464, for the benefit of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AMERIS BANK, in the Register's Office for BEDFORD County, Tennessee and to J. PHILLIP JONES AND/OR JESSICA D. BINKLEY, either of whom may act, appointed as Substitute Trustee in an instrument of record in the Register's Office for BEDFORD County, Tennessee, to secure the indebtedness described; WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was last assigned to TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, the entire indebtedness having been declared due and payable by TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, being the present owner/holder or authorized agent, designee or servicer of the holder/owner of said indebtedness, has requested foreclosure proceedings to be instituted; and as provided in said Deed of Trust, I, J. PHILLIP JONES/JESSICA D. BINKLEY, will by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Substitute Trustee, on TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M., LOCAL TIME AT THE FRONT STEPS OF THE BEDFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN SHELBYVILLE, BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, sell to the highest bidder for cash, free from the equity of redemption, homestead, and dower, and all other exemptions which are expressly waived, and subject to any unpaid taxes, if any, the following described property in BEDFORD County, Tennessee, to wit:

PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF BEDFORD, TENNESSEE:

A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, BEING BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEING ALL OF LOT NO. 5 ON THE PLAN OF FINAL PLAT – REVISED CANOVA PARK SUBDIVISION, SECTION II, PHASE 1, OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET A, ENVELOPE 272, AND AS REVISED IN CABINET A, ENVELOPE 290, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAN REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO JORGE ANTONIO ALVAREZ ULATE AND TAINI POMALES, HUSBAND AND WIFE, BY WARRANTY DATED JANUARY 30, 2024 OF RECORD IN BOOK D387, PAGE 735 AS CORRECTED IN BOOK D400, PAGE 840, REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

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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 LAW OFFICE OF J. PHILLIP JONES. 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.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AMERIS BANK – TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, SERVICER

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

This is improved property known as 202 CANOVA COURT, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated September 7, 2021, executed by HUBURN TYNDALL conveying certain real property therein described to MEGAN K. TROTT, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register`s Office of Bedford County, Tennessee recorded September 9, 2021, in Deed Book TD1022, Page 894; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC who is now the owner of said debt; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on April 9, 2026 at or about 10:00 AM at the front steps of the Bedford County Courthouse, Shelbyville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, to wit:

A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE SEVENTH (7TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, BEING BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEING ALL OF LOT NO. 12 AND 15 FEET OFF THE NORTHERN SIDE OF LOT NO. 11, RUNNING EAST AND WEST AND 30 FEET OFF THE SOUTH SIDE OF LOT NO. 13 OF BLOCK "D" OF THE HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 30, PAGES 326-327, REGISTER`S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION. THIS CONVEYANCE IS SUBJECT TO MATTERS AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF RECORD IN BOOK 30, PAGES 326-329 AND PLAT BOOK G, PAGE 29, REGISTER`S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED FROM HDS PROPERTIES, A TENNESSEE GENERAL PARTNERSHIP, OWNED BY HAROLD SEGROVES AND DAWN SEGROVES, A MARRIED COUPLE, BY WARRANTY DEED TO HUBURN TYNDALL, AN UNMARRIED MAN, DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2021, OF RECORD AT DEED BOOK 367, PAGE 946, REGISTER`S OFFICE, BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

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PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 309 WHITE ST, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): HUBURN TYNDALL

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid 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; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. 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. 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 Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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SHELBYVILLE– Hats off to a lucky Daily Tennessee Jackpot player in Shelbyville, who won the game's jackpot of $50,000 from the drawing held last night, March 7.

The winning ticket was sold at Walmart, 1880 North Main Street in Shelbyville.

Daily Tennessee Jackpot is a Tennessee-only game with drawings held every day. Tickets are just a dollar per play, and for an extra dollar, players can add Quick Cash for the chance to win up to $500 instantly.

No additional information is available until the prize is claimed.

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Shelbyville Times-Gazette
Sports

"This year was a little more freeing" – How Kaegan Young Became Cascade's First-Ever Miss Basketball Finalist

BY NOAH MADDOX
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BELL BUCKLE, Tenn. - Kaegan Young has been in the business of setting records and pushing the limits of what's possible her entire career at Cascade High School ever since her freshman year in 2022-23. It all culminated in her senior year this season, where she became the Lady Champions' first-ever finalist for the prestigious TSSAA Miss Basketball Award on Feb. 12.

Nine days later, on Feb. 20, she became the school's all-time career leading scorer and became the first-ever player at Cascade to surpass 1,500 career points. On Tuesday, she sat with the other two finalists for Class AA – Maliyah Glasper from Gatlinburg-Pittman and Wylie Kee from Huntingdon – inside of the Tucker Theater on the campus of Middle Tennessee, watching Glasper take home the award after she averaged 19.0 points, 6.5 rebounds, 3.5 assists, and 4.0 steals per game in the 2025-26 regular season.

Despite the enthusiasm and hype surrounding the winner, the fact that Young was named a finalist is an incredible accomplishment of its own. Young is the first Miss Basketball Finalist to come from Bedford County in more than 20 years since Alex Fuller in 2004 at Shelbyville Central. This year, near the end of a long and grueling regular season, Lady Champs' head coach Janie Demonbreum says she found out Tuesday, Feb. 10, before their game at Eagleville, but she could not share that with the team until the official announcement came out from TSSAA at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday. This provided a unique opportunity to think of ideas on how to tell not just Young, but the team as a whole.

"We had originally been called for a film session during Champ Time," Young recalled about the morning of Feb. 12, "which I thought was a great idea. We walk in and Coach Janie is running around like crazy, and I see Coach Woodson and Coach Kaylee in there saying they're watching film. Then Coach Janie comes running in and yells 'NO PHONES!' We watch two clips and Coach Woodson is talking about them and playing the part, then she [Demonbreum] puts it [the Miss Basketball Finalist graphic] on the screen. At first there was just silence, thinking like, where did the film go?"

"It was complete silence," Demonbreum interjected.

"And I was just like, 'Oh, wow…really?' Then Suzanna [Crews] is like 'Did you not know?' and I told her no," said Young.

"We knew it was going to come out on Thursday, and I found out on Tuesday at 11 the day we went to play Eagleville, and I couldn't tell anybody," Demonbreum explained, "We tried to brainstorm the best way to tell them. We thought about telling her privately or calling in her family, but then she would know something is up. We just didn't know what time it would be announced until we got an email on Thursday morning saying the press release is going to be out at 9:30 a.m. I didn't want her to find out through text message, I didn't want her to see it on social media, or for anyone else to break this to her because I knew that her teammates would want to be included in it and that we wanted to include them in that. I don't think that they all completely understood the magnitude of what it means. It's a long process."

"I think for anybody to recognize Kaegan through this past year and what she has brought to our game is just phenomenal and she should be super proud," she said.

"This also just brings a new standard to our program," Demonbreum continued, "A lot of these young girls - especially the kids that are on our team right now - they've seen her not just play but her teammates have seen her work and do the things that go into being that good. It's a standard she unintentionally set. This is just her personality. She wants the best for herself, and she wants the best for everything that she touches. It couldn't happen to a better kid after what she's gone through in the last 4-5 years herself."

As her coach alluded to, Young's high school career has been a personal whirlwind, to say the least. Her freshman year, herself, Suzanna Crews, and Janie Demonbreum all began their first year in the Lady Champions' high school program. The trio entered a program that was coming off of a dismal 4-23 season in 2021-22. The once-proud Lady Champions' program had fallen on hard times since the turn of the century, but more recently they had finished with a combined record of 11-63 from 2019-22. They knew a turnaround would take time, but they still maintained big expectations to strive for as a group.

"When we walked in on the first day of my freshman year, we talked about how the last three to four years are not going to be how the next three to four years go, and all of us just bought into that," Young said, "Even the seniors that left last year, and the ones that have come up since I was a freshman, everyone has just understood that and has completely bought into it. We just took it and ran with it. I feel like we did that."

"It really hit me – me and Suzie [Suzanna Crews] talked about this in eighth grade – when nobody talked about the high school team," Young continued, "I had never come to a game or anything. Even my classmates were saying how they go to the guys' game but don't want to go to the girls' game. That struck something in me, like that's going to be me next year that you're talking about."

"It's a much different environment from freshman year to now," said Young, "We run out at 15 minutes and there's people in the stands. There are at least a few students in a student section there. You hear the crowd."

"It's not crickets," Demonbreum said, "Kaemey's [Kaegan's younger sister] fourth grade year, I knew I was going to be coaching the high school team soon, and I came to some of those games thinking 'this is awful.' I knew what they [Kaegan and Suzanna] were capable of because I was with them in middle school that year, and you don't want that for them. We were turning things around at the middle school level and elementary school, but you can't do that in high school without the kids buying in. They did buy into it, and they did make it better."

In Young's freshman year, Cascade went 3-25 overall. Despite the record, Young says that some good did come from that first season that permeated throughout the program all four years of her career.

"I feel like we found consistency within each other," she explained, "We'd battle on the court and find the positives, but our consistency and worth didn't come from what was on the court. That's when we started looking at it like yes, we're a team, but we're also sisters. What happens between us can stay between us, and we're going to all rally together and battle it out. Until we find the success that we want, and the change that we want, we're going to battle it out."

In her sophomore season, Young averaged more than 12 points per game, leading the Lady Champions to a 10-win improvement in Year Two of the Demonbreum era. Cascade finished 13-16 overall, and reached the region semifinals for the first time since 2018-19. Things were looking up for Young and the program as a whole. Then, one life-changing day in the fall of her junior year would turn her world completely around.

With practice on the horizon for the upcoming 2024-25 season set to begin on Nov. 19, Kaegan's younger sister, Kaemey Young, was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) on Nov. 6, 2024.

"It definitely put everything into perspective. Everything turned from 'I have to do this' to 'I get to do this.' It's a privilege to get to play basketball. She [Kaemey] played four basketball games in six days the week before her diagnosis and never complained. It honestly helped me with my fire. I don't really show emotion, but seeing her fight through something so challenging, it had me thinking like why not? Why not risk everything? It's just her mentality."

"That whole November-January was a huge roller coaster of emotions," Demonbreum said, "Kaegan was very fragile at that time. We all had to figure out how we were going to navigate this with her and keep moving forward. Of course we are all getting the updates about Kaemey and it's a lot of positives and then she hits a roadblock. The realization seemed to kind of hit her this past August of this was Kaegan's last year. We don't know when Kaemey will get to play again. We all hope that she can, but I think for Kaegan, it was the mindset of, I'm going to do this for her. And her work skyrocketed. She had that mentality of 'what would Kaemey do?'



Kaegan Young (center left) with her coaches - (from left to right) Janie Demonbreum, Kaylee Adams, and James Woodson - following the 2025-26 TSSAA Miss Basketball Award ceremony on Tuesday. Young averaged 18.3 points, 5.6 rebounds, 2.9 assists, and 2.7 steals per game on 47% shooting from the field while leading the Lady Champions to a 21-6 record in the regular season.
T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox.

"There was only one specific game where she looked at me and said that she needed a minute, and she cried the entire time she was on the bench at [Murfreesboro] Central Magnet," said Demonbreum, "Then we go to Gatlinburg, and I think she scored four points in three games."

"Yea, it was awful," Young chimed in agreement.

"It was probably the worst she has ever played, and it was times like that where we're thinking as a staff about how are we going to handle this and how are we going to get her through this?" Demonbreum continued, "At the same time as she has her sister going through all this, Kaegan is this far away and is spending all this time with us, so how do we make it better for her? I think this is all a testament of her being able to fight and battle through adversity. This group of girls puts their trust in God more than anyone I've ever been around, and it's simply amazing. You don't see that every day."

Despite an extremely difficult junior season for their junior star, the Lady Champions nearly found themselves one game away from the state tournament, but instead fell in the region semifinals at home to Summertown in a tightly contested game. Cascade finished 2024-25 with a 14-14 record overall, but the trajectory of the program was 100% moving in the right direction.

"Sophomore year she had to deal with housefire, junior year she dealt with the shock of her younger sister being diagnosed with cancer. That's two straight years of trials testing you mentally and emotionally," Demonbreum said.

In June of 2025, Young hosted a blood drive in honor of her younger sister, partnering with the Red Cross through the Leaders Saves Lives program. In that time, they collected 158 units which can save up to 474 lives.

Also off the court, the Lady Champions – including Kaegan Young – are actively involved with the local community, most namely the surrounding elementary schools. Whether it's reading to the kids, providing an extra set of hands for a teacher, or giving kids extra tutoring, Young and the Lady Champions program have been diligent in their efforts off the court just as much as they have on the court.

"I love the connection," Young said about the trips to the elementary schools, "You walk in the school and their faces just light up with smiles and they're so excited that you're back. Whenever we'd help the teachers, I'd go to leave and the kids would come up to me asking when the next time I would be back. They knew my name, I learned theirs…I'd walk in during the middle of class and they'd all get up to hug me and then go sit back down to continue their work. It's just really sweet. We'd talk about the games, like they'd say they would be coming to our games. I hope I can continue to feed into their lives."

As Young and the Lady Champions prepared for the 2025-26 campaign, the sting of that loss to Summertown in the region semifinals drove the program to strive for greatness this season. And from the jump, there was something different about Young and her teammates.

Cascade started out the year at 16-3 after winning their first three games in district play against Loretto, Community, and Chapel Hill, despite their starting center, Suzanna Crews, being sidelined for six straight games in December and January. A big part of their success was the leap forward from their now-senior superstar. After averaging just over 12 points per game in 2024-25, Young's averages skyrocketed in 25-26. At one point, Young was averaging as many as 21 points per game, and she finished the regular season averaging 18.3 points, 5.6 rebounds, 2.9 assists, and 2.7 steals per game on 47% shooting from the field while leading the Lady Champions to a 21-6 record in that time. This marked just the third 20-win season for the program since 2001. Cascade also won the District 9-AA regular season title with an incredible 7-1 record after sweeping preseason favorites Loretto – who ended up making the State Tournament – as well as Summertown in the regular season.

"This year was a little more freeing," said Young, "Mentally I was more stable. It was relieving to see her [Kaemey] in the stands. She was able to come last year, but she had to sit in the corner, she had to be blocked off, she had to wear a mask. For her to walk in the gym still smiling with no mask, for her to sit up in the stands with my parents where they always have sat, that was amazing."

"That was the big thing this year. Just play free. It's fun, just get back to having fun. There's no burden to carry this time."

To cap off an incredible regular season, Young broke the Lady Champions' career points record previously set by Heather Walling in 2000 on the final day in an OT win at Summertown with a 19-point performance against the Eagles. Eight days later, on Feb. 21, Young broke the school's all-time career scoring record of 1,495 points set by Mark Gilmore in 1981 with a 20-point outing against Community. She ended her high school career as Cascade's all-time leading scorer with 1,513 career points.

"Breaking the record, it's just crazy," said Young, "I never would have thought that was possible until this past summer when my dad told me it was something I could realistically do."

""If things didn't pan out the way they did her junior year, she would have gotten to 2,000 for sure," Demonbreum believes. "Overall, in my eyes, I think when you look at not just the season we had because of her, but also when you look at what our season has gone through in terms of our district. We don't have a cupcake schedule, so all of the stats that get pushed out there, she's being hammered all night long every night and still was able to score 18, 19, 20 points. I think that changes the ball game when you look at who we were playing against. They also talk about the stuff outside of basketball, and I don't know how much of an impact the GPA and everything has, but she carries those too. She's not only a fantastic athlete and carries herself in the right way, but she's also a fantastic person and carries herself in the right way in that as well.

"On the court, it's a no-brainer to say she was the heartbeat of our team," Demonbreum continued, "She had supporting casts throughout that she built up, and because Kaegan raised her game, it raised their game, and in turn raised our game as a team. She'll definitely be missed…"

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"...Her defense, her long arms in any type of press we wanted to use. Her ability to create her own shots, and those shots created shots for other people. Her rebounding will be greatly missed. For four years I've had the same person bring the ball up the court. It'll look different. She's done a great job mentoring and being that example of what a superior athlete needs to be within our program."



Kaegan Young (22) dribbles up the court against Loretto during her spectacular senior season. *Photo by David Smith.*

Part of that mentoring began in Young's junior year. Despite all the outside adversity she was dealing with personally, she was able to help rally a now-sophomore class that would play an irreplaceable role in the program's success over the next two seasons both on and off the court.

"We're all on the same page. We all knew what we wanted for this program," said Young, "When Lizzie [Keele] and the sophomores came in before last year, they saw it from the start and they ran with it. I feel like we all had that initial connection together [with this year's sophomore class]. We'd sit down and talk and say what we want for our next two years and y'all's four, but we also want to start a new outlook on the Lady Champions program. I want to look up in the stands, and to the left of our student section, see all the little kids running around, the middle school kids from their teams all standing up and cheering. That was something we wanted. We wanted to go out in the community and people to tell us that we had a great game on Friday. We wanted people to be like, 'Hey, you really changed Cascade.' Even teachers now, they're excited and can't wait for basketball season. Coach Liddell and Coach Carter were trying to get us to have a three-point celebration. Just goofy stuff like that...it means a lot"

"She should be extremely proud of herself. She set a goal with your teammates, and you accomplished many of those goals in four years, and way more than she could have ever thought of. She's humble and not going to talk highly about herself, and she's not going to toot her own horn even though we try to get her to as much as possible," Demonbreum said with a laugh.

It's safe to say that Young is leaving behind an impact that will be felt for years to come. Cascade will inevitably hang her #22 jersey from the rafters at some point next fall, and the ovation for the UT-Southern signee when she returns to The Stable will be deafening. She leaves Cascade as not just the greatest player to pass through the Lady Champions' program in the last quarter-century, but as one of the greatest athletes in the entire school's 53-year history. This fact cannot be overemphasized, and all of her accomplishments speak for themselves.

Young – along with her classmate and good friend, Suzanna Crews, and her head coach – is a significant reason why a program that looked like it was left for dead just four years ago now has life again. It's more than the 18 PPG – it's the culture that she assisted in creating and implementing. She leaves behind a legacy that goes leaps and bounds beyond just wins, losses, and statistics.

As she heads off to UT-Southern for the fall of 2026 to continue her playing career, she certainly has shown that she possesses the capabilities to overcome any adversity that stands in her way.

"She has carried the weight of many different chapters in her four years," Demonbreum said, "and it's unfortunate that this book technically has to close with how it ended, but at the same time, she gets to write another book."

"I couldn't have done this without my teammates and my coaches," Young concluded. "I love them. They'll always hold a special place in my heart."

Shelbyville Central Opens Season With Win At Sequatchie Co.

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DUNLAP, Tenn. – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (1-0) took down Sequatchie County (0-1) in a low-scoring affair, 2-0 after six innings, on Monday night.

Stephen Bobo was dominant on the mound for the Golden Eagles, pitching 6.0 innings of shutout ball while giving up two hits and two walks with 13 strikeouts on 84 pitches.

Tucker Lee got the start for Sequatchie County, lasting 4.0 innings and giving up two earned runs on three hits and two walks with six strikeouts on 69 pitches.

Shelbyville Central scored both of their runs in the top of the first inning. Miles McCullough led off the game by drawing a walk, Elijah Westbrooks worked a one-out walk, and then Caden Peacock delivered the big hit with a 2-RBI double to give the Golden Eagles a 2-0 lead.

Neither team would score again until the seventh inning, but the game was called due to field conditions before the bottom of the seventh could complete, resulting in the 2-0 win for the visitors.

Despite not getting a hit the first time through, Bobo finished 3-of-4 at the plate with three singles. Hayden Davis went 1-for-3 in the cleanup spot, Peacock finished 1-of-4 with 2 RBIs and a double – the only extra-base hit of the game – and Blake Bone went 1-of-3.

For Sequatchie County, Dillon Frizzell went 1-of-3 and Hank Vandeburg finished 1-of-2.

Cascade Baseball Opens 2025-26 With 2-1 Win At Tullahoma

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TULLAHOMA, Tenn. –After an early ending in 2025, the Cascade Champions (1-0) began the 2026 campaign with a bang, taking down Class AAA Tullahoma (1-2) in a low-scoring affair, 2-1, on Thursday at Grider Stadium.

Jayden Hathcock secured the win on the mound for Cascade, lasting 4.0 innings and giving up one unearned run on four hits and two walks while striking out four batters on 77 pitches. Caleb Crouch followed up with 1.1 innings of allowing just a single baserunner via a walk with one strikeout on 22 pitches followed by Wickey Parker pitching the final 1.2 innings with four strikeouts and just one hit on 22 pitches.

For Tullahoma, Xander Pogue threw 3.0 innings, giving up one hit and one walk with two hit batsmen and two strikeouts on 47 pitches. Elijah Austell relieved the Wildcats' starter, but he only recorded two outs while giving up two unearned runs on four walks with one strikeout in 29 pitches.

Tullahoma found their only run of the game in the bottom of the first inning when a leadoff walk to Addian Evans resulted in a run scored after JD Schmisseur singled his teammate home with two outs via an error at the plate.

Neither team threatened again until the top of the fourth inning when Caleb Crouch led off the inning by reaching via a Wildcat error. Austell entered the game immediately afterwards, and River Maddox worked a walk to put runners on first and second with nobody out. Austell struck out Hathcock, but then Daymian Maldonado worked a walk to load the bases. Thomas Demartelaere worked a walk to drive home Crouch, and then Jordan Childress also drew a walk two batters later for the Champions' second run of the game to take a 2-1 lead.

Cascade nearly added onto its lead in the top of the seventh when they loaded the bases with one out, but after Maldonado struck out swinging, Xykaiah Dixon was thrown out at the plate trying to score on a wild pitch to end the threat.

Parker gave up a one-out single, but Tullahoma never truly threatened Cascade's lead, and Parker slammed the door shut to register the save with back-to-back strikeouts.

In all, the Champions registered just three hits coming from Dixon, Maddox, and Maldonado, but they were extremely patient at the plate and worked eight walks to generate the two winning runs. They also committed just one error in the first inning, and swiped five bases as a team with Dixon stealing two.

Meanwhile, Tullahoma committed three errors, drew just three walks, and struck out nine times as a team despite tallying five hits which were all singles.

Three Blue Raiders Earn All-Conference USA Honors, Baugus Named Freshman of the Year

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Three Middle Tennessee women's basketball players earned postseason recognition as Conference USA announced its annual awards Monday, highlighted by freshman Blair Baugus being named Freshman of the Year. Baugus also earned First Team All-CUSA and All-Freshman Team honors, while senior Alayna Contreras was named Second Team All-CUSA and freshman Macie Phifer earned All-CUSA Honorable Mention and All-Freshman Team recognition.



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Blair Baugus

Baugus becomes the latest Blue Raider to earn the league's top freshman honor after leading all Conference USA freshmen in multiple statistical categories during the regular season.

The freshman guard averaged 13.0 points and 9.1 rebounds per game while shooting 44.7% from the field across 30 games. Baugus started all 30 games for Middle Tennessee. She ranks among the conference leaders in rebounding and finished the regular season with 13 double-doubles, the third-most by a freshman nationally.

She recorded 19 double-digit scoring performances, including five 20-point outings, and averaged 2.0 steals per game while playing a team-high 34.5 minutes per contest. Baugus was tabbed Conference USA Freshman of the Week eight times, helping lead the Blue Raiders throughout the season.

Alayna Contreras

Contreras earned Second Team All-CUSA recognition after serving as Middle Tennessee's leading scorer during conference play.

The senior guard averaged 14.2 points per game this season while shooting 37.7% from three-point range and 84.3% from the free throw line. Contreras appeared in all 30 games and logged 31.6 minutes per contest, finishing the regular season with 21 double-digit scoring performances, including nine 20-point games. Contreras was named Conference USA Player of the Week twice during the season.

She also posted a career-high 31 points on Senior Day, providing veteran leadership for a roster filled with newcomers.

Macie Phifer

Phifer earned All-CUSA Honorable Mention and a spot on the Conference USA All-Freshman Team following a strong rookie campaign in the Blue Raider frontcourt.

The freshman forward averaged 11.5 points and 5.8 rebounds per game while shooting 44.0% from the field and 37.5% from three-point range. Phifer started all 30 games for Middle Tennessee and averaged 34.3 minutes per contest, while also leading the team with 0.9 blocks per game. Phifer earned three Conference USA Freshman of the Week awards during the season.

Her consistent play placed her among the top freshmen in Conference USA in both scoring and rebounding during the regular season.

People Around Town

Scott UMC hosts annual Women's Day Lunch

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Scott United Methodist Church recently held its annual Women's Day Luncheon at First Church of The Nazarene in Shelbyville.

Guest speaker was Monica Butler, certified lay leader in the Tennessee Western Kentucky Conference. She and her daughter, Tasha Overton, did a praise dance and presentation as the theme was, "Women on the Battlefield."

Scott UMC pastor is Virginia Yeargins.











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