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Nico Higgs is repeat winner in state essay contest

By Dawn Hankins

Nico Higgs, a Bedford County student, has won again in the state civics essay contest. Out of 4,603 entries from across the entire state, Nico placed first in his age band and became one of 12 scholarship winners for the 2026 Secretary of State's Civics Essay Contest.

Nico was honored to be announced as one of only two students ever being a repeat winner. Last year, Nico placed second in his age group.

For this year's contest, Nico wrote an essay about entertainer and Tennessean, Dolly Parton. The essay was themed: "Tennessee, America at its best." Nico incorporated national symbols and shared his admiration for Dolly's love of God, country, and those in need.

To accompany his essay, Nico drew a picture of Dolly with national symbols and wrote, "Dolly Parton is truly America at its best."

Last Thursday, Nico was given the opportunity to be a Page for Representative Pat Marsh. The House of Representatives presented Nico with a proclamation, recognizing that he was a "rare repeat Civics Essay Contest winner!"

After a tour of the State Archives and Library and enjoying what he says was a "lovely luncheon," Secretary of State, Tre Hargett, presented Nico with his first-place award and a Tennessee Stars college scholarship.

"It was an amazing day that I'll never forget," says the local student.

Each winner receives a TN-Stars 529 College Savings Program scholarship and a trip to the State Capitol. First-place winners receive a $500 scholarship, second-place winners receive $250, and third-place winners receive $100.

The Civics Essay Contest was created in 2016, and integrates civics into schools, encouraging students to contemplate their role as citizens. This year's contest was open to all public, private school, or home school association students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Ninety-three students have received awards through the program since its creation.

The Secretary of State's Civics Essay Contest, Anne Dallas Dudley Award, College Voter Registration Competition, and Student Mock Election are part of the office's longstanding civics engagement efforts to prepare students to be actively engaged citizens.



Wartrace Mayor Brian Ross talks water, town's future development

By Dawn Hankins
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The topic of water, and its availability, is of course a constant conversation between Bell Buckle and Wartrace residents. Lately, there's been more serious conversations between the two neighboring Bedford County town governments.

Actually, the towns are just following, by example, an executive order last year by Gov. Bill Lee for regionalization of water utilities within the next 10 years.

Mayor Brian Ross told the T-G recently, "We have had conversations with Bell Buckle about a regionalization of utilities. There is no agreement or confirmed direction yet, other that we are aware of it and no matter what, we want to work together, and work forward, together. There are too many variables and what ifs at this time for us to make a decision. Regardless of a regionalization, Wartrace Water is making vast improvements."

More Wartrace News

A former Wartrace Alderman and town mayor since 2024, Ross said Wartrace has made many accomplishments and continues to finish others. He said the town started its TN Downtown Communities program 2 years ago and it is now in its last year in Wartrace.

"From this program, we received a grant of $15,000. We had to use a portion of these funds for a marketing logo and to then add streetscape banners to our downtown area. The largest amount of this grant is used for a facade grant which has been offered to our local business owners where each grantee receives $2,000 towards a facade improvement that must keep the integrity of their building deemed as historic."

Ross said five businesses/buildings have been selected to improve their storefronts: Wartrace Emporium, 103 Main St East (the back of the building's facade will be improved); Walking Horse Museum; Shoppes at Main and 11 Main Street East.

"These grants have been approved and some of the improvements are underway. We are expected to close this grant out by June 30, 2026, and the facade improvements [to] be completed by May 30, 2026."

The marketing logo and banners will be displayed by June 30th as well. The TN Downtown Communities has been a great opportunity, according to the mayor. Mayor Ross said this state program is all about investment in community.

The mayor said in regard to downtown businesses, that those buildings are almost completely occupied and operational.

"Five years ago, we had maybe 5-6 open businesses in downtown Wartrace, and as of today, we have about 12 (Rock House Deli, Wartrace Emporium, Strawberry Moon Catering, Shoppes at Main, Town Hall, Sparrow's Nest/Color Creations, Iron Horse, That Massage Place, The Sweet Nook, Sweet Memories, and Southern Goods Mercantile.)"

Ross said Wartrace had Delmonico's restaurant for a few months. But unfortunately, the owners had to close.

Ever optimistic about Wartrace progress, Ross advised, "However, where Wartrace is headed, I am sure that [Delmonico's] building will not stay vacant long. Additional downtown buildings are being renovated due to their neglect . . . hoping by the end of the year we can say that we have all of our buildings in downtown are operational and open to the public."

The mayor added, "Our brave entrepreneurs are investing in themselves and their businesses because they believe and they know that Wartrace is a great town to stay."

The Wartrace Parks & Rec (P&R) team has made several improvements, according to Ross. He said unfortunately, the music stage at Jernigan Field was torn down, due to a lack of upkeep and it being deemed unsafe.

Ross said the Jernigan field bathrooms have been painted and improvements continue on such things as the concession stand. The annual horse show, a fundraiser which helps Cascade School, is held there and concessions are sold by the school.

"We are in the process

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GRACIOUS LADY READY FOR EASTER

T-G Photo by Marilyn Ewing

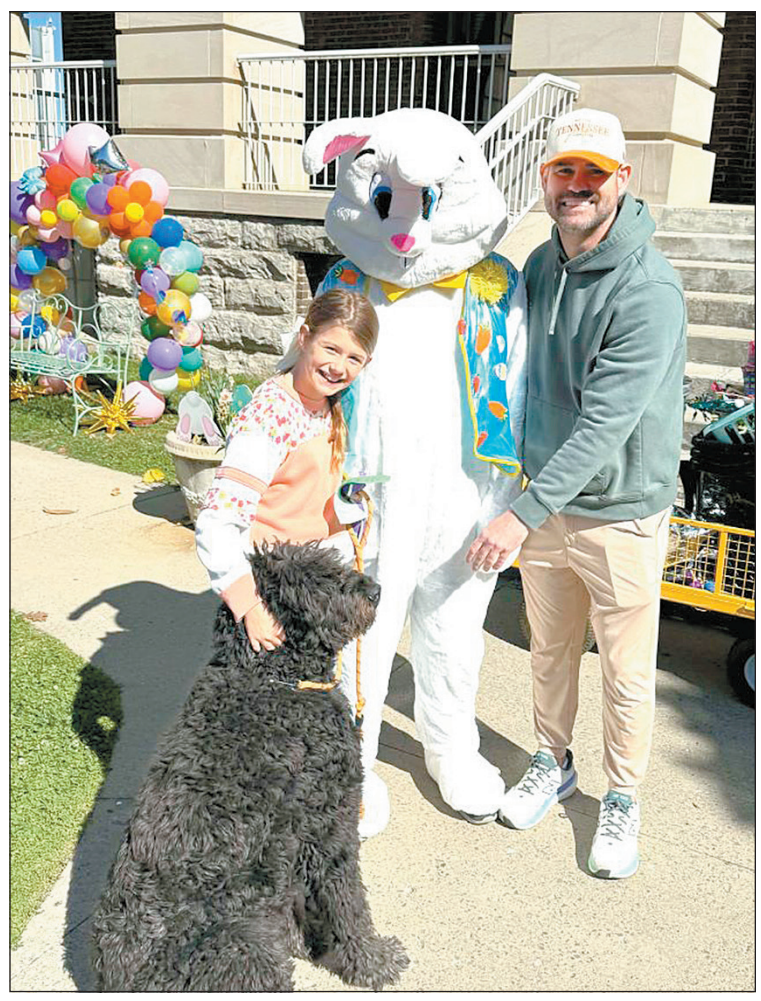
What has completed a woman's Easter ensemble for generations? No doubt, a beautiful hat as modeled so elegantly by Rosie Biggs during the Women's History Tea Luncheon, held March 28, at the Fly. One member of the community remarked how Rosie is "as beautiful on the inside, as the outside." See more photos of this community tea on page 2.



SHARING THE GOSPEL THROUGH DESIGN

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

Jennifer Alley, operations manager of the nonprofit Attic Outlet (Community Care Ministries) in Tullahoma, spends a lot of time each year preparing this magnificent cross with its special flower arrangements. Jennifer is also well-known for her holiday room designs. The Attic is closed on Good Friday but normal hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to serve the needs of its community.



MAKING EASTER MEMORIES

Photo by Suzy Johnson

First United Methodist Church on the square held its annual community Easter egg hunt last Saturday morning on the courthouse lawn. It was chilly but eventful. See more photos on page 10. See Dawn Hankins' column today on page 3 about her Easter memories.

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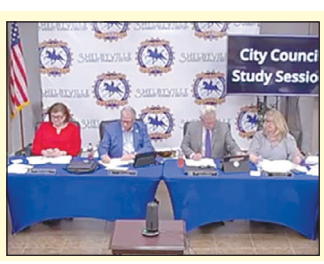

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BREAKING NEWS

Council advised to 'start over' with Remington ordinance

Attorney: Physical pattern book changes call for 2 new readings

By Dawn Hankins

Will Shelbyville City Council have to start over with the Remington Farm PUD Development ordinance it voted on and approved on first reading last month? Perhaps, that is, if they heed the advice that legal counsel gave them Tuesday night during study session.

City Attorney Ginger Shofner's recommendation to Council was that there have been so many changes to the physical pattern book, since the March 12 meeting/ vote, that the Planning Commission should review these changes, once again.

Basically, in following legal counsel, Council's last vote would be amended and the process of keeping the PUD or denying it would start over again. That's attorney opinion but Council members can make their own decision.

Planning Director Tom Batchelor explained there have been many changes since the last meeting vote. The original PUD plan was adjusted to allow for the 7,500 square foot lot size minimum, as requested last month by Council.

As well, everything from an increase in green space to a reduction in the number of single-family homes is new in the pattern book.

"So, our ordinance has to change," Shofner advised. "It has to be amended. You can't just vote on the ordinance as it was on first reading."

Shofner said Council can go forward next week and approve on second reading but she left them with words of advice. She said from a legal standpoint, the cleanest thing with something this large, this complicated, and with this many people involved in it, is to send it back to the planning commission, once again, for review.

Her further legal recommendation was to "start over" and have the planning commission send it back to Council with its recommendation. Then, Council will vote again on the PUD, that is, on a new first and second reading.

What Council intends to do is a multi-million-dollar question right now. Many people are eager to know, especially the residents of the Cloverdale area-next to the development.

During public comment times, many of those residents have tried convince Council not to vote for the large development off Union Street and parts of Highway 41A North.

Residents, one who moved from Murfreesboro last year to Shelbyville, stated they don't have anything against local growth but believe it should be managed better, perhaps at a slower pace with more consideration for residents who travel that "dangerous" stretch of road every day.

The original ordinance, as approved in March, requested Council to approve the Remington Farm Planned Unit development pattern book and amend the zoning map by rezoning approximately 158 acres on Union Street. It has been bounced back and forth from Council to the City Planning Commission several times and keeps coming back to Council with unfavorable recommendations.

As Councilman Henry Feldhaus said during last month's meeting, it truly has been like "beating a dead horse" to get this development approved and off the ground, despite developers checking all their boxes.

Developers have made changes, per Council request, but some councilmembers and planning commission members continue to say they don't believe Shelbyville is prepared for that kind of development.

Shelbyville Power Water and Sewerage representatives, present at Tuesday's meeting, have said all boxes are checked for their work to begin in that area.

Councilman Josh Blevins raised several questions about Remington last month over green space or open space and even traffic issues. He would cast the solo vote to deny the request on first reading, based on the pattern book presented at that time. (Councilman William Christie was absent and has said he would have also voted against the development as presented at last month's meeting.)

Blevins said Tuesday that the latest open space changes are much better than what was presented to Council last month.

Blevins advised, "My initial question . . . this change obviously affects the pattern book. I assume we will be getting a new pattern book?"

Planning Director Batchelor said development engineers were planning to get him the new pattern book with such changes. Included in that latest pattern book is now 20.73 open space/ formal, active space for walking, parks and more.

Warren Landers, long-time City planning commission chair, was invited to speak Tuesday night on these "significant" changes in plan. He also discussed his disapproval of Council continuing to move forward on this development, as presented last month.

"Well, after y'all's last meeting, it did bother me, the way it happened," said Landers. "I went and spoke to Scott [Collins] about it; he said I might want to come and explain what happened."

Landers said this development has received an unfavorable recommendations from the PC. He said then during Council meeting on March 12, after much discussion on the development plans, developers requested a 30-day window to make necessary changes to the pattern book.

Landers said instead, Council by-passed that 30-day window request and voted on first reading to approve the PUD development, as presented.

It seemed to be a done deal and this move left the PC in a lurch, Landers advised. All that was left was for Council to vote on second and final reading in April. (Historically, when Council approves a request on first reading, second reading then moves fairly fast.)

"That's what bothered me. I wasn't against the development. Our job as planning commission is to make sure that everything follows the rules. It's y'all's job to decide if it's good for Shelbyville. It's not ours. We just make sure the rules are followed. I don't feel like the rules got followed here."

Landers said it's a testament to the developers, who, on their own, made more substantial changes to the pattern book this week though they weren't required to do that, following last month's vote.

The PC chair said coming from him-someone who "hates" that back and forth between PC and Council on such developments-he's of a different mindset on the Remington PUD at this point. He believes the rezoning request should be returned, once again, to the PC for review and vote.

Landers complimented the developers and said they're "good people."

But in the end, he reiterated that the Shelbyville Planning Commission is all about following the rules.

City Mayor Randy Carroll, who serves on the PC with Councilmember Josh Blevins, thanked Landers for following the rules. He mentioned that Landers had served over 20 years (26 to be exact) on the planning commission.

Council's next regular meeting is 6 p.m. Thursday, April 9, at the codes building on Cannon Boulevard. A decision should be made then on the direction of the Remington Development.

It was announced Tuesday night that City Hall is closed on Good Friday, April 3.

Bedford Briefs



AREA-WIDE SINGING IN FLAT CREEK

An area-wide singing will be held Friday, April 3, at Flat Creek Church of Christ, located off Highway 82 South. Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. The singing will be held from 7 to 9 p.m.

FLAT CREEK ANNUAL SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Flat Creek Community Center, 115 New Herman Road off of Hwy 82, will have its annual Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser on the Saturday evening, April 4th, from 4 to 7:00. Tickets are $10.00 a plate and are sold at the door. The meal includes spaghetti, salad, bread, drink, and a homemade dessert. You are welcome to pick up a plate in a to-go box or to sit down and visit while having your meal.

SPECIAL VETERANS EVENT

The annual Hometown Heroes & Harmony event- a 2-day veteran and community event- is planned for May 1 and 2. More information forthcoming.

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of improving our two smaller pavilions at our park and should have that completed by our 4th of July celebration, which is put on by our P&R team and it will be on Friday July 3rd from 5pm-9pm. We are wanting this to be a great event for all-it being our 250th anniversary of our great Nation."

"We want to have everyone come and celebrate with us. Three years ago, we added security cameras to our pavilions so that we can make sure that our park is safe for all."

The Town of Wartrace has also been working with the MRT program from the Bedford County Jail. The group donated a total of 8 infant trees, 4 red buds and 4 tulip poplars. These have been planted and the mayor said this will be perfect for 2026 Earth Day.

Ross said the Town of Wartrace is also working on programming events to be held at the Fred Russell Gym. He mentioned pickleball is one of those activities.

The parks and rec department also puts on the annual Trunk or Treat at the Park every October.

Ross reminded the community that this year's Trunk or Treat will be on Halloween, Saturday, October 31.

The mayor advised, "The consistent theme here is, rebuilding and investing. Our town and the downtown businesses have been asleep for a long time and we are finally waking up. Everyone is starting to take care of what we have and what we own and we are all starting to work together to achieve a better Wartrace."

Other forward moving plans in Wartrace:

• The town intends to apply in August for the Blue Cross Blue Shield Healthy Places Grant. The goal is to have updated modern playground built for younger generations.

• The Town has invested in almost $50,000 in the fire department over the last 3 years. Improving the building, both interior and exterior and the town had to replace the siren. Ross said WVFD Chief Robert Dye and Assistant Fire Chief, Jesse Julien, have done great things in and outside the Wartrace community.

• In 2023, the state offered a grant to local communities to apply for vehicle replacements. The Wartrace police were awarded that grant and received a new Ford Explorer that Wartrace Police Chief Danny Odeneal drives and maintains. "Police Chief Odeneal is taking great care of it and it has allowed him to have a more reliable vehicle to further protect and serve our community," said Mayor Ross.













TEA, LIKE IT USED TO BE

EVENT HONORING THOSE WHO PAVE THE WAY

T-G Photos by Marilyn Ewing

A Women's History Tea was held last week at the Fly to honor women who "lead, lift and light the way" for others. Shelbyville Mayor Randy Carroll was among those in attendance. Melody Terry was honored for her 50 years with Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT.) Guest speaker was Nachia M. Tellis, pastor of Woodfork AME Church. Women involved in various organizations were honored.

Chocolate bunnies in heaven?
God can do anything, so I'm hoping

By Dawn Hankins
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I love the fact that Bedford County and Shelbyville still observe Easter in a great way. But sadly, so many of our memorable traditions as egg hunts and Thursday night Tenebrae services have fallen by the wayside.

Thankfully, there are churches like First Presbyterian and others who have planned a week-long series of services.

Statistics show that many will attend church on Easter with family but will not attend services for the rest of the year. But one day can make a big difference in someone's life.

I pray for those who may have never experienced the beauty of an Easter sunrise service. Or those who will never hear choirs and see children baptized. (I'm about to witness the baptism of one of my grandchildren!)

I live near a lake so I can see people heading to the boat ramp for other outdoor recreations during the 3-day weekend. If family is spending time together, that's great. But is that really what Easter weekend should be about?

I have great Easter memories as a child in Bedford County. My family always attended church, taking a week to put together those special shoes and dresses. It's nice to dress up and show respect for the Lord, especially on Resurrection Sunday.

As I've probably mentioned over the years, I grew up going to two different denominations. One week we'd be away at the primitive Baptist church and the next, at home in the United Methodist Church.

To this day, I never tire of hearing the songs, "He Arose" and "He Lives." I remember my Uncle Billy singing the bass.

I remember going to the Fair Store on the square the Saturday before Easter. (O.K. you're starting to get an idea of how old I am now.) But you had to get everything done (slips, hose, socks) by Saturday because NO ONE was open for business on Easter.

Yes, most people were in church back then. We took Easter Sunday evenings off to spend with the family. That's just how it worked.

Our family would pack up and go to my paternal grandparents' house for church and dinner afterwards. It was a full day of family and all that comes with it.

From egg hunts to lawn croquet, those were good times sitting in the stillness of the family farm in the country. By the way, lawn croquet is played by hitting balls with a mallet through a series of wickets in correct order, earning points for each wicket and finishing by striking the final stake.)

That's just too formal of an explanation. As kids, we just enjoyed hitting the balls into those wire wickets.

And who could forget, after grace of course, the food! From coconut cake to ham, it was on!

Then there are those funny parts I remember about Easter as a kid.

I'm sure my mother, who is an avid T-G reader, will remember how I used to covet my Easter eggs and hide them under my bed for a long time. (Remember: we used fresh eggs back then.)

I remember her smelling under my bed the next week. Yep, there they were, all six to a dozen of them, ripe and safe, amidst my discarded toys.

I remember eating so much candy I was near throwing up. No joke!

Mom and Dad always made the holidays great. Maybe they should have saved that money but what cherished memories they created for us on Easter Sunday morning.

I had a friend, with Jesus now I'm certain, who said she did the same thing for her kids and didn't regret it: she would lose a husband suddenly in his 40s and a son would also precede her in death.

I've always said, and will continue to say, that my parents made a lot of mistakes, like any married couple. But most important, they gave us kids the best gift a parent could ever give.

No, it wasn't that gigantic chocolate bunny which I slowly dismantled on Easter Sunday. It was taking us to church and introducing us to the Savior who was crucified on a cross on Calvary for our sins. We learned how Jesus arose three days from a sealed tomb and how now He sits at the right hand of the Father in Heaven.

The Bible tells us that He will return for us one day. That was a little scary the first time I heard that but now, it's a beautiful part of my life and witness.

My parents and I are now having to have those necessary conversations about end-of-life stuff. That's tough but I know both of them will someday have a "mansion just over the hilltop" (another great song.)

I wouldn't trade my Easter memories for all the chocolate in the world. Perhaps heaven will be lined with those glorious, hollow Palmer chocolate rabbits someday.

God is capable of anything. So, as a chocolate connoisseur, here's hoping.

Have a very blessed Easter!







MORE ROBOTS AND 'BEAUTIFUL MASTERPIECES'

Submitted Photos

Erica Christon, a teacher at Northside HeadStart in Shelbyville and teacher assistant Maria Godinez wanted to share with the community their amazing robots they created out of boxes. See the 3/26 T-G for more robot photos.



LOCAL STUDENT AWARDED AT STATE LEVEL

Submitted Photo

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Town & Country Garden Club shares 'seeds of life and friendship' at March meeting

Photos and report submitted by Kim Allison

Town and Country Garden Club met at Glass Hollow restaurant on the square on March 18. The arrangement theme was "Joy of Jonquils," with Rene Francis receiving the blue ribbon for her beautiful arrangement.

Mary Howard received a blue ribbon and Nancy Fayard received the red ribbon for "The What Have You" entries.

Carroll O'Brien presented the trivia program which consisted of questions about flowers that were posed and answered by the group.

Vice President Nancy Fayard presented the following quote for the day: "Sow the seeds of friendships in your garden and watch them bloom."

The meeting concluded with the annual seed exchange. Members brought seeds from their gardens and exchanged them for their next year's garden.





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HE IS RISEN

Luke 24:1-6 Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulcher, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen....

Jesus Christ satisfied the demands of his father in heaven. He died on a cross. He gave his life. He spilt his blood. But all that he did on Golgotha's hill and in the days before of what we call "holy week" would have been in vain had he not risen from the dead. Praise God, on the 3rd day, the stone was rolled away, just as he said it would. He walked out. He was alive. The greatest day ever recorded in history and the greatest words ever spoken, "he's not here, but is risen." Let the earth rejoice, over 2,000 years later, he's still alive!

Josh Franks, People's Tabernacle Church Pastor in Savannah, TN

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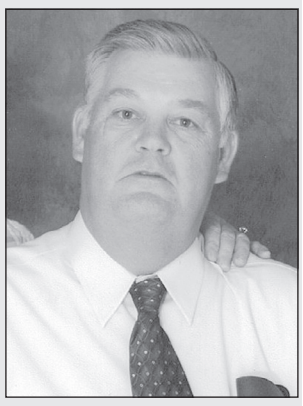
Obituaries

Albert Franklin Crosslin



Albert Franklin Crosslin 80 of Wartrace died March 24, 2026.

Funeral Services will be held 2:00 P.M. Saturday, March 28th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home with Brother Terry Jones officiating. Burial will follow at Hazel Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 12:00 P.M.

He was born May 25, 1945 in Bedford County, TN.; retired from Singer Distribution Center-Murfreesboro after 25 years; a Cattle Farmer; Tysons Contract Grower for 29 years; Chairman of the Hazel Cemetery Board; former Bedford County Road Board Commissioner; former member of the Tennessee National Guard and member of Pentecostal House of Prayer of Tullahoma.

Albert was preceded in death by his parents, Carlie Cecil Crosslin and Mary Lou Cortner Crosslin; his brothers and sisters, William Forrest "Billy" Crosslin, Robert Crosslin, Nancy Jane Cooper, Mary Cecil Messick and Jimmy Crosslin.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary Lewis Crosslin; his daughter, Angelia Crosslin Lewis (Scott) of Columbia, TN.; granddaughters, Abigail Kathryn Lewis of Columbia, TN., and Dr. Emily Grace Lewis of Mississippi.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Wanda Ruth Hames



Wanda Ruth Hames, age 77, of Petersburg, TN, passed from this life on Saturday, March 28, 2026, at Ascension St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital.

Wanda was born on February 4, 1949, in Shelbyville, TN, to the late Cecil White King and Velma Ruth Moore King. She attended Pleasant Grove School and Petersburg High School, where she met the love of her life, Larry Hames. They shared 60 years of marriage together.

Throughout her working years, Wanda was employed with Genesco, Petersburg Manufacturing, worked as a seamstress, and later joined National Pen until her retirement in 2014.

Wanda's faith was a guiding part of her life. She began attending Richmond Church of Christ—now Lone Oak Church of Christ—at a young age and was currently an active member of Unionville Church of Christ.

If you knew Wanda, your life was likely touched by her gift of encouragement and her kind, compassionate heart. She served her church and community faithfully, sharing her love through handwritten cards, thoughtful notes, and visits with friends and family.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband of 60 years, Larry Hames; children, Melonie (Tim) Pack of Murfreesboro, TN, Wayne (Sonya) Hames of Lewisburg, TN, and Cecil (Candy) Hames of Chapel Hill, TN; grandchildren, Jared, Ashton, Jordan, Joseph, Damian, Ella Grace, and Carter and four great-grandchildren.

Along with her parents, Wanda was preceded in death by her son, Jeffery Hames, and her brothers, Fred King, Paul Ray King, Frank King, and Donald King.

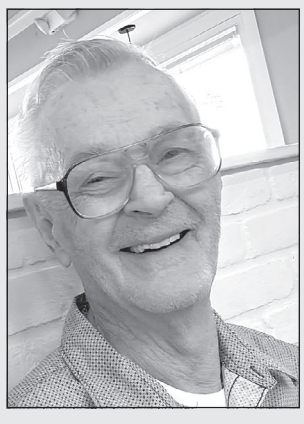
The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the doctors and nursing staff at Tennessee Oncology and Community Care of Rutherford County for their compassionate care.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2026, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Ray King, Jason King, Jerrad Pack and Jordan Pack officiating. Burial will follow at Talley Cemetery in Petersburg. Visitation will be held 4-7 p.m. Tuesday evening, March 31, 2026, at the funeral home.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com

William Ray Gage



William Ray Gage, 80, of Wartrace, died March 27, 2026.

Funeral Services will be held 2:00 P.M. Saturday, April 4th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home with the Rev. Jimmy Gray officiating. Burial will follow at Hollywood Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 12:00 p.m., prior to service.

He was born August 21, 1945, in Bedford County, TN; a retired teacher and basketball coach in Sumner County, TN; a Veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of Wartrace Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Clarence Gage, Virginia Elaine Christian Murchison and step-fathers, W.A. Hoyle and Bill Murchison.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Ann Phillips Gage of Wartrace; his children, David Gage of Manchester, Tn., Amanda Hartle (Danny), Laura Hobdy (Scott) of Gallatin, TN., Monica Petty of Hendersonville, TN.; and seven grandchildren.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

A message from the desk of State Sen. Shane Reeves

Pass Senate Bill 420 to Put Tennessee Patients Above Insurance Schemes



By State Sen. Shane Reeves

Tennesseans expect their elected leaders to stand up for them, especially when it comes to something as fundamental as access to health care. Yet today, too many Tennessee patients are being caught in the middle of a healthcare system that too often prioritizes profits over people. And it is an issue that I am fighting hard to reform.

Insurance companies have become increasingly sophisticated in how they shift costs onto patients. Over the past several years, we have seen the rise of copay accumulators, copay maximizers, and so-called alternative funding programs, which are all technical insurance mechanisms with deeply troubling and far-reaching impacts. Many prevent patients from receiving the full benefit of financial assistance meant to help them afford their medications.

In 2021, Tennessee took an important step by passing legislation to curb the use of copay accumulator programs. The intent was clear. When a patient receives assistance to help cover the cost of their medication, that assistance would count toward their deductible and out-of-pocket maximum. Unfortunately, insurers quickly found ways to work around the law and achieve the same result: leaving patients on the hook for thousands of dollars in pharmacy costs.

That is not what Tennesseans were promised, and it is not what they deserve.

That's why I introduced Senate Bill 420, a straightforward and commonsense solution. This bill ensures that every dollar of copay assistance, no matter the source, counts toward a patient's cost sharing obligations. It also closes the loopholes that insurers have exploited and prevents new schemes from being created in the future. Simply put, a dollar is a dollar, and it should be treated as such.

This issue is especially critical for patients living with complex, chronic conditions who rely on specialty medications, including biologics and biosimilars, which are frequently placed on the highest cost tiers of insurance plans. For these patients, copay assistance is not a luxury. It is the difference between staying on treatment and going without.

Yet insurers are pushing amendments to weaken existing protections and explicitly allow these practices to continue, particularly targeting the very patients who can least afford it. That is unacceptable. We should not be in the business of carving out exceptions that benefit insurance companies at the expense of those battling serious illness.

Let's be clear about what is happening. Insurers are collecting assistance dollars at the pharmacy counter while refusing to credit those payments toward a patient's deductible. Patients think they are making progress toward their out-of-pocket limit, only to be blindsided later in the year when they discover they must start over. This is not transparency. It is not fair. And it is not right.

Other states have already recognized this problem and acted. Indiana and Maryland passed similar protections in 2025, and New Jersey followed suit earlier this year. Tennessee should not lag behind when it comes to protecting its citizens.

As lawmakers, our responsibility is not to protect the bottom lines of large insurance companies. Our responsibility is to the families, taxpayers, and patients who depend on us to ensure they can access the care they need.

It is time to stop allowing deceptive practices to dictate patient outcomes. It is time to stand up for Tennesseans and restore integrity to our health care system.

I urge my colleagues on the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee to pass SB 420 as written. Let's close these loopholes once and for all and put patients back at the center of care where they belong.

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Shane Reeves is a Republican Tennessee State Senator representing District 14, comprising of Bedford, Cannon, Moore and part of Rutherford Counties.

Death Notices

Peggy Joyce Yarbrough Youngblood

Peggy Joyce Yarbrough Youngblood age 82, of Shelbyville, Tennessee, passed away on March 30, 2026, in Tullahoma. She was born on June 4, 1943, in Bedford County, to the late Harold Clay Yarbrough and Hazel Mai Sudberry Yarbrough.

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

Janice Ann Campbell

Janice Ann Campbell, age 76, of Mt. Juliet, died on Friday, March 27, 2026, at her residence. She was born in Nashville and was the daughter of the late Dewey Clyde West and Agnes Marie McCloud Pope. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Bobby Wayne Campbell in 2007, a son, Bobby Campbell.

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

IT'S EASTER SUNDAY: SCOOP UP SOME ICE CREAM!

While adults typically like those decadent desserts on Easter Sunday, kids will be just as happy with a bowl of ice cream.

This key lime pie recipe is a great color and taste for after those egg hunts and a large meal. It does require an ice cream maker but if you don't have one, a friend or family member will likely share. It's worth the 4 hours freeze time it takes to make this beautiful spring-like dessert.

Recipe by The Dairy Alliance



Key Lime Pie Ice Cream

- 1 1/2 cups whole milk
- 1 cup sugar
- 4 egg yolks
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 3/4 cup key lime juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup graham cracker sticks roughly chopped

1. Heat the whole milk and sugar in a medium saucepan over low heat, until just bubbly. Place yolks in small mixing bowl and whisk until yolks are pale and fluffy. Temper the eggs by gently whisking a small amount of the warm cream into the yolks. Pour the tempered yolks into the saucepan, whisking gently. Cook over medium-low heat until thick, stirring constantly, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat.
2. Gradually pour the heavy cream into the custard mix and stir to combine. Whisk in lime juice and vanilla. Cover with lid or plastic wrap and refrigerate ice cream mix until well chilled.
3. Freeze the mixture according to your ice cream maker's instructions. As it freezes, add in the chopped graham cracker sticks. Transfer the ice cream to a freezer-safe container and allow it to harden for several hours or overnight.

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Crossword

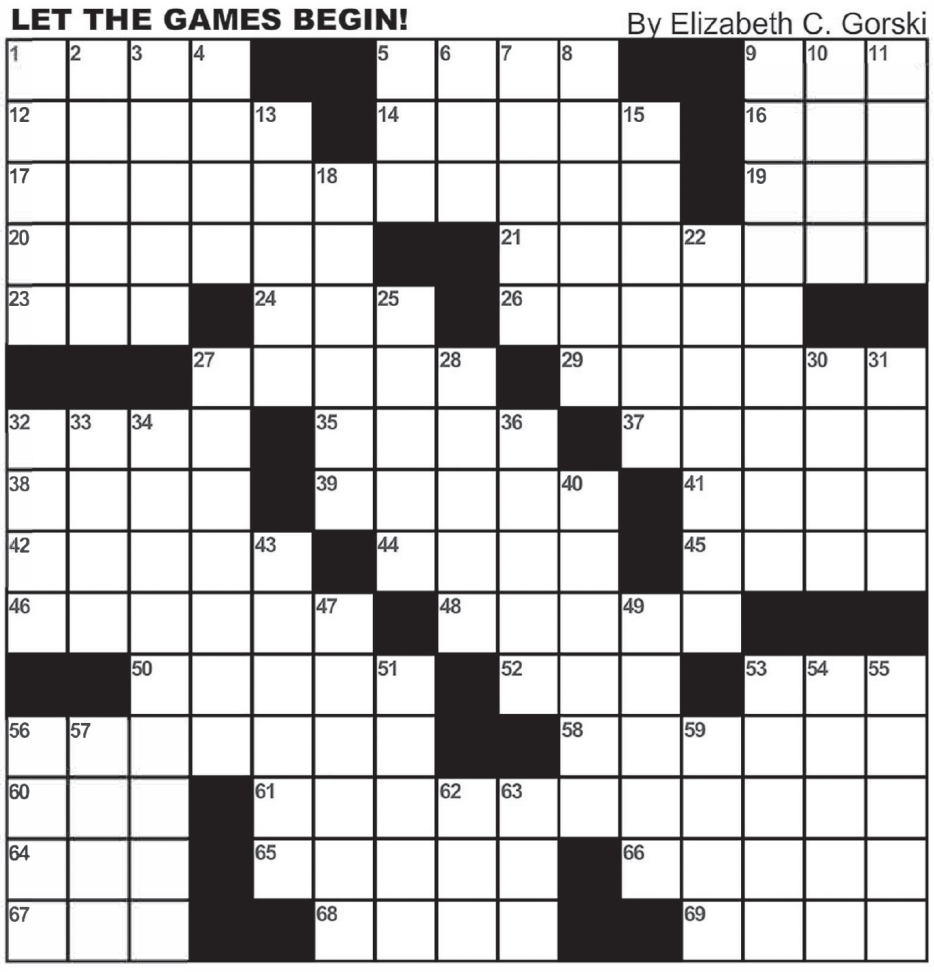
CLUES ACROSS

1) Streisand, to friends
5) Sunni or Shia
9) Stir-fry pan
12) Throat dangler
14) Bahrain bigwigs
16) $5 bill, slangily
17) Cocktail often garnished with lime
19) Eggs on sushi
20) Royal bride of 1981
21) Candy apple coating
23) Tolkien tree creature
24) Bailout key
26) "___ Billie Joe"
27) Sacred song
29) Turn on a stool
32) Baseball's David Ortiz, AKA "Big___"
35) Drops from the sky
37) Indirectly insulting
38) Victorious shout
39) "Va Va Voom" rapper Nicki
41) Grant and Lee: Abbr.
42) No longer available
44) Seized vehicle
45) Aspiring JD's exam
46) Serengeti scavengers
48) Spread salt on, maybe
50) Naive sorts
52) Nestle ___-Caps
53) McGraw of country
56) Overlooked
58) Illinois city
60) The whole shebang
61) Short-term bank offerings
64) Wharton deg.
65) "Rabbit food"
66) Horse fathers
67) Reassuring touch
68) Till stack
69) ___ a soul (no one)

CLUES DOWN

1) "Taps" instrument
2) Bird-related
3) Ring-shaped cake
4) Leave rolling in the aisles
5) Match unit
6) Sub genre of punk rock
7) ___ de Mayo
8) Simple chords
9) "Saving Private Ryan" and "Platoon," e.g.
10) Bassoon's kin
11) Ship's backbone
13) Vicunas' range
15) Hinge fasteners
18) Render harmless, as a bomb
22) On pins and needles
25) "___ de Lune" (Debussy)
27) Pesto ingredient
28) Went for gold
30) "Hairspray" character__ Tumblad
31) "___ we forget ..."
32) ___ helmet (safari wear)
33) On the road
34) Setting of a Bret Harte tale
36) Scruffs
40) "Let's do this together"
43) Movers and shakers
47) Georges of pointillism
49) Puts in the fridge
51) Subway gate
53) Bejeweled topper
54) Word before "child" or "circle"
55) Hard to clean up
56) Miner's hat attachment
57) Isle of exile
59) Pork or beef cut
62) Dapper one?
63) Mdse.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN! By Elizabeth C. Gorski



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WAIT! Don't do this page alone. If this page looks **TOO HARD,** find an older buddy to help you. If it looks **EASY,** find a younger buddy and help them!

The Bunny Buddies' Giggle Garden

Why did Bart Bunny get arrested for running Through The farmer's garden?

What did Bella Bunny say To The Last bite of her carrot?

Circle every third letter to reveal the answer.

DGIRSTCBSVW
BJSEYMEPHNX
BNQVIGBCDTE
KPGRTNFOAHG
WSDIZANBWG
ETYDVOSCU

I ___ ____ ____ _____ _____ ____!

9 6 11 21 1 5 13 6 14 15 / 21 8 2 12 2 7 11

Use the code to answer the above riddle.

7=A 2=E 6=I 5=R 1=U
13=B 15=G 14=N 11=S 10=V
9=D 8=H 12=P 21=T 3=W

Do the math to reveal the answer to this riddle:

How does Bosco Bunny make gold soup?

15 - 10
21 - 8
9 - 6
24 - 8
36 - 28
26 - 12

13=STARTS 14=CARROTS
9=SPOON 6=ONIONS
16=TWENTY 21=STEW
5=HE 3=WITH
2=COOKS 8=FOUR
11=RECIPE 19=LEMONS

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences.

Why did BayLey Bunny swim across The ATLanTic?

The letters along the correct path reveal the answer!

Use the clues to fill in the missing letters. The letters in the second vertical row reveal the punchline to this riddle:

How does Brianna Bunny stay healThy?

1.	C				
2.		A			
3.				Z	
4.			E		
5.	M				
6.		B			
7.				E	
8.					N
9.			H		

CLUES

1. Your teacher writes on a blackboard with this.
2. What ghosts like to do to houses.
3. A reward for winning.
4. Farmers plant these to grow crops.
5. Another word for engine.
6. The opposite of below.
7. What you are when you need rest.
8. A very large expanse of sea.
9. What is left after something burns.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

The Bunny Buddies have hidden marshmallow chickies all over this page. How many can you find in two minutes? Now have your buddy try. Who found the most?

Eggstra! Eggstra!

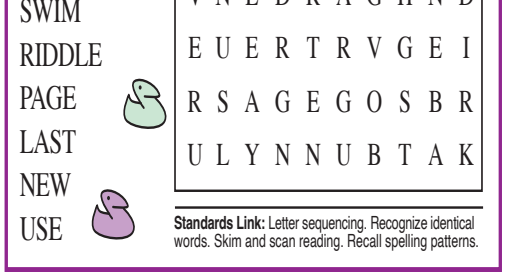
Scrambled Easter Eggs

Look through the newspaper for letters that spell "Easter Eggs." Cut them out. With your buddy, take turns mixing up the letters and spelling a new word. A player gets one point for each letter used.

Standards Link: Spelling: Recognize common spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop® Puzzler

Each of the Bunny Buddies below has at least one look-alike, except for one. Can you find the unique bunny?



How do you catch a unique bunny? Unique up on it!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

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

ARRESTED
GHOSTS
CARROT
BUNNY
ENGINE
GARDEN
REVEAL
SEA
EGGS
SWIM
RIDDLE
PAGE
LAST
NEW
USE

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

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

From the Kid Scoop® Lesson Library

Silly News Story

Mix and match news stories to create silly stories. Select a **who**, **what**, **when**, **where**, **why** and **how** from different stories. Write a silly news story with these facts. For extra silliness, use quotes from other news stories.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write in a variety of forms and genres.

Write On!

Easter Bunny Spotted

Imagine you are a reporter and someone has reported seeing the Easter Bunny in your neighborhood. Write a news article about this. Be sure to tell *Who*, *What*, *When*, *Where* and *Why*.

Funny Filler

Have a buddy give you each type of word to fill in the blanks. Then, read the story aloud for lots of laughs!

Growing Problems

"This can't be right," said Baxter Bunny as he looked at his garden. Instead of a row of carrots, there were _____ (ADJECTIVE) _____ (PLURAL NOUN) sprouting from the _____ (NOUN). He used a _____ (NOUN) to dig into the _____ (NOUN). Bobbi Bunny saw her brother carrying a _____ (ADJECTIVE) basket of _____ (PLURAL NOUN). "_____ (INTERJECTION)!" she cried. "How will we make _____ (NOUN) stew for dinner with nothing but _____ (ADJECTIVE) _____ (PLURAL NOUN)?" Baxter said, "Don't worry, Sis. I have a _____ (ADJECTIVE) idea!" He painted a sign that said: "Buy one _____ (NOUN), get a _____ (NOUN) FREE!" _____ (PLURAL NOUN) came from miles around as word spread. Baxter and Bobbi soon had enough money to buy a _____ (ADJECTIVE) _____ (NOUN) of their favorite _____ (PLURAL NOUN). "Who knew there was a market for _____ (PLURAL NOUN)?" said Bobbi as they walked to the _____ (NOUN).

Standards Link: Spelling: Recognize common spelling patterns.

Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: March 24

Location: Longview Rd; Seller, Bryan Mitchell; Buyer, Micah Eric Max, Anya Anosova; Price, $600,000 (Deed).

Location: Enon Church Rd; Seller, David O Trott, Patsy Jo Trott; Buyer, Ernest Ashworth Jr; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Green Lane; Seller, Black Diamond Construction LLC, C Kelly Wilson; Buyer, HP Realty Co LLC; Price, $1,958,000 (Deed).

Location: Virgil Beasley Rd; Seller, James Wilson Clark, Kathy Beasley Clark, Clark Family Revocable Trust; Buyer, James Garrett Clark; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 166 Glider Loop; Seller, David Peery, Beverly Peery; Buyer, Dave and Bev Peery Trust, David Peery, Beverly Peery; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: North Main St; Seller, Fox Medical Group LLC; Buyer, Katherine Helen Fox; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: North Main St; Seller, Katherine Helen Fox; Buyer, Stasia Marie Delikat, Katherine Helen Fox Investment Services Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

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

File date: March 25

Location: 358 Jack Pickle Rd; Seller, The Benn Gallagher Revocable Trust; Buyer, Simone De Camargo; Price, $1,515,000 (Deed).

Location: Sims Rd; Seller, Cynthia Facemire; Buyer, Jennifer Stembridge; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 225 Idle Dr; Seller, DFH Crescent LLC; Buyer, Terrence John Breit, Charlene Breit; Price, $324,990 (Deed).

Location: 103 St Charles Place; Seller, Julia Sozio Williams; Buyer, Julia Sozio Williams, Julia Sozio Williams Revocable Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: March 26

Location: Liggett Rd; Seller, Brenda Faye Smith; Buyer, James Daniel Smith; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: Hensley Rd; Seller, Albert S Erwin Sr; Buyer, John Kevin Erwin; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 205 Archery Lane; Seller, Matthew Carrell; Buyer, Sara Musgrove; Price, $235,000 (Deed).

Location: 176 Greenbrier Swamp Rd; Seller, Robert Paul Potts Sr, Tommie C Potts; Buyer, Robert Paul Potts Jr; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 104 Rolling Road; Seller, Christopher Warren Green, Green Trust; Buyer, Zachary Minotti, Samantha Minotti; Price, $330,000 (Deed).

Location: 214 Fairway Green Drive; Seller, Michelle Marie Maccario; Buyer, Susan Ann Boutros, Michelle Marie Maccario; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: March 27

Location: County Rd; Seller, Gene C Howe Revocable Living Trust, Gene C Howe; Buyer, Joseph H Seabolt Jr, Kari Seabolt; Price, $300,000 (Deed).

Location: Cascade Hollow Rd; Seller, John R Rickman, Barbara W Rickman; Buyer, Ricky T Hereford, Pamela A Hereford; Price, $50,000 (Deed).

Seller, Robert Curtis Burns Jr; Buyer, Crystal D Burns; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 2941 Unionville Deason; Seller, David S Watson; Buyer, Karen E Watson, David S Watson; Price, $0 (Deed).

File date: March 30

Seller, May Tory Homes LLC; Buyer, Jeremiah Lynn Tibbs; Price, $329,900 (Deed).

Location: 102 Greystone Way; Seller, Devon Lee Morgan; Buyer, Tule River Homebuyer Earned Equity Agency; Price, $317,000 (Deed).

Seller, James E Farrar Jr; Buyer, Rose Eylward; Price, $245,000 (Deed).

Location: 787 Pepper Hill Rd; Seller, Lawbs Holdings LLC; Buyer, James Darren Smith, Carrie Lea Smith; Price, $372,500 (Deed).

Location: Cessna Lane; Seller, Shante Johnson; Buyer, Latisha Hardric; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 319 Durrum St; Seller, Donald Peas, Alexis Danielle Stewart; Buyer, Matthew Jordan Grogan, Aubrey Gentry; Price, $330,000 (Deed).

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NOTICES

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monthly Commissioner Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2026
@ 7:00 P.M.
Bedford County Historic Courthouse
1 Public Square, 2nd Floor Courtroom
Shelbyville, TN 37160
Meeting agenda can be found at www.bedfordcountytn.gov.
Public Comment Procedure: State law provides for a period of public comment at local government meetings to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on matters that are germane to items on the agenda. Any person interested to speak should:
1. Record name and address on a sign-up sheet that will be provided, prior to the meeting being called to order.
2. When called upon, address comments to the Chairperson in a respectful manner.
3. Limit remarks to three minutes for items(s) germane to the agenda.
Persons with a disability who wish to request special accommodation to participate in the public meeting should notify April Steadman one business day prior to the meeting by calling (931) 684-7944 or email your request to april.steadman@bedfordcountytn.gov to discuss accommodations. Every reasonable effort will be made to meet your need.

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NOTICE TO:

Respondent, Arturo Huehue, the State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services has filed a PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS in regards to the minor children, S.P. born on September 4, 2020 and O.P.X. born on September 23, 2021, it further appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby **ORDERED** to appear in the Juvenile Court of Rutherford Cunty, Tennessee located at 1710 South Church Street, Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130, on the **5th day of June 2026 at 9:00 a.m.** to personally answer the PETITION. Failing to appear for the hearing on this date and time, without good cause, pursuant to the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure, will result in the loss of your right to contest the petition. You may view and obtain a copy of the Petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents at the Rutherford County Juvenile Court Clerk's Office. (3194tc)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made by failure to comply with the terms and conditions of a certain promissory note dated May 15, 2023, executed by James M. Dekle payable to Midstate Finance Co., Inc., a Tennessee corporation, and of a certain deed of trust dated as of May 9, 2023, executed by James M. Dekle, recorded in Trust Deed Book 1085, page 929, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, as amended by document dated April 24, 2024, of record in Trust Deed Book 1116, page 40, said Register's Office; wherein, said James M. Dekle conveyed the property described in said deed of trust, as amended, to William E. Shofner, Trustee, to secure the indebtedness therein described, including said note; wherein, said note having been declared due and payable, as provided in said note and deed of trust, as amended; wherein, payment thereof not having been made as demanded; wherein, notice is hereby given that William E. Shofner, Trustee, having been requested so to do by the lawful owner of said indebtedness, will, on **Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 12:00 Noon** at the south door of the Courthouse in Bedford County, Tennessee, sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, free from the equity of redemption, homestead and dower and all other exemptions of every kind, all of which are expressly waived in said deed of trust, as amended, that certain real estate in Bedford County, Tennessee, as encumbered by said deed of trust, as amended, and as fully described in Warranty Deed of record in Deed Book 272, page 879, said Register's Office.

This property is improved property known as **2518 Mullinswood Road, Shelbyville, TN 37160**, as shown on **Tax Map 90, parcel 173**, Bedford County, Tennessee.

Said sale is subject to any and all unpaid taxes and any other prior claims, liens, easements, set back lines and restrictions.

In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above referenced property: Bedford County Trustee and Clerk & Master, Bedford County Chancery Court.

This property is being sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including, without limitation, fitness for a particular purpose or use.

Trustee and Attorney:
William E. Shofner, Esq. (BPR #005095)
615 North Main Street Shelbyville, TN 37160
Ph: (931) 684-2632
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NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

Azure 4 Assets Inc
5113 Mt. View Rd., Antioch, TN 37013
The following vehicles will be sold at public auction to satisfy towing and storage charges on or after Friday, April 10, 2026 at 12:00 PM at the above address:
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2013 Toyota Camry #4T1BF1FK8DU246715
2019 Toyota Camry SE #4T1B11HK5K4693401
2015 Chevrolet Tahoe #1GN5CBKC9FR648189
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NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF NEED

This is to provide official notice to the Health Facilities Commission and all interested parties, in accordance with T.C.A. §68-11-1601 et seq., and the Rules of the Health Facilities Commission, that Naven Health, Inc., a/an proposed home care organization owned by Naven Health, Inc. with an ownership type of Corporation (For Profit) and to be managed by itself intends to file an application for a Certificate of Need for the establishment of a home care organization and the initiation of home health services limited to home infusion services. The project will serve a proposed service area of 95 counties: Anderson, Bedford, Benton, Bledsoe, Blount, Bradley, Campbell, Cannon, Carroll, Carter, Cheatham, Chester, Claiborne, Clay, Cocke, Coffee, Crockett, Cumberland, Davidson, Decatur, DeKalb, Dickson, Dyer, Fayette, Fentress, Franklin, Gibson, Giles, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardeman, Hardin, Hawkins, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Hickman, Houston, Humphreys, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Loudon, Macon, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Maury, McMinn, McNairy, Meigs, Monroe, Montgomery, Moore, Morgan, Obion, Overton, Perry, Pickett, Polk, Putnam, Rhea, Roane, Robertson, Rutherford, Scott, Sequatchie, Sevier, Shelby, Smith, Stewart, Sullivan, Sumner, Tipton, Trousdale, Unicoi, Union, Van Buren, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Weakley, White, Williamson, and Wilson Counties, as well as CON-exempt Grundy and Lake Counties. The address of the project will be 9041 Executive Park Dr., Suite 250, Room 6, Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, 37923. The estimated project cost will be $142,733.

The anticipated date of filing the application is 05/01/2026

The contact person for this project is Mr. Jeffrey Stofko who may be reached at Ascendient Healthcare Advisors Inc - 1335 Environ Way, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 27517 – Contact No. 919-403-3300.

The published Letter of Intent must contain the following statement pursuant to T.C.A. §68-11-1607 (c)(1). (A) Any healthcare institution wishing to oppose a Certificate of Need application must file a written notice with the Health Facilities Commission no later than fifteen (15) days before the regularly scheduled Health Facilities Commission meeting at which the application is originally scheduled; and (B) Any other person wishing to oppose the application may file a written objection with the Health Facilities Commission at or prior to the consideration of the application by the Commission, or may appear in person to express opposition.

Written notice may be sent to: Health Facilities Commission, Andrew Jackson Building, 9th Floor, 502 Deaderick Street, Nashville, TN 37243 or email at hsda.staff@tn.gov.

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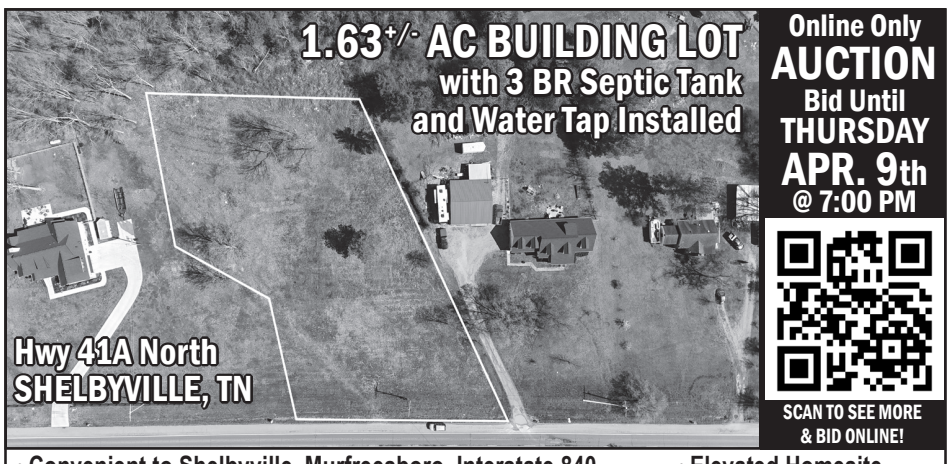

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LET THE GAMES BEGIN! By Elizabeth C. Gorski

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Viqueens Smack Four Home Runs, Prince Throws Six Perfect Innings in Run-Rule Win Over Cascade in 'Battle of Bedford'

BY NOAH MADDOX
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UNIONVILLE, Tenn. – "The Community Viqueens (8-4, 2-0) came away with a statement win in the first 'Battle of Bedford' against Cascade this season in District 9-AA play, 11-0, last Thursday.

Mattie Maxey walloped two of the Viqueens' four total home runs, with the second coming in the bottom of the sixth to trigger the run rule.

"She [Maxey] is really seeing the ball, and I feel like she's got that fire back in her," Viqueens' Head Coach Cam Farrell said postgame, "She had a little bit of a slow start because of her injury from basketball, but she's back now. She's just a sophomore, and she's special. She's a special kid, she's a special talent, and she's also selfless."

Maxey launched her first home run to right-center field in her very first at-bat following an Alana Tate bunt-single in the bottom of the first to give Community an early 2-0 advantage. Her second was a 3-run dagger to straightaway center. Overall, Maxey went 3-for-5 at the plate with five RBIs.

Meanwhile, in the circle for the Viqueens, star senior Annie Prince was dominant from the first pitch. Of the 18 outs recorded, the flamethrower struck out 14 batters on 84 pitches, and she did not allow a single Lady Champion to reach base safely.

"She [Annie Prince] managed the game well," Farrell said, "She counts 'em one by one and she's on it. She's a good leader. She comes in and she works. That's the main thing. She's just a good leader, and when she gets in that circle, she's a machine. It's what I love about her, she just locks in completely. She takes coaching, she works with her catcher, and her and her catcher are always talking before the game, they'll chat after the game to figure out if they need to do anything different. On top of that, she's a team player. She's about the team, and she's about winning."

After Prince shut down Cascade in the top of the second, Ryleigh Lassiter launched her team-leading third home run of the season on a solo shot to center field. Kamryn Farrell followed that up with a leadoff single, and then Haylee Webb delivered a 2-RBI double to give the hosts a 5-0 lead after two innings.

Cascade's promising sophomore, Jocelyn Laughlin, got the start in the circle for the visitors. Laughlin pitched well to hold the Viqueens' vaunted offense at bay in the middle three innings, but she finally ran out of gas in the sixth inning. Community tallied 21 base hits and worked two walks while only striking out twice in Laughlin's 5.2 innings of work, resulting in 11 earned runs.

After neither team scored in the third or fourth innings, Farrell delivered a leadoff home run to center field to give the Viqueens a 6-0 lead.

In the bottom of the sixth, Farrell once again delivered at the plate, this time with an RBI-single down the right-field line. Brooklyn Yoes came on to pinch-hit and delivered an RBI-single through the four-hole to reach an 8-0 advantage, and then Maxey sent everyone home with her towering blast to center.

"What I really loved tonight was when I pulled Brooklyn Yoes off the bench, she ripped a ball that scored a run," said Farrell. "That stands out to me tonight more than the home runs – pull a kid off the bench, she's ready to go, and she does her job. That helps us as a team, and those are the kinds of things that make me feel like we're a complete team."

At the plate for Community, Anna Haskins went 3-for-5, Alana Tate finished 1-for-4, and Maxey went 3-for-5 with five RBIs and two home runs. Haylee Webb batted 3-for-4 with two RBIs, Gracie Daniel went 3-for-4, and Kailani Allen finished 2-for-4. Lassiter went 2-for-4 with an RBI on her home run, Farrell finished 3-for-3 with a walk, two RBIs, and a home run, and Brooklyn Yoes went 1-for-1 with an RBI.



Community's Mattie Maxey (28) swings and drives her first home run of the night in last week's win over Cascade. Maxey finished 3-for-5 with two home runs and five RBIs. *T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox*

Cascade's Hathcock Grounds Rockets to Earn Series Split

BY NOAH MADDOX
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BELL BUCKLE, Tenn. – In game two of the two-game series against District 9-AA foe Chapel Hill (8-5, 3-1), the Cascade Champions (7-4, 2-2) used a complete-game shutout from Jayden Hathcock to take down the Rockets on Tuesday, 4-0.

Hathcock pitched 7.0 masterful innings, giving up just a single hit and one walk while striking out eight batters on just 83 pitches.

"Tonight, he was challenging guys with his fastball up," Cascade Head Coach Travis Sheffield said, "He had some backspin on his fastball, and it was rising on their guys. We didn't have to throw many offspeeds."

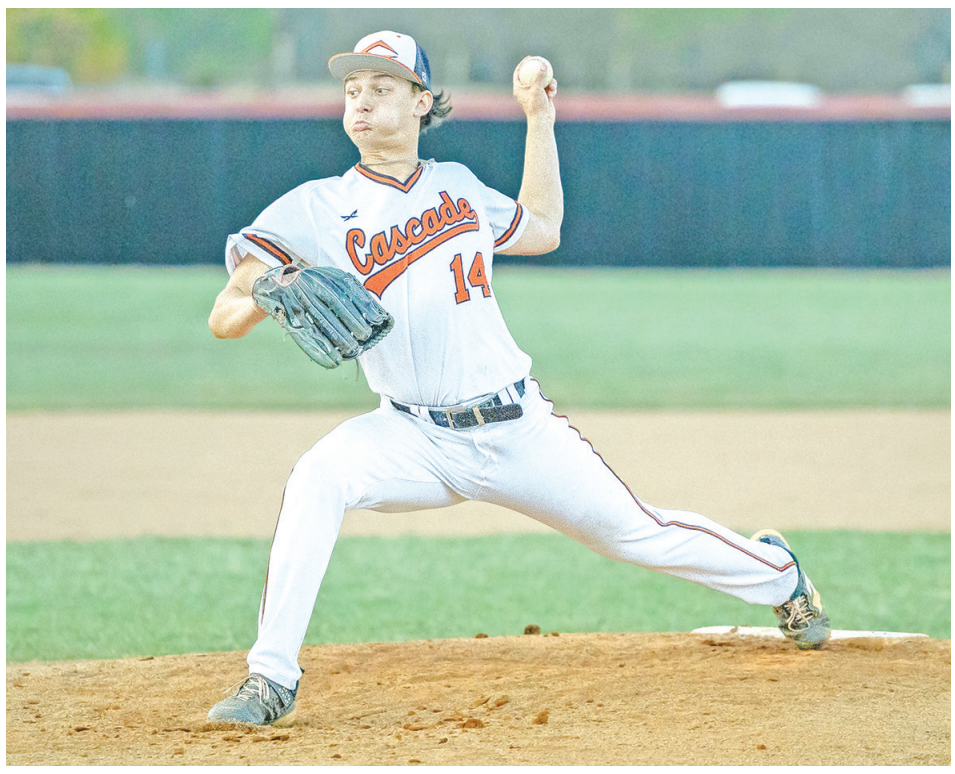
Houston Matlock got the start for Chapel Hill, and he lasted 5.0 innings for the visiting Rockets. Matlock gave up two earned runs on six hits and three walks with five strikeouts on 84 pitches. Travis Porter came on in relief for the sixth inning, giving up two runs – one earned – on three hits with one strikeout on 27 pitches.

At the plate Cascade tallied nine hits with a pair of doubles as a team. The bottom of the lineup came up with five of the nine hits with both Thomas Demartelaere and Caleb Crouch coming up with two hits apiece and one RBI apiece.

"One thing that we've been trying to preach – especially the last couple weeks – is winning counts," Sheffield said, "Not so much hunting pitches, but hunting counts. We're keeping track of who's winning the battle of 2-0 counts, 2-1, 3-1, and even 0-0's. Those are high percentage counts where something good typically happens. On Monday night, they beat us in those counts. Tonight we did a much better job."

After neither team scored in the first inning, Cascade was able to push across a pair of two-out runs to take a 2-0 lead. First, Daymian Maldonado worked a leadoff walk before being caught stealing, Jayden Hathcock singled, and then River Maddox delivered a two-out single to keep the inning alive. Then, Demartelaere delivered a clutch RBI-single up the middle before Caleb Crouch drove Maddox home from second on an RBI-single into left.

Both pitchers settled into a groove for the next three innings until Porter came in for Matlock. After Porter retired the first two batters, Cascade generated another two-out rally with three-consecutive singles followed by a dropped fly ball to tack on two insurance runs heading into the top of the seventh.



Cascade's Jayden Hathcock (14) pitched a complete-game shutout to secure a series split against Chapel Hill on Tuesday night. Hathcock gave up just one hit and one walk with eight strikeouts on just 83 pitches. *Submitted Photo by Austin Holland.*

Hathcock promptly struck out the side in the seventh to secure his second win of the season.

Cascade improves to 7-4 overall. The Champions finish out the week playing in the Mid-South Classic before returning to district play on Monday, Apr. 6, at Summertown.

Golden Eagles Swept by Lincoln County

BY NOAH MADDOX
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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (9-5, 2-2) were unable to prevent Lincoln County (14-5, 2-2) from completing the District 6-AAAA series sweep on Tuesday, 8-3.

The Falcons jumped out to an 8-0 lead after the top of the fifth before the Golden Eagles clawed back with three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. Lincoln County worked five walks and tallied 11 hits while Shelbyville Central totaled nine hits and three walks, but the hosts committed three errors compared to the visitors committing zero.

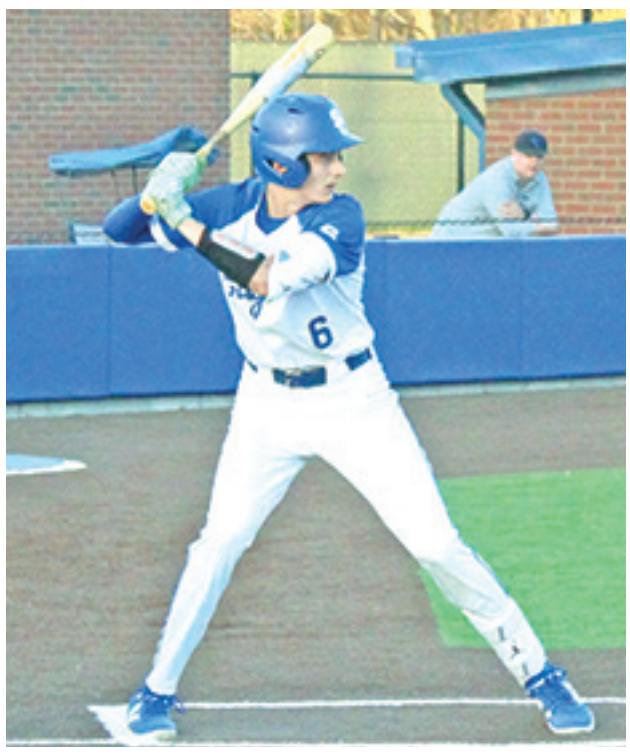
Brody Thomas got the start on the mound for the Golden Eagles, lasting 2.2 innings and giving up five runs – three earned – on seven hits and one walk with two strikeouts on 53 pitches. Chase Billig came on in relief for 3.1 innings of work, giving up three earned runs on four hits and two walks with one strikeout. Finally, Ashton Whorley came in for the top of the seventh, getting all three outs with two walks on 20 pitches.

For Lincoln County, Clint Quick got the start on the mound, and he was effective. Quick lasted 5.1 innings, giving up three earned runs – all coming in the bottom of the sixth – on six total hits with two walks and five strikeouts on 90 pitches. Gabe Johnson came on for the final 1.2 innings, giving up no runs on three hits and one walk with three strikeouts on 45 pitches.

At the plate for the Golden Eagles, Miles McCullough led off and went 2-for-4 at the plate with a pair of singles, Blake Bone went 2-for-2 with a walk and a run scored, and Case Davis went 1-for-4 with a run scored. Thomas finished 1-for-2 with a walk and a run scored, Caden Peacock went 1-for-3 with one RBI, Ashton Whorley delivered an RBI, and Billig finished 1-for-3 with an RBI. Braxton Vari also went 1-for-3 at the plate with a single.

Lincoln County scored one run in the top of the first and then two runs in both the top of the second and third innings to take a 5-0 lead. After neither team scored in the fourth, the Falcons plated three runs in the top of the fifth to take a commanding 8-0 lead before the Golden Eagles generated three runs in the bottom of the sixth to end the scoring.

Shelbyville Central falls to 9-5 overall. The Golden Eagles are set to participate in the Mid-South Classic this week before returning to District 6-AAAA play on Monday, Apr. 6, at Coffee County.



Shelbyville Central's Miles McCullough went 2-for-4 at the plate with a pair of singles at the leadoff spot in Tuesday's loss to Lincoln County. *T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox*

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Business Spotlight

FIRST COMMUNITY BANK CELEBRATES 38 YEARS!

This week, First Community Bank celebrated 38 years of service to this community. So, it was fitting to have a spectacular annual egg hunt on Saturday. Friends of First Community all seemed to have a great time.







A KIT WITH LOTS OF PREVENTION

Submitted Photo

Community High School Criminal Justice Student Organization, under the supervision and leadership of instructor Chris Hobbs, recently conducted its annual Child I-Dent-A-Kits at Community Elementary. The kits are designed to help locate and/or identify a child who has gone missing or been abducted.

Bedford County
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Easter Around Town
FUMC HOSTS ANNUAL EGG HUNT

Photos by Suzy Johnson

First United Methodist Church on the public square held its annual community egg hunt on the lawn of the courthouse last Saturday. It was a cold, windy, morning to hunt eggs, according to organizers, but everyone pulled on their coats and hats and reportedly had a great time.













CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR HOLY WEEK

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN TENEBRAE SERVICE

First Presbyterian Church will observe Holy Week with the Lord's Supper at the Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 2. On Friday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a Good Friday Cantata (See the ad on page 10.) The First Presbyterian Chancel Choir will be joined by the First Christian Church Adult Choir to perform a somber and moving service.

There will be two services offered on Easter: A sunrise service in the courtyard (in the front of the church behind the post office) at 6:30 a.m. and Easter worship at 10:00 a.m., April 5, in the sanctuary.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Scott United Methodist Church, 940 Morton Street, will have a Good Friday service on April 3 at 6 p.m. Rev. Ken Edmondson will be speaker.

CHURCH EGG HUNT

Himesville Church of the Nazarene, located off Highway 82 South in Shelbyville, will have an Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 4, from 1 to 3 p.m.

FUNDRAISER FOR MISSIONARIES TO BRAZIL

New Bethel Baptist Church, 1832 Highway 64 West, Shelbyville, will sponsor a spaghetti fundraiser "The Curry's take a Brazil mission trip" on Friday, April 3, from 4 to 7 p.m. The meal consists of spaghetti, with or without meatballs, salad, bread and drink. Cost is $10 a plate. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling 931-224-8101 or 931-205-6208 or guests can pay at the door.

RESURRECTION SUNDAY AT FUMC

This Resurrection Sunday, **Shelbyville First United Methodist Church** on the square invites the community to worship services. Pastor Abe Zimmerman will share: "He Is Risen" from Luke 24:1–12. "Together we'll consider Simon Peter's reaction to the risen Christ and how his story mirrors our own," said the pastor. Sunday School begins at 9 a.m. for all ages; worship at 10 a.m. with nursery and Children's Church available. For those unable to attend in person, FUMC-S offers services through WLIJ 98.7 FM / AM 1580.

BIG TENT REVIVAL

A Big Tent Revival is planned for April 10-12th at 3161 Highway 231 North (beside Uncle Nearest Distillery.) The event is hosted by Kathy Grupke at her horse farm. Youth Night on the 10th and food trucks available on the 11th and 12th, beginning at 5 p.m. Worship services are at 6 each evening. Evangelist will be Gary Keylon and there will be special musical guests.



