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Veteran George Clever, 89, still writing books

Author celebrates first year as Shelbyville resident

By Dawn Hankins
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George Clever has had a lifelong passion for art, which he says was shaped by his childhood and his deep connection to his Native American heritage.

George, a self-published author, began his writing career in 2010. He's still a prolific writer, and going strong, at age 89.

His knowledge about history, people, places and things is a given. He's lived all over the country and done a great many things.

George and his wife of 15 years now consider Shelbyville "home" and probably always will. He's started submitting artwork local, like for the exhibits at The Coffee Break. He's also involved in Silver Sneakers at Shelbyville Recreation Center, which is important, he says, for seniors.

Speaking of his year-long residence in Shelbyville, George notes, "I love this place!"

> *'I love this place!'*
> **—George Clever, new Shelbyville resident**

He isn't afraid to admit he's a "Yankee" transplant and grew up mostly in Buffalo, New York. His family was blue collar and he says there were many "potato soup Thursdays" when he was growing up.

Now living on the northern end of Shelbyville, he has a new found friendship with Vietnam Veteran Gary Leverette. He also enjoys the comradery of veteran organization events.

George's wife works in Nashville in veteran's services administration and hopes to retire soon. His sons all have military backgrounds and have served in various branches of service. From cancer research to serving in Desert Storm, all of his kids, and his wife, have served their country.



George Clever celebrates first year as Shelbyville resident. He's a prolific writer of southern and Native American culture.

Post return from St. Martin in the Caribbean, George sat down to talk with the T-G recently for the first time about his life.

George was a U.S. Marine for 6 years, worked as an atmospheric researcher for NASA at Langley Air Force Base and also taught at Stanford University in California, Edinboro University in Pennsylvania and New Mexico State.

Most people who've had the opportunity to chat with George will tell you he's lived a most amazing life. But like many people, it's of course not been without its hardships.

George became "mother and father" to 3 children many years ago, when his first wife died in an accident. After being forced to "retire," his kids, still in school, told him they were embarrassed and he needed to get a job.

"When I came back to New York state, my boys at that time were very young and people would ask them, 'What does your father do?'

With his infectious sense of humor, George recalls how he told his young kids to tell people he watches the TV show, "Jerry Springer" every day.

He said the kids were right. Retirement didn't make sense at that age. So, he put together Clever Arts and Books (cleverartsandbooks.com.)

George admits in hindsight that when he was at NASA, it was nice to write something and pass it off to a secretary. But he eventually had to learn to use a computer and that of course has served him well in the publishing business.

He's seen a lot of U.S. history, both good and bad, in his lifetime.

As a veteran, he was touched by the 9/11 attacks in New York City. George felt called to serve. Basically, when he asked to help, George told officials, "We're old . . . don't run fast. But we can still shoot."

He was commissioned into the state guard of New Mexico, where he was living at the time, and served as a commander.



In his 2012 poetry book, "Dancing with Grandfather," George Clever invites the reader to follow a poignant journey of tradition and modernity intertwined. This narrative showcases a powerful bond between generations, revealing lessons learned and shared through dance and shared history.

Now a grandfather and great-grandfather, George has served U.S. families way beyond his military retirement. (That's a future story.)

Most of that life has ceased, he admits. He, and many other veterans, have to remind themselves they're "old" by societal standards but still important functioning members of society.

This military veteran has immersed himself in writing mystery novels, poetry, memoirs and short stories. He said history always has some missing blanks, so as a writer, you do the best you can do.

He's done pretty well, with 17 books listed currently on Amazon.com.

George prides himself on preserving and celebrating his Native American culture within the pages of most of his books. His father (paternal grandparents) were Native American and his mother was German.

Yes, it was an interesting life, he says.

George grew up in a small western New York steel mill town; he wanted to be a lawyer but his family felt it would cost too much for the education.

So, instead, he went to teacher's college. George would receive a bachelor of science degree from Buffalo State College, a master's of education from State University

See CLEVER, 2A

Freedom Sings about to rock the square with new songs for veterans

May 2nd concert planned to debut songs live!

By Dawn Hankins

If there was ever a concert to be excited about in Bedford County, it's the May 2nd Hometown Heroes and Harmony Concert at 6 p.m., on the town square. The local Veterans Council urges the community to come out and support this event.

Nashville songwriters will write six brand new songs and will sing those songs at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 2nd, in honor of our local military veterans. This is sponsored by Freedom Sings USA.

This huge concert will feature the talents of: HunterGirl, Don Goodman, Steve Dean, Gary Gentry, Dave Gibson, Billy Whyte and Adrian Stover.

Bring a lawn chair for your convenience.

The United Veterans Council of Bedford County is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting veterans and their families.



The Council is comprised of member organizations, including the VFW, American Legion and DAV. Established in 2017, the organization provides assistance and resources to local veterans.

Veterans may call Jimmy Miller at 931-581-5948 or Tara Boleyn at 931-581-0182, concerning this weekend event.

On Saturday, May 2nd, at 8 a.m., the VFW will provide breakfast for veterans and songwriters. At noon, Cooking with a Veteran's Dave Rogers will provide lunch for veterans and songwriters.



AN EASTER TO REMEMBER

Submitted Photo

Easter was celebrated in a big way at First Presbyterian Church of Shelbyville. From Good Friday cantata to egg hunts, children like these learned the true meaning of the holiday.

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Students at Webb School in Bell Buckle took the first week of March to experience what it's like to be "screen-free."

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Shelbyville Central sweeps district foe Coffee County

Central's hitting/pitching combo helped complete the two game sweep.

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of New York at Buffalo where he also did his doctoral studies.

His academia portfolio has served him well, professionally. That's not bad, he said, for a boy who began teaching at a Native American school with a history all it's own.

Teaching at the elementary, secondary and university levels, he later served as assistant dean of student affairs for Native American programs at Stanford University and as dean of students at Carl Sandburg College.

In his professional education career, George has published mathematics education and student services articles. Oh, and he's also a musician but has given that life up.

So, what kind of books has this new Shelbyville resident written?

As a proud member of the Delaware Indian tribe, "Lenape Animal Tales" was written from conversations George heard at their powwows.

His endearing book of poetry, "Dancing with Grandfather," was of course personal for George, given his family heritage.

In "Saving Memories... Poems Nearly Forgotten" he answers the question of how one can gain control of a personal world in chaos.

In 2025, he wrote, "Carolina Shadows: A Tale of Murder, Secrets, and Redemption." The author says likely this is his favorite book thus far.

This book is set in the final days of the Civil War as the Walker family faces devastation on their southern farm. Grandfather Walker, his daughter-in-law Bess, and her children endure hunger and fear when Union Army deserters invade, threatening their lives and searching for hidden treasure.

George had family on Union and Confederate sides. So again, his own family stories give him background.

"Dive into 'On Indin Time', is a reflective journey by George where he shares stories that bridge traditional practices and modern lifestyles. Through this book, readers are encouraged to explore the delicate balancing act between historical heritage and present-day realities.

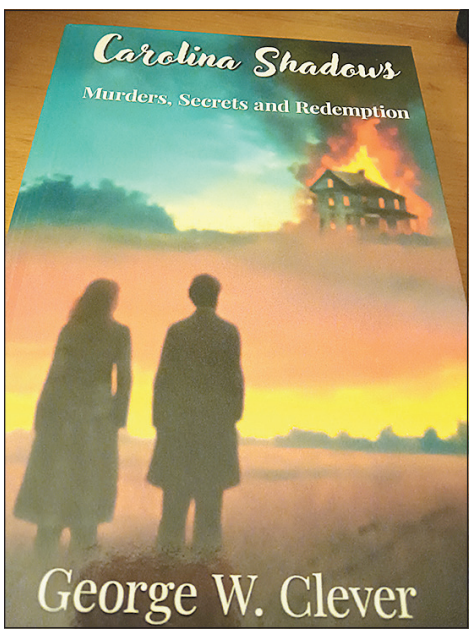
It's past meets present within most of his pages. George, in his infinite wisdom, believes if a person knows the past, they can better understand their future.

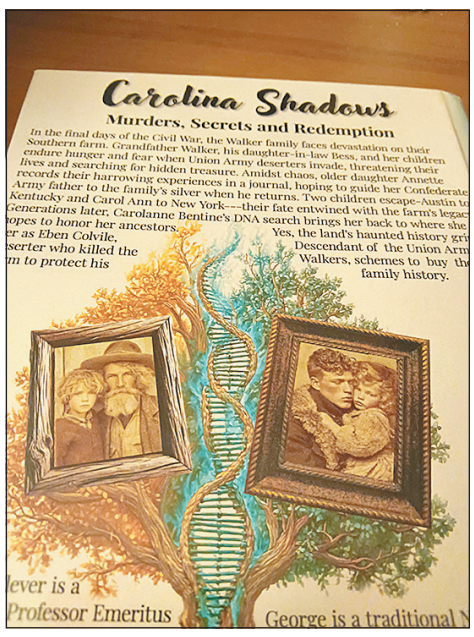
George says there have been books not so well received. He's even been yelled at for his writing in his 2024 book, "Grandma Kills: Or does she?"

The opening scene is a 92-year-old woman entering a North Carolina police station. She makes a confession like a serial killer. She calls herself "Grandma." Is she senile, lonely and seeking attention, or a murderer? Grandma seems to know a lot of details about cold case killings.

This one is quite different than a lot of his other books. But age provides insight, he acknowledges.

Will George write a book about Bedford County or Shelbyville? Only time will tell but it is a big possibility, given George's creativity and zest for southern history and future.





BOOK DEDICATED TO HIS FAMILY

Author George Clever dedicated his 2025 book, "Carolina Shadows" to his 7 children; 18 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren-all of whom he says check to see if they're in one of his books.



PROUD OF HIS HERITAGE

George Clever, author, veteran and family man is proud of his Native American heritage.

The Webb School sponsors 'Screen Vacation Week'

Most students really get into it, 'feel more present'

By Dawn Hankins

"I like no screen week because people are more active, and they hang out with their friends more because they can't be on their phones."

—Grady Hedgepath '32 (Chapel Hill, TN)

Did you know that teens spend an average of 5 hours or more on their phones daily, according to the CDC?

To help lower those stats, Webb School in Bell Buckle students took the first week of March to experience what it's like to be "screen-free."

Student Elisabeth Nguyen of Germany, class of 2027, commented, "This week has made me realize how often we use our phones without really needing them, because it has become a habit to reach for my phone when I am bored. Spending less time on screens helped me feel more present. I connected more with the people around me and I was more present in class. It was a good reminder to be more intentional about my screen time and only use my phone when I really need it."

Grady Hedgepath of Chapel Hill, Class of 2032, also commented, "I like no screen week because people are more active, and they hang out with their friends more because they can't be on their phones."

The screen-free week was conducted as part of the 2026 Spring Follin Speaker Series. Guest speaker was bestselling author, podcaster, and storyteller, Carlos Whittaker, who discussed the impact of a technology-free life.

Whittaker shared insights from his book, "Reconnected: How 7 Screen-Free Weeks with Monks and Amish Farmers Helped Me Recover the Lost Art of Being Human." The book chronicles his choice to step away from screens for nearly 2 months, and how this decision healed his brain, relationships, and spiritual life.

"You don't have to move to a monastery or an Amish farm and not look at your screen for two months. I did that for you . . .. But there are so many great lost art forms that I challenge all of you to learn to sit with. Start asking yourself, 'What are things we used to do before phones that I can start doing now?'"

Whittaker explained to students how his memory increased drastically, from recalling 17 to 42 numbers and letters, before and after his own screen-free experiment concluded.

Through humor and research, Whittaker explained to students how to retrain attention, prioritize in-person relationships, and reclaim a sense of presence in a tech-saturated world.

Rather than demanding complete elimination of devices, Webb's screen-free week was aimed at assisting students on resetting their habits and reflecting on balance.

The lecture theme was about an approach which mirrors the practical, sustainable changes that Whittaker so advocates.

During his visit to Webb, Whittaker also shared in an AP Psychology class, participating in a discussion on screen use and cognitive development with several juniors and seniors. After reading a variety of research studies on the impact of screen exposure on the toddler brain, the students and Whitaker engaged in constructive dialogue.

Whittaker advised students that it's not just the amount of time they're spending but more about the consumption—the amount of content they're consuming.

As a lead-up to Whittaker's visit and "Screen Vacation Week," Webb faculty also read and discussed Jonathan Haidt's, "The Anxious Generation" last August. Since then, they've implemented several thoughtful screen-free strategies campus-wide to improve students' health and well-being, and their ability to establish face-to-face connections.

Middle school students now experience year-round device-free lunches, creating daily

opportunities to talk, laugh, and build friendships without phones at the table.

"Students quickly adapted to the new guideline this year, and it has been a joy to see them engage in lively conversations during lunchtime," said Mallory Garcia, middle school head. "While the noise level may have increased in the dining hall, connections and friendships have also increased – a trade-off that we gladly accept!"

During its research, the CDC concluded: As technology has become more integrated into teenagers' lives, the time spent in front of screens has continued to rise in the United States (1). High levels of screen time have been linked with adverse health outcomes, including poor sleep habits, fatigue, and symptoms of anxiety and depression. Using data from the July 2021–December 2023 National Health Interview Survey–Teen (NHIS–Teen the CDC report describes the prevalence of daily screen time among teenagers ages 12–17 by selected characteristics. Teenagers reported on their own screen time use during a typical weekday, excluding time spent doing schoolwork.



As part of screen-free week at Webb School in Bell Buckle, well-known podcaster, Carlos Whittaker, shared with students his tools for getting "Reconnected" after too much screen time.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT FUMC

During worship at **Shelbyville First United Methodist Church** on Sunday, Pastor Korley Carson will preach on 1 Peter 1:3-9. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 a.m., followed by the worship service at 10 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church are available during worship. For those unable to attend in person, FUMC-Shelbyville offers a livestream on Facebook and YouTube and a broadcast on WLIJ 98.7 FM and AM 1580.



First Presbyterian Church Easter Worship Service

SCOTT UMC FOOD PANTRY

Scott Chapel UMC, 940 Morton St., will have its Seasoned with a Touch Of Salt Food Pantry open Saturday, April 11, beginning at 9 a.m. First come, first served, while supplies last.

Bedford Briefs



CITY OF SHELBYVILLE COUNCIL MEETING

Shelbyville City Council meets 6 p.m., Thursday, April 9, at the codes building (old Chamber office) on Cannon Boulevard.

FARM BUREAU HOSTS MEET THE CANDIDATES

Bedford County Farm Bureau will host a "Meet the Candidates" night on Friday, April 10, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Bedford County Agricultural and Education Center, Building #2, at 2119 Midland Rd., Shelbyville. All candidates and the public are invited. Candidates please RSVP to Renee.reeves@fbitn.com.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Bedford County Commission meets in regular session 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 14, at the courthouse. County Committees meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, April 21, at the courthouse.

• Bedford County Financial Management Committee will hold budget hearings on Tuesday, April 28, in Suite 110 of Bedford County Business Complex, 200 Dover Street. Budget hearings for not-for-profit agencies seeking county support will be at 10 a.m. Budget hearings for county departments will be at 1 p.m. These hearings are a time for agencies and departments to present their budget requests and answer questions about them from the committee. The finance committee will eventually present a proposed budget to the full county commission, which will vote on the budget and the property tax rate so that it will be in place when the new fiscal year begins on July 1.

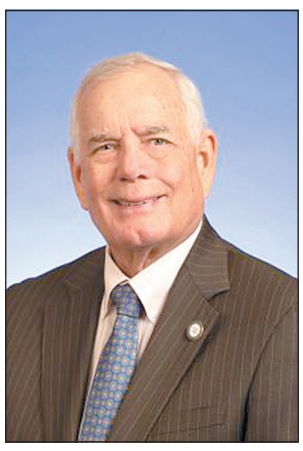
EARLY VOTING IN BEDFORD COUNTY

Early voting begins in Bedford County at the election office at 100 public square west (basement) on April 15 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Early voting ends April 30, 2026. See the full schedule on page 10.

NORMANDY VFD CHILI SUPPER

Normandy Volunteer Fire Department will have a chili supper at 200 Front St., on April 25 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. There will be chili and fixings, drinks, and homemade desserts for $7.00. Live auction begins at 5:00 p.m. For more information call 931-580-9401.

From the desk of State Rep. Pat Marsh



Final work is now underway on the 2025-2026 budget of around $58 billion. Last week, the House and Senate Budget Committees received the Governor's proposed amendments and we are currently reviewing them and making adjustments to ensure we produce a strong and balanced budget. There are a lot of great items proposed in the budget such as:

• A $250 million increase in K-12 Education

• A $425 million increase for the Department of Transportation to help build and repair roads

• $146 million for all State Parks

• Funding for 50 additional State Troopers

• This year's budget is approximately 5% smaller than last year's budget.

This past week, we welcomed the 3rd grade class from Thomas Magnet School for a visit to the Capitol and the Cordell Hull Building. The students enjoyed a Capitol tour and later had lunch from Chick-fil-A in the Comptroller's Volunteer Conference Room. Jason Boyette organized the visit and brought approximately 60 students along with 25 parents and teachers. I love having these schools come up for a visit!

There are a lot of big projects going on in District 62. The TCAT in Shelbyville is now open and looks fantastic from Highway 231 North. President Jimmy Wright shared that a contract has been signed to enhance the grassy area around the pond, which will further beautify the campus's appearance.

Across the road, there is a lot of work happening on the MTSU Aviation Academy campus. This project will bring approximately 40 aircraft to the airport and will eventually include classrooms, hangars, a maintenance facility, and dorm rooms.

In Shelbyville, there is a lot happening on the new Tennessee Downs project. Plans include a 200-acre auto club campus featuring a driving track, residential homes and condos, a car builder facility, and a clubhouse. This proposed $350 million investment is expected to create thousands of construction jobs, approximately 170 permanent positions, and attract visitors year-round.

I also had the pleasure of hosting two pages during House Floor Sessions this past week. On Monday, Noah Fletcher from Cascade High School served as a page and observed the legislative process, while his father, Chad Fletcher, watched from the gallery.

On Thursday, Nico Higgs from Shelbyville joined me as a page. Nico was accompanied by his parents and his grandparents. Nico earned this opportunity by winning the Secretary of State's Civics Essay Contest for 2nd grade. Notably, he placed second in the same contest last year as a 1st grader, so he is already becoming quite familiar with the Capitol!

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.



State Rep. Pat Marsh with Nico Higgs

THE ISSUE

State bill in session may limit County employees from Commission seats

By Dawn Hankins
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There's been a lot of discussion, locally, on Facebook, given we're in the heat of election year but here's an interesting piece of legislation that one candidate running for office had on his FB page. I wanted to bring to the surface with some clarification from the state.

HB (House Bill) 2319 and SB (Senate Bill) 2591 is awaiting approval. It's a bill that could indeed change the face of this County Commission, since it becomes effective, if passed, in 2027. There are a few local commissioners running for re-election who are employed by Bedford County.

As introduced, this bill prohibits an employee of a local government from serving on the legislative body of the local government for which the employee works. - Amends TCA Title 2; Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 12 and Title 49.

As enacted, the bill would prohibit an individual holding an elected office of a local (county) government from holding another elected office in this state at the same time; grandfathers individuals holding more than one office presently until the terms expire; clarifies that such prohibition does not apply to an office in a political party's state executive committee.

Dave Wright-R from District 19 sponsored from the House and Richard Briggs-R from District 7 in the Senate.

When in doubt, ask those at the state, in the know.

It is the current understanding at that state-level that a county employee serving on a county commission on the effective date may be eligible to continue serving in that role beyond the end of the term while remaining a county employee.

There is also an amendment filed with the committee that would completely rewrite the bill. So, it's up in the air at this point. Under that amendment, county employees would only be prohibited from serving as county commissioners in counties with a population of 50,000 or more.

Bingo. To date, the state lists Bedford County with a population of 54,000+.

The bill is in State and Local Government Committee and legislators are expected to take action soon. Tennessee legislators are scheduled to end session April 24.

We will update.

HOUSE
Floor and Committee Votes

HB2319 by Wright - HOUSE CITIES & COUNTIES SUBCOMMITTEE:
Rec. for pass by s/c ref. to State & Local Government Committee 3/18/2026
Passed
Ayes.....5
Noes.....0
Present and not voting.....1

Representatives voting Aye were: Crawford, Littleton, Mitchell, Moon, Wright -- 5.
Representatives present and not voting were: Butler -- 1.

SENATE
Floor and Committee Votes

SB2591 by Briggs - SENATE STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:
Recommended for passage with amendment/s, refer to Senate Calendar Committee Ayes 5, Nays 3 PNV 0 3/31/2026
Passed
Ayes.....5
Noes.....3

Senators voting Aye were: Briggs, Gardenhire, Hatcher, Roberts, Walley -- 5.
Senators voting No were: Kyle, Lowe, Yarbro -- 3.

What You Need to Know Before Tax Day

By Maria Brockmeyer, Legal Aid Society

According to the IRS, approximately one-quarter of Americans wait until the last few weeks before the deadline to file their tax returns. If you're among that group, this year's deadline of April 15 might be coming up faster than you realize.

With the passage of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and the issuance of numerous executive orders, many individuals' tax returns will look a bit different this year. Here are a few of the major changes that may be affecting you this season:

No taxes on tips and overtime: Servers, bartenders, hairstylists and other service industry workers who regularly receive tips can now deduct up to $12,500 in tips from their income ($25,000 for joint filers), hopefully providing them some tax relief. In addition, workers who received overtime can deduct the pay that exceeds their regular hourly rate (in other words, the "half" in "time-and-a-half") up to $12,500 per taxpayer.

Gig workers: It's been a confusing past few years for gig workers, with IRS rules concerning reported income changing not once, but twice. This year, the IRS has reinstated its former "20/200" threshold, with online sellers and gig workers only required to report income that surpasses $20,000 or 200 transactions. As a result of this change, people who only make occasional income through eBay sales or part-time gigs may no longer receive a 1099-K form unless they reach those numbers. While this change may benefit gig workers in the short-term, the problem is that people likely still have a requirement to file and this may create an additional barrier to doing so.

Enhanced deduction for seniors: Starting this year, individuals age 65 and above can claim up to an additional $6,000 deduction on top of the additional standard deduction for seniors (which itself can be up to $2,000 above the standard deduction for other taxpayers).

Refund checks: Taxpayers who still prefer to receive refund checks are being cautioned that they might wait longer than usual this year — an estimated 10 weeks instead of the typical 2 to 3. The reason is that the IRS and federal government are phasing out the use of paper checks and encouraging the use of direct deposit. Taxpayers are encouraged to set up direct deposit at their bank or other financial institution to receive their tax refund as quickly as possible. Taxpayers who use online services like Cash App, Venmo or Square can also arrange to have their refunds go to those accounts as long as they provide the necessary account and routing numbers.

Trump Accounts: Created through the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, these new individual retirement accounts are available for U.S. citizens born between 2025 and 2028. Each account holder receives a $1,000 federal deposit to be invested in stocks, with the goal of spurring wealth accumulation. Parents can contribute as much as $5,000 annually. To open an account for an eligible child, make sure to complete IRS Form 4547 or visit TrumpAccounts.gov to set up an account online.

Unclaimed refunds: If you have an unclaimed refund from a previous year, you must file or amend that year's return within three years. April 15 is also the deadline to claim refunds going back to the 2022 tax year.

Free tax assistance: Unfortunately, the IRS's Direct-File program, which offered free electronic tax filing to all taxpayers regardless of income level, has been discontinued by the current administration. However, Tennesseans do have other options for getting free help with their taxes. The IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program aids low-income and at-risk taxpayers, and the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program offers assistance to taxpayers ages 60 and up. To find out more, call 800-906-9887 (VITA) or 888-227-7669 (TCE) or visit https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/.

Legal Aid Society's statewide Tennessee Taxpayer Project is another free resource for taxpayers. While the Tennessee Taxpayer Project doesn't offer tax preparation services, qualifying low-income Tennesseans can receive assistance related to their tax returns or any federal tax problems. Call Legal Aid Society's toll-free hotline at 866-481-3669 or visit https://las.org for more information.

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Case for driving an electric car

Dear Editor,

As communities across the country grapple with rising fuel costs, air pollution, and the growing impacts of Global Warming, one solution is becoming increasingly clear; the widespread adoption of electric vehicles.

Electric cars offer a cleaner, more sustainable alternative to gasoline-powered vehicles. By producing zero tailpipe emissions, they reduce air pollution and improve public health, especially in urban areas where smog and poor air quality disproportionately affect vulnerable populations.

When you factor in that EVs cost roughly 40% less to fuel, and with fewer moving parts, require about half the maintenance of internal combustion engines, eliminating oil changes and frequent brake replacements entirely, the total cost of ownership is now a clear win for the consumer.

Advances in battery technology have extended driving ranges, while the expansion of charging infrastructure is making electric vehicles more convenient than ever.

Many governments and utilities are also offering incentives that make the transition more affordable for everyday consumers.

Owning an electric car is not just a personal choice, it is a meaningful step toward a more sustainable future. By embracing this technology, we can reduce our dependence on carbon dioxide polluting fossil fuels, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and contribute to a healthier planet for future generations.

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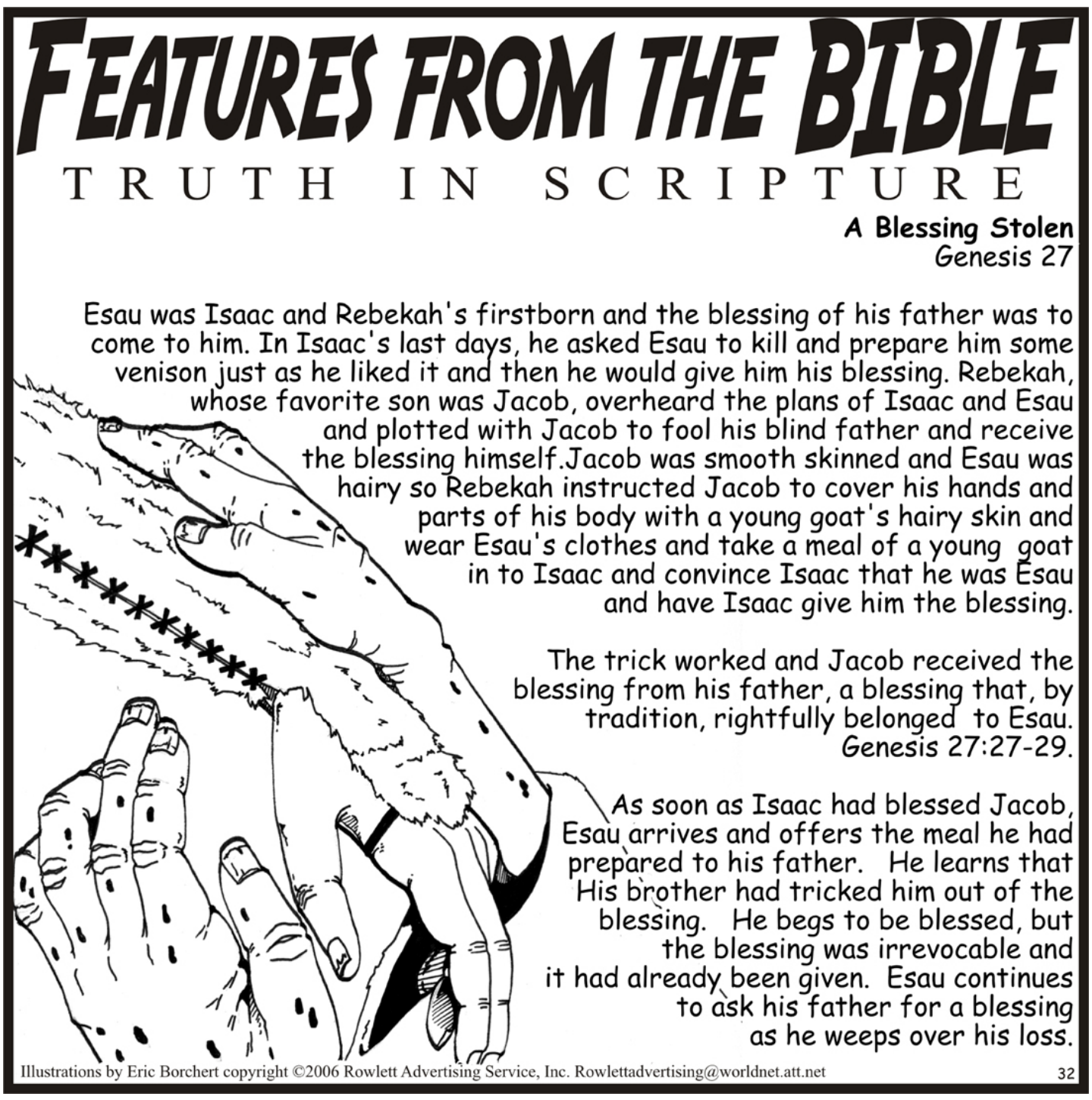

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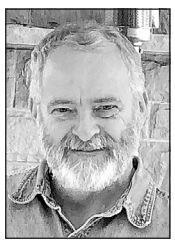

Ty B. Kerley, DMin
Columnist

Throughout history, critics of Jesus have questioned who He was and whether He ever existed. Over the next few weeks, we will examine several independent, reliable, non-biblical sources from the first century AD to argue for the historicity of the existence of a man named Jesus of Nazareth. These sources stand as reliable accounts in rebuttal to the claim that there is insufficient independent evidence to substantiate His existence.

We begin with Tacitus. Cornelius Tacitus (AD 55-120) was a Roman leader and historian who began his career as a senator under Vespasian, finally culminating in his appointment to proconsul of Asia. As a historian, Tacitus's most popular works were The Annals, which cover the period from Augustus's death in AD 14 to Nero's death in AD 68, and The Histories, which cover the period from Nero's death to the death of Domitian in AD 96. In The Annuals, Tacitus writes of the Christians:

Consequently, to get rid of the report, Nero fastened the guilt and inflicted the most exquisite torture on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace. Christus, from whom the name had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our Procurators, Pontius Pilatus, and a most mischievous superstition, thus checked for the moment, again broke out not only in Judea, the first source of the evil, but even in Rome, where all things hideous and shameful from every part of the world find their centre and become popular. Accordingly, an arrest was first made of all who pleaded guilty; then, upon their information, an immense multitude was convicted, not so much for the crime of firing the city, as of hatred of mankind. Mockery of every sort was added to their deaths. Covered with skins of beast they were torn by dogs and perished, or were nailed to crosses, or doomed to flames and burnt, to serve as a nightly illumination, when daylight had expired.

This passage provides evidence that Tacitus himself believed that Jesus of Nazareth was a real person. In addition, there are other essential aspects to glean from the Tacitus material. Resurrection scholar Josh McDowell notes that Tacitus "provides from historical evidence that Christians in Rome, only thirty years after the death of Christ, were being killed for their convictions that Jesus was a real person, he lived, died, and rose again on their behalf."

However, resurrection skeptic G. A. Wells has mounted one of the most publicized criticisms of Tacitus's work regarding its confirmation of Jesus as a real historical person. Wells (1926-2017), was a professor of German at Birkbeck University in London and spent much of his career challenging the historicity of Jesus. As one might expect, Wells states that this passage from Tacitus "has no historical value." He argues that Tacitus is not a reliable and accurate source and maintains that he just accepted from Christians that Jesus was crucified by Pontius Pilate under the reign of Tiberius. By doing this, Wells contends that Tacitus is unreliable and undisciplined as a historian. Wells, however, may not be correct in his assessment of Tacitus.

To answer the question of Tacitus's reliability and discipline, we look to several sources to establish his reputation as an accurate historian. Ronald Syme, one of the foremost Tacitean scholars, wrote that one of Tacitus's qualities was his distrust of source information in general. Tacitus was no stranger to "industrious investigation, and his diligence was exemplary." Michael Grant writes that Tacitus "was careful to contrast what had been handed down orally with literary tradition . . . There is no doubt that Tacitus took great care in selecting his material." Herbert Benario states that Tacitus "chose judiciously among sources, totally dependent upon none, and very often, at critical points, ignored the consensus of his predecessors to impose his own viewpoint and his own judgment." McDowell writes, "Tacitus is universally considered the most reliable of historians . . . a great honesty in the examination of Documents." In light of these scholar's praise of Tacitus as a reliable historical source, Well's criticism seems unwarranted.

So it is that Tacitus seems to pass the test for reliability and discipline in his role as an ancient Roman historian. Nonetheless, the critical skepticism is far from over. Wells accuses Tacitus of Christian bias and suggests his use of certain pro-Christian words and phrases proves it. Join us again next time as we continue to look at what this Roman historian has to say about a man named Jesus, who lived in the first century and was crucified by the Romans. All of this and more as we move closer to answering the question: *is God dead?*

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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Death Notices

Michael "Mike" Ray Treadway

Michael "Mike" Ray Treadway, age 68, passed away on March 31, 2026, in College Grove, due to an automobile accident. Mike was a member of Rover Baptist Church and an HVAC technician at D & G Services.

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

Thomas Edward "Tom Cat" Brown

Thomas Edward "Tom Cat" Brown, age 62, of Shelbyville

August 22, 1963-April 1, 2026

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Looking at local jail intake

By DAWN HANKINS

One would hope that on Easter weekend, people could refrain from slapping each other around. Nope, didn't happen. One lady hit her husband in the head with a broom handle.

While some may joke and say it's probably deserved, sadly this lady was arrested and taken to jail. Her bail was set at $2,500 and she's going to court, where she'll pay more fines, likely.

It's not worth it! But it goes on and on.

Each week I see where people are fighting and many times, children are there, watching. Just know what you might be asking for when your children watch such trauma on a day-to-day basis. And, it's just not fair to them.

Bedford is a good county and this needs to stop! Men: keep your assaulting hands off your wife or girlfriend. Women: the same applies to you. While one party is likely very guilty and some are defending themselves from constant abuse, officers can only charge what they see as evidence.

And the man who got hit by the broom handle had marks on his head. His wife was the one who was arrested.

Sadly, the police have to go out and answer these calls. Believe it or not, these can sometimes be very dangerous for officers. One spouse knocking the other's lights out will often turn on the police, in the end when someone they "love" is getting arrested.

No doubt, these folks need some intervention. But many cannot afford such.

Perhaps we need some support groups for domestic violence (for couples.) The police might say: 'We'll be called out to break up those fights too.' But I know in the end, there has to be a solution to end this cycle of domestic violence.

If you are a victim, go to police and seek the help you need, before you pick up that broom handle.

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Shelbyville Police Department

Monthly Statistics – March 2026

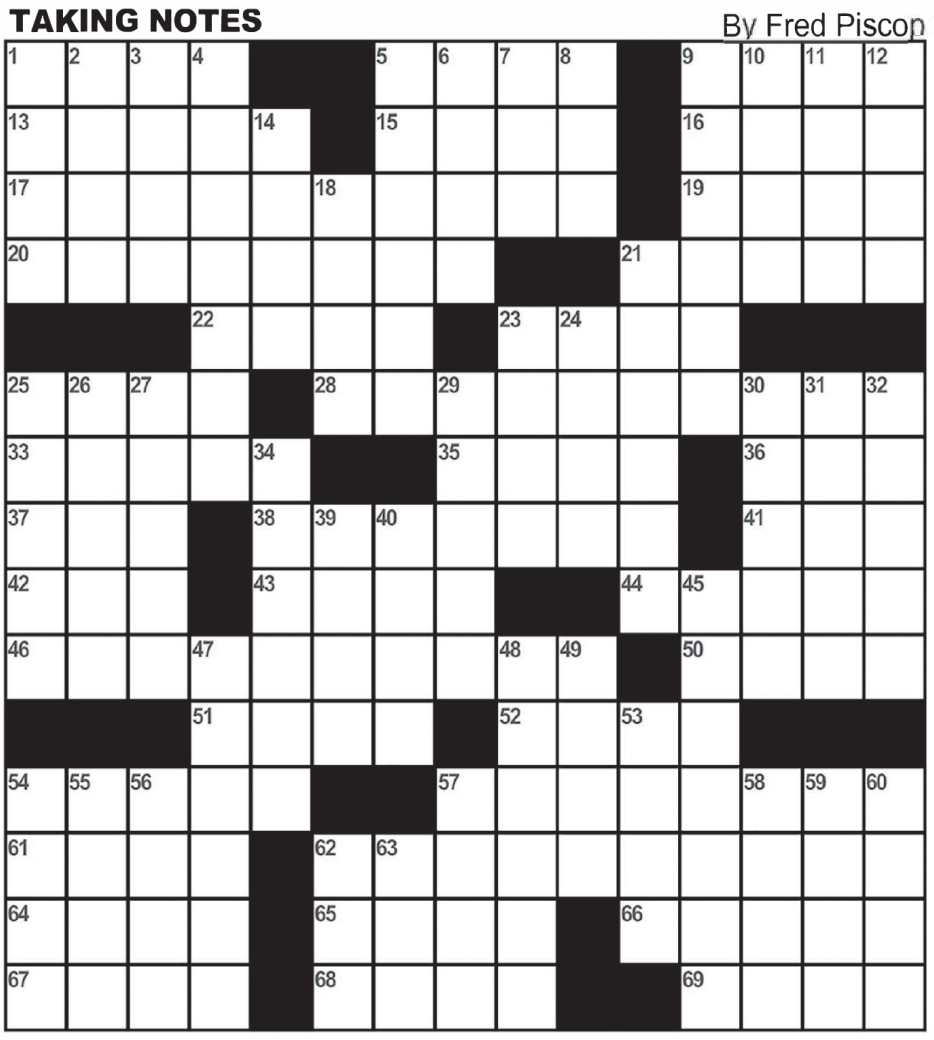
Total Calls for Service
2,230

These statistics provide a snapshot of the activities of the Shelbyville Police Department in March 2026. The Shelbyville Police Department remains committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community. We appreciate the ongoing support and cooperation of our residents.

Average call response time
< 4 minutes

Crossword

TAKING NOTES By Fred Piscop



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CLUES ACROSS

1) Do a laundry chore
5) Like the Sahara
9) Rush job initials
13) "Das Boot" vessel
15) Movie pal of Stitch
16) Oblong tomato
17) Dunkin' Donuts Munchkins, essentially
19) "At which point ..."
20) Uncage
21) Picked out
22) "How are you?" reply
23) Rights org.
25) "Follow me!"
28) "What'd I Say" singer
33) Didn't despair
35) Miners' take
36) Peron of Argentina
37) Dismiss summarily
38) Newspaper publishers, e.g.
41) Suffix with "fact"
42) Galahad's address
43) "Giant" star James
44) Meddlesome type
46) 1932 Spencer Tracy movie
50) Do lunch together, say
51) Yalies
52) Classic toon Betty___
54) Short-tempered
57) Sources of nacre
61) Assist nefariously
62) Just about everywhere
64) Like a griot's stories
65) Many a DeMille movie
66) Cathartic-yielding plant
67) Cobbler's piece
68) Heavy cart
69) Enlarge, with "out"

CLUES DOWN

1) Brewskies
2) Bassoon's cousin
3) Win in a walk
4) "Just do it" for Nike
5) Denali's state
6) Really rankle
7) Not up to par
8) Windows forerunner
9) Dudley Moore title role
10) Area of London or Manhattan
11) Iowa home of the Cyclones
12) French door part
14)___ McAn shoes
18) Crude sort
21) Well-bred
23) Yard size, maybe
24) "Moonstruck" actress
25) Bottomless pit
26) Spunk
27) "Aida" or "Carmen"
29) In one's salad days
30) Sierra___ (African nation)
31) Digital party notice
32) Co-Nobelist with Begin
34) Nothing, slangily
39) Weigh station user
40) Comes out with
45) Give authority to
47) Prickly plant
48) Head monk's jurisdiction
49) Usurer's offering
53) GM make until 2004
54) Pueblo town
55) Zaragoza's river
56) Jesse Ventura was one
57) Met highlight
58) Mudville_ (Casey's team)
59) Charlotte's "Diffrent Strokes" role
60) Baseball feature
62) Paid, as a parking meter
63) Auto loan abbr.

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Kid Scoop Gets the Dirt on Snails

Snails. Many gardeners dread them and work hard to stop snails from dining on their plants and flowers.

Sid, the snail scholar, wants kids to hear the snail's side of the story. He's agreed to share some special snail information with us today.



Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have structures that serve different functions in growth and survival.

The Beautiful Snail

The Shell
Snails hatch from eggs as teeny, tiny snails. As they grow, the shell grows, too.

Snails don't live just in gardens. They can also be found in ponds and even in the ocean. They are related to oysters, clams and even octopuses. They are part of the group of animals with soft bodies known as **mollusks**.

Tentacle Eyes and Nose
A snail's eyes are at the end of its long tentacles. The short tentacles are for smelling.

Breathing Hole
Snails breathe through a hole near their shell.

One Fine Foot
Snails slide along the flat part of their body, called the "foot." As they move, they leave a trail of silvery slime. This slime helps them climb walls and even crawl upside down.

How many snails can you find on this page?

If the weather turns very cold or very dry, a snail pulls into its shell and waits for the cool, damp weather it loves. It fills up the opening of its shell with a mucus-like slime, that hardens into a snug door.

Make a ... Snail Motel

You can make a comfy motel and invite some snails for a visit. Look for snail visitors under rocks and leaves.

1. Partially fill a large jar with moist soil.
2. Add a piece of chalk, some leaves, grass and chunks of bark.
3. Give the snails lettuce and cabbage leaves to eat.
4. Keep the jar covered with a piece of nylon stocking or window screen.
5. Keep the Snail Motel in a shady place.
6. Twice a week replace the old soil and food.

Standards Links: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions.

Help this snail find its way to the Snail Motel.

Extra! Extra! Snail Trail

Circle one snail on this page each time you read 2 column inches of the newspaper. Can you circle all of the snails before the week is out?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Read for a variety of purposes.

The snail has a Latin name that means "a belly-footed animal." Use the code to find out what this name is.

A = ●	G = ◣	O = ■	S = ✚	
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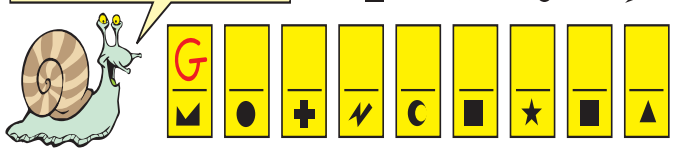
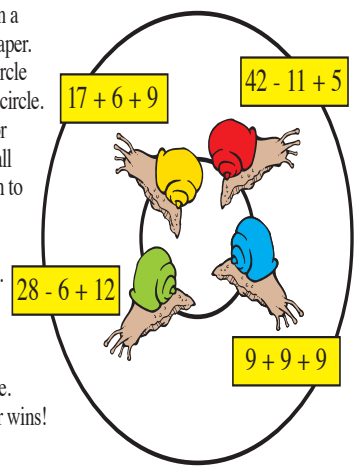


Kid Scoop Puzzler

Have a Snail Race

Draw a circle on a large piece of paper. Draw a small circle inside the large circle. Put two snails or more in the small circle and watch to see which one slides out to the large circle first.

Do the math to see which snail will win the race. Highest number wins!



Standards Link: Math: Compute sums and differences.

Double Double Word Search

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

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SOIL
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C	R	D	N	S	F	E	J	L	I
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O	M	U	A	Y	K	Q	M	I	S
O	X	B	R	N	E	F	O	O	D
K	H	A	T	C	H	S	Y	S	Q

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

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Snails For Sale

Study the advertisements in today's newspaper. Rewrite one to sell snails. Include three opinions and three facts. Use this page to gather snail facts.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand fact and opinion; Writing Applications: Revise writing; Write brief descriptions.

Write On!

I built my house ...

Finish this sentence and then write five sentences about a house you would like to build.

Proof It!

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Circle the eight errors in the article below. Then, rewrite it correctly. The first one is done for you.

Slimy Stowaways

While snails are considered destructive pests by many peeple with gardens, snails also play an important role in natur. Snails feed on decaying plants. As they eet these plants, they help break them down and turn them into rich soil that halps new plants grow.

Most of the snails that munch on our prized petunias come to our gardins as silent, slimy stowaways. They hide under the leafs of plants sold at garden centers. Many of these plants are shiped from other parts of the world. Because of this, snails arrive and thrive in home gardens almost evrywhere.

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File date: March 31

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Location: 216 Green Acres Rd; Seller, Jeffrey Wayne West; Buyer, Jeffrey Wayne West, Mary Ann West; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 967 Horse Mountain Rd; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Matthew Craig Allen; Price, $251,990 (Deed).

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Seller, Jeffery Dillon Cates, Carol Louise Whitehead; Buyer, Anthony Wayne Seibers, Amy E Seibers; Price, $703,500 (Deed).

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File date: April 6

Location: Barnett Rd; Seller, Diegos Properties LLC; Buyer, Grant D Walker; Price, $250,000 (Deed).

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Location: 100 Stonefield Circle; Seller, Otis Ray Reynolds Jr, Pamela Reynolds; Buyer, Blake Richard Morgan; Price, $110,000 (Deed).

Seller, Jerry T Martin, Kimberly M Martin; Buyer, Tiffany Dorozynski; Price, $295,000 (Deed).

Gas prices increase in Tennessee

Gas prices across the state surged 22 cents higher, on average, over last week, . The Tennessee Gas Price average is now $3.85, on Monday April 6, which is 97 cents more expensive than one month ago, and $1.06 more expensive than one year ago.

"Ongoing uncertainty in the global fuel market due to the conflict with Iran is continuing to push crude oil prices higher," AAA Spokesperson Megan Cooper said.

"How much higher gas prices climb will largely depend on how long the conflict continues to disrupt global fuel supplies. Additional oil price increases could put further upward pressure on gas prices," Cooper added.

Since the conflict escalated in early March, Tennessee's gas price average has jumped $1.28 per gallon, rising from $2.57 at the beginning of March to today's high of $3.85. This marks the highest daily average price Tennessee drivers have seen since August 2022, and adds roughly $19 to the cost of filling a 15-gallon gas tank.

National Gas Prices

The national average for a gallon of regular exceeded $4/gallon last week for the first time since August 2022. Today's average of $4.11 is 12 cents higher than last week and 79 cents higher than a month ago. Crude oil prices have been surging, surpassing $100/barrel, as the conflict in the Middle East continues and the Strait of Hormuz remains closed. In 2022, gas prices remained elevated from March through August, peaking in June when the national average reached a record of $5/gallon for one week.

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gasoline demand decreased last week from 8.92 million b/d to 8.68 million. Total domestic gasoline supply decreased from 241.4 million barrels to 240.9 million. Gasoline production decreased last week, averaging 9.6 million barrels per day.

National Oil Market Dynamics

At the close of Wednesday's formal trading session, WTI fell $1.26 to settle at $100.12 a barrel. The EIA reports crude oil inventories increased by 5.5 million barrels from the previous week. At 461.6 million barrels, U.S. crude oil inventories are about 0.1% above the five-year average for this time of year.

Tennessee Regional Prices

Most expensive metro markets - Jackson ($3.90), Morristown ($3.87), Nashville ($3.85.)

Least expensive metro markets - Chattanooga ($3.82), Johnson City ($3.82), Cleveland ($3.83.)

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TAKING NOTES By Fred Piscop

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NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Bedford County Budget Hearings will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 200 Dover Street in Suite 110 of the Bedford County Business Complex as follows:

10:00 A.M.: Non-Profits
1:00 P.M.: County Departments

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
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Request for Proposals

Bid No. 26-22 24/7 Virtual Tutoring and Mentoring Services for Middle and High School Students (Grades 6-12)

Bid packages are available on the Bedford County website, bedfordcountytn.gov, or at the Bedford County Department of Finance, 200 Dover Street, Suite 102, Shelbyville, TN. **Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 23, 2026.**

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 27, 2026 at 12:00 PM at the above address:

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Veronica Marie Daniels / Strike Acceptance
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All vehicles sold AS IS.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Shelbyville will be accepting Applications for two Appointments to the Shelbyville Power, Water and Sewerage Board. Interested persons may apply by submitting an Application and Resume, if available, to

Lisa Smith, City Recorder
lisa.smith@shelbyvilletn.org
201 N. Spring Street
Shelbyville, TN 37160

Copies of each Application and Resume will be furnished to the Mayor and City Council for their review prior to the May Council Meeting. Appointments will be made at the May 14, 2026, Council Meeting and the successful appointee will take their seat on the Board at the June 2026 Power Board Meeting.

Applicants must be at least thirty years of age and must have been a resident and bona fide freeholder or householder in Bedford County and ratepayer of the utility system for at least two years preceding the time of the appointment and must be a legal United States Citizen. No person holding any other public office or public employment shall be eligible for appointment to the Board, except as applies to Notary Publics or to the State National Guard. (Policy concerning these requirements may be picked up at City Hall)

Applications may be picked up at City Hall or found on the City of Shelbyville Website at www.shelbyvilletn.org. All items on application must be completed.

Completed applications and resumes, if available, must be received by 4:00 o'clock P.M. on April 24, 2026. Only those applications which are submitted in the above manner will be considered.

Lisa Smith, City Recorder

Cascade Splits District 9-AA Series With Summertown Behind Strong Pitching

BY NOAH MADDOX
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GAME ONE

SUMMERTOWN, Tenn. – The Cascade Champions (11-5, 3-3) were unable to generate any offense in a pitcher's duel at Summertown (10-8, 2-2) on Monday in a 1-0 defeat.

The Eagles jumped on Jayden Hathcock in the bottom of the first inning with a pair of singles putting pressure on the Champions' defense. Then, Aiden Perez came home to score when a breaking ball bounced away from Thomas Demartelaere to score what would be the game's lone run. Hathcock quickly got out of the inning without any further damage.

Hathcock would pitch a complete 6.0 innings, giving up just the one earned run on five hits and two walks while striking out 11 batters on an efficient 95 pitches.

For Summertown, Jackson Bennett pitched just as masterfully, giving up just two hits with four walks while striking out 10 batters in 6.2 innings of work on 119 pitches.

Cascade left a runner stranded at third with two outs in the top of the second, but the Champions' true missed opportunity came in the top of the fourth. Thanks to a pair of errors by the Summertown defense, the visitors had runners at first and third with nobody out and looked prime to at least tie the game up at 1-1. Instead, Hathcock struck out, Wickey Parker was thrown out at home on a grounder from Daymien Maldonado for the second out, and then Bennett finally escaped the jam unscathed by striking out River Maddox.

Despite the missed opportunity, the Champions once again found themselves in a threatening position in the top of the fifth. This time, Cascade managed to load the bases with nobody out following a Demartelaere single, a Caleb Crouch walk, and a Jordan Childress single. However, Cascade was gunned down at the plate while trying to push the issue on a wild pitch, followed by a strikeout and then an inning-ending pop out.

That would be Cascade's last real threat of the night, and the Eagles would hang on to win game one of the District 9-AA series by a single run.

At the plate, Childress finished 1-for-2 with a pair of walks and Demartelaere went 1-for-3.

GAME TWO

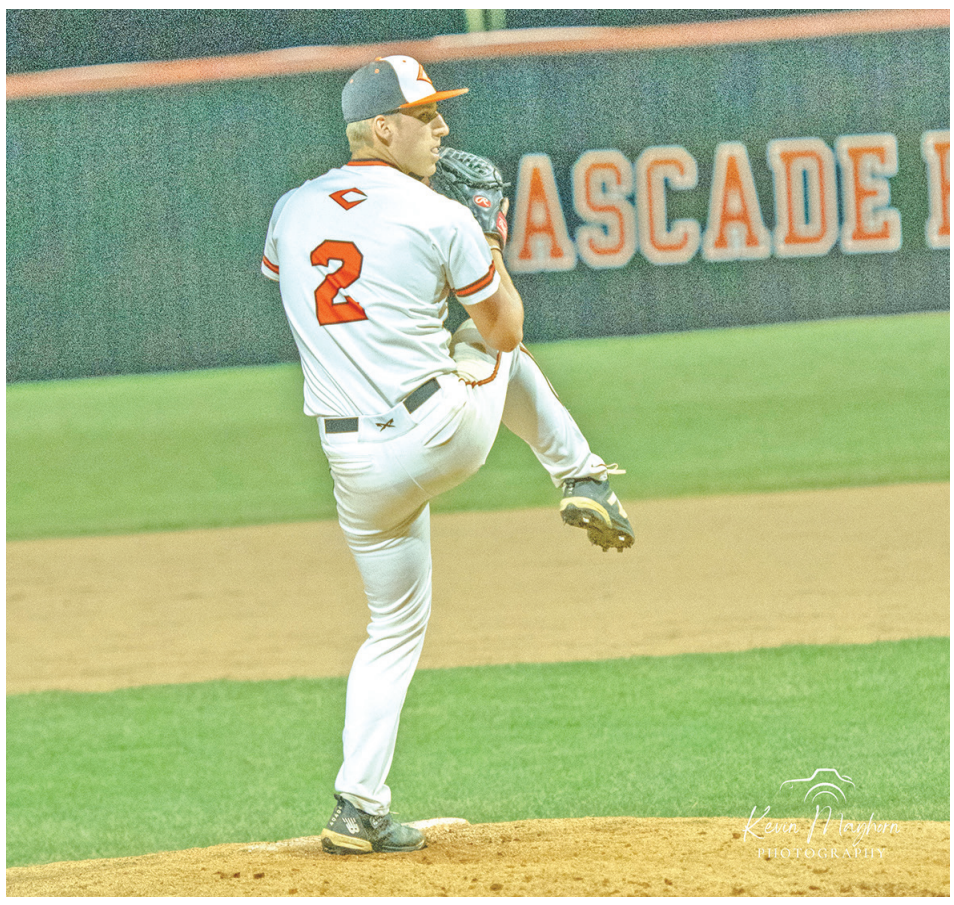
BELL BUCKLE, Tenn. – After dropping game one of their District 9-AA series at Summertown the Cascade Champions managed to even up the series with a 5-3 win on Tuesday.

Wickey Parker got the start on the mound for Cascade, and although he walked seven batters, the lanky lefty managed to pitch 6.0 innings on 113 pitches and give up just three earned runs on two hits while striking out 10 batters.

"That's a typical Wickey Parker. Even though he's a junior, he's a young pitcher," Cascade Head Coach Travis Sheffield said, "He did not pitch in middle school, and then his freshman year he got hurt at the end of basketball season. He didn't start pitching until the summer heading into his sophomore year, so as good as he looks, he's still learning how to pitch. The longer the game goes, the better he gets, but if we get him one time through the lineup, he gets comfortable and starts really pitching. He doesn't let hitters get comfortable. Once he gets it all dialed in, he's hard to hit."

After Summertown took a 1-0 lead in the top of the third on a Ryder Blackwood RBI-single, the Champions responded with a pair of clutch two-out hits in the home half to take the lead. First, Thomas Demartelaere led off with a single, and then with two outs, Caleb Crouch delivered an RBI-double to tie the game at 1-1 before Jayden Hathcock smoked a 2-run home run on a line drive over the centerfield wall to give the hosts a 3-1 lead.

In the fourth, Parker led off with a single before River Maddox brought him home with a one-out RBI-single to extend the lead to 4-1.



Cascade's Wickey Parker (2) got the win over Summertown on Tuesday with 10 strikeouts and just three earned runs on two hits. He did walk seven batters, but he left 6 runners stranded on base in 6.0 innings of work. *Submitted Photo by Kevin Mayhorn.*

Summertown got a pair of runs back in the top of the fifth following a leadoff walk from Parker. After coming up with a strikeout, Blackwood once again got the best of Parker with another RBI-single before stealing home following a dropped third strike to cut the lead to 4-3.

Cascade scored the final run of the game on a sacrifice fly from Parker that scored Jordan Childress from third with the bases loaded to take a 5-3 lead.

"Tonight, our approach [at the plate] was a little different," Sheffield said, "We didn't try to hit the ball out of the ballpark, even though we did end up with a home run, but even that was a scorching line drive that crept over the centerfield wall. We were trying to keep it simple and go gap to gap and cut down on our strikeouts. That was the biggest difference between [game one] and [game two]."

After Parker got through the sixth inning unscathed, Sheffield turned to Caleb Crouch to close the door in the top of the seventh. After a pair of nervy walks, Crouch settled down to secure the save with three consecutive outs.

At the plate for Cascade, Childress led off going 1-for-4, Crouch went 2-for-4 with an RBI-double, and Jayden Hathcock finished 1-for-2 with a walk and a 2-run home run. This was Hathcock's team-leading second round-tripper this season. Parker went 1-for-3 with an RBI, Maddox was 1-for-3 with an RBI, and Demartelaere finished 2-for-3.

Cascade travels to Richland on Friday before hosting Coffee County on Monday. Both games' first-pitch is scheduled for 6:00 p.m.

Shelbyville Central Tennis Sweeps Coffee County

BY NOAH MADDOX
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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (10-0, 7-0) and Eaglettes (5-5, 5-2) returned from Spring Break with a clean sweep of District 6-AA foe Coffee County, 9-0 and 9-0, on Tuesday.

In the girls' doubles, Lilly Smith and Lydia Yoes got by Isabelle Sander and Kati McInturff, 8-3, on Court One while Evony Smith and Jackie Juarez beat Carringston Saner and Illy Allen, 8-3, on Court Two.

In the singles matches, Lilly Smith took down Isabelle Sander, 8-3, on Court One, Yoes outlasted McInturff, 9-7, on Court Two, and Evony Smith prevailed over Carringston Saner, 8-5, on Court Three. On Court Four, Juarez took down Allen, 8-4, and Georgia Frazier beat Janna Anderson, 8-2, on Court Five.

In the boys' doubles, Henry Stone and Tucker Johnson made quick work of Colin Bryant and Ethan Hayes, 8-0, on Court One. Coffee County forfeited the other match.

In the singles matches, Stone took down Bryant, 8-1, on Court One, Tucker Johnson outlasted Ethan Hayes, 8-4, on Court Two, and Tanner Johnson prevailed over Aiden Hayes, 9-7, on Court Three. The Red Raiders forfeited the other matches.

Shelbyville Central takes on district foe Tullahoma on Thursday.



Henry Stone (pictured) serves against Coffee County on Tuesday. Stone won both of his matches against the Red Raiders, 8-0 in doubles with Tucker Johnson and 8-1 in singles over Colin Bryant. *Photo by David Smith.*

Lady Champs' Rally Comes Up Just Short at Summertown

BY NOAH MADDOX
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SUMMERTOWN, Tenn. – The Cascade Lady Champions (3-5, 0-3) mounted a late rally at District 9-AA foe Summertown (13-4, 3-0) but came up just one run short, 7-6, after leaving the bases loaded in the top of the seventh on Tuesday.

Jocelyn Laughlin got the start in the circle for Cascade, pitching the full 6.0 innings and giving up seven runs – four earned – on eight hits and one walk with two strikeouts on 87 pitches. As a team, Cascade committed five errors while the Lady Eagles committed four themselves.

Olivia Woods started for Summertown, putting up 4.2 innings of work before being pulled. Woods gave up four runs – two earned – on five hits and two walks with three strikeouts on 72 pitches. Mary Parson came on in relief, getting through the final 2.1 innings while posting two unearned runs on three hits and one walk with a strikeout on 39 pitches.

The Lady Champions got the scoring started early by taking a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, but Summertown responded with two runs in the home half to take a 2-1 advantage.

Neither team scored in the second inning, and then the Lady Eagles plated one run in the bottom of the third to take a 3-1 lead. Cascade got that run back in the top of the fourth, but then Summertown scored two more in the home half to take a 5-2 lead.

Not to be deterred, the Lady Champions continued to battle at the plate, trimming the Lady Eagles' lead to just a single run, 5-4, after a MaKayla Fisher two-strike, 2-RBI home run to left field.

Summertown didn't score in the fifth, but after Parson put up a zero in the sixth, the hosts managed to plate two crucial insurance runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to take a 7-4 lead heading into the seventh.

However, the Lady Champions once again fought back, loading the bases and plating two runs to bring up Alayna Cruse with two outs. Unfortunately for the visitors, Cruse's fly ball came up just short of the wall and nestled softly into the glove of Emily Abbott to seal the win for the Lady Eagles.



Cascade's MaKayla Fisher (1) launched a 2-run home run in the fifth inning of Tuesday's loss at Summertown. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

At the plate, Cascade tallied eight hits as a team. MaKayla Fisher went 1-for-4 with two RBIs on her homer in the leadoff spot, Momo Bilbro was 2-for-4 with a pair of doubles, and Jocelyn Laughlin finished 0-for-1 with three walks. MaKenzie Fisher went 2-for-4 with a double, Shalan Burt was 1-for-4, Caroline Parker went 1-for-4 with an RBI, and Leah Tapp finished 1-for-3.

Cascade travels to district foe, Chapel Hill, on Friday night at 5:30 p.m.

Shelbyville Central Sweeps District 6-AAAA Foe Coffee County



Shelbyville Central's Kaleb Maillet (21) fires one of his 115 pitches in Tuesday's complete-game shutout over Coffee County. Maillet struck out seven batters, walked none, and gave up just five hits in the win. *T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox*

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GAME ONE

MANCHESTER, Tenn. – After trailing by two runs heading into the sixth inning, the Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (16-4, 4-2) rallied to beat Coffee County (13-9, 2-4) in game one of their District 6-AAAA series on Monday night, 6-2 after eight innings.

Case Davis launched a go-ahead 2-run home run in the top of the eighth inning to spark a four-run frame that secured the win for the visitors. This was Davis' first round-tripper of the season.

Brody Thomas got the start on the mound for the Golden Eagles, and he was able to work around six walks by giving up just three base hits in 4.1 innings of work that resulted in a measly two earned runs on 84 pitches. Ashton Whorley came on in relief to throw 2.2 innings of no-hit ball, walking a pair of batters in the process. Finally, Stephen Bobo returned to the mound and slammed the door shut on the Red Raiders in the bottom of the eighth, striking out two batters on 11 pitches.



Shelbyville Central's Case Davis (20) went 1-for-2 with the go-ahead 2-run home run in the top of the eighth inning of Monday's win at Coffee County. Davis also worked two walks. *T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox*

Coffee County's Davis McKenzie started on the mound for the hosts, pitching a full 7.0 innings and finishing with nine strikeouts on 100 pitches. McKenzie conceded two earned runs on four hits and three walks. Jace Cashian came on to pitch the top of the eighth, but he gave up five hits with just one strikeout that resulted in four earned runs for Shelbyville Central.

The Red Raiders put up one run in the first inning after taking advantage of Thomas struggling to find the zone. The hosts tacked on one more run in the bottom of the fourth when Jaxon Pruitt doubled and was brought home on an RBI-single from Grayson Sadley to take a 2-0 lead.

Shelbyville Central continued to put together quality at-bats, but it was unable to generate any runs to show for its efforts until the top of the sixth inning. Caden Peacock, who finished a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate with a double and a triple, drove home a pair of runs to tie the game up at 2-2 and send it to extras.

In the eighth inning, Stephen Bobo led off with a bunt single before Davis launched his first home run of the season to give the Golden Eagles their first lead of the night, 4-2. Thomas followed up with a bunt single of his own, Peacock tallied a single, and then with one out, Ashton Whorley singled home Thomas to extend the lead to 5-2. Then, with two outs, Miles McCullough delivered his first hit of the night to drive home the sixth and final run of the night.

At the plate for Shelbyville Central, McCullough led off and hit 1-for-5 with an RBI, Blake Bone went 1-for-3 with two walks, and Bobo finished 1-for-5 with a run scored. Davis went 1-for-2 with his 2-run home run along with a pair of walks, Thomas finished 1-for-4, and Peacock hit a perfect 4-for-4 with a double, a triple, and two RBIs. Whorley also went 1-for-4 with an RBI.

GAME TWO

SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – Kaleb Maillet threw a complete-game shutout, Caden Peacock launched a 2-run home run, and the Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles completed a massive District 6-AAAA series sweep over Coffee County in a 2-0 win on Tuesday night.

Early on, it didn't look like Maillet was on track to even reach the sixth inning, but he settled down in the middle innings to earn the win. The Golden Eagles' starter threw 115 pitches, giving up just five hits with zero walks and seven strikeouts.

"When Kaleb [Maillet] is on the mound, he gives us confidence because you know he's going to pound the zone, and you know he's going to compete," Shelbyville Central Head Coach Chase Jones said, "He came out and pitched well early, but we got behind in some counts, their guys battled, and we had a 20+ pitch inning the first three innings. He just kept pounding the strike zone, and in the later innings we had a 10-pitch inning, a 13-pitch inning, and he was able to keep his pitch count down. It's great when you have a guy who can go seven innings and shut the door. He pitched his tail off."

In a game that saw the two starters go the distance, Coffee County's Leighton Yancer pitched well enough to give his team a chance late. Yancer threw all 6.0 innings, giving up two earned runs on seven hits and one walk with seven strikeouts. However, his one critical error came in the second inning. After hitting Brody Thomas to put a runner on base, Caden Peacock took the Red Raiders' starter deep for a 2-run home run to give the Golden Eagles a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the second. Coincidentally, this was the second home run of the season for a catcher who wears jersey No. 2.

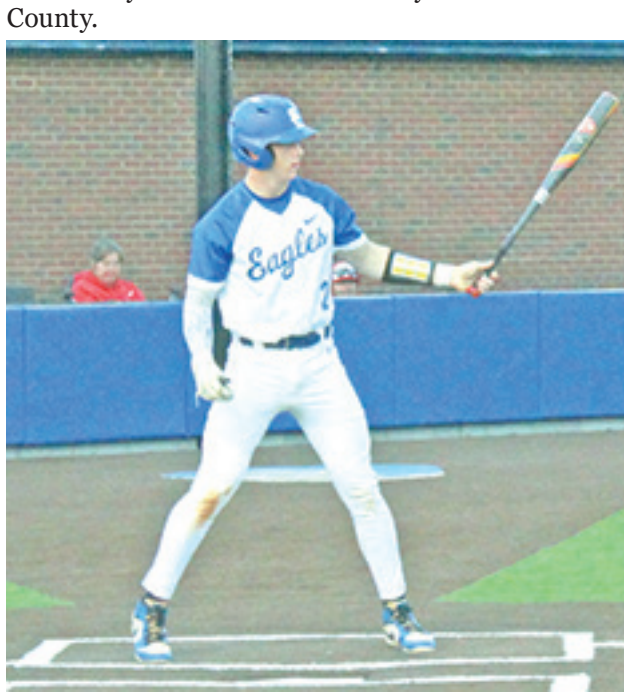
"Peacock had a big bomb for us," Jones said, "We've talked about how his biggest role for us is what he does behind the plate, and he is phenomenal. He's the best catcher behind the plate that I've had in 29 years coaching, and everything he does at the plate is extra for us. He kind of struggled offensively early in the season, but he's made some adjustments and started to get some confidence, and he was huge this series."

Shelbyville Central stranded seven runners on base, but luckily for the hosts, Maillet was dominant, and stranded six Red Raiders on the basepaths himself.

This series sweep propels the Golden Eagles out of the dreaded play-in game for the District 6-AAAA tournament and into the No. 3 seed behind Cookeville and Lincoln County. Shelbyville Central owns the tiebreaker over both Coffee County and Warren County.

At the plate for the hosts, Miles McCullough led off going 1-for-3 with a double, Stephen Bobo went 1-for-2 and was hit by a pitch, and Case Davis finished 1-for-3. Brody Thomas was 1-for-2 with a double and a HBP, Caden Peacock went 1-for-2 with a pair of RBIs on his home run and a walk, and Elijah Westbrooks finished 2-for-2.

Shelbyville Central hosts Sequatchie County on Thursday before taking on rival Tullahoma in a two-game non-district series on Monday and Tuesday.



Shelbyville Central's Caden Peacock (2) launched a crucial 2-run home run in the second inning to secure the series sweep over Coffee County on Tuesday. For the series, Peacock went 5-for-6 at the plate with 4 RBIs. *T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox*

Viqueens Outlast Chapel Hill in District 9-AA Clash

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UNIONVILLE, Tenn. – The Community Viqueens (11-7, 3-0) remained undefeated in District 9-AA play after grounding Chapel Hill (7-8, 1-2) in an 8-6 win on Tuesday night.

The Viqueens took advantage of a trio of timely errors from the Lady Rockets to generate a pair of knockout innings and give themselves enough of a cushion for a late-inning Chapel Hill surge.

The visitors got the scoring started early after a leadoff double from Hailee Warren went over the head of Anna Haskins in centerfield before a two-out, two-strike connection from Lillian Miller brought both Miller and Warren to the plate as the ball flew over the wall in right field for a home run.

Community immediately responded in the home half when a Gracie Daniel infield RBI-single led to an error by the first baseman to score Kamryn Farrell for the hosts' third run of the inning.

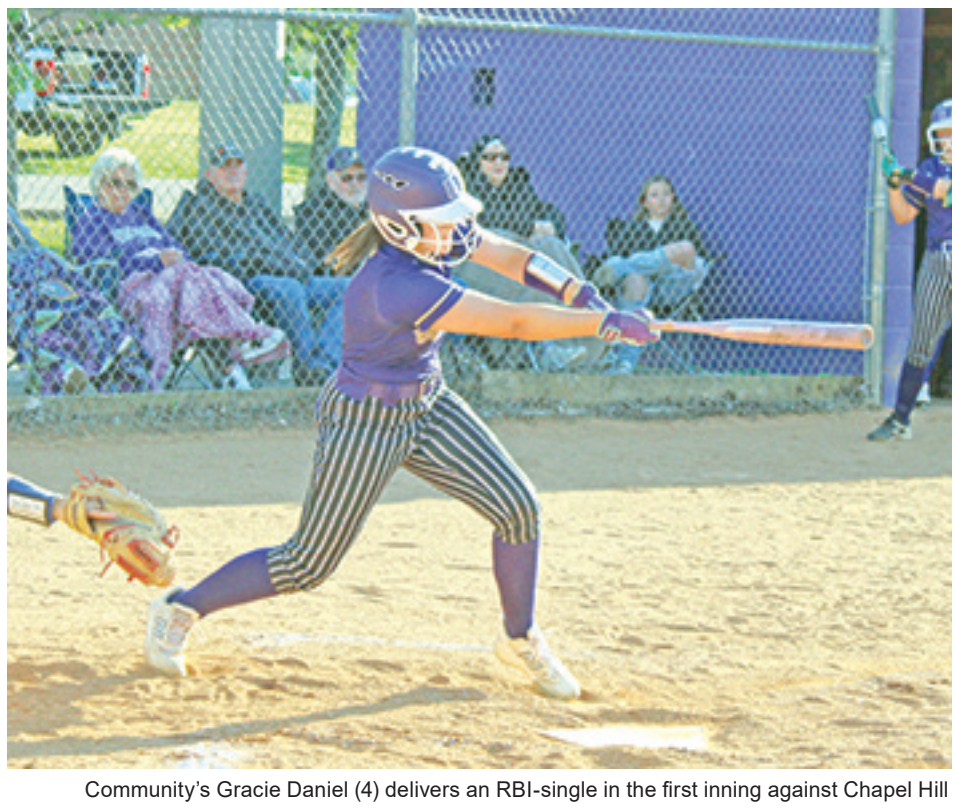
The Viqueens would score one more in the third to take a 4-2 lead before exploding for four runs in the fourth inning to take a commanding 8-2 advantage.

To the Lady Rockets' credit, they fought back with three runs in the sixth and one in the seventh, but it was ultimately too little, too late.

Annie Prince didn't have her best stuff in the circle, but she competed against a tough Chapel Hill lineup to earn the win. The Viqueens' ace went 7.0 complete innings, giving up six runs – five earned – on just five hits and three walks with nine strikeouts on 116 pitches. Miller took her deep twice for five of the six runs from the visitors, and her second homer came in the sixth inning to score all three of those runs.

Meanwhile, Community's offense picked up where they left off in Ft. Walton, totalling 14 hits against Taylor Moreland. Chapel Hill's ace was hovering at around 62-64 mph, but that didn't bother the Viqueens who took advantage of a trio of Lady Rocket errors to score eight runs. Moreland's line finished with her having given up eight runs – three earned – on 14 hits and four walks with just four strikeouts on 118 pitches.

At the plate for Community, Anna Haskins led off and went 2-for-4, Haylee Webb was 2-for-4 with a walk and three runs scored, and Kailani Allen finished 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs. Kamryn Farrell went 2-for-3, Daniel was 3-for-4 with three RBIs, and Ryleigh Lassiter finished 3-for-4. Alana Tate also went 1-for-3.



Community's Gracie Daniel (4) delivers an RBI-single in the first inning against Chapel Hill on Tuesday. Daniel went 3-for-4 at the plate with a team-high 3 RBIs in the win over the Lady Rockets. *T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox*

Miller led the Lady Rockets at the plate, finishing 2-for-3 with a pair of home runs that totaled five RBIs.

The Viqueens are set to host Page on Friday at 5:30 p.m. before returning to District 9-AA play at Summertown on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

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BEDFORD COUNTY
MAY 5, 2026

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ABSENTEE VOTING BY MAIL

In order to vote absentee by mail, a voter must meet certain legal qualifications. A voter desiring to vote absentee by mail, shall in writing over his signature either in person at the election commission office or by mail, request an application for an absentee ballot. Such request for an application may be received no earlier than the 90th day prior to the election and must be received no later than April 25th, 2026. The request can serve as an application for ballot if it contains the following: name of the registered voter, address of the voter's residence, voter's social security number, voter's date of birth, address to mail the ballot to, the election/s the voter wishes to vote in include the political party if the election is a primary, the reason the voter wishes to vote absentee (if applicable, a copy of the CDL containing the CDL number or the TWIC card must be included, and the voter's signature.

REASONS TO VOTE ABSENTEE (BY MAIL)

I am 60 years of age or older.
I will be outside the county during all hours of early voting and
I am hospitalized, ill or physically disabled and unable to appear at my polling place.
I am a caretaker of a hospitalized, ill or physically disabled person.
I am a full-time student or spouse of a full-time student outside my county
I reside in a licensed facility, outside my county, providing relatively permanent domiciliary care (i.e. nursing home)
I am a candidate for office in the election
I am observing a religious holiday that prevents me from voting during early voting or on election day
I will be serving as an election official or a member or employee of the election commission on election day
I will be serving on jury duty
I am a voter with a disability and an inaccessible polling place
I have a CDL or TWIC or I am a spouse of a person with a CDL or TWIC and will be out of the county during early voting and Election Day and have no out of the county address to receive mail during this time. Enclosed is a copy of the CDL orTWIC and the number is_____.

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Vote Early

County Republican and Democratic Primary
MAY 5, 2026

Early Voting Schedule

April 15 – April 30, 2026

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Apr 18,	Sat	.....	8:00a - 12:00p
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