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TURNING THE PAGE

Local newspaper back in print

After a sudden and unexpected three-month hiatus, *The Shelbyville Times-Gazette*, a staple in the local journalism scene, is making a triumphant return under new leadership and with a renewed commitment to serving the Shelbyville community.

In an unforeseen turn of events in July, Holler Media, LLC ceased all operations of *The Shelbyville Times-Gazette*, leaving subscribers without their daily news, ad-

vertisers without their platforms, and employees without their jobs. The abrupt closure resulted in widespread frustration and disappointment throughout the community.

The bank holding the note for Holler Media took immediate action, urging the owners to find a solution to reopen the publications affected by the closure. This encouragement led to the formation of a new team dedicat-

ed to revitalizing the *Shelbyville Times-Gazette* and its sister publications.

As of September 28th, Apex Bank established Apex Media, LLC and officially acquired the assets of Holler Media, LLC, marking the beginning of a new chapter for the newspapers involved. The team is currently in the process of establishing a new office in Shelbyville and is actively building a roster of passionate

journalists committed to upholding the newspaper's legacy of integrity and excellence.

The reopening of *The Shelbyville Times-Gazette* represents not just the revival of a newspaper, but the restoration of a community asset. The new management is fully aware of the void left by the publication's temporary absence and is working diligently to rebuild trust with the community, subscribers, and advertisers.

With a fresh start and a clear vision for the future, *The Shelbyville Times-Gazette* is poised to once again be a vital part of Shelbyville's daily life, providing reliable news, insightful stories, and a platform for community voices.

Stay tuned as we continue to cover the developments of this exciting new chapter for *The Shelbyville Times-Gazette* and the Shelbyville community.



CARVING IT UP - Professional pumpkin carver, Lundy Cupp, recently visited Scarecrow Fest in Bell Buckle. A sculptor and carver, the Nashville resident encourages others to carve and use their imaginations.

Sgt. Burris Promoted to Lieutenant at Bedford County Sheriff's Department

In a proud moment for the Bedford County Sheriff's Department, veteran law enforcement officer Benji Burris has been promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant, taking charge of the Judicial Services Division.

Lt. Burris has devoted 21 years to the field of law enforcement, demonstrating commitment and exceptional service.

Having served 18 years at the Sheriff's Office, Lt. Burris has honed his skills and proven his mettle in various capacities. For a remarkable ten years, he upheld the responsibilities and challenges that came with the rank of Sergeant, with the last two years focusing on leading the Judicial Services Division.

The Bedford County Sheriff's Department and the community have greatly benefited from Lt. Burris's expertise and leadership, as he has played a crucial role in maintaining law and order, ensuring justice, and fostering a sense of safety and security among the residents.

As Lt. Burris steps into his new role, he carries with him a legacy of greatness and a commitment to excellence. The Bedford County Sheriff's Department looks forward to witnessing the continued impact of his leadership, and the community remains grateful for his dedication to service.



Webb School Arts & Crafts Fair: A Tradition of Success and Community

The charming town of Bell Buckle once again buzzed with creativity and community spirit during the annual Webb School Arts and Crafts Fair held last weekend. Despite some minor cell phone reception issues, visitors and vendors alike have flood-

ed social media with praise and cherished memories.

With approximately 700 vendors participating, the fair has upheld its reputation as a must-attend fall tradition. Join us on page 10A for a full recount of the event,



Talking with City Mayor Randy Carroll

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By **DAWN HANKINS**
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City of Shelbyville Mayor Randy Carroll learned by example as a child growing up here how to serve his community.

"My parents would have been proud . . . little ole Randy Carroll becomes mayor."

That's why he placed his name on the City ballot for mayor last year.

"It wasn't for the salary," he recently told the T-G. (That's about \$18,000 a year.)

Carroll is retired from Duck River Electric. He sold his home on the lake

'We may do it again. We will just have to see howthings go.'

Mayor Randy Carroll on City property tax rate

and bought property in the city. Though part-time mayor, he works full-time at City Hall.

"That's OK. We've had a lot to do."

MTSU Aviation

"We had issues like the MTSU [aviation] campus moving to Shelbyville. That took us about 6 months to work through," Carroll explained Thursday.

The City now has a legal contract with the estimated \$67 million project.

"We had to make sure how it was going to affect the public, especially County people, as well as City," said Carroll.

The City is under a 40-year contract or lease agreement with Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro for the Shelbyville Municipal Airport area property. The City stands to gain significant financial dollars, according to Carroll.

Duksan Electera

Duksan Electera America, Inc., located in the City/County industrial park, will soon manufacture battery electrolytes and additives. A spring

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Hankins joins team at *The Shelbyville Times-Gazette*

As we embark on a new chapter at *The Shelbyville Times-Gazette*, our commitment to bringing the community exceptional journalism and a true sense of connection stands stronger than ever. With several positions still open and a growing team, we are excited to announce the first addition to our writing team, Dawn Hankins.

Dawn brings a wealth of experience, dedication, and local insight to our newsroom. A seasoned print journalist and a native of Shelbyville, she has a profound connection to this community and to the legacy of *The Shelbyville Times-Gazette*.

Her journey in journalism, backed by a formal education from Middle Tennessee State University and years of hands-on experience, uniquely positions her to help us carry the torch of reliable and impactful community reporting. Dawn's previous tenure at the *Times-Gazette* under the mentorship of the late Franklin Yates has ingrained in her a deep understanding of the responsibility and honor that comes with serving this community through journalism.

With her diverse background spanning ministry work, administration, advertising, and public service—not to mention her accolades from the Tennessee Press Association—Dawn is a multifaceted talent who is ready to help propel *The Shelbyville Times-Gazette* forward.

We join Dawn in her excitement and honor to be part of the Richardson Media Group, Apex Media, and *The Shelbyville Times-Gazette*, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact she will undoubtedly have on our newspaper and community. Together, we are writing a new story for Shelbyville, Bedford County, and beyond—a story of resilience, innovation, and unwavering dedication to the community we serve.

Hankins is recognized as a creative media expert who works hard to recog-

nize and implement cur-



Dawn Hankins

rent trends and marketing strategies. She was formally trained and received her degree in journalism from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro.

Hankins said she has joined the writing team with Apex Media, LLC and Richardson Media Group because she has a real heart for *The Shelbyville Times-Gazette*. And, this is her hometown, having graduated from Community High School.

"I am so pleased and honored to be working with Apex Media, LLC and Richardson Media Group. I know the team has the greatest desire to continue the newspaper legacy here in Shelbyville, Bedford County and across the state. But also, the Richardsons have a lot of great potential to move the paper forward in a positive manner."

Hankins first worked as a cub reporter for 12 years under mentor and former publisher/owner, the late Franklin Yates. "I learned so much from Mr. Yates, during our working time together at the T-G. He taught me that serving the community was an honor. He also taught us how to remain humble in such a giant task."

Hankins also has a background in ministry work, administration, advertising and public service. She won several Tennessee Press Association awards after returning to the *Times-Gazette* as reporter, then editor, from 2018-2022.

In her spare time, she is an aspiring historical fiction/Christian author and has plans to take courses in bilingual studies.

Richardson signs on for regeneration of *Times-Gazette*

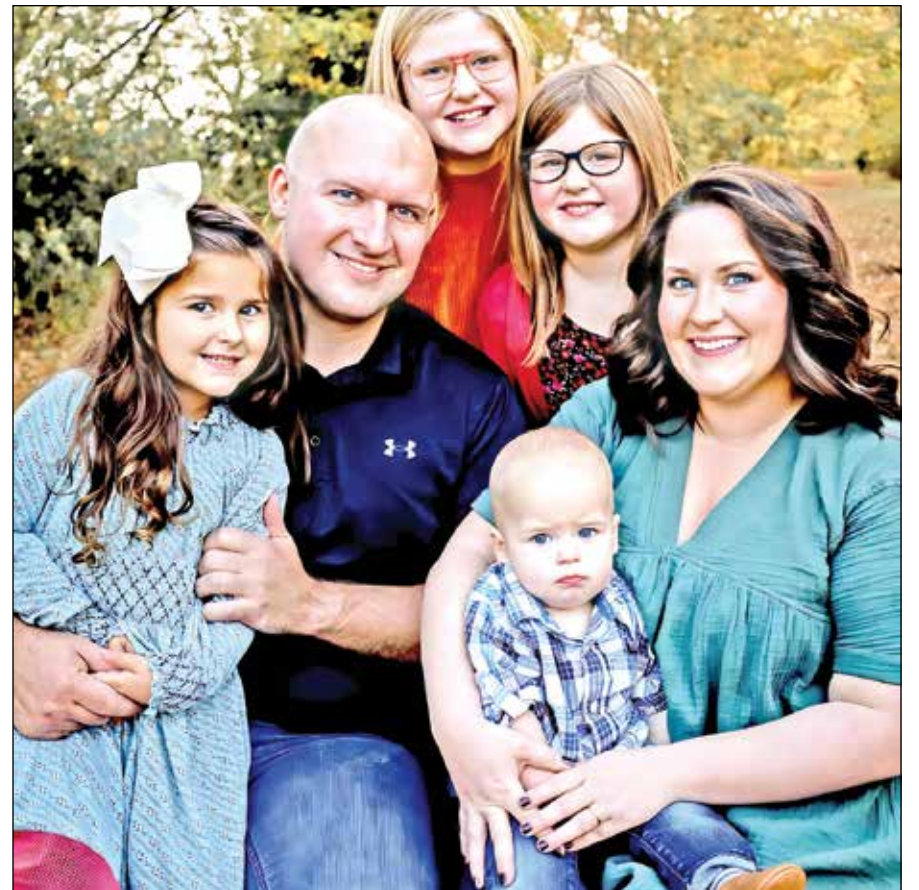
The Shelbyville Times-Gazette is proud to announce a new chapter in its storied history with the introduction of Daniel Richardson as its visionary leader, ushering in a new era of commitment, passion, and excellence in community journalism.

From a tender age, Daniel has been steeped in the world of newspaper publishing, inheriting a legacy and a love for storytelling from his late father, Dennis Richardson, the founder of Magic Valley Publishing. This early immersion in the field has fostered a deep-seated passion and understanding of the power and responsibility that comes with community journalism.

Following his service in the Marine Corps reserves, which included a deployment to Iraq, Daniel returned to his roots with a fortified sense of duty to serve and uplift communities through the power of the press. His journey through various roles in the newspaper industry has equipped him with a wealth of experience and insight, from editing the Hickman County Gazette in Kentucky to leading the Carroll County News Leader in Huntington, Tennessee as its publisher.

As the Chief Operations Officer for Magic Valley Publishing, Daniel played a pivotal role in expanding the company's reach and impact, overseeing the operations of 17 titles and ensuring that each publication held steadfast to the principles of integrity, transparency, and community service.

With a place on the board of directors for both the Tennessee Press Association and the National Newspaper Association, Daniel is a staunch advocate for the vital role of local journalism in our society. His dedication to community service ex-



FAMILY - Richardson is shown here with his wife, Lena, and four children - Emma-Lyn, 11; Elizabeth, 9; Ella, 5; and Benjamin, 21 mos. The family is expecting a fifth child in March.

tends beyond the newsroom, as evidenced by his active membership in the Rotary Club of Camden, where he resides with his wife, Lena, and their four children.

Now, at the helm of the *Shelbyville Times-Gazette*, Daniel is eager to forge meaningful connections with the Shelbyville community, to share in your stories, and to solidify the newspaper's role as a trusted beacon of reliable information.

The Shelbyville Times-Gazette stands poised to navigate the excit-

ing journey ahead, with Daniel Richardson leading the way, ensuring that the newspaper not only lives up to its storied legacy but also evolves to meet the needs and expectations of today's readers.

Join us in welcoming Daniel and in celebrating a new chapter of excellence and dedication at the *Shelbyville Times-Gazette*. Together, we are writing a story of resilience, innovation, and unwavering commitment to the community we are proud to serve.

MAYOR

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opening is anticipated.

TCAT Campus

Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Shelbyville (TCAT) is another new City-involved project. The project is estimated to cost around \$47 million.

The mayor added that as a result of such progress, residents in areas like Candlewood Estates, those near Fair Haven Church and Northpoint off Highway 231 North are now looking at City sewer line availability.

"Hopefully we can annex those into the City."

New retail

Carroll revealed that the new owners/operators of Shelbyville's first Chik-fil-A, which is currently under construction off North Main Street, called him one evening, expressing an interest in planting a local restaurant.

Not only are the chain's famous chicken biscuits coming soon to Shelbyville, the City has also earned a new family of residents as the owners have moved here.

"The walls are going up," said Carroll. "We [the City] did make a \$300,000 investment to the developer. We did not take that from taxpayer funds. We took that from Hotel-Motel funds. That's economic development."

Tourism efforts

Carroll said the City has funded a lot of tourism. "If it is going to be a certain number of days . . . bring in a certain number of people, we have guidelines on how many dollars we can give."

"We're trying to bring tourists in. That fills up the hotels and motels."

A second McDonald's restaurant is planned at North Main Street and Hickory Drive.

"There will be some traffic situations at Chik-fil-A and McDonald's, Carroll said. "There's no left turn."

Traffic issues

Carroll said he explains quite frequently to residents that Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) makes those traffic decisions off Highway 231-North, since it is a state highway.

"They are going right in and right out. Then you'll have to go on Hickory Drive to do a left out from that facility."

Carroll said City officials and TDOT representatives have discussed at length traffic regulations there.

Why is everything being located on Highway 231 North?

"I think people who own property out 231 North are seeing the availability with MTSU, north business park . . . seeing the value of that property up, so they're more actively trying to sell their property. That's why it's developing faster."

The mayor said the City is trying to secure land off Highway 41A South and Highway 64 East for potential develop-

ment.

Homes going up!

Carroll advised that the construction of about 300 homes at Jennings Lane off Highway 41A North is anticipated.

He said homes are going up as fast in several other areas of the City.

The future

Carroll said Shelbyville Fire Department has about 50 employees and Shelbyville Police Department has currently about 60.

The departments are also potentially going to expand into new spaces. "We looking at maybe a substation or maybe a new location for the police department out where we're building the new two-story Cartwright Elementary School at Fairfield Pike."

There is a substation for the fire department at the Shelbyville Municipal Airport off Highway 231. However, Carroll said that station is still short three firemen.

"All of those things are very important when you're developing."

City taxes

Carroll said there was an opportunity with the sales tax up-about \$600,000 to reduce the property tax burden.

Council reduced City property taxes this fiscal year by 11 cents from \$1.59 to \$1.48 per \$100 assessed value. This tax rate is effective through June.

"We may do it again," Carroll advised. "We will just have to see how things go."

City-County issue

Right now, we've got an issue with the County about sales tax," Carroll said.

It's a sales tax issue which goes all way back when the City and County school systems were combined, forming what is now Bedford County School System.

There was debt service on the city schools, he recalled. There was a 1 percent increase on sales tax at that time.

"They made an agreement to reduce that debt service or pay that debt service off. The City agreed to give them [County] a portion of that sales tax."

Mayor Carroll said there was no termination date set in it. So, it has been going on about 50 plus years now.

"The City needs that sales tax back."

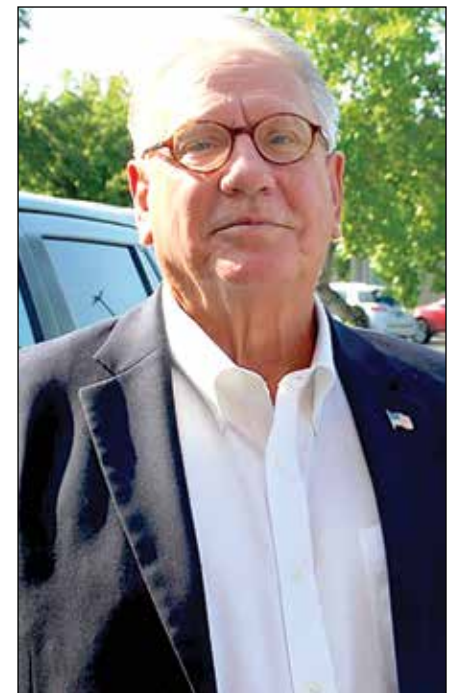
Carroll stated how the City continues to legally "do its part" to support the local school system.

The mayor added that same sales tax revenue issue has grown from approximately \$10,000 annually to \$2 million dollars last year.

"That's how much the City has lost, by giving it to the County," said Carroll.

He said he's worked with Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham and the County Commission and City Council on this issue.

The mayor said the City is not asking for any retroactive sales tax money it lost to the County.



Shelbyville Mayor Randy Carroll

An equitable agreement is in the works, Carroll said.

He said that 75 percent of that 1 percent, if you get into all the mathematics, goes to the County.

"All of the money state-wide mandated goes to the county anyway," the mayor advised. "It is suppose to be split down the middle-- that 2.75%. Part of it goes to education, automatically, then the rest of it is divided equally between the County and the City."

Carroll said it's not that way. That extra 1% is still being received by the County.

City growth

Carroll looks at each day he serves the community, along with the city administration and Council, as "a privilege."

"I really take the job seriously about the growth, the poorer citizens . . . people who've lived here forever that's paid property taxes. We want to protect them from the development . . . when they can't get out on the highway because they've got all these houses built next to them. All of these things are so important."

Being a part of new and exciting events is something Carroll has always enjoyed. He's been a member of several nonprofits for years.

Mayor Carroll recently took his first hot air balloon ride during a festival at Nearest Green Distillery off Highway 231-North.

"I thought my head was on fire," he said with a laugh. "I was in Naval aviation, but I've never been in a hot air balloon."

Now in his 70s, this life-long Shelbyville resident says he has no plans of slowing down. And if this year is any indication, neither is his hometown.

OFFICE MANAGER

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AD VERITAS

Welcome to Ad Veritas - Toward the Truth

DANIEL RICHARDSON

Welcome, dear readers, to "Ad Veritas," a weekly journey in pursuit of truth and understanding. My name is Daniel Richardson, and I am delighted to open the pages of this column to share, reflect, and explore the myriad of facets that make up our lives, our community, and the world we navigate each day.

The inception of "Ad Veritas" is deeply personal. My late father, Dennis Richardson, was a stalwart figure in journalism, and he left behind a legacy of words and wisdom through his column "My View," a staple in every issue of his newspapers. Following his passing in 2021, I felt a compelling need to continue this tradition of direct communication, although I must admit, it took me a while to finally

put pen to paper.

My gravitation has always been towards news writing, maintaining an objective lens on the events unfolding around us. Personal opinions were territories I seldom tread into, both in writing and in reading. However, as I embarked on this journey of personal column writing, I discovered an unparalleled connection it fostered with you, our esteemed readers.

"Ad Veritas," Latin for "Toward the Truth," is more than just a column title; it is a reflection of a lifelong motto and the core principle that guides my life and work. In these weekly writings, while I may share snippets of my personal journey, the overarching aim is to engage in a dialogue about truth, about the absolutes that define our existence, the concepts of right and wrong, and

the existence of heaven and hell.

In today's world, the media landscape is muddled with attempts to bend and twist truths to fit convenient narratives, even challenging biological realities. Here, in this space, we will not shy away from these difficult discussions. We will strive to shed light on the truths, backed by evidence and reason, fostering a better understanding of the world we live in.

The beauty of a newspaper is in its freedom, offering you the choice to engage with the content that resonates with you. Unlike the intrusive nature of digital ads or the monotony of TV commercials, the newspaper empowers you to choose, to seek, and to indulge in the stories and sections that matter to you.

As we embark on this journey together,



RICHARDSON

through the columns of "Ad Veritas," I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your readership, your engagement, and your willingness to explore the depths of truth with me. Your thoughts, your critiques, and your stories are always welcome. Feel free to reach out at Daniel@RichardsonMediaGroup.net.

Together, let's explore, understand, and get closer to the truth.

Antisemitism Pervades America's College Campuses

Sen. Marsha Blackburn

After the horrific atrocities committed by Hamas in southern Israel on October 7, we witnessed a wave of antisemitism on college campuses by anti-Israel groups praising Hamas' mass murder of Jews.

Remember: Hamas invaded Israel, murdered at least 1,400 people, and took at least 212 hostages. Still, student groups at colleges across the country came out in support of the killings. The national chapter of the notoriously pro-terror Students for Justice in Palestine called the worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust a "historic win." Thirty-one Harvard organizations blamed Israel for the Hamas attacks. Students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison chanted "Glory to the Martyrs" while the La Fuerza Student Association at California State University advertised their pro-Palestine protest with a picture of a paraglider – a blatant endorsement of the massacre at the Superno music festival.

The reason many of these students are virulently anti-Israel – and in many cases antisemitic – is due to years of indoctrination by their colleges and universities. Since the attack on Israel, university faculty have come out in support of the slaughter. Northwestern University's Asian Ameri-

can Studies Program faculty claimed that comparing Hamas to ISIS is "Islamophobic" and dismissed reports of Hamas beheading babies as "baseless." A professor at Stanford was suspended after forcing Jewish students to sit in a corner, calling them "colonizers," and referring to Hamas as "freedom fighters." Meanwhile, a history professor at Cornell University called the Hamas attacks "exhilarating" and "energizing."

Many of the same elite universities and groups who immediately sent out statements endorsing Black Lives Matter after George Floyd's death in 2020 and criticizing the overturning of Roe v. Wade were slow to condemn the Hamas attacks. It took multiple statements from Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania to finally condemn Hamas' acts of terrorism, only after receiving pressure from donors. Universities were never serious when they talked about "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" and issued platitudes about protecting their students from "hate speech" and "microaggressions." When it comes to Zionist Jews, who encompass approximately 90 percent of the Jewish community, these universities allow hate to run amok.

While these instances of antisemitism are shocking and abominable, they

should not be unexpected. For decades, the radical left has maintained an iron grip on academia. Institutions of higher education have taught students the Marxist idea that the world is divided between "oppressors" and the "oppressed." The Jewish peoples' 3,700-year-old connection to Israel is denied while students slander Israel as a "settler colonial enterprise" that is committing "ethnic cleansing" of the Palestinians. These poisonous ideas give Israel haters justification to call for the Jewish state's annihilation.

In a continuous cycle, radical students go on to enter our nation's most prestigious institutions and corrupt them – even Congress itself. Ilhan Omar, Rashida Tlaib, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, and other left-wing lawmakers joined Black Lives Matter Grassroots and Black Lives Matter Chicago in condemning Israel for defending itself and repeatedly called for a ceasefire. In one of their most blatant examples of dishonesty and antisemitism, the Squad and much of the media immediately blamed Israel for allegedly bombing a Gaza hospital when the culprit turned out to be Palestinian Islamic Jihad. Incredibly, Tlaib stood by her debunked statement and refused to apologize.

We cannot allow an-



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tisemitism to fester under the guise of progressivism on our college campuses. It must be eradicated. Israel's war against Hamas is not just a battle for the Jewish state; it is a fight between those who stand for the values and principles of Western Civilization and those who want to destroy the West. Universities should be pressured to defund antisemitic groups, and organizations that endorse terrorism should be ostracized from mainstream society. It's time our institutions reinforce our younger generations with the right values. If they do, students will recognize Israel for what it is: a beacon of light in a region of darkness. Teaching the next generation the truth about Israel will ensure America will continue to be Israel and the Jewish peoples' strongest ally for years to come.

THE ISSUE

City defunds economic board

Partnership writes City off

By DAWN HANKINS

Shelbyville City Council discussed during a recent business meeting its path forward with Shelbyville-Bedford County Economic Partnership. The result was Council bowing out from any future financial commitments to the partnership.

From his office recently, Shelbyville Mayor Randy Carroll said bills have come across his desk from the economic board this year for hundreds of thousands of dollars. He said sadly, those projects did not mostly have Council input or approval.

"There was a lot of things going on that we just didn't think was right," said Carroll.

One issue, Carroll said, involves a decision by Shane Hooper, Bedford County Economic Partnership president, to cut a new road to the new Duksan Electera America plant (at Frank Martin Road) in the 231-North industrial park. The battery chemical plant is set to open next year.

Carroll said the City was concerned that some public issues were not studied before the road was designed. That road belongs to Duksan, Carroll advised. "How are you going to get to TCAT [new Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Shelbyville?]" TCAT was sitting to the right; they moved it out on the highway.

A new road had to be developed behind the new TCAT. That meant, he said, a 100-foot right-of-way which would come out on 231-North, likely right in, right out, only.

The City is not pleased with the way these local economic projects have been developed--those without Council input. As a result, Shelbyville City Council, Carroll said, is moving ahead with its own plans for tourism and economic development. He is still on the fence, he advised, about the City hiring its own economic development person.

A recent City business meeting was held to discuss this idea with Council. Council moved that a job description needs to be developed for a potential economic person.

The mayor, and other members of Council, believe City Manager Scott Collins is equally qualified for the job. Council will discuss this topic further during its Oct. 30 study session.

A life-long resident of Shelbyville, Carroll said he's proud of the progress for Shelbyville and Bedford County. Having invested over \$300,000 in economic development, Carroll said without that funding from the City of Shelbyville, the economic partnership would have surely suffered. That is something he does not want to see happen in the future.

"We [City] want to continue to work together and continue the growth of Shelbyville," said Carroll.

But the entire premise of the partnership has changed, he admitted, that is, since the City went into a joint economic venture just a few short years ago.



"What caused the blow up is we decided not to give them the \$100,000, because of these things happening," said Carroll.

At its inception about 3 years ago, the economic partnership became a driving force behind economic activity, with County and City agreeing to each contribute \$100,000 each, for 3 years, to build a nest egg for the then newly formed economic group.

Shane Hooper, as a result, was hired as president and now serves as chief executive officer of the local economic group. Carroll said the salaries within the economic advisory group staff have grown quite large. He is worried the economic board has become more of what he calls a "millionaire club."

Carroll said Council reasoned, by defunding the group, to put the economic group on "notice." That is, that the City stands firm that it has the right to be involved in economic decisions, particularly those that involve City property.

Since the City's decision to defund, Carroll advised that he and Councilman William Christie have since been removed from the economic advisory board. The mayor said talks since have been held between City and County. "I said . . . let's try to put it all back together."

Carroll said he's discussed the issue with economic partnership board members. The mayor asked that he and Christie be reinstated on the advisory board.

"The partnership didn't want to meet with us," said Carroll. "They didn't want to do it."

Carroll said the list goes on and on about unsettled economic issues which have not included City Council. One of the latest decisions, Carroll said, is the new "\$11 million dollar hotel" which is the Hampton Inn on North Main Street.

"They [economic advisory board] have not checked with us about water and sewer availability . . . if that property was in the planning and codes development--where you could put hotel and roadways, etc. right there."

Carroll said he is very impressed and thankful for what entrepreneur Keith Weaver is doing for Shelbyville and Bedford County. He said he understands a distillery will be coming soon on the remaining, landlocked, 27 acres in the north business park. Weaver has apparently purchased the property for a future distillery.

"So, we will have the distillery and the chemical plant sitting side-by-side," said Mayor Carroll.

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Emily Kay Madden
1942 - 2023

Emily Kay Madden, 80, of Shelbyville, passed away on Sunday, October 15, 2023, at Alive Hospice in Murfreesboro following an extended illness. A Gathering of Family and Friends was held on Friday, October 20, 2023, from 4-6 p.m. at Doak-Howell Funeral Home. Kay's remains were cremated and her ashes will be buried at a later date.

Born on October 30, 1942, in Shelbyville to parents Estil Love Foster and Avis Royal Hummel Foster, Kay retired after 35 years as a Manager/Line worker at American Can (Albea). She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Shelbyville and the Bedford County Historical Society. Known for her infectious laughter and welcoming nature, Kay was loved by all who knew her, including both people and animals.

Kay is survived by her son, Michael Madden, granddaughter Madison Madden (fiancé Andy Huffer) of Shelbyville, sister-in-law Henrietta Barnard, and special friends Sandra Daniel, Cynthia Ashley, and Peggy Helton. She was preceded in death by her son Bobby Madden.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to New Destiny Dog Rescue, 202 East Highland St, Shelbyville. Online condolences can be made at www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com. Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.



Bobbye G. Hodges
1937 - 2023

Bobbye Glendon Hodges, a beloved member of the Shelbyville community, passed away on October 16, 2023, at the age of 86. A native of Bedford County, Bobbye was known for her dedication to her work and her community. She served as a retired Secretary for Duck River Electric, Shelbyville Power, and Sword of the Lord of Murfreesboro.

Bobbye was a devoted member of Victory Baptist Church for nearly six decades, where she led the Deaf Ministry. Her fluency in sign language allowed her to connect with and serve a community often overlooked.

Beyond her professional and church life, Bobbye was a passionate dog enthusiast, often showcasing her dogs at various shows. She also had a deep love for horses and was a regular attendee at the Tennessee Walking Horse Shows.

Bobbye was preceded in death by her parents, Coy and Alene Tillett Womble; her husband, Charles Hodges; and a brother, Donald Gannon. She is survived by her sister, Geneva (Thomas) Smith of Shelbyville; her caregivers, Loyd and Emily Warren of Wartrace; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held in her honor at 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 21, at Victory Baptist Church with Rev. Loyd Warren officiating. Burial followed at Rosebank Cemetery.



Hulon Leavern Hall
1935 - 2023

Hulon Leavern Hall, 87, of Tullahoma, passed away on October 23, 2023, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, surrounded by his loving family. Born on December 3, 1935, in Franklin County, Hulon was a retired Sergeant for the Winchester Police Department, former President of the Fraternal Order of Police, and a veteran of the Tennessee National Guard. He was a devoted member of the Experience Community Church of Tullahoma, where he found joy in singing praises to the Lord.

Hulon was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Mary Alice Floyd Hall; his son, Brian (Kelly) Hall; stepsons, Michael (Becky) Simpson, Mark Simpson, Myles (Tearsa) Simpson; nine grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and his first wife, Charlotte Hall. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvie and Lola Hall.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 28, at Hillcrest Funeral Home. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation began at 12 p.m.



Daniel Allen "DuKake" Akins, Jr.
1983 - 2023

Mr. Daniel Allen Akins Jr., affectionately known as "DuKake," peacefully passed away on September 30, 2023. His life was celebrated with a public viewing on October 7, 2023, at Nelson & Sons Chapel Murfreesboro, followed by a family visitation and funeral service on October 8, 2023, at Silver Springs M.B. Church in Smyrna. His final resting place is Johnson Road Cemetery in Christiana.

Daniel was born on March 6, 1983, and was a beloved son, brother, and cousin. He was the heartbeat of his family, a source of joy and occasional headaches, and was loved by many. He was known for his ability to make new friends easily, including Mrs. Barbara Bass, Gentrice Jones, Kyion "KJ" Tucker, and his special friend "Beano", their family pet.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Richard and Henrietta Davis, Robert and Aline Akins, Uncles Clifton (Kathy) Akins, Anthony Akins, Michael Akins, Aunts Mary Cason and Marsha Naomi Wilson. He leaves behind his loving parents, Daniel and Bernice Akins, brothers Ashton K. Bass, Allen B. Daniels, and a host of uncles, aunts, and devoted cousins.

Daniel's life was a testament to the power of love, family, and friendship. His memory will continue to inspire and comfort those who knew and loved him.



Robert Washington Eley, Jr.
1943 - 2023

Robert Washington Eley, Jr., 80, of Shelbyville, passed away on October 10, 2023, at Vandy-Harton of Tullahoma. Born on June 6, 1943, in Shelbyville, to the late Robert Washington Eley and Roberta Tinnie McNece Eley, Robert was a beloved figure in his community and family. He was preceded in death by his son, Lester Eley.

Robert served the U.S. Army for 32 years as a retention officer before retiring. He was a man of many interests, including reading, talking, and traveling, but his greatest joy was the time spent with his family.

He is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Pat Eley, and their children, Robert Eley, III (Michelle), Benjamin Eley (Marie), Beverly Eley (Angela), and Misty Scott. He was a proud grandfather to Brandon & Justin Scott, Kayla Foreman (Sam), Michael Eley, Grant Kyle & Devon Eley, Allyson Bivvins, and great-grandson, Weston Foreman.

In accordance with his wishes, the family chose cremation and no public services were held. Doak-Howell Funeral Home served the family.



Jerry Aaron Haskins
1953 - 2023

Jerry Aaron Haskins, 70, of Bell Buckle, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 22, 2023, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, surrounded by his loving children. Born on January 21, 1953, in Bedford County, Mr. Haskins was a pillar of the Bell Buckle community, serving as Mayor and Alderman, and co-owner and wrecker driver at Haskins Auto Salvage.

He was a devoted husband to his late wife, Wanda Raye Haskins, with whom he shared 28 years of marriage marked by fierce and unmatched love. A dedicated father and grandfather, Jerry was known for his love of sports, coaching his children and spending his retirement years doting on his beloved donkeys.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents, Aaron and Duane Haskins, and his wife, Wanda. He is survived by his children, Justin (Erica) Haskins, Janna (Nathan) Casey, and Amanda Mcglumphy; and his grandchildren, Jack, Kylie, Liam, Abel, Sierra, and Gavin.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Friday, October 27, 2023, in the chapel of Doak and Howell Funeral home with Brother Jason Arnold officiating. Visitation was held from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, October 26, 2023, and from 10 a.m. until service time on Friday, October 27, 2023.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Bedford County Cancer Foundation.



Travis Lynwood Stacy
1997 - 2023

Travis Lynwood Stacy, a 26-year-old resident of Bell Buckle, passed away on October 7, 2023, at Vanderbilt-Bedford Hospital. Born on July 15, 1997, in Murfreesboro, Travis was the beloved son of Ronnie and Markeita "Sissy" Payne Stacy. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Larry Payne and Bruce & Margaret Stacy, and great grandparents, Paul & Mary Payne.

A proud graduate of Cascade High School class of 2016, Travis furthered his education by earning an associate's degree from TCAT. He served his country honorably in the U.S. Navy, concluding his military service in January of this year. Following his service, he joined the team at Wegmann Automotive US Inc.

Travis was an enthusiastic outdoorsman, with a passion for hunting and bass fishing. He also found great joy in riding his motorcycle. He is survived by his twin brother, William Roland Stacy of Bell Buckle, and grandparents, Barry & Mary Ann Hendrixson.

Funeral services were held at 12 p.m. on Thursday, October 12, 2023, in the Chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Jeff Collett officiating. Burial followed at Hazel Cemetery in Bell Buckle. Visitation was held from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11, and again prior to funeral services on Thursday, October 12, beginning at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to VSO (Voluntary Services Overseas) at www.vsointernational.org. Doak-Howell Funeral Home served the family.



Sara Jane Marable
1962 - 2023

Sara Jane Marable, a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt, passed away on October 1, 2023, at the age of 61. Born on January 8, 1962, to the late Ben and Sallie Marable, Sara was a lifelong resident of Murfreesboro.

Sara attended Riverdale High School and was known for her love of cooking, watching TV, and spending time on the patio. Above all, she cherished moments spent with her grandkids.

A service to celebrate Sara's life was held on October 14, 2023, at Nelson & Sons Chapel Murfreesboro, located at 448 East Burton Street. Family visitation began at 10 a.m., followed by the funeral service at 11 a.m. Sara was laid to rest at Lovvorn Cemetery, 987 River Barfield Road, Murfreesboro.

Sara is survived by her loving child, LaDerius Marable; grandchild, Andreas Marable (Miyah); sisters, Lois Marable and Shirley Marable; brothers, Tony Marable and Terry Marable; nephew, Ronald Batts (Jayvon); and a host of aunts and uncles. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.



Teddy Ray Reed, Sr.
1937 - 2023

Teddy Ray Reed, Sr., 86, of Birmingham, Alabama, formerly of Shelbyville, passed away on October 12, 2023, at Grandview Medical Center in Birmingham, following an extended illness. Funeral services were held at 12 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2023, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home, with burial following at Willow Mount Cemetery.

Visitation was held at 11 a.m. on the same day at the funeral home. Born on April 1, 1937, in Bedford County to the late Doak & Louise McAnally Reed, Teddy was a devoted family man who married his high school sweetheart, Joan Wells, on August 14, 1955.

A graduate of Shelbyville Central High School, class of 1956, Teddy furthered his education at Motlow State Community College before serving his country in the National Guard. He had a successful professional career at Tyson Foods and Cosby Hodges, before retiring from Doane Products. Teddy was a man of many passions, including cooking, fishing, and cheering on his UT Vols.

Teddy was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife, Joan Wells Reed; son, Terry Michael Reed; daughter, Karen Reed Tate; and brother, Ronnie Reed. He is survived by his son, Teddy Ray Reed, II and wife Dawn of Spring Hill; grandchildren, Elizabeth Patricia Reed, Madison Ruth Reed and Lance Reed Tate; brother, Phillip Reed of Maryville; and sister, Judy Reed Yoshikawa of CA.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association at www.heart.org. Doak-Howell Funeral Home served the family.



Vincent Roderick "Burt" Johnson
1962 - 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Mr. Vincent Roderick "Burt" Johnson, who left us on October 19, 2023. Born on September 14, 1962, Burt was a beloved figure in his community and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Public viewing for Burt was held on Friday, October 27, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Nelson & Sons Chapel Murfreesboro, located at 448 East Burton Street, Murfreesboro.

The following day, Saturday, October 28, family visitation began at 11 a.m., followed by the funeral service at 12 noon, also at Nelson & Sons Chapel Murfreesboro.

Burt was laid to rest at Johnson Road Cemetery in Christiana.

We extend our deepest condolences to Burt's family and friends during this difficult time. His memory will live on in the hearts of those who loved him.



Bernard "Bernie" Wayne Romoser
1957 - 2023

Bernard "Bernie" Wayne Romoser, a beloved figure known for his warm heart and kind spirit, passed away at the age of 66 on Saturday, October 14, 2023, in Wartrace. Born on February 4, 1957, in Terre Haute, IN, Bernie's life was marked by his unwavering dedication to his family and friends. The family chose cremation and a memorial service will be held in Indiana at a later date. Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family. For more information, please visit www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com.



Cynthia Darlene Arney
1955 - 2023

Cynthia Darlene McBride Arney, a beloved mother, grandmother, and sister, passed away at the age of 68 on her birthday, October 16, 2023. Born in Eufaula, Alabama, to the late Lelsie and Alice Thompson McBride, Cynthia was a dedicated bartender by trade.

Cynthia's funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Friday, October 20, 2023, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel, with burial following in Willow Mount Cemetery. The family received visitors from 11 a.m. until the service time at the funeral home.

Cynthia was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Arney, in 2017, and an infant child, Christopher Richards. She is survived by her children, James Richards of Tullahoma, and Bobbie Jones and her husband Justin of Cowan. She also leaves behind her grandchildren, Ashlee Cross and her husband Jake of Estill Springs, Quentin, Ariel, Zachery, Zoe, Justin, Jr., and Payton; great-grandchildren, Evan and Greyson; and sisters, Cathy Couser and Sandra McBride.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel assisted the family with the arrangements.

*"In the quiet of the sunset,
In the whispers of the breeze,
Remember me with fondness,
And find your heart at ease."*

*Though I've journeyed on from this world,
In your memories, I'll stay.
Embraced by love and cherished moments,
That will never fade away.*

*So, lift your hearts and dry your tears,
Celebrate the love we've known.
For in the garden of your heart,
I've found a forever home."*

Coy Tucker
1937 - 2023

Mr. Coy Tucker, a beloved resident of Shelbyville, passed away at the age of 86 on Monday, October 23, 2023, at the Waters of Shelbyville following a prolonged illness. He leaves behind a legacy of love, humor, and dedication to his family and community.



Coy is survived by his children: Belinda Tucker Palmer of Bowling Green, KY, Trena Tucker Cook of Shelbyville, and Brad (Bethany) Tucker of Shelbyville. He was a proud grandfather to Rachael and Clayton Palmer, Kendall (Makayla) Cook, Elijah Derryberry, Melissa Woods (Wilson) Kearcy, Blake (Tori) Woods, Maleah Woods, and Tyler Tucker. He also had the joy of knowing seven great-grandchildren.

Coy was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Tucker, his parents, Charlie Clay and Annie Lunette Tucker, and his siblings: Euleus Tucker, Jane Alene Tucker Hale, and Hubert Tucker.

A graduate of Shelbyville Central High School in 1955, Coy served in the U.S. Army as a drone crewman and audio-visual projectionist, stationed at Ft. Rucker, Alabama. After his military service, he dedicated over 30 years to Josten's, where he was a regular member of the company's softball team and an avid

bowler until the age of 80. In his retirement, Coy enjoyed woodworking, practical jokes, puzzle-solving, and traveling with his beloved wife, Betty.

Coy was a humble, quiet man who could charm anyone with his quick wit and humor. His family would like to acknowledge Terri Heriegal, Melissa Jolley, Teresa Raby, Linda Gay, and Gabriella Trejo for their loving care of Coy in his final years.

A funeral service was held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 28, 2023, in the chapel of Doak Howell Funeral Home, officiated by Reverend Ron Dewitt. A private family graveside followed at Clark Cemetery. Visitation was held prior to the funeral service, beginning at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Caregiver Relief Program of Bedford County.

Christopher James Jones-McClean
1997 - 2023

Christopher James Jones-McClean, a vibrant young man of 26, passed away on October 12, 2023. Born on July 15, 1997, in Murfreesboro, he was the beloved son of Kimberly Jones Thompson and Ehnrico McClean.



A funeral service was held in his honor at 12 p.m., October 19, 2023, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. The eulogy was delivered by Bishop Jimmy Tyson, followed by a burial at Willow Mount Cemetery. The family received visitors from 11 a.m. until the service time at the funeral home.

Christopher leaves behind his mother, Kimberly Jones Thompson, and her husband Antinio; his father, Ehnrico McClean; grandparents, Peggy and Robert McClean, Pam and Bruce Martin, James and Fran-

cine Jones, and Barbara J. Thompson; great grandparents, Abraham and Cladie Boykin. He also leaves his siblings, Jakori Boykin, Siaani McClean, Br'Yanna McClean, Myles Thompson, Brandon Thompson, and Kobe Thompson, and aunts, Nelvia Hunt, Shirley Thompson and Vivian Barclay.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel assisted the family with the arrangements.

Pat Marsh and Shane Reeves: school board guests

State officials discuss 3rd grade retention

By DAWN HANKINS

State Rep. Pat Marsh and State Sen. Shane Reeves were guests at last Thursday's regular Bedford County Board of Education meeting, where they announced to some of their constituents that the infamous third grade retention law has been studied and somewhat revised.

Last spring, the House passed a bill on 82-15 vote. Among the changes, the bill would take another benchmark test into account when considering retention, streamline the retention appeals process, and track summer school, tutoring, and retention data to allow the state to measure the policy's success.

Speaker Pro Tem Marsh said this demonstrates that when legislators, educators and parents work together for a common purpose, things work well.

During a visit from Marsh and Reeves last year, the school board was informed that 3rd graders were going to have to meet or exceed certain state expectations on TN Ready tests in reading or possibly be held back. Parents

hit social media and used any other venues to express their concerns.

Educators were also alarmed of the repercussions of such a law, based on comments during last year's board meeting. Some educators then estimated hundreds of local students could have been potentially held back, due to the 3rd grade retention law in its infancy.

Summer schools were held this year. Marsh said reports show that students have done well in proficiency this year.

Legislators have since leaned off a bit of the retention law, due to some of the parental and educational backlash. More Benchmark tests will factor into the equation. Students who score proficiency on TCAP and are in the 50 percentile for the additional Benchmark test will get to move on to 4th grade, as long as summer school and or tutoring is in place for that student.

Parents of children possibly facing retention in 3rd grade were allowed to appeal. One local parent said she appealed and the state accepted for her child to move on to fourth

grade--due to her child's overall grades being in the higher percentile, despite her reading difficulties last school year.

The parent told the Times-Gazette, off the record, "I feel the Tennessee retention law unfairly pigeonholes academics into one multiple choice test that can be affected by various factors in a student's life and omits previous academic progress and Benchmark scores, except as a last resort."

During his recent visit with the school board, Marsh also announced he will be running for re-election in 2024 in an effort to hold on to his long-held state seat as representative. Marsh and Reeves represent Bedford County.

Marsh's background in this City go way back. In 1973, Marsh moved to Shelbyville and joined Goggin Truck Line - a small company with six tractors and twelve trailers. He worked his way up and eventually bought the company. Goggin expanded to 500 tractors and 1,000 trailers while employing over 1,000 people. He sold the company and started a trucking com-

pany, Big G Express, with his brother Jack in 1995. Pat was elected in October of 2009 in a special election to represent the 62nd District. In 2021, he was selected by his fellow state House members to serve in the role of Speaker Pro Tempore for the 112th General. He also serves on the Health, State Government, Transportation, and Calendar and Rules Committees.

He and his wife, Mary, reside in Shelbyville and they have 2 married sons and several grandchildren.

During their visit, Reeves and Marsh also discussed the State of the State, providing fiscal year figures which the Tennessee State Legislature has used to its advantage by producing growth in the state, particularly in the areas of education.

Marsh discussed the new Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Shelbyville facility which has broken ground. In addition, he said the state is pumping billions of dollars into TCAT facilities across the state.

"We plan to improve 16 . . . replace 7," said Marsh.

Area Events

Shelbyville's Halloween Havoc
Saturday, Oct. 28, 1 to 3 p.m., and 7 to 9 p.m.
Event by Monster Truck Wars
Cooper Steel Arena, 720 Celebration Drive
For tickets, go to event.attendstar.com

Fall Festival
Tuesday, Oct. 31 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church Shelbyville
304 E. Depot Street
Free event. Inflatables, games

Trunk or Treats
Sunday, Oct. 29
2 p.m. Halls Mill Market
871 Halls Mill Road

Newton Nissan
Sunday, Oct. 29
3 to 5 p.m.
2801 Highway 231-North

Boys & Girls Club
Tuesday, Oct. 31
1055 Madison Street
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Boo & Brew Street Festival
Saturday, Oct. 28

4 to 8 p.m.
Chili dog contest, car show
Sponsored by Historic Uptown Shelbyville Design & Style Studio

Chamber of Commerce Event
Annual Holiday Mixer
Blue Ribbon Circle
5 to 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 21

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 - Meet or exceed monthly and quarterly sales targets.
 - Keep up-to-date with industry trends and competitive offerings.

- Qualifications:**
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- Key Responsibilities:**
- Plan and coordinate sports coverage, including local high school and community sports events.
 - Write, edit, and proofread sports articles, features, and columns.
 - Manage and mentor a team of sports reporters and correspondents.
 - Collaborate with photographers and videographers to enhance sports coverage.
 - Develop and maintain relationships with local sports organizations, coaches, and athletes.
 - Stay updated on sports trends and events to provide insightful commentary and analysis.
 - Participate in editorial meetings to brainstorm story ideas and coverage strategies.

- Qualifications:**
- Bachelor's degree in journalism, communications, or a related field.
 - Strong writing, editing, and proofreading skills.
 - Knowledge of local sports and the ability to connect with the community.
 - Leadership and team management experience.
 - Proficiency in digital media and social media platforms.
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Eat your fill of apple treats

Come October, everything is awash in orange including food. Pumpkin products are ubiquitous this time of year, and everything from muffins to cookies to coffees are given pumpkin-infused spins.

Although it may seem like there is no room on the menu for anything other than pumpkin right now, fans of another fall favorite can rest assured that apples will never fall out of favor on the dessert table. Apples come into season early in September but remain tasty staples all the way through the holiday entertaining season in December. That leaves plenty of opportunities to offer apple-based desserts.

Crisps are desserts that have streusel-like toppings, and are close cousins to cobblers, which feature more of a biscuit topping. The crunch of the streusel on this Apple Crisp from Danielle Walker's Eat What You Love (Ten Speed Press) is addictive. It replaces a traditional oats or flour-sugar mixture crisp into something those who are gluten-free can enjoy.



1/4 cup pure maple syrup
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
Whipped cream (dairy or non-dairy), optional

Preheat the oven to 350 F. In a large mixing bowl, mix together the cashew flour, coconut flour, arrowroot, maple sugar, coconut sugar, and salt. Mix the ghee into the flour mixture using a pastry blender or two knives, until the mixture has the texture of coarse sand. Add the shredded coconut, and use your hands to toss and squeeze the mixture until large, moist clumps form. Place the bowl in the freezer to chill while you prepare the filling.

Peel and core the apples, then cut them into large wedges. In a 2-quart baking dish, combine the ap-

ples with the orange zest, lemon zest, lemon juice, maple syrup, cinnamon, nutmeg, and allspice. Remove the topping from the freezer and scatter it over the apples. Place the baking dish on a baking sheet and bake for 1 hour, until the top is brown and the sauce is bubbling. Serve warm with whipped cream on top.

Apple Crisp
Serves 8 to 10

3/4 cup cashew flour
1/4 cup coconut flour
3 tablespoons arrowroot flour
1/4 cup maple sugar
1/4 cup coconut sugar
1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt
1/2 cup chilled ghee, or palm shortening
1/2 cup shredded unsweetened coconut
3 pounds baking apples
Finely grated zest of 1 orange
Finely grated zest of 1 lemon
1 teaspoon freshly squeezed lemon juice

The best pumpkins for pie

Beginning in early fall, pumpkins begin to arrive at farmer's markets, supermarkets, nurseries, and fall harvest festivals. Pumpkins are versatile in that they make colorful fall home decorations, but also can be utilized in all sorts of recipes. In fact, pumpkins are a type of winter squash.

While some people may be quick to think that the larger the pumpkin the better it is for baking up delicious treats, that's actually not the case. According to the gardening resource Gardener's Path, although most pumpkin cultivars are edible, the big pumpkins carved into jack-o-lanterns for Halloween tend to be pretty bland, watery and stringy. They've been hybridized to produce a large Halloween-friendly shape, not for flavor. Those traits are not ideal for a delicious pumpkin pie or pumpkin chocolate chip oatmeal cookies.

The best pumpkins for purees used in recipes are those that were specially cultivated for cooking. When shopping for pumpkins for your next recipe (if you're opting for fresh, rather than canned puree), select one of the following:
• Cinderella
• Baby Bear
• Early Sweet Sugar Pie



• Dickinson
• Jarrahdale
• Galeux d'Elaines
• Orange Smoothie
• Small Sugar, among others

Once you've selected your perfect cooking pumpkins, it's time to whip up a pumpkin pie. Enjoy this recipe, courtesy of McCormick, which can be served anytime from Halloween through Christmas.

Classic Pumpkin Pie Serves 8

Pastry for 9-inch pie crust
2 eggs, well beaten
1 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
2 teaspoons McCormick® Pumpkin Pie Spice
1 tablespoon flour
1 1/2 teaspoon salt
1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin (or equivalent in

fresh puree)
1 teaspoon McCormick® All Natural Pure Vanilla Extract
1 can (12 ounces) evaporated milk

Preheat oven to 425 F. Line 9-inch pie plate with pie crust.

Mix eggs, brown sugar, pumpkin pie spice, flour, and salt in medium bowl until smooth. Stir in pumpkin and vanilla. Gradually add evaporated milk, mixing well. Pour into pie crust.

Bake 15 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350 F. Bake 40 minutes longer or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

Serve warm or cold. Garnish with whipped cream and sprinkle with additional pumpkin pie spice, if desired. Store covered in refrigerator.

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The Shelbyville Times-Gazette is seeking a dependable and responsible Part-time Delivery Driver to distribute newspapers to newsstands in the Shelbyville area. This position is crucial in ensuring timely and accurate delivery of our newspaper to our readers.

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- Maintain accurate delivery records and report any issues.
- Ensure newspapers are delivered in a neat and organized manner.
- Follow safety protocols and traffic regulations.

Qualifications:

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The Lifesaving Importance of Breast Cancer Screenings

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, aimed at increasing public knowledge about the importance of early detection and timely breast cancer screenings. While great strides have been made in breast cancer treatment, early diagnosis remains critical in the fight against this disease. Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers in women, with about 1 in 8 women in the U.S. developing invasive breast cancer over the course of their lifetime. Through screening mammograms and clinical breast exams, breast cancer can often be detected at an early stage, when it is most treatable.



Experts recommend women start getting annual mammograms at age 40, as the risk of breast cancer begins to increase in the 40s. However, women with risk factors such as family history or high breast density may need to begin screenings earlier. The five-year survival rate for breast cancers caught early before spreading beyond the breast is 99 percent, compared to just 27 percent for late-stage breast cancers.

A screening mammogram can find cancers at this early stage, sometimes up to three years before they can be felt. Early detection saves lives.

In addition to mammograms, women should conduct monthly self-exams at home and have a clinical breast exam performed by their doctor each year. Any unusual lumps, swelling, skin irritation or nipple discharge should be reported

promptly to a physician. Women are encouraged to know their own breast tissue and notify their doctor of any changes.

Along with screenings, maintaining a healthy lifestyle can reduce breast cancer risk. Limiting alcohol, maintaining a healthy body weight, and exercising regularly all lower risk. Breast cancer awareness this month serves as an important reminder for

women to schedule their annual mammograms and take charge of their breast health. Screenings paired with vigilance and early reporting of symptoms provide the best chance of detecting breast cancer when treatment is most effective. Take control of your breast health and help save lives through the power of early detection.

Echoes of the Past: This Week in Tennessee's History

In the heart of the American South, steeped in the echoes of country music and the struggles of the Civil War, Tennessee holds a rich tapestry of history. This week in history, as the autumn leaves blaze in hues of red and gold, we delve into the stories and events that have left an indelible mark on the Volunteer State.

The Echoes of Battle: The Battle of Wauhatchie (October 26, 1863)

156 years ago, the rolling hills of Hamilton and Marion counties were alight not with the colors of fall, but with the fires of war. The Battle of Wauhatchie was a critical moment in the Chattanooga Campaign during the American Civil War, showcasing the strategic brilliance of the Union forces and marking a pivotal point in their fight for control over the vital railway hub of Chattanooga.

Under the cover of night, Confederate forces launched a surprise attack, attempting to sever the Union's supply lines. The intense fighting raged through the dark hours, but the Union soldiers, led by General John W. Geary, held their ground, securing a crucial victory. The Battle of Wauhatchie stands as a testament to the tenacity of the Union forces and a turning point in the fight for Tennessee.

The Reverberations of Revolution: The Battle of King's Mountain (October 27, 1780)

While this battle technically took place just over the border in South Carolina, its echoes were felt strongly in Tennessee. Many of the Overmountain Men, a militia made up of settlers from what is now Tennessee, played a significant role in this turning point of the American Revolutionary War.

The Patriots, using guerrilla tactics and fueled by a deep knowledge of the rugged terrain, decimated the Loyalist forces led by British Major Patrick Ferguson. This victory at King's Mountain reinvigorated the Patriot cause and is often credited with turning the tide of the war in the South. The Overmountain Men's bravery and skill have since become a proud part of Tennessee's storied history.

The King of Rock and Roll: Elvis Presley's "Jailhouse Rock" Premiere (October 25, 1957)

While Elvis Presley, the King of Rock and Roll, was born in Mississippi, he is inextricably linked to Tennessee through his long-time home at Graceland in Memphis. On October 25, 1957, his film "Jailhouse Rock" premiered, further cementing his status as a cultural icon.

The film, featuring Presley's electrifying performance and the unforgettable dance sequence to the titular song, showcased the unique blend of charisma and talent that made Elvis a global phenomenon. To this day, Elvis Presley's legacy continues to be a vital part of Tennessee's cultural heritage, drawing fans from around the world to the Volunteer State.

A Celebration of Barbecue: The Jack Daniel's World Championship Invitational Barbecue (Late October, Various Years)

Tennessee is synonymous with good music, great whiskey, and even better barbecue. The Jack Daniel's World Championship Invitational Barbecue, held annually in Lynchburg, is a testament to the state's culinary prowess.

Teams from across the globe gather to compete, showcasing their barbecue skills and vying for the coveted title of Grand Champion. The event is a celebration of community, craftsmanship, and, of course, mouthwatering barbecue, reflecting the spirit of hospitality and tradition that is at the heart of Tennessee.

Conclusion

From the battlefields of the Civil War to the foot-stomping rhythms of Elvis Presley, this week in Tennessee's history is rich with stories of bravery, innovation, and cultural significance. These events, woven into the fabric of the state, continue to resonate, painting a picture of a land marked by resilience, artistic brilliance, and a deep sense of community. As we explore these moments from the past, we uncover the threads of history that bind us, reminding us of Tennessee's enduring spirit and its significant role in shaping the nation.

Tennessee gas prices fall five cents

Marks fifth consecutive week of declining prices

Tennessee drivers experienced another week of falling gas prices as the average price per gallon dropped by five cents across the state. The current Tennessee gas price average is \$3.09, which is 29 cents cheaper than one month ago and 23 cents less than the price a year ago.

According to Megan Cooper, spokesperson for AAA - The Auto Club Group, this decline in prices is a result of the seasonal decrease in fuel demand, along with increased gasoline supplies and the switch to cheaper winter blend gasoline. Cooper also mentioned that if oil prices remain stable, there is a possibility of further price drops at the pump for drivers in the upcoming week.

Some quick facts about Tennessee gas prices include:

- 43% of gas stations in Tennessee have prices below \$3.00
- The lowest 10% of pump prices are \$2.81 for regular

unleaded

- The highest 10% of pump prices are \$3.55 for regular unleaded
- Tennessee is the 6th least expensive market in the nation

On a national level, the average price for a gallon of gas in the United States has also decreased. The national average currently stands at \$3.54, which is six cents lower than last week and 31 cents cheaper than a month ago. Drivers are saving approximately \$5 every time they fill up their tanks.

The Energy Information Administration (EIA) reported that gas demand increased from 8.58 to 8.94 million barrels per day (b/d) last week. However, total domestic gasoline stocks decreased by 2.4 million barrels to 223.3 million barrels. Despite the usual correlation between higher demand and higher prices, the flat oil prices have resulted in the opposite effect. If oil prices remain steady or decrease, drivers can expect further

price drops at the pump in the coming weeks.

The national average of \$3.54 is 25 cents less than the price a year ago and 31 cents cheaper than a month ago.

In terms of the oil market dynamics, the price of oil remained unchanged at \$86.66 at the close of Wednesday's trading session. Concerns about reduced oil output due to the Israel-Hamas conflict initially caused oil prices to rise, but those concerns have subsided as the conflict has not spread across the Middle East. Additionally, the EIA reported a decrease of 4.5 million barrels in total domestic commercial crude supply to 419.7 million barrels.

To find current gas prices along their route, drivers can use the AAA TripTik Travel planner.

Regional gas prices in Tennessee vary across different metro markets. The most expensive metro markets are Jackson (\$3.18), Morristown (\$3.18), and

Memphis (\$3.16), while the least expensive metro markets are Chattanooga (\$2.95), Cleveland (\$2.95), and Clarksville (\$2.96).

For more information about gas prices, including daily averages, visit AAA.com.

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Jaylen Wright to Test Kentucky's Defensive Line

As the football season progresses, fans are eagerly awaiting the face-off between Tennessee and Kentucky. Both teams have showcased impressive skills and strategies throughout the season, and this game is expected to be a nail-biter. Let's delve into the key players and aspects to watch out for.



Tennessee: Offensive Powerhouse

Tennessee's offense has been performing exceptionally well, thanks to their versatile quarterback, Joe Milton III. With a completion rate of 62.78% and 12 touchdowns under his belt, he has an average of 219.29 passing yards per game, making him a significant threat to Kentucky's defense. His connection with receiver Squirrel White, who has accumulated 416 yards and a touchdown, will be crucial for Tennessee's passing game.

The ground game for Tennessee is equally formidable, led by Jaylen Wright, who boasts an impressive average of 84.71 rushing yards per game. His ability to break through defenses, combined with Dylan Sampson's knack for finding the end zone (6 touchdowns), gives Tennessee a balanced and potent offensive attack.

Kentucky: A Balanced Threat

Kentucky's offense is not to be underestimated, with Ray Davis leading the rushing attack. Davis has tallied up 781 rushing yards at an outstanding average of 111.6 yards per game and 8 touchdowns, showcasing his ability to be a game-changer. The passing game, led by Devin Leary,

has also been consistent, with 1377 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Receiver Tayvion Robinson has been Leary's top target, gathering 338 yards and 3 touchdowns, while Dane Key and Barion Brown have also made significant contributions to the passing game.

Key Matchups and Things to Watch

Tennessee's Defensive Line vs Ray Davis: Davis has been a powerhouse for Kentucky, and how Tennessee's defensive line manages to contain him could very well decide the outcome of the game.

Joe Milton III's Performance:

Milton's ability to stay composed and make accurate throws will be vital, especially when connecting with key receivers like White and Ramel Keyton.

Kentucky's Secondary:

With Tennessee's strong passing game, Kentucky's secondary will need to be on high alert to prevent big plays down the field.

Red Zone Efficiency:

Both teams have showcased their ability to move the ball, but converting those drives into touchdowns when in the red zone will be crucial.

Vols Fall Short Against #11 Alabama

The University of Tennessee Volunteers came out of the gates strong but couldn't hold on as they faced a formidable #11 Alabama Crimson Tide last Saturday at Bryant-Denny Stadium. Despite an explosive start, the Vols fell short, with a final score of 20-34, marking their second conference loss of the season.

The Vols displayed an impressive offensive strategy in the first quarter, with quarterback Joe Milton III connecting with Squirrel White for a 39-yard touchdown pass, followed by two successful field goals by Charles Campbell, bringing the score to 13-0. The Vols

dominated the first quarter, showcasing their ability to control the game's tempo and maintain a lead.

However, the Crimson Tide, known for their resilience, started to chip away at the Vols' lead in the second quarter. Alabama's Jermaine Burton caught a 10-yard pass from Jalen Milroe for a touchdown, but the Vols answered back with a 6-yard touchdown pass to McCallan Castles, ending the first half with a 20-7 lead.

The momentum shifted in the third quarter as Alabama capitalized on the Vols' weaknesses. Isaiah Bond caught a 46-yard touchdown pass, followed

by a field goal and a 5-yard run by Jase McClellan, giving Alabama a 24-20 lead. The fourth quarter saw the Crimson Tide solidify their lead with a 50-yard field goal and a 24-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown by Jihaad Campbell.

The Vols' offense accumulated 404 total yards, with 133 rushing and 271 passing, but it was not enough to overcome the Crimson Tide's defense in the second half. The Vols' defense managed to sack Alabama's quarterback four times but struggled to contain their rushing game.

Looking ahead, the Vols have no time to dwell on this loss as they prepare to

face Kentucky on the road next week. The team will need to address their defensive struggles and find a way to maintain their offensive momentum for four quarters if they hope to bounce back and finish the season strong.

Coach Josh Heupel will undoubtedly use this loss as a learning experience, pushing his team to improve and showcase their resilience in the coming weeks. The Vols still have a chance to make a statement in the SEC, but they will need to dig deep and find a way to overcome the challenges that lie ahead.

Vol Notebook

Volunteers Seek Offensive Spark Against Wildcats

The Tennessee Volunteers will look to reignite their offense this Saturday when they travel to Lexington to take on the Kentucky Wildcats. While the Vols rank in the top half of the SEC in scoring and total offense, they managed just 20 points in their last game at Alabama. Quarterback Joe Milton III and a three-headed monster at running back led by Jaylen Wright will aim to exploit a Kentucky defense that has been vulnerable against the run at times this year.

If Tennessee can control the time of possession and shorten the game with its ground attack, it could walk out of Lexington with its third straight win over the Wildcats.

Stingy Defense Has Tennessee Aiming for Bowl Eligibility

With 5 wins already under their belt, the Tennessee Volunteers are on the verge of bowl eligibility as they head to Kentucky this weekend. The Vols' path to 6 wins can be attributed greatly to the play of their defense. Tennessee ranks top 5 in the SEC in scoring defense, total defense, and rushing defense, while forcing 10 turnovers. Vet-

erans like linebacker Aaron Beasley and defensive back Kamal Hadden have set the tone, putting Tennessee in position to clinch a bowl berth with a win over the Wildcats. If the defense can slow down a one-dimensional Kentucky offense, the Vols should pick up a key road victory.

Vols Look to Reverse Road Struggles at Kentucky

Road games have been the Achilles heel for Tennessee this season. The Volunteers are 4-0 at home but 0-2 away from Neyland Stadium, with losses at Florida and Alabama. They'll look to buck that trend when they visit Kentucky on Saturday. While Tennessee has won two straight over the Wildcats, they'll need their best road effort of the year to make it three in a row. Taking the crowd out of the game early with a fast start could be critical. The Vols have outscored opponents 65-26 in the first quarter this season. If quarterback Joe Milton III and the offense come out firing, Tennessee could finally snap its road woes in Lexington.

Defense Dominating in the Trenches

Tennessee's defense has been controlling the line of scrimmage this season,

ranking second in the SEC in both sacks and tackles for loss. Defensive end James Pearce Jr. leads the squad with 7.0 sacks, while linebacker Aaron Beasley paces the Vols with 8.5 tackles for loss. When Tennessee collapses the pocket and shuts down opponents' ground games, it translates to wins. The Vols are allowing just 109.9 rushing yards per game, fifth in the SEC. Continued domination up front would go a long way toward a victory over Kentucky.

Special Teams Excellence Could Be X-Factor

Tennessee's special teams unit has made game-changing plays this season, led by punt returner Dee Williams. His 39-yard punt return touchdown against Texas A&M proved to be the difference in a close win. On the year, Williams ranks third nationally with a 17.7 yard average per punt return. Kicker Charles Campbell has also been clutch, going 11 of 13 on field goals. Winning the special teams battle could swing things in Tennessee's favor against Kentucky in what projects to be a tight matchup.

Third Down Success Critical for Vols

Sustaining drives and

converting third downs has been a strength of Tennessee's high-powered offense. The Vols rank fifth in the SEC, converting 43 percent of their third down attempts. Quarterback Joe Milton has provided stability, while the running back trio of Jabari Small, Jaylen Wright and Dylan Sampson keeps the chains moving. Maintaining that third down efficiency will be vital against a stingy Kentucky defense allowing just 33 percent conversions. Winning on third down would allow Tennessee to control possession and tempo.

Heupel Seeks Rebound Performance After Loss

If history is any indicator, Tennessee head coach Josh Heupel will have his team ready to bounce back following last week's loss at Alabama. In his two seasons at Tennessee, Heupel's teams are 6-1 following a loss. His balanced offensive scheme and aggressive defensive approach have translated well to rebound performances. With bowl eligibility potentially on the line, expect Heupel to have the Vols focused on starting fast and dictating terms against Kentucky after the letdown against the Crimson Tide.

Team Stats (5-2, 2-2)

Statistic	TENNESSEE	Opponents
SCORING		
Points Per Game	31.57	19.43
Total	221	136
FIRST DOWNS		
Rushing	74	42
Passing	71	59
Penalty	5	16
Total	150	117
RUSHING		
Yards Gained	1650	1038
Yards Lost	129	269
Attempts	274	254
Average Per Attempt	5.6	3
Avg. Per Game	217.3	109.9
Touchdowns	13	8
Total	1521	769
PASSING		
Att-Comp-Int	228-142-4	221-144-7
Avg. Per Attempt	6.78	6.37
Avg. Per Game	220.86	201
Touchdowns	12	6
Total	1546	1407
TOTAL OFFENSE		
Total Plays	502	475
Avg. Per Play	6.1	4.6
Avg. Per Game	438.1	310.9
Total Yards	3067	2176
Touchdowns	27	15
RETURNS		
Kickoff: Average	18.63	21.25
Kickoff: Total	8-149	Apr-85
Punt: Average	17.73	-0.67
Punt: Total	11-195	3-2
INT: Average	11.71	17.75
INT: Total	Jul-82	Apr-71
KICKING		
Punt: Avg. Yards Per Game	43.79	40.3
Punt: Net Average	41.79	34.49
Punt: Total Yards	29-1270	37-1491
FG: Good-Attempts	13-Nov	14-Nov

Individual Rushing Statistics										
#	Player	GP	ATT	Gain	Loss	Net	AVG	TD	Long	AVG/G
54	<u>Mincey, Gerald</u>	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
53	<u>Crawford, Jeremiah</u>	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	<u>Seldon, Cameron</u>	7	3	5	0	5	1.7	0	2	0.71
20	<u>Keith, Khalifa</u>	6	4	10	1	9	2.3	0	6	1.5
15	<u>McCoy, Bru</u>	5	1	2	0	2	2	0	2	0.4
10	<u>White, Squirrel</u>	7	1	5	0	5	5	0	5	0.71
8	<u>Iamaleava, Nico</u>	2	2	8	4	4	2	0	8	2
7	<u>Milton III, Joe</u>	7	47	319	87	232	4.9	4	81	33.14
6	<u>Sampson, Dylan</u>	6	49	306	5	301	6.1	6	44	50.17
2	<u>Small, Jabari</u>	7	73	385	2	383	5.2	2	40	54.71
0	<u>Wright, Jaylen</u>	7	91	610	17	593	6.5	1	42	84.71
	Team	7	3	0	13	-13	-4.3	0	0	-1.86
	Total	7	274	1650	129	1521	5.6	13	81	217.29
	Opponents	7	254	1038	269	769	3	8	75	109.86

Individual Passing Statistics											
#	Player	GP	Rating	COMP	ATT	INT	%	YDS	TD	Long	AVG/G
7	<u>Milton III, Joe</u>	7	134.77	140	223	4	62.78%	1535	12	55	219.29
8	<u>Iamaleava, Nico</u>	2	58.48	2	5	0	40.00%	11	0	6	5.5
	Total	7	133.1	142	228	4	62.28%	1546	12	55	220.86
	Opponents	7	121.26	144	221	7	65.16%	1407	6	52	201

Individual Receiving Statistics								
#	Player	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	Long	AVG/G
10	<u>White, Squirrel</u>	7	39	416	10.67	1	50	59.43
9	<u>Keyton, Ramel</u>	7	19	301	15.84	3	48	43
15	<u>McCoy, Bru</u>	5	17	217	12.76	1	55	43.4
34	<u>Castles, McCallan</u>	7	11	136	12.36	2	43	19.43
0	<u>Wright, Jaylen</u>	7	17	102	6	0	20	14.57

Punt							
Individual Punting Statistics							
#	Player	NO	YDS	AVG	Long	TB	FC
98	<u>Ross, Jacks</u>	29	1270	43.79	71	3	11
	Total	29	1270	43.79	71	3	11
	Opponents	37	1491	40.3	62	1	9

Field Goals							
Individual Field Goals Statistics							
#	Player	FGM-FGA	%	120	20-29	30-39	40-49
19	<u>Campbell,</u>	13-Nov	84.62%	0-0	7-Jul	3-Mar	1-Jan
	Total	13-Nov	84.62%	0-0	7-Jul	3-Mar	1-Jan
	Opponents	14-Nov	78.57%	0-0	3-Feb	3-Mar	6-May

Webb School Arts & Craft Fair: Another success

Staff Report

It seems despite folks having some cell phone issues, it was another great success for the Webb School Arts and Crafts Fair, which was held last weekend in Bell Buckle.

One social media post on the official Bell Buckle Craft Fair page stated, "We enjoyed it. It has become one of our fall traditions. Love it when you run into some of your friends that go too!"

Another post stated, "My first time here visiting with family from Liverpool England. Loved it!"

A new vendor—one of about 700-- said on social media, "This was our first time as a vendor. We will definitely be back."

The craft fair, always the third Saturday in October, has been a part of the Town of Bell Buckle for most of the residents' lives. Julie Smith is one who has been deeply involved her entire life.

Smith's parents have had vendors set up in their Bell Buckle yard since she was a baby. She said today, on the heels of the annual event, some of those vendors were still set up this weekend.

"I have been setting up in my family home yard since 2011, with my boutique called Junebugs & Bumble-Bees," says Smith.

She said the boutique was named from her childhood nickname "Junebug." She also likes bees. So, the name stuck.

Smith's business is located downtown Bell Buckle at Southern Charm all year round as well. But her Craft fair business really all started when she was a little kid and her mom, Cindy, who she considers the "best cook in the world" made homemade biscuits and gravy, sausage and bacon biscuits and hot chocolate.

"I went and sold it outside of our home to all the vendors around our home," she recalls. "My brother John Robert also sets up in our family yard so it's definitely a family tradition for us. But none of this would ever be possible without the gracious help of my family, friends, wonderful customers, and my boyfriend Daniel."

Most taking to social media said they can't wait until next year. For many, there are a lot of happy memories, which includes everything to getting their "favorite corndogs" to "coping a squat" under one of the great trees in Bell Buckle.

