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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.



## LITTLE PUMPKIN

Little Gray Graves seems to be ready for her first Halloween. What a pumpkin!

## New public library director selected

For Margaret Petty, Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library is like her "second home."

After 3 plus years as assistant SBCPL assistant director, Petty was recently promoted by SBCPL library board to director. "I am humbled and honored to be offered the chance to lead the staff that I've worked with for so many years and to be entrusted with taking our library into the future!

Petty began volunteering at the Argie Cooper Public Library in the fall of 1995. After a short period of volunteer work, she began working part-time at the library in October of the same year. In July 1996, a full-time position as a library clerk became available and without hesitation, she says she began her career in a job that she loves.



Photo by EllieKay Photography

MARGARET PETTY, SBCPL DIRECTOR

## Shelbyville City Council close to hiring economic leader

BY DAWN HANKINS

Shelbyville City Council may be hiring its own economic director soon. Discussions from Monday's study session suggest the ideal candidate was likely seated at the head table—current city manager Scott Collins.

Collins, hired by the City of Shelbyville in 2022, is soon to have all the credentials he will need, Council has stated.

He told Council last night that he's so busy with administrative duties at City Hall, he hasn't had time to develop some really good ideas he's collected from Council in the way of economic development.

Having just completed his first year in office, he had nothing but praise for those working in City administration. But, he said when it comes to answering questions from the general public, they generally want to talk to the city manager.

Council discussed Monday night that it might be beneficial to get Collins some administrative help, so that he can concentrate on economic strategies, etc. Council placed a motion on next Thursday's regular business meeting agenda to potentially hire an assistant city manager.

Job descriptions and salaries are not yet determined. But, Council strongly suggested it may move Collins into more economic duties within his realm as city manager.

At the outset, Council members seemed to have a hard time discussing, as a group, the best way to move forward. Some discussions eventually entertained the thought of potentially hiring an outside consultant.

Councilman Bobby Turnbow said he believes Collins is the best choice for the economic director job, rather than some outside firm. "We've got too much experience sitting right here. To me, it just makes sense." Turnbow praised Collins' connections at the state level and said this is beneficial to the City.

It was also discussed that



CITY MANAGER SCOTT COLLINS

there might be a lot of expense related to hiring an outside consultant, that is, a non employee of the City. Councilman Henry Feldhaus discussed some of the potential needs of a consultant.

After 40 minutes and a recommendation from Councilman Turnbow, Council moved to place on next Thursday night's regular meeting agenda a motion to potentially hire an assistant city manager. Collins said he is primed to take on the economic duties at City Hall.

Councilperson Marilyn Ewing said she wanted to make clear that Collins would still be fulfilling his obligations as city manager, though he may be assuming economic duties.

Collins said he takes his job as city manager serious. He said he was looking forward to developing ideas—the visions—shared at meetings by Council.

The City is now looking to economic advisement since it recently pulled away from any partnership with the local economic partnership. The City decided not to fund its portion of \$100,000.

Council recently stated that many economic decisions involving City property have been made by members of the economic group without Council approval.



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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 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 current 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*

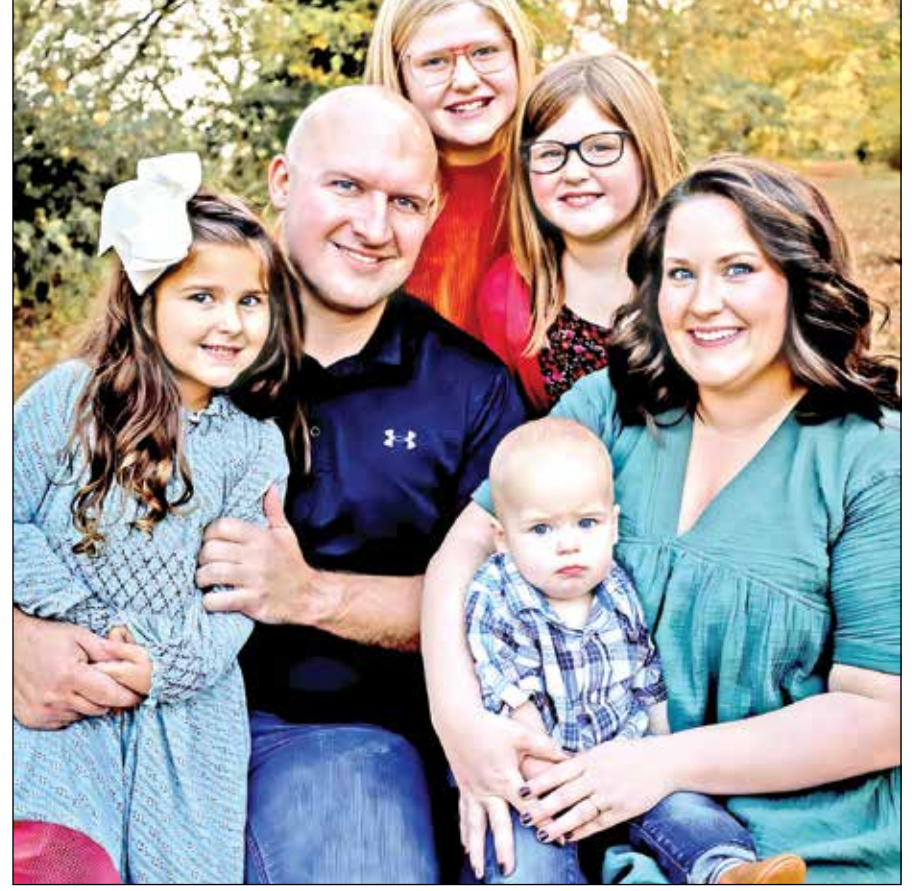
*The Shelbyville Times-Gazette* is proud to announce a new chapter in its storied history with the introduction of Daniel Richardson as its visionary leader, ushering in a new era of commitment, passion, and excellence in community journalism.

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 extends beyond



**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.

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.

## Talking with City Mayor Randy Carroll

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 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 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 out, 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 development.

### 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.

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

### Open Position: Office Manager

#### Job Description:

*The Shelbyville Times-Gazette* is seeking an organized and detail-oriented Office Manager to oversee daily administrative operations. As the Office Manager, you will play a critical role in maintaining office efficiency, managing office supplies, and providing support to staff members.

#### Key Responsibilities:

- Manage office logistics, including mail, phone calls, and office supplies.
- Handle scheduling, appointments, and meetings for the editorial and sales teams.
- Assist in budget management and financial recordkeeping.
- Coordinate with vendors and service providers.
- Help with human resources tasks such as onboarding and payroll.
- Maintain a clean and organized office environment.
- Support the publisher and editor with administrative tasks as needed.

#### Qualifications:

- High school diploma or equivalent; associate or bachelor's degree is a plus.
- Previous office management or administrative experience preferred.
- Strong organizational and multitasking skills.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office and basic computer skills.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.

#### To apply:

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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.

THE ISSUE

With County Commissioner John Boutwell Is low per-pupil spending a concern?

DAWN HANKINS

Bedford County Commissioner John Boutwell began researching Bedford County's per pupil spending numbers several years ago, when he was serving on Bedford County School Board. Sadly, he said the numbers haven't changed for the better.

Having been elected to Bedford County Commission last year, he's also given a presentation for the county as well.

He cites his latest research from a Bill Frist SCORE meeting. He had been trying to get some data from the state, he said. At that meeting, he had a discussion with education officials who showed him "a little secret" to finding out how much this county spends tax dollars on each student.

Actually, the information is not a "secret" it is actually public record on the State of Tennessee Department of Education website. Boutwell demonstrates how hidden the information is within that website. But finally, after several, several clicks, within the E-Plan, he searches organizations and then, surprise, there's Bedford County's funding and application page.

"You really have to drill down, because it is really dramatic."

He goes to 2023 state funding entries and then the maintenance and efforts test. "And there we are," he said, "fiscal year for last year."

He pulls up the total Bedford County budget for education which was just over \$13 million. This is for fiscal year last year.

"But then, they had this local match adjustment, which I had never seen before," said Boutwell. "I kept looking . . . found an explanation for what it is."

Debt service for Bedford County Schools was \$4,698,000. "They take the local match adjustment . . . revised local revenue which was \$18 million and required local match of \$14 million. Why that looks just wonderful!"

Boutwell said here is where Bedford Countians need to think hard. "This is for the 141 general purpose school account. And that is where teacher salaries are . . . day-to-day operation of the schools, where the actual learning takes place. The debt service is for the building of the buildings."

That means it has nothing to do with teachers, books or students.

"I looked around. I hate to admit it, but I'm a nerd. There are 142 school districts. I went through every sheet, for every school



Boutwell

district in the state, for last year. I found there were only three districts that had a local match adjustment."

Boutwell said those counties were Bedford County, DeKalb County and Fayette County. "Nobody else had a local match adjustment."

He said Bedford County didn't meet the per pupil spending requirements and the state put in a bridge to meet those requirements. Nothing wrong with that. But, Bedford County was only one of three, again, out of 142 school districts, that had to have that debt service adjustment.

That's an accounting procedure to demonstrate that the county is spending enough to "meet minimum

Part 1 of 2 on per pupil spending

requirements." Boutwell said the debt service money is still there. It won't be used for 141, or teachers. It's just a number to help credit the county to save face over not meeting the state's minimum requirements.

It's like a teacher giving a struggling student extra credit on an assignment just to boost their grade and prevent them from failing the class.

The new 2024 state education budgets, he said, are just now being uploaded to the state website. But he does have Bedford County's information available.

Local revenue was just over \$13 million. The county is right back in the same situation. But DeKalb County has since moved out of the three not meeting requirements. Now it is just Bedford County and Fayette County (close to Shelby) not meeting the minimum requirements for per-pupil spending.

Boutwell focuses primarily on South Central District when doing most per pupil comparisons. Bedford County is currently spending per pupil \$1,484 and Wayne County, by comparison, is spending \$1,701 per pupil. Having served on school board, Boutwell said just \$300 can make a big difference in pupil spending.

PENCIL SHAVINGS

Jerry Haskins will be missed

Last week, Jerry Haskins of Bell Buckle passed away. Some public officials make big statements. Jerry just wanted to do what was right for his community.

In addition to being a coach for kids, he served many years as an alderman and then as mayor of Bell Buckle.

Was he always popular, no. But still, many people never step out into their communities

and serve. Jerry did.

It is easy to judge. People are not perfect. Still, obedience should be honored.

In addition to his family's business, he worked with BB Mayor and Alderman to make the town even better. He was a local boy who just wanted to serve. And he did that.

I remember when as a young cub reporter with the Times-Gazette he took me under his wing

and helped explain a lot of the town business. I really appreciated that.

Civil rights and women's activist Dorothy Height once said, "Without community service, we would not have a strong quality of life. It's important to the person who serves as well as the recipient."

The Haskins family requests donations in Jerry's memory be made to Bedford County Cancer Foundation



Dawn Hankins

(Bedfordcountycancerfoundation.org.)

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 Supernova 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 shock-

ing 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.



SEN. BLACKBURN

We cannot allow antisemitism 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.

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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](http://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 Tillet 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 McNeece 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](http://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](http://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](http://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: Eules 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-McClearn**  
1997 - 2023

Christopher James Jones-McClearn, 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 McClearn.



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 McClearn; grandparents, Peggy and Robert McClearn, 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 McClearn, Br'Yanna McClearn, 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.



**Leslie Ann Henderson**  
1969-2023

Leslie Ann Henderson, age 54, of Bell Buckle passed from this life Friday, October 27, 2023, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

There will be a Gathering of Family and Friends on Saturday, November 4, 2023, from 3-5 P.M. at Doak-Howell Funeral Home. Leslie's remains will be cremated.

Leslie was born on June 13, 1969, in Memphis, TN to parents Fred Thomas Matthews and Norma Gail Hatchett Floyd.

She was a graduate of SCHS class of 1987 and worked with Franke Corporation in Smyrna, TN for the past 14 years.

Along with her parents she is survived by: children, Kenny Lee Smith of Shelbyville, Brandon Michael Smith of Shelbyville and Faith Leann Smith of Bell Buckle; grandchildren, Leigha, Andrea and Jake; and sister, Brandy Renee Matthews of Shelbyville.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association @ www.heart.org.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.



**Betty Jean Cook**  
1931-2023

Funeral services for Betty Jean Thomas Cook, age 92 of Shelbyville, will be held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 31, 2023, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Rosson officiating. Burial will follow at Willow Mount Cemetery.

Visitation will be held prior to funeral services beginning 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, at the funeral home.

Mrs. Cook was a native of Bedford County, born September 24, 1931, she was the daughter of the late Jimmie Lee Potts and Mary Ethel Parsons Potts. Including her parents, she was preceded in death by her 1st husband, Aaron Ward Thomas; 2nd husband, Harold Cook; and daughter, Teri Thomas Schuman.

Betty had worked for many years with the Shelbyville Times Gazette and Tullahoma News. Later she would work with Mary's Flowers and finished her working career with Flowers for Keeps. She was a member of Eastview Baptist Church.

She is survived by: son, Mark Thomas and wife Donna of Shelbyville; daughter, Kathy Gannon and husband Tim of Woodbury; grandchildren, Tera Davis and husband Ricky, Ashley Johnson and husband Jacob, Eric Hayworth and wife Abby, Tyler Thomas, and Carly Gannon; along with five great grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association @ www.alz.org. Doak-Howell Funeral Home will be serving the family.



**Mary Lou Holden**  
1933-2023

Mary Lou Holden 90 of Wartrace died October 29, 2023.

Funeral Services will be held 12:00 p.m. Thursday, November 2nd, at Hillcrest Funeral Home Jeff Collet officiating. Burial will follow at Miller Cemetery in Christiana. Visitation will begin at 10:00 A.M.

She was born May 3, 1933 in Bedford County.

She lived most of her life in Christiana Community. She retired from General Electric in Murfreesboro and was a member of the Church of Christ. Mary enjoyed working with her flowers and in the yard.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hubert and Annie Lou Faulk Jacobs; grandson, Chris Douglas; brothers, Hubert Gordon Jacobs and Billy Jacobs; sister, Catherine Woods.

Mary is survived by her children, Deborah (Mike) Trotter,

Dennis (Bonnie) Holden, Dale (Tammy) Brady; grandchildren, Kelli (Michael) Overstreet, Robyn (Shannon) Pulley, Christi (Josh) Nichols, Clint (Hope) Holden, Mark (Priscilla) Douglas; fourteen great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren and two sisters, Martha and Jean Jacobs.

**James Henry Reed Jr.**  
1959-2023

James Henry Reed Jr. 64 of Shelbyville died October 28, 2023.

Funeral Services will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 1st, at Hillcrest Funeral Home Rev. Carroll Crosslin officiating.

Visitation will begin at 5:00 p.m. Per his request he will be cremated.

He was born January 26, 1959 in Bedford County; retired employee of Jensen's Inc. and a member of Abundant Life Church of Shelbyville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Henry Reed Sr. and Ola Beatrice Carter Reed; two daughters, April Michelle Reed and Misty Ann Reed.

James is survived by his wife of 36 years, Patricia Lynn Pollock Reed; his children, Samantha (Coty) Hittson, Martin Travis (Kendra)

Reed; a brother, Charles Herman Reed Sr.; three grandchildren, Kale Hittson, Ellie Hittson and Olivia Reed.

**Charles George Little**  
1948-2023

Charles George Little 75 of Shelbyville died October 25, 2023.

He was born January 23, 1948 in Baltimore, Maryland; retired employee of General Motors-Michigan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Riley Little Jr. and Crennia Bentley Little.

Charles is survived by his children, Dion Patrick (Sandra) Little of Auburn Hills, Michigan, Destany Ann (Erin) Pitman of Redford, Michigan; grandchildren, London and Griffin; his ex-wife, Carol Heidler Little and several dear and loving friends.

Per his request he will be cremated. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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- Participate in editorial meetings to brainstorm story ideas and coverage strategies.

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- 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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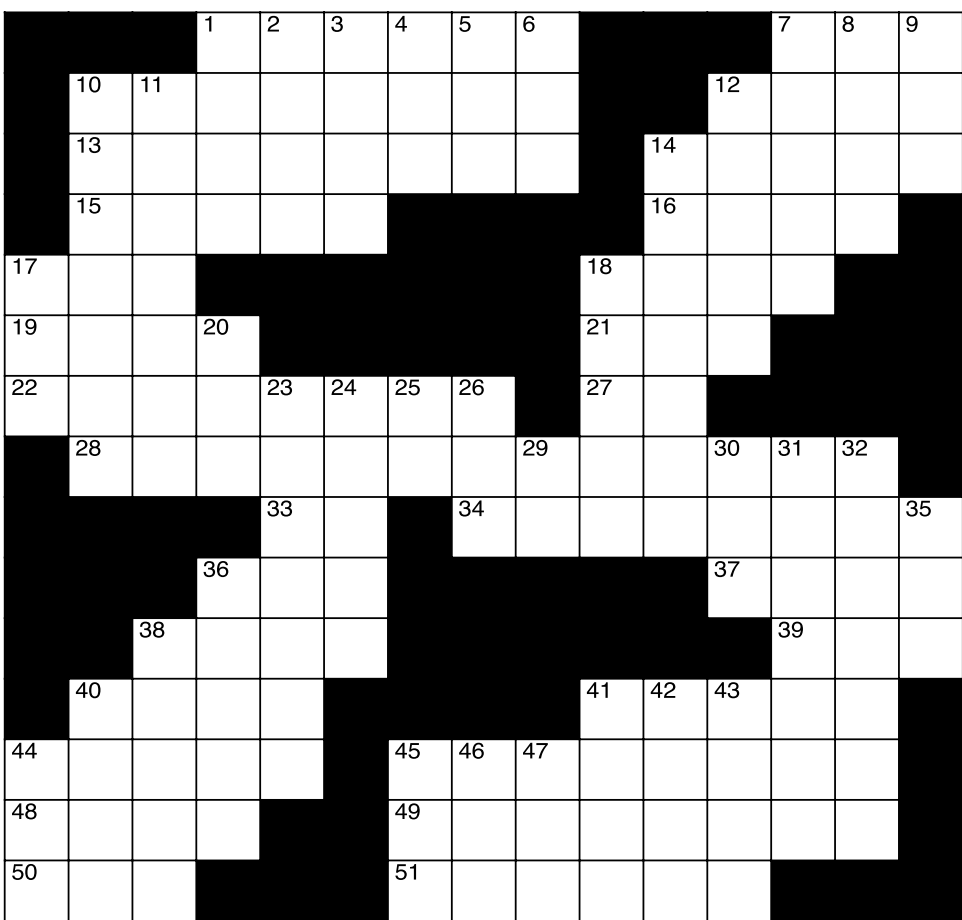
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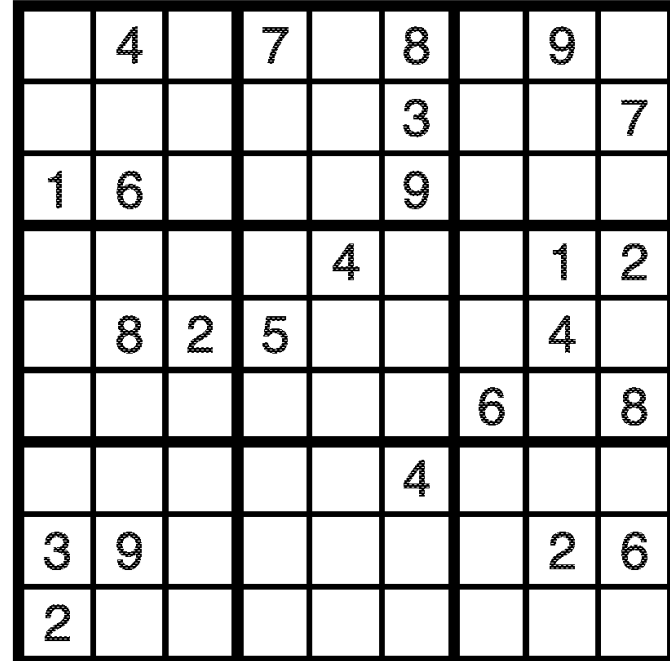
**CLUES ACROSS**

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| 1. Type of crayon               | 33. Sodium                          |
| 7. Fashion accessory            | 34. Embarrassing                    |
| 10. Most cerebral               | 36. Medical man                     |
| 12. Incline from vertical       | 37. Mother of Hermes                |
| 13. Dependent on                | 38. One who saves the day           |
| 14. Broken in                   | 39. Tooth caregiver                 |
| 15. Strongly desires            | 40. Not clothed                     |
| 16. Mounted soldier             | 41. Slope covered with loose stones |
| 17. Ad __: when necessary       | 44. Used to cook                    |
| 18. Cattle                      | 45. Praises enthusiastically        |
| 19. Ottoman military commanders | 48. Rooney is a famous one          |
| 21. __ student, learns healing  | 49. Beekeeper                       |
| 22. Composed in poetic meter    | 50. Pigpen                          |
| 27. Promotional material        | 51. Potato chip brand               |
| 28. Where people live           |                                     |

**CLUES DOWN**

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Living quarters                   | 24. Lowland South American plain  |
| 2. Horizontal passage                | 25. Blood group                   |
| 3. Attacks                           | 26. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano    |
| 4. Vietnamese offensive              | 29. Atomic #37                    |
| 5. Midway between east and southeast | 30. Unit of electrical resistance |
| 6. Confined (abbr.)                  | 31. Jeweled crowns                |
| 7. Book of Esther antagonist         | 32. Nastiest                      |
| 8. Port in Yemen                     | 35. Traditional cars need it      |
| 9. CNN's founder                     | 36. Bowler hat                    |
| 10. Type of bulb                     | 38. Robust                        |
| 11. Prepare                          | 40. Not straight                  |
| 12. Promoted                         | 41. Stony waste matter            |
| 14. Dinner jackets                   | 42. Have an interest in           |
| 17. Partner to cheese                | 43. Jacob __, journalist          |
| 18. Nebraska city                    | 44. Maintains possession of       |
| 20. Human gene                       | 45. Swiss river                   |
| 23. Pays no attention to             | 46. Average cost of market goods  |
|                                      | 47. Spanish soldier: El __        |

**SUDOKU**



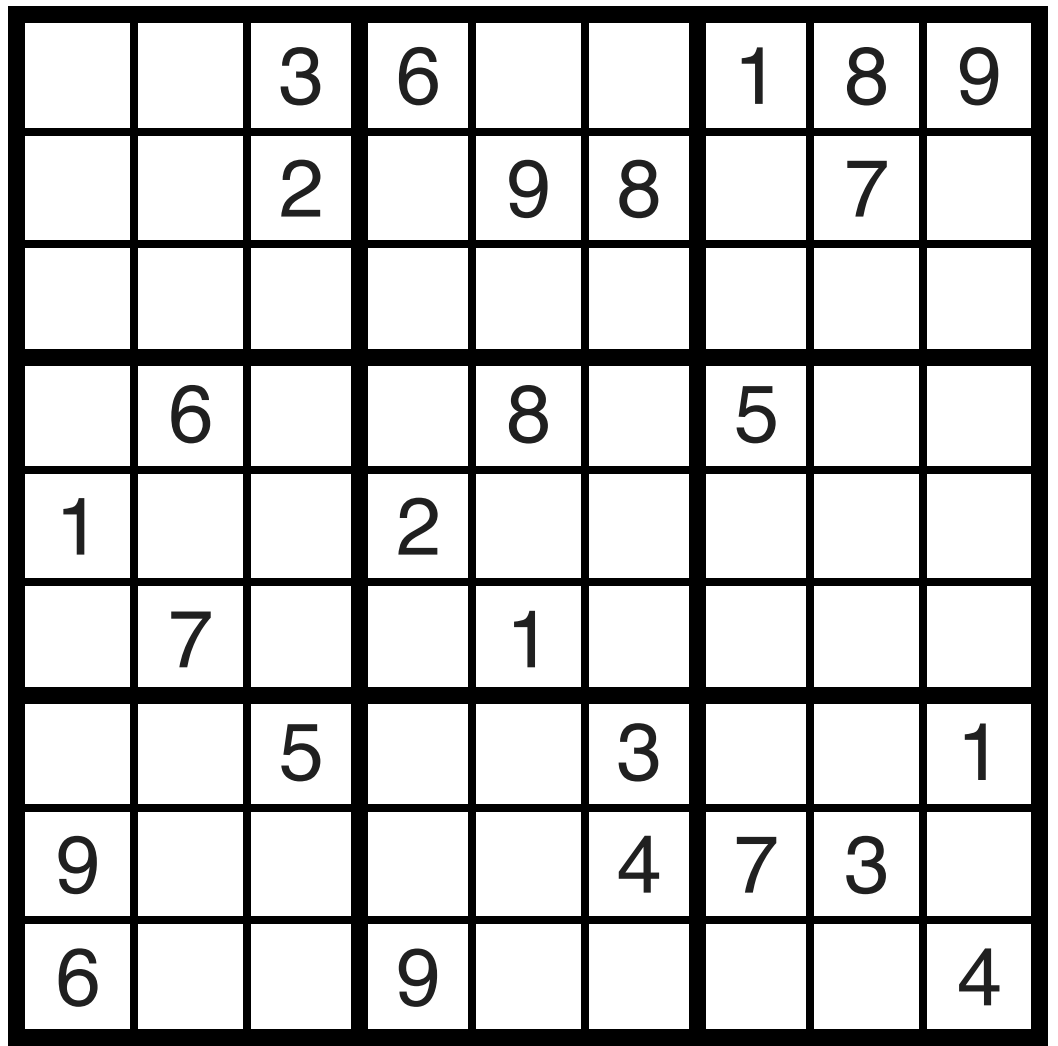
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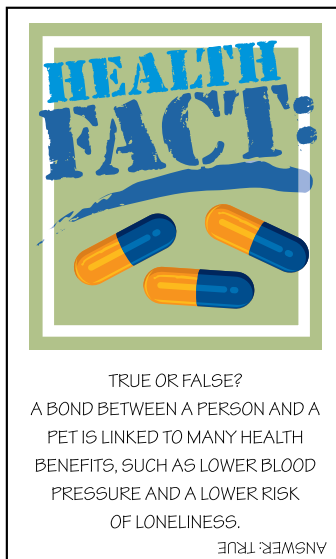
Level: Advanced



Solve the code to discover words related to dental hygiene. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 17 = T)

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| <b>A.</b> | <b>10 12 13 18 6 19 3</b>       |
|           | Clue: Dental technique          |
| <b>B.</b> | <b>17 13 8 17 13 8</b>          |
|           | Clue: Hard, calcified deposits  |
| <b>C.</b> | <b>17 9 19 3 11 1</b>           |
|           | Clue: Part of the mouth         |
| <b>D.</b> | <b>17 9 9 17 7 23 8 11 10 7</b> |
|           | Clue: Cleaning device           |

Answers: A. scaling B. tartar C. tongue D. toothbrush



**Math Blocks**

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-10. The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

10		4	16
	6		16
0		2	5
19	11	7	

**Get Scrambled**

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

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**THIS DAY IN...**

**HISTORY**

- 1636: THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY COLONY VOTES TO ESTABLISH A THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, WHICH WOULD LATER BECOME HARVARD UNIVERSITY.
- 1726: "GULLIVER'S TRAVELS" BY JONATHAN SWIFT IS PUBLISHED.
- 1971: PROSPERO BECOMES THE ONLY BRITISH SATELLITE TO BE LAUNCHED BY A BRITISH ROCKET.

**New Word**

**SNOUT**

the projecting nose and mouth of an animal

*How they say that in...*

**ENGLISH:** Tail  
**SPANISH:** Rabo  
**ITALIAN:** Coda  
**FRENCH:** Queue  
**GERMAN:** Schwanz

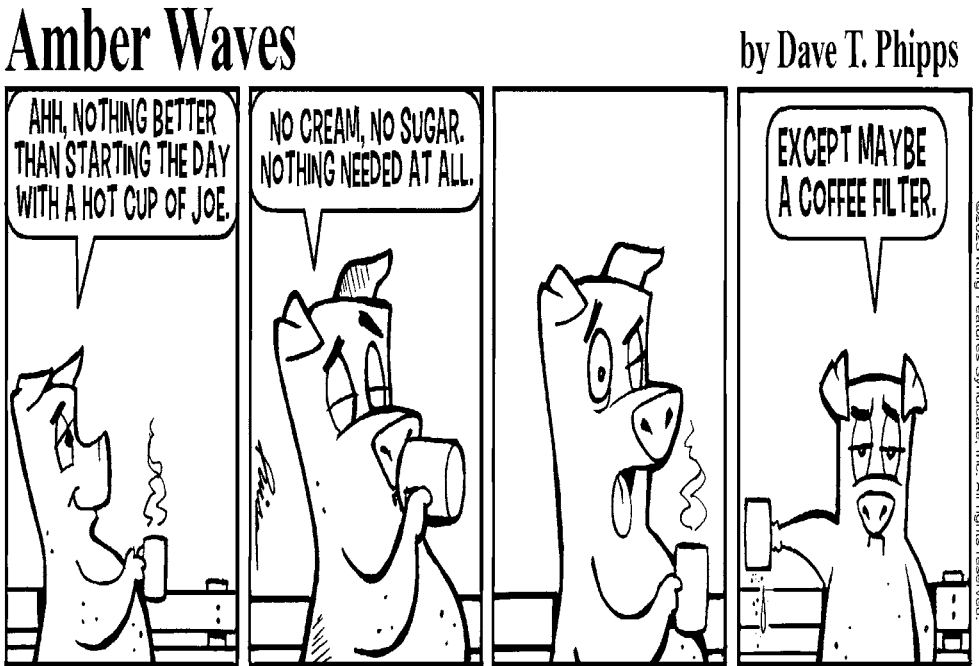
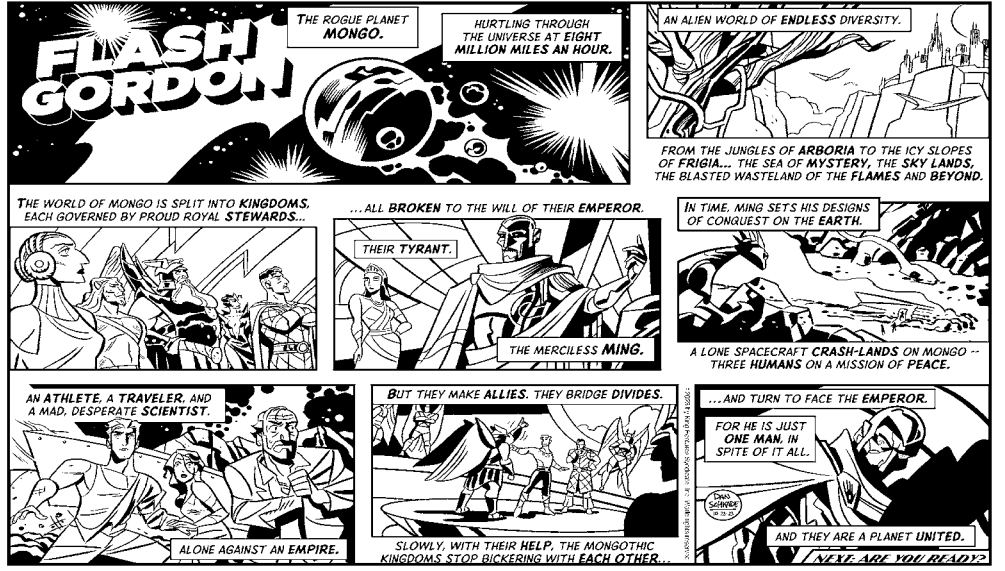
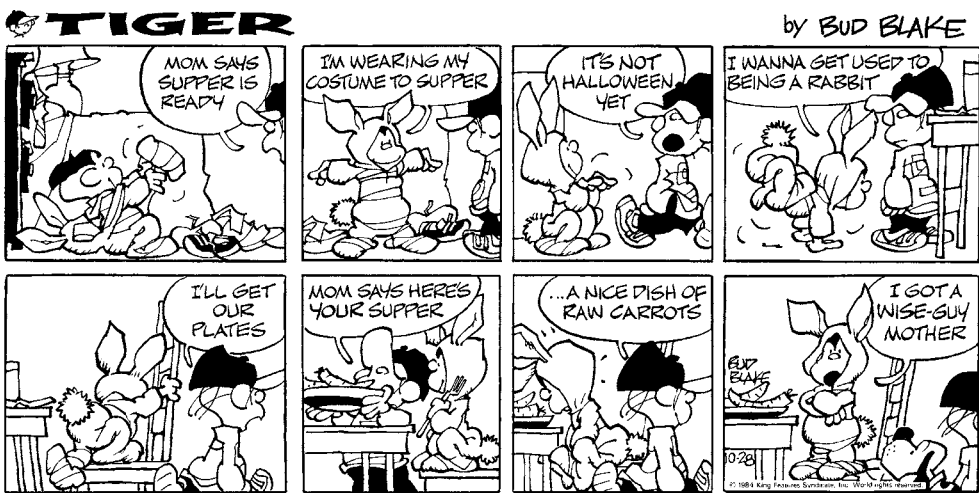
**Did You Know?**

RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP REQUIRES KEEPING DOGS ON LEASHES FOR THEIR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHER PEOPLE AND PETS.

**GET THE PICTURE?**

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: DOG'S SNOUT



### Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Agriculturalist	___ A ___	Previous	___ O ___
2. Bring to a halt	___ A ___	Out of funds	___ O ___
3. Bush	___ B ___	Shoulder movement	___ G ___
4. Purify	R ___	Explain the meaning of	D ___
5. Tiny measurement	___ I ___	Fruity party beverage	___ U ___
6. More sizeable	___ G ___	Pantry	___ D ___
7. Rome's river	___ R ___	Himalayan country	___ T ___
8. Hostage holder	___ P ___	Twin of Pollux	___ S ___
9. Huck's creator	___ W ___	Railroad machine	___ R ___
10. Go all-out	___ V ___	Bowling score	___ K ___

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### King Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Lass  
4 Choose  
8 Beans  
12 Historic time  
13 Actor's quest  
14 Theater award  
15 Contingency funds  
17 Goddess of victory  
18 Orange veggies  
19 Pursuing  
20 Cellist Casals  
22 Innocent one  
24 New York canal  
25 Misfortune  
29 Balloon filler  
30 Pal  
31 Big D.C. lobby  
32 Melancholy melodies  
34 Alike (Fr.)  
35 Aftermath  
36 Condition  
37 Of the Arctic  
40 Chinese dynasty  
41 Egg  
42 Believed  
46 Ganges wrap  
47 Skip  
48 Apprehend

**DOWN**

1 Prized session  
2 Altar constellation  
3 Small beetle  
4 Teaser ad  
5 Charged bits  
6 The Browns, on scoreboards  
7 Lock opener  
8 Have a huddle  
9 Slightly  
10 Toll road  
11 Crystal gazer  
16 Like ganders  
19 "Dear —"  
20 Stew veggies  
21 Operatic solo  
22 Police ID  
23 Tosses in  
25 Nonsense  
26 Attractive  
27 "I smell —!"  
28 Hardy cabbage  
30 Sow's mate  
33 Hindu teachers  
34 Sicilian volcano  
36 Prepares flour  
37 Sit for a photo  
38 Ellipse  
39 Hide in the bushes  
40 1502, in Old Rome  
42 Brick carrier  
43 "I — Rock"  
44 Eastern "way"  
45 "Game of Thrones" aier

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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

8				3	1	5		
		6	4			9		
	7			5				8
	1			9	6			
3				1		8		
	9	2	8					5
2				5				6
	8			6		4		
		4	7	8	3			

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦♦

♦♦ Moderate ♦♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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See This Week's Answers In Next Week's Edition

7	4	9	3	5	2	8	6	1
6	2	1	8	7	4	3	5	9
3	5	8	6	1	7	4	2	9
1	3	8	4	7	5	2	9	6
9	6	7	3	1	8	6	1	4
4	5	1	2	9	6	8	3	7
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2	9	6	5	8	3	4	7	1
7	8	1	9	4	3	6	5	2
7	8	1	9	4	3	6	5	2

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

P	O	L	S	H	A	T	E	L	R	E
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K	A	R								

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Even Exchange

1. Dancer, Danger	6. River, Rivet
2. Fault, Veal	7. Bronze, Bronze
3. Crave, Chase	8. Outfit, Chisel
4. Heaven, Leaven	9. Cover, Cover
5. Think, Think	10. Tackle, Tackle

### STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

Considering all the numbers between one and one centillion, which number comes first alphabetically?

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### CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: T equals K

OGYO TZFA ZP PD NFLDHHDFWR  
ICFCUDWCFO OGYO CUCJRIDER  
ICAYF LYWWZFA GZH  
"RDNJ JDRYW TZFEFCPP."

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### SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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STAVI

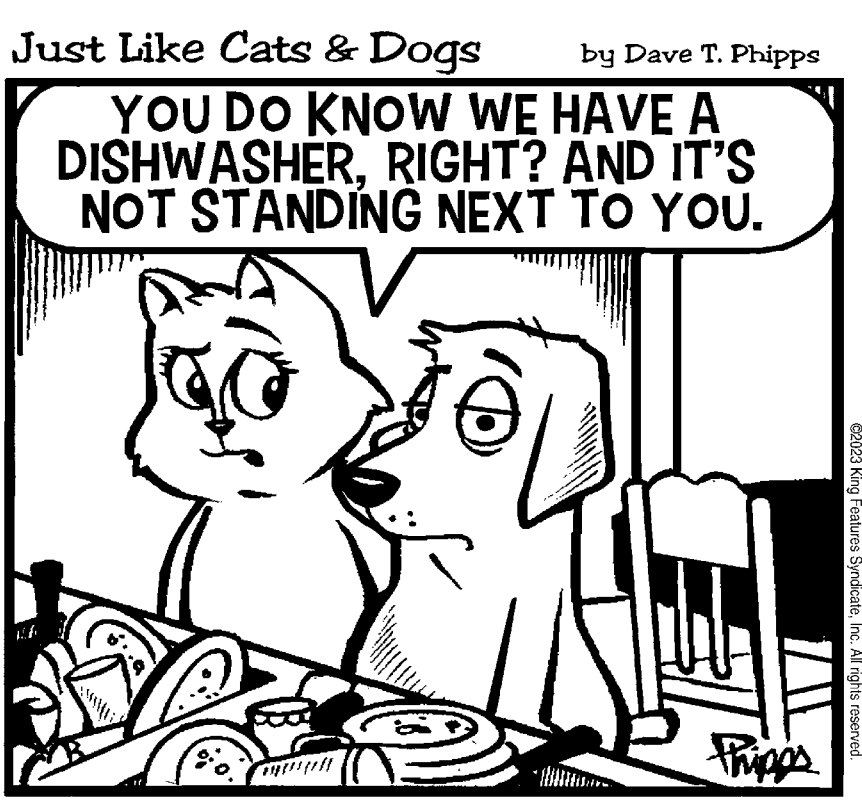
Free  
EMBOIL

Forest  
RIMBET

Choice  
POTION

TODAY'S WORD

"He started at the \_\_\_\_\_ and discovered that he liked it there."



**GRIN & BEAR IT** by **Wayne**

"You even have to have the last word when you're not speaking to me!"

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CRYPTOQUIP  
Book about a peculiar magical kingdom in which the atmosphere has been depleted:  
"Ariess in Wonderland"

STICKELERS ANSWER  
The answer is 3) winds.

SCRAMBLERS  
solution  
1. Fable 2. Decry; 3. Twine; 4. Apoint  
Today's Word  
NOTIFY

## 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'Alsines  
• 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.

## HELP WANTED

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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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- Follow safety protocols and traffic regulations.

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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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## Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles Gear Up for TSA Playoffs

The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles are in high spirits as they prepare for the first round of the TSA playoffs. Having secured the top spot in Region 5 with a victory over Tullahoma last week, they are set to face Hillsboro this Friday night.

### The Matchup

The game will pit the Golden Eagles against Hillsboro, the fourth seed from Region 6. Hillsboro's season record stands at 6-4 overall, with a 2-3 record in their region. The kickoff is scheduled for 7:00 PM in Shelbyville.

### The Road to the Next Round

The stakes are high, as the

winner of this game will advance to play the winner of the Centennial and Columbia matchup. That game is slated for November 10th, also with a 7:00 PM kickoff.

### Hillsboro's Season So Far

It's worth noting that all four of Hillsboro's losses this season have come against formidable opponents: Stewarts Creek (28-14), Nolensville (20-16), Page (35-7), and Centennial (48-13).

As both teams make their final preparations, anticipation is building for what promises to be an electrifying first round in the TSA playoffs.



**DAYLIGHT** - Community High School seniors Maki Flemming strides it out toward the end zone earlier this season. Community High School finished a tough football season with a 63-0 loss to Watertown last week, leaving the Vikings hungry to improve next season.

## Cascade High School Faces Tough First-Round Matchup in Playoffs

Cascade High School's football team is gearing up for a challenging first-round game in the TSSAA playoffs. The Champions will hit the road to face East Robertson on Friday night, in what promises to be an intense showdown.

### The Matchup

Cascade enters the playoffs with an even 5-5 overall record, while their opponents, East Robertson, boast an impressive 9-1 season. Both teams have had their moments of brilliance this season, but the stats lean in favor of East Robertson.

### East Robertson's Dominant Season

East Robertson's only loss of the season came against Smith County, in

a narrow 14-7 defeat on September 22nd. Since then, they've rebounded to dominate their remaining games and secure a top seed going into the playoffs.

### High Stakes for Cascade

For Cascade, this first-round matchup represents an opportunity to prove their mettle against one of the best teams in the division. A win here could set the stage for a deep playoff run and instill a sense of belief in a squad that has had its ups and downs this season.

As both teams finalize their preparations, the anticipation is reaching a fever pitch. The stage is set for a playoff clash that could be one for the books.

### Team Stats (6-2, 3-2)

Statistic	TENNESSEE	Opponents
<b>SCORING</b>		
Points Per Game	31.75	20.38
Total	254	163
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>		
Rushing	88	44
Passing	80	79
Penalty	6	18
Total	174	141
<b>RUSHING</b>		
Yards Gained	1922	1123
Yards Lost	147	282
Attempts	321	278
Average Per Attempt	5.5	3
Avg. Per Game	221.9	105.1
Touchdowns	15	9
Total	1775	841
<b>PASSING</b>		
Att-Comp-Int	248-159-4	260-172-7
Avg. Per Attempt	7.15	6.84
Avg. Per Game	221.63	222.38
Touchdowns	13	8
Total	1773	1779
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>		
Total Plays	569	538
Avg. Per Play	6.2	4.9
Avg. Per Game	443.5	327.5
Total Yards	3548	2620
Touchdowns	30	18
<b>RETURNS</b>		
Kickoff: Average	18.63	23
Kickoff: Total	8-149	5-115
Punt: Average	17.73	-0.67
Punt: Total	11-195	3-2
INT: Average	11.71	17.75
INT: Total	Jul-82	Apr-71
<b>KICKING</b>		
Punt: Avg. Yards Per Game	43.52	40.18
Punt: Net Average	41.65	34.53
Punt: Total Yards	31-1349	38-1527

# Vols Break Road Drought with 33-27 Win Over Kentucky

For the second consecutive week, the Tennessee Volunteers surged ahead in an away game against an SEC rival. Unlike last week, however, the Vols managed to maintain their lead, securing a 33-27 victory over the Kentucky Wildcats. This win puts an end to their road drought, marking their 36th win against the Wildcats in the last 39 meetings.

### Strong Start for the Vols

The Volunteers started the game on a high note. Running back Jalen Wright blasted through the Kentucky defense with a 52-yard run in the first quar-

ter, putting the Vols on the scoreboard with a 7-0 lead. This marked the fifth time in eight games that Wright has crossed the 100-yard mark, ending the game with 120 yards on 11 carries.

### Vols Break Road Drought with 33-27 Win Over Kentucky

Senior quarterback Joe Milton delivered one of the most outstanding performances of his career. Completing 18 of 21 passes, Milton threw for 228 yards and a touchdown. Notably, he had no interceptions and achieved a career-high completion percentage of 85.7%.

In addition, he contributed 26 yards on the ground.

### Dylan Sampson's Impactful Game

Running back Dylan Sampson also had a memorable night, accounting for 114 all-purpose yards. Remarkably, 90 of those yards came in the crucial fourth quarter, helping to keep the Vols ahead.

### Kentucky's Comeback Attempt

The Wildcats showed resilience, especially in the third quarter, when they orchestrated a six-play, 75-yard drive to narrow the

Vols' lead to just two points at 26-24.

### Sealing the Deal

In the fourth quarter, Sampson's 12-yard run capped a 12-play, 65-yard drive, extending the Vols' lead. Kentucky responded with a 28-yard field goal with just over three minutes remaining, setting the score at its final tally of 33-27.

### Looking Ahead

The Volunteers will host the University of Connecticut Huskies this coming week at Newman Stadium, as they look to build on this momentum.

## Vol Notebook

### Vols Seek Perfect Non-Conference Mark Against Huskies

The 19th-ranked Tennessee Volunteers will look to complete a perfect 4-0 non-conference slate when they host the UConn Huskies for Homecoming on Saturday. Riding a 13-game home winning streak in Neyland Stadium, the Vols have steamrolled non-SEC foes this year, winning their three out of conference games so far by at least 17 points each. Dual-threat quarterback Joe Milton III and a dynamic backfield led by Jaylen Wright and Dylan Sampson will aim to continue that dominance against a UConn defense surrendering over 400 yards per game. If Tennessee's prolific offense can exploit the Huskies' vulnerabilities, it should give Vol Nation plenty to cheer about on Homecoming weekend.

### Stout Defense Has Vols Eyeing New Bowl Streak

With their gritty road

win at Kentucky last week, the Tennessee Volunteers reached bowl eligibility for the third straight season. The Vols' stingy defense has led the charge, ranking top four in the SEC in scoring, rushing, and total defense. Veterans like linebacker Jeremy Banks and defensive back Trevon Flowers have set an aggressive tone all season long. This Saturday, they'll look to stifle a UConn offense that has struggled to sustain drives and create explosive plays. If Tennessee's defense can deliver another dominant effort between the hedges, the Vols will notch their 10th straight Homecoming win over a non-conference foe.

### Heupel Seeks Sustained Success in Year Three

In his third season at the helm, Tennessee head coach Josh Heupel has the Volunteers on the rise once again. After leading the Vols to a bowl game last season, Heupel now has

the team ranked and eyeing double-digit wins. With an uptempo offense averaging over 40 points per game in his tenure, Heupel has Tennessee poised to sustain success for the first time in over a decade. He'll look to continue that momentum against UConn this Saturday.

### Campbell Comes Up Clutch in SEC Road Win

Kicker Charles Campbell played a crucial role in Tennessee's gritty 33-27 win at Kentucky last week. The graduate transfer went a perfect 4-for-4 on field goals, including two fourth quarter kicks that proved to be the difference. Campbell has proven to be a clutch performer this season, drilling 12 of 14 field goals. His consistency gives the Vols a reliable special teams weapon as they continue SEC play down the stretch.

### Ground Game Powers Vols Past Wildcats

The Tennessee ground game rumbled for 254 yards

in the win at Kentucky, overpowering an SEC-caliber rush defense. Jaylen Wright gashed the Wildcats for 120 yards and a touchdown, while Dylan Sampson added a career-high 91 fourth quarter rushing yards to ice the game. The Vols' multi-pronged rushing attack presents a challenge for any defense. It will look to pave the way to victory again versus UConn this Saturday.

### Milton Excels in Efficient Outing

Quarterback Joe Milton turned in one of his most efficient performances yet against Kentucky. The senior completed 17 of 20 passes for 227 yards, one touchdown and no interceptions, finishing with a stellar 85% completion percentage. Milton maximized his opportunities through the air and avoided costly mistakes. He'll look to build on that outing against a vulnerable UConn pass defense.

### Rushing

Individual Rushing Statistics										
#	Player	GP	ATT	Gain	Loss	Net	AVG	TD	Long	AVG/G
0	Wright, Jaylen	8	102	730	17	713	7	2	52	89.13
2	Small, Jabari	8	82	417	2	415	5.1	2	40	51.88
6	Sampson, Dylan	7	66	384	7	377	5.7	7	44	53.86
7	Milton III, Joe	8	57	361	103	258	4.5	4	81	32.25
20	Keith, Khalifa	7	4	10	1	9	2.3	0	6	1.29
23	Seldon, Cameron	8	3	5	0	5	1.7	0	2	0.63
10	White, Squirrel	8	1	5	0	5	5	0	5	0.63
8	Iamaleava, Nico	2	2	8	4	4	2	0	8	2
15	McCoy, Bru	5	1	2	0	2	2	0	2	0.4
53	Crawford, Jeremiah	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
54	Mincey, Gerald	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Team	8	3	0	13	-13	-4.3	0	0	-1.63
	Total	8	321	1922	147	1775	5.5	15	81	221.88
	Opponents	8	278	1123	282	841	3	9	75	105.13

### Passing

Individual Passing Statistics										
#	Player	GP	Rating	COMP	ATT	INT	%	YDS	TD	Long
7	Milton III, Joe	8	139.88	157	243	4	64.61%	1762	13	55
8	Iamaleava, Nico	2	58.48	2	5	0	40.00%	11	0	6
	Total	8	138.24	159	248	4	64.11%	1773	13	55
	Opponents	8	128.4	172	260	7	66.15%	1779	8	52

### Receiving

Individual Receiving Statistics										
#	Player	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	Long	AVG/G		
10	White, Squirrel	8	43	462	10.74	1	50	57.75		
9	Keyton, Rameil	8	22	331	15.05	3	48	41.38		
15	McCoy, Bru	5	17	217	12.76	1	55	43.4		
1	Thornton Jr., Dont'e	7	10	152	15.2	0	47	21.71		
6	Sampson, Dylan	7	12	137	11.42	1	37	19.57		
34	Castles, McCallan	8	11	136	12.36	2	43	17		
0	Wright, Jaylen	8	18	104	5.78	0	20	13		
81	Nimrod, Chas	8	6	80	13.33	1	39	10		
87	Warren, Jacob	8	9	75	8.33	3	14	9.38		
84	Webb, Kaleb	8	5	43	8.6	1	18	5.38		
2	Small, Jabari	8	6	36	6	0	14	4.5		
	Total	8	159	1773	11.15	13	55	221.63		
	Opponents	8	172	1779	10.34	8	52	222.38		

### Punt

Individual Punting Statistics							
#	Player	NO	YDS	AVG	Long	TB	FC
98	Ross, Jacks	31	1349	43.52	71	3	13
	Total	31	1349	43.52	71	3	13
	Opponents	38	1527	40.18	62	1	10

### Field Goals

Individual Field Goals Statistics							
#	Player	FGM-FGA	%	120	20-29	30-39	40-49
19	Campbell	15-17	88.24%	0-0	7-Jul	5-May	3-Mar
	Total	15-17	88.24%	0-0	7-Jul	5-May	3-Mar
	Opponents	13-17	76.47%	0-0	5-Apr	3-Mar	6-May



# Shelbyville soup kitchen prepares for fundraiser

DAWN HANKINS

In 2023, in this city, there is no reason anyone should go hungry. Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen is open and ready to lend a hand.

Robert Martin, operations manager for Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen, says serving hot meals to those in need is a real blessing for him and for others who volunteer.

Those volunteers will be hard at work on Sunday, Nov. 12, when SCSK conducts its annual Thanksgiving meal for the public from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Those planning to attend, and help raise funds for the outreach ministry, are just asked to make an in-kind donation.

Martin said most families on a Sunday out to eat will likely spend around \$20 each. With the Nov. 12 meal, volunteers will receive a Thanksgiving banquet—one complete with baked ham, chicken and dressing, baked apples, mac and cheese, and more sides and a variety of desserts and drink.

Martin said past events have been quite successful. People have really stepped forward to assist.

Great news is that he has a waiting list for volunteers to work at the soup kitchen through December of 2024. What the soup kitchen needs, he said, is for folks to turn out Nov. 12 or make monetary donations. Food supplies continue to increase, but Martin, who has a wealth of food service experience, says the volunteers try to be good stewards with donations they receive.

The soup kitchen started



**HOPE** - Nov. 12 soup kitchen fundraiser is in partnership with Shelbyville Police Benevolent and Arms of Jesus with 4-H. Area soup kitchens offer a much-needed lifeline to those facing food insecurity, providing not just meals but also a sense of community and hope.

## 5 Ways to Help Those in Need This Holiday Season

The holiday season is a time of giving and sharing, and what better way to spread the joy than by volunteering to help those less fortunate? Community organizations like soup kitchens, shelters, and food banks are often in dire need of extra hands during this period. Here are five ways you can make a meaningful impact this holiday season.

### 1. Volunteer at a Soup Kitchen

Soup kitchens are always in need of volunteers, especially during the holidays when they serve special meals to those who might otherwise go without. You can help by serving food, washing dishes, or even organizing a holiday-themed event.

### 2. Donate Non-Perishable Food Items

Food banks often run low on supplies during the holiday season due to the increased demand. You can help by organizing a food drive in your community or simply donating non-perishable items like canned goods, rice, and pasta.

### 3. Create Care Packages for the Homeless

Winter is a particularly harsh time for those living on the streets. Consider cre-

ating care packages filled with essentials like socks, gloves, blankets, and toiletries. Distribute these packages directly or donate them to a local shelter.

### 4. Sponsor a Family

Many community organizations run "Adopt-a-Family" programs during the holidays. These programs match you with a family in need, giving you the opportunity to provide them with gifts, food, and sometimes even paying utility bills to make their holiday season brighter.

### 5. Give the Gift of Time

Not all volunteering requires a physical presence. You can help your skills virtually by helping with administrative tasks for non-profits, or by using social media to raise awareness for causes. Sometimes, spreading the word can be just as valuable as any financial contribution.

Remember, the holiday season isn't just about receiving; it's also about giving back. Even the smallest act of kindness can make a big difference in someone's life. So this holiday season, consider donating your time or resources to help those in need. You'll be enriching your own life as much as you're improving theirs.

just a few years ago from humble beginnings. A generous benefactor donated the old Save-A-Lot building. Volunteers served food outside to passers-by.

The community reached out to help the ministry in

area. There's plenty of room to serve a crowd.

While most people believe the soup kitchen only serves "the homeless," Martin said that's only about 10 percent of the attendees. The rest of patrons are seniors and

makes his blood, sweat and tea He shares that the blood, sweat and tears shed at SCSK is all worthwhile.

SCSK serves Monday lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It's a light lunch for those who want to help a good outreach.

Normal SCSK serving hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 4:15 p.m. Martin said there are just more good things coming at the soup kitchen.

But for now, his team is ready to celebrate and be thankful with the community.

"I see so many broken and hurting people," said Martin. "People I use to turn a blind eye to."

While he knows SCSK cannot help everyone, it's certainly worth trying. "If everyone could help one. What a difference it could be."

## 'A broken crayon can still color.'

Robert Martin, Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen manager

many ways. SCSK was able to secure the use of a new building a couple of years ago on South Cannon Boulevard. Now it's dine in service with a full kitchen available to prepare meals.

Those memories are still cherished on a memory board inside the new dining

families—those who may have to—without SCSK's help-- decide one week between paying rent or eating.

"There's an audible thank you . . . look in a father's eye that let's me know this meal meant their child will not go to bed hungry tonight," advised Martin. says that

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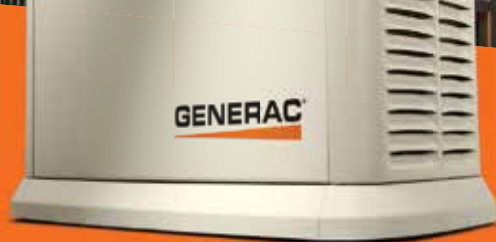
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# AAA: TN Gas Prices Rise a Penny

Tennessee falls to the 8th least expensive state gas price average in the country

After declining for five consecutive weeks, the Tennessee state gas price average moved higher mid-week last week, but fortunately moved lower again by the weekend. Today's state gas price average is only a penny more expensive than last week's. The Tennessee Gas Price average is now \$3.10 which is 22 cents less expensive than both one month and one year ago.

"We saw quite a bit of movement in pump pricing in some of our metro areas last week, which helped to push the state gas price average more expensive. From Monday to Wednesday last week, gas prices shot up five cents, on average, but by the

weekend gas prices had dropped by another four cents," said Megan Cooper, spokeswoman for AAA - The Auto Club Group. "If oil prices continue to move less expensive, drivers can likely expect to see pump prices continue to decline over this week."

**Quick Facts**  
37% of Tennessee gas stations have prices below \$3.00

The lowest 10% of pump prices are \$2.82 for regular unleaded

The highest 10% of pump prices are \$3.52 for regular unleaded

Tennessee is the 8th least expensive market in the nation

## National Gas Prices

The national average for a gallon of gas dipped by five cents since last week to \$3.49. Despite slackening demand, the pace of falling gas prices is being held up by the cost of oil, which is hovering in the mid-\$80s per barrel.

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gas demand decreased from 8.94 to 8.86 million b/d last week. On the other hand, total domestic gasoline stocks increased slightly to 223.5 million bbl. Lower gas demand, alongside declining oil prices, has contributed to pushing pump prices down. If oil prices continue to descend, drivers can

expect further price drops at the pump in the weeks ahead.

Today's national average of \$3.49 is 33 cents less than a month ago and 27 cents less than a year ago.

## National Oil Market Dynamics

At the close of Wednesday's formal trading session, WTI increased by \$1.65 to settle at \$85.29. The oil price rose last week due to concerns that the Israel-Hamas war could escalate soon as Israel appears to be preparing for ground operations. Additionally, the EIA reported that total domestic commercial crude supply increased by 1.4 million bbl to 421.1 million bbl.



Lynchburg was busy Tuesday morning as volunteers and workers began to set up for the annual Halloween bash downtown.



## DIRECTOR

from 1A

"I look forward to all that the future holds for our community and the Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library!" she said recently.

Margaret has been the Technology Librarian since the library gained its first computers and internet access back in 1996, taking the title officially in 2001, while also wearing the hat of the children's Librarian from 1999 to 2010.

When the two jobs became too much to handle together, she decided to take on technology full time and "pass the children's job off to someone with more energy."

Petty says she plans on continuing to work hard to make the library a place to enjoy for patrons of all ages. "I have dedicated my career to the Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library and in my 27+ years here, have enjoyed helping the library to grow in our community. I hope to be able to continue to help SBCPL in an even greater role and to help lead it in becoming the community hub our town needs as we head into the future."

When not at the library she loves to spend time with her husband, Jamie, and their boys, Woody, age 5, and Eli, age 2. Her hobbies, other than "running after her boys," includes cooking, sewing, reading, of course, and listening to audio books, and crafting.

Petty graduated from the Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Shelbyville in business systems technology with an emphasis in accounting in 2014. She attended the Public Library Management Institute (PLMI) with Tennessee State Library and Archives and graduated in 2008. She has also earned multiple technology certificates over the years.



## MONSTER TRUCK EVENT

Photos by Sarah McCormick

There's the Monster Mash and then there's the Monster Trucks rally which was held at Cooper Steel Arena over the weekend. A good crowd was reported to be in attendance. Those in attendance said it was certainly loud and exciting.



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## DEA Cracks Down on Six Companies in 'Operation Bottleneck,' Aiming to Curb Opioid Crisis

Six Companies Face Administrative Actions for Failing to Account for Over a Million Doses of Opioids

In a significant move against the opioid crisis ravaging communities across the United States, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has taken administrative actions against six registered companies for failing to account for over a million doses of controlled substances. The DEA announced these measures as a part of their "Operation Bottleneck," initiated between September 25 and October 20, 2023.

The first week of October saw similar orders issued against Quantum Commerce, LLC, a pharmaceutical distributor, and Shrieve Chemical Company, LLC, a chemical distributor. Quantum Commerce sold controlled substances, including hydrocodone and oxycodone, to numerous pharmacies over a three-year period without effective controls. Shrieve Chemical Company was flagged for significant discrepancies in the records of distribution of GBL, a chemical commonly used in the production of the date rape drug GHB.

### Unprecedented Drug Crisis Demands Immediate Action

According to DEA Administrator Anne Milgram, the initiative aims to hold companies accountable for every dose and pill, emphasizing their legal obligations to protect the health and safety of Americans. "As we continue to face an unprecedented drug poisoning and overdose epidemic in the United States, which took 110,757 lives last year alone, DEA will use every available tool to prevent the diversion and misuse of opioids and other highly addictive controlled substances," said Milgram.

### Companies Under Scrutiny

During the last week of September, Orders to Show Cause were issued against Inmar RX Solutions, Inc., a reverse distributor, and Ascent Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a pharmaceutical manufacturer. Inmar RX Solutions, one of the largest reverse distributors, repeatedly failed to report theft or significant loss and maintain accurate records. Ascent Pharmaceuticals was cited for shipping controlled substances without required documentation and failing to make records available for timely inspection.

### Imminent Danger to Public Health

In the week of October 16, an Immediate Suspension Order was served against R&S Solutions, LLC, alongside an Order to Show Cause against Atlantic Biologicals Corporation. Both companies are drug distributors. R&S Solutions' DEA registration was suspended for posing an imminent danger to public health by failing to account for more than one million doses of controlled substances. Atlantic Biologicals Corporation, one of the top opioid suppliers in Houston, Texas, failed to report suspiciously large orders of controlled substances.

### Ongoing DEA Efforts

In the past year, the DEA served 143 administrative actions against various entities, including doctors, pharmacies, drug manufacturers, and drug distributors, for putting the public at risk. The agency remains committed to ensuring that registrants fulfill their legal obligations and to preventing the diversion of controlled substances.

For more information on these actions and related processes, visit the DEA website.

## Senate Passes Amendment to Ban Federal Funding of Drones from China

The U.S. Senate has passed a new measure aimed at preventing American taxpayer dollars from funding the purchase or operation of drones produced in hostile foreign nations.

The amendment, led by Senators Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) and Mark Warner (D-VA), prohibits the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) from using federal funds on drones made in China, Russia, Iran, North Korea, Venezuela, and Cuba. It will now be included in the Appropriations Minibus package providing funding for several key agencies.

"Taxpayer dollars should never fund drones manufactured in regions that are hostile toward our nation, including Communist China," said Senator Blackburn. "As the world rapidly becomes more technologically advanced, it's vital that we protect critical U.S. sectors from the increasingly aggressive New Axis of Evil and their partners. My amendment will help curb the importation of drones produced by our adversaries, keeping our nation safer and encouraging manufacturing here at home."

Senator Warner echoed the need to be cautious about adopting new technologies from foreign adversaries: "Drones have tremendous potential to transform our society. But we have a responsibility to ensure that as the adoption of this technology continues to grow, we are not advancing the goals of our adversaries."

The amendment specifically prohibits FAA funding that would fund drone companies located in or influenced by China, Russia,

Iran, North Korea, Venezuela, or Cuba. It also prevents the FAA and its contractors from directly operating or procuring drones from those nations.

This builds on legislation introduced by Senators Blackburn and Warner in June 2023 called the Stemming The Operation of Pernicious and Illicit (STOP) Drones Act. The goals are to curb the import of adversary drones and encourage more domestic drone manufacturing.

Proponents argue the amendment is necessary because hostile nations are rapidly developing drone technologies that could threaten American interests. Allowing federal agencies to purchase foreign drones risks transferring sensitive data or infrastructure access to regimes actively working against the United States.

Meanwhile, critics warn the amendment could hamper technological innovation and cooperation between nations. They argue "Made in China" does not automatically equate to "dangerous", as even U.S. firms rely on Chinese parts and research.

Nonetheless, the amendment has now passed the Senate as part of the larger Appropriations Minibus package. It represents the latest effort by Congress to restrict Chinese access to American technology amid escalating tensions between the two superpowers. Lawmakers are increasingly concerned about allowing Chinese drones to operate near sensitive sites, arguing national security must take precedence.

## 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.



## Shelbyville PD Reports

### Domestic Dispute and 911 Call

Date & Time: 10/25/2023, 14:01

Location: 1815 South Cannon Blvd, South Side

Charge: Domestic (Verbal/Argument)

Offenders: Sabrina Rhodes and Jasmine Wheeler

Summary: Officer Merlo and Sgt. Dye responded to an open 911 line at the residence. Both officers arrived to find Sabrina Rhodes and Jasmine Wheeler in a verbal altercation. Rhodes had an active warrant for harassment and was detained. The argument was over a backpack being moved. Both individuals were provided with status report forms, and Rhodes was transferred to a county deputy for the harassment warrant.

### Erratic Driving

Date & Time: 10/25/2023, 14:02

Location: South Cannon Blvd, South Side

Charge: Driving on Suspended License

Offender: Randall Lucas

Summary: Officer Farrar pulled over Randall Lucas for erratic driving and discovered his license was suspended due to medical/mental reasons. Lucas was issued a criminal summons and the vehicle was towed after he was unable to find a licensed driver to pick him up.

### Report by Officer Lane Jernigan on Trespassing at Planet Fitness

Date & Time: 10/25/2023, 14:26

Location: Planet Fitness, West Side

Charge: Criminal Trespassing

Offender: Eddie Ray

Summary: Officers Jernigan and Sharp were dispatched to Planet Fitness where Eddie Ray was reported as a trespasser. Ray was arrested due to prior trespass orders, even though the gym management initially did not want him arrested.

### Public Intoxication and Drug Possession

Date & Time: 10/25/2023, 15:35

Location: 314 South Cannon Blvd., Riverside Liquors, South Side

Charges: Public Intoxication, Possession of Prescription Drugs Without a Prescription

Offender: James Hillis

Summary: Officer Farrar responded to a disturbance involving James Hillis, who was publicly intoxicated and causing a nuisance at Riverside Liquors. He was arrested and later found in possession of prescription medication "Baclofen," which he admitted was not prescribed to him.

### Vehicle Accident and Suspended License

Date & Time: 10/25/2023, 16:44

Location: Intersection of North Main and Moreland Avenue, North Zone

Charge: Driving on Suspended License

Offender: Lidia Frago-Avila

Summary: Officers Jernigan and Sharp responded to a vehicle crash where Lidia Frago-Avila was found to be driving on a suspended license. She was issued a criminal

summons and a report status form.

### Threats Made

Date & Time: 10/25/2023, 17:04

Location: 129 Carlisle Ave, South Side

Charge: Harassment (Threats Made)

Offenders: Bobby Vandygriff (threats against Adriana Henderson)

Summary: Officer Merlo was dispatched to a residence where Adriana Henderson reported receiving threatening voice messages from Bobby Vandygriff. Vandygriff threatened physical harm and job loss. Henderson was advised of her rights.

### Verbal Domestic Dispute Between Redd and Wallace

Date: 10/25/2023

Officer: Aaron Tankersley

Location: 251 Anthony Ln

Summary:

Officer Tankersley was dispatched to address a domestic dispute at 251 Anthony Ln. Nellie Redd reported that Linda Wallace, who smelled of alcohol, was yelling at her while she was on the phone with a friend. Linda accused Nellie of retaliation for a previous issue and used derogatory language. Anita Walls, another person at the location, corroborated Nellie's account, stating that Linda was drunk and belligerent. James Lee, another witness, mentioned that such verbal disputes are a regular occurrence. No physical altercation took place. Both Nellie and Linda were given victim status forms.

### Scales Arrested for Trespassing and Evading Arrest

Date: 10/25/2023

Officer: Dylan Bliss

Location: 2098 Madison Street

Summary:

Napoleon Scales was observed trespassing at a Circle K store, a location from which he had previously been banned. Upon seeing the police, Napoleon fled on foot. Despite multiple commands to stop, he continued running until he was finally apprehended by Officer Evans. He was charged with evading arrest and aggravated criminal trespass, with a bond set at \$5,000. His court date is scheduled for 12/05/2023.

### Hit-and-Run Property Damage by Harper

Date: 10/26/2023

Officer: Jerry Lawrence

Location: 400 Blue Ribbon Parkway

Summary:

Lillie Suggs reported that a white Nissan Frontier crashed into her mailbox and wooden fence before fleeing the scene. A witness identified the vehicle's Texas license plate, which was later traced to Donald Ray Harper. Harper was located in Tullahoma, TN, and admitted to the hit-and-run, claiming he was in a rush to visit his sick ex-wife. He had valid insurance and his vehicle showed signs of damage.

### Carl Harris Arrested on Multiple Warrants

Date: 10/26/2023

Officer: Jerry Lawrence

Location: Hardee's, 310 Madison Street

Summary:

Officer Jerry Lawrence assisted Det. Nate Everhart in arresting Carl Edwin Harris at a Hardee's parking lot. Harris was wanted on four warrants. He was taken into custody and charged with aggravated burglary, theft over \$1000, vandalism over \$1000, and assault. Commissioner Mike Henry set a \$9,000 bond and a court date for 12/05/2023. Harris was transported to Bedford County Corrections without incident and was served his warrants.

### Nicole Custer Reports Harassment by Ex-Boyfriend

Date: 10/26/2023

Officer: Jerry Lawrence

Location: Police Department

Summary:

Nicole Custer reported that her ex-boyfriend and father of her child, Cameron Drodody, has been sending her threatening text messages. The texts included threats of violence and a mention of a gun. Drodody resides in Memphis, while Custer lives in Shelbyville. She was advised about obtaining an order of protection and her rights were explained.

### Sebastian Issued Criminal Summons for No Driver's License

Date: 10/26/2023

Officer: Dylan Farrar

Location: Madison St. and Tremont Dr.

Summary:

Officer Farrar initiated a traffic stop after witnessing a vehicle fail to stop at a red light. The driver, Josias Juan Sebastian, produced a Guatemalan ID but no driver's license. A records check confirmed he did not have a license. Josias was issued a criminal summons for driving without a license and a red light violation. His court date is set for 11/21/2023.

### Vehicle Knocks Down Wires, Causes Property Damage

Date: 10/26/2023

Officer: Aaron Tankersley

Location: 153 Warner Bridge Rd.

Summary:

A white Ford Superduty carrying a John Deere tractor with an upright sickle bar knocked down utility wires and caused property damage. The event was captured on video by David Cantrell, a resident. Arthur Crews, the homeowner, was not present during the incident. The vehicle continued driving away after the event. Shelbyville Power arrived to remove the downed lines.

### Verbal Argument Between Rhodes and Wheeler

Date: 10/26/2023

Officer: Jeremiah Guinn

Location: 1815 South Cannon

Summary:

Officer Guinn observed Sabrina Rhodes and Jasmine Wheeler engaged in a verbal argument. Sabrina stated that the disagreement was about the use of a shared phone. Sabrina chose to walk away to prevent the situation from escalating. Jasmine had left the scene before the officer could speak with her. Sabrina was advised of her rights and issued a report status form.

### Perez Issued Criminal Summons for No Driver's License After Accident

Date: 10/26/2023

Officer: Andrew Koehler

Location: 1820 South Cannon BLVD

Summary:

Officer Koehler responded to a two-vehicle accident and made contact with Melsar Perez, who did not have a driver's license or insurance. Melsar was issued a criminal summons for driving without a license and financial responsibility. His court date is set for 12/05/2023.

### Vasquez Arrested for No Driver's License

Date: 10/26/2023

Officer: Andrew Koehler

Location: East Depot

Summary:

Officer Koehler responded to a possible DUI report. Upon arrival, he found that the driver, Anna Vasquez, showed no signs of impairment but did not have a driver's license. Unable to verify her identity, Vasquez was arrested and charged with driving without a license and financial responsibility. Her bond was set at \$500, and her court date is 12/05/2023.

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# 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.

