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## Human remains found at Shoma Park

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On November 25, 2023, at approximately 3:58 PM Shelbyville Police responded to the area of Blue Ribbon Parkway and Shoma Drive in reference

to human skeletal remains being found. The remains were found by a citizen who had been walking in the area and notified police. Upon the officer's arrival, they confirmed the skeletal remains as being human due to the remains being fully clothed and intact.

The remains have been sent to the medical examiner's office for further examination and identification. The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation is assisting with the investigation and it is ongoing.



## CHRISTMAS PARADE SATURDAY!



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### SANTA'S ON HIS WAY

The annual Shelbyville-Bedford County Christmas parade will make its way through Shelbyville, beginning at 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2. Traditional parade routes follow. Watch for Santa!!

## Humble Baron singer Alexis Harris 'captivates'

### A winner of 'The Quest'

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Like many musical artists, Alexis Harris of Shelbyville, a recent winner of the Humble Baron's "The Quest" contest, credits her musical roots back to her church upbringing.

"Blessed with parents who are both accomplished singers, I began my own vocal journey around the age of 4 or 5, finding my voice in the choir," Harris told the T-G this week.

She was a student at Eastside Elementary, progressing through to middle school, and ultimately earning her diploma from Shelbyville Central High School. She continues to call Shelbyville her home. Her dreams in music "In the realm of music, my aspirations extend beyond personal gratification. I aspire to grace the stage, delivering performances that not only entertain but also leave a lasting impact. My ultimate goal is to showcase my unique talent, inspiring others to relentlessly pursue their passions."

Of course, winning the recent "The Quest" contest holds profound significance for this Shel-



This is the Humble Baron which contains what has been documented as the World's Largest Bar. The venue is located at Nearest Green Distillery off Highway 231 North.

byville resident. She says it has brought her childhood dreams to life.

But she certainly gave back to the folks seated at the World's Longest Bar with her vocal presentations earlier this month. Harris is said to have "captivated the audience" with her rendition of "Tennessee Whiskey." "Throughout my youth, I wanted to win a singing competition, and through prayer and unwavering determination, I achieved that goal! Representing my hometown, Shelbyville, fills me with



ALEXIS HARRIS

See HARRIS, 2A



## Bedford readies for 'Holly Jolly' weekend

**Bell Buckle Quilted Christmas**  
Friday, Dec. 1 and Saturday, Dec. 2, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bell Buckle will host its annual quilt walk, featuring local historic homes and churches.

**Wartrace Christmas tree lighting**  
The Town of Wartrace will hold its annual tree lighting ceremony at 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1. Santa will be available for pictures inside Town Hall from 4 to 5:45 p.m. Refreshments and Christmas shopping available. Christmas carols will precede the tree lighting.

**Santa to visit Flat Creek**  
Those planning to attend on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 6 p.m. the Flat Creek Community Center potluck meal, should please bring a covered dish. The event will be followed by a Christmas sing-a-long and a special visit from Santa Claus and Miss Claus. Cameras are welcome.

**Shelbyville Christmas Parade**  
The local Christmas parade begins at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. Traditional parade routes apply.

**Normandy Marketplace**  
A very Normandy Christmas Marketplace will be held 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at Front Street in Normandy. Lots of vendors and Christmas activities.

**Shofner Chapel Christmas**  
The first Christmas bazaar will be held at the historic Shofner Chapel, 2884 Highway 41A South, Shelbyville, Sunday, Dec. 3, beginning at noon. The traditional Lessons and Carols will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday in the church chapel.

Coming Soon

**Community Christmas Craft Fair**  
A Christmas craft fair will be held Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Unionville Fire Department, 3372 Highway 41A North, Unionville. Vendors will be on hand as well as food trucks. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the day.



**MAYOR READS AT LIBRARY**  
Shelbyville City Mayor Randy Carroll was a recent guest reader at Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library. He chose a Thanksgiving book for his selection.





The county jail of the 1980s is soon coming down in front of town square on Lane Parkway.

# County jail demolition in progress

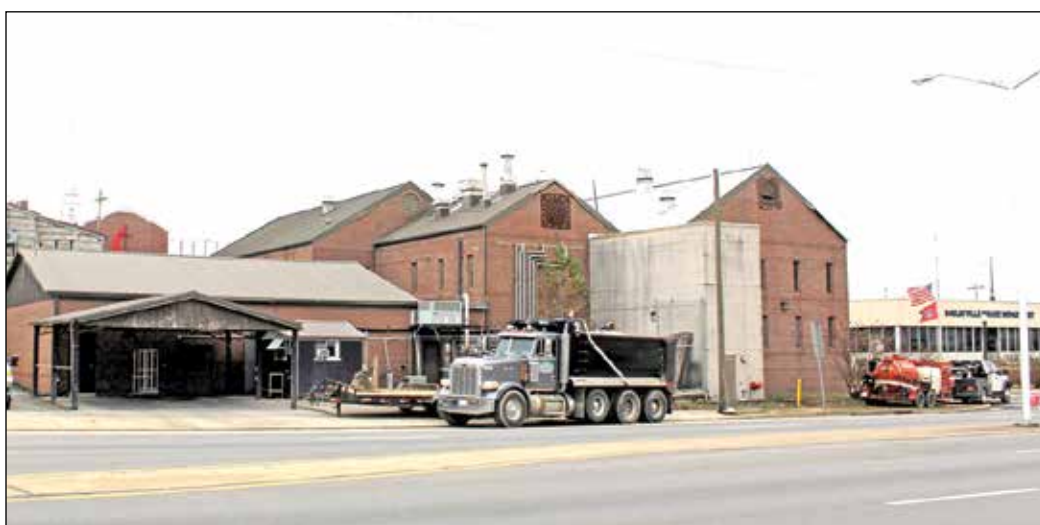
*Space could be used for activities, parking*

Work has begun on demolition of the 1987 county jail on Lane Parkway in Shelbyville. Complete Demolition Services has the contract for the project.

Jail inmates were moved to the Bedford County Judicial Complex in January 2020, and the jail has remained empty since that time.

There are no specific plans for the site once demolition is complete, other than as open space, but removal of the jail will improve the view for visitors approaching the courthouse and the public square from the north.

Bedford County Government reports there are ongoing discussions of how the cleared site could



Discussions hint that the cleared site might support downtown activities or parking space.

support downtown activities or parking. This demolition project includes the 1987 jail and the house-like building that held offices next door.

The historic rock jail on the property, which dates back to the 1800s, will not be demolished and will remain as a landmark and historic site.

The building at the corner of Lane Parkway and North Main Street which once housed the sheriff's office is still in use as a juvenile detention facility.

## HARRIS

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pride, allowing me to showcase the high level of talent in our close-knit community.”

She deeply thanks Humble Baron and its team, especially owners Keith and Fawn Weaver, for crafting opportunities which she says has transformed her dreams, and that of others, into reality.

“Their unwavering support has been instrumental in my journey and I am truly thankful for their role in making this achievement possible.” The Humble Baron team in return notes it has successfully discovered Tennessee’s next musical sensations through their new talent search competition, “The Quest,” hosted by renowned American R&B singer, Kenny Lattimore.

The grand finale unfolded at Humble Baron on Saturday, Nov. 4, with eight finalists competing in front of a live audience. Only two would walk away winners. The other winner, in addition to Harris, was Juliana Eden of Murfreesboro.

Harris and Eden have each won a monthly residency at Humble Baron, a bar which opened last spring off Highway 231 North in Shelbyville at Nearest Green Distillery.

Calling the two winners “immensely talented,” the Humble Baron team notes that both area musicians have left an indelible mark with their soul-stirring performances.

Both artists will have the opportunity to regularly grace the state-of-the-art stage at Humble Baron – which was designed by the former technical director and engineer for Prince’s iconic Paisley Park.

Humble Baron is committed to nurturing and empowering local talent and “The Quest” represents a pivotal step in its journey to be a beacon for local artists. Such events, Humble Baron representatives note, reflects the team’s unwavering commitment to celebrating emerging talent.

Featuring a 518-foot long showpiece bar that wraps around an indoor stage, Humble Baron allows guests to enjoy elevated fare and creative cocktails while watching live music in a state-of-the-art entertainment venue.

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# OPINION

## THE ISSUE

# Bedford Co. policy prohibits corporal punishment

*The old school paddle is retired here*

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Older alums of Bedford County (1990s and earlier) will likely recall that corporal punishment was administered by school personnel as a common form of school discipline. Wooden handled paddles were hung on walls, many with the whimsical name imprinted: "board of education."

Those attending class here over 20 years ago can attest that it wasn't unusual to hear a butt smack taking place in the school hallway. Most of the time, it was for misbehavior in the classroom.

Fast forward to 2023, corporal punishment is no longer allowed as a disciplinary measure in any school in Bedford County.

The local policy states: Corporal punishment shall not be used as a disciplinary measure in any school. The Superintendent of Schools shall be responsible for developing and implementing in-service training programs for teachers and staff in the use of alternative, positive measures of discipline. Policy 6.300.

Director of Schools Tammy Garrett recently responded to some questions from the T-G in response to how Bedford County schools handle disciplinary action in 2023.

What are some of the alternative methods to discipline in Bedford County, since there is no corporal punishment? Say for disrupting classrooms or even skipping class.

To maintain a safe learning environment where orderly leaning is possible, we implement a variety of consequences such as in-school suspension, out of school suspension, lunch detention, parent meetings, parent phone calls, community service, loss of privilege, before or after school detention, expulsion, remandment to alternative school, restorative counseling and restorative circles. For a full listing of possible offenses as well as the resulting disciplinary options, please see the Code of Conduct, Bedford County Board of Education Policy 6.300.

As a seasoned educator, do you feel that this current policy against corporal punishment helps students? Perhaps in what ways (mentally and or socially?) I support the current policy. I have not worked in a system that implemented corporal punishment in over 20 years; thus, this is what I know. Further, our current policy supports our educators in modeling respectful, non-violent relationships while teaching consistent school rules and consequences for breaking those rules. This reinforces our goal of developing successful, responsible, productive and contributing citizens.

The full Code of Conduct policy (6.300) for Bedford County Schools can be found on the school system website at [www.BedfordK-12tn.com](http://www.BedfordK-12tn.com).

Policy compared to nation

According to various news reports, there are still some schools, particularly in the South, which still allow corporal punishment as a means of student discipline. One of those states is Mississippi, which has school systems which have come under fire numerous times over the years for its corporal punishment policy.

According to the Hechinger Report, corporal punishment has been on the decline in the United States for the last several decades, in part because of growing evidence that it harms students' well-being and academic performance while also failing to improve their behavior long-term.

The Hechinger Report is a non-profit newsroom dedicated to researching the inequality and also the innovations in public education. The report shows on corporal punishment that 31 states ban the practice and the most recent federal data shows that in the remaining states, 90 percent of schools have over the last 6 years, chosen not to use corporal punishment as a means of student discipline.

By a narrow margin a few years ago, a Texas school board narrowly approved to reimplement corporal punishment—something

that had not been administered in the school system since the 1990s.

Last spring, Texas lawmakers voted against a bill that would prohibit public school employees from using corporal punishment on students. House Bill 772 received a 58-86 vote in the lower chamber.

In essence, the proposed ban on corporal punishment in Texas schools failed again. Rep. Alma Allen, a Houston Democrat and former public school educator, has carried a bill to eliminate the controversial practice in each biennial session for the past 18 years. The bill passed 5-2 out of the Select Committee on Youth Health and Safety.

On the House Floor last April, Rep. Steve Toth, R-The Woodlands, and Rep. Matt Schaefer, R-Tyler, said schools should be able to continue using corporal punishment, which includes inflicting physical pain on a student's lower body to discipline them.

The Texas school system reinstating corporal punishment said it is time to get a hold on school discipline, once again.

Those opposed to corporal punishment note it is mentally unacceptable to subject students to this type of physical discipline, due to possible long-term and short-term side effects. Some Texas pediatricians have spoken out again the practice.

Back in Bedford County

As for Bedford County, there is no public research available to demonstrate the effects of past use of corporal punishment. Some alums say they remember well placing their hands on the wall as principals gave them several licks on their rear.

Many parents and grandparents now, they say they do have mixed feelings about corporal punishment being back in the schools, mainly due to the greater amount of abuse now being reported in some states, as a result.

*What do you think about corporal punishment in schools? Email [dawn@richardsonmediagroup.net](mailto:dawn@richardsonmediagroup.net).*



Mark Twain's Tom Sawyer was no stranger to corporal punishment. This classic Norman Rockwell painting accompanied a special edition of Twain's *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. While Twain made a comical specimen of Sawyer's unpleasant circumstance, the situation regarding corporal punishment in schools today is no laughing matter.

## AD VERITAS Spare the Rod and Spoil the Child

**DANIEL RICHARDSON**

Growing up, my father often used the phrase, "This hurts me more than it hurts you," as he administered discipline. As a child, this statement seemed more puzzling than the punishment itself. But now, as a father, I understand the truth behind those words. Discipline, in any form, is a complex and emotionally charged aspect of parenting.

In today's society, where the debate over corporal punishment in schools and homes is increasingly polarized, it's crucial to reflect on the biblical adage, "Spare the rod and spoil the child." This proverb, often misinterpreted, doesn't advocate for physical punishment but rather emphasizes the importance of guidance and correction in a child's upbringing.

As parents and educators, our primary role is to prepare our children for the challenges of adulthood. This preparation often includes making difficult decisions about discipline. In my case, spanking is a rare and measured response, ceasing entirely by the age of five and never administered in anger. The goal is always correction, not retribution.

Reflecting on my own school days, I recall an incident in my junior year of high school that left a lasting impression. My American History teacher, who also coached football, threatened to paddle me if I continued to arrive late. Skeptical, I dismissed the warning until the day he made good on his promise. That experience, while uncomfortable, instilled in me a sense of punctuality and respect for authority that has served me well in life.

The debate on corporal punishment in schools is complex. While I do not advocate for its widespread use, I believe there's value in understanding its potential impact when applied judiciously and fairly. The key lies in balance and understanding the individual needs of each child.

I can't imagine the challenges education administrators and teachers are placed in when trying to find the appropriate approach to discipline.

In our quest to raise well-rounded, responsible adults, we must navigate the fine line between discipline and understanding. While the methods may vary, the underlying principle remains constant: Discipline, when administered with love and care, is not about punishment but about teaching life lessons.

## PENCIL SHAVINGS

# First Sunday of Advent thoughts

**DAWN HANKINS**

One thing I always enjoyed about working in church ministry, and being responsible for the church publications, was preparing the Christmas Advent bulletins. Granted, after you produce about 1,000, you did kind of get your fill.

Still, it was fun to watch each week's theme unfold. Cokesbury and Christianbook always had some of the most beautiful bulletins from which to choose.

This Sunday, Christians celebrate the first Sunday of Advent. The 2023 Christian Christmas season runs through Dec. 24.

Advent is designed as a time of reflection, prayer and preparedness of heart-- before we ultimately celebrate The Christ Child's birth. While some do not believe Jesus was born in the winter, it is a time of great joy that many Christians hold sacred.

Some churches celebrate with ceremonies of greenery while oth-

ers light a candle for each week of Advent. Others have special readings like Lessons and Carols, which is being held this Sunday at 2 p.m. at Shofner Lutheran Chapel Church.

Wherever you attend church the first Sunday of Advent, remember that God loved everyone of us. I love this quote by the late Billy Graham. "The very purpose of Christ's coming into the world was that he might offer up his life as a sacrifice for the sins of men. He came to die. This is the heart of Christmas."

So, each moment of service should be shared with those we love, even if they do not attend church. Discuss something special about church services you enjoyed, when able.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer said in "God is in the Manger," that Jesus stands at the door knocking (Revelation 3:20.) Remember, he wrote a lot of his Christian inspiration



**DAWN HANKINS**

from prison.

Bonhoeffer said, "In total reality, he comes in the form of the beggar, of the dissolute human child in ragged clothes, asking for help. He confronts you in every person that you meet. As long as there are people, Christ will walk the earth as your neighbor, as the one through whom God calls you, speaks to you, makes demands on you. That is the great seriousness and great blessedness of the Advent message. Christ is standing at the door; he lives in the form of a human being among us."

Let us greet one another with L.O.V.E. (Living Out the Victory of Emmanuel) this first Sunday of Advent.

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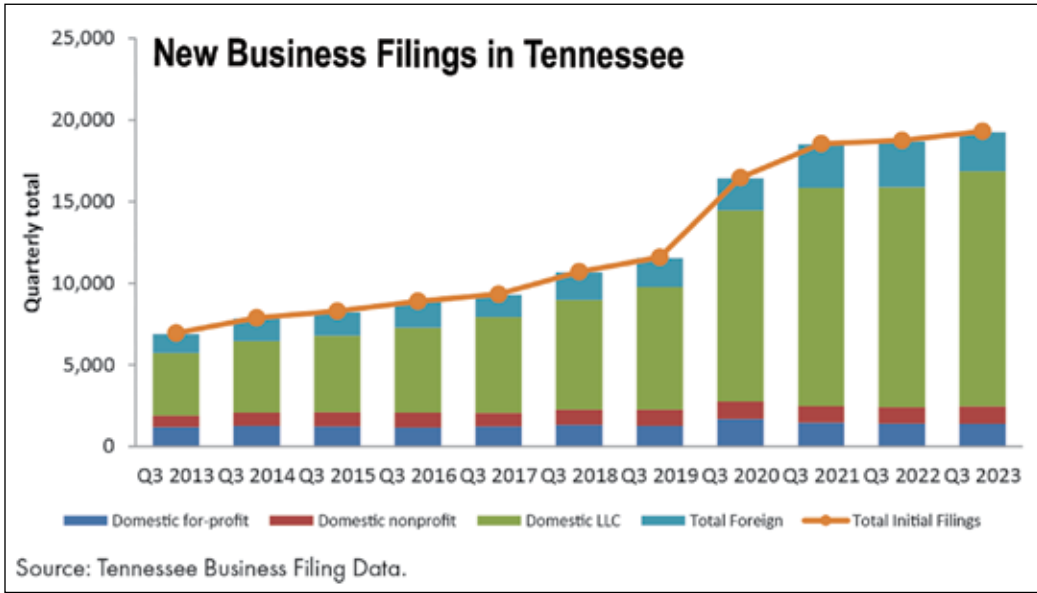
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## Tennessee Sets New Record for Business Filings in Third Quarter of 2023

According to an announcement from Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett on Tuesday, Tennessee has set a new record for new business filings in the third quarter of 2023. This marks the highest number for a third quarter in the 25-year history of data collection, as reported in the new Quarterly Business and Economic Indicators report issued by the Secretary of State's office.

Secretary Hargett highlighted the continual growth in business filings throughout each quarter of 2023, attributing it to Tennessee's robust economy, characterized by low taxes, reasonable regulation, and responsible fiscal management. The third quarter alone saw 19,304 new entities filing in the state, contributing

to a total of 77,596 new businesses over the past year, representing a 2.9% growth rate.

This surge in business filings is a positive indicator for the state's economy, often leading to job creation, increased personal income, and growth in state revenue. Notably, state employment rose by 8,700 jobs, and the unemployment rate remained low at 3.2%, below the national average of 3.8%.

Davidson and Shelby counties led the state in the number of filings, followed by Knox and Hamilton counties. These four counties accounted for 44.1% of all new filings statewide. Knox County, in particular, showed a remarkable year-over-year growth of 54.2% for the third quarter.

Don Bruce, the direc-

tor of the Boyd Center for Business and Economic Research, commented on the record-setting number of new business filings, noting that it reflects the state's healthy economy and its status as an excellent place for business and residence. He anticipates continued strong growth in employment and income for Tennessee.

The Quarterly Business and Economic Indicators report, a snapshot of the state's economy, is published through a partnership with the University of Tennessee Knoxville's Boyd Center for Business and Economic Research and the Secretary of State's office. The full Q3 2023 report, along with past reports, can be reviewed at [sos.tn.gov](http://sos.tn.gov).

## Gov. Lee, Legislative Leadership Call for Statewide School Choice, Unveil Education Freedom Scholarship Act

Today, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee presented the Education Freedom Scholarship Act of 2024, his administration's legislative proposal to establish statewide universal school choice, alongside members of the General Assembly, Tennessee families and education stakeholders. This legislation aims to provide every Tennessee parent with the opportunity to choose the right education for their child, while prioritizing families with the greatest need.

"A high-quality education has the power to change the trajectory of a child's life, and there's no question that now is the time to make school choice a reality for every Tennessee family," said Gov. Bill Lee. "Tennessee's Education Freedom Scholarships will empower parents with the freedom to choose the right education for their child, while also giving them a say in how their taxpayer dollars are invested. In the coming months, I look forward to working with Tennessee families and members of the General Assembly to accomplish this historic legislative initiative and establish Tennessee as a leader in providing choice for families while also striving toward the best public school system in the country."

"Working to expand the educational choices parents and students have available to them is always a worthy goal," said Lt. Gov. Randy McNally. "I am grateful Governor Lee has brought forth this proposal and I look forward to working with him, Speaker Sexton and all members of the General Assembly in pursuit of that goal."

"We all agree that every child should have an opportunity for a quality education that meets their needs, and I strongly believe the ultimate decision should be made by parents, not government bureaucrats," said House Speaker Camer-

on Sexton. "This scholarship opportunity is funded outside the current K-12 funding model, TISA, which means dollars do not follow students. We all know a quality education changes one's life and reduces poverty and crime within communities. In the future in Tennessee, students and parents will be in control of their education success, without the government limiting their opportunities."

"Across the state, parents should be empowered to make the best education decisions for their children by having input over where their taxpayer dollars are spent," said Senate Majority Leader Jack Johnson. "Students should not be boxed in to attending a school that doesn't fit their needs. I am grateful to Governor Lee for proposing the Education Freedom Scholarship Act to give Tennessee parents the ability to make a fundamental choice: where their child goes to school. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the General Assembly and Governor Lee and his team to pass this legislation."

"Tennessee is serious about student achievement," said House Majority Leader William Lamberth. "This is a bold idea that will empower families and change lives. This initiative, combined with our historic investments in public education, will launch a new era of student success in Tennessee."

The Education Freedom Scholarship Act will empower Tennessee parents with the freedom to choose the right school for their child and give families a choice where their taxpayer dollars are spent.

Tennessee residents entitled to attend K-12 at a public school, including homeschoolers enrolled in umbrella or church-related schools, will be eligible for the program. The

bill is structured to prioritize eligibility for the most at-risk students before ramping up to universal eligibility.

2024-25 school year: A total of 20,000 scholarships will be awarded on a rolling first-come, first-served basis.

10,000 scholarships available for Tennessee students who are at or below 300% of the federal poverty level, have a disability, or are eligible for the existing ESA pilot program.

10,000 additional scholarships available to a universal pool of students entitled to attend a public school.

2025-26 school year and beyond: Universal eligibility for all students entitled to attend a public school. If applications exceed available scholarships due to funding, lower income, public-school and returning scholarship students will receive priority.

Since taking office in 2019, Governor Lee has been passionate about expanding choices for parents regarding their child's education, while also making historic investments in Tennessee's public schools, with an emphasis on funding students, not systems.

In 2022, the Lee administration worked in partnership with the General Assembly to pass the Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA) Act, transitioning Tennessee's K-12 public schools to a student-based funding approach and investing an estimated \$9 billion into education funding for the state, which included an additional recurring state investment of \$1 billion annually.

In 2023, Gov. Lee signed Teacher Paycheck Protection Act, a landmark bill giving teachers the largest pay raise in state history. As a result, Tennessee is currently on track to become a top ten state for starting teacher pay by 2026.



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# BUSINESS

## Leadership Bedford kicks off with 43 participants

The 2023-2024 Leadership Bedford adult and youth classes kicked off their year with the annual retreat held at The Webb School in Bell Buckle on Sept. 9.

The retreat teaches leadership, team building and problem-solving skills through several challenging low-ropes courses led by the school's facilitators of the W.I.L.D. program (Wilderness Instruction and Leadership Development).

Since the retreat, members of Leadership Bedford have participated in three class days that focused on Bedford County's history, government leadership, local tourism, medical and social services, and small businesses and industries.

"We have a great group this year," says Joe Marchesoni, Leadership Board president. "They're energetic, enthusiastic and eager to work together and learn about the Bedford County community."

Leadership Bedford's next class day is planned for Dec. 6 and will include opportunities to learn about public safety, local law enforcement and military services offered in our community.

The 2023-2024 Leadership Bedford adult class participants include Andrea Brown, Angelia Nelson-James, Ashlyn Chapman, Dawn Loyd, Destiny Freebury, Emma Simons, Keri Wendling, Janet King Clarkson, Elizabeth Gaefe, Hampton Hickman, Kari Bell, Katelyn Womack, Kent Smith, Letisia Diaz, Mallory Anderson, Rachel Grijalva, Tiffany Beavers and Travis Emore.

Officers for the adult class are Rachel Grijalva, president; Ashlyn Chapman, vice president; Dawn Loyd, treasurer; Kari Bell, secretary; and Emma Simons and Elizabeth Gaefe, historians.

The 2023 - 2024 Youth Leadership Bedford class members include the following: Ashley Cope, Abby Harris, Addison Pope, Sawyer Lovvorn, Claire Perry, Amy Whitley, Stacia Bowen, and Emma Gilmore from Cascade High School; Addison Cothran, Thomas Bowling, Emma Ralston, Ashlyn Yoes, Reily Anica Rodriguez, Gunnar McGowan and Sarah Woolbright from Community High School; Gracie Herrod, Kylie Boyette, NaVaeh Buchanan, Helena Duke, Caitlyn Burdick, Victor Smith Rogel, Jackson Benson and Addison Rueff from Shelbyville Cen-



tral High School; and Jacie Bateman and Charlotte Carkuff from The Webb School.

Officers for the youth class are Jaycie Bateman, president; Addison Pope, vice president; Caitlyn Burdick, treasurer; Charlotte Carkuff, secretary; and Gracie Herrod, historian.

"With 'Ready for change. Ready to lead.' as our theme and mantra for the 2023-2024 Leadership Bedford year, we are expecting great things as participants continue to listen, learn and participate in the various tours, presentations and activities that the program offers," says Marchesoni.

## Gas Prices in Tennessee Drop Six Cents, helping holiday travel

According to an announcement this week from AAA - The Auto Club Group, Tennessee residents enjoyed more affordable Thanksgiving travel as gas prices dropped six cents across the state. This decline in gas prices coincided with an estimated 1.2 million Tennesseans hitting the road for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. The current Tennessee gas price average stands at \$2.87 per gallon, representing a 26-cent reduction from the price one month ago and a 24-cent

decrease compared to one year ago.

Megan Cooper, spokeswoman for AAA - The Auto Club Group, explained, "Recent drops in crude oil prices alongside the seasonal downturn in gasoline demand are helping to keep downward pressure on pump prices. Unless there is an unexpected spike in crude oil prices or other major changes in the oil market, gas prices should remain low through the end of the year."

Tennessee residents who

embarked on road trips over the Thanksgiving weekend were met with the most budget-friendly gas prices in three years. On average, motorists paid \$2.89 per gallon at the pump during this holiday season, significantly lower than the \$3.15 per gallon recorded the previous year. In 2020, drivers enjoyed an even more substantial discount, with gas prices at \$1.89 per gallon on Thanksgiving Day.

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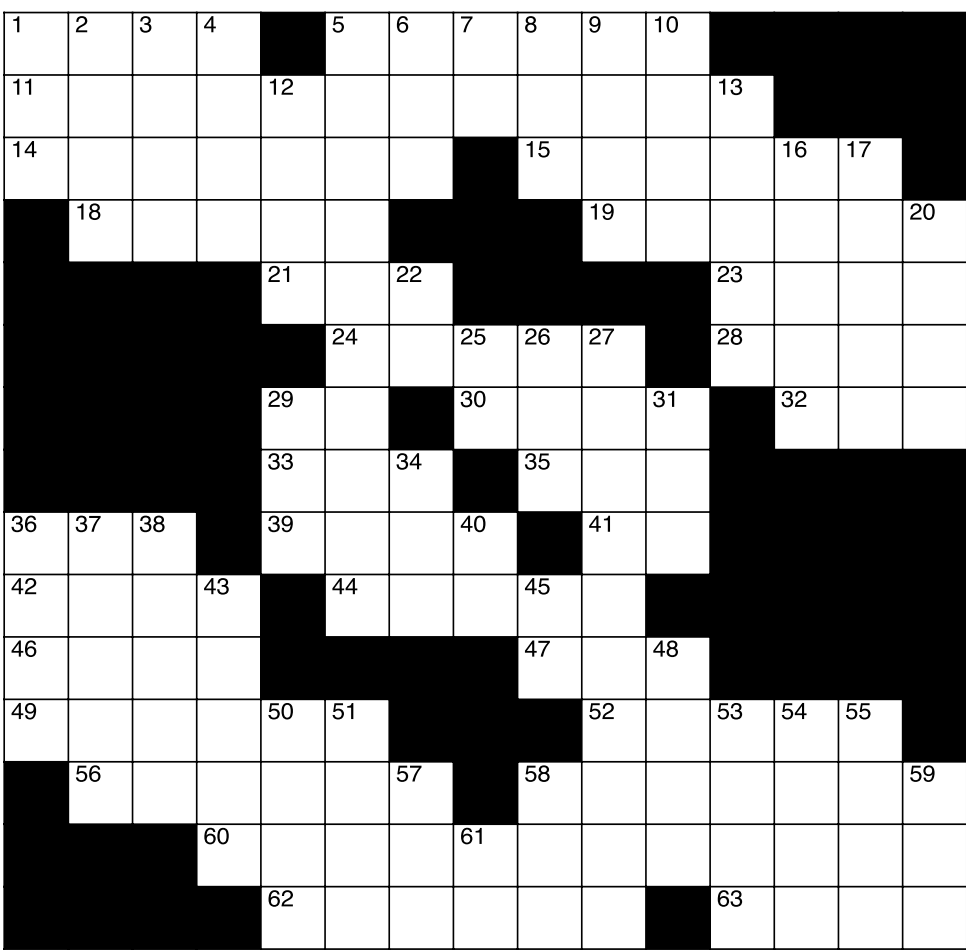
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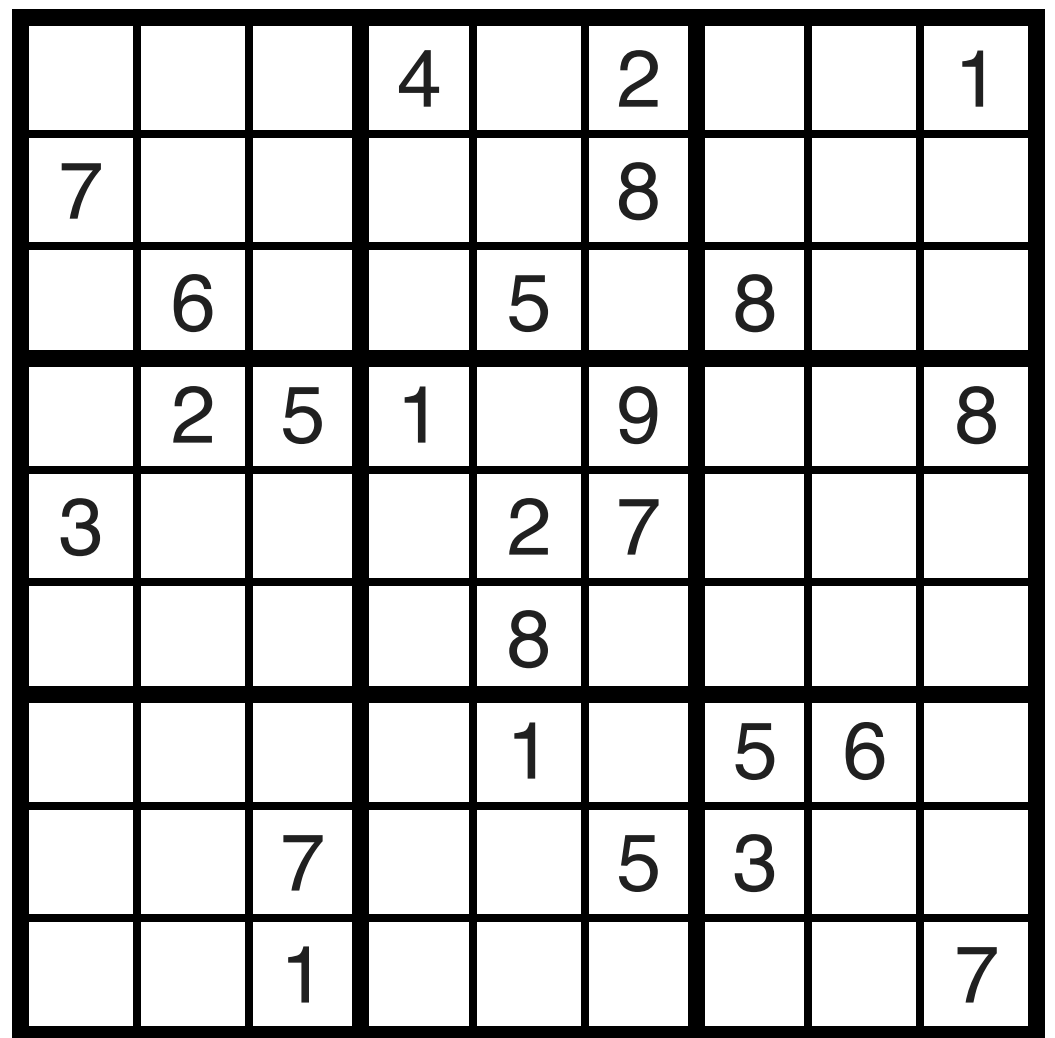


**CLUES ACROSS**

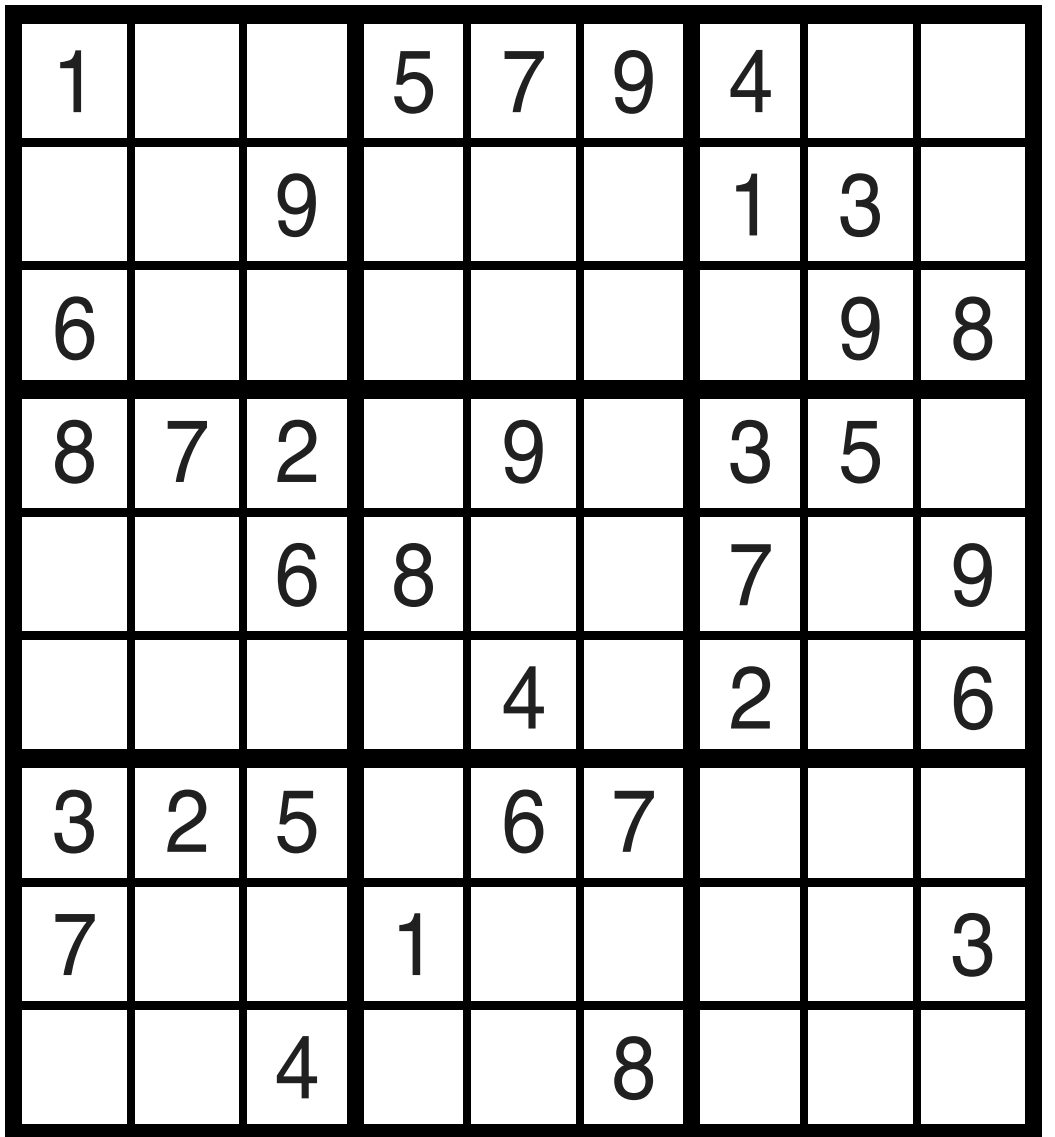
- 1. Old English letters
- 5. Sculpture
- 11. Showing up again
- 14. Tie the knot again
- 15. Washington city
- 18. Stiff structures in invertebrates
- 19. Mark over a vowel
- 21. Explosive
- 23. Popular race: \_\_ 500
- 24. Pile up
- 28. Mint
- 29. Commercial
- 30. A minute amount (Scottish)
- 32. Small Eurasian deer
- 33. Baseball stat
- 35. Numbers cruncher
- 36. Japanese masked drama
- 39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- 41. Blood group
- 42. Assist in wrongdoing
- 44. Language spoken in Cameroon and Chad
- 46. Grayish-white
- 47. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
- 49. Microorganism
- 52. Place under prohibition
- 56. Calm, dependable
- 58. Congressman
- 60. Force
- 62. As a result of this document
- 63. One of two main branches of Islam

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Make a mistake
- 2. Gordon and Snider are two
- 3. Geographical region of Finland
- 4. Ejected saliva
- 5. A way of performing
- 6. Scotland's longest river
- 7. One of the six noble gases (abbr.)
- 8. Body art
- 9. Two-toed sloth
- 10. Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 12. Foolish person (Brit.)
- 13. Of the wind
- 16. Grand home
- 17. Sound
- 20. English river
- 22. Symbol indicating ownership
- 25. Exclamation of surprise
- 26. Pouch
- 27. Apart from
- 29. Satisfaction
- 31. The bill in a restaurant
- 34. Sea bream
- 36. Port in southern Japan
- 37. Double-reed instruments
- 38. Center
- 40. South Dakota
- 43. An orderly crowd
- 45. Indicates position
- 48. \_\_-pedi
- 50. Nonsense (slang)
- 51. Republic of Ireland
- 53. Nocturnal flyers
- 54. American state
- 55. Clusters in fern fronds
- 57. Patriotic women
- 58. A person's brother or sister
- 59. Breed of sheep
- 61. Popular film "Despicable \_\_"



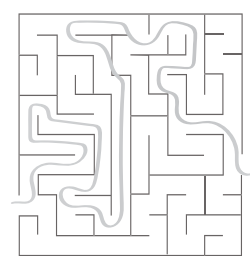
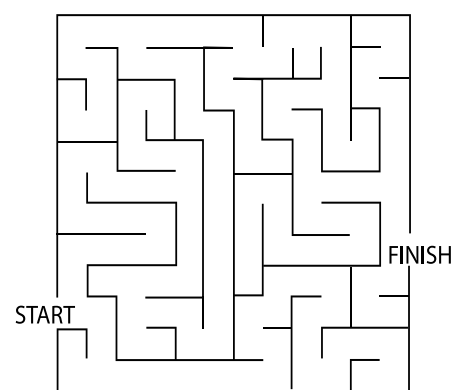
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Level: Beginner



**Maze Craze**  
Can you find your way through the maze?



**THIS DAY IN... HISTORY**

NOV 28

- 1814: THE TIMES OF LONDON BECAME THE FIRST NEWSPAPER TO BE PRINTED ON A STEAM-POWERED PRINTING PRESS.
- 1919: LADY ASTOR BECAME THE FIRST WOMAN TO SIT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.
- 1991: SOUTH OSETIA DECLARES INDEPENDENCE FROM GEORGIA.

**New Word**

**DEBIT**  
amount owed or removed from an account

**How they SAY that in...**

- ENGLISH:** Purchase
- SPANISH:** Comprar
- ITALIAN:** Comprare
- FRENCH:** Acheter
- GERMAN:** Etwas kaufen

**Did You Know?**

CUSTOMERS WHO WANT TO AVOID THE CROWDS ON BLACK FRIDAY CAN SHOP LOCALLY ON SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY.

**GET THE PICTURE?**

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?  
ANSWER: SALE SIGN

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**ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ**

**CRYPTO FUN**

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to technology.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 25 = C)

**A. 25 14 15 4 26 7 17 2**

Clue: Machine that performs operations

**B. 16 17 1 24 25 17**

Clue: Gadget

**C. 7 17 25 5**

Clue: Abbreviation for electronic devices

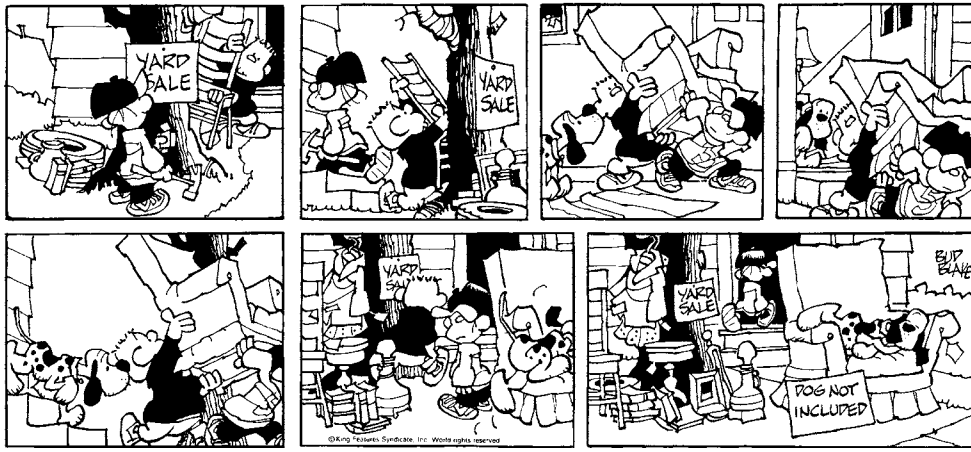
**D. 25 14 15 15 26 22 24 25 12 7 17**

Clue: Exchange information or ideas

Answers: A. computer B. device C. tech D. communicate

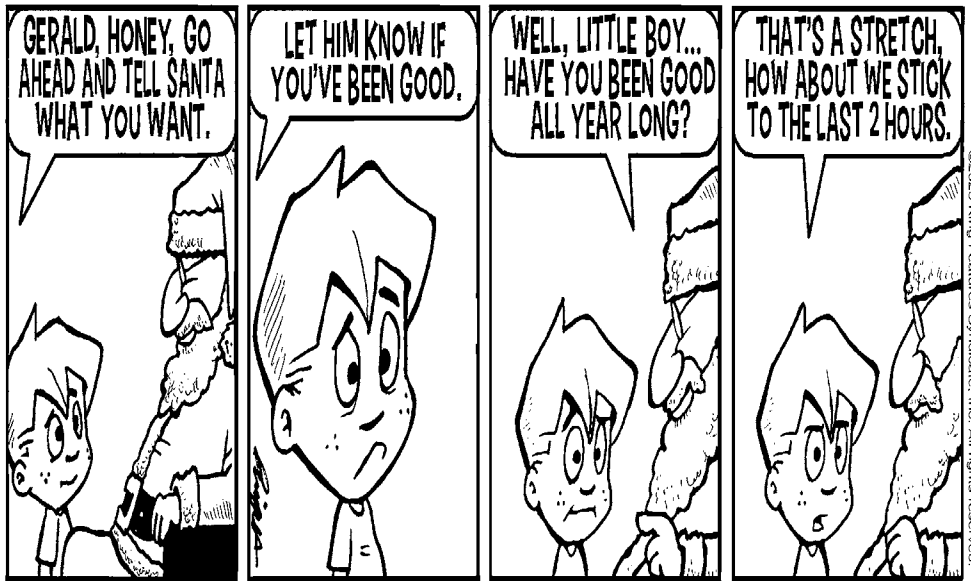
## TIGER

by **BUD BLAKE**



## Amber Waves

by **Dave T. Phipps**



### 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. Juicy citrus	O _ _ _ _ _	Farm cooperative	G _ _ _ _ _
2. July or February	_ _ N _ _ _	Cave opening	_ _ U _ _ _
3. Decanter	_ O _ _ _ _	Bulge or Gettysburg	_ A _ _ _ _
4. Rock 'n' roll king	_ _ V _ _ _	New York island	_ _ L _ _ _
5. Not as speedy	S _ _ _ _ _	Rose or tulip	F _ _ _ _ _
6. Ration	_ _ _ _ T _	Give permission	_ _ _ _ W _
7. Sudden light burst	_ _ A _ _ _	Poker hand	_ _ U _ _ _
8. Loose coins	_ _ _ _ G _	Monopoly game card	_ _ _ _ C _
9. Happy, like St. Nick	J _ _ _ _ _	Pet parrot's name	P _ _ _ _ _
10. Brutal one	_ E _ _ _ _	Be vainglorious	_ O _ _ _ _

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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- Microwave
- Jubilation
- Scruff
- "— Believer"
- Give temporarily
- Big-screen format
- Layered desserts
- Refer to
- Irate
- Breaks away
- Stockholm's land
- JFK's veep
- Fleur-de—
- Cutting tool
- Parlor pieces
- Now, on a memo
- Luau bowlful
- Karate level
- Prison-related
- Atty.'s title
- Mauna —
- Soda
- Steering device on a ship
- Leaping antelopes
- Hosp. hook-ups
- Donald
- Duck's nephew
- Like a good golf score
- '50s Ford
- "Great work!"
- During
- Top of the head
- Former mates
- Passing craze
- "Survivor" ailer
- High-five sound
- Doc's bloc
- Italian cheese
- Forest clearings
- Tiki bar neck-lace
- Tolkien creatures
- Tropical fruits
- Leb. neighbor
- Texter's chuckle
- Calms
- "Straight Up" singer Abdul
- TiVo, for example
- Denny's rival
- Inspiration
- Nuisance
- Break suddenly
- Chips go-with
- Santa — winds
- Crater part

**DOWN**

- Energy
- Docs' bloc
- Italian cheese
- Forest clearings
- Tiki bar neck-lace
- Tolkien creatures
- '50s Ford
- "Great work!"
- During
- Top of the head
- Former mates
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### Weekly SUDOKU

by **Linda Thistle**

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

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

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

### 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: K equals L

M DHFKUW'O OBMWV HS OBA  
WGZA HS G SGZMKMGI NGQMD  
DBAZMDGK QFNQOGWDA. M BGU  
GW AKAZAWOGK NKHDV.

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### King Crossword

Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

Even Exchange

1. Ankle, Angle	10. Candy, Caddy
2. Fiddle, Middle	9. Sennet, Sennel
3. Shark, Sharp	8. Green, Greer
4. Miter, Miser	7. Bicker, Baker
5. Aplay, Aply	6. Novel, Nobel

### STICKELLERS

by **Terry Stickels**

How many anagrams can you find for each of the words below? We found 14 total for all four words. Are there more?

- praised
- garden
- pores
- arrest

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### SCRAMBLERS

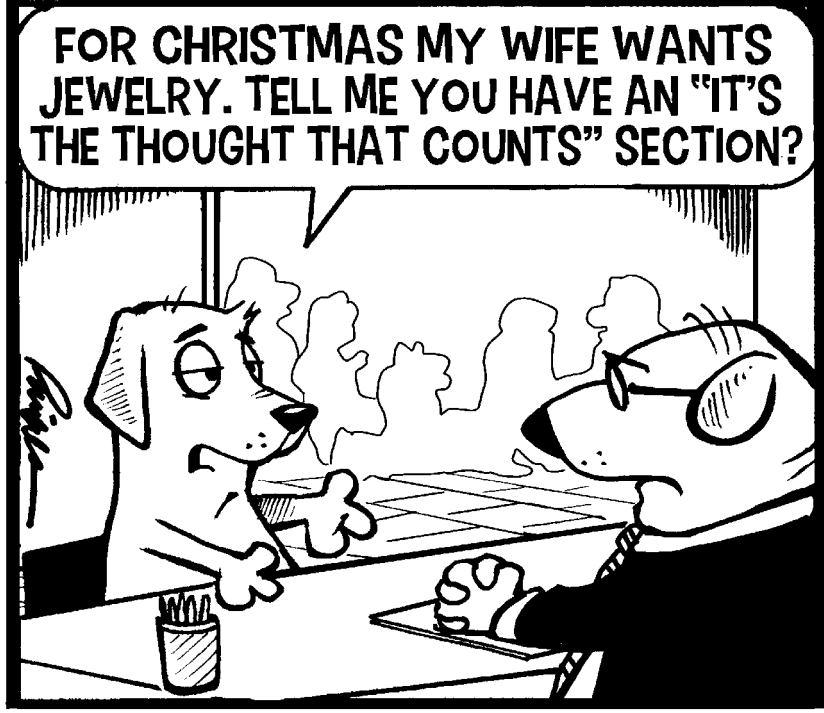
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gap!

Throng  
RHODE  
Proof  
CRATE  
Lark  
INACT  
Vision  
GAMIE

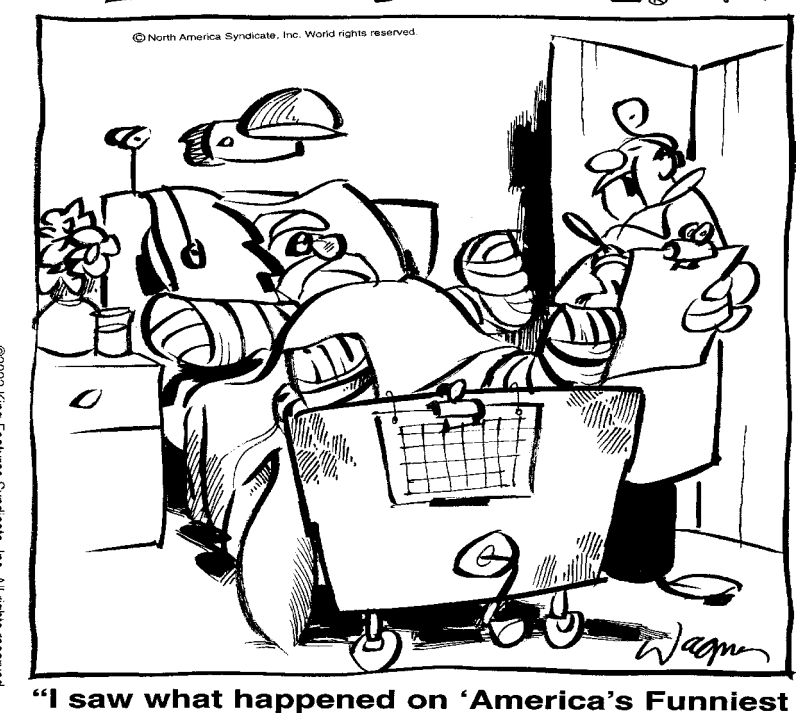
TODAY'S WORD

## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by **Dave T. Phipps**



## GRIN THE BEAR IT



do? Sneak a tack.

hardware store, what do you pocket a pushpin out of a If you surreptitiously answer

CryptoQuip

added to arrive at the second number.

The missing number is 29. The first number in each block is squared, then 4 is added to arrive at the second number.

Sticklers Answer

1. Dotage 2. Bathie; solution

3. Inche; 4. Legion

Today's Word

GNIHON

SCRAMBLERS

# Shelbyville Police Reports

*Please note that the following summaries are based on reports provided by the Shelbyville Police Department. These summaries are intended for informational purposes only and do not reflect accusations or conclusions by The Shelbyville Times-Gazette.*

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## Employment Authorization Card Reported Lost

Date: 11/13/2023  
Reporting Officer: James Sharp

Summary: Fabiola Abigail Zarate Medellin reported a lost Employment Authorization Card to the police department on November 13, 2023. According to Medellin, she had visited the American Job Center in October 2022, where she presented her Employment Authorization Card along with other necessary documents. Upon returning home, she secured her documents but later realized that her card was missing. Medellin returned to the American Job Center to inquire about her card, but they confirmed they did not have it. Officer James Sharp advised Medellin of her rights and provided her with a report status form for her records.

## Unlicensed Driver Arrested for Traffic Violations

Date: November 13, 2023  
Reporting Officer: Ramon Castillo

Summary: On November 13, 2023, Officer Ramon Castillo observed a blue Ford with a broken headlight driving outbound on South Cannon Blvd. The vehicle, registered in Tennessee with the number 559BHVT, was pulled over due to the light law violation. The driver, identified as Mr. Moises Mendez, admitted to Officer Castillo that he was currently unlicensed in the state of Tennessee. A subsequent check revealed that Mr. Mendez's license had been revoked due to unpaid fines in Rutherford county. Consequently, Mr. Mendez was arrested for driving with a revoked license and for the light law violation. His vehicle was left at the scene as per his request. Mr. Mendez was then transported to the Bedford County jail and booked. His court date has been set for December 12, 2023, at 9:00 AM. The entire incident was recorded by Officer Castillo's Body Worn Camera (BWC), unit 114-19.

## Man Arrested for Public Intoxication on Madison Street

Date: November 13, 2023  
Reporting Officer: David Merlo

Summary: On November 13, 2023, Officer David Merlo was dispatched to Madison Street following reports of a potentially intoxicated man in the roadway. Upon arrival, Officer Merlo found Adolfo Sebastian lying in the grass next to the road. Sebastian exhibited signs of severe intoxication, including a strong odor of alcohol and an inability to stand without swaying and being unsteady. Due to his level of intoxication and the potential danger to himself, Sebastian was taken into custody for public intoxica-

tion. He was transported to corrections without incident. The entire incident was recorded on the officer's body-worn camera. Sebastian, a white male, was arrested by Officer Merlo, badge number 465.

## Man Arrested for Driving on Revoked License and Outstanding Warrants

Date: November 13, 2023  
Reporting Officer: Lane Jernigan

Summary: On November 13, 2023, at approximately 23:15, Officer Guinn and Officer Lane Jernigan pulled over a vehicle due to an expired tag. The driver, initially identified as Jeovan Hernandez, admitted to not having a license. After his arrest for driving without a license, registration violation, and financial responsibility, a search at the jail revealed his true identity as Felipe Jeovan Hernandez Silva, as per his Mexico ID found in his wallet. Dispatch confirmed that Silva's driver's license was revoked and he had outstanding warrants in Marshall County. Consequently, Silva was charged with driving on a revoked license instead of driving without a license. He is scheduled to appear in General Sessions Court on December 12, 2023, and his bond is set at \$1,500. Silva's sister, Maria Hernandez, took possession of the vehicle and its contents.

## Man Arrested for Outstanding Warrant on Southeast Side

Date: November 14, 2023  
Reporting Officer: James Sharp

Summary: On November 14, 2023, Officer James Sharp encountered Colton Douglas on the sidewalk of the Adult Learning Center on the Southeast Side. Douglas was charging his phone at the time. Officer Sharp engaged in a consensual encounter with Douglas, during which a computer check revealed an active warrant for Douglas's arrest. The warrant was issued due to Douglas's failure to appear for a scheduled court date. Douglas was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Bedford County Jail. The entire encounter was recorded on Officer Sharp's Body Worn Camera (B.W.C.) system. No further information is available at this time.

## Storage Facility Burglary at Riverview Street

Date: November 14, 2023  
Reporting Officer: Jerry Lawrence

Summary: On November 14, 2023, Officer Jerry Lawrence was dispatched to Riverview Storage located at 405 Riverview Street following a report of burglary. The complainant, Ms. Kelly Peercy, reported that her storage locker (#12) had been broken into. Ms. Peercy stated that she had visited the locker the previous day at 6:30 PM and everything was in order. However, upon her return at 4:30 PM on November 14, she discovered that her lock had been cut and numerous valuable items were missing. Officer Lawrence advised Ms. Peercy of her rights and recorded the interaction on his body camera, connected to unit #113-21. The offender remains unknown at this time and the investigation is ongoing.

## Woman Involved in Car Accident Found Driving on Suspended License

Date: November 14, 2023  
Reporting Officer: Chris Vest

Summary: On November 14, 2023, Officer Chris Vest responded to a two-vehicle accident on South Cannon Blvd. The driver of a silver Nissan Versa, identified as Ashley Nicole Cantrell, was involved in the accident and was being treated for injuries by Bedford County EMS. Upon checking her driver's license, it was discovered that Cantrell's license had been suspended due to lack of insurance proof from a traffic citation in May 2023. Cantrell, who confirmed she

currently does not have insurance, was transported to Vanderbilt Hospital for further treatment. Despite her hospitalization, Cantrell was issued a criminal summons and was informed of the book and release procedure, which she must complete within 10 days. The incident was recorded on Officer Vest's Body Worn Camera (BWC). No additional information is available at this time.

## Domestic Dispute Over Missing Money Leads to Threat Allegations

Date: November 14, 2023  
Reporting Officer: Lane Jernigan

Summary: On November 14, 2023, officers were dispatched to respond to a reported domestic dispute. Shanna Hazel claimed that her brother-in-law, Shane McAnally, had threatened to shoot her following a disagreement over alcohol. The incident reportedly took place after Hazel had taken her sister, Christy McAnally, Shane's wife, to DUI court.

Upon investigation, officers visited the residence at 224 Edgemont Dr. where the alleged threat occurred. They spoke with Christy's son, Chance Payton, who was present during the incident. Payton stated that the dispute arose when a money jar was accidentally knocked over and broke, leading to some money going missing. He denied any threats were made by Shane towards Hazel.

Both parties were informed of their rights regarding domestic violence. No arrests were made at the time of the report. The case is considered completed, but further investigations may follow if necessary.

## Unlicensed Driver Involved in Two-Vehicle Collision on Madison Street

Date: November 15, 2023  
Reporting Officer: Joseph Cleek

Summary: On November 15, 2023, Officer Joseph Cleek responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Madison Street and Deery Street. The driver, Ruben Matias-Sebastian, was found to be operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license at the time of the accident. Matias-Sebastian, a white male, was issued a summons and was explained the booking procedure, which he agreed to. The case is now considered completed. No further information is available at this time.

## Second Burglary Incident Reported at South Side Storage Unit

Date: November 14, 2023  
Reporting Officer: Joseph Cleek

Summary: On November 15, 2023, Officer Joseph Cleek received a report from Matthew Colburn regarding a second burglary incident at his storage unit on the South Side. Colburn had previously reported a burglary on November 14, 2023, but believes this to be a separate incident. Upon checking his storage unit, Colburn discovered a Dual brand stereo, valued at \$100, missing. Colburn also mentioned a potential suspect, a "redheaded guy" who has been seen in the vicinity of the storage units. The suspect remains unidentified and the investigation is ongoing.

## Domestic Assault Incident on Northeast Side

Date: November 15, 2023  
Reporting Officer: Joseph Cleek

Summary: On November 15, 2023, Officer Joseph Cleek responded to a domestic assault report at 401 Shoma. Upon arrival, he encountered Vincent Woods, who had visible scratches on his face and was holding strands of his hair. Woods claimed that his girlfriend, Ashley McCandless, had verbally abused him and pulled his hair. Woods admitted to pushing McCandless in an attempt to remove her from his room. McCandless, who also had scratches on her

face, confirmed that Woods had pushed her, causing the scratches. She admitted to being in Woods' room and provoking him. McCandless stated her intention to leave the residence and move to her mother's house in Columbia. Both parties were informed of their rights. McCandless planned to shower and collect her belongings before leaving. The case is currently classified as a simple assault.

## Verbal Domestic Dispute Leads to Intervention and Assistance

Date: November 15, 2023  
Reporting Officer: Russ Grubbs

Summary: On November 15, 2023, Officer Russ Grubbs responded to a domestic dispute at 317 Cliffside Ave. Upon arrival, Officer Grubbs made contact with Bobby Vandygriff, who was found sitting on the front porch. Vandygriff informed the officer that his girlfriend, Brandon Butler, had left the premises before the police arrived. The argument reportedly started due to the emotional distress Butler was experiencing on the anniversary of her father's death.

Officer Grubbs later made contact with Butler, who was stopped by Sgt. Taylor in the parking lot of the Dinner Table. Butler expressed that Vandygriff was verbally abusive towards her and that she was in need of a safe place to stay. Sgt. Taylor subsequently transported Butler to the Haven of Hope, a local shelter, to ensure her safety. No arrests were made in relation to the incident.

## Man Threatens Neighbor with Gun on Northeast Side

Date: November 15, 2023  
Reporting Officer: Bryan Lashwood

Summary: On November 15, 2023, Officer Bryan Lashwood was dispatched to 300 Barksdale Lane, Lot 34, following a report of threats made with a gun. The incident involved Christopher Gross and David Stacey. According to Stacey, he and Kristin Stacey were approached by two black males in a red 2008 Ford Mustang. The passenger was identified as Christopher Gross, who allegedly had a .022 caliber handgun. Although Gross did not point the gun at Stacey, he reportedly threatened him, saying "keep my name out of your mouth or I will handle you." Stacey was not scared but believed Gross was attempting to intimidate him. Stacey was issued a status report form and informed of his rights. The incident was recorded on a department-issued body-worn camera. Christopher Gross, the offender, is a black male. No arrests have been made at this time.

## Domestic Dispute Over Room Change Leads to Food Fight

Date: November 15, 2023  
Reporting Officer: Gary Goodwin

Summary: Officer Gary Goodwin responded to a domestic disturbance at 116 Blue Ribbon Pkwy on the Northeast side. Upon arrival, he made contact with Louis Burnett who reported an argument with his daughter, Rebecca Burnett. The dispute was over Rebecca moving her belongings from one room to another in anticipation of other family members moving in. During the argument, Rebecca allegedly threw tater tots at Louis.

Rebecca confirmed the argument started over her moving items into another room and added that Louie had forbidden her from having anyone over to help her move. When questioned about the food-throwing incident, Rebecca admitted to spitting out a chicken sandwich on the ground after Louis claimed she hadn't bought it. Officer Goodwin advised both parties of their rights and recommended they avoid each other for the rest of the night. No arrests were made at the scene.

## Repeat Trespasser Arrested at Local Bowling

### Alley

Date: November 15, 2023  
Reporting Officer: Carter McAnally

Summary: On November 15, 2023, officers were dispatched to Lightning Lanes bowling alley at 105 Davis Ln, following a report of an unwanted person identified as Eddie Ray. Officer Carter McAnally and his colleague, Officer Presley, confirmed that Mr. Ray had previously been trespassed from the premises on September 11, 2023. Upon arrival, the officers found Mr. Ray walking through the bowling alley.

When confronted, Mr. Ray agreed to leave the premises. However, due to his previous trespassing notice, the officers placed him under arrest for criminal trespassing. Mr. Ray was then handcuffed and transported to BCSO without further incident. The entire process was recorded on the Body Worn Camera (BWC) of the officers. No additional information is available at this time.

## High-Speed Chase Leads to Arrest of Unlicensed Driver

Date: November 16, 2023  
Reporting Officer: Carter McAnally

Summary: On November 16, 2023, Officer Carter McAnally observed a maroon Dodge Journey speeding eastbound on Madison St. The vehicle was clocked at 53 mph in a 40 mph zone. Upon initiating a traffic stop, the driver, identified as Miguel Ramos Lares, presented a Guatemalan identification card. A subsequent computer check confirmed that Mr. Lares did not possess a valid driver's license and had a history of driving without one.

Given the circumstances, Officer McAnally arrested Mr. Lares, charging him with driving without a license and speeding. The vehicle was towed by Davidson's towing while other officers remained on the scene. Mr. Lares was transported to BCSO and booked on the charges. He received a criminal summons from Commissioner Halsey for both charges. The entire incident was recorded on the officer's body-worn camera.

## Attempted Theft and Vandalism at Green Lane Parking Lot

Date: November 16, 2023  
Reporting Officer: Joseph Cleek

Summary: On November 16, 2023, Officer Joseph Cleek responded to a report of vandalism at the parking lot of building 5, located at 1601 Green Lane. The complainant, identified as John Smotherman, reported that the rear driver side window of his Kia had been broken. Additionally, the plastic shroud around the ignition switch was missing, suggesting a possible theft attempt. However, Smotherman confirmed that nothing was missing from the vehicle. The exact time of the incident remains unknown. The offender remains unidentified and at large. The investigation is ongoing.

## Stop for Speeding Leads to Arrest of Suspected Car Thief

Date: November 16, 2023  
Reporting Officer: Michael Taylor

Summary: On November 16, 2023, Officer Michael Taylor observed a red Nissan Versa traveling at an excessive speed on West Lane Street. The vehicle was clocked at 50 mph in a 30 mph zone. Upon stopping the vehicle, the driver, identified as Sebastian Castro, was found to be without a valid driver's license and the vehicle was uninsured. A further check revealed that Castro was a suspect in a car theft reported the previous month. Castro was subsequently arrested and transported to corrections. The vehicle, due to its lack of insurance, was removed from the scene by a scheduled wrecker.

## Intoxicated Domestic

## Dispute Resolved Peacefully on Providence Drive

Date: November 16, 2023  
Reporting Officer: Michael Taylor

Summary: On November 16, 2023, Officer Michael Taylor responded to a domestic dispute at 77 Providence Dr. The involved parties, Patrick Caldwell and Angila Thery, had been drinking throughout the day and were intoxicated. Their verbal argument escalated to a point where Thery felt the need to leave the residence, calling her niece for assistance. Upon her niece's arrival, Caldwell attempted to prevent Thery from leaving. Officer Taylor, along with Lt. Wilkerson, managed to deescalate the situation, allowing Thery to leave the residence safely for the night. Both parties were informed of their rights and provided with report status forms. The entire incident was recorded on active body cameras. No arrests were made at the scene.

## Third Instance of Vandalism to Vehicle Reported on Southeast Side

Date: November 16, 2023  
Reporting Officer: Bryan Lashwood

Summary: On November 16, 2023, Officer Bryan Lashwood was dispatched to 300 Neely Avenue, Apartment 4-B, following a report of vandalism to a vehicle. Upon arrival, Officer Lashwood made contact with the vehicle owner, Alexis Jane Altice, and her 2021 Toyota Camry. Altice reported that her vehicle had been keyed sometime between 8:30 PM on November 15 and 5:30 AM on November 16. This marks the third time Altice's vehicle has been vandalized in this manner. Altice was unable to provide any leads on potential suspects. Officer Lashwood issued Altice a status report form and assured her that a report would be filed. Extra patrols have been initiated in the area as a result of the repeated vandalism. The incident was recorded using a department-issued body-worn camera.

## Found Property Reported on West Side

Date: November 16, 2023  
Reporting Officer: C. Aguilar Hernandez

Summary: On November 16, 2023, Officers Diaz and Aguilar Hernandez were dispatched to a 911 call regarding found property. The call was made by Carlos William Seibers, a resident who discovered a child's blue four-wheeler on his property. Mr. Seibers and his wife had heard noises near their porch earlier in the day but did not investigate at the time. Upon finding the toy vehicle, Mr. Seibers expressed his wish to remove it from his property and volunteered to deliver it to the police station. The toy four-wheeler is currently stored at the police department. The owner of the property remains unknown.

## Unwanted Person Causes Disturbance at Canterbrook Village

Date: November 16, 2023  
Reporting Officer: C. Aguilar Hernandez

Summary: On the evening of November 16, officers Diaz and Aguilar Hernandez responded to a call regarding an unwanted person at Canterbrook Village, formerly known as Bedford Manor. The complainant, Mr. Ronald Wade Travis, reported that Abigail Shipley had entered his home uninvited and caused a disturbance. Shipley, who had been previously evicted from the residence due to ongoing issues, allegedly entered Travis's bathroom without permission. When confronted, she began to gather her belongings while arguing with Travis. After Travis threatened to call the police, Shipley left the premises. The incident was classified as a verbal domestic dispute. No arrests were made at the time of the report.



# COMMUNITY

## Lady Champions' Dynamic Duo Dominate Santa Fe to Win Home Opener

**Noah Maddox**  
Sports Writer

The Cascade Lady Champions blew out the Santa Fe Lady Wildcats in a 52-26 victory on Monday night in Cascade's regular season home opener.

Under the leadership of second-year head coach Janie Demonbreum, the Lady Champs (1-1, 0-0) never trailed, jumping out to a 10-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Sophie Ray and Kaegen Young led the way for Coach Demonbreum's home side, scoring 21 and 22 points respectively. Ray did most of her damage in the first half while Young took over more in the second half.

Ray had 17 of her 21 total points on the night in a one-sided first half that saw Cascade take a 30-12 lead into the locker room. Young added three triples in the first 16 minutes of play as well, as she ended the first half in double digits with 11.

The second half was just more of the same, as Kaegen Young scored 11 more points to keep Santa Fe at arm's length with no hope of a comeback. Santa Fe was only outscored by one point in the third quarter as they trailed 39-20 going into the final frame, but the Lady Champs kept their focus and ended up clearing the benches with about two minutes to go in what would end up being a decisive 52-26 home win.

Other than the prolific scoring from Young and Ray, the story of this game was the Lady Champs elite

defense. Santa Fe (1-1, 0-0) did not score for the first eight plus minutes of the game, and their first points came at the free throw line early in the second quarter. Coach Demonbreum came out in a true 3-2 zone for the first time this season in hopes of shutting down the Lady Wildcats' two best perimeter shooters, and it worked to perfection.

Freshman Kendall Massey and Junior Chaslyn Stewart were held to five and seven points, respectively, as Santa Fe seemingly had no answers on how to attack the zone defense.

This was a very impressive win for Cascade considering that Santa Fe was coming off a one-point win at Eagleville over a week ago while the Lady Champs were coming off a double-digit loss last Tuesday night to those same Lady Eagles.

As Cascade closes out the end of their first month of the season, there are a lot of positives to build on as the Lady Champs dive headfirst into their non-district schedule, and Coach Demonbreum's bunch will only continue to grow more confident as they improve.

Santa Fe will have to rebound quickly as they stay on the road to take on Zion Christian Tuesday night on the second night of a back-to-back while the Cascade Lady Champions head to Moore County on Friday night to take on the Lady Raiders in an old rivalry at 6:00 P.M. live on The Zinger 100.9.



Sophie Ray fights for a loose ball against Santa Fe.



Kaegen Young puts up a 3-pointer.



Isaac McElroy shoots a fadeaway jumpshot against Santa Fe.

## Champs' Offense Sputters in Blowout Loss to Santa Fe

**Noah Maddox**  
Sports Writer

The Cascade Champions are off to an 0-2 start to the season after dropping their home opener 67-48 to the visiting Santa Fe Wildcats.

Budding Santa Fe (2-0, 0-0) star Auden Slaughter led all scorers with 31 points in a dazzling display of multi-level scoring that Cascade (0-2, 0-0) simply had no answers for. Unfortunately for the Champions, their biggest downfall was the lack of consistent offensive execution against the high-intensity pressure defense of Santa Fe.

The Wildcats jumped on Cascade almost immediately as they raced out to an early seven-point lead. As the first quarter wound down, however, the Champs seemed to wake up on the offensive end, even getting a buzzer-beating corner three from senior forward Nick Harris to take a 15-14 lead into the second quarter.

Unfortunately for Cascade, that promising four-minute stretch turned out to be the only real positive offensive momentum in the entire game. Senior leader Isaac McElroy almost immediately picked up two fouls in rapid succession to open the second quarter, and almost immediately after the wheels started to fall off. Cascade only scored five points in the entire eight minute period as Slaughter continued to cook the Champs defense, leading Santa Fe to a 29-20 lead going into halftime.

Cascade had handed the Wildcats most of their points in that frame with lazy turnovers that Santa Fe capitalized on, but even going into the break down nine at home with their best player seated on the bench with foul trouble, it felt like Cascade had a chance.

However, Santa Fe came out firing on all cylinders defensively much like how they started the game, and quickly blew this game wide open. As the lead swelled to 21 in the third, Cascade kept looking around for answers offensively, but they only found more lackadaisical passes and turnovers.

As the third quarter wound to a close, Slaughter at one point had outscored the Champions 25 to 24, which says just about all one needs to know about how lackluster Cascade's offensive performance was on Monday night. Santa Fe would take a commanding 48-27 lead into the fourth quarter while in the middle of an extended 34-12 run over the second and third quarters combined.

The fourth quarter was just a formality, as Santa Fe easily closed out an impressive road victory winning by 19, 67-48.

McElroy led all Cascade scorers with 24 points, but he was the only Champion that ended the night in double digits. Stone and McGee added six points apiece, but the numerous turnovers throughout most of the game meant that Cascade was doomed to climbing an insurmountable hill the entire night.

The good news for Cascade, despite starting the season 0-2 in regular season play, is that it is only November. Teams take time to gel and grow together, especially with one as young in game experience as this group coach Chris Lawson has, and so it would be reasonable to expect the Champs to start to turn it around and find an offensive identity as the calendar flips over into December and January in time for district play.

Santa Fe will head to Zion Christian for the second night of a back-to-back on Tuesday night while Cascade won't play again until Friday night at Moore County, which will broadcast live on The Zinger 100.9 starting at 5:45 P.M.

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**Ruby Mai Farrar**

Ruby Mai Farrar was born on May 11, 1925 to Myrtle and Carroll Blanton in Bedford County, Tennessee and died on November 21, 2023 in Nashville, living to 98 years of age.

She was raised in the Rover community in Tennessee with her older siblings, Joe Edd, Franklin, and Mayme. She was a 1943 graduate of Community High School in Unionville, Tennessee.

After high school, she attended Nashville Business College. She worked at the Tennessee School for the Blind, and lived there with her aunt and uncle, Marye and Richard Blanton. There she met her future husband, William Parks Farrar, whose parents also worked and lived at the school.

She joined McKendree United Methodist Church in Nashville, just prior to her wedding there on March 17, 1945 to William Parks Farrar. They were married for 51 years until Parks' death in 1996.

They raised their three children, Mary Carol, Susan, and Bill in the Crieve Hall neighborhood of Nashville. Ruby Mai lived in that house from 1955 until 2021 (66 years.)

She retired as a secretary from the US Soil Conservation Service, Nashville office, in 1990.

In her retirement, she enjoyed many travels around the US with her dear friend, Marie Craighead, and other seniors from the Middle Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church. She was very proud to have visited all of the United States, except for Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington.

She was very active at McKendree, serving in the United Methodist Women, the Jubilate Senior Choir, and as a church office volunteer.

She also enjoyed her hobbies of knitting and being an avid reader.

However, her greatest joy was being with her family. She loved and enjoyed her 6 grandchildren: Gary Mitchell, Carolee Meredith, Justin and Brian Elliott, and Jake and Stacy Farrar; and her 9 great-grandchildren: Farrah and Matthew Meredith, Connor and Owen Mitchell, Parks and Marin Ruby Elliott, Charles Kades, and Shapard and Collins Farrar.

Her sweet smile will be greatly missed by her family and friends, including her son-in-law, Floyd Elliott, Jr.; her nieces, Ruby Tucker and Norma June Miller; and her nephew, Ricky Blanton.

Family members will receive friends in Friday, December 1, 2023 from 11:00 am until 12:00 noon at Lawrence Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 12:00 noon from the chapel of Lawrence Funeral Home with Dr. David Chappell and Dr. Stephen Handy officiating. Burial will follow in Simpson Cemetery, near her homeplace in the Rover Community of Bedford County.

Ricky Blanton, Gary Mitchell, Justin Elliott, Brian Elliott, Jake Farrar and Matthew Meredith will serve as pallbearers. The family wishes to thank the caring staff of American House Senior Living of Brentwood, and Heart 'n Soul Hospice staff.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to McKendree United Methodist Church, 523 Church Street, Nashville, TN 37219

**Anthony LaDon Curtis**

Anthony LaDon Curtis, age 77, of Decherd, passed away Saturday, November 25, 2023.

Funeral services were 1 p.m. Monday, November 27, 2023, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Brother Jonathan Curry officiated, with burial following in New Bethel Cemetery.

He was born, September 4, 1946, in Nashville, Tennessee, to the late Aubey and Thelma Snoddy Curtis. He was a pipefitter by trade and a proud member of Lodal 572. He helped build Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Tims Ford Dam, Normandy Dam, and Watts Bar. He retired after 20 years with AEDC. In his spare time, he loved to fish and hunt. He attended Paynes Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Krista Heflin.

Survivors include a daughter, Angie Isbell, and her husband Roger, of Shelbyville and a son, Jeff Curtis, and his wife, Shannon, of Cartersville, Georgia; grandchildren, Blake Curtis, Galen Bailey, Dustin Curtis, and his wife, Katie, Sarah Tanner, and her husband, Brandon, and Maggie Booth; the mother of his children, Lynda Whitaker.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

**Donald Armstrong**

Donald Kenneth Armstrong, 88, of Brems Bluff, VA, died November 21, 2023. Graveside Services will be held 1:30 p.m. Friday, December 1, at Hollywood Cemetery, Wartrace, TN. Jeff Collet will officiate.

Visitation will be Friday, December 1, from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at Hillcrest Funeral Home.

He was born October 5, 1935 in Wartrace, TN.; retired farmer-cattlemán; retired employee of Cooper Communities Inc. and a Veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

He enjoyed college football especially Alabama Crimson Tide and fishing and farming.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leo Armstrong and Thelma Mae Bush Staley; two brothers, Ralph Armstrong and Maurice Armstrong.

Donald is survived by his wife, Lynn Draper Armstrong; his children, Donna Armstrong Clanton, Lisa Armstrong (Greg Grove) of Shelbyville, David G. (Leilah) Armstrong of Bell Buckle, Donald Scott (Rebekah) Armstrong of Derby, Kansas; five grandchildren, Ryan Webb, Kristan Falkum, Kelby Sanders, Kelly Owens, Nathan Armstrong; four great grandchildren, Landon Webb, Eli Webb, Joseph Owens, Holden Falkum.

**Christine Moore Walker**

Christine Moore Walker 103 of Shelbyville died November 22, 2023. Private Family Graveside Services were held 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 26, at Beech Grove Cemetery with Mark Pierce officiating. She was retired cafeteria worker at Eakin School Cafeteria and a member of Horse Mountain Church of Christ. Christine was a loving mother, grandmother and friend. She was preceded in death by her parents, Michael Shofner Moore and Mary Kate Mankin Moore; her husband, Edwin B. Walker; and a daughter, Mary Ruth Shelton. Christine is survived by her son, Eddie M. Walker; grandchildren, Renee (Garrett) Gordon, Donna (Scott) Shortridge, Leeann (Sean) Reid, Michael (April) Walker, Eddie (Jessie) Walker Jr.; great grandchildren, Walker (Phoebe) Gordon, Alexa (Andrew) Key, Sydney (Holt) Parsons, Caleb Reid, Ryan Reid, Gavyn Reid; step-great grandchildren, Bentley Mooneyham, Aubrey Mooneyham, Caine Warren, Andon Warren; great great grandchildren, Lucy Key and Ava Key.

**Maurice "Moe" Eugene Garrison**

Maurice "Moe" Eugene Garrison 67 of Unionville died November 25, 2023. Per his request he will be cremated. No services are scheduled at this time.

He was the son of the late Lawrence Samuel and Gladys Regenia Peck Garrison. He is survived by his wife, Diana Febold Garrison; his children, Corey Garrison, Wesley Garrison and Candye Garrison; brothers and sisters, Bryan Garrison, Joe Garrison, Barbara Thurman, Susan Emrick, Darlene Lewis, Sheila Dillon and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Darrell Garrison.

**Mary Esther Brandon Floyd**

Mary Esther Brandon Floyd entered her eternal rest on Wednesday, November 22, 2023 surrounded by her loving family. Mary made a brave fight against ovarian cancer for the past three years. She was 77 years young.

Funeral service were held 1:00 p.m. Monday, November 27, 2023, at Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Mike Hannah officiating. Burial followed at Hollywood Cemetery in Wartrace.

Mary was born on July 17, 1946, in Scottsboro, Alabama to Ernest Howard, Brandon and Dorothy Irene (Cornelison) Derryberry. After spending a very small part of her childhood in Alabama, Mary's father passed away when she was 2, and Mary moved with her mom and stepdad to Decherd, Tennessee where she graduated from Franklin County high school in 1963. Mary played the clarinet in the marching band.

Mary married her first husband, John Wilson Owens in 1964 and they moved to Shelbyville, Tennessee and raised three daughters together who they adored. While both went on to remarry, Mary married her soulmate, Donald Wayne Floyd in 1989, and she moved to Wartrace Tennessee, and they had one daughter they raised together and adored. Mary also gained two stepsons from her second marriage, who she loved and adored.

Mary grew to have 16 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren with one on the way that she loved more than life itself.

Mary worked at Empire pencil company for 20 years and retired in 2000. The biggest part of her life was being a homemaker. She would often babysit for other family members and friends while they worked and was so loved and adored by them, she became known as Aunt Mary and Mamie until later her first grandchild, dubbed her as Nanny, and she became Nanny by all the hearts of children, she touched. Mary touched the lives of everyone she knew, and she never met a stranger. Mary had a servants heart, and she had a heart of gold and was the most selfless human being her children have ever known. Always caring for everyone else first and always putting herself last. Mary was a generous and kind soul who loved to give with no strings attached and always did for others out of the goodness of her heart. This is why she is so loved by all who were blessed to know her and why she was so special, a one of a kind lady.

Not only did she love children and people, but she loved all creatures great and small. She lived on a farm with lots of cows, horses,



goats, chickens, roosters, guineas, llamas, parakeets, peacocks, cats, and dogs. She was a modern day Elly May Clampett.

Mary was a faithful Christian and grew up in the Baptist Faith and in time became a member of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, in Manchester, Tennessee. To some of us especially, her daughters she was our best friend, everyone knew her to be beautiful, loving hospitable, and fun. To others she was spunky, smart, strong, approachable, and high spirited. She had a memory like a steel trap. She had a fantastic sense of humor and the quick wit of her brothers and dad. Nothing was more important to Mary than her family, they were her entire world. Mary was a loving wife and an amazing mother and grandmother and great grandmother. She loved to spend time on her farm with her animals loved shopping with her girls and girlfriends and love telling the funniest stories and jokes. Always laughing and making the very best out of everything she loved listening to music and going to musical shows in Branson and Pigeon Forge. Elvis Presley was her hero, but she was ours. Heaven will be made more joyful and beautiful by her presence there. We will deeply miss our Mary B Floyd.

She was preceded in death by her father; Ernest Howard Brandon and mother; Dorothy Irene Derryberry, brothers; Ernest Howard Brandon Jr., Larry Nunley, and Danny Nunley, and step-father; Leon Nunley.

She survived her husband, Donald Wayne Floyd, daughters; Cynthia Jane Owens McGee, Tammy Suzanne Owens King, (Chris), Lori Michelle Owens Mitchell (Robert), Jennifer Ladona Floyd Finchem, Terry Floyd, Jeff (Elizabeth) Floyd, 16 grandchildren 9 great grandchildren with one on the way; brother, James Nunley, and a multitude of nieces, nephews and cousins. She also dearly loved her friends, especially her longtime childhood friends, Dottie Darnell, and Jennie Riddle.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorial donation be made to ORCA @ [www.orcahope.org](http://www.orcahope.org).

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

## Three Ways to Ease the Burden of Loss During the Holiday Season

The holiday season, a time traditionally filled with joy and celebration, can be particularly challenging for those experiencing their first holiday after the loss of a loved one. The absence of a familiar face and the silence where once there was laughter can turn festivities into a time of profound sadness. However, there are ways to ease this burden and find a measure of peace during these times.

### 1. Embrace the Memories

Instead of avoiding the memories, embrace them. Set up a special place in your home with photos of your loved one and encourage family members to share their favorite stories and memories. This can be a healing experience, transforming grief into a celebration of the life that you cherished. Lighting a candle or playing their favorite music can also be a gentle reminder of their presence in your heart.

### 2. Create New Traditions

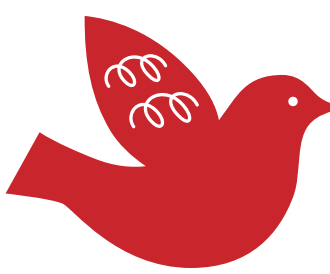
While it's important to honor past traditions, creating new ones can offer a path forward. This might include volunteering at a local charity in your loved one's name, making their favorite dish for a community meal, or starting a new holiday activity that brings joy in a new way. These new traditions can become a meaningful tribute to your loved one, signifying the continuation of life and the enduring nature of love.

### 3. Allow Yourself to Grieve

It's okay not to be okay. The holiday season can amplify feelings of loss, and it's essential to acknowledge and express these emotions. Whether it's through writing, talking with a trusted friend, or seeking support from a grief counselor, finding an outlet for your grief is crucial. Remember, grieving is not a sign of weakness but a natural part of the healing process.

Finally, it's important to remember that everyone's journey through grief is unique. Be gentle with yourself and allow the process to unfold in its own time. The holidays will inevitably be different, but in acknowledging your loss and embracing the love that remains, you can find a new kind of peace and joy.

As we navigate this holiday season, let's hold close the memories of those we've lost and find comfort in the love and support of those around us. In doing so, we honor not only those who are no longer with us but also the resilience of the human spirit.



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**Applicant:** Shelbyville Power, Water & Sewerage System  
**Shelbyville STP**

**Permit Number:** TN0024180  
**Rating:** Major  
**Permit Writer:** Wade Murphy  
**County:** Bedford  
**EFO Name:** Columbia  
**Location:** 525 West Jackson Street  
**City:** Shelbyville, TN 37160  
**Activity Description:** treatment of municipal sewage by activated sludge  
**Effluent Description:** treated municipal wastewater from Outfall 001  
**Receiving Stream:** Duck River at mile 221.25

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For more information, or to review and/or copy documents from the permit file (there is a nominal charge for photocopies), contact Wade Murphy at (615) 532-0666 or the Columbia Environmental Field Office at (931) 380-3371. To comment on this permit issuance or proposed conditions submit written comments to TDEC-DWR, William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243. Comments should be received within 30 days from the Legal Notice and should include the applicant name and NPDES Number.

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### Key Responsibilities:

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- 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.
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## ADVERTISING SALES

### Position: Advertising Sales Representative

### Job Description:

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- Prepare and present advertising proposals and contracts.
- Collaborate with the creative team to create effective ad campaigns.
- Meet or exceed monthly and quarterly sales targets.
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### Qualifications:

- Proven sales experience, preferably in advertising or media sales.
- Strong communication and negotiation skills.
- Goal-oriented and self-motivated with a passion for sales.
- Knowledge of the local business community in Shelbyville, TN.
- Proficiency in digital advertising and marketing concepts.
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# Joyce Jones marks first year with Red Cross

*Please give this holiday season*

the nonprofit's "life-saving mission" would likely not be possible.

Joyce celebrated in November her first anniversary with the American Red Cross as a disaster activities team member. The team she covers includes Bedford, Cannon, Coffee, Dekalb, Lincoln, Marshall, Moore, and Warren counties. This group, she says, is part of the Heart of Tennessee Chapter of the American Red Cross in Murfreesboro, TN.

"I love the Red Cross and its credibility. Even in the Middle East now, they entrust the hostages on both sides to the Red Cross/Crescent. I get so excited talking about the services we provide."

Joyce credits Gene Williams of Shelbyville, a 20-year member of the RC, as her mentor.

"When a team member accepts a dispatch, our commitment, as DAT members, is to respond to a disaster within 2 hours and provide help to clients who have been displaced," says Joyce. "Most times, it is still an active event with first responders still on site."

Joyce and team respond to single and multiple family house fires, storms and tornadoes, flooding, wildfires, and any disaster where people are displaced. "We also provide canteen service to our first responders. God bless them, when they

tectors and their installation. "This is near and dear to my heart because the lack of smoke detectors or non-working ones has caused such unnecessary loss of life. "We conduct "Sound the Alarm" events and canvas areas going door-to-door educating and installing on the spot. But, we also install any time there is a request."

On the national front In 2023, the intensifying climate crisis took a devastating toll on people in the United States who turned to the American Red Cross for help coping with a record number of billion-dollar disasters.

So far this year, an all-time high of 25 billion-dollar disasters ravaged communities across the country. In addition, families sweltered in the nation's hottest summer on record, and back-to-back disasters led to a series of blood drive cancellations, which placed a further strained the national Red Cross blood supply.

"The climate crisis is causing more humanitarian needs for families not only across Tennessee, but also across the country," Joel Sullivan, regional executive officer for the Tennessee Region of the Red Cross said. "We ask supporters this holiday season to remember those who need support in the face of emergencies — and join us to provide care and comfort by making a



financial donation or by giving blood or platelets."

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"Our lifesaving mission would not be possible without volunteers and donors," Sullivan added. "This holiday season, join us to turn your compassion into action." To find out more visit redcross.org/volunteer to get involved and help those in need.

Increasing support/the climate

With the growing frequency and intensity of disasters, the Red Cross is working to adapt its services and grow its disaster response capacity across the country. As part of this national work in 2023, the Red Cross distributed \$108 million in financial assistance directly to people after disasters of all sizes.

Disaster volunteers ready to help

RC volunteers work around the clock to provide compassionate care to those affected by disaster, includ-

ing those that hit closer to home.

Following an unusually active spring storm cycle, a dangerous storm system ripped across the nation over the first weekend in April, producing as many as 100 tornadoes, killing more than 30 and injuring hundreds.

In the Tennessee Region, the primary areas of impact include Cannon, DeSoto, Hardin, McNairy, Shelby, Tipton, and Wayne counties. Red Cross damage assessments found more than 235 homes majorly damaged or destroyed. Four shelters were opened in the Tennessee Region to serve displaced individuals and provide safe places to sleep, get warm meals, and find other resources.

In the weeks following the tornadoes, Red Cross volunteers remained on the ground, serving meals to individuals still in their homes, distributing relief supplies and continuing damage assessment to ensure all needs were met.

Some of those needs include:

**BLOOD DONATIONS:** As the nation's largest blood supplier, the Red Cross is grateful for the millions of donors who rolled up a sleeve throughout the year for patients in need. To further improve people's health outcomes, the Red Cross has been working with community partners to introduce blood donation to a new and more diverse generation of blood donors — which is critical to ensuring that a reliable blood supply is available to the 1 in 7 hospital patients who need a lifesaving blood transfusion.

**LIFESAVING TRAINING:** This year, the Red Cross expanded its training to empower people to act during current-day crises — which is vital considering that nearly half of U.S. adults report being unprepared to respond to a medical emergency. This included launching the new "Until Help Arrives" online training course last spring for opioid overdoses, severe bleeding, cardiac arrest and choking emergencies, and partnering with professional sports leagues through the Smart Heart Sports Coalition to help prevent tragedies among student athletes by offering CPR training and increasing access to AEDs.

**MILITARY FAMILIES:** Red Cross workers helped service members on U.S. military installations and deployment sites worldwide — including in Europe, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia. As part of our support this year, Red Cross volunteers delivered emer-

gency communications messages connecting more than 87,000 service members with their loved ones during times of family need, while also engaging members in morale and wellness activities during deployments.

**INTERNATIONAL:** As part of the world's largest humanitarian network, the American Red Cross supported international response efforts to disasters such as this year's massive earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria, the drought and hunger crisis in Africa, and flooding in Pakistan and Bangladesh. This has included providing millions in cash assistance, food, shelter, basic supplies, medical care and mental health services. As devastating conflicts persist in other areas of the world, the global Red Cross Movement continues to provide aid for people suffering, including those in Ukraine and in Israel and Gaza, as part of its neutral, humanitarian mission.

The American Red Cross Tennessee Region serves all 95 counties in Tennessee, Crittenden County in Arkansas and DeSoto and Tunica counties in Mississippi. The Tennessee Region — part of a nationwide network of locally supported chapters — is comprised of the following eight Red Cross chapters: East Tennessee, Heart of Tennessee, Mid-South, Mid-West Tennessee, Nashville Area, Southeast Tennessee, Northeast Tennessee, and Tennessee River.

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