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State releases first school letter grades

**2022-23
success runs
the gamut,
here**

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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The Tennessee legislature passed a law in 2016 which requires every school to receive a letter grade- A, B, C, D, or F- annually with the goal of making school performance more trans-

parent to parents and communities.

Some parents and educators across the state aren't really thrilled with this new ranking system. It was put on hiatus during the pandemic and has now reared its head for the first time out to the public.

It is much like the grading sys-

tem parents are use to seeing on school report cards. Much like their students, schools in TN received a ranking between "A-F."

At times this law has been controversial in the education community. The letter grading system is never-the-less, in full force.

There's good news for some Bedford County schools and per-

haps less thrilling news for others regarding this particular ranking. In Bedford County, Cascade High ranked an "A."

Cascade Middle, Harris Middle, Community High School and Community Elementary all ranked a "B."

See **GRADES, 2A**



WADE RETIRES AFTER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Cathey Wade was honored on Wednesday, Dec. 20, on the occasion of her retirement from the Register of Deeds' office after 20 years of service. Register of Deeds Johnny Reed presented Wade, a deputy clerk, with a plaque. Various friends, family and co-workers stopped by to express their good wishes. Wade's 20th anniversary with the county was in September; she will retire effective at the end of 2023.

LOTS OF MEMORIES - Cathey Wade has retired from the county register of deeds office. Register of Deeds Johnny Reed presented Wade, a deputy clerk, with a plaque. Various friends, family and co-workers stopped by to express their good wishes last week to Cathey Wade who will soon retire.

State distributes billions in opioid epidemic

Bedford County agencies could benefit

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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With the word "opioid" attached to it, the first Bedford County Opioid Settlement Board might be looked upon as a necessary evil. Though, in actuality, it could prove, financially, to be an angel in disguise.

As part of a national opioid abuse lawsuit, Bedford County will be receiving funds, along with other counties, over the next 18 years. Part of the settlement requirements is that a local board will be appointed to oversee the distribution of funds.

During the recent Bedford County Board of Commission meeting, Mayor Chad Graham announced those board appointments. Fredia Lusk, who already serves as executive director of the local Community Clinic, has agreed to chair Bedford County's Opioid Settlement Board.

Lusk said recently that she is working closely with assistant director, Shanna Gaither, a local nurse practitioner, who also works at the Community Clinic. The local opioid committee will be working in conjunction with the University of Tennessee on projects.

Most of all, she said this committee plans to be very transparent. The meetings are open to the public, though there will be no public comments allowed.

The main purpose of this board is to support this County, its residents and agencies in need. "I want to be transparent and concerned about the trust of the County," the chair recently told the Times-Gazette.

Serving on the board with Lusk will be: Mark Potts, Mayor Graham, County Commissioner Janice Brothers, Yesenia Garcia, Johnny Poff and Dr. Michael Talbot, a medical provider and expert in opioid treatment.

"This is something that I have a passion for," said Lusk, explaining she sees a lot of drug-related health problems at the clinic.

She said one continuous issue is what is called "meth mouth," that is, drug abusers with decaying or no

See **OPIOID, 2A**

CCA: 'God's School'

New facility to open in 2026

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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Editor's Note: This is the second and final installment introducing the new Cooper Christian Academy of Shelbyville.

Cooper Christian Academy principal Steve Bowers said recently that if parents want it, why would they not want to pour Jesus into their students' lives for 8 hours a day, every day, when they can.

But make no mistake, Bowers believes it is the parents' jobs to teach their children. CCA educators are there to walk the path with them with a strong, Christian education/curriculum.

First, and foremost, Cooper Christian Academy adheres to a Statement of Spiritual Beliefs. The very first of spiritual beliefs is "that the foundation of CCA's beliefs is that the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments of the scriptures was "God-breathed into the minds of many authors."

As well, the new Shelbyville Christian

academy believes the Bible is inerrant and infallible in its original writings and was carefully and reliably translated into our language by men and women of God over the years who were led by God's spirit. The Bible is the supreme and final authority as the Word of God in all matters of our faith and practice, CCA states.

CCA also believes that Jesus Christ is

the same yesterday, today, and forever. Since Jesus does not change, His teachings found in the Word of God do not change.

CCA will follow the example of Jesus. CCA will strive to always stand for truth.

The remainder of the spiritual beliefs can be found on the academy's website at ccacubs.org/statement-of-spiritual-beliefs/.

The CCA board has also placed near the statement of spiritual beliefs the following sentence, "Since these core beliefs are based on the Bible, they shall not be amended under any circumstances as long as the academy shall exist."

Founder Barry Cooper said recently that the spiritual beliefs of Cooper Christian Academy are ecumenical, but they are fundamental Protestant beliefs that most mainstream denominations agree on.

"This statement of beliefs deliberately avoids those matters of diversity in de-

See **CCA, 2A**



Gas prices tick up 6.4 cents after 13 weeks of decline

Average gasoline prices in Tennessee have risen 6.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.79/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 3,821 stations in Tennessee. Prices in Tennessee are 5.6 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 10.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has risen 0.6 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.00 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Tennessee was priced at \$2.33/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.89/g, a difference of \$1.56/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.33/g while the highest was \$3.89/g, a difference of \$1.56/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 2.9 cents per gallon in the last

week, averaging \$3.07/g today. The national average is down 13.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 1.8 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in Tennessee and the national average going back ten years: December 26, 2022: \$2.69/g (U.S. Average: \$3.06/g) December 26, 2021: \$2.97/g (U.S. Average: \$3.25/g) December 26, 2020: \$2.01/g (U.S. Average: \$2.25/g) December 26, 2019: \$2.28/g (U.S. Average: \$2.54/g) December 26, 2018: \$2.03/g (U.S. Average: \$2.30/g) December 26, 2017: \$2.22/g (U.S. Average: \$2.44/g) December 26, 2016: \$2.08/g (U.S. Average: \$2.28/g) December

26, 2015: \$1.76/g (U.S. Average: \$2.00/g) December 26, 2014: \$2.15/g (U.S. Average: \$2.30/g) December 26, 2013: \$3.06/g (U.S. Average: \$3.26/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Chattanooga- \$2.70/g, up 9.8 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.60/g. Nashville- \$2.90/g, up 12.0 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.78/g. Huntsville- \$2.79/g, up 4.9 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.74/g.

"After 13 straight weeks of decline, average gasoline prices have edged higher due to optimistic comments from the Fed on cutting interest rates in 2024, coupled with Houthi attacks on vessels in the Red Sea, boosting concerns of a disruption to global shipping, including oil shipments," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "For

now, the price of gasoline has already jumped, but could ease slightly this week ahead of the New Year. For now, I'm optimistic that we may still have a chance of seeing the first \$2.99 national average since 2021 sometime before spring arrives. We'll have the full details on what we expect for gasoline and diesel prices in 2024 later this week. Hopefully motorists will be able to celebrate a New Year with good news at the pump!"

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://prices.GasBuddy.com>.

Constance "Connie" Pepera May

Constance "Connie" Pepera May, age 82 of Shelbyville, passed from this life December 20, 2023, at the Carriage House Inn after an extended illness.

Graveside funeral service will be held 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 27, 2023, at Willow Mount Cemetery with Pastor Jeff Collet officiating.

Visitation with the family will be held 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. Wednesday, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home prior to graveside service.

Mrs. Connie was born on August 3, 1941, in Madison, FL to the late Constantine Pepera and Telka Wimberly Pepera. Along with her parents she was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 56 years, Michael Scott May.

She is survived by her niece, Susan Cragin of Orlando, FL.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.



Margaret June Yates

Margaret June Yates 73 of Shelbyville died December 17, 2023.

Funeral Services were held 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, December 20th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home Rev. Jonathan Sims officiating. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

She was born January 11, 1950 in Coffee County, TN.; retired employee of Newell Rubbermaid formerly Empire Pencil Co. and a member of Wartrace Baptist Church. She loved her family, fishing, traveling and playing with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Marlin Hodges and Ethel Jane McCullough Hodges and a brother James Marlin Hodges.

Margaret is survived by her husband of 56 years, James Boyd Yates; her children, James Boyd Yates Jr. (Lisa), Matthew Lee Yates and Michelle Crowell (Carl); seven grandchildren, Joshua Yates (Shana), Jeremy Yates (Holly), Tyler Wood (Alyssa), Emily Yates, Justin Neeley (Brittany), Jordan Neeley (Brittany), James Yates (Madison); seven great grandchildren, Ava Yates, Ivy Yates, Mason Yates, Oliver Wood, Roman Yates, Kinsley Yates and Remington Uland.

Tennessee's community and technical colleges collected 128,039 food items, cash

Students, faculty and staff at Tennessee's public community and technical colleges collected and donated the equivalent of 128,039 food items during the College System of Tennessee's 25th Annual Food Drive Challenge, which wrapped up last week. The food and cash donations collected during the six-week challenge go to campus food pantries for students and to local organizations, programs and food banks serving their communities.

The Food Drive Challenge was conceived in 1999 by the Student Government Presidents Council - student leaders from across the state - as a project to help fellow students and others in their communities in need. A new report by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission cites research concluding that students experiencing food insecurity are less likely to excel academically and more likely to report stress levels that hinders their ability to focus on their studies.

The colleges and students have kept the food drive going for 25 years. They compete, in tiers based on enrollment size, to see who can collect the most. Cash donations are counted as

two items per dollar raised. More than 1.7 million items have been donated and collected during the 25 years.

This year, 15 Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology (TCATs) and 10 community colleges submitted their collection and donation information for the competition. The top institutions in each enrollment tier:

Community Colleges

Tier 1 (smaller enrollments): Roane State Community College - 8,968 items

Tier 2 (larger enrollments): Pellissippi State Community College - 43,058 items

Colleges of Applied Technology

Tier 1: TCAT Crossville, 12,421 items

Tier 2: TCAT Hartsville, 3,575 items

Tier 3: TCAT Dickson, 10,194 items

In addition to the campus food pantries, some items were also donated to local food banks, other community organizations, and churches. Many institutions also participated in charitable giving events: as examples, TCAT Hartsville collected items for youth transitioning from foster care and Sumner County Tornado Relief, TCAT Pulas-

ki donated items to the Pulaslaski Elementary Backpack Program, and TCAT Shelbyville donated items to the Tullahoma VFW for broader distribution. Pellissippi State also collected pet food, household & hygiene items, and school supplies.

"Every year, the generosity of the campus communities exceeds expectations. This outpouring of support is a true sign of how much they care about their campus and local communities. As we conclude the 25th annual TBR Food Drive Challenge during this holiday season, we celebrate collecting more than 1,743,500 items to date," said Dr. Heidi Leming, Tennessee Board of Regents vice chancellor for student success.

"The food drive is just one of the many ways our campus communities are supporting efforts to address student food insecurity. It is also a reminder of the importance of supporting students outside the classroom to help ensure their success," Leming said.

TBR's Office of Student Success, which coordinates the Food Drive Challenge, surveys colleges in the system every two years on institutional support for students dealing with food

insecurity. The last survey nearly two years ago indicated that all 13 community colleges have food pantries and some have food gardens, while nine TCATs have their own on-campus pantries, 13 provide emergency grants, and one has a community garden.

"Community partners are also important to our TCAT students. TCATs have also established relationships with community agencies to enhance support," said Kristina Krau Waymire, director of student initiatives in TBR's Office of Student Success. "Through community partnerships, 13 TCATs refer students for transportation assistance, 11 for

counseling services, and 7 for child care. Seven TCATs also connect students with community partners who provide food assistance through food pantries and seven provide referrals to agencies who can help a student apply for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits."

Any college in the system will connect students to local services when students indicate need.

Anyone wishing to contribute to food pantries at Tennessee's community and technical colleges may do so at anytime here: <https://www.tbr.edu/advancement/college-system-tennessee-food-pantry-campaign>



New Data Shows an Increase in Tennesseans Available for Employers to Hire in November

As Tennessee employers prepared for the busy holiday season, new data from the Department of Labor and Workforce Development showed more Tennesseans were available to work in November 2023 when compared to the previous month.

While the state's seasonally adjusted Labor Force Participation Rate remained steady at 59.4%, estimates show the number of Tennesseans not working increased by slightly more than 5,000 individuals. That change caused the unemployment rate to inch up to 3.5%, from 3.3% percent in October.

In a year-to-year comparison, Tennessee's latest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged and matched the November 2022 rate of 3.5%.

Tennessee employers increased their payrolls

by 19,500 nonfarm positions over the last year. The healthcare and social assistance sector saw the most year-to-year growth. The professional, scientific, and technical services sector added the next highest number of jobs and was followed by the local government sector.

Between October and November, Tennessee did experience a decrease of 4,400 nonfarm jobs. The administrative, support, and waste services sector lost the most positions. The retail trade sector accounted for the next highest job loss, followed by the transportation, warehousing, and utilities sector.

The nation's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November came in at 3.7%, 0.2 of a percentage point higher than Tennessee's rate for the month. The new national rate dropped 0.2 of a percentage point

when compared to the previous month's rate of 3.9% but was up 0.1 of a percentage point from the 3.6% rate in November 2022.

Tennesseans looking to start the new year with a new job can begin that search at one of nearly 80 American Job Centers across the state. Career specialists work one-on-one with job seekers to help them find employment, training for new career opportunities, and programs that can help remove any barriers that are keeping them from advancing in the workforce. All the services the state offers come at no cost to Tennesseans. This interactive map will guide job seekers to the American Job Center that is closest to them.

The state of Tennessee will release the November 2023 County unemployment data on Thursday, December 28, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. CST.

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AAA Activates 'Tow to Go' for Year-End Holidays

Don't Drive Impaired; Call (855) 2-TOW-2-GO for a Safe Ride

AAA is working to keep impaired drivers off the road this holiday season. Friday night, the Auto Club Group will activate its Tow to Go program in Tennessee and other select states.

"If you're faced with the decision of driving impaired, put down those keys and pick up the phone to call Tow to Go," said Megan Cooper, spokeswoman, AAA – The Auto Club Group. "We'll dispatch a truck to take you and your vehicle to a safe location within a 10-mile radius."

It's important to note, AAA service technicians expect to rescue more than 937,000 drivers with car trouble during the upcoming holidays. So treat Tow to Go as a last resort. Plan ahead and identify a designated driver or ride sharing service before you party.

Tow to Go is active from 6 p.m. Friday, December 22nd to 6 a.m. Tuesday, January 2nd.

Available in FL, GA, IA, MI, ND, NE, TN, WI, CO (Denver), NC (Charlotte), IN (Fort Wayne/South Bend).

This is the 25th year The Auto Club Group has provided the Tow to Go program. When called upon, The Auto Club Group dispatches a tow truck to transport the impaired person and their vehicle to a safe location within a 10-mile radius for free. Since its inception, Tow to Go has removed more than 25,000 impaired drivers from the road.

ABOUT TOW TO GO

Free and available to AAA members and non-members.

Confidential local ride for

one person and their vehicle to a safe location within a 10-mile radius.

Appointments cannot be scheduled in advance to use Tow to Go. It is designed as a safety net for those that did not plan ahead. Always choose a designated driver before celebrating.

In some situations, AAA may need to make other arrangements to get an impaired individual a safe ride home.

Tow to Go may not be available in rural areas or during severe weather conditions.

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About AAA - The Auto Club Group

The Auto Club Group (ACG) is the second largest AAA club in North America with more than 13 million members across 14 U.S. states, the province of Quebec and two U.S. territories. ACG and its affiliates provide members with roadside assistance, insurance products, banking and financial services, travel offerings and more. ACG belongs to the national AAA federation with more than 64 million members in the United States and Canada. AAA's mission is to protect and advance freedom of mobility and improve traffic safety. For more information, get the AAA Mobile app, visit AAA.com, and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

Board of Parole Chairman Montgomery Announces Retirement

Former State Representative from Sevier County had served in role since 2013

After a dedicated 40-year career of public service, including the last 10 years as Chairman of the Board of Parole, Richard Montgomery announced he will leave state service and retire effective Dec. 29, 2023.

Under Montgomery's leadership, the Board has undergone several enhancements to the parole consideration process including investing in new technology, such as video conferencing and web cameras, which has especially critical to completing the Board's mission

during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board has also successfully transitioned to a paperless file system that allows board members and hearing officers remote access to large volumes of information.

"We are grateful for all the contributions Richard has made since joining the Board in 2013," said incoming Chairman Roberta Kustoff, who was recently appointed by Governor Bill Lee. "Throughout his public service Richard has always considered all sides of the issues. He has shown compassion making very difficult decisions, including whether to grant parole or not to parole eligible offenders. Richard's leadership will be greatly missed by all the Parole Board Members

and me and we wish him the best."

Montgomery, 76, was appointed to the Board of Parole in January 2013 by Governor Bill Haslam (and later reappointed as Chairman by Governor Lee in 2019) after serving 14 years in the General Assembly representing Sevier County. He also served as a member/Chair of the Sevier County School Board from 1982 to 1998.

"I have been honored to serve the state as Chairman, and to work with so many like-minded individuals committed to minimizing public risk, while promoting lawful behavior with the prudent, orderly release of adult offenders back into the community," Montgomery said. "It's been a tremendous privilege to be able

to serve the citizens of this great state Tennessee."

Montgomery and his wife, Ann, look forward to spending more time with family.

The Board of Parole is an independent seven-member board whose members are appointed by the Governor. The Board makes decisions about which eligible offenders will be granted parole and placed on community supervision for the remainder of their sentences. The Board also can revoke parole of those offenders who do not abide by the conditions of their supervision. In addition, the Board reviews applications for executive clemency and makes non-binding recommendations to the Governor.

Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare achieves highest national recognition of excellence from ACC

Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare announces two hospitals earned the highest distinction possible from the American College of Cardiology (ACC) for treatment of heart patients. Methodist University Hospital

and Methodist Le Bonheur Germantown Hospital are now designated HeartCARE Centers – the only Memphis-area hospitals to receive that distinction.

To earn this accolade, our hospitals had to meet stringent criteria, which included achieving three accreditations from the ACC in specialty areas. Through their respective journeys to become HeartCARE Center accredited, both Methodist Le Bonheur Germantown Hospital and Methodist University Hospital became

the only hospitals in the Mid-South to earn an ACC accreditation for heart failure patients in an outpatient setting.

"Being designated as an ACC HeartCARE Center is an honor everyone in our community can be proud of," said Michael McDonald, MD, medical director of cardiovascular services at Methodist Le Bonheur Germantown Hospital. "This achievement

recognizes premium comprehensive care for all heart patients who come to our facilities. Our staff members have spent months of focused determination delivering unmatched, consistent patient care to receive this elite accreditation."

The HeartCARE Center National Distinction of Excellence is awarded to hospitals with a proven track record of comprehensive process improvement, achieving specific accreditations related to heart care, professional excellence and community engagement.

"Effectively meeting the needs of our patients requires excellence from multiple departments across our health system," said Oluwaseun Akinseye, MD, medical director of cardiovascu-

lar services at Methodist University Hospital. "From emergency room staff to clinicians assigned to hospitalized heart patients or staff focusing on recovering heart patients, this prestigious accreditation is only possible through system-wide teamwork."

About Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare

Based in Memphis, Tennessee, Methodist

Le Bonheur Healthcare has been caring for patients and families regardless of their ability to pay for more than 100 years. Guided by roots in the United Methodist Church and founded in 1918 to help meet

the growing need for quality healthcare in the greater Memphis area, MLH has grown from one hospital into a comprehensive healthcare system with 13,000 Associates supporting six hospitals, including nationally ranked

Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, ambulatory surgery centers, outpatient facilities, a hospice residence and physician and specialty practices serving communities across the Mid-South. From transplants and ad-

vanced heart procedures to expert neurology services and compassionate cancer care, Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare offers clinical expertise with a focus on improving every life we touch.

About the American College of Cardiology

The American College of Cardiology envisions a world where innovation and knowledge optimize cardiovascular care and outcomes. As the professional home for the entire cardiovascular care team, the mission of the College and

its 54,000 members is to transform cardiovascular care and to improve heart health. The ACC bestows credentials upon cardiovascular professionals who meet stringent qualifications and leads in the formation of health policy, standards and guidelines. The College

also provides professional medical education, disseminates cardiovascular research through its world-renowned

JACC Journals, operates national registries to measure and improve care, and offers cardiovascular accreditation to hospitals and institutions. For more, visit acc.org.

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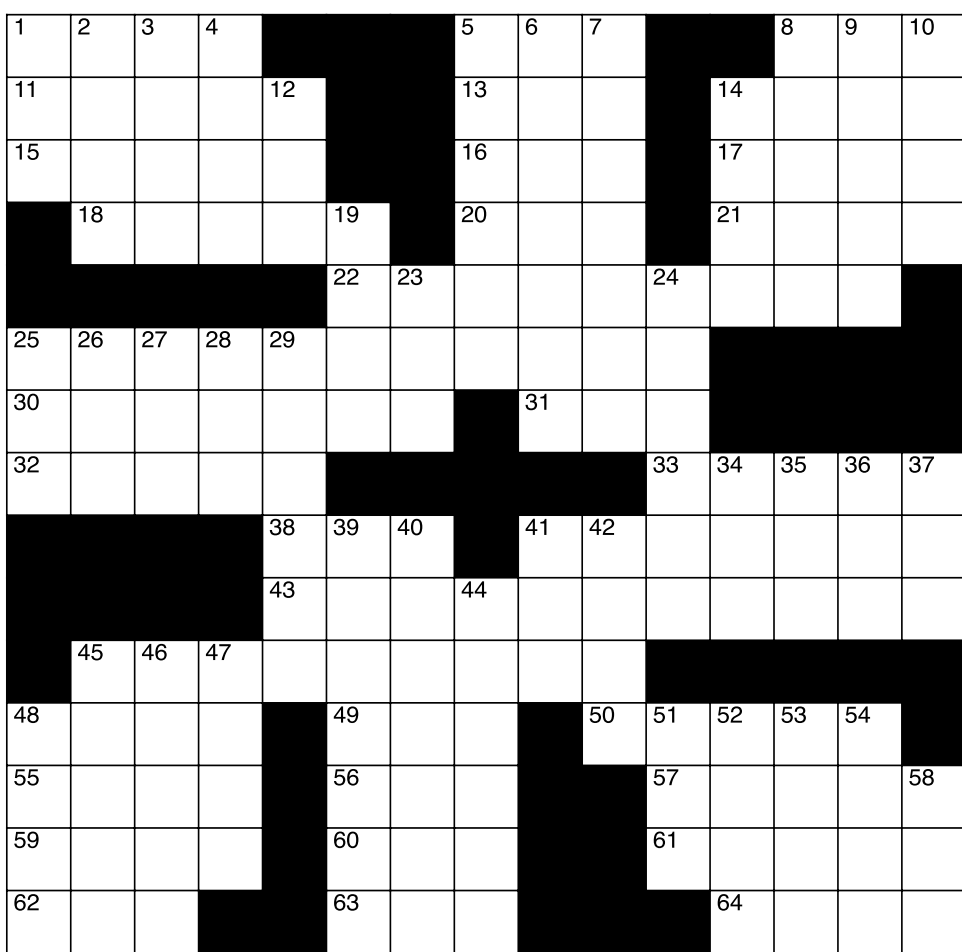


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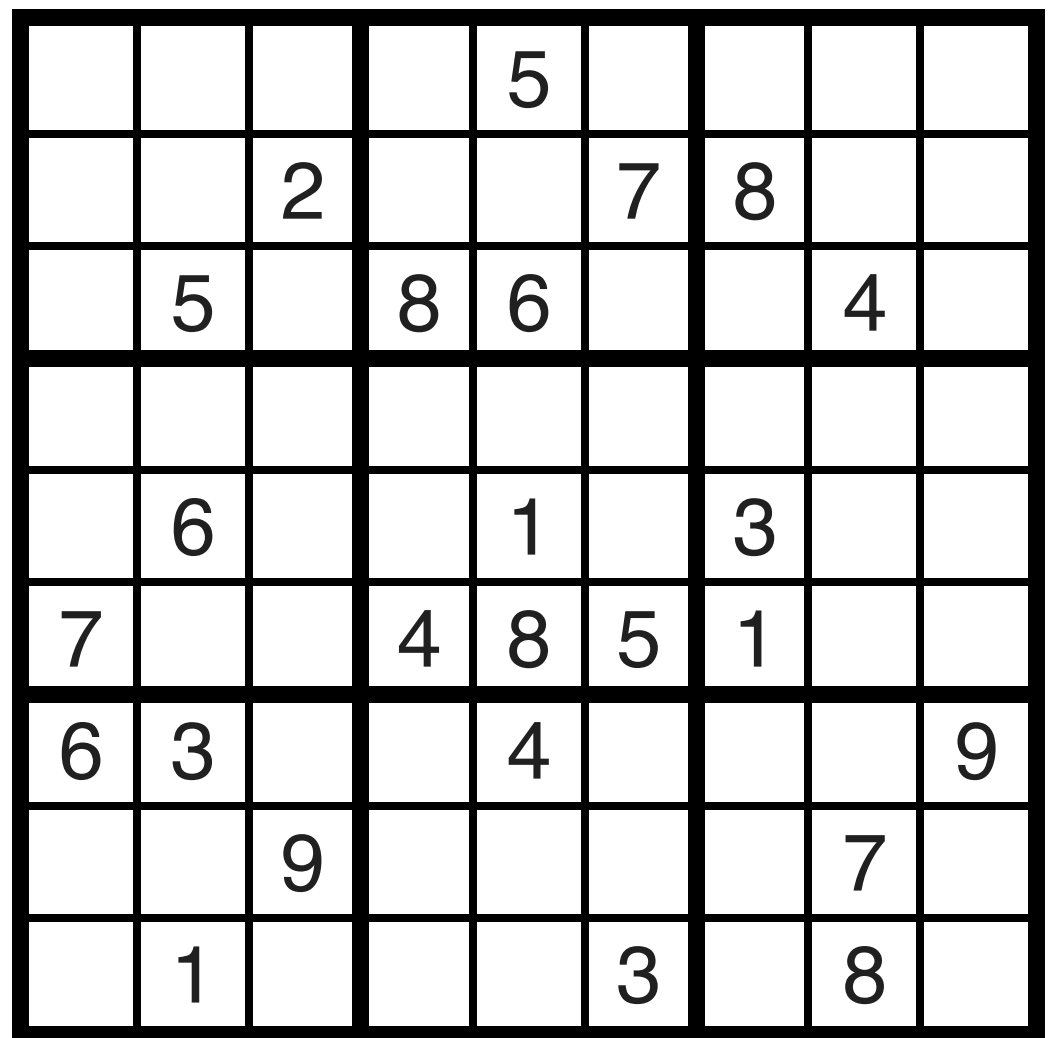


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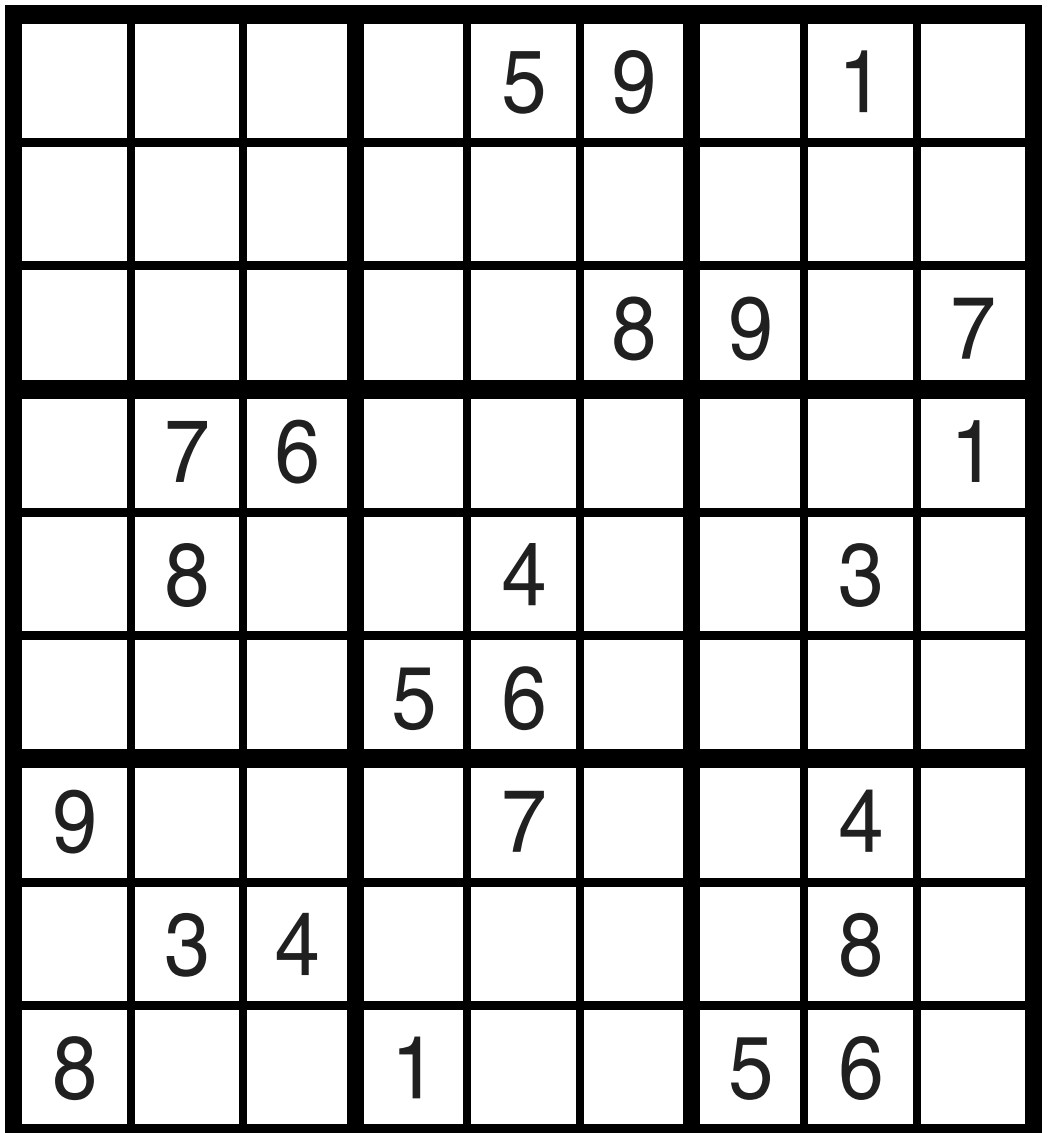
- 1. A way to injure
- 5. Mutual savings bank
- 8. Rock TV channel
- 11. Large number of fish swimming together
- 13. Military mailbox
- 14. Female of a horse
- 15. Category
- 16. City
- 17. Breezed through
- 18. Officer who bears a mace
- 20. Tax collector
- 21. "Cheers" actress Perlman
- 22. Pauses before acting
- 25. Extracted information from a wave
- 30. Tendency to revert to something ancestral
- 31. No seats available
- 32. Nocturnal rodents
- 33. Moves gently to and fro
- 38. Not good
- 41. A way to ready
- 43. One who makes something better
- 45. Things associated with American history
- 48. Ancient Phoenician fertility god
- 49. A continuous portion of a circle
- 50. Volcanic craters
- 55. Units of electrical resistance
- 56. Gamble on
- 57. Ethiopian town
- 59. One point east of northeast
- 60. Polynesian garland of flowers
- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. State of fuss
- 63. Keyboard key
- 64. Partner to relaxation

CLUES DOWN

- 1. "The world's most famous arena"
- 2. Polite interruption sound
- 3. Private school in New York
- 4. Refuse of grapes
- 5. __ Tomei, actress
- 6. Adult beverages
- 7. Supporter
- 8. Papier-__, art material
- 9. Forests have them
- 10. Most ancient Hindu scriptures
- 12. Downwind
- 14. Marketplace
- 19. Flowering plant genus
- 23. Street where nightmares happen
- 24. Admirer
- 25. Dip lightly into water
- 26. When you hope to get there
- 27. Partner to cheese
- 28. Eggs
- 29. A way to disqualify
- 34. South American plant
- 35. Fold-away bed
- 36. Debbie Harry album " __ Koo"
- 37. Swedish krona
- 39. Displaying warmth and friendliness
- 40. Official orders
- 41. Bowling alley necessity
- 42. Stray
- 44. About milk
- 45. Expressed pleasure
- 46. Caribbean dance
- 47. If not
- 48. __ fide (Latin)
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Hebrew calendar month
- 53. One easily swindled
- 54. Point that is one point south of southwest
- 58. Small island (British)



Level: Intermediate



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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to winter. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 13 = I)

A. 7 12 13 22 22 11 5 9

Clue: Big snow storm

B. 21 16 13 12 12 18

Clue: A bit cold

C. 9 5 13 24 6

Clue: Pile of snow

D. 25 3 10 14

Clue: Frozen precipitation

Answers: A. blizzard B. chilly C. drift D. snow



STEVE NELSON AND JACK ROLLINS WROTE THIS SONG ABOUT A CHILLY DUDE WITH "TWO EYES MADE OUT OF COAL."

ANSWER: "FROSTY THE SNOWMAN"

What's the Difference?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. Front glass has juice 2. Cherry in pie on candle 3. Extra olives in dish at right 4. Missing flame

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

- 1871: THE OPERA "AIDA" PREMIERES IN CAIRO, EGYPT.
- 1929: A FOUR-ALARM FIRE BREAKS OUT IN THE WEST WING OF THE WHITE HOUSE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
- 1951: LIBYA BECOMES AN INDEPENDENT NATION AND IDRIS I IS PROCLAIMED KING.

New Word

FESTIVE

cheerful and jovially celebratory

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Family
- SPANISH:** Familia
- ITALIAN:** Famiglia
- FRENCH:** Famille
- GERMAN:** Familie

Did You Know?

CHRISTMAS TREES APPEAR TO DATE BACK TO THE MIDDLE AGES IN WHAT IS NOW MODERN-DAY GERMANY.

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Holiday Thoughts

By NOAH MADDOX
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This week's column will take a break from sports for once, and instead we'll dabble in some festive Holiday talk for the week. This week's edition easily could have had more Ja Morant talk as the Grizzlies look like a completely different team since he has returned, as outlined in last week's column about the potential for such, but we'll hold off for another day.

This week, we want to hear from you, the reader, about almost anything and everything as it pertains to Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and even the upcoming New Year's celebration.

What are some of your favorite things about (or to do during) the Holiday season? Favorite Christmas movies, interesting family traditions, awesome food ideas, (just to name a few examples) and much, much more.

Of course, Christmas fell on a Monday this year, so many folks were able to celebrate over the course of a three day weekend. With Monday being the special day this year, it meant that the NFL took full advantage of the special timing, scheduling three stand alone games for the Holiday that ended with the highly anticipated MNF clash between the favorites of both conferences in the Baltimore Ravens and the San Francisco 49ers.

To go back to actual Christmas activities however, I'll start by offering up some of what my family and I indulged in this past week before we ask y'all to chime in.

We did many of the usual things you would expect, such as watching "Elf" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" while making a Christmas Day feast that began with some delicious ham. We exchanged gifts as well, but the bigger positive was all the family time we were able to spend together. That's really what this time of year is all about anyways, isn't it? Spending quality time with family and friends if possible?

Now, we would love to hear from you guys, our loyal readers, about your own fun Holiday traditions? It doesn't even have to be super grand, it can be something as small as "I enjoyed the extra day off." Whatever it might be, send us an email at noah@t-g.com for a chance to be featured and highlighted in next week's issue!

In a time of swirling uncertainty and negativity, we would love to highlight and express anything and everything that makes the Holidays such a special time to each one of you. So from all of us at the Times-Gazette, we wish you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year!



Cascade Senior Isaac Chapa (right) won both of his matches in the Brawl

Cascade Wins Second Annual Bedford County Brawl

The second annual Bedford County Brawl was held at Shelbyville Central High School on Monday, December 18, with Cascade taking first place by scoring the most team points.

In the round-robin style, each school wrestled against each other, and Shelbyville would open the night at home with a 50-30 win over Community. Community would follow that up with a surprise 42-39

win over Cascade to close the Vikings evening on the mats.

Cascade would end the evening with a surprising blowout of the hosts, beating Shelbyville 48-29 and creating a three way tie on the night.

Unlike last year, none of the teams won outright, so it was decided that the winning team would be determined by who scored the most points. Thus, Cascade

beat out last year's winners, the Golden Eagles, and a Vikings program in their third season, by a score of 87-79-69, respectively.

Perhaps the biggest surprise was the stark improvement from last year by the Community Vikings. Despite finishing in third place, they beat Cascade outright and closed the gap on the scoreboard against Shelbyville.

After losing to the Cham-

pions 54-6 in last year's Brawl, Community returned this season with a lot more bodies, having at least one wrestler for every weight class. Because of this, Cascade had to forfeit in the 106 lbs class as the Champions had nobody to compete at that weight. Unfortunately for Cascade, and fortunately for the Vikings, forfeits are worth six points (same as a pin), and that ended up being the big-

gest difference in what was an unexpected nail biting Community win.

Cascade followed up the disappointing loss with a very impressive and clinical beating of the Golden Eagles, and in the end were declared winners of the second-annual Bedford County Brawl due to team points.

Bedford County Basketball Weekly Roundup

The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles play three games this week at the Music City Hoopfest at Page High School starting on Wednesday. We will have all of those scores and results in next week's print edition.

Shelbyville Central Girls: 8-2 (0-0)

Upcoming Game(s): OFF WEEK.

Past week result(s): OFF WEEK.

Shelbyville Central Boys: 3-8 (0-0)

Upcoming Game(s): Three games in the Music City Hoopfest at Page High School.

Past week result(s): 12/22 45-34 L @ Blackman and 12/21 60-44 L @ Lebanon

Cascade Girls: 5-9 (0-0)

Upcoming Game(s): 12/29 @ Summertown, LIVE on The Zinger 100.9.

Past week result(s): 12/22 50-27 L vs Pineville (KY), 12/21 55-24 W vs Carroll Co. (KY), 12/20 51-57 L vs Russell Co. (KY).

Cascade Boys: 4-7 (0-0)

Upcoming Game(s): 12/29 @ Summertown, LIVE on The Zinger 100.9.

Past week result(s): 12/22 63-34 W vs St. Joseph (WV), 12/21 43-36 L vs Muhlenberg Co. (KY), 12/20 78-61 L vs Central Wise (VA).

Community Girls: 3-11 (0-0)

Upcoming Game(s): 12/29 @ Moore County.

Past week result(s): 12/21 56-36 @ Huntland.

Community Boys: 6-9 (0-0)

Upcoming Game(s): 12/29 @ Moore County.

Past week result(s): 12/21 63-60 W @ Huntland.

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Perfect Attendance

With the 2023/24 school year's Fall Semester behind us, there were plenty of students from all around the county with perfect attendance.

Eakin, East Side, Learning Way, Liberty, Southside, Thomas, Harris, Shelbyville Central, Cascade Elementary, Middle, and High School, and Community Elementary, Middle, and High School (only one not pictured due to testing scheduling conflicts) all had numerous perfect attendees and are pictured below.

The fact that all 14 public schools in Bedford County had this many students with perfect attendance in the first semester of the year is an awesome sign, and all of us at T-G hope it continues!



Cascade High School



Eastside Elementary School



Eakin Elementary School

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Shelbyville Central High School



Southside Elementary School



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Thomas School



Learning Way Elementary School



Harris Middle School



Liberty School

Misty's Ministries: sending love around the world

In the fall of 2022, Misty Guinn wanted to do something to "glorify God." Soon, she "began seeing the faces" on her Facebook page of the ones she who felt called to serve.

"I began seeing small kids with cancer pop up on my Facebook page. I began to keep a binder of names, ages, and updates on each one. God showed me to make toboggans for these cancer patients."

She added, "They have enough to go through without trying to purchase hats. I would message the parents and explain that I have a ministry group on Facebook and Tik Tok (Misty's Ministries.) I would tell them it was completely FREE for them."

Misty says she prayed daily for the members in her group. "I started doing just cancer patients, then I started getting patients with severe/terminal illnesses and then transplant patients."

Since September 2022, she's made and shipped over 525 toboggans. She ships all over the world.

If the patient has siblings, she makes the siblings one. "These families go through this journey with them", Misty says.

She further advised, "The only money involved is people adopting the toboggans. That is \$7.00 per package and each package can hold up to 6 toboggans anywhere in the US. Outside the US is more. Before I ship them, I anoint each toboggan and pray over them."

Misty says this week how she always tells them if they need her day or night to message her.

"They are my family too. Misty's Ministries was made for updates, prayers, pictures of the people with their toboggans so I can tag the person who adopts the toboggan so they can see these precious faces."

Misty says she's been



To date, Misty Guinn has shipped over 500 handmade toboggans to cancer patients all over the world.

blessed to be able to get close to a lot of these families. She's had several, five plus, be healed from cancer. She lost her own dad to cancer so that has always had a place in her heart.

"I also lost my 34-day-old daughter to a home accident

"I am just a vessel for Jesus, doing what he called me to do. This ministry has blessed me in ways I never imagined."

People have "adopted" toboggans but they also donate yarn. The yarn I use is bernat blanket yarn, 10.5

'I am just a vessel for Jesus, doing what he called me to do. This ministry has blessed me in ways I never imagined.'

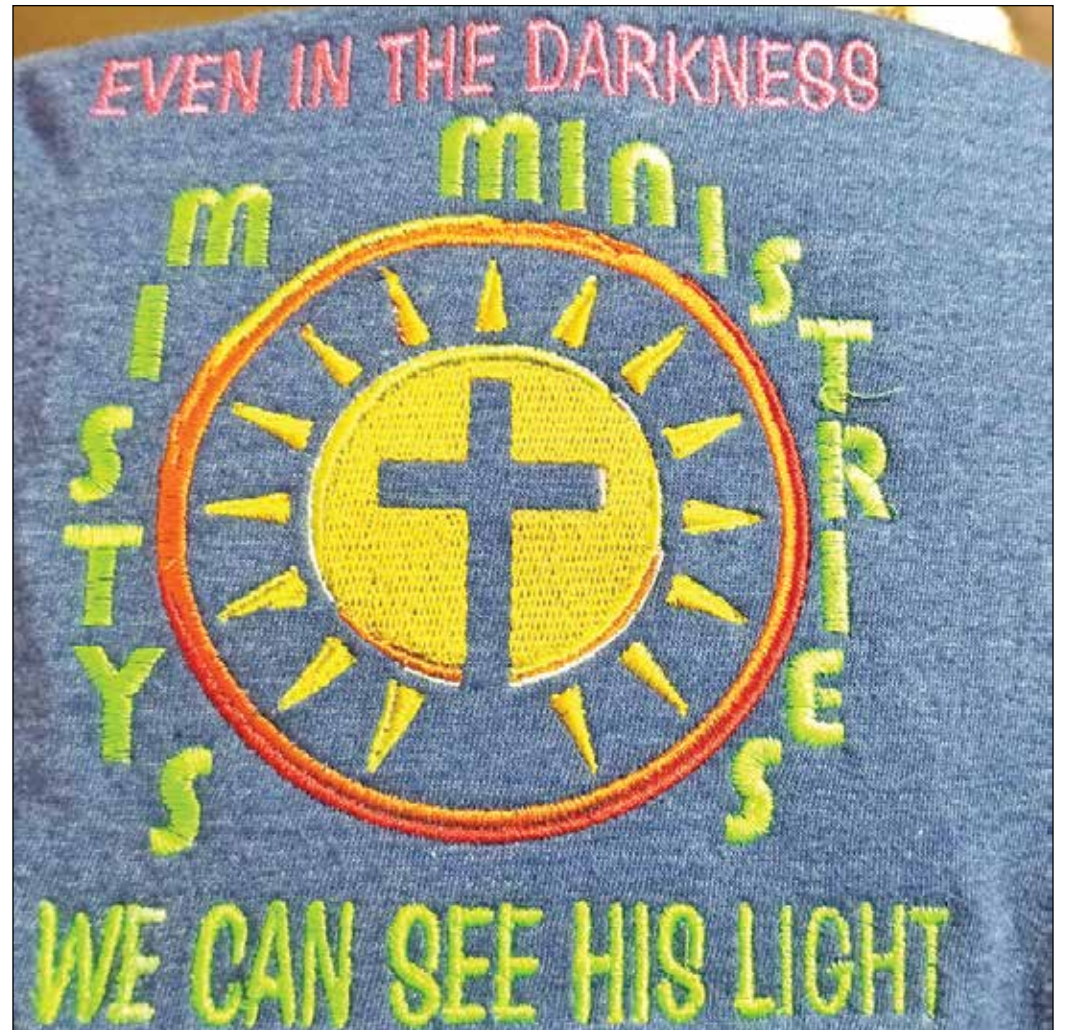
Misty Guinn of Misty's Ministries

in 2001. Kids are special regardless of what they have or go through. No one fights alone. I do also send memorial toboggans to families that have had a child pass away."

Misty has 3-ring binders of names, ages, addresses, and updates on each one. God gets the glory, she notes.

oz/ 300g #6. As long as it is #6 I can use it. I also have receipts of shipping as proof for anyone who wants to know where the \$7 went. I have pictures of most of the recipients as well."

If anyone would like to "adopt" Misty says she has Pay pal, misty9949@yahoo.com,



Venmo, @misty-guinn-2 and cash app, \$mistyGuinn.

"I recently did toboggans for a preschool and they donated money for more yarn. I absolutely love making these toboggans. So far, I have shipped all over the US, Canada, Germany, France, UK, Scotland, Poland, Ukraine, Haiti, Australia and New Zealand."

"Here's the best story I have been involved in and heard of this year, especially here at Christmas. I screenshot her story on Facebook. This is what she posted. To God be the glory! This lady received a toboggan from me. She had to go to Vanderbilt in Nashville for her sister. This story from Gwendie, a recipient brought tears to my eyes. She actually video chatted me to tell me the story."

All I did was be a vessel for Jesus, he deserves the glory," says Misty.

Misty's best story yet

Well, I got the best Christmas anyone could ask for.

Back last year or so ago my sister was flown to Vanderbilt at Nashville, Tenn. Well one of my God sister Misty Ann Guinn and Rodney Guinn made a toboggan cause of me being sick. I was so excited about this toboggan.

Someone had pick it up while we were putting my sister in her room or it got mix up in the laundry there.

Well, I left my information address and phone number for if they find it to get it back to me. I cry and cry when it come up missing.

So, Misty being God child and having a heart of gold, she made me another one and sent me a Bible.

I have been using this Bible for some time. She gave me a card and blessed it with oil and The Lord blessed this, Bible. I put that card

she gave me into the Bible with a Bible verse in the Bible, asking God to help find this toboggan.

Tell me that God don't work Vanderbilt Hospital . . . sent me my toboggan back . . . through the mail today. Along with a Christmas card . . . wished me a merry Christmas. I received it after all these years.

The moral of this story? God does answer prayers and He might not be there when we want him but He is always on time. I have cried so hard. Cause I knew I would never see it again but they mailed it and got it home to me in time for Christmas . . . praise God. I am still bawling my eyes out . . . overwhelmed with the joy and happiness. So, I believe. With them being anointed, the devil was not winning this battle. Amen.



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LIBRARY VISIT

Old St. Nick visited Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library last week. He read a few stories.

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