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A Week of Fire and Ice in Shelbyville



Photo submitted by Chris White

NO ONE STIRRING - On Monday evening, it seems no one was stirring, on East Depot, that is. Well, except this photographer - Shelbyville can count this snowfall one for the books and the record temps below zero in some areas.



Submitted Photo

FIRE AND ICE - A fire on Moulder Road occurred about 8 p.m., Monday and was determined to be a total loss for a local family.



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MOBILE HOME EXPLODES - A Shelbyville resident sustained minor injuries when the mobile home he was living in on West Lane Street exploded into flames Thursday night.

Growing pains evident in Shelbyville

Council defers two rezoning requests

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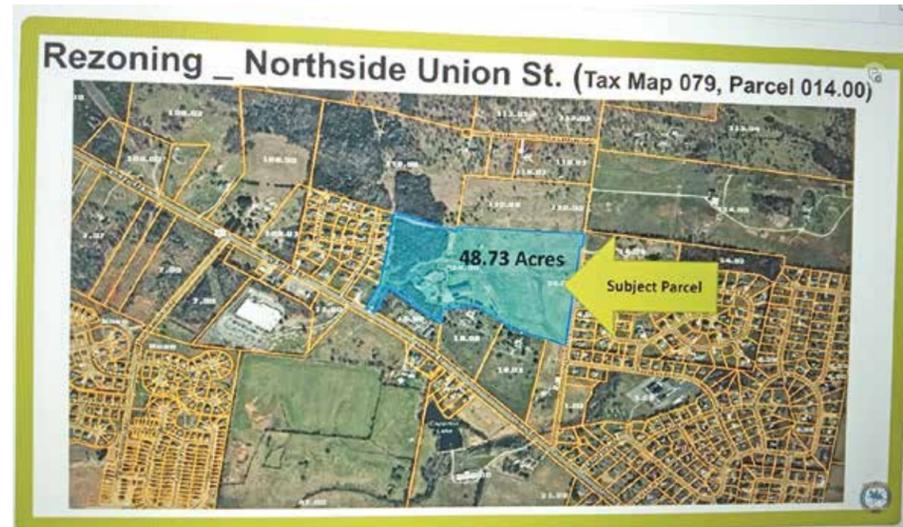
During its recent monthly meeting, Shelbyville City Council approved to schedule a meeting with the Municipal Planning Commission and members of Shelbyville Power, Water and Sewerage for Thursday, Feb. 15, at noon, to discuss a growth plan in relation to infrastructure capabilities.

With many, many applications before community development, planning and eventually, Council, it seems like an ample time for such a meeting. A lot of Council time is being spent on approving plans of service, annexation or dealing with rezoning issues.

Several resolutions on second and final reading—those receiving favorable recommendations by Shelbyville Planning—were approved Thursday.

Two rezoning agenda items, companion pieces to earlier annexation requests, were deferred back to the Planning Commission for further study. Those ordinances were:

to approve the rezoning of 48.73 (+/-) acres owned by



Shelbyville City Council spends a lot of time working through plans for development, annexation and rezoning requests from Shelbyville Planning Commission. The City is experiencing growth, as a result.

James Baum and Elisabeth Gallun, located on the north side of Union Street west of Jennings Lane and referenced on Bedford County Tax Map 079 Parcel 014.00 From Residential - 1 (Low Density Residential District) to Residential -2 (Low Density Residential District.)

to approve the rezoning of 18.19 (+/-) acres owned by James Baum and Elisabeth Gallun, located on the north side of Union Street west of Jennings Lane and referenced on Bedford County Tax Map 068 Parcel 120.00 from Residential-1 (Low Density Residential District) to Residential

-2 (Low Density Residential District).

The above requests for rezoning were sent to Council with an unfavorable recommendation by the Planning Commission, which recently voted 6:3 for the rezoning of

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The Care House: An on-going respite of mercy

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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The Care House of Shelbyville has provided support for about 200 teens transitioning into the state foster care system over the last two years.

If you've kept up with how many children are in the Tennessee foster care system these days, you will realize this is a magnificent act of servanthood. State reports indicate there are over 8,000 in foster care at the moment.

Not all foster parents are available the night or day when the children go into the foster care system. So, that's where this transitional house, serving the South-Central District, has been like a, well, God-send.

Essentially, The Care House is a respite that cares for teens in crisis and offers caregiving support. The home, which is located just outside the city, is a short-

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term, emergency place for children waiting for foster care placement. After 2 years, it is still a community collaboration led by Living Stones Community Church and The Center for Family Development.

Taking the reins for this ministry is Jeanne Edwards, who says, yes, it has been a tough job. She isn't paid a dime for her service or for the special things she does for the home.

She admits everything from clothes to Door Dash has come out of her personal funds. But she made a commitment several years ago to serve.

Most people who know her will say she's gone over and above her required duties.

How it all started

The Care House opened in 2021 with the help of Living Stones. Members knew case workers who were having to care for foster children in transition from their state offices.

Jeanne says because more transitional homes, like The Care House, are opening up across the state, children having to sleep in offices has come to an end.

The Care House is just that—a home—one filled with warmth, clean clothes, TV., food and most of all, caring people.

The church owns the property and pays the electric bills, she advises. Any monetary donations given through the church are placed into The Care House fund and donations given directly to Jeanne are put into a special fund to use to buy supplies like trash bags.

They go through A LOT of those.

She says some children in custody come into the house with only the clothes on their back. She tries to fit the kids with clothes but she never knows the size of kids yet to enter the doorway.

If the kids are in the state foster system, they're taken at The Care House—even kids who've been released from detention.

She says without local donations, it would be difficult to operate. "Anybody that's ever given to us, we appreciate it," says Jeanne. "Know it was used well. We've served a lot of kids in a lot of different ways."

Sometimes certain cases merit there being a security officer on the premises. It just makes good sense because the house is always so busy.

"We've been crazy busy," says Jeanne on a recent Sunday afternoon at The Care House.

She was taking out the garbage. It's a never-ending process, she notes.

There's time for coffee. She sits a while to discuss the program.

There are generally, on average, three kids at a time at The Care House. There are caseworkers who rotate every 24 hours; she says that is a requirement.

She has sympathy for those workers as they aren't allowed to sleep during their work shift. And the place is never empty.

In the beginning, The Care House was designed to support the kids for a few hours to a day. Living Stones had to set some limits as the demands grew.

"One child that was here, put this place for her FAFSA," says Jeanne. "She didn't have any other place."

Give the state a mile, they'll take it, she says. It's a desperate situation, finding a place for transitional foster kids.

And the kids, sure, many want to stay there. "They have their own bed, their own space."

She admits, the kids are spoiled in some ways, that is, The Care House is obviously a little more relaxed.

The home is small, with three bedrooms—each complete with two beds. Deciding how foster children bunk can also be a process

in itself, Jeanne reveals.

But, because there is room at The Care House to add on, it is a possibility that some renovation, a supervised visit suite, could take place in the near future. She notes how the house is open to supervised visits, but it is always so full, there's no room to do such.

But realistically, would there ever be enough room? When the house is open to kids, it is a revolving door. Jeanne discovered quick how every kid and worker is different.

Jeanne will be the first to admit that jumping through the hoops with the state has been one of the hardest parts of working with The Care House. She reveals in some ways, it is actually harder than working with some of the more difficult children.

Because The Care House is a 501(c)(3) agency and is under the financial direction of the church, Jeanne notes that sometimes, Living Stones just has to put its foot down about certain things within the home.

"Sometimes, we have to just say, no," says Jeanne. "I have had to get tougher and tougher, to say no. Sometimes we have to stress this is our house. The state doesn't pay for anything."

Jeanne notes that The Care House is currently on break, regrouping. It will reopen soon for kids. "I promise you, the day I say it's open, they will come."

There's not as much trouble with the kids, as one would think. Of course, she laughs, teen girls can get into it.

Jeanne says the life processes that she thought all teens understood, like sleeping on sheets or cooking, is not a natural process for some. That is sad to her.

During this break, Jeanne is taking time to clean, paint and reorganize boxes of games for the kids.

Thankfully, more groups in the South-Central area, like The Care House, are providing respite. The Care House of Shelbyville, however, was the first transition home in the South-Central Region to begin such a program, Jeanne notes.

SCD encompasses 14 surrounding counties within the Department of Children's Services.

"It was a learning curve for everybody," says Jeanne. "All of the protocols and standards had not been written yet, because we were on a learning curve, us and the state."

Jeanne says oh boy have they learned a lot the last few years. Jeanne is a former social worker with the Center for Family Development/Healthy Families program.

"We've been crazy busy," says Jeanne on a recent Sunday afternoon while sitting in the living room of the empty home.

For such a time

Jeanne says she's putting in about another year in this program. She says it is time that she committed herself now to her family; she and her husband, Ronnie, a nurse, have two grown children.

In hindsight, she talks about the journey it has been working in this program. "The last two years, it has been me," notes Jeanne, stressing how much she needs volunteers. (A background check is required.)

She's really tired. Yet, she realizes how much this house serves this community. "The community at large has been very good, if I have any kind of need . . . always taken care of those needs."

But, again, what she really needs is volunteers—those people who have a presence in the house. Sadly, all the clean up does fall mostly on the volunteers.

In about a year, at least, Jeanne will not be available to work at The Care House. She will still attend Living Stones Church.



T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins
Jeanne Edwards started with The Care House, a foster respite for teens, about 2 years ago. She's still a volunteer, working to help kids transitioning within the state foster care program.



She is praying that someone will soon want to fill her shoes.

Jeanne shares that yes, some days she leaves The Care House in tears. "The thing I've had to learn is what is best for this kid. Sometimes our natural compassion wants to attach to that kid. That's not necessarily what's best for that kid."

She explains her emotions are fruitless, unless the needs of those foster children, like showers and clean clothes, are met. "It makes you take a step back and say, it's not about me. It's about what this kid needs."

Though the program is a part of the church, Jeanne says they only pray with the children, if they ask. The kids and workers are invited over to the church for worship and special programs.

With a laugh, she says there are, however, Bible verses underneath the sheetrock/plywood. This was done 2 years ago when the house was built.

Jeanne notes there is no pressure on the kids regarding religion. She says she had rather love on the kids, that is provide them with what they need, rather than preach to them.

She knows so many have suffered trauma and love has been lacking in their young lives.

Despite being worn out, Jeanne believes The Care House is an example of God's timing of where she was to serve the last 2 years. (For such a time is this . . .) Jeanne says this ministry has also humbled her in many ways.

She's truthful that there are times when she's had to back up and repent.

She adds, "It has opened my eyes. I thought I knew how to be kind. But I have learned a new depth of how to be kind, to people, not just to these kids or workers. Just to be kind and how much that matters."

Jeanne feels good The Care House is continuing to impact so many lives. That is the bigger picture, she notes.

Jeanne says her charge has always been to do what's right when it comes to taking care of these kids. There are a lot of them from this community being served.

"They're ours," she says. "I tell people, let's do what's right, ya'll."



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COMING SOON: GRINDSTONE COWBOY

The Grindstone Cowboy restaurant on Spring Street on southwest corner of the public square is currently under renovation. (Former Lytle "Jug" Landers and Kyle insurance buildings.) But everyone took time Friday morning to have a wall breaking ceremony. The Grindstone, which has a sister store in Eagleville, is owned by country artist Craig and Mindy Campbell. Coffee, frappes and pastries are just some of the Grindstone Cowboy menu items coming soon.

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THE ISSUE

Cloverdale area residents speak out

Council decides neighborhood's future

By DAWN HANKINS

Progress within any City or County is great. But at the same time, most will admit that it is sad when long-time residents oppose those changes in their neighborhood. And in the process, they only receive 3 minutes to be heard by government officials?

For many years, the Cloverdale Road area has been a tranquil place for residents. Many have walked there with their kids, dogs, friends and spent quality time together there as a neighborhood.

Now, more people want to live there. There is a demand from developers for those prime pieces of property.

Change is therefore inevitable for Shelbyville. I have to say, I wouldn't want to be a Council member right now, having to make some of these annexation/rezoning decisions within these long-standing Shelbyville neighborhoods.

But it is hoped there will be some compromise for long-time residents within the development process. It is up to Council to look out for its constituents.

At least members of the Planning Commission are studying the development, before submitting to Council for approval. Though even the Planning Commission has had some split decisions recently, mostly concerning rezoning.

On the City Council agenda Thursday was a resolution adopting a plan of services for an area proposed for annexation- (a 124.00 (+/-) acre tract of land located on the south side of Union Street, west of Jennings Lane- and referenced on Bedford County Tax Map 079, Par-



T-G Photos by Dawn Hankins

Residents of the Cloverdale Road area spoke out on potential development near their neighborhood at the Thursday Shelbyville City Council meeting.

cel 047.00. The property would be annexed by owner consent and incorporated within the boundaries of the City of Shelbyville. The said property is owned by Franklin Swing and Rebecca Dawn Swing Bobo.

The plan of services was on the agenda as a first reading. This item received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission.

As well there was a resolution to annex the 124 (+/-) acre tract of land. This item also received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission.

However, development plans are not meeting with a "favorable recommendation" by residents in the Cloverdale Road area neighborhood.

V. Jamison shared during the public hearing portion of Thursday's Council meeting how she moved to Cloverdale Road in 1976. She says it was and still is a nice, middle, upper class subdivision.

"It's older now, but not

much has changed. The homes are still maintained . . . no trash."

She said people walk the neighborhood, walk dogs and just exercise. She said they really do need a traffic light at Union.

"If this change is approved, it will require homes to be built, taxes will increase . . ." she advised. "This Cloverdale neighborhood will cease to exist as it has been."

She is sympathetic to the City wanting to improve upper, middle class subdivisions. Still, she believes Cloverdale Road should not suffer from future developments.

She questioned City Council members if they were willing to "ruin" a proven, upper middleclass neighborhood in order to "take a chance" on future development and its possible related issues.

Wallace Woodruff of adjacent Ashwood Drive also spoke during the public hearing against the proposed annexation of the

124 acres. He questioned Council on how it will be possible for the residents of "700 plus new houses" to all exit Cloverdale Road.

"I just want you to know that I oppose and most of the people in that neighborhood oppose it."

He said like Jamison, he's been in that neighborhood for 40 years. "I just don't see how you can have another [500] to 600 cars coming up through there every day."

On Thursday, Council approved unanimously on first reading for the plan of services and for annexation. The vote for annexation was approved 5:1, with Council member Marilyn Ewing voting no.

During the meeting, Councilmember William Christie said he had issues with the current growth patterns. Because a PUD development in that area could be potentially on the table for approval in a few months, he was leaning more toward R-1 than R-2 density housing.



Photos by Joyce Jones

The fresh snow placed a white blanket over this Hickory Hill Road farm on Sunday evening and Monday morning.

PENCIL SHAVINGS

Farmers brave the cold

We SALUTE you!

By DAWN HANKINS
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to snow. She loves the outdoors. It's the rabbits! (She is spayed, by the way.)

Well, I wished for it to snow last week. It sure did in Bedford County and everywhere else, it seems!

Today I'm thinking about the farmers.

A post has been on Facebook recently which states: "Due to cold weather and snow, there will be NO farms closed. Each and every farmer will be out in the cold and blowing wind tending to their livestock."

Ironically, I just passed two trucks with round bales of hay heading down the road. My granddaughter asked about that process.

I got a chance to explain to her how farmers are always having to worry about their livestock. When it's cold, they must have hay bales dropped to survive.

It got me to thinking about all those many Bedford and surrounding area farmers that I have known during my life. My paternal papa had to rise about 3 a.m. in the morning to go to pasture to bring cows to the dairy barn.

It was an all-morning process, then it started again in the evening. In between, he was either gardening or on a tractor somewhere in the field.

By the way, he went to bed about 8 p.m. He lived to be 94.

I was reminded of taking care of animals, certainly in a small way, when my little Beagle came to the door Sunday evening as it began

sure she stays warm during these terribly cold temperatures. So right now, as we have a "snow day," (lol for journalists), she is nice and toasty by the fire.

I hurt for little animals, and people of course, who might not have been so fortunate to have a warm place to sleep last night. Bless Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen which opened early Monday morning as a warming shelter.

Pray for those still trying to even make a living off farming. Or, just growing their own food. I know some.

And pray, or have nice thoughts for, animal control and rescue folks who also work out in the cold and snow. They of course are taking care of animals literally left out in the cold.

I admire the young people who are trying to do the same work of their grandparents on the farms. From experience, I know farming is not for the faint of heart. But there are people out there still "braving the cold."

So, perhaps do something nice for a farmer that you know, today. A bowl of soup or Stanley cup full of steaming hot coffee might be just the thing.

Don't worry about it if the Stanley Cup isn't pink (a trend in my opinion that's stupid.) Today, in all this snow and cold, farmers won't mind.

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these pieces of property to R-2.

Councilman Henry Feldhaus asked that developers of these properties not have to reapply, since those earlier companion pieces for plan of development and annexation had been approved by Council. Councilman Bobby Turnbow seconded and members approved that motion unanimously. The rezoning requests will just go back to planners, mainly because the property is being requested from R-1 to R-2.

New processes begin

Heard and approved on first reading was a resolution adopting a Plan of Services for an area proposed for annexation, 124.00 (+/-) acres located on the south side of Union Street, west of Jennings Lane and referenced on Bedford County Tax Map 079, Parcel 047.00 to be annexed by owner consent and to be incorporated within the boundaries of the City. The property is owned by Franklin Swing and Rebecca Dawn Swing Bobo. This item received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission.

Council also heard and approved on first reading a resolution to annex a portion of certain territory upon written consent of the owners and to Incorporated the same within the bound-

aries of the City. This property is a 124 (+/-) acre tract of land located on the south side of Union Street, west of Jennings Lane and Referenced as Bedford County Tax Map 079, Parcel 047.00 and owned by Franklin Swing and Rebecca Dawn Swing Bobo. This item received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission.

When traffic studies were discussed regarding this property, Councilmember William Christie said, "I have concerns about the growth of the City now and I'm really leaning hard toward R-1, only."

Marilyn Ewing asked if Council approves a plan of services for this said property, does this mean automatic annexation?

City Attorney Ginger Shofner advised, "No mam. It is not an automatic annexation. You adopt a plan of services because the state requires a plan of services, in place, prior to the actual adoption by annexation. This is the crazy thing; state law says we have to adopt by resolution but we have to do it by ordinance procedure."

She said this is a Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) 37-step process. "When it comes to you [Council,] you have to pass it on two readings. We always do it in two separate documents-plan of services first, then annexation. So,

you would be passing it on first time this month, then it would come back to you in the month of February for its second reading."

Attorney Shofner said after January and potential February passings, the request will come in as R-1. "They do have an active PUD application but there was so much discussion and concern about access points and density at the planning commission [meeting] that the applicant has agreed to update their 16-month-old traffic study."

Shofner said that process might take months before it comes back to the planning commission. She advised this request was met with a 6:3 favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission. She said the planners are good with an R-1.

Council approved 5:1 on first reading a plan of services for this request and its companion piece. Councilmember Marilyn Ewing said she was voting no at this time on the annexation. **In other City business, Council unanimously approved:**

- a resolution, which only required one reading, for authorization to apply for a grant to the Tennessee Housing Development Agency for HOME grant funds.
- a resolution authorizing an official delegation to attend Retail Strat-

egies' Retail Academy, and providing for the expenditures of that delegation to Birmingham, Ala.

- a resolution Adopting Policies and Procedures related to tax Increment Incentives
- a resolution authorizing a grant application to the Tennessee Department of Transportation for a Transportation Planning Grant. The Transportation Planning Grant (TPG) is intended to assist jurisdictions (both municipalities and counties) with transportation planning efforts that determine strategies to support improvements in traffic flow, safety, mobility, and overall efficiency of the transportation system. The maximum award amount is \$200,000 and the local match is 10%. TDOT will offer a 0% local match to distressed and at-risk counties and communities within.
- approved a new position of part-time kennel tech for Animal Control and the associated job description and salary range.
- deferred any appointments to Shelbyville Safe & Affordable Housing Committee due to no one accepting to serve.

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Governor Lee announces statewide grants

Over \$46 Million to Support Multimodal Transportation

Nashville, Tenn. - Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee, along with Deputy Governor & Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) Commissioner Butch Eley, recently announced the award of over \$46 million in state and federal grant funds that support multimodal investments in walking, biking, and transit statewide in Tennessee.

"Increasing safety, promoting healthy lifestyles, and providing improved access to our cities and towns make our communities better places to live and work," said Gov. Lee. "I'm pleased the state can provide the support necessary to move these projects forward."

The awards announcement is for three grant programs administered through TDOT. The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant is made possible through a federally funded program. A variety of activities, such as the restoration of historic facilities, bike and pedestrian trails, landscaping, and other non-traditional transportation projects, are eligible for grant funds under the federal program. This year TDOT is awarding \$15,201,777 to seven communities.

For more information and a list of this year's TAP grantees, please visit TDOT's website at Transportation Alternatives Program (tn.gov).

In addition, TDOT re-

ceived 12 applications from 10 transit agencies in the IMPROVE Transit Investment Grant competitive call for projects and is awarding \$18,754,216 to these agencies. Since 2018, TDOT has awarded nearly \$88 million in state funding through the department's competitive transit grant program. This funding has allowed transit agencies to have a mechanism to build new facilities and transit options across Tennessee. Several examples include new transit centers in Kingsport, Pigeon Forge, Murfreesboro, and Nashville. Other examples include electric buses and infrastructure in Knoxville and Chattanooga as well as the advancement of a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system in Memphis with the Innovation Corridor. For a list of this year's grantees, please visit TDOT's website at IMPROVE Transit Investment Grant (tn.gov).

TDOT also awarded \$12,529,075 in Multimodal Access Grant (MMAG) funding for 12 projects supporting pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users through infrastructure projects that address existing gaps along state routes. Four of the projects, totaling \$4 million, are in distressed and at-risk counties. For a list of these projects please visit TDOT's website at Multimodal Access Grant (tn.gov).



Photos by Carol Garrette

TOWN HALL MEETING - The meeting at Eakin Elementary last week went well, school officials said. The purpose was for parents in particular to be learning about the changes coming when Cartwright Elementary opens. School officials are planning another Town Hall meeting (rescheduled due to weather this week) Tuesday, Jan. 23, at East Side.



LOOKING OVER ZONING MAPS - Bedford County School System sponsored a Town Hall meeting last Tuesday at Eakin Elementary. School officials note that about 180 were in attendance. The purpose was to provide information to parents and show mapping of the new zoning to take place when Cartwright Elementary opens.

Due to inclement weather, Thursday's Bedford County Board of Education meeting is rescheduled for 6 p.m., Jan. 25, at Cascade High School.

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New new year for Happy Hands Quilters

It's a new new year for the Happy Hands Quilters of Shelbyville meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The January meeting was for planning for the year. Quilters were introduced to the UFO challenge for those projects that have collected over the years in our sewing rooms.

The one with the most UFO's completed at end of year, will win the Golden Thimble Award.

Also on display was the 3rd place ribbon our tree won at The Fly Christmas Tree Festival. It was decorated with handmade snowflakes of all kinds made by the members.

In February, members are asked to bring charm squares to exchange instead of valentines. With these charm squares, Rhonda Styer will teach us how to make the 10 minute block. Dues are being collected for the year of \$35. Anyone is welcome to join us at the Bedford Co. Extension Office classroom, 2105 Midland Road, Shelbyville from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The next meeting is Feb. 13. Report submitted by Nancy Brothers, president.



Happy Hands participated in The Fly Christmas Tree Festival in December with the theme being Christmas movies. Our choice was "White Christmas" movie and our members covered a 9-foot tree with handmade snowflakes of all kind. Batting was used on the branches for snow. Fabric strips were tied together for the garland. The Happy Hands tree received 3rd place in the handmade category.

Community Calendar Community shows support for Lynch family

By DAWN HANKINS

From Bedford County Government

Bedford County Convenience Centers will remain closed through Thursday, reopening on Friday, due to weather and road conditions. The tire collection center on State Route 82 will be closed this Wednesday but will reopen next Wednesday.

Court proceedings scheduled for last Tuesday, Jan. 16, will be rescheduled to Feb. 13.

Criminal court proceedings scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 17, will be rescheduled to 9 a.m. on Feb. 14.

Orders of protection, juvenile and civil cases scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 17, will be rescheduled until next Wednesday, Jan. 24, at the normal times.

The meetings of Bedford County Board of Commissioners' standing committees which had been scheduled for Tuesday evening will be held a week later, Jan. 23, beginning with the rules committee at 5 p.m.

Restaurant opening delayed

The new Shelbyville McDonald's on North Main has postponed its new opening, tentatively considering Thursday, Feb. 29, as the new date.

VFW MUSIC

This month's Music Event has been canceled due to extremely cold weather. The monthly third-Saturday music night will resume Feb. 17.

Tennessee Treasury returned record-breaking \$68.7 million in Unclaimed Property in FY23

New claims portal allows greater search capability

The Tennessee Department of Treasury, Unclaimed Property Division returned \$68.7 million of cash property to the rightful owners or their heirs, local governments, and reciprocal states during fiscal year 2023. It's the most money the Division has ever returned in a single fiscal year.

Unclaimed Property Logo

The Division also returned a greater number of individual claims than ever before. Between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, the Division returned 65,150 claims, a 4.1% increase over the previous record high of 62,549 in FY19.

Unclaimed property is money that has been turned over to the State by businesses and organizations unable to locate the rightful owners, such as utility refunds, uncashed paychecks, credit balances for overpayments, rental deposit refunds, gift certificates, securities, and abandoned bank accounts. The Unclaimed Property program is a consumer protection program of the Department of Treasury that works to reunite this missing money with its rightful owner.

About 70% of claims are paid in as little as two weeks, on average. Anyone can see if they are owed any missing money by searching their name at ClaimItTN.gov, and may file a claim online if they find unclaimed property belonging to them.

In November, Treasury launched a new Unclaimed

Property online claims portal at ClaimItTN.gov with more robust search capabilities and a new dashboard interface. The online database contains all unclaimed property in Tennessee dating to the beginning of the program. Treasury recommends searching for common misspellings of your name and addresses as well, as that may be why the business was unable to return the money to you initially. Our website also includes a link to help you search for missing money in other states.

The Division utilizes various methods to locate owners of unclaimed property, including mailing letters to the address provided when the property was turned over from the business (holder), and sending letters to employers of potential claimants whose Social Security Number has been matched with records from the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development. On average, the Unclaimed Property Division sends hundreds of thousands of letters each year to potential claimants. If you have received a letter, you can verify the information by searching the portal at ClaimItTN.gov.

There is no time limit on claiming the property, and there is never a fee to claim it in Tennessee. Beware of any service asking you to pay them to help you get your money back. If you are ever contacted about unclaimed property in Tennessee and would like to check the validity, go to ClaimItTN.gov.

Way ahead of this week's snow storm, the benefit for the Stephen Lynch family was enjoyed Saturday by friends, relatives and neighbors at Bell Buckle Banquet Hall.

The Lynch family's Cedar Grove Road home burned right before Christmas. It was a total loss fire.

Friends decided to host a meal, silent auction and live auction to benefit the family. Organizers note the outpouring of support through donations was over the top.

It just shows how folks in this county, some said, pull together when the going gets tough.

Lynch thanked those in attendance and said they'll never know how grateful his family is for their kindness, love and support. He especially thanked his friend, Julie Beasley, who organized the fundraiser.



Donations poured in for the live auction.



Stephen Lynch thanks his long-time friend, Julie Beasley, for organizing Saturday's benefit. He also thanked everyone for their love and support during this difficult time for his family. They recently experienced a total loss fire.



Long-time friends of the Stephen Lynch family had a great time socializing during the meal at Bell Buckle Banquet Hall.



When the going gets tough in Unionville, it's time to show love and support. This silent auction for the Lynch family went over real well, organizers said.

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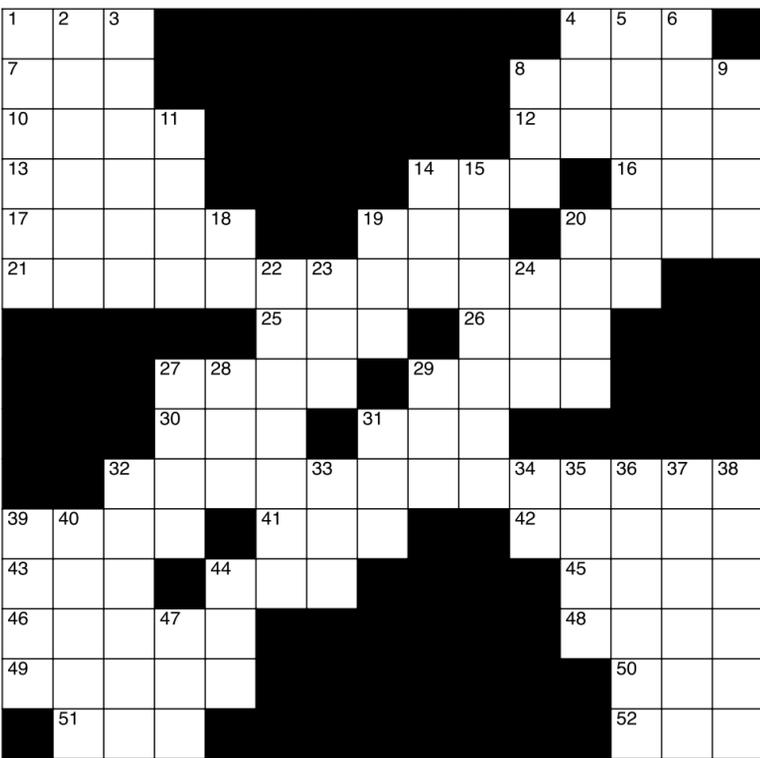
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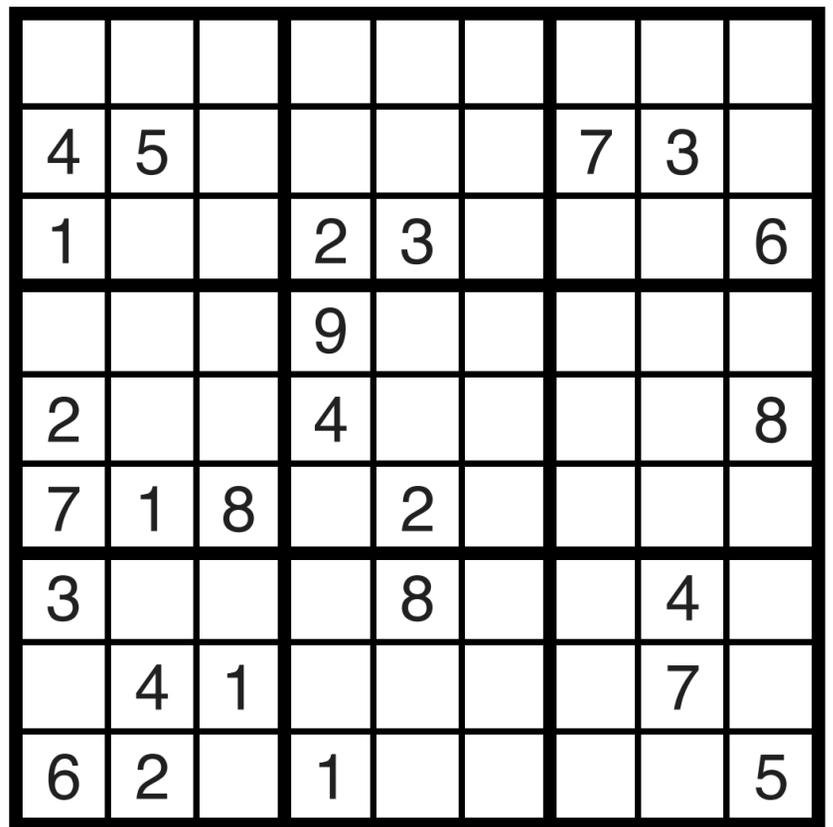


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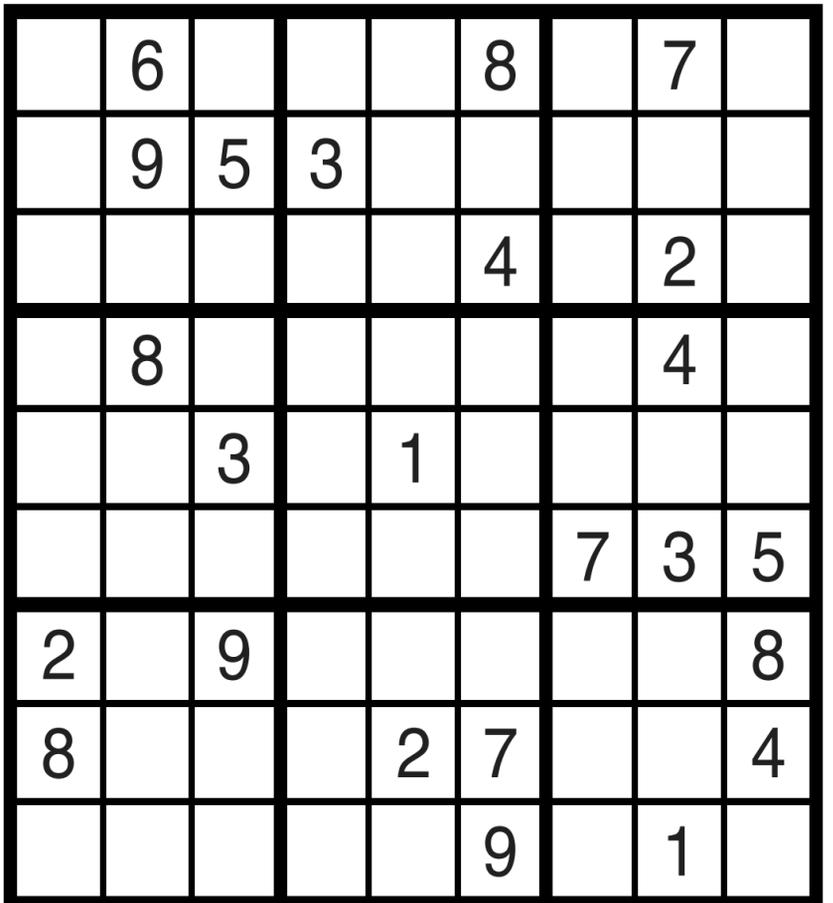
- 1. Microgram
- 4. Where golfers begin
- 7. Each
- 8. Warm weather metropolis
- 10. Coat with sticky substance
- 12. Girl's given name
- 13. Myth (Spanish)
- 14. Ultrahigh frequency
- 16. Former NBAer Jeremy
- 17. Where rockers work
- 19. Your consciousness of your own identity
- 20. Soft-finned fishes
- 21. Localities
- 25. Paddle
- 26. Union
- 27. Member of religious community
- 29. Small shrill flute
- 30. Small constellation in the Milky Way
- 31. They __
- 32. College kid on vacation
- 39. de Armas and Gasteyer are two
- 41. Part of the human body
- 42. A progressive grading
- 43. Sound unit
- 44. Noise some birds make
- 45. Abba __, Israeli politician
- 46. Portuguese city
- 48. Be extremely, uncritically fond of
- 49. Resembling old Norse poems
- 50. Ask for out of extreme need
- 51. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 52. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. An insane person
- 2. __ Boothe Luce, American author
- 3. Buttock muscles
- 4. Men's fashion accessory
- 5. "Hotel California" rockers
- 6. Electronic communication
- 8. Magnetomotive force (abbr.)
- 9. Hostels
- 11. A way to resound
- 14. Exclamation: yuck!
- 15. A resident of Indiana
- 18. Exclamation of surprise
- 19. Make a mistake
- 20. Boundary
- 22. Antilles island
- 23. It's used to make furniture
- 24. Clod
- 27. They indicate where places are
- 28. Bobby __, NHL champ
- 29. Prints money
- 31. Honorable title (Turkish)
- 32. Appetizers
- 33. Midway between north and northwest
- 34. Spanish be
- 35. Breezed through
- 36. Grilled dishes
- 37. In a way, excites
- 38. Change mind
- 39. A French abbot
- 40. Popular candy
- 44. Partner to cheese
- 47. Wood or metal bolt



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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to slow cooking.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 16 = E)

A. 12 9 10 12 23

Clue: Vessel

B. 18 19 10 8

Clue: Opposite of fast

C. 18 3 20 20 16 9

Clue: Liquid kept below boil

D. 1 16 15 17 16 9 3 21 16

Clue: Soften fibers

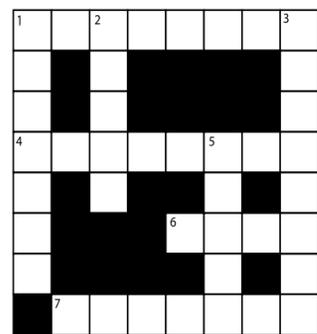
Answers: A. crock B. slow C. simmer D. tenderize



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ANSWERS: 44

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Resting
- 4. Represented
- 6. Food enjoyed on Tuesday
- 7. Short novel

DOWN

- 1. Enjoying a book
- 2. Illumination providers
- 3. Type of flower
- 5. Path

Answers:
Across: 1. Reading 2. Lamps 3. Gladiosa 5. Trail
Down: 1. Relaxing 4. Depleted 6. Taco 7. Novella

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GLOSSARY

alphabetical list of terms in a book

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- Goal-oriented and self-motivated with a passion for sales.
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Jean Marie Barnes Moore

Jean Marie Barnes Moore of Medora, Indiana, passed away unexpectedly on the afternoon of January 14, 2024 at Schneck Medical Center. She was 74.

Jean entered this life in Shelbyville, Tennessee on December 16, 1949. She was the daughter of the late James B. (JB) and Mary (Wheeler) Barnes. She was a graduate of Shelbyville Central High School, Class of 1968. Leaving her family and friends behind, she started a new chapter of her life in Indiana when she moved to Columbus, Indiana in 1987, to be with the love of her life, Marvin. In 1988, she was united in marriage to Marvin O. Moore.

Once again making many friends when she started the second chapter of her life in Indiana. She moved to Medora, where she lived out her final chapter until her passing. She always loved living in a small community. She loved spending time with her family and friends. She enjoyed doing things like camping and watching sports. She loved watching her favorite baseball team, the Yankees, and her favorite football team, the Indianapolis Colts. She could often be heard cheering and yelling at her teams.

Jean is survived by two sons, James Bradley (Brad) Barnes of Tennessee and Arnold James Moore of Medora. She was preceded by her husband, Marvin, who in passed in 2003.

Funeral services will be conducted at Hague Funeral Home on Saturday, January 20, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. Visitation will start on Saturday from noon until service time at 2:00 p.m. at Hague Funeral Home.



Dianna Prater Evans

Dianna Prater Evans, 72, of the Flat Creek community died January 11, 2024. Funeral

Services were 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 14, at Hillcrest Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim Sorrells officiating. Burial followed at Rosebank Cemetery. Visitation was at 12:00 P.M.

She was born September 17, 1951 in Monroe, Michigan and was a retired employee of Jack Daniels Distillery where she was the First Fully Certified Female Fire Fighter of the Jack Daniels Fire Brigade.

Dianna never met a stranger. She was a kind, down to earth lady who loved her family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil and Bertha Bates Prater; her husband, Jimmy D. Evans and sisters, Patricia Matlock and Deborah Prater.

Dianna is survived by her children, Jody (Erin) Hensley of Murfreesboro, Sheila Hensley of Manchester, Gregory Evans of Grandview, TN., Adam (Alex) Evans of Spring City, TN., Cheyenne (Billy) Eldridge of Shelbyville; brothers and sisters, Tony (Capri) Prater, Carrie Phelps, Milford (Kathy) Prater of Shelbyville, Peggy (Dean) Hanger of Winchester; nine grandchildren and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

The Family would like to thank her wonderful friends and caregivers, Tammy Cooke and Isabel "Blue" Hinojosa.



Billy "Butch" Leo Potts Jr.

Billy Leo "Butch" Potts, Jr., age 58, of Nashville, formerly of Shelbyville, passed away Thursday, January 11, 2024, at his home, under the loving care and comfort of his family, the most capable staff of the Heart of Mary House, and Alive Hospice. Funeral services were be 2 PM Sunday, January 14, 2024, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. The family will receive visitors 12 noon until service time Sunday at the funeral home. He was born January 30, 1965, in Shelbyville, to Billy Leo and Donna Bryan Potts, Sr. He was a truck driver and worked previously with Paramount in Murfreesboro. He was a faithful member of St. Edwards Catholic Church. In addition to his parents, survivors include a sister, Sharon Seibers, and her husband Quincy; a niece, Heather Farley and a nephew, Charles "Dink" Reed, Jr.; great nieces, Bella LaFarlett and Alexis LaFarlett. The family wants to give a special "Thank You" to his church family and friends at the Heart of Mary and Alive Hospice. Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.



Anthony Wayne Richards

Anthony Wayne Richards, age 56, of Shelbyville, passed away January 10, 2024. Funeral services were 1 p.m. Saturday, January 13, 2024, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Willow Mount Cemetery. The family received visitors 11 a.m. until service time Saturday at the funeral home. He was born September 30, 1967, in Florence, Alabama. Although born with a lot of challenges, Tony lived an enjoyable and productive life, thanks to his loving family and caregivers. He loved to go on adventures to Walmart and other places. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Virginia Lee Dunnivant; his father, Denver Charles Richards, Jr.; step father, John Dunnivant; and a brother, Dennis Richards. Survivors include sisters and brother, Denise Richards, Belinda Richards, Regina (Gary) Dunnivant, Mary Richards-Raper, and Duke Richards; a host of nieces and nephews, and the caregivers who took such great care of him and showed him lots of love. Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

State funding possible: Collins

Small businesses to benefit

By DAWN HANKINS

During Thursday's City Council meeting, City Manager Scott Collins said there is potential for Shelbyville to apply for a Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation grant—one which could benefit local small businesses.

This TDEC model would be for businesses with 20 employees or less. He said the City can apply for \$50,000. It is a 90/10 financial match and the City's cost would be \$5,000.

This TDEC grant will be on Council's February agenda. Another item which Collins said would be on the February meeting agenda is making city cemetery operations a stand-alone department. He mentioned how he, the cemetery sexton, the city treasurer and the public works director will be completing a report to present to Council.

Collins also mentioned that Grindstone Cowboy, a new restaurant coming soon on Spring Street off the public square, was having a "wall kick off" on Friday.



NEST & NATURE

Creating Your Haven in Home and Garden

Home Improvement: Transforming Your Living Spaces

As the brisk air of winter in Tennessee gives way to the early whispers of spring, many homeowners begin to dream of transforming their living spaces. The new year offers the perfect opportunity to refresh our homes, create functional beauty, and carve out corners of comfort and style.

When considering home improvement, think beyond mere aesthetics. In Tennessee, we face humidity in summer and chilly winds in the winter, which means efficiency upgrades are just as crucial as visual updates. Start with an energy audit to identify areas where insulation might be lacking, or where drafts are sneaking in. Sealing those gaps not only makes your living space cozier but also reduces energy bills, something every homeowner can appreciate.

Next, focus on the heart of the home—the kitchen. This is the space where families gather, meals are prepared, and memories are made. A kitchen upgrade doesn't necessarily mean a full remodel. Sometimes, replacing old appliances with energy-efficient models can revitalize the space. Consider a fresh coat of paint in calming hues like sage green or soft blues to reflect the natural beauty of Tennessee, and swap out cabinet hardware for

a quick and cost-effective transformation.

Moving to the living room, the arrangement of furniture can dramatically affect both the form and function of the space. Aim for a layout that fosters conversation while also allowing for easy flowthrough. Perhaps install built-in bookshelves or entertainment centers to reduce clutter. As we are still experiencing chilly evenings, consider upgrading your fireplace for a more energy-efficient model or adding a wood stove for that extra touch of warmth and ambiance.

Don't overlook your home's exterior, either. Now is the time to plan for those porch and deck renovations so that they're ready for the sweet tea sipping days of summer. Repairing any winter damage and applying a fresh stain or coat of paint can not only elevate curb appeal but also extend the life of your outdoor spaces.

As for converting unused areas, the attic or basement often holds untapped potential. With adequate insulation and moisture control, these spaces can be transformed into extra bedrooms, workspaces, or even a cozy den. It's a fantastic way to add value to your home without the need for expansion.

Lastly, remember the

light. Tennessee is gifted with an abundance of natural light, so consider how you can maximize it in your space. Mirrors strategically placed can amplify light, giving rooms a brighter, more open feel. And when the sun sets, ensure you have a mixture of overhead, task, and ambient lighting to keep the atmosphere of your home warm and inviting.

Transforming your living space is an evolving process of enhancing both form and function, adding layers of comfort as you go. As the seasons change and your needs evolve, your home can adapt and grow with you, offering sanctuary and reflecting your personal style.

Thank you for joining us in this edition of Nest & Nature. We hope you've found inspiration and practical tips to enrich your living spaces and gardens. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just beginning your journey in home improvement, remember that your home is a canvas for your creativity and your garden, a sanctuary for tranquility. We look forward to continuing this journey with you in the weeks to come, exploring new ideas and projects that will make your home and garden truly exceptional.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Building a Stronger Financial You

The Importance of Emergency Funds and How to Build One

Let's dive into a cornerstone of financial security: the emergency fund. Many sleep soundly knowing they have a financial guardrail, a safety net for life's unpredictable moments. Whether it's a sudden job loss, an unexpected car repair, or a medical emergency, life has a knack for surprise expenses. An emergency fund is your first line of financial defense.

The importance of an emergency fund cannot be overstated. Without it, any financial emergency could force you into debt. The stress of finding funds in an already fraught situation can lead to rushed decisions and long-term financial repercussions. Moreover, reliance on high-interest debt options, such as credit cards or payday loans, can start a cycle of debt that's hard to break free from.

So, how does one build this financial bulwark? Let's walk through some practical steps:

1. Assess Your Needs - Conventional wisdom suggests that your emergency fund should cover three to six months' worth of living expenses. However, this can vary based on personal circumstances. A single freelancer might need a larger cushion than a dual-income household with stable jobs.

2. Set a Target - After determining how much you need, set a clear savings target. Remember the "Measurable" and "Achievable" portions of our SMART goals discussion? Apply those principles here to establish a specific and realistic amount.



Building up an emergency fund can be fun and rewarding.

3. Find the Right Home for Your Fund - Your emergency fund should be easily accessible but not too easy to tempt unnecessary spending. High-yield savings accounts are typically a good fit, as they offer better returns than regular savings accounts and can be accessed without penalties or significant delays.

4. Create a Plan - Decide on a strategy for building your fund. Will you set aside a certain amount from each paycheck, or make lump-sum contributions when your budget allows? The key is consistency and commitment.

5. Automate Your Savings - Automation is a lifesaver for consistency. Set up automatic transfers from your checking account to your emergency fund. This "out of sight, out of mind" approach helps to build your fund without you having to think about it.

6. Trim Your Budget - Revisit last week's article on SMART financial goals to find areas in your budget where you might find extra money to funnel into your emergency fund.

7. Increase Your Income - If cutting expenses

isn't enough, consider ways to increase your income for this specific purpose. This could include taking on extra freelance work, selling unused items, or pursuing a side gig.

Remember, building an emergency fund is a marathon, not a sprint. Even small contributions can grow over time. Start with what you can afford and gradually increase as your financial situation improves. Every dollar saved is a step closer to financial security.

Thank you for joining us in this week's Financial Planning column. Our aim is to equip you with valuable insights and practical advice to strengthen your financial well-being. Whether you've been following our series from the beginning or are just joining us, remember that each article is a building block in your journey towards financial empowerment. We encourage you to explore previous columns and stay tuned for more expert guidance in the weeks ahead. Your financial future is within your reach, and we're here to help you every step of the way.

SPORTS



Eaglettes Drop District Home Opener to Warren County in Upset

By Noah Maddox
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The Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes fell to the Warren County Lady Pioneers on Friday night, 64-59, in a result that sent shockwaves around District 9-AAAA.

The Lady Pioneers came into Shelbyville with a 3-14 (0-1) record, but managed to shock the hosts as they held Eaglettes star Paige Blackburn, who was coming off a 25-point performance at Coffee County, to seven points.

Lanaya Young and Lily Brown stepped up in her place with 23 and 19 points, respectively, but the rest of the team only managed to score 10 points combined as the Eaglettes failed to avoid an 0-2 start in district play.

The Eaglettes were unable to get enough defensive stops, as Warren County's Bri Taylor, Lex Verge, and Trinity Reynolds torched Shelbyville Central's for 21, 16, and 15 points, respectively.

Warren County came out unimpressed against the seemingly superior squad to start the game, going on a 9-2 run to open the first quarter en route to a 15-10 lead after the first eight minutes. They limited Blackburn to a single three point shot in the first frame, and it ended up being her only made three pointer of the night.

In the second quarter, the Eaglettes seemed to find more of a rhythm on the offensive end, specifically in Lanaya Young. Young put in eight of her game-high 23 points in that second period, helping send the game into halftime tied at 27.

The home crowd expected the Eaglettes to come out

and continue their strong second quarter into the second half, and to start the third quarter it looked like that may happen. Central went on a 5-0 mini-run out of the locker room, but the Lady Pioneers responded with a quick 7-0 run themselves to go back up 34-31.

From that point on, the teams started to trade baskets, but as the third quarter wound down, Warren County held a 40-38 lead with about 90 seconds to go. They closed the period with back-to-back three-pointers. The second one came from Brenlee Griffith on her second of two made baskets on the night, and she barely beat the buzzer to send the Eaglettes into the fourth quarter trailing by eight, 46-38.

To open the final frame, Shelbyville's defensive intensity increased dramatically. A Sammie Brown three was quickly answered by a Lady Pioneer mini-run, but the Eaglettes managed to respond with one of their own to cut the lead to two, 57-55.

Unfortunately for Shelbyville Central, they were not able to make timely shots in the final two-and-a-half minutes, and would even miss a potential game-tying layup with 12.6 seconds to go.

Warren County held on, 64-59, to improve to 4-14 (1-2) with a trip to Coffee County scheduled for Tuesday, weather permitting.

Shelbyville Central fell to 11-6 (0-2) and are currently scheduled to travel to Lincoln County on Tuesday, weather permitting, airing LIVE on WLJ 98.7 and AM 1580 starting at 5:45 p.m.



Cascade head coach Chris Lawson (middle) talks to his team during a timeout in their win at Grundy County on Saturday. Photo by David Smith.

Champions Make Statement In District Win At Grundy Co.

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The Cascade Champions went into Saturday's match-up against the fourth-ranked Grundy County Yellow Jackets in dire straits, and they were on the verge of making the wrong kind of history.

Coming into their third district game of the season, the Cascade Champions were looking to avoid starting 0-3 in district play for the first time this century, and they had to do it against a 13-1 Grundy County team and their star in Sam Parsons.

With their backs against the wall after having struggled to find an identity for much of the season, Coach Chris Lawson's team came out with perhaps their best performance of the campaign, knocking off the Yellow Jackets, 62-53, behind a dominant second-half team performance.

Parsons ended the game with a game-high 25 points, but the Cascade defense gave him all sorts of problems after he scored 17 in the first half. More importantly, the Champions did not allow any of Parsons' teammates to get to double digits, maintaining their defensive intensity at an elite level for all 32 minutes.

Grundy County came in scoring almost 70 points-per-game on average while only allowing 48 points-per-game defensively, albeit against weaker competition, but Cascade blew both of those averages out of the water.

It didn't look that way in the first half though, as a frenetic and fast-paced first quarter ended with Grundy County up 21-16. The good news for Cascade is that after the opening eight minutes, they were easily handling the hosts' full court pressure, able to quickly

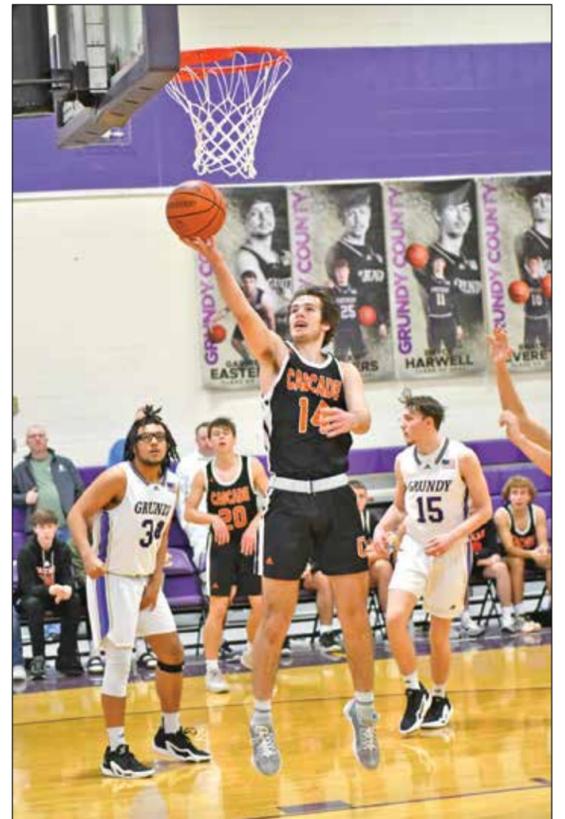
pass the ball up the court to continually get into a three-on-two break that ended in an easy layup. Those layups seemed to almost always be scored by Saebyn Burris, who ended the first half with 16 points.

Grundy County started to assert themselves offensively in the second quarter with Parsons continuously attacking the basket and getting to the free throw line. After missing his first two free throws, he connected on his next seven from the charity stripe and ended the first half with 17 points.

The Yellow Jackets looked like they were about to run away with the game late in the second quarter, going up by ten points with less than three minutes left. However, Cascade showed some moxy, closing the first half with a run of their own. The Champions would go into the locker room down by only two points, 38-36, after Saebyn Burris scored his 16th point of the afternoon with a floater at the buzzer.

Cascade went into the locker room with all the momentum and confidence, and they came out in the second half the same way they closed the first. Their defense held Grundy County to six points in the third quarter with Parsons only hitting two free throws, and the Champions' offense did just enough to take a 47-44 lead going into the final frame.

As Cascade began to assert themselves in the fourth quarter, frustrating Parsons defensively and attacking him and Grundy's porous interior defense relentlessly while on offense. Isaac McElroy, who played his best all-around game of the new year, was the ring-leader of the Cascade attack in the second half, and Grundy County had nobody



Isaac McElroy (14) glides in for two of his 15 points on Saturday. Photo by David Smith.

that could stay in front of him.

Cascade held Grundy to nine points in the fourth quarter with six of them coming in the final two minutes from Parsons. By that point, the result was all but decided in favor of the Champions, and once the final buzzer sounded, Cascade's 62-53 victory was confirmed.

Parsons was the only Yellow Jacket in double figures, finishing with a game-high 25 points in the loss.

Cascade's Saebyn Burris played by far his best game of the season, finishing with a team-high 20 points and multiple steals. McElroy was the other Champion in double

figures, chipping in with 15 points. Henry Stone added eight points, and freshman Wickey Parker had seven points with two charges taken in the win.

Grundy County falls to 13-2 (1-1) and is scheduled to travel to Van Buren in a non-district matchup on Tuesday, weather permitting.

Cascade improves to 6-13 (1-1) and looks to build off this huge win as they are currently scheduled to continue district play in Chapel Hill on Tuesday night LIVE on WZNG Radio, The Zinger 100.9 and AM 1400, weather permitting.

Golden Eagles Drop District Home Opener to Warren County

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The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles struggled to score early on Friday night, falling to the visiting Warren County Pioneers, 71-46.

Alex Van Vauren finished with a game-high 28 points for Warren County, and Shelbyville Central had no answers offensively until later in the second half. Terrance Johnson and Tae' Shawn Shelton combined

for 33 points to lead the Eagles, with 19 and 14 points respectively.

For the entirety of the first quarter, it was the Warren County defense that caused the most problems for the Eagles as they took an 18-3 advantage after the first eight minutes of play. The Pioneer's active zone defense didn't allow a single clean look, forcing rushed shots and turnovers which led to some easy points in transition.

In the second quarter, Shelbyville's defense forced a handful of missed shots, holding Warren County to 14 points in the quarter, but they could only put up ten in response, going into the locker room trailing 32-13.

In the second half, Van Vauren took over to ensure that there would be no comeback for the home side. He nailed three triples in an 11-point third quarter as Warren County extended their lead to 52-26 heading

into the final frame. Shelton and Johnson started to get going in the fourth quarter, but by then it was too late as the Eagles fell to 0-3 in district play.

Warren County improves to 9-9 (3-0) and they are scheduled to travel to Coffee County on Tuesday to continue district play, weather permitting.

Shelbyville Central falls to 4-14 (0-2) as they head to Lincoln County on Tuesday night, weather permitting,

Chiefs vs. Dolphins is one of the top 5 coldest games in history

Saturday's AFC Wild Card Game in Kansas City Was Top Five Coldest in NFL History

Saturday's AFC Wild Card Game between the Miami Dolphins and the Kansas City Chiefs was the fourth-coldest game in NFL history.

With a temperature of minus-4 °F and a wind chill of minus-18 °F in Kansas City on Saturday evening, Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs beat the Dolphins 26-7 to move

on to the AFC Divisional Round.

In the history of the NFL, only three games were colder than this one:

3.) Minnesota Vikings Vs Seattle Seahawks, January 10, 2016, with a temperature of minus-6 °F and a wind chill of minus-25 °F.

2.) Cincinnati Bengals Vs San Diego Chargers, January 10, 1982, with a temperature of minus-9 °F and a wind chill of minus-32 °F.

1.) Green Bay Packers Vs Dallas Cowboys, AKA the

"Ice Bowl," December 31, 1967, with a temperature of minus-15 °F and a wind chill of minus-48 °F.

These are just a few of the interesting anecdotes from the famously-named "Ice Bowl" in 1967.

A marching band due to play couldn't perform; woodwind instruments froze, mouthpieces got stuck to the players' lips and seven members of the band were transported to hospital with hypothermia. Linebacker Dave Robin-

son flagged down a random car for a ride after his own wouldn't start.

Referee Norm Schachter blew his whistle to start the game, and it froze to his lips. Instead of a scab forming when he freed it from his mouth, the blood froze to his lip.

CBS commentator Frank Gifford famously said, "I'm going to take a bite of my coffee." It had frozen over during the course of the game.

BedfordCoHoopsReport

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Despite a week filled with wintry weather conditions that have led to postponements all across the state, most schools are looking to be able to resume play on either Thursday or Friday evening. Most Tuesday night games that have been postponed will announce a makeup time at a later date.

Shelbyville Central Girls: 11-6 (0-2)

Upcoming Game(s): 1/19 @ Spring Hill, 1/23 vs Co-

lumbia Central, LIVE on WLJ 98.7 and AM 1580.

Past week Result(s): 1/12 L 64-59 vs Warren County Shelbyville Central Boys: 4-14 (0-2)

Upcoming Game(s): 1/19 @ Spring Hill, 1/23 vs Columbia Central, LIVE on WLJ 98.7 and AM 1580.

Past week Result(s): 1/12 L 71-45 vs Warren County.

Cascade Girls: 7-12 (1-2)

Upcoming Game(s): 1/23 @ Cannon County, LIVE on The Zinger 100.9 WZNG and AM 1400.

Past Week Result(s): 1/13 W 59-49 @ Grundy County.

Cascade Boys: 6-13 (1-2) Upcoming Game(s): 1/23 @ Cannon County, LIVE on The Zinger 100.9 WZNG and AM 1400.

Past Week Result(s): 1/13 W 62-53 @ Grundy County.

Community Girls: 6-12 (2-0)

Upcoming Game(s): 1/19 vs Grundy County and 1/23 vs East Hickman. ALL HOME GAMES are streamed LIVE and

ON-DEMAND through the NFHS Network.

Past Week Result(s): 1/12 W 61-36 @ Forrest.

Community Boys: 7-11 (1-1)

Upcoming Game(s): 1/19 vs Grundy County and 1/23 vs East Hickman. ALL HOME GAMES are streamed LIVE and ON-DEMAND through the NFHS Network.

Past Week Result(s): 1/12 L 53-50 @ Forrest.



Sophie Ray (5) lays in two of her 15 points in the ten point win at Grundy County on Saturday. She also corralled eight rebounds. Photo by David Smith.

Lady Champs Hand Grundy County First Home Loss

By Noah Maddox
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The Cascade Lady Champions picked a good time to get their first district win of the season on Saturday as they went on the road to defeat the Grundy County Lady Yellow Jackets, 59-49.

Lady Champs' head coach Janie Demonbreum's squad came in with a near-perfect game plan in the wire-to-wire matinee victory, becoming only the second team all season to hold the Grundy County offense to less than 50 points in a game.

The game was moved to Saturday afternoon because of weather conditions that caused Grundy County schools to close on Friday.

Kaydence Miller led Cascade with a 16 point, 10 rebound, double-double performance. Sophie Ray corralled eight rebounds to go with her 15 points, including nine points in the second half, and Kaegan Young finished with 12 points after going into the half with only a single point. Miller also had four assists.

With the 2 p.m. tip-off time, Cascade came out the gate running on all cylinders despite being the visitors. After drawing two early fouls on Grundy's freshman star Kallie Parson, the Lady Champs ended the first quarter up 18-5, getting just about any look they wanted around the basket against the Lady Yellow Jackets' defense.

The visitors kept up their vigorous start, forcing a timeout from Grundy County as the Lady Champs extended their lead to 26-11 with four and a half minutes left in the first half.

Coming out of the time-

out, the Lady Yellowjackets responded with a 9-2 run of their own to close out the second quarter, going into the locker room down 28-20 at halftime.

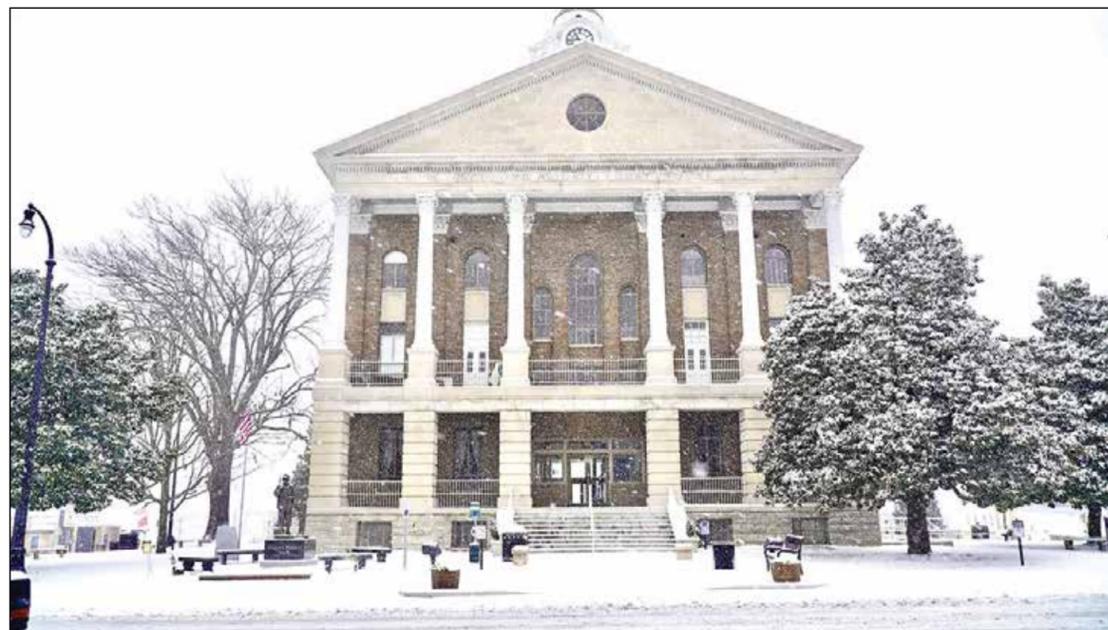
In the second half, Grundy County started to find their groove, getting within three points, 32-29, only three minutes and ten seconds into the quarter. However, the Lady Champs showed the mental fortitude that Coach Demonbreum has been talking about all season as they responded with a 11-4 run of their own to close out the third quarter to go up 43-33.

Cascade would go up by as much as 15 points in the final frame, 50-35, before Grundy County went on a run to cut it to eight with about two minutes to go. Unfortunately for the home side, it was too little too late, and the Lady Champs walked out of Coalmont with a very impressive ten point district win.

Grundy County's second half resurgence was due in large part to their dynamic duo of Carlee Smart and Kallie Parson getting going. Smart had 14 points in the second half, finishing with 19 for the game, and Parson finished with 12 points after only scoring one free throw in the opening 16 minutes.

Grundy County falls to 10-4 (1-1) on the season. They are scheduled to travel to Van Buren on Tuesday night for a non-district contest, weather permitting.

The Lady Champions improve to 7-12 (1-2) and are scheduled to travel to Chapel Hill on Tuesday night to continue district play LIVE on WZNG Radio, The Zinger 100.9 and AM 1400, weather permitting.



We must brag on having one of the most beautiful courthouses in the state.

Photos by Chris White

Chris White captures essence of Shelbyville snow

Chris White captured the essence of the snow storm in Shelbyville with these photos of the town square. Of course, top dog was Mr. Walter, his brindle boxer, who Chris says just loved the snow.



First United Methodist Church and Shelbyville City Hall are covered with snowfall.



Night photography truly brings out the architecture of Bedford County Courthouse.



Needless-to-say, "Sir Walter," had a blast in this week's snow.



The courthouse steps on Monday night after the snowfall.



Kaegan Young (22) knocks down a free throw in the win at Grundy County. She finished with 12 points and six rebounds. Photo by David Smith.