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MADDOX REACHES OUT Commissioner Eric Maddox leads anti-drug coalition

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During Tuesday's Bedford County Rules and Legislative Committee meeting, Commissioner Eric Maddox made a presentation during which time he said a newly organized group plans to address issues concerning the drug problem overshadowing Bedford County.

"This is something that has been kind of laying on my heart for a while," Maddox told the committee at the courthouse. "It's something I've spoken to several people about and I believe it is going to bring a solution to our County."

He said this County, like others, is being impacted by illegal drug use. He said the drugs of today fit on the end of an eraser and are powerful.

"I'd like to help address the problem . . . help find solutions," Maddox said. "Over the past several months, I've met with several key experts within various parts of our County infrastructure in an effort to even-

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Eric Maddox, Bedford County Commissioner.

ually put together a group of people who will be called a coalition."

The commissioner said these experts are people who have already agreed to join the coalition. He said the first agency he reached out to was Bedford County Sheriff's Department and Chief Deputy Nikia Elliott, who was present for the meeting.

He said he's also talked with Commissioner Troy Thompson. Maddox said school superintendent Tammy Garrett has also agreed to work with the group.

He said he'd also like to have churches

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WINTER CRIME & TIME

Offenses run the gamut in criminal court

Staff Report

Monday's 9 a.m. Bedford County Criminal Court docket was full of serious crimes, ranging from a vehicular homicide case review to charges being heard against a local woman for introducing intoxicants/ drugs into the county jail.

According to the criminal court docket, there were some child abuse cases to be reheard, that is, motions have been filed based on court decisions. Two child abuse cases were relating to incest and another for registry violation.

There was no 1 p.m. court scheduled on Monday.

Murder trial review

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Chris White recently took this beautiful evening photo of Bedford County Courthouse.



The Tennessee Titans announced Brian Callahan will be the team's newest Head Coach on Wednesday. Photo from NFL.com.

Titans Announce Brian Callahan as New Head Coach

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The Tennessee Titans and Brian Callahan officially agreed to terms on a contract Wednesday to make him the franchise's 20th head coach.

Callahan previously served as the Cincinnati Bengals offensive coordinator for five seasons where he coached in two AFC Championship games and one super bowl.

Controlling owner Amy Adams Strunk released a statement on Wednesday:

"This is an exciting time for our franchise, and we're thrilled to have Brian as our head coach," said Titans controlling owner Amy Adams Strunk. "We went through a thorough candidate search and Brian stood out as the best person to lead our football team. I want to thank the other candidates who were part of this process and wish them well moving forward."

"Brian has a track record of success and a range of experience that has prepared him for this opportunity. His football knowledge and his enthusiasm

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IT'S SCHOOL BOARD WEEK

This week is set aside to celebrate School Boards Week in Tennessee and Bedford County. Representing Bedford County Board of Education, seated, left to right, Glenn Forsee, Michael Cook, chair, Brian Crews, (back, left to right) Dan Reed, David Brown, Lana Craig, Shanna Boyette, Andrea Anderson and Barton Williams.



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and pastors involved. There are many others, he mentioned.

Maddox told the audience about the mission statement. "Through assessment, education, enforcement and rehabilitation, we're committed to work cross functionally, utilizing all available resources in an intentional effort to help fight illegal drug activity in Bedford County."

Maddox said he believes everyone knows that this is not just a law enforcement issue or an educational issue. He said it's an issue that belongs to the whole County.

"My job will simply be one of facilitation," Maddox advised. "I'm not an expert in any of these areas. I just want to make that very clear. I simply want to be in the room to help bring the experts to the table in a collaborative effort to help the County."

He said the first meeting will be in February. He asked for the Rules and Legislative Committee's "blessing."

Maddox advised, "Some folks might say we don't have a [drug] problem. But I believe we do and so do many constituents."

He said the target of this coalition is not to do anything other than provide a solution. He said this group won't be about finger pointing.

He mentioned data he's already gathered and some solutions are already in place. "I believe we can possibly take all the solutions and bring all the stakeholders to the table in an effort to identify those solutions and maybe create more."

He said there will be transparency and accountability built into this coalition. He



Bedford County's Rules and Legislative Committee heard a presentation from Commissioner Eric Maddox on Tuesday evening. Maddox said he's working on organizing a coalition to address the county's illegal drug problem.

presented some DEA information on the screen.

"My number one goal is to just help one person," said the Commissioner, "I believe if we can help one person, that one person then has an influence on all the others around them."

Maddox said that one person potentially has input into their school system; their friends, family and possibly, employees.

"I have a passion to help," said Maddox. "I've personally never been addicted to drugs. I don't know what it's like. But I've seen the effects of drugs, especially on children. It's hard."

He told the Rules and Legislative Committee that he would keep them posted about the group's progress. In attendance were Chair Biff Farrar, Greg Vick, Anita Epperson and John Boutwell. Commissioner Bill Anderson was absent.

Commissioner Greg Vick complimented Maddox on his presentation. He then asked his fellow Commissioner had he spoken to District Attorney Robert Carter and asked Maddox if he has the DA's full support.

Maddox said he's not spoken to the DA but he has

spoken with 17th District Judicial Task Force Director Shane George. "He's offered to actually come help."

Commissioner Vick then grilled Maddox on the professional people he's talked to about this group.

Maddox answered that he has talked to a lot of those people mentioned.

Vick then said, "Then, they're all on board? What do you want us to do from the County Commission?"

Maddox said he doesn't require anything from the Commission. He said he just wants their "blessing" and any help during the process would be great.

Vick added, "That's interesting. We all want to help. And you've already put it all together. You've already done all this and just come to let us all know?"

Maddox invited him to the first meeting, then said, "I'm not sure what your objection is?"

"There's no objection, just curious" answered Vick. "It's already been done. You've just come to us. It's complete."

Maddox said he appreciated the acknowledgement and asked if there were any more questions.

Vick answered, "Well, I think you've kind of answered everything."

Committee Chair Biff Farrar took back the lead and said he believed Commissioner Maddox was just making everyone aware of the new group.

To that, Commissioner Vick stated he didn't want to do anything to jeopardize any work being done by law enforcement.

Maddox said he was glad to address that point. He said he's talked with the chief deputy about how the group would no way interfere with investigations.

"My goal is just to bring everybody to the table," said Maddox. "I'm gonna announce again, I'm not an expert at all. I'm just a guy that cares. All I want to do is open the door . . . sit at the table and thank everyone for coming. And, say, how can I help you?"

Chair Farrar added, "Any type of initiative to help with the drug situation is a job well-done."

COURTS

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A murder trial review in local court Monday was likely the largest file started for state prosecutors for 2024 in Bedford County.

A review was planned Monday for Raymond Antonio Smith, 47, listed as living at the time of his arrest on Faye Creek Road. According to police and TBI investigations, Smith was arrested in March of 2022 and charged in the murder of Sarah Angelina Johnson at her Sims Road home.

Smith has been held without bond at Bedford County Jail. "During the course of the investigation, agents and detectives identified Raymond Smith as the individual responsible for Sarah Johnson's death," the TBI said in a statement in 2022.

Johnson was found dead after her car was stolen from her home and wrecked a short distance away on Henslee Road. She suffered severe head trauma, according to investigators.

Indicted and arraigned by the state, the following was the order for a jury trial in the Smith case: pretrial motions: 2-22-24; jury selection: April 11-12, 2024; jury trial: April 15-19, 2024.

Scamming the elderly The judge had also had before his court a person charged with financial exploitation of an elderly/vulnerable person. This is considered a felony in Tennessee.

Johnny Robert Bowen Jr. is charged with fraudulently using the elderly person's credit card several times—each time a separate count and two of which are misdemeanors. A jury trial was to be set for the spring.

Bowen also received a felony charge back in November of 2022 for apparently deviating from agreed upon home improvement plans/specs between \$10,000 and \$60,000. This act is chargeable as a felony C in the state of Tennessee.

Vehicle crime review While taking advantage of the elderly is a serious crime, the state really takes vehicular homicide seriously.

Ashton Wayne Koah of Wheel Road had his case set before the judge Monday

for arraignment—second setting—to retain counsel. Koah, 19, is charged with two counts of vehicular homicide.

Arrested and indicted in January of 2023, the state is also charging Koah with several counts of aggravated assault, a count for reckless endangerment and a felony for failing to exercise due care. He has a total of 7 felony charges against him and 2 misdemeanors, according to Monday's docket.

The court docket also reveals that Koah was driving 75 mph in a 45-mph-zone at the time of the accident, which was reported as on Warner's Bridge Road.

Koah was involved in the accident with Ezequiel Estrada of Shelbyville who was also charged with vehicular assault, DUI and failure to yield right of way. Two people in the Estrada car died at the scene of the accident.

Police reports note that Koah ran his truck off the road as a result of the accident and down an embankment, landing upside down in a creek and striking a concrete culvert with the passenger door.

"Three other juvenile passengers were injured," the report stated.

Bedford County's Technical Rescue Team was called to the scene and members used ropes to remove one of the injured from Koah's truck.

Koah's bond was set at \$40,000.

Vehicular homicide defined by law

A motorist who kills another person while driving recklessly will likely face vehicular homicide charges in the state of Tennessee.

According to Tennessee Driving Laws, based on Tennessee Code Annotated, causing the death of another person while behind the wheel can lead to serious criminal charges.

Tennessee defines "vehicular homicide" as recklessly causing the death of another by driving:

in a manner that creates a substantial risk of death or "serious bodily injury" to another person

while intoxicated by drugs or alcohol in violation of Ten-

nessee DUI laws in a street or drag race, or in a posted construction zone (where a state worker is killed.)

These four categories are all considered vehicular homicide but carry different penalties.

According to Tennessee law, a motorist acts recklessly by knowingly doing something that poses a «substantial and unjustifiable risk» to others. In other words, the person is aware of but disregards the risk.

The risk, in regard to nature and degree, must amount to a gross deviation from the standard of care that a reasonable person would use under like circumstances.

In Tennessee, vehicular homicide related to street racing, is also a class C felony and punishable by law.

Vehicular homicide with DUI

For purposes of Tennessee's vehicular homicide law, "intoxicated" means: the drugs or alcohol ingested impairs the motorist's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle or, the motorist has a blood alcohol level of .08% or greater.

A driver can be convicted of vehicular homicide only if there's proof that the driver was a legal cause of the death. That is, there needs to be a direct link between the defendant's driving and the death.

The consequences of a vehicular homicide conviction depend on the circumstances, including the category. However, the possible penalties for each classification of offense are described below.

The potential sentence

A vehicular homicide conviction that's based on driving in a manner that creates a substantial risk of death or serious injury is a class C felony, which carries 3 to 15 years in prison and up to \$10,000 in fines.

In the end . . .

As with any criminal court docket, cases can in some instances enter a plea, be moved, postponed or dismissed in the due process of law. The Times-Gazette will continue to follow these cases in future editions.



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OPINION

THE ISSUE

A Platform for the Voice of the People Duksan to open its first American plant, here A concerning 'volatile' issue for some?

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I saw on Facebook recently someone asking questions about the new Duksan battery plant off Highway 231 North. The person was asking why no one is investigating the potential health-related issues with this battery plant.

In the area is a potential new juvenile detention center, a hospital and residents living on Frank Martin Road behind the plant, the person asking the questions stated.

Are any state and local officials concerned?

I've been asked the same thing. Someone recently told me that perhaps the newspaper needs to investigate potential health hazards of Duksan Electera. Perhaps?

I mean I have always been open to investigative journalism. But, why aren't local officials doing investigations if it is such a big issue with local people?

Is anyone answering the people's questions? As for that Facebook comment I saw recently, it has now been deleted.

We know for a fact that the people who are building this new plant live in a different country, right? This is Duksan's first American plant.

State officials live mostly in Nashville, right?

But what about the people who live here, right off Frank Martin Road, who might potentially be facing health hazards. What do they do, just up and move? Is that reasonable to suggest within any development or construction area?

Food for thought for a county with such growing pains. Now, I think for the most part, that's great.

On the table
A county commissioner told Shane Hooper, economic development leader, during a recent meeting, that some of his constituents are concerned about the potential health hazards with Duksan. They feel this plant was built without their prior knowledge and they've not had a chance to ask questions before construction.

struction.

Could we not avoid such concerns of the people by being a little more open to the public? I know from talks of all the reasons, etc., from an economic development strategy, for "Project Cardinal." The question is: was this fair to the public? I'm simply asking.

Hooper told Commissioner Drew Hooker that any such information on health and safety has to come from the state. He added that proper permits are on file by Duksan with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC.)

Hooker said he wanted it on record that he asked the questions for his constituents.

So, here we are.

Here's what we know for sure—the state construction permit is, as Hooper stated, on file for Duksan under file no. 02-0194, for anyone wanting a little "easy" reading.

I'm joking. These reports are anything but easy for the general public to read. I think the people doing them realize that?

The construction application for Duksan was received June 14, 2022 (updated Aug. 19, 2022) The application was completed Aug. 19, 2022. The state construction application states that an air quality analysis was not performed—at least not at the time the construction application was filed.

Within the construction permit application Duksan Electera submitted for their "lithium-ion electrolyte manufacturing operation," the company will have on-site: 12 moisture removal tanks, 36 storage tanks, nine mixers, eight process storage tanks, knockout drum, material unloading, ISO tank loading, canister loading, waste solvent tank, canister cleaning, various analysis equipment, various process filters, three boilers, and an emergency engine.

Process Information included: Duksan Electera will manufacture electrolyte mixtures for lithium-ion batteries at their (100-200) Frank Martin

Road, Shelbyville, Bedford County, Tennessee facility.

Federal Requirements: The application states that this facility is not subject to any standards under 40 CFR Part 60 or 40 CFR Part 63. Basically, one would have to dig deep to find where this emissions procedure fits into Duksan.

Insignificant activity emission estimation: Three 1.969 MMBtu/hr. natural gas-fired boilers and a 385 HP diesel-fired emergency engine.

Anticipated emissions from the facility's process consists primarily of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) the application stated.

Commissioner Drew Hooker also questioned Shane Hooper about the VOCs at the recent commission meeting. Again, Hooper deferred to TDEC for answers.

According to the EPA, VOCs typically are industrial solvents, such as trichloroethylene; fuel oxygenates, such as methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE); or by-products produced by chlorination in water treatment, such as chloroform. VOCs are often components of petroleum fuels, hydraulic fluids, paint thinners, and dry-cleaning agents. VOCs are common ground-water contaminants, according to the EPA. Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are emitted as gasses from certain solids or liquids. VOCs include a variety of chemicals, some of which may have short- and long-term adverse health effects, the EPA states.

I suddenly have a chemical taste in my mouth? Imagery, gotta love it.

Emission estimations were based on a mass balance of material through each emission source given by the facility. There is a formula which likely a physicist, scientist or chemical engineer would need to interpret—not me. Perhaps a good school lesson? Sorry.

But under rules analysis, most everything is checked "NA or not applicable." This also applied to other various state rules.

The application states that visible emissions from

the facility are not to exceed 20 % opacity per Method 9 (Rule 1200-03-05-.01(1)) Visible emissions from fugitive not to exceed -- % opacity per Method 4 (Rule 1200-03-08-.01(2)) Visible emissions from roads and parking areas not to exceed 10 % opacity per Method 1 (Rule 1200-03-08-.03)

Fugitive emissions are gasses and vapors accidentally released into the atmosphere. Most fugitive emissions come from industrial activities, like factory operations.

Storm water drainage permits are also on file with TDEC, as Hooper shared during the County Commission meeting.

So TDEC apparently knows what is about to happen at Duksan Electera America, Inc., as far as permits go.

As for contractors, the stormwater permit states that no contractor is authorized to discharge: storm water associated with construction activity from site located at: Frank Martin Rd, Bedford County to receiving waters named: Parch Corn Creek and Bedford Creek.

Questions answered as follows on the stormwater application:

Likely presence of threatened or endangered species in one mile radius: YES

Likely presence of threatened or endangered species downstream: YES

Additional pollution prevention requirements apply for discharges into waters which TDEC identifies as: - Exceptional Tennessee Waters. The answer being, NO.

Duksan has plans to open its facility in late spring this year. A ground-breaking ceremony has been held already by state officials, including a visit from Gov. Bill Lee.

Next week, we will discuss what Duksan promises to offer Bedford County in the way of employment and potential revenue. Is the plant worth it to the community for 100 jobs over the next several years?

Send letters to the editor on this topic and others by emailing tgnews@t-g.com.



PENCIL SHAVINGS

The 'drippings' of a long week

Drip, drip, bam! Sunday afternoon as I'm writing this, I can hear ice and snow sliding off the roof. While everyone seems to be ready for Frosty to melt and get back to our regular routines, it is still pretty slick out there when the temps drop.

Yep, friend called. Just slid off into a snowbank. Everything's cool.

OK, I'm back.
Schools are closed. Facebook post, done! It's been a busy week, despite the roads being impassable most of the week.

As I go about as much of a regular routine as possible, I can't help but think about what I witnessed on what was the coldest day of 2024. We generally see someone asking for money outside the Walmart. On Tuesday, believe it or not, someone was there.

Yes, I give to those in need. I do what I can. I offer them a blessing and tell them to be safe, my brother, or sister. Because they are my brothers and sisters in Christ.

On Tuesday, I wept.
The vision of the man walking toward my window was something out of a "Christmas Carol." The man was gauntly in appearance; he had ragged clothes. His face was ashen. It looked like he had maybe a disability or had recently had a stroke, because his face was drawn.

I might say in the past I've had my doubts about the people panhandling. But it is not my place to judge them.

This week, this man was real.

I've always said unless people are truly hungry, they won't come out in such weather. This proved to be



DAWN HANKINS

true in this case. He was alone.

It is amazing how many people were sleeping and forging for food in this winter storm of 2024. We are blessed to have the Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen and others who make sure people have a warm meal.

I woke up Monday morning to see on Facebook that Robert Martin and volunteers at SCSK had a warming station set up. Then lunch was to be served.

I'm proud to know I'm from a county that has always tried to help others. But what are we really doing for the homeless? Are our efforts merely band aids?

Did you know there is a local homeless task force now built into Bedford County Government?

I urge you to get involved. Whether you agree with the lifestyle of the "homeless," they're human beings.

Commissioner Drew Hooker gave a great talk during standing committee meeting Tuesday night. He talked about how this community pulled together to make sure everyone was safe, had water and was generally cared for in these abnormal temps.

Thanks!

Supreme Court ruling: Its Ok for Border Patrol Agents to cut razor wire from border

WASHINGTON (AP) — A divided Supreme Court on Monday allowed Border Patrol agents to resume cutting for now razor wire that Texas installed along a stretch of the U.S.-Mexico border that is at the center of an escalating standoff between the Biden ad-

ministration and the state over immigration enforcement.

The 5-4 vote clears the way for Border Patrol agents to cut or clear out concertina wire that Texas has put along the banks of the Rio Grande to deter migrants from entering

the U.S. illegally. Some migrants have been injured by the sharp wire and the Justice Department has argued the barrier impedes the U.S. government's ability to patrol the border, including coming to the aid of migrants in need of help.

None of the justices pro-

vided any explanation for their vote. The one-page order is a victory for the Biden administration while the lawsuit over the wire continues.

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CRIME & TIME

Fraud, by any means, can sting

Be safe, be aware

STAFF REPORT

Despite it being a long snow week, Bedford County Sheriff's Department still had enough cases to make a lengthy, weekly report.

With today's technology, it doesn't take long for fraud to occur. That is mostly what happened this week.

Scammers were at some location trying to make a living off other people in Bedford County. One local couple was saved by their bank from a potential scam.

Another local man was not so fortunate, losing several hundred dollars to an unknown thief—one who emailed the man to say he was from a loan company (not anything local) and the Bedford County man had been approved for a loan.

There were just a few simple things though that they needed him to do in order to get his money. The victim did as he was told in the email and purchased two Walmart cards for transaction.

The victim might have stopped the process, but unfortunately, he also gave the scammers his personal bank account information.

What happened next was all too sad but is happening way too often to innocent people. The man reported to the sheriff's department he felt as though the company was going to scam him. (Information from Bedford County Sheriff's Office report, Jan. 22.)

Sadly, it was too late to do anything. The fraud had already occurred.

Again, ever advancing technology makes fraudulent ac-

tivity easy.

The man's local bank informed him that two transactions had been made on his bank account—each for \$490. When the defendant tried to call the scammer back to inquire about these transactions, there was no answer at the number listed on the email.

Other cases on the report included a theft of property charge, domestic disputes (people have been slapping and pushing each other around all winter), failures to appear in court and probation violations (some expensive fines.)

One man, Highway 82 South, reported a burglary at his home but no offender was listed on the report.

Editor's note: Violations as listed below are those of a more serious nature, actions which could have been potentially harmful to the public. Animal abuse/cruelty cases are listed as well.

However, because Bedford County Sheriff's Department deputies are having to handle so many domestic disputes in this county, it is possible that those violations will be printed separately in the paper in the near future. Sadly, domestic abuse and aggravated assaults are on-going problems and sometimes, an endangerment to officers.

Violations include:

*Roy Rober Flores Sanchez, Carney Street, no DL, violation of traffic control device

*Felipe Francisco-Pascual, Bates Street, no DL, violation of traffic control device

*Gregory Vincent Mirelez, Roberts Road, driving on revoked, financial responsibility, light law

*Justin Dwayne Pickle, Peacock Lane, possession drug paraphernalia, simple posses-

sion, tampering with or fabricating evidence

*Antwan Dewayne Pure-Fide, Dixon Road, driving on suspended, DUI, light law, possession of schedule VI, reckless endangerment

*Jalil Lee Singleton, South Thompson Street, aggravated assault

*Santiago Omar Son-tay-Quinonez, Greenwood Avenue, cruelty to animals

*Courtney Michelle Fears, Mount Herman Road, possession of schedule V

*Kenneth Shane Fox, Readyville, child restraint law, failure to exercise due care, financial responsibility law, vehicular assault

*Stephen Michael Leach, Virgil Crowell Road, harassment

*Brittany Lynn Meadows, Madison Street, cruelty to animals, animals at large

*Christopher Ray Partin, Regent Drive, domestic assault, aggravated

*Edwards Guy Price, Jr., Rockwood Drive, possession of drug paraphernalia, schedule II and VI

*Geud Ramero Rodriguez, Chapel Hill, DUI, financial responsibility, light law, no driver's license, reckless driving and speeding

*Domingo Luis Sunun, C Lake Farm Road, DUI, failure to maintain a lane, no DL

*Jose Gabriel Vieyva-Melgoza, Carney Street, capias, failure to appear, possession of drug paraphernalia, Schedule II, simple possession, unlawful possession of a weapon

*Ashley Nicole West, Rockwood Avenue, possession of drug paraphernalia, Schedule II, Schedule VI

*David Wayne White, II, Madison Street, animals roaming at large, cruelty to animals

TVA System Breaks Records During Bitter Cold

The Tennessee Valley Authority's system remained reliable and resilient last week as bitter cold, single-digit temperatures drove power demand on the system to record-breaking levels because more electricity was needed to heat homes and businesses.

TVA began preparing to meet this challenge in the aftermath of Winter Storm Elliott. Since then, TVA has invested nearly \$123 million and completed 3,400 winter readiness activities to harden the system and enhance reliability and resiliency at coal, gas, and hydro-electric facilities. This year, TVA will invest \$120 million above regular funding levels to specifically focus on enhancing the reliability of its generation fleet.

"We started preparing for this winter immediately following Winter Storm Elliott," said Aaron Melda, TVA Senior Vice President of Power Supply Operations. "We were focused on getting it right for the 10 million customers who depend on the power we provide. Our focus was to make the critical investments needed to meet growing electricity demand while maintaining low rates that will ensure our region's energy security as we move to a clean energy future."

To meet the region's growing power demand, TVA added approximately 1400 megawatts of fast start, new natural gas units its Paradise and Colbert plants. An additional 500 megawatts are scheduled to come online when TVA completes additional generation at its Johnsonville plant. TVA announced plans in August to invest \$15 billion over the next three years to meet the region's growth.

The transmission system remained stable and secure throughout the recent winter weather, TVA experienced no



The entire mid-state area had its share of icicles this week during the snow storm.

fuel-supply challenges, only 3% of the fleet was unavailable during peaks and technicians were able to return units to service within hours on the same day.

TVA and local power companies requested the public conserve power ahead of Wednesday's record peak and those efforts were helpful.

"We are grateful to our employees, and our local power company partners, who worked around the clock. Because of their work as well as the conservation efforts of our local power companies and all the people across the region, we were able to successfully supply power to keep everyone warm and safe during these extreme winter conditions," Melda said.

- Highest recorded peak in TVA history: Preliminary data shows 34,524 megawatts at 8 a.m. CT Wednesday, Jan. 17.
- Second highest peak in TVA history and highest recorded peak on a weekend day: 34,284 megawatts at 8 a.m. CT on Sunday, Jan. 21, per preliminary data.
- Highest amount of power delivered in one week: Preliminary data shows that Jan. 15-21, TVA supplied 4,790GWh of power — the highest since the last record of 4,633 GWh January 2010.

Local students named to MTSU's fall 2023 dean's list

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MURFREESBORO, TN (01/24/2024), JAN 24, 2024
— More than 6,220 Middle Tennessee State University students are included on the latest dean's list for their academic achievements for the fall 2023 semester.

Local students making the list included:

Cheyenne Crosby of Shelbyville, TN, majoring in Elementary Education

Kyler Parker of Normandy, TN, majoring in Journalism

Shelbie Williams of Bell Buckle, TN, majoring in Elementary Education

Hannah Campbell of Shelbyville, TN, majoring in Accounting

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NEWS

County saving a million on new elementary

Sweeney reports to county finance committee

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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Jeff Sweeney, owners' representative for Bedford County government construction projects, reported to the county's Financial Management Committee on Tuesday night, Jan. 23, that the County has achieved more than \$1 million in savings on the new Cartwright Elementary School under construction on the north side of Shelbyville.

"I think we've really done a good job of being stewards of the county's money," said Sweeney earlier in the day.

The new elementary school was designed by Kline-Swinney Associates,

the County's architectural firm, and is being built by Bell Construction under a guaranteed maximum price arrangement.

For a large construction project of this type, the budget normally includes a contingency fund to cover unexpected expenses. There are many such expenses that can pop up during such a large project. The \$39 million Cartwright Elementary project included a contingency fund. Because of the savings that have been achieved, the county, the architect and the contractor have agreed to lower that contingency fund by \$1,036,000, putting that money back into the county's coffers and benefiting the taxpayers.

Kline-Swinney had already agreed to release \$80,000 of its design contingency fund back to the county, over and above the \$1,036,000.



This is the new Cartwright Elementary located off Fairfield Pike in Shelbyville. Opening is expected to be by next school year. A meeting was held at East Side School Tuesday to discuss zoning that will take place when the facility opens.

Some of the savings which have been achieved were the result of Repricing of products needed for the project;

Renegotiated the price of the steel needed for the project; and Finding suitable soil on site which could be used to replace unsuitable soil, thus avoiding the purchase of stone as a filler.

"All of these savings

come directly back to the taxpayer," said Sweeney.

Bell Construction's contract with the county guaranteed a maximum price which could not be exceeded. The company was to share any savings with the county — but there's better news on that front, as the county was able to negotiate Bell's shared savings from \$420,000 down to \$270,000, resulting in

\$150,000 to the County.

"It's been a whole team approach," said Sweeney, praising Bell Construction and Kline-Swinney. "How can we save the county money?"

Sweeney estimated that the building's exterior is about 90 percent complete and the interior is about 50 percent complete. The interior of the building is now under a running heat-

ing and air conditioning system, and a first coat of asphalt has been laid at the site. Primary access to the new school will be from Calsonic Way so as not to overburden Fairfield Pike.

The school system is currently scheduled to get the keys to the facility on June 10, a month earlier than first scheduled. The school will begin hosting students and classes this fall.



15 YEARS OF SERVICE - Bedford County Sheriff's Office recently recognized three employees for their 15 years of service. Those included: Detective Trey Green from the criminal investigations division; Cam Farrell, School Resource Officer Division; and Dispatcher Angela Wilkerson. Sheriff Austin Swing presented each with their accommodation bar.



Local students named to MTSU's fall 2023 dean's list (cont.)

vale, TN, majoring in Marketing
Samuel Stewart of Tullahoma, TN, majoring in Information Systems
Tyler Stickel of Chapel Hill, TN, majoring in Computer Science
Nathan Stiles of Rockvale, TN, majoring in Construction Management
Elizabeth Thompson of Rockvale, TN, majoring in Marketing
Zander Thurber of Unionville, TN, majoring in Media Management
Macy Tramel of Shelbyville, TN, majoring in Textiles Merchandising Design
Kylie Tran of Shelbyville, TN, majoring in Professional Studies
Elizabeth Tucker of Shelbyville, TN, majoring in Elementary Education
William Vaughn of Shelbyville, TN, majoring in Business Innovation & Entr
Caleb Voorhes-Fontenot of Shelbyville, TN, majoring in Accounting
Alexis Waggoner of Chapel Hill, TN, majoring in Business Innovation & Entr
Hayden Walker of Bell Buckle, TN, majoring in Engineering Technology
Whitney Ward of Shelbyville, TN, majoring in Criminal Justice Admin
Matthew Water-son of Beechgrove, TN, majoring in Biology
Cheyenne Williams of Shelbyville, TN, majoring in Psychology
Morgan Williams of Shelbyville, TN, majoring in Mathematics
Sydney Williams of Rockvale, TN, majoring in Physical Education
Tonyara Wilson of Bell Buckle, TN, majoring in Art
Lauren Wooten of Shelbyville, TN, majoring in Marketing
Avery Wriedt of Shelbyville, TN, majoring in Information Systems

Brylee Armstrong of Rockvale, TN, majoring in Nursing
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Emma Littlepage of Rockvale, TN, majoring in Construction Management
Merced Mulgado Gomez of Shelbyville, TN, majoring in Forensic Science
Emily Neagle of Rockvale, TN, majoring in Science
Christopher Ocasio Valentin of Shelbyville, TN, majoring in Environmental Science
Michael Olive of Bell Buckle, TN, majoring in Business Administration
Riley Peterson of Bell Buckle, TN, majoring in Animal Science
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Arrianna Shaw of Shelbyville, TN, majoring in Nursing
Kyra Webb of Shelbyville, TN, majoring in Nursing
Lucy Wilson of Bell Buckle, TN, majoring in English
Dominic Zeferin of Normandy, TN, majoring in Computer Science
Nicolas Zuasnava of Shelbyville, TN, majoring in Construction Management
Paulina Fonseca of Rockvale, TN, majoring in Science
Marelle Jenkins of Rockvale, TN, majoring in English
Andrea McCullough of Shelbyville, TN, majoring in Management and Leadership
Tzipporah Meadows of Wartrace, TN, majoring in English
Stephen Parker of Shelbyville, TN, majoring in Audio Production
Donavin Pearson of Shelbyville, TN, majoring in Aero-

space
Jessica Rhodes of Shelbyville, TN, majoring in Science
Brent Showalter of Shelbyville, TN, majoring in Political Science
Lili-Ann Briest of Rockvale, TN, majoring in Marketing
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Regan Gomez of Petersburg, TN, majoring in Social Work
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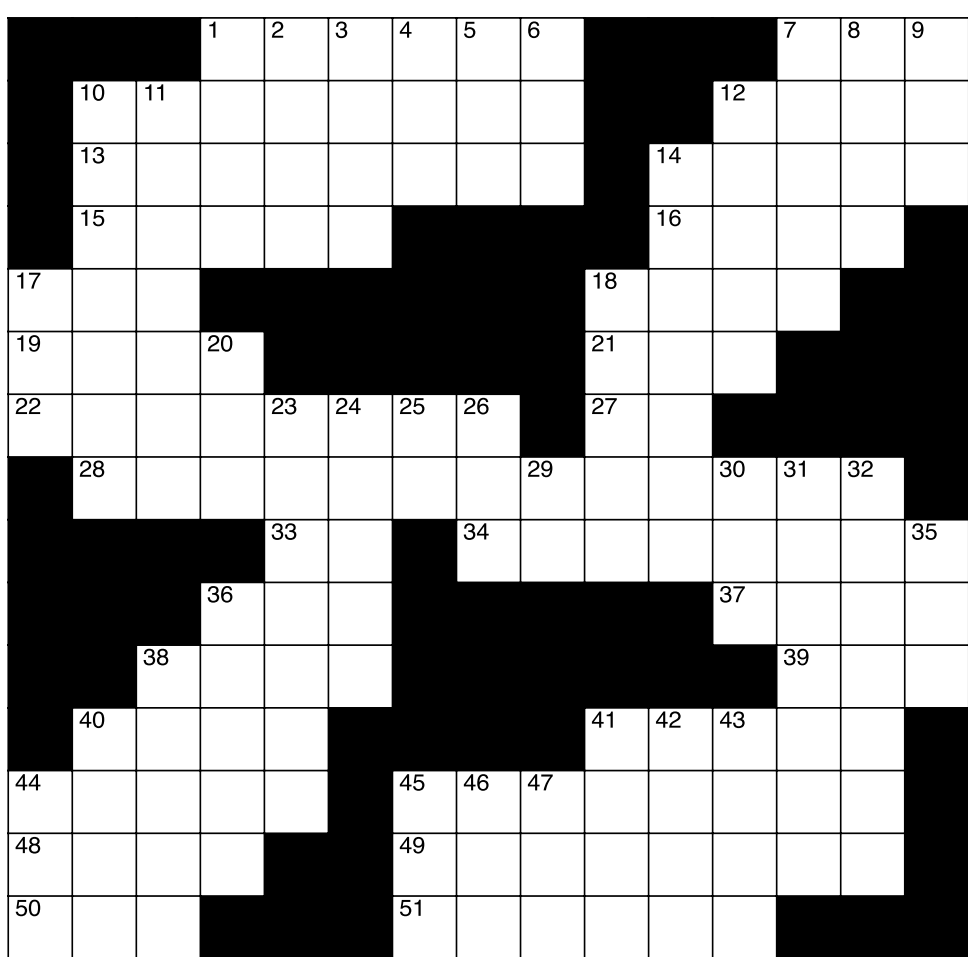
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Jordan Ring of Bell Buckle, TN, majoring in Photography
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To qualify for this distinction, an undergraduate student must maintain a current semester grade-point average of 3.5 or above and earn at least 12 semester hours.
Attachment
Kirksey Old Main on the Middle Tennessee State University campus
Last Updated January 24, 2024 at 8:13 AM EST

NOTICE
TONDALY KARISSA WALKER:

The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a petition against you seeking to terminate forever your parental rights to Magnum Leon Walker, DOB: 10/06/2021. It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby ORDERED to serve upon Elizabeth Spurbeck, Associate Counsel, State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, 1400 College Park Drive, Columbia, TN 38401, an Answer to the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Tennessee Department of Children Services, within thirty (30) days of the last day of publication of this notice. If you fail to do so, a default judgment will be taken against you pursuant to Rule 55 of the Tenn. R. of Civ. P. for the relief demanded in the Petition. You may view and obtain a copy of the Petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents at the Clerk and Master's Office, Shelbyville, Tennessee. ENTER this the 11th day of December, 2023.

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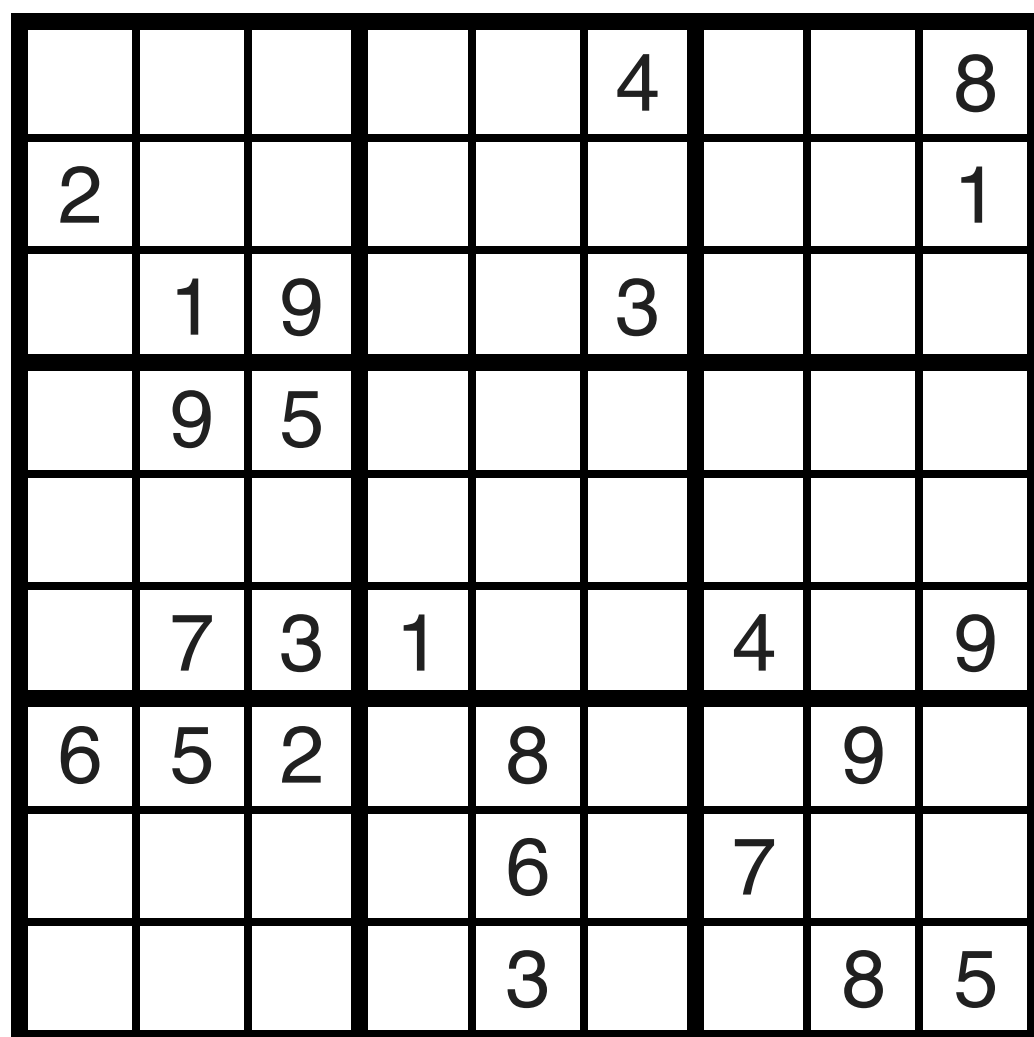


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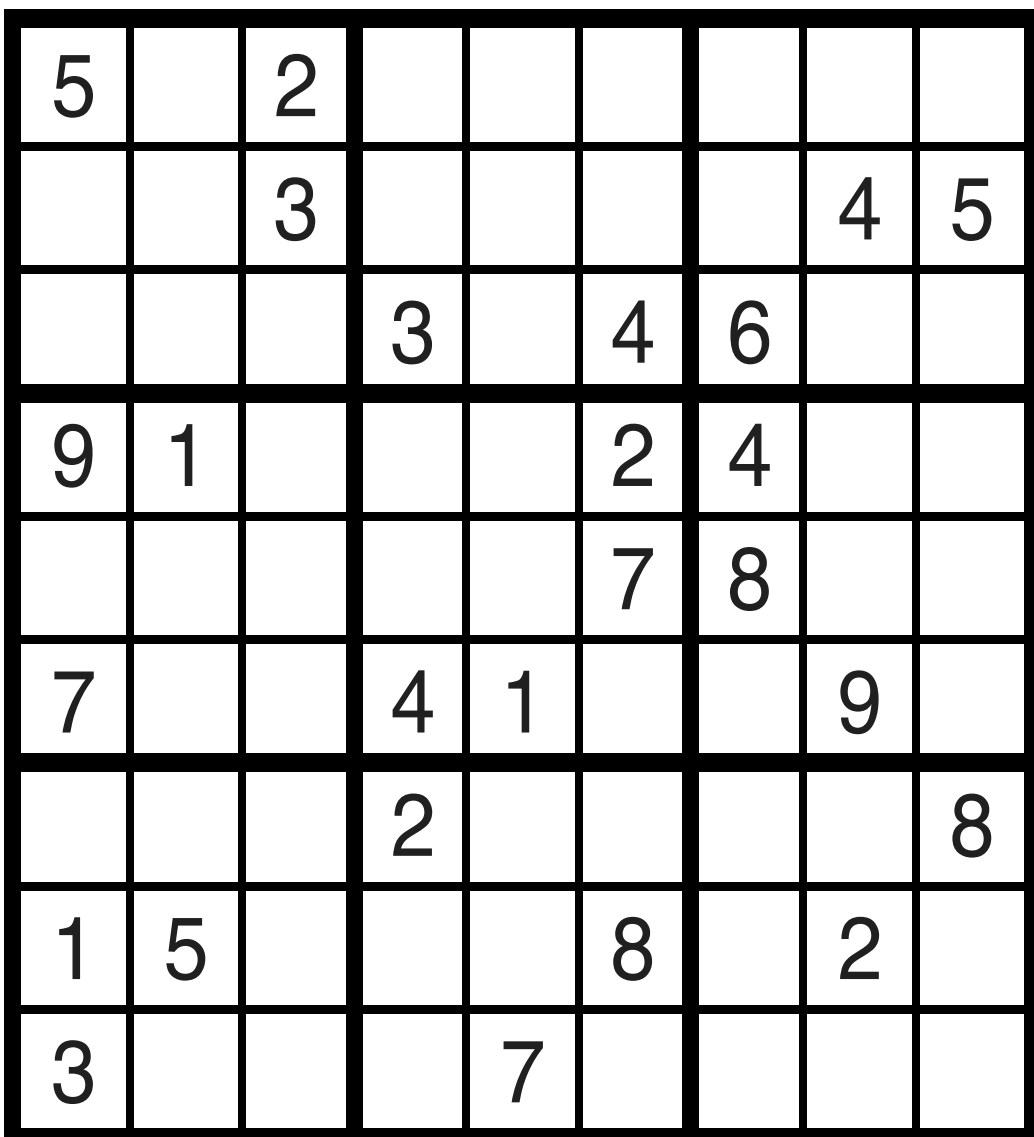
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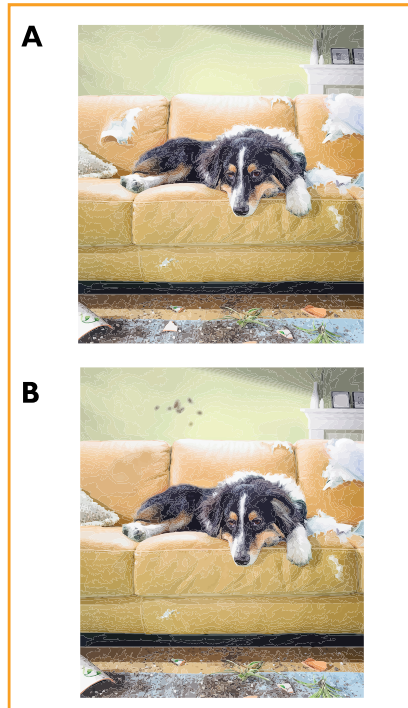


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What's the Difference?
There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. Dirt on wall 2. Large rip is repaired 3. Missing pottery on rug 4. Photo frame is blank

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

- 1720: SWEDEN AND PRUSSIA SIGN THE TREATY OF STOCKHOLM.
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New Word

OBEDIENCE

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ANIMAL FACT:

THIS HERDING DOG REGULARLY RANKS AS ONE OF THE MOST INTELLIGENT BREEDS.

ANSWER: BORDER COLLIE

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** To train (animal)
- SPANISH:** Adiestrar
- ITALIAN:** Addestrare
- FRENCH:** Dresser
- GERMAN:** Trainieren

Did You Know?

EXERCISE AND TRAINING CAN HELP A DOG BEHAVE BETTER. WITHOUT TRAINING, THE DOG MAY CHEW OR DESTROY ITEMS OUT OF BOREDOM.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: DOG WEARING COLLAR

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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to bath safety. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 12 = A)

A. 15 25 6 22 22 2 13 19
Clue: Slick

B. 14 13 12 11
Clue: Hold onto

C. 12 5 5 6 21 2 24 3
Clue: Mishap

D. 11 12 3 8 13 23 23 7
Clue: Tiled room in house

Answers: A. slippers B. grab C. accident D. bathroom

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**Carol Sue Caton**

Carol Sue Rowland Caton, 76, of Chapel Hill, passed away January 16, 2024. Per her request, there will be no public services. She was born November 10, 1947, in Berkeley, California, to the late Ferol and Winifred Lucille Mosier Cox. She was retired from General Motors Corporation, and held membership at First Assembly of God. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Linda Lou Dominquez. Survivors include her husband, James B. Caton, son, Kirk Rowland; steps-son, James B. Caton, II; sisters in law, Lois Linder, of Springfield, Missouri, Kathy Caton, of St. Jo, Missouri, and Trina Reeder, of St. Louis, Missouri; brother in law, Raymond Dominquez; grandchildren, Naomi Tahmassebi, of Shelbyville. Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

**Glenn C. Eychner**

Glenn C. Eychner, 93, of Chapel Hill, passed away January 17, 2024, at his daughter's home in Georgia. Funeral services will be 1 PM Friday, January 26, 2024, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel.

Reverend Jimmy West will officiate. Burial, with full military honors, will follow in Willow Mount Cemetery. The family will receive visitors 11 AM until service time Friday at the funeral home. He was born November 23, 1930, in Rome, New York, to the late Burt and Lula Eychner.

He married Marjorie Trudell in 1953, and they spent 65 years together before her passing in 2018. Teresa writes about her Dad: He was a "man's man". Hardworking and devoted husband and father. He loved Harleys, Fords, traveling with his family, and my mom. Retiring from General Motors in 1991, after 25 years of service, he was a man of few words. He did not talk just to say something.

He served in the United States Army in Korea and he held membership in VFW, American Legion, and Lifetime Harley Owners Group. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie, four brothers, Clyde, Harley, Whaley, and Leon, and one sister, Donna.

Survivors include three children, Clayton (Darlene) Eychner, of Unionville, Teresa (Allen) Beiriger, of Newnan, Georgia, and Roger (Elaine) Eychner, of Chapel Hill; a brother, Gene (Butch) Eychner, of Marion, Michigan; grandchildren, Angela Cleveland, Lisa Apostol, and Jessica Boyt; seven great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild. Glenn would be honored with memorials to your local VFW, American Legion, Wounded Warriors, or a veteran foundation of your choice. Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

**Charles Joseph Cares**

Charles Joseph Cares, 84, of Murfreesboro (formerly of Shelbyville) died January 15, 2024. He was born July 25, 1939 in Peabody, Massachusetts. He moved here in the late 1960s to work at Coey Tanning in Wartrace with his father. The leather industry was in his genes which he passed to one of his sons and grandsons. He loved his red wine and could be found with a glass every afternoon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Thomas and Marion Barbara Cares. He is survived by his wife, Madge Parker Cares of Murfreesboro; his children, Beth (Mark) Smith of Shelbyville, Chuck (Masami) Cares of Murfreesboro, James Cares, Jeff Cartwright, Chris

Cartwright and Marinda (Kevin) Grissom of Shelbyville; his grandchildren, Ryan (Jessica) Smith, Courtney (Nick) Young, Chase (Lorrie) Cares, Will Cares, Daleigh Cares, Naomi Abe, Keita Abe, Zeke (Katy) Grissom and Zoey Grissom; his great grandchildren, Ryder and Boone Smith, Cam, Croy and Charlie Young, Parker and Brooks Grissom, Colten Cares.

Per his request he will be cremated and his ashes will be placed beside his parents. A small amount of ashes will be spread at Chimney Tops in the Smokies by his children. It was his wish to have no service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alive Hospice, 1629 Williams Dr., Murfreesboro, TN., 37129; the Alzheimer's Association or the American Cancer Society.

**Freida Henry Newell**

Freida Henry Newell, 84, of Shelbyville, passed away Saturday, January 20, 2024, after an extended illness. A Celebration of Life Service was held 4 PM Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at First Christian Church. Pastor Dan Asche officiated. The family received visitors 2 PM until service time Wednesday at the church. Freida was born August 25, 1939, in Bedford County, to the late Dewey Lee and Jimmie Dean Henry, Sr. A 1957 graduate of Shelbyville Central High School, she worked alongside her husband, Bobby Newell, in the ownership and operation of Bobby Newell State Farm Insurance Agency. She was a faithful member of First Christian Church. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister and brothers, Elizabeth Henry Hill, Dewey Lee Henry, Jr. and James Douglas Henry. Survivors include her husband of 65 years, Robert Franklin "Bobby" Newell; a son, Eric Newell, and his wife, Robin, of Murfreesboro; grandchildren, Parker Newell, and his wife Shelby, and Maggie Newell; nieces, Connie Reed and Cindy Peek. Freida would be honored with memorials to First Christian Church, P.O. Box 466, Shelbyville, TN 37162, 931-684-7467. Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

**Clifton C. Jones, Jr.**

Clifton C. Jones, Jr., 67, of Shelbyville, TN passed from this life on Sunday, January 21, 2024, at his home surrounded by loved ones.

Born on April 16, 1956, Clifton was the son of the late Clifton Jones, Sr. and Ray Jean Redd Jones. Along with his parents he was preceded in death by: sister, Cliffa Forsthe; brother, Carry Ronald Jones; and great grandson, Ezra Poole.

Clifton had worked as a material handler for Empire Pencil (32 years) and finished out his career with Shepenco (12 years) before retiring early in 2019 due to health concerns. He was an avid outdoorsman that loved to fish and enjoyed traveling with his wife and family. He was known by family and friends to be a cutup and loved to play practical jokes.

He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Betty Sue Melton Jones; children, Chris Jernigan, Linda (Ricky) Kirkland and Melissa Jones all of Shelbyville; grandchildren, Brittany Hee, Lori Poole and Ashton Jones; great grandchildren, Jaxon & Evelyn Hee and Olivia Poole; sisters, Debbie Stewart of Shelbyville and Nina Jones of OK; brothers, Billy (Muriel) Jones and Mark (Goldie) Jones; also several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life service will be held 6:00 p.m. Saturday, January 27, 2024, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Jeff Rasnick officiating. Following services his remains will be cremated.

Visitation will be held Saturday, prior to services beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the funeral home to help assist the family with final expenses.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

**Melba Charlene McDaniel**

Melba Charlene Hill McDaniel, age 65, of Shelbyville, passed from this life January 21, 2024, at Lynchburg Nursing Center after an extended illness.

Born July 13, 1958, in Manchester, TN Charlene was the daughter of the late Charles Hill and Doris Ransom Hill. Along with her parents she was preceded in death by her sister, Beverly Hill Brown.

She was mainly a homemaker that had a very loving and forgiving heart. She always loved listening to music and enjoyed playing bingo.

She is survived by son, Derrick McDaniel, daughter, Christy Gordon, 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services will be held 1:30 p.m. Saturday, January 27, 2024, at Hazel Cemetery in Bell Buckle, TN with Parker Brown officiating.

Visitation with the family will be held Saturday, prior to graveside service from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Doak-Howell Funeral Home.

The family would like to thank the staff of Lynchburg Nursing Center for all the love and care they gave Mrs. Charlene.

Memorial donations may be made to Doak-Howell Funeral Home to help assist the family with final expenses.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

**Dorothy Lee Adcock Bridges**

Dorothy Lee Adcock Bridges, 97, of Shelbyville died January 19, 2024.

Funeral Services will be held 1:00 p.m. Friday, January 26th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home Rev. Chris Harris officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin at 11:00 A.M.

She was born May 24, 1926, in Bedford County and was a member of Singleton United Methodist Church. She was a loving MeMaw to all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James Lee Adcock and Addie Bell Burrow Adcock; her husband of 56 years, Herschel M. Bridges; a granddaughter, Erin Williams; sisters and

brothers, Baula May Adcock, James Adcock, Mary Adcock, Neal Adcock, Thomas Adcock and Billy Adcock.

Dorothy is survived by her grandson, Jason (Lindsay) Williams of Shelbyville; great grandchildren, Kaleigh Houk, Kason Williams and Kennedy Williams; and a sister, Bobby Gene Husky of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Memorials may be made to Singleton United Methodist Church, 3584 Midland Fosterville Road, Bell Buckle, Tennessee 37020.

**Kenneth Gene Smith**

Kenneth Gene Smith, 62, of Unionville, TN, passed away January 14, 2024 in Shelbyville, TN. Kenny was born in Shelbyville, TN, and was the son of the late Willie Gene Smith and Laura Ruth Read Smith. He was the owner/operator of KGS Profreighters and was a member of the Church of Christ. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Melody Dawn Smith.

Kenny enjoyed gardening. He loved riding his Harley Davidson Motorcycle. He had a passion for messing with projects and farming.

Mr. Smith is survived by his son, Kenneth Justin Smith of Florida; sister, June (Jeff) Elnicki of Tullahoma, TN; nieces and nephews, Alexandra (Billy) Randt, Nicholas Odeaneal, Matthew Elnicki, Rachelle Elnicki; great nephew, Garrison Randt.

Visitation with the family will be on Friday, January 19, 2024 from 10 AM until 11 AM at Lawrence Funeral Home. The funeral service will be conducted at 11 AM on Friday, January 19, 2024 from the Chapel of Lawrence Funeral Home with Dr. Marvin "Buddy" Koonce officiating. Interment will follow in Simpson Cemetery in the Rover Community of Bedford County, TN.

Justin Smith, Nicholas Odeaneal, Matthew Elnicki, Mark Branham, Billy Randt, and Michael Puckett will serve as pallbearers.

For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to the Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Rd., Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

Lawrence Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Chapel Hill, TN is in charge of the arrangements.

**Henry "Jaby" Cooley**

Henry "Jaby" Cooley, 89, of Shelbyville, passed away January 22, 2024, at his home, under the loving care and comfort of his family and Hospice Compassus. Funeral services will be 12 noon Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Burial, with full military honors, will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. The family will receive visitors 11 AM until service time Tuesday at the funeral home. Complete obituary information to be forthcoming at t-g.com. Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

**Donald Glenn Underwood**

Donald Glen Underwood, 60, of Shelbyville, passed away January 13, 2024. Funeral services will be Thursday, January 25, 2024, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow in Willow Mount Cemetery. The family will receive visitors 11 AM until service time Thursday at the funeral home. Complete obituary information to be forthcoming at t-g.com

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Jacqueline B. Songer,

Jacqueline B. Songer, 80, a longtime resident of Eagleville, TN passed away January 19, 2024. She graduated from Middle Tn Univ with a Bachelor of Science degree. She had a long career in education as a home economics/commercial food and science teacher at Shelbyville Vo Tech High school and then Forrest High School in Chapel Hill. She was an active alumni member of Alpha Delta Pi. She was an avid reader and traveler, some of her last travels were to Washington DC, Nova Scotia and the Rose Bowl parade.

Jacqueline is survived by her daughter, Kimberly (Edwin) Barranco; sons, Patrick (Jennifer) Songer and Geoffrey Allen Songer; grandchildren, Alex, Imee, Matthew, Reese, Shelby and Kerrigan; four great grandchildren and loving twin sister, Patricia A. Trainor. She is preceded in death by her husband, Rog-

er Songer; parents, William Christopher Trainor and Eleanor Flora Gerwig and brother, Curt Trainor.

A memorial gathering with family and friends will be held 2-4:00PM Saturday, January 27, 2024 at Lawrence Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alpha Delta Pi Foundation. Arrangements in care of Lawrence Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 203 S. Horton Pkwy. Chapel Hill, TN. 37034.

Louise Dowdy Davies Kneller

Louise Dowdy Davies Kneller, 93, of Mt. Juliet, TN. (formerly of Bell Buckle) died January 16, 2024. Funeral Services were held 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, January 23rd, at Hillcrest Funeral Home Greg Taylor officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation began at 12:00 P.M.

She was born December 18, 1930 in Sedalia, Missouri. Louise was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard Ben Dowdy and Fern Lucille Hodges Swearingin; sons, Lynn David Hyatt, Donald Dowdy and a daughter, Teresa Hyatt Richardson.

She is survived by her

children, Juanita Ann Storz of Mt. Juliet, Debbie Louise Burns of Bon Aqua, Leonard Deway (Toni) Hyatt of Crossville; brothers, David Elvis (Sue) Dowdy of Iowa; 11 grandchildren; several great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

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You've gone on to greener fields,

with better colts to tame.

I'll finish what we started

I'll keep fanning the flame,

And I hope that you'll be proud

Of how I carry on your name

Meet the Dillers

Two of the county's newest residents

By DAWN HANKINS

John and Christine (Tina) Diller say they've fallen in love with their home on a hill, nestled deep in the valley of west Bedford County. That says a lot, considering they've only lived here 5 years.

Christine's love in life, however, besides John, is her art and their animals. They're learning what it is like to have a farm in the south.

Not so bad, so far, they note.

Christine explains that her mother was an artist. "I have five sisters and a brother. I would say four of the sisters, at least, do art."

She's not kidding, one sister has a master's degree in fine art and her daughter has been inducted into the master's society for painters. The niece studied in Florence, Italy and was there several months studying and was eventually asked to be a teacher.

Christine says she was always painting as a young girl. "I remember when I was about 4 years old, my mother was painting all the walls in the dining room . . . decorating with scenes. I can remember picking up a paint brush and painting grass on it."

She remembers her mother painting swans on the bathroom wall. Christine recalls she was trying to paint waterlilies.

She occasionally picks up water colors. She hadn't done much of that since junior high but someone gave her some watercolors not long ago.

John bought her some paper. The rest is history.

Christine says she learned a lot from the late Bob Ross, who had a show on PBS for many years. Though Christine has never had any formal art lessons, she really doesn't have the desire.

"I putter. I don't want to be an artist."

Her expertise, she says, is mainly oil painting and furniture decorating. Like Mom, she also does some wall painting.

She picks out a picture of one of her mares. "This is horse country."

Other animals make up her subjects as well.

She says in regard to painting, even a child of 4 can paint something. It's most of all, fun and entertaining.

Christine explains that she's a Massachusetts native and John was born in the potato state of Idaho. She actually grew up mostly, she says, in Kansas.

It seems like yesterday that John was nearing retirement age. Christine learned her sister was moving to Florida.

Christine or "Tina" as she's affectionately called, stayed years ago in Washington State. This is where she met husband, John.

In their 70s, she thought they should move to the

East Coast. She made several trips back East, but she and John would eventually settle in middle Tennessee, which was their first choice over the Carolinas, Georgia and Virginia.

"I thought Tennessee was a very nice place," Christine says.

Still, she wasn't giving up all those things that she felt made a great life. "I had criteria . . . I have to be able to see my fields from the house. I have to be where it is not going to flood . . . have water on the property. I have to have a view."

Five years after finding their Bedford County property, John came down and spent 3 days looking it over.

It still took the couple 8 years before they permanently moved from Washington to Bedford County.

John is a retired, general practice family doctor; he says thankfully, he missed all the pandemic excitement, as a physician.

"I'm glad to be back on the farm," says John, noting they're at an ideal spot—17 miles from Shelbyville and 12 miles from Petersburg. The couple laugh and note they now have a small Bedford County farm—about 78 acres. In Washington, they owned much more property.

They said recently how thankful they are to be in good health and still enjoying a good life in their golden years. John still enjoys raising cattle and dogs.

John also enjoys raising Pressa Canario, which are mastiff-type dogs. They hail originally from Spain on the Canary Islands, he reveals. The females, which is all they have on the farm, are large—160 pounds plus—and take care of home quite well, they note.

Though having raised all kinds of dogs, Christine says the Presa Canario is the most loyal and affectionate dog she's ever had.

In addition to dogs, they garden on their Bedford County farm. Christine's brother, who lives with them, enjoys tending the vegetable garden.

"He is always neat," says Christine. "Ours is always messy. We end up with produce all the way to December. He's done at the end of August."

The couple realize how much Bedford County has grown in just a few years. "When I came out here, 13 years ago, you could drive and not even see a car. When I came back two or three times, OK, now I saw four cars," says Christine. "Normally, I wouldn't see any. It's bumper to bumper sometimes."

Christine also enjoys being a part of the Wheel Family and Community Education Club. She's made a lot of friends, she says, like Jerry Sue Boyce and Jane Perryman.

She initially didn't believe she was a ladies club type person. The Wheel FCE



Club took "Tina" and John into their fold. She's still a member.

Christine sings John's praises, noting he's a gentle man who never uses profanity. Once, she says with a laugh, he went under an electric fence and it zapped his hat; he said a few words, then.

John enjoys working with bees. He has about 20 bee hives on the farm. Hence their friendship with Jane and Ed Perryman, who also have bees.

The couple share that they had an adopted daughter, who passed away. "We have a daughter, who adopted us. She has 5 children in Washington. We talk to them but don't get to see them anymore."

Christine says she does enjoy painting, as a hobby. And, of course, there's plenty of subjects to paint in Bedford County.

Some of her paintings are reminiscent of Monet, John believes. Still, Christine would never take her art work too serious.

"I don't stress myself over



art."

She likes the Secret Garden picture she painted. There is life in art, she expresses as she shares photos of flower paintings.

John sings Christine's praises as well, holding up

some other of her favorite artwork.

The couple also sings praises of this county. When the quiet of a winter night, like last week's snowfall, sets in on the valley or the dogs draw near for some

love, they say they realize they're home.

They hope to live out the rest of their lives here. "We love it down here," shares Christine.

John smiles.

Still cool enough for soup

Whitney Danhof, local extension agent, knows that winter weather calls for warm meals using items you have on hand. Soups are great for cold days and French Onion Soup uses ingredients found in most pantries. Here is the classic French Onion Soup recipe.

To serve, pour into oven proof bowls, top with a slice of crusty toasted bread and Swiss cheese and broil until the cheese is melted and browned.

French Onion Soup

1 1/2 pounds (about 4 medium) yellow onions, thinly sliced
3 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon sugar
3 tablespoons flour
2 quarts boiling beef broth
1/2 cup dry white wine
salt and pepper to taste

In a heavy-bottomed, 4-quart covered saucepan, cook the onions slowly with the butter and oil for 15

minutes. Uncover, raise the heat to moderate and stir in the salt and sugar. Cook for 30-40 minutes stirring frequently, until the onions have turned a deep, golden brown. Sprinkle in the flour and stir for 3 minutes over the heat. Off the heat, add the boiling liquid and wine and stirring well. Put back on the heat and simmer partially covered for 30-40 minutes or more. Adjust the seasoning with salt and pepper.

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