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Coalition shines light on local drug abuse *Fentanyl, Meth, it's here, for the taking*

By DAWN HANKINS

For local resident Bonnie Cady, any efforts made by a local anti-drug coalition mean much. Cady lost her 20-year-old grandson, Bill Hallum, to a fentanyl overdose on Feb. 26, 2022.

Ever since her grandson's passing, the 85-year-old has been on a journey to help educate others about drug addiction and abuse.

She was in attendance last Thurs-

day for the first meeting of the newly formed Bedford County Anti-Drug Coalition, which met at Victory Baptist Church in Shelbyville. The T-G talked with Cady following that meeting.

It's been 2 years since her grandson's passing. Yes, it still hurts, she says.

Cady also recently attended the meeting of the Opioid Abuse Settlement Board, which is distributing local funds here to nonprofits. She

represents Drug Rescue, a nonprofit agency which was formed in memory of her grandson.

"Our mission is to educate people about the enemy – drugs; empower them to stand up and speak out, talk to their children about drugs; heal, and help find the best rehab for those seeking to escape addiction."

Cady adds that grandson, Bill, graduated as a straight-A student at Shelbyville Central High School and finished ninth in his class. After

Bill graduated from SCHS, where he lettered in golf and wrestling, he went on to major in mechanical engineering at the University of Alabama-Huntsville. Bill was a proud member of Alpha Tau Omega and maintained a 3.5 GPA.

But within the shadows, away from his family, he was dealing with a serious addiction. The SCHS graduate would journey down a long road of drug addiction.

Bill had shared with his family on New Year's how he tried marijuana in junior high. He believed that experience was his gateway to other types of drugs.

The 20-year-old admitted to his family that he had a substance abuse problem – M30 pills (oxycodone) laced with fentanyl - and checked into rehab two days later, according to Cady.

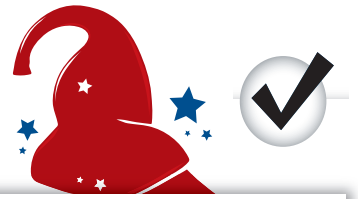
"Bill did not realize that the pills had fentanyl in them when his friend first got him to try them. He had been using these pills for six months and couldn't quit on his own. He said he wished he had never tried them. He needed help."

Three weeks of intensive inpatient therapy in Alabama were followed by several weeks as an outpatient as Bill moved in with his brother in Huntsville.

Bill came home to Shelbyville for a weekend.



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Presidential Election 2024

Bedford County's unofficial Super Tuesday vote total = 4,112
Primary winners were:
Trump (R) 3,250
Biden (D) 337

Editor's note: The primary race continues across the country until summer. The Presidential Election 2024 is Tuesday, Nov. 5.



Eaglettes' Head Coach Kyle Turnham Stepping Down

By Noah Maddox
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In a shocking move, Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes' Basketball head coach Kyle Turnham has announced that he has resigned from his position in a statement released by Bedford County Schools.

Turnham, who had just completed up his third season at the helm, and the Eaglettes are coming off of the programs first winning season (17-13, 3-7) since 2017/18 when they went 17-12, and also led the program to its first region semifinal appearance since 2016/17.

The full statement from BCS is included and reads as follows:

Kyle Turnham, head girls basketball coach at Shelbyville Central High School, has announced today that he will be stepping down effective immediately. Turnham took over the program at the start of the 2021-22 season.

"I was brought here to rebuild

FIRE DAMAGES SHELBYVILLE HOME



T-G Photo

A fire over the weekend on Scudder Road in Shelbyville, near St. William Catholic Church, gutted a home. One person was displaced.

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Times-Gazette becomes part of Richardson Media Group *Local staff, focus on community journalism, remains in place*

The Shelbyville Times-Gazette, along with four other Tennessee newspapers formerly owned by Apex Media LLC, was formally acquired on March 1 by Richardson Media Group (RMG), a growing publishing company that focuses on community newspapers. This acquisition signifies a substantial expansion for Richardson Media Group, underlining its dedication to enhancing local journalism.

In the previous year, the Times-Gazette transitioned ownership when Apex Media LLC purchased it from Holler Media, who had shuttered the publication in July 2023. Daniel Richardson, founder of Richardson Media Group, was subsequently appointed to manage these newspapers, ensuring their ongoing prosperity within their respective

communities.

Established in August 2023, Richardson Media Group emerged from Daniel Richardson's collaborations with Holler Media and Apex Media. Daniel, a lifelong newspaper enthusiast, was inspired and tutored by his father, the late Dennis Richardson, who initiated his foray into publishing in 1983 with his first newspaper acquisition. This venture eventually expanded into Magic Valley Publishing Company. Following Daniel's enlistment in the United States Marine Corps and graduation from the University of Tennessee at Martin and his entry into the family business in 2012, the company saw remarkable growth. Unfortunately, Dennis Richardson's sudden passing in July 2021 left Daniel as the CEO of the company, which by that time owned

and operated 16 community newspapers, along with a web press and mailroom operation in Huntington. Last fall, Daniel relinquished his position, passing the leadership to his mother, the Company's owner, Lisa Richardson, and his brothers, Mark and Matthew Richardson.

The Times-Gazette as it is currently named began with the 1948 merger of the Shelbyville Gazette and the Bedford Times, publications which date back to 1874 and 1886, respectively.

The merging of the two publications was led by publisher and owner Franklin Yates, who purchased the Bedford County Times from J.A. Collum in 1946 and then the Shelbyville Gazette in 1948. Yates led the publication for nearly half a century before stepping down in 1994. The T-G has a long

and storied history in reporting the news of Bedford County. Today, the Times-Gazette is operated out of its office at 411 Elm St. in Shelbyville. Renee Brown serves as office manager and fills several of the roles necessary to publish a community newspaper.

Dawn Hankins, a veteran news reporter who has spent time as editor of the Times-Gazette in the past, is heading up the news department, with Noah Maddox, a Bedford County native and MTSU graduate, serving as sports editor.

"We've got a really good team in place so far at the T-G," Richardson said. "I'm excited about the future of this newspaper and this great community."

The acquisition also included the Marshall County Tribune,

which was shuttered along with the Times-Gazette in July by Holler Media, LLC. Plans are underway to relaunch the Marshall Co. Tribune this spring.

Other publications included in the acquisition include the Livingston Enterprise, the Jackson County Sentinel, the Celina Citizen-Statesman, and the Fentress Courier. Richardson Media Group's portfolio has now expanded to include nine newspapers. In addition to those listed here, other group newspapers include the Courier (Savannah), The Jackson Post, The Dresden Enterprise, and The Martin Post, demonstrating the company's commitment to preserving and revitalizing community journalism across Tennessee.



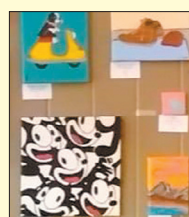
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Art Crawl

Bedford County Arts Crawl, sure to become one of the City's most dynamic and popular events, begins soon.

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DRUGS

From page 1

He went to a bar in Murfreesboro with a drug-using friend, Cady said.

The next day, on Feb. 26, 2022, Bill's mother found him dead in his bed. An autopsy revealed Bill died of a fentanyl overdose, according to Cady.

He was her grandson, loving, kind and helpful to her. They could talk and share.

Cady wants to try to help others before they become addicted. And if they do, she's there to help the addicted as well.

She's sad but not angry. The drug dealer who sold her grandson the fentanyl was charged with second degree murder. Cady was in the courtroom to give her statement, which was surprisingly supportive of the man getting help.

She supports Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT)-a program at the local jail. She is working with others to help develop more programs for families of addicts.

"We want to shine the light on drugs. If you go in a dark room and turn on the light the darkness goes out," Cady said.

SAVING LIVES, IF JUST ONE

Organizing the coalition meeting last week was Eric Maddox, who says he's just a guy with a heart for improving the drug problem in Bedford County. Maddox is a member of Victory Baptist and serves as a Bedford County Commissioner.

Still, he doesn't want this group to recognize him as "Commissioner Maddox, just "Eric." He asked all the coa-

alition members to introduce themselves.

Maddox says he is an incidental member of the group, just doing the footwork for the anti-drug coalition-one which he hopes will have lasting benefits for the community.

"We still have a bunch of wood to chop; but the thought of being able to help make a positive difference in just one life is worth it to me."

Maddox gave a presentation with information provided by Shane George, director of the 17th Judicial Task Force, who was not present. Law enforcement leaders from Bedford County Sheriff's Department/SRO, Juvenile Services and Shelbyville Police Department were on hand for the meeting. (BCSD Deputy Chief Nikia Elliott, BCSD Sgt. Tracey Harvey, SPD Deputy Chief Brian Crews, SPD Det. Nathan Everhart and Jarrod Swain, juvenile services.)

Chief Deputy Elliott said it is the goal of local law enforcement to apprehend especially the drug dealers, more so than the addicts.

A warning to drug dealers: He said one thing is certain, if you do the crime, you will do the time.

Also serving on the coalition are Shelbyville Council member Marilyn Ewing, SPD Deputy Chief Brian Crews, SEL and mental health coordinator for Bedford County schools, Janolyn King, principal of Bedford County Learning Academy and Mike De Jesus, Wartrace Fire Chief, who has a previous background in law enforcement from another



Council member Marilyn Ewing watches a presentation made during last Thursday's Bedford County Drug Coalition meeting by facilitator Eric Maddox. It was the first meeting for this group.



Bedford County Chief Deputy Nikia Elliott shares concerns about the seriousness of drug abuse here during the recent Bedford County Drug Coalition meeting. Eric Maddox (right) was facilitator.

state.

For the most part, Maddox said he feels the meeting on Thursday was successful. Also joining the group for support were pastors Jimmy West and Loyd Warren.

Another meeting is planned for March. Maddox announced that some coalition meetings will not be open to the public as they will involve serious crime information.

Just how serious is the drug problem in Bedford County?

Just two days before this anti-drug coalition meeting, Shelbyville Police Department made a local drug bust featuring drugs with an estimated street value of over \$16,000.

The following was on the SPD's Facebook page:

"On February 27, 2024, Shelbyville Police Detectives,

working in conjunction with the 17th District Drug Task Force, executed a search warrant at 503 White Street, Apartment 10. This operation aimed to apprehend Shaun Earl Gibson, who was wanted for a probation violation and failure to appear.

During the operation, Mr. Gibson attempted to barricade himself in his bathroom but was apprehended without incident. Detectives also found a female in the bedroom who was wanted on six active warrants. She was promptly taken into custody by the detectives. Upon clearing the premises for safety, detectives and agents observed, in plain view, illicit substances and paraphernalia.

Following this finding, law enforcement secured a secondary search warrant,

resulting in the confiscation of substantial amounts of narcotics and associated items. The haul consisted of approximately 6.3 ounces of Fentanyl, 2.4 ounces of Cocaine, 9 grams of Methamphetamine, and assorted types of prescription pills. Additionally, digital scales and packaging materials suggestive of drug distribution operations were found.

The estimated street value of the seized substances is as follows:

Fentanyl: approximately \$12,500; Cocaine: approximately \$3,400; Methamphetamine: approximately \$525.

Two firearms were also uncovered during the search.

As a result of these findings, Mr. Gibson is facing multiple charges, including

possession of schedule II substances for resale, possession of legend drugs, possession of schedule VI drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, felon in possession of a weapon, and possession of a weapon during the commission of a dangerous felony."

It was mentioned during Maddox's presentation that a drug making its way into the County is called tranq or Xylazine.

Tranq is a non-opioid sedative analgesic medication that's largely mixed into (adulterated) and used as an additive with other opioid substances like heroin, fentanyl, and cocaine. Blending tranq helps to bulk up and boost or mimic the effects of these drugs. Tranq is reportedly now found in up to 15% of fentanyl tests.

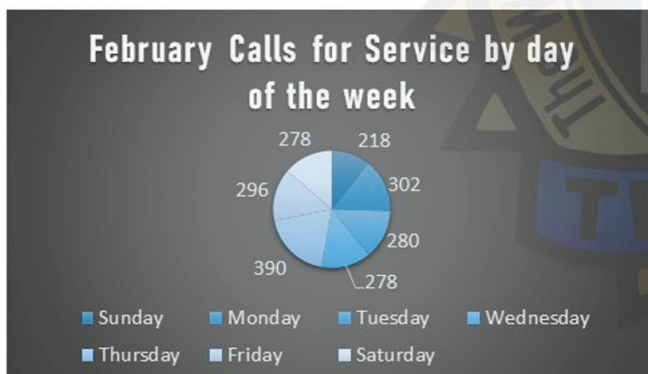
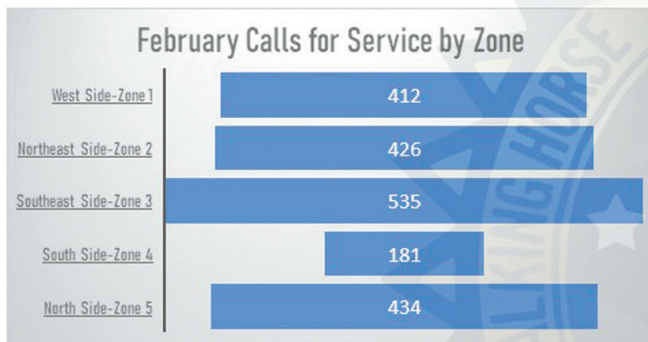
SPD stays very busy

By DAWN HANKINS

Shelbyville Police Department is busy, to say the least. The department wanted to share some statistics with readers. (See map and illustrations.)

A community development workshop was held recently by Shelbyville City Council. In the next edition of the Times-Gazette, we will share what SPD Chief Jan Phillips had to say about City growth and how it can potentially demand more officers and precincts.

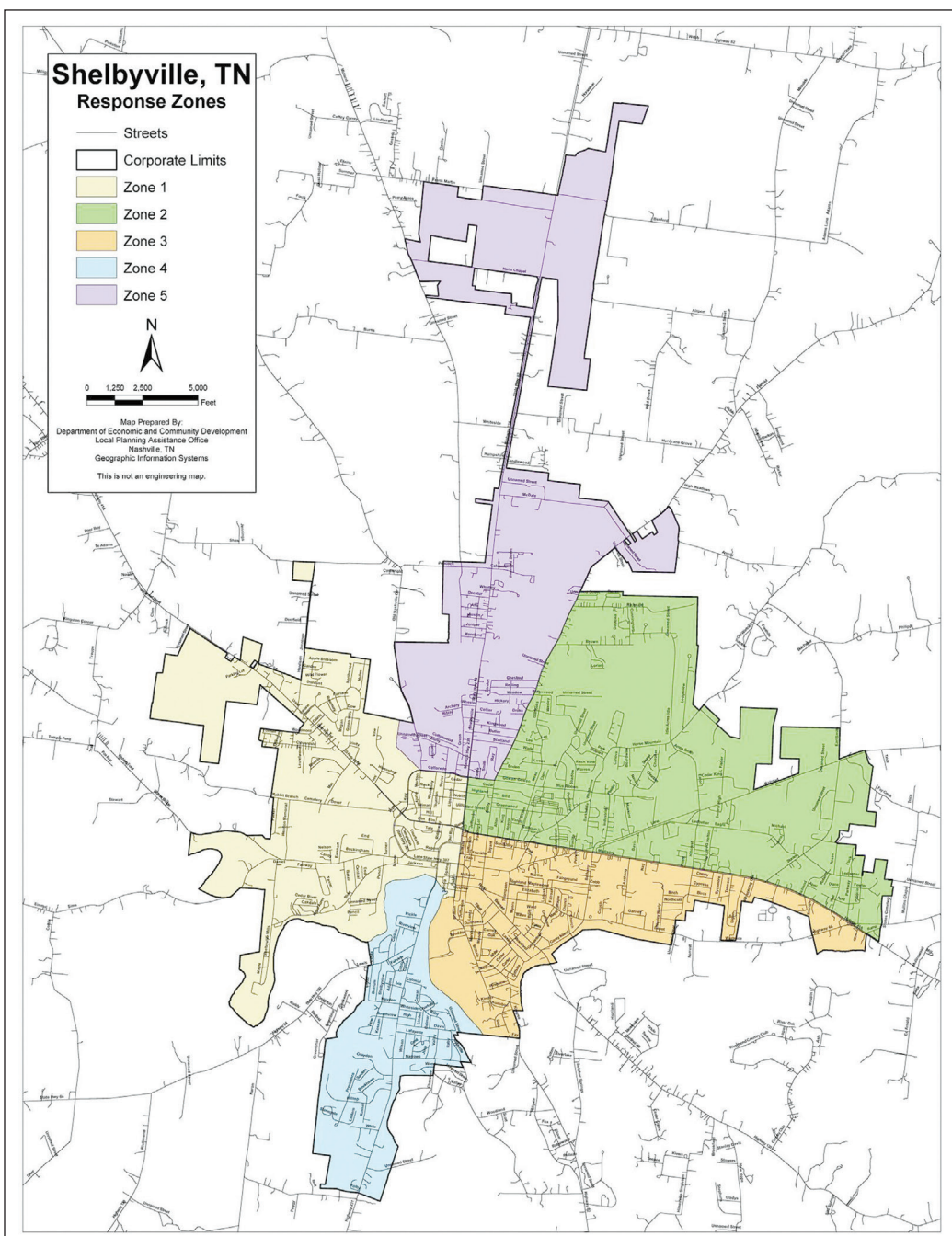
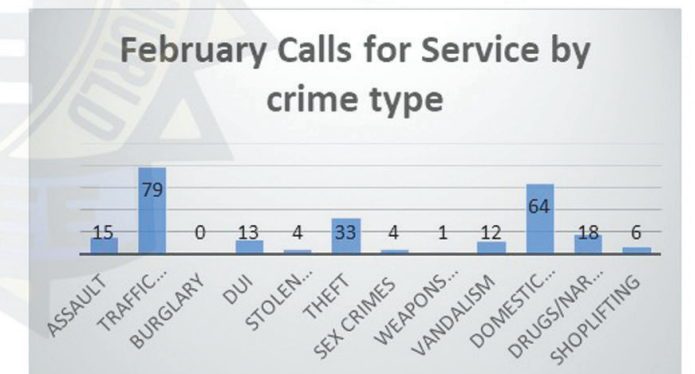
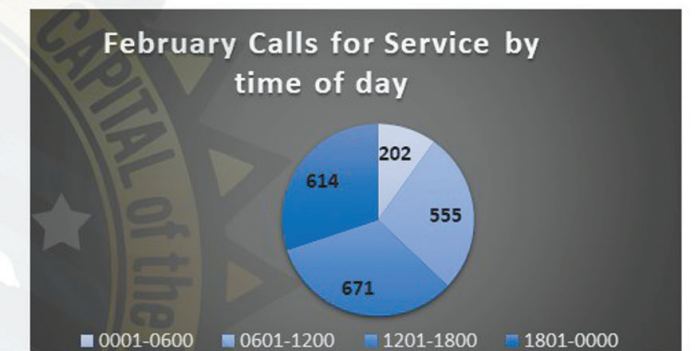
Shelbyville Police Department Monthly Statistics - February 2024



Total Calls for Service 2,042

These statistics provide a snapshot of the activities of the Shelbyville Police Department in February 2024. The Shelbyville Police Department remains committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community. We appreciate the ongoing support and cooperation of our residents.

Average call response time < 4.5 minutes



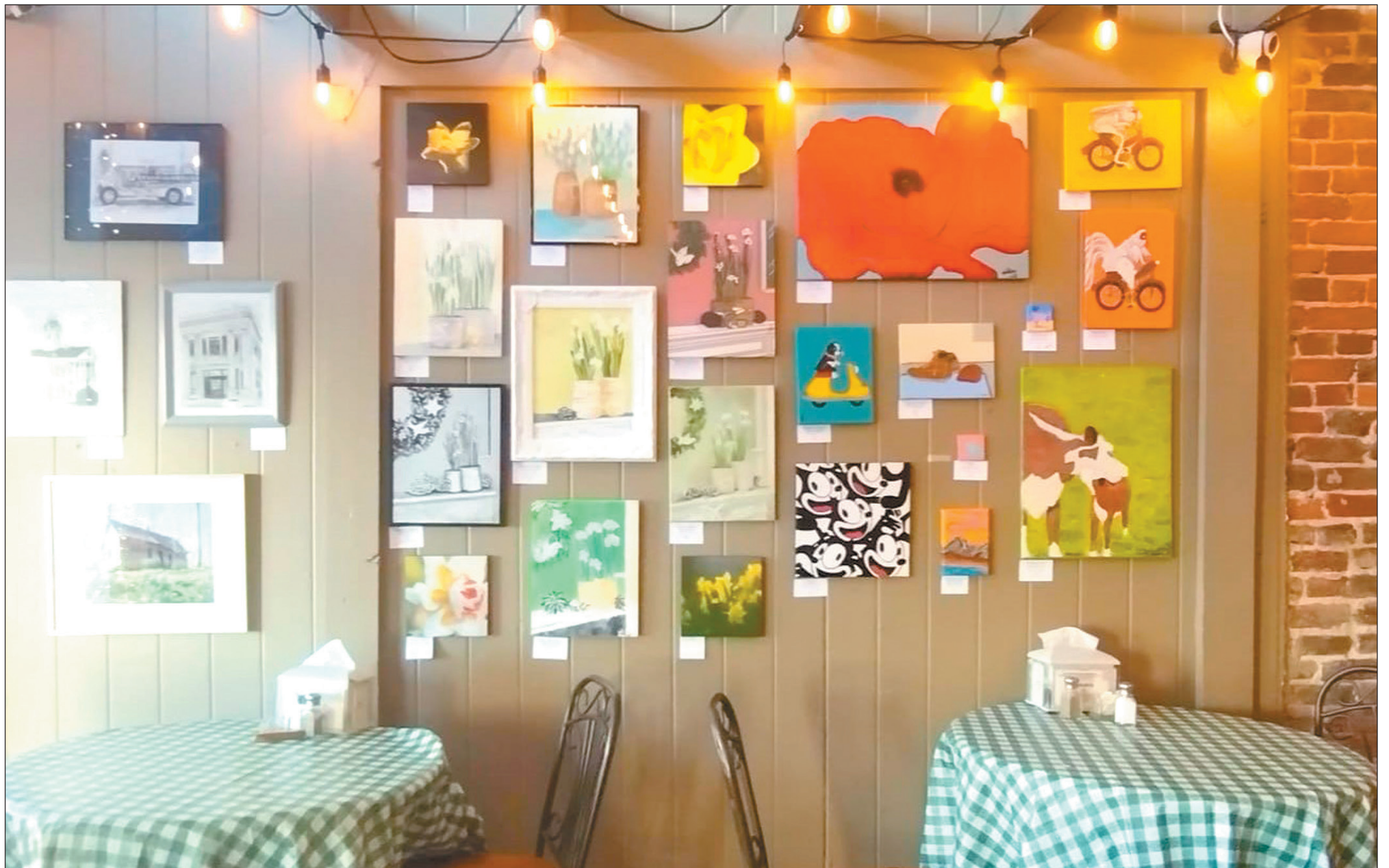
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LOCAL ART COLLECTIVE - A new art exhibit presented by Bedford Arts Collective can be seen inside Coffee Break off the public square. The art group is working hard to recognize local artists and updates this collection each month.

Getting Artsy on the Square

On Friday, May 10, 4 to 7 p.m., area residents and visitors will fill the Historic Uptown Shelbyville Square to enjoy what is sure to become one of the City's most dynamic and popular events: Bedford County Arts Crawl #bedfordartscrawl.

The community will come alive as artists, and a wide variety of businesses in the uptown district feature local and regional artists. Also capture a photo with the Shelbyville Butterfly Mural located on S.

Main Street. Art Vendors and their individual artistic creations will be located inside and outside of participating businesses around the public square. Enjoy music and food.

Insider Tip: Avoid parking hassles by utilizing the Public Parking Lot located on S. Main St.

The Bedford Arts Collective Art Crawl is best explored on foot once you arrive. Organizers recommend making it an evening with dinner at The Coffee Break,

Pope's Café, Audrey's On The Square or Bocelli Pizza and Pasta Shoppe.

There is a \$20 Fee for Art Vendors to participate. This fee will allow organizers to purchase signage to place around the square and at main intersections in Shelbyville. All artwork must be original work of the participating artist. For complete details and to pay your \$20 Fee visit the following Art Crawl Application: <http://tinyurl.com/BACArtCrawlMAY2024>.

Council takes care of business: study session

Shelbyville City Council met Tuesday for its regular monthly study session. It was election night and all was well, it seemed. Below are some of the agenda items for the meeting, which was finished in less than 1 hour.

1. Fairfield Pike Project Update
2. Economic Development Update
3. Airport Sewer Change Order
4. Columbarium Rules & Fee Schedule
5. HOME Grant Recipients Permit Fees
6. Tourist Grant Requests
 - A. Southern Saddlebred Spring Fling
 - B. CMSA Extravaganza
 - C. CMSA Eastern US Championships
7. Employee Pension Committee Recommendations
8. Consideration of a text zoning amendment regarding the Definition Section and Section 6.4.S of the supplementary regulations for the manufacturing and the storage of massive explosives materials.
9. Consideration of a text zoning amendment to change the naming of the R-2 zoning district from the Low-Density Residential zoning district to the Low-Medium Density Residential zoning district



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All of these items will be voted upon Thursday, March 14, when Council meets in regular session at 6 p.m.

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Letter to the editor:

As the Tennessee state house session comes close to an end, Gov. Lee and his majority state house have doubled down on their efforts to divert public education funds to their privatized cronies via vouchers.

Our public schools welcome all students and have dedicated teachers working to give every child an equal chance at success and must have our support to

survive.

Gov. Lee has named Lizzette Reynolds from Texas as his education commissioner whose expertise seems to be in the voucher scam. Take a stand - contact Gov. Lee and your senator or representative in the statehouse-and demand an end of their war on public education.

Vivian Ervin
Lynchburg

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Community CALENDAR



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School Event

Eakin Elementary will present "Aladdin Kids: The Musical" on March 14 and 15 at 6 p.m. and at 2 p.m. March 16. \$10 reserved seating. \$5 at the door. Purchase tickets March 5-7 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the school lobby and on the performance days at the door.

Half marathon

Lynchburg will host its 15th annual half-marathon, the Oak Barrel, on Saturday, April 6, at 8 a.m.

Horse Shows

The Walking Horse Trainers' Association will have its national show March 13-16 at Cooper Steel Arena.

The FAST Spring Showcase is March 28-30 at Cooper Steel Arena.

Bedford County Government

March 12: Bedford County Board of Commissioners regular monthly meeting, 7 p.m., historic Bedford County Courthouse

March 19: Rules and Legislative Committee (5 p.m.), followed by Law Enforcement Committee, then Courthouse and County Property Committee, historic Bedford County Courthouse

March 26: Financial Management Committee, 4:15 p.m., 200 Dover Street, Suite 110.

March 29: County offices and Convenience Centers closed for Good Friday.

Authentic Irish Cuisine

Great weekday dish to make ahead

St. Patrick's Day presents the perfect opportunity to try authentic Irish cuisine as well as foods and beverages that have become associated strictly with the holiday (like green beer). It's likely someone you know will be cooking corned beef and cabbage this St. Patrick's Day. But what if you're among those who just don't fancy the salted and pickled flavoring of this familiar favorite?

Zesty Braised Beef with New Potatoes isn't exactly corned beef, but it can be a worthy alternative. It's warm, filling and flavorful, and can be just the thing to kick off the month of March.

What's more, this rich beef can pair well with a dark stout like Guinness. Enjoy this recipe, courtesy of The Healthy Slow Cooker (Robert Rose) by Judith Finlayson.

Zesty Braised Beef with New Potatoes

Serves 8

- 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 2 ounces chunk pancetta, preferably hot pancetta, diced
- 2 pounds trimmed stewing beef, cut into 1-inch cubes and patted dry
- 2 onions, finely chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cracked black peppercorns
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 2 pounds small new potatoes, scrubbed and thinly sliced (about 30 tiny ones)
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper, dissolved in 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1/4 cup finely chopped parsley leaves.

1. In a skillet, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil over medium-high heat. Add pancetta and cook, stirring, until nicely browned, about 3 minutes. Transfer to slow cooker stoneware (3 to 5 quart.)
2. Add beef to skillet, in batches, and cook, stirring until browned, about 4 minutes per batch. Transfer to stoneware as completed.
3. Reduce heat to medium. Add remaining tablespoon of oil to pan. Add onions and cook, stirring, until softened, about 3 minutes. Add garlic, thyme, salt and peppercorns and cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Add wine, bring to a boil and boil, stirring and scraping up brown bits from bottom of pan for 2 minutes. Add stock and potatoes and bring to a boil. Simmer for 2 minutes.
4. Transfer to stoneware. Cover and cook on low for 8 hours or on high for 4 hours, until potatoes are tender. Stir in cayenne solution. Cover and cook on high for 10 minutes. Transfer to a server dish and garnish with parsley. Serve with a big platter of roasted carrots.

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Getting off the streets *Difficult but doable: Dave Rogers*

This is the second installment of two articles about how local veteran Dave Rogers began a life of homelessness at age 15. He would later join the military.

By DAWN HANKINS

On the streets of New York, Dave Rogers grew quickly into manhood. He was abused as a child.

His therapy has been writing about those experiences. He notes in the 1980s, when he was a young street person, it seems there weren't a lot of resources in the way of mental health.

Rogers quickly realized that he couldn't escape that abuse as a homeless person at 15. But he would continue to live off the streets until he joined the U.S. Army at age 21.

Rogers writes about his life in his book, "Marta," which is a street person's view of the art world. (For mature audiences.) He talked with the T-G about volume 1.

Rogers eventually attended school, which wasn't the best experience in the 1980s, he says.

"We all deal with a great amount of strife in life," says Rogers. "How we deal with the challenges that life presents says more about how we see life than how life sees us. It may seem easier for those who have a hard life to give up, to stop living, and hide inside our darkness, but those that see life as worthy keep fighting the fight and keep looking forward."

Rogers says he never saw himself as a hero, an enlightened person, or better than anyone else but rather as someone who could help others. But first, he had to help himself.

"This book follows my story

of growing up on the streets of New York and the journey of growing through times of great change instead of giving up."

"Marta" is the life story of the author and his journey with his muse going from living on the streets of New York, to attending college, joining the Army, traveling the world and coming to terms with who he is and where he fits in the world.

The book takes the reader through the early days of Dave and Marta, their struggles and triumphs in the 1970s and 80s on the streets of New York as only could be seen by those that have lived it.

"Marta," he admits, is not reading for the faint at heart but provides a real-life story of what it meant to be a homeless youth in New York for 6 years. That was before cell phones, internet and social media. (Book can be found at Amazon.com.)

No, he didn't think he'd ever get off the streets of New York by sheer luck. He knew in his heart he'd have to work hard to do that. And he did.

Has life been easy, certainly not. In his dedication in the "Marta" book, he apologizes for not being a better father to his son.

Rogers served for 14 years, including stations in Iraq, Bosnia, and Korea. He was also a first responder at Ground Zero during the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, where a life-changing injury left him disabled and led him to take a two-year assignment working for Homeland Security.

Today, he uses his unique experience as an artist and veteran to create spaces for veterans-another group often



DAVE AND GRUNT

deeply misunderstood.

Rogers has for years realized that "even ordinary life can be immortalized through art."

He has a soft heart for the homeless, naturally, but not sympathy. He knows that with hard work, most can get off the streets. "I think I had about 150 jobs up until the age of 21," he notes.

Basically, he had a plan.

He was certainly willing to try because it was not an option for him to go home. So, he immersed himself in people (some he could trust, others he could not) and the art life of New York.

His books continue to be published. He believes it is because, as someone once told him, he can tell things or experiences to enlighten others.

The insights he gained from "life" fill the pages of "Marta." It is from his heart-one which was broken as a young boy many years ago.

Excerpt from his beginnings: "The smell of spray paint and tar filled the air on the upper scaffold on the West Side train depot. On this crisp, fall evening, the paint would leave a colorful mist of pinks, yellows and blues that would linger like a thick fog. When the night is clear, like tonight, you can see to both ends of the yard, which is helpful when you are not supposed to be there."



Dave Rogers has put out his first novel about his life as a homeless man. The book takes on literary genius as Rogers tells of how he saw his life through the art world of New York City.



CHEF AND AUTHOR ROGERS

Another excerpt, "The trek to the top was a dangerous one but it was the only way to stay out of direct eye-level of the police, should they be trolling the yard. We would climb street light poles and when on the outside of the platform, jump onto the ledge. It was a great risk and not easy when carrying a backpack of spray paint but the harder areas seemed to be the most sought out since it was harder for the MTA to remove your tags."

Rogers says after his military career, he couched surfed. But he "got off the couch" and started a new life. He loves to cook and has his own, "Cooking with a Veteran" Facebook page. His grandmother was the inspiration for many of his recipes.

About 2 years ago, he moved to Tennessee, which he says as far as rent, is actually more expensive. He lives with his genuine, Black Lab, service dog, "Grunt."

Now he's helping veteran organizations and anyone who might need encouragement in life.

Where is he planning to go in the future? Perhaps back to New York, someday. This time, he may see the art in a different way, because truly his life is forever changed.

Many of those he met on

the streets literally did not make it. So, in his heart, he knows he did the right thing by leaving when he did.

So, if one examines the life of author Dave Rogers, it likely will ring true that life really does imitate art.



HAPPY PLACE FOR LUNCH

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

A nice way to top off fast food lunch. A beautiful spring bouquet of daffodils.

Crime and Time

Jail intake Feb. 29-March 1, 2024

As reported by Bedford County Sheriff's Department

*William Arriaga Zuzun, driving on revoked and speeding

*Richard Clayton Baker, unauthorized use of auto/joy riding

*Danielle Leora Bryant, driving on suspended, violation of registration law

*Tyler Christian Douglas, violation of probation

*Reginald Franklin Jr., possession of schedule VI

*Brian Alexis Garcia-Medina, light law, no driver's license on demand

*John Brandon Gold, to serve time, General Sessions Court

*Joshua Airen Iverson, driving on revoked, speeding

*Marta Lopez Chanchavac, no driver's license on demand, speeding

*Kathleen Morganfield, driving on suspended, financial responsibility

*William Stacey Norwood,

violation of probation

*Garios Devonte El Nowlin, to serve time, General Sessions Court

*Nikolas Christian Osbeck, driver to exercise due care, driving on revoked

*Jaleesa Kiara Perkins, possession of schedule VI

*Amber Mai Nichole Rogers, violation of probation

*Jason Dewayne Tankersley, violation of probation

*Ruben Vazquez-Rodriguez, driving on suspended, light law

*Allissa Jeannette Young, failure to appear

Jail intake March 4 & 5, 2024

As reported by Bedford County Sheriff's Department

*Keenan Terrell Whitaker, assault, simple

*Alfonso Gomez Acosta, failure to maintain lane, no driver license

*Lamarsha Nicole Chaffier, driving on suspended, speeding

*Kevin O'Bryan Estrada

Pantaleon, no driver's license/demand, speeding

*Joshua Thomas Ferrell, hold another agency

*Richard Clayton Flowers, hold another agency

*Josefat Jose Gaitan Guzman, driving on suspended, financial responsibility, speeding

*Kayla Marie Gant, driving on suspended, speeding

*Keith Edward Hannah, homeless, violation of probation

*Manuel Alvarez Juarus, rape

*Amanda Sue Kelley, driving on revoked, DUI, improper regist. display, drug paraphernalia, simple possession, violation of implied consent

*Charles Antwain Lentz, theft of property

*Eric Winston Owens, failure to appear

*Jagdish Kumor Patel, improper display of registration, no driver's license/exhibited on demand

*Jeremiah Jason Powers, violation of probation

*Cesar Elias Ramirez-Sales, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, texting while operating a motor vehicle

*Sabrina Elizabeth Rhodes, hold, extradite to another state

*Elena Mercedes Rodriguez, light law, no driver's license/exhibited on demand

*Niceforo Ruiz-Najera, aggravated rape

*Abraham Smotherman, hold, extradition to another state

*Michael Harrison Stewart, homeless, criminal trespassing, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct

*Justin Torres, serve time, General Sessions Court

*Edward B. Westbrooks, violation of probation

*Keenan Terrell Whitaker, assault, fraudulent use of credit card/ATM card

THE ISSUE

THE ONGOING PROJECT

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Construction work continues on the North Brittain Street project. Heavy equipment and lots of workers seen this week in the trenches.



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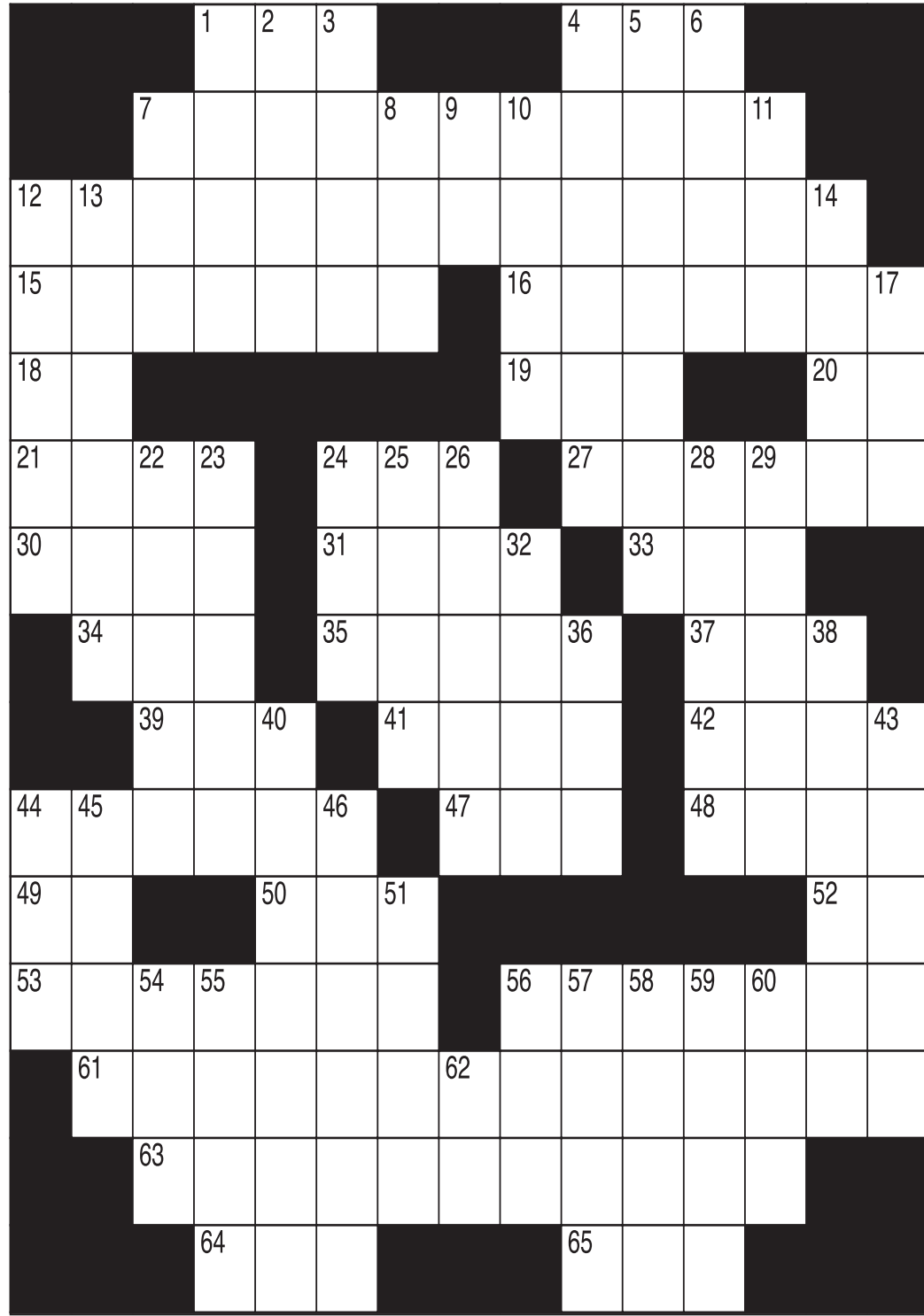
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Helps little firms
- 4. Political action committee
- 7. Allowed
- 12. Olivia Colman played one
- 15. Open
- 16. He had a notable lamp
- 18. Promotional material
- 19. Domesticated animal
- 20. Larry and Curly's buddy
- 21. The best ever
- 24. TV network
- 27. Checked for
- 30. Dry or withered
- 31. Expression of annoyance
- 33. Dash
- 34. Fifth note of a major scale
- 35. A secret clique
- 37. Partner to cheese
- 39. ___ school: where to learn healing
- 41. City in ancient Syria
- 42. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- 44. Established practice
- 47. Thanksgiving side dish
- 48. District in Peru
- 49. It's becoming more prevalent
- 50. State in India
- 52. Measure of illumination
- 53. Raised platform
- 56. Japanese warrior
- 61. R.L. Stevenson novel

- 63. Transitory
- 64. Advanced degree
- 65. Fiddler crabs

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Prevent from seeing
- 2. Czech city
- 3. ___ and Andy, TV show
- 4. A young pig
- 5. Removed surgically
- 6. Covered with
- 7. Chest muscle (slang)
- 8. Nigerian City
- 9. Midway between south and east
- 10. A way to shut
- 11. Stop playing
- 12. Marshy places
- 13. Takes apart
- 14. Ten cents
- 17. A gesture of assent
- 22. Scent
- 23. Teletypewriter
- 24. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 25. Hillside
- 26. Taxi driver
- 28. Semitic Sun god
- 29. Town in India
- 32. Traditional rhythmic pattern
- 36. Fugitives are on the ___
- 38. Type of dance
- 40. Two letters, one sound
- 43. Having a strong, pleasant taste
- 44. Golf score
- 45. Mayhem
- 46. Drenched
- 51. River in northeastern



- Asia
- 54. Drug to treat anxiety (abbr.)
- 55. Part-time employee
- 56. A very large body of water
- 57. Aboriginal people of Japan
- 58. Millisecond
- 59. Forearm bone
- 60. Subway dweller
- 62. Royal Mail

Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, if you notice you have been running into obstacles as you work to achieve your goals, you may want to step back and try to figure out another course of action.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, an offer that notes your efforts and achievements comes your way. Do not let this immediately go to your head, but enjoy the fruits of your labors.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21
Lately your willpower has been weak, Gemini. If diet plans are getting sidelined by your inability to stay on track, you may want to enlist a buddy to keep you motivated.

CANCER - June 22/July 22
Cancer, take a break when you can because there is soon to be a whirlwind of activity coming in your direction. Enjoy down time while it is still available to you.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23
Leo, exercise caution so that your actions are not misinterpreted. You do not want others thinking you are doing things for the wrong reasons. Try to lighten up and be positive this week.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
This week you could find yourself being the center of attention at a gathering with friends or family, Virgo. Use the opportunity to get your thoughts out there and heard.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, you will need to pick a course and stick with it, especially over the next few days. There is a lot of temptation out there but if you don't commit you'll never get things done.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Arguments that have been slowly building up may come to a head this week, Scorpio. Your best bet is to stay out of the fray by keeping your distance and avoiding commentary.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, it is possible that someone new you will meet this week can become a close friend who sticks with you through thick and thin. Look for this person in the days to come.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, now might be a time to figure out how to reduce some stress, especially if you find that people are avoiding you as of late. A change in attitude is all it takes.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
You might be ready to delve into the next chapter of a relationship, Aquarius. Figure out what means the most to you and move those priorities to the forefront.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Inspiration comes your way this week, Pisces. You will have plenty of time to do anything you want to put your mind to. Start making that running list of ideas.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY WORD SEARCH

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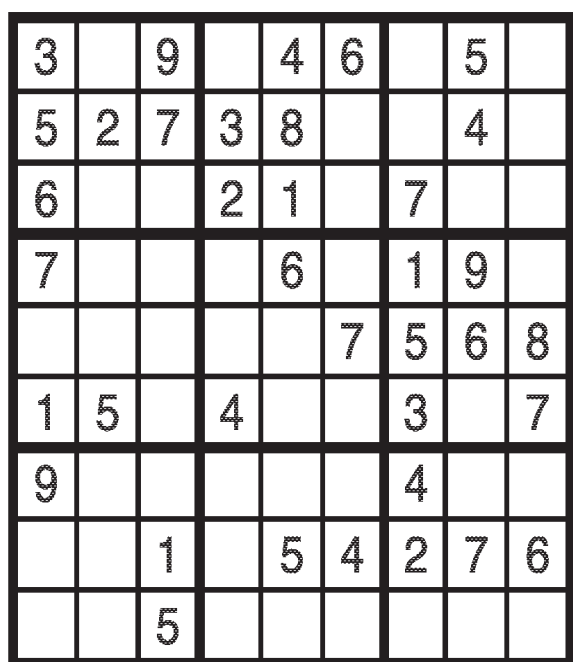
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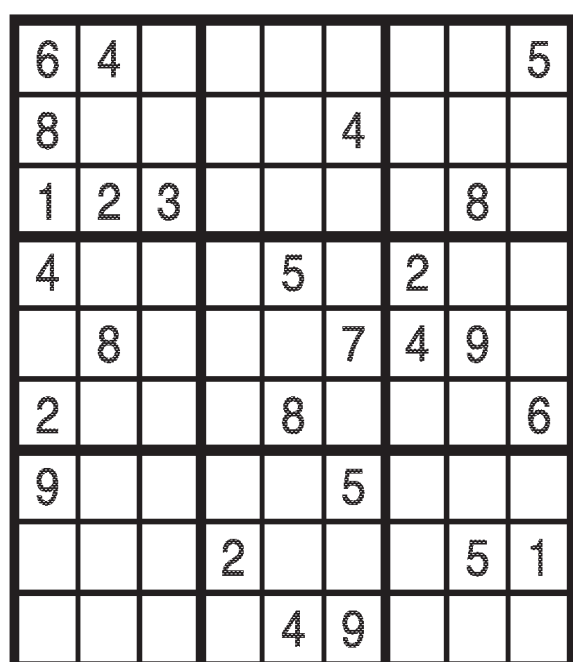
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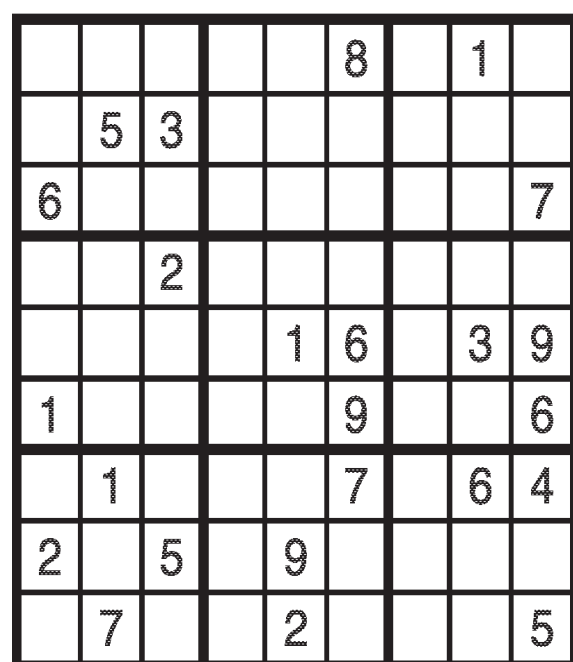
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Level: Beginner



Level: Intermediate



Level: Advanced

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- MARCH 10
Carrie Underwood, Singer (41)
- MARCH 11
Johnny Knoxville, Actor (53)
- MARCH 12
James Taylor, Singer (76)
- MARCH 13
William H. Macy, Actor (74)
- MARCH 14
Stephen Curry, Athlete (36)
- MARCH 15
Eva Longoria, Actress (49)
- MARCH 16
Lauren Graham, Actress (57)

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Fun ways for children to celebrate St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day commemorates its namesake, the patron saint of Ireland who helped spread Christianity across this island nation. While it may have begun as a religious holiday, eventually the fanfare expanded to transform St. Patrick's Day into a secular celebration spanning the world in reaching Irish diaspora in various countries. In fact, some of the largest St. Patrick's Day events occur outside of Ireland.

In addition to paying homage to St. Patrick, the holiday is largely known for being one big party catering to the over-21 crowd. It's common to find people raising pints throughout the day on St. Patrick's Day. However, for those who want children to be a part of the festivities, there are plenty of entertaining ways to incorporate them into any celebration.

Attend a parade

Parades are a common sight come St. Patrick's Day, and they are ideal activities for children. If your town or city is hosting a St. Patrick's Day parade this year, make plans to attend with the children. Follow safety precautions, including remaining socially distant, when necessary, and watch the floats, pipers, colorfully clad characters, and other participants go by.

Serve child-friendly beverages

For those hosting St. Patrick's Day at home, be sure to have a variety of foods and beverages on hand, particularly ones that children can enjoy. Whip up your own concoction like a Leprechaun Punch that features lemon-lime soda, green food coloring and lime sherbet.

Learn St. Patrick's history

Children may not realize that St. Patrick, even though he is the patron saint of Ireland, actually was born in Britain, according to National Geographic Kids. Also, he wasn't always associated with the color green; he was first depicted wearing blue robes. These are just some of the facts adults and children can explore together.

Collect clovers

St. Patrick used a three-leaf clover, or shamrock, to explain the basic tenets of Christianity. The three-leaf clover represented the Holy Trinity. If St. Patrick's Day falls on a nice day, everyone can venture outside to collect shamrocks and hunt for the elusive four-leaf clover, which may bring good luck.

Get dressed up

Children can have fun dressing up in all sorts of apparel. While green shirts are par for the course, kids also can don rugby or soccer shirts from their favorite Irish teams. Authentic Irish Aran wool sweaters and cardigans, or other traditional clothing, also can be worn. Kids may have fun making masks or hats they can wear as well.

What to know about canine epilepsy

Mano's best friend brings a lot to a household. Dogs are always there to welcome their owner's home, and dogs' upbeat attitude and playful demeanor can brighten any room they enter.

Dog owners exert a lot of energy to ensure their beloved companion animals have everything they need, and those efforts can extend to understanding potential health problems that can affect man's best friend. Epilepsy is a condition typically associated with human beings, but dog owners should know that the disease can affect dogs as well.

What is canine epilepsy?

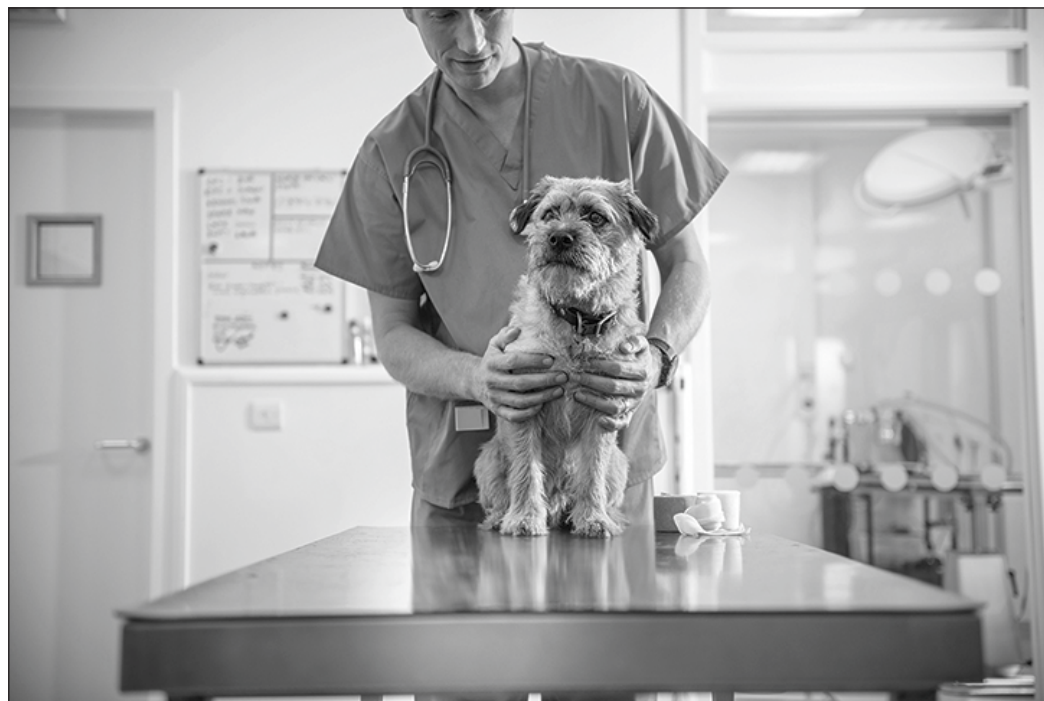
The American Kennel Club's "Canine Health Foundation notes that epilepsy refers to a heterogeneous disease characterized by the presence of recurrent, unprovoked seizures. These seizures are a by-product of an abnormality of the brain.

How common is canine epilepsy?

A study published in The Veterinary Journal found that canine epilepsy affects slightly less than 1 percent of the canine population. Though that makes canine epilepsy relatively rare, the AKCCHF notes the condition is the most common neurological disorder in dogs.

Are all instances of canine epilepsy the same?

The AKCCHF notes that canine epilepsies are typi-



cally classified into one of three categories: idiopathic, structural or unknown cause.

- Idiopathic epilepsy: Idiopathic epilepsy is marked by repeated seizures in dogs between one and five years old with a normal neurologic examination. A dog with idiopathic epilepsy has no known structural abnormalities of the brain. Idiopathic epilepsy is presumed to be inherited.

- Structural epilepsy: Structural epilepsy is diagnosed when a dog has seizures that are caused by observable damage to or malformations of the brain. The AKCCHF notes that structural epilepsy may develop after a dog has had an inflammatory

disease of the brain or suffered trauma to its head. Stroke or the growth of an intracranial tumor also can lead to structural epilepsy.

- Epilepsy of unknown cause: The AKCCHF notes this describes a condition when a structural cause is suspected but has not been identified during a diagnostic evaluation.

What can owners do if they suspect their dog has canine epilepsy?

Seizures can be frightening to witness. Dog owners who suspect their dog has canine epilepsy are urged to contact their veterinarians immediately. The AKCCHF urges dog owners to document specific details when a dog is having a sei-

zure, including:

- Affected body parts
- When the seizures occur
- The frequency with which seizures occur
- The length of the seizures
- Dogs post-seizure behavior: Some dogs quickly return to normal, while others may experience difficulty standing or moving; blindness; sedation; anxiety; or other behavioral changes.

Taking note of these details can help veterinarians as they try to identify the cause of seizures and design treatment plans.

Canine epilepsy can pose a serious threat to dogs. Dog owners can learn more at akcchf.org.

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Answers from last week

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Betty Finney Rabenau

Betty Finney Rabenau of Birmingham, AL, 82, died peacefully in the early afternoon of Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at Birmingham Baptist Medical Center after an extended illness.

Born June 24, 1941, in Shelbyville, TN, Betty was the daughter of the late Harry Bryan Finney and Elizabeth Davidson Finney (former Bedford County Schools supervisor) and was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Rabenau.

She pursued her passion for life and its details via the arts throughout her life beginning with bachelor's and master's degrees in fine arts at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia which extended to post-graduate studies at Cambridge University, England. Her professional career began as the first woman illustrator at Boeing working on NASA's Saturn V Apollo project, where she met her husband, Richard, of 45 years in Huntsville, AL and spanned teaching high school and college arts, interior design, and head of design at Floral Design in Arab, AL.

She is survived by her children Bryan Rabenau of Ridgewood, NJ, Richard Rabenau of Chelsea, AL, Karen Rabenau of Minneapolis, MN; sisters, Nancy Hulan of Shelbyville, TN, and Mary Lou Stone of Auburn, AL and preceded by Amy Lynn Wells of Shelbyville, TN; Grandchildren Lucas Rabenau of Ridgewood, NJ, Sarah Rabenau, Richard Rabenau, Hannah Rabenau and Ester Rabenau of Chelsea, AL, and Ellis Braun.

Funeral services will be held 12:00 p.m. Saturday, March 9, 2024, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Ronny Raines officiating. Burial will follow at Willow Mt. Cemetery in Shelbyville, TN.

Visitation with the family will be held prior to funeral services beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home.

The family requests that donations be made to the Birmingham Public Library @ www.cobl.org or by mail: 2100 Park Place Birmingham, AL 35203.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.



Horace Lyndell Gregory

Horace Lyndell Gregory, 76, of Shelbyville, TN passed from this life on Friday, March 1, 2024 at his daughter's home in Shelbyville after an extended illness.

Lyndell was born on September 26, 1947, in Manchester, TN to the late James Tennessee Gregory and Flossie Irene Stephenson Gregory. Along with his parents he was preceded in death by: wife of 46 years, Mary Joyce Gregory, siblings Doris Ray, Marie May, Frank Gregory, Cathy Troxler, James Robert Gregory and wife Patsy, Frances Melson, and his beloved pup, Sassy.

Lyndell retired from Jostens after 43 years of employment. He enjoyed woodworking, fishing, watching westerns and tinkering with the trucks he had collected throughout his life.

He is survived by daughters, Regina (Mike) Stewart of Shelbyville, Sharon (Shounak) Das of TX, and Angelia (David) Polasky of Shelbyville; grandchildren, Erica (James) Freebury, Erin (Stephen) Gannaway, Gabrielle Womble, Emma Womble, Daniel Das, Joshua Womble, Eli Das, Amelia Womble, Josiah Womble, Joseph Womble and 8 great-grandchildren. Siblings: Joann (Edward) Ashby, Roger (Sherry) Gregory, Becky (Allen) McBee; sister-in-law Carolyn Gregory; and brother-in-law, Bert Troxler.

Funeral services will be held 3:00 p.m. Sunday, March 10, 2024 in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Jeff Collett officiating. Burial will follow at Willow Mt. Cemetery.

Visitation with the family will be held Sunday, prior to funeral services beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.



Kathleen (Yeo) Shelton

Kathleen (Yeo) Shelton passed away on March 1, 2024, in Columbia, South Carolina, at the age of 90.

Kathleen was born in London, England on July 5, 1933, to Alice Maude Victoria and Wilfred Horace Yeo.

She loved Jesus and served him well. May her example light our way as we seek to do the same.

Kathleen was preceded by her parents, Alice & Horace Yeo, as well as her siblings, Norman Yeo, John Yeo, and June (Yeo) Dawkins. Kathleen is survived by her husband, Loyd, and four children, Stephen Shelton of Newton, North Carolina, Paul Shelton of Petersburg, Illinois, Lydia Beck of Decatur, Alabama, and John Shelton of Irmo, South Carolina. She is also survived by five grandchildren, Isaac Shelton, Logan Shelton, Taylor Shelton, Grace Shelton, and Rachel Castro.

The family would also like to express their deepest appreciation to Kathleen's caregiver, Rachel Troutwine. She loved and cared for Kathleen the way a daughter would, and in the process, became a much-loved addition to the family.

A funeral service is set for 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 8 at Doak Howell Funeral Home in Shelbyville, Tennessee. Burial will follow in Holland Hill Cemetery in Coffee County. The family will receive friends from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

The family requests donations be made in Kathleen's memory to Gideons International at PO Box 97251, Washington, DC 20090-7251 or at gideons.org/donate.



June Lentz McBride

June Lentz McBride, 95, died on March 4, 2024.

June was born to the late Franklin Dewey Lentz and wife, Ruby Turner Lentz, on August 25, 1928 in Shelbyville, Tennessee. She was married to the late Ralph McBride Sr. for over 42 years.

She is survived by her son, Ralph McBride Jr.

June graduated from Shelbyville Central High School in 1946. She received her B.S. degree from Middle Tennessee State College in 1950 and her M.S. degree from Middle Tennessee State University in 1972.

She taught in the Bedford County schools for over 35 years, first teaching home economics and other subjects at Community High School and later serving as librarian at Shelbyville Central High School.

She has been a member of the Bedford County Retired Teachers, the Tennessee Retired Teachers Association, the Bedford County Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, and the National Education Association. She was a Charter Member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Beta Nu Chapter. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for over 50 years, the Dixie Doll-ers, a doll club, for over 25 years, the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and the Bedford County Democratic Women.

June was the oldest member of First Presbyterian Church in Shelbyville. Visitation will take place on Friday, March 8, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, 2024 at Hillcrest Funeral Home, Shelbyville, Tennessee. Funeral services will be at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, March 9, 2024 at Hillcrest Funeral Home.

A lifelong supporter of schools and libraries, June requests donations be given to the Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library or a charity of one's choice.

Amie Boyd Marks

Amie Boyd Marks passed away peacefully on March 4, 2024, at the age of 92. She was born on November 1, 1931, to Kate Frierson Boyd and Thomas Franklin Boyd in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

She was the only child to loving and adoring parents. She attended local schools in Shelbyville and graduated from Ward Belmont in Nashville prior to attending Vanderbilt University. Amie was a devoted mother of four children. She overcame the challenges of being a Navy wife and later a single mother. She always prioritized her family and instilled in them the values of hard work, commitment, and the importance of having a good time.

Amie was a beloved figure in the American Saddle Bred and Tennessee Walking Horse community. She was an avid horsewoman and a World Grand Champion Equestrian. Amie was a founding member and director of the Bedford County Humane Association. She was a committee member of the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration and served as secretary of the Alabama Horseman's Association. A few of Amie's other accomplishments include secretary of the Mountain Brook Little League Association and a member of the Colonial Dames XVII Century for more than 25 years.

She was adored by all. "Queen" as her grandchildren called her, liked to have fun. Her laughter lit up any room she entered, and she loved to hold court. Amie is survived by four children, David (Bess) Shapard Marks III, Franklin (Cindi) Boyd Marks, Allan Wood Marks, and Amie Lee Marks, four grandchildren David (Raven) Shapard Marks IV, Kate (Chris) Marks Hines, Robinson (Ashley) Swift Marks, Christopher Boyd Marks and six great grandchildren. Visitation will be held at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel on Friday, March 8 at 5PM. The funeral will be held on Saturday, March 9 at 11AM at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel.

The family requests that donations be made to the Bedford County Humane Association. Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Miguel Munoz

Miguel Munoz Jr., 63, of Beech Grove, formerly of Shelbyville, died February 23, 2024 at Unity Medical Center in Manchester.

He was the son of the late Miguel Munoz Sr. and Mary Ann Crick Adcock.

He is survived by his sister, Angelitta Munoz of Moultrie, Georgia; his step-father, Morris H. Adcock of Tullahoma; step-brother, Kenneth Adcock; Aunts and Uncles, Connie L. Messer, John L. Crick, Donnie L. Crick, Tina Kirwan and Della Crick.

Per his wishes he will be cremated. No services are scheduled.



Teresa Elizabeth Hutt

Teresa Elizabeth Hutt 66 died March 3, 2024 in Hazel Green, Alabama.

Funeral Services will be held 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 7th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin at 12:00 p.m.

Teresa was born July 6, 1957, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama; she was a resident of the Skills Development Center of Shelbyville. She loved living plants and purple flowers.

Teresa was preceded in death by her parents, John William Hutt and Elizabeth Teresa Hutt and a sister, Mary Lou Hutt.

She is survived by her brother, John Joseph Hutt of Owens Crossroads, Ala. and a sister, Susanna Hutt Jacks of Hazel Green, Ala.

Shelbyville yards and roadsides are brightened this time of the year with lots of daffodils.

Gardening offers more than a day in the sun

Millions of people embrace opportunities to get back in their gardens each spring, and they might be reaping more rewards from that activity than they realize.

According to the American Institute of Stress, gardening sparks a level of creativity among enthusiasts, and that can help to alleviate stress by lowering levels of the hormone cortisol.

In addition, authors of a 2022 study published in the journal Urban Forestry & Urban Greening concluded that gardening during the COVID-19 pandemic helped people cope with coronavirus-related stress through outdoor activity.

From the Cleveland Clinic:

Cortisol is a glucocorticoid hormone that your adrenal glands produce and release.

Hormones are chemicals that coordinate different functions in your body by carrying messages through your blood to your organs, skin, muscles and other tissues. These signals tell your body what to do and when to do it.

Glucocorticoids are a type of steroid hormone.



They suppress inflammation in all of your bodily tissues and control metabolism in your muscles, fat, liver and bones. Glucocorticoids also affect sleep-wake cycles.

Your adrenal glands, also known as suprarenal glands, are small, triangle-shaped glands that are located on top of each of your two kidneys. They're a part of your endocrine system.

Cortisol is an essential hormone that affects almost every organ and tissue in your body. It plays many important roles, including:

Regulating your body's stress response.

Helping control your body's use of fats, proteins and carbohydrates, or your metabolism.



Suppressing inflammation.

Regulating blood pressure.

Regulating blood sugar.

Helping control your sleep-wake cycle.

Your body continuously monitors your cortisol levels to maintain steady levels (homeostasis). Higher-than-normal or lower-than-normal cortisol levels can be harmful to your health.

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SPORTS

Noah's Neutral Notations: Nashville SC's Latest Ticket Pricing Decision Helps Prove They Care More About Money Than Fans

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Nashville SC's season only recently has begun, but the administrative decision makers have wasted no time in jacking up ticket prices.

After reaching the inaugural Leagues Cup Final (a cash grab of its own from MLS that we can get into another day), Nashville SC qualified for what is now known as the Concacaf Champions Cup for the first time in club history. The CCC is the premiere federation-wide club tournament – North America's version of the most prestigious club tournament in all of soccer, the UEFA Champions League – and after defeating Moca FC 7-0 on aggregate in the first round of the tournament, NSC's reward in the next round is Lionel Messi and Inter Miami. The first of two legs in the Round of 16 will kick off at GEODIS Park in Nashville on Thursday, March 7th, at 7:56 p.m. CT with the return leg in Miami scheduled for Wednesday, March 13th.

This week of soccer should be exhilarating to the surrounding Middle Tennessee community, but unfortunately because of corporate greed spearheaded by club owner Ian Ayre and VP of Ticketing, Business Strategy, and Analytics, Mark Simmons, many of the most core and die-hard fans that pack GEODIS Park every matchday providing one of the best atmospheres and home field advantages in MLS are being priced out for the first leg match against Miami.

For example, in the supporters section – a standing-room-only section of the stadium where the majority of the die-hard fans stand and chant every matchday as the catalysts

for one of the best soccer atmospheres in the United States – the usual base face-value ticket price is somewhere between \$20-\$25.

This section has the cheapest tickets in the stadium because it is SRO, so in other parts of the stadium the tickets are more expensive. However, for the upcoming CCC R16 match-up against Miami, Nashville SC's base ticket prices for the supporters section in the presale window provided to season-ticket holders last week were listed at \$78 apiece, almost FOUR TIMES as expensive as the normal price. This is simply an absurd and blatant attempted money grab by the higher-ups of the club (specifically Ayre and Simmons) to take advantage of the greatest player of all time, Lionel Messi, coming back to play in Nashville.

According to CONCACAF rules for ticket prices, the federation leaves it up to the individual clubs. Once a club has finalized their pricing plan for the entire tournament, they submit it to CONCACAF for confirmation. The federation simply chooses to accept or deny the plan, they don't actually weigh in and suggest how much to charge for tickets. What this means is that Nashville SC submitted these obscene and exorbitant ticket prices for this round because since the bracket was already created with Inter Miami getting a bye into the R16, the club knew who the matchup would be from the jump. They unfortunately took advantage of the opportunity.

For comparison, the other MLS clubs submitted ticket prices for the supporters section that are almost identical to the original rates. As an example, the Houston Dynamo's

long-awaited return to the competition sees home match tickets at essentially the same prices as normal. Only Nashville has seen a price increase this drastic.

We haven't even touched on analysis of the actual games themselves. Nashville will most likely be without both of their star forwards for at least the first leg against Miami. 2022 MLS MVP Hany Mukhtar is seemingly still saddled with more of a short-term injury he picked up in the first leg against Moca FC, and striker Sam Surridge is sidelined with more of a longer-term shoulder injury that he picked up in the same match. The absence of both players has been even more pronounced by the playstyle of Gary Smith's side, and in both MLS matches to start the season without Mukhtar and Surridge, the offensive attack frankly looked futile for the majority of the 180 minutes.

This obviously does not bode well for the upcoming two-legged tie against Miami, and so far, the combination of extreme ticket prices and poor team performance has led to a stadium that is littered with seats all over that are still looking for a buyer. After getting priced out in last year's Leagues Cup Final under similar circumstances, a lot of fans have decided that this time it is simply too much.

The pricing for last year's final was determined by MLS, but this year the blame falls solely on the club, specifically Ian Ayre and Mark Simmons. A club that in its roots is run by the fans, for the fans. Unfortunately, since moving up to MLS to begin the 2020 season, that has gradually shown itself to be less and less the case.

To make a despicable de-



Lukas MacNaughton skies for a header against Inter Miami in the 2023 Leagues Cup Final at GEODIS Park. Photo by Nashville SC.

cision even worse, the usual matchday rule of allowing only Nashville SC related jerseys and paraphernalia in the supporters section is being ditched for the upcoming match against Miami as well for the first and likely only time in the club's history. One would assume such a drastic change is a last-ditch attempt to try and maximize ticket sales in the stadium's cheapest section, and unfortunately the recent actions taken by the club's front office make this difficult to disprove.

The biggest problem with all of this is that the club is, by default, not investing in actually growing local fan support for the club in the long term. The front office and decision makers seem to be solely invested in maximizing the short-term profits and maximizing revenue with the fan support that is already established. That is how you run a club when you blatantly disregard and disrespect the core fanbase that provides the special environment and support a front office cherishes. It would almost

be more accurate to change the name from Nashville Soccer Club to Nashville Soccer Corporation with the way the core fanbase is repeatedly taken advantage of monetarily.

I will admit, I am currently a NSC season ticket holder in the supporters section, and this is my third consecutive year of consistently going to support the club on matchdays. I was at last year's Leagues Cup Final (I opted in for the entire tournament and was awarded with only having to pay the \$20 face value ticket price for it) and experienced first-hand just how special GEODIS Park's environment can be. Now, I shudder to think of how Thursday's home leg against Miami will look and sound and feel inside of GEODIS Park.

I don't know how to fix this problem, or if there is even hope for it to be fixed barring a change of ownership. These thought-processes have been hinted at

with a few questionable decisions in the past, but this obvious Champions Cup price-gouging paired with is by far the most obvious indictment of such a mindset.

If Nashville somehow managed to find a way to squeak past Messi's Miami, I would be absolutely shocked if the ticket prices weren't dropped back to normal for the rounds moving forward. This entire situation is just an incredibly disrespectful slap in the face to the tens of thousands of fans who even made it possible for ownership and the front office to have a team to control in the first place. If this blatant disrespect continues, soon enough fans will simply stop going to games, stop supporting the team, and stop investing their hard-earned money, time, and resources in a club who continues to show themselves to only care about revenue.

Cascade Senior Wrestler Isaac Chapa Sets New Program Record in Final State Tournament Performance

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At the TSSAA Wrestling State Tournament on Saturday, February 24th, history was made. Cascade's Isaac Chapa finished in second place in the 190 lbs class to set a new program record. Founded in 2018 by now-Athletic Director Andy Giel, Chapa marks the first time that any member of Cascade Wrestling made it even as far as the Championship Match.

However, if there was any wrestler to do it at Cascade over the last four years, Chapa was always going to be the one. The senior finished on the podium in three of his four seasons, including sixth place last year.

"It [placing 2nd] feels amazing of course, but I'm more excited for whoever will be the one to surpass it and take home a state title," Chapa said, "I just wanted to be an example and show that it's possible, and I feel like I succeeded in that."

He definitely did show it was possible, coming up just short in the final round, 4-2, against Tullahoma. However, it was the stark improvement from his junior to senior season that is really where the inspiration will be drawn from moving forward.

"I obviously got 6th last year, but I changed a lot," Chapa recounted, "I put in a lot more effort in



(From left to right) Isaac Chapa, Andy Giel, and Vayden Moore after the State Tournament. Photo by Jessica Chapa.

practice and in my training outside of that."

"It feels great to know that our hard work is paying off, and that this county can be known for producing some high quality athletes."

The senior wrestler was not the only athlete from Bedford County to show out at the state tournament. Logan McBee from SCHS took home first place for the first time in that program's history while Chapa's teammate, Vayden Moore, finished third himself in an incredibly impressive showing from Bedford County Schools' student-athletes.

Of course, none of these achievements would have been possible without the coaching staff, namely the aforementioned Giel and Sanders Lovvorn, and Chapa recognizes as such.

"Frankly, they [Giel

& Lovvorn] are the reason that I'm here," he explained, "They were every motivation to try the sport in the first place. The mental and physical strength I gained from this sport is like nothing else I've ever experienced, and our coaches knew exactly how and when to push us."

"It honestly made state easy because we had already been through a lot of tough situations by season's end."

Chapa also recognizes that he learned lessons in his time competing that not just pertain to wrestling, but to life as well.

"I didn't ever think getting here [2nd in state] was a possibility," he expressed, "Not until I got on the mat and won did I realize I could do it. That's something I intend to change because having this

kind of experience in my life has taught me to set the bar higher for myself."

"A lot more is possible than I or others would think."

Sports in high school are mostly about having fun, sure, but these life lessons that athletes tend to learn about themselves for the future are really what makes the experience last a lifetime. Improving one's confidence and self-esteem about themselves to where succeeding is not just a hope, but an expectation, is really where the biggest strides are made.

Unfortunately for Chapa, as a senior, he will be graduating in May and moving on, leaving a decorated wrestling career at Cascade behind, but leaving it behind with a standard and expectation for the future wrestlers.

"I think there are a lot of strong wrestlers coming up and I'm excited to see what they do," Chapa concluded, "I only wrestled for four years and made the podium in three, so I have no doubt that someone else can achieve the level of success I have if they put their mind to it."

"I just want to give God all the glory."

As wrestling continues to grow in popularity and in the minds of the Bedford County community, Chapa's thinking seems like a pretty solid line of logic moving forward.

Spring Sports Weekly Outlook

With all of the Bedford County Schools' winter season sports coming to a close, it's now time to move on and look ahead to the spring season. Baseball, Softball, and Boys' Soccer are on deck with all nine programs looking forward to a successful and exciting season in the final months of the school year.

Baseball

Shelbyville Central: 0-0 (0-0)

Upcoming Game(s): 3/11 @ Central Magnet at 6:00 p.m. and 3/12 @ Chapel Hill at 6:00 p.m.

Last Week's Result(s): N/A

Cascade: 0-0 (0-0)

Upcoming Game(s): 3/11 @ Richland and 3/12 @ Eagleville, LIVE on WZNG The Zinger 100.9 starting at 6:15 p.m.

Last Week's Result(s): N/A

Community: 0-0 (0-0)

Upcoming Game(s): 3/11 vs Dekalb County at 5:00 p.m. and 3/12 @ Franklin County at 6:00 p.m.

Last Week's Result(s): N/A

Softball

Shelbyville Central: 0-0 (0-0)

Upcoming Game(s): 3/12 vs Spring Hill at 5:00 p.m.

Last Week's Result(s): N/A

Cascade: 0-1 (0-0)

Upcoming Game(s): 3/7 @ Coffee County at 7:00 p.m. and 3/12 @ Blackman at 5:30 p.m.

Last Week's Result(s): 3/4 L 7-2 vs Blackman.

Community: 0-0 (0-0)

Upcoming Game(s): 3/12 @ Murfreesboro Central Magnet at 5:30 p.m.

Last Week's Result(s): N/A

Soccer

Shelbyville Central: 0-0 (0-0)

Upcoming Game(s): 3/12 @ Columbia at 7:00 p.m.

Last Week's Result(s): N/A

Cascade: 0-0 (0-0)

Upcoming Game(s): 3/12 @ Coffee County at 7:00 p.m.

Last Week's Result(s): N/A

Community: 0-0 (0-0)

Upcoming Game(s): 3/12 vs Middle Tennessee Christian at 6:00 p.m.

Last Week's Result(s): N/A

Eaglettes' Kyle Turnham Stepping Down as Head Coach...What's Next??

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"...this once-proud program and restore credibility. We accomplished that goal," said Turnham. "I'm proud of the work we've done. We've substantially improved the culture of the program 180° from the one we inherited. We just produced the 1st winning record at Shelbyville since 2017-18 and the 1st region win since 2016-17 as well."

"We will always be grateful for the experience and expertise Coach Turnham brought to the Eaglette program," commented Superintendent of Schools Dr. Tammy Garrett. "I'm proud of the

accomplishments of this coach and his team. Also, as a key organizer of our elementary basketball league, his legacy will be felt for years to come."

When asked about his experience serving in Bedford County Schools, Turnham replied, "I'm indebted to

Dr. Tammy Garrett for her support over the years; I couldn't ask for a better superintendent. I'm very appreciative for the support I've gotten from Prin-



Kyle Turnham announced his resignation from SCHS last Thursday after leading the program to its first winning season since 2017/18.

icipal Charlie Pope and School Board Chairman Michael

Cook as well. I am beyond appreciative to Rick Insell and his family for their belief in me and their support of me."

SCHS Principal Charlie Pope stated that Turnham guided the team this year to their best record in almost

a decade and also a second-round region tournament win.

"To say I'm saddened is an understatement," said Pope. "Coach Turnham has worked tirelessly to

resurrect the Golden Eaglette basketball program and has put it back on solid ground. I thank him for his contributions to his assistant coaches and especially to the athletes who have played under him for the

past three seasons." Pope added that Turnham adhered to a motto

that aided in putting the program on solid footing.

"Leave it better than you found it. That's exactly what Coach Turnham did."

"Last, but certainly not least," said Turnham, "I owe a huge debt of gratitude to my players, my seniors

and juniors in particular, who have been with me for the duration, and to my assistant coaches Marla

Agee and Alexis Whittington, for their outstanding contributions. They will all always hold a special place in my heart."

Turnham finishes his three-year stint in Shelbyville with a 35-44 overall record, but his positive impact off the court will be felt for years to come.

BCS Superintendent Dr. Tammy Garrett was among the many that were surprised to hear the news that Turnham had decided to step down, but almost immediately she was in talks with SCHS Principal Charlie Pope and others on the immediate next steps, including figuring out the traits of a viable candidate.

"We want to win, so obviously someone who is competitive, has seen and been able to reach suc-

cess, and knows how to get there," Garrett said. "Balance someone who knows the game well but can also get through to kids. That balance is hard to find, but we will find it."

"We want the best person that fits the vision to lead that program."

That vision encompasses a lot, especially at a program as storied as Eaglettes' basketball. Garrett continually expressed her gratitude towards Coach Turnham while also articulating her hopes for what the future head coach will bring to the program.

"We were not expecting it," Garrett reiterated, "but I do know that coaching is a very time-consuming and stressful job."

"Coach Turnham turned that program around, especially this year, and we want to continue that," she continued. "That's why it is extremely important to get this hire right moving forward."

The primary search team for new candidates will be spear-headed by Coach Pope, the County Athletic Director David Parker, SCHS Athletic Director Dee McCullough, and any Assistant Principals.

"Of course the hope is to find someone by mid-

April, but there is no reason to rush it if they haven't found the right person to lead that program," Garrett said.

Perhaps one of the biggest advantages of finding a new coach for a program as storied as this one is all of the extremely smart people that are available to request advice from. Rick Insell, Terry Looper, Turnham, and even Pope's coaching background will help out in the search process.

Garrett's final thoughts moving forward included how strong the district is when it comes to athletics, but also expressing how important the recently started elementary leagues will be to the new coach.

"When I came here [three years ago], the elementary league was a vision I had. [Cascade Boys Head Coach] Chris Lawson and Coach Turnham put it together and organized it, especially Turnham," she said, "and the reason for that is to have a competitive league to build for the future."

"We feel this is a great place to be," she concluded. "We support athletics as a district, and we are looking forward to finding a great candidate."

Arenacross Championship Set for Final Rounds at Cooper Steel Arena

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The final events in the inaugural year of Arenacross Championships in Shelbyville are set to take place on Friday and Saturday, March 8th and 9th, inside of Cooper Steel Arena.

Bobby Snyder, owner of Tristar MX, has brought Arenacross to Shelbyville for the first time, and as the conclusion of the very first year draws near, the excitement is palpable.

"I think it'll be fun, have some people out there cheering for all the kids racing," Snyder says, "We are excited to be here in Shelbyville, and excited to bring in racers from all over."

After having the inaugural outdoors season earlier in the fall, Snyder helped open Round One of the Arenacross Championship here in Shelbyville on November 11th of last year with racers from a multitude of different states

"We started in November, a brand new series in its first year," says Snyder, "and we even have racers coming in from Nevada to race our series. We usually have at least 13-15

states represented every round."

"The growth has been tremendous."

Arenacross is similar to another form of motorcycle racing, the Supercross, but there are some important distinctions. For one, Arenacross is kind of a blend between indoor Motorcross racing events and Freestyle MX, but put together into a multi-hour long performance with some incredibly fast-paced races that will keep you on the edge of your seat. Outside of the races, the crowd experience is well worth the price of admission.

According to Snyder, Arenacross is a "smaller scale Supercross" with man made obstacles and jumps that aren't "as big for distance" but are exhilarating nonetheless.

Of course to host an Arenacross tour, you obviously will need a track worth racing on. That is where Sonny Deegan comes in to fulfill the need and vision set forth by Snyder when he first started.

The goal starting out this year was to provide racers in the area with a real deal arena cross track, full scale, not a small track," Snyder

says, "He [Sonny Deegan] builds next level tracks. They are big but they are some of the safest tracks to ride on."

"We are just trying to give the racers what they are looking for," Snyder adds.

What the racers are looking for is a full scale track, as Snyder says that some of the smaller venues just are not challenging enough to a lot of drivers.

The series is under the AMA umbrella as well. AMA stands for the "American Motorcyclist Association." According to Snyder, it is a sanctioning body that comes up with the rulebook that they adhere to. AMA provides coverage to racers and promoters as well as supplying rules, and a nice perk is that everyone is under the same rulebook. This is especially helpful when it comes to classifying the different motorcycles, as much like Formula-1, how you build the vehicle is almost as important as who you have driving said vehicle.

"There are limited classes, and the rules clearly outline what you can and can't change on your bike," Snyder explains, "Open classes, seat heights, wheel sizes, they define every class, all 30 of them in our case."

Another perk with AMA, other than the fact that most professional circuits are sanctioned under it, is that they offer contingencies as well. For example, Honda is one of the name-brand manufacturers associated with the Shelbyville Arenacross circuit, and according to Snyder, there are some significant perks for the racers.

"A brand will give you X amount of dollars to race if you place in the Top 3," he says, "You race our series, and your manufacturer will pay you based on your results if you place on the podium."

That sounds like a sweet gig, but finishing on the podium is no easy feat.

Snyder also went into detail on how this upcoming



Drivers quickly exiting the starting blocks in a race from earlier this season. Photo by South Hart Photography.

final weekend of the circuit is expected to go on both Friday and Saturday.

"Friday doors open at 4 pm. with practice running from 5-9 pm. The format is the same as Saturday, grouped by engine size and rider ability," he explains, "Keep circling through, so we'll usually end up getting 3-4 practice sessions per class."

"Saturday we start practice at 10 am. with each class being broken up by skill level and engine displacement size," Snyder continues.

"We will have anywhere from 30 to 50 races depending on the number of entries. Heat races determine the starting gate in main if we don't have more than 15 racers. If we have more than 15, finishing in the top 6-7 guarantees a spot in the main while the rest go into LCQ. We begin the opening ceremonies at about 4:00 p.m. Then we should get through the main events and end around 8-9 pm."

For this upcoming event, the majority of that timeline, if not all of it, stays the same. The only adjustment is the fact that Snyder will be putting together round six and round seven into one Saturday, so the final day might last a bit longer than usual.

"There are going to be two main events on Saturday," he says, "Since the weather is abnormally warm out, outdoor is moving up their

scheduling because of that. This is the final indoor weekend."

Snyder wraps things up by talking about how he even got involved with Arenacross and why he was and is so intent and interested in starting and growing this circuit.

"My boys race. I have two sons [age 9 and 7] that race, and then when my youngest is old enough he'll race as well," Snyder expounds, "I own a rifle company in Clarksville and I just wanted to use that to help have something cool for the kids to run."

"The kids were the focus behind starting Tristar." In this inaugural Arenacross season, the kids have been the focus, but that isn't to say that the other ages have been thrown to the wayside. In fact, quite the opposite has occurred in the older age groups.

"Our age range is from four years old to 60," he says, "We usually have quite a few in the 50+ class, four or five every round, however, mainly it is from ages 6-17. Those are our biggest classes."

"These kids are avid competitors trying to make a living out of this. It is a full points series with championships at the end," Snyder continues, "They are all competing for a championship on Saturday."

As Snyder dove into detail on how the upcoming weekend is going to work, the tone in his voice picked up to where you could really tell there was a palpable excitement. Then that excitement quickly turns to gratitude when he talks about the things he has learned so far.

"Just the learning, it's always good to learn something new and get peoples perspectives on things," he says, "Just to see the growth of the series and knowing that we are doing something benefiting the sport on a local level, that's really cool."

"One of the biggest things since we started though has been the growth. It is awesome to see all the riders from all around come to race," continues Snyder.

"Loretto is where they race the Amateur National Championships," he concludes. "We have a lot of Loretto racers that race our series."

Tickets for the weekend are on sale online and will also be sold at the doors. The gates open at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday. Free tickets will also be redeemable to the first 100 people who use a special promo code, TGACMA2024, when ordering tickets online. For more information go to tristarmx.com.



Drivers perform big air jumps in a standard Arenacross race. Photo by South Hart Photography.

Bedford County property transfers

The following property sales were recently recorded in the Bedford County Register of Deeds office.

File date: Feb. 27

Location: Elizabeth Street; Seller, Thomas Edward Fraley, Edward Bartlett Fraley, Edward Bartlett Fraley Revocable Living Trust; Buyer, Scott Gillum, Carol Gillum; Price, \$100,000 (Deed).

Seller, Norma Beristain; Buyer, Carlos Matinez Cubillo, Fausta Sierra Garcia; Price, \$63,000 (Deed).

Seller, Randy Yarbrough, Randall E Yarbrough, Peggy D Yarbrough; Buyer, Dawndrea Lee Raines, Joseph Milton Bennett III; Price, \$200,000 (Deed).

File date: Feb. 28

Location: 511 Tines Dr. Shelbyville; Seller, Nashville SDH LLC; Buyer, Bryant Alex Bowers; Price, \$310,040 (Deed).

Location: Dunnaway St.; Seller, Francisco Jarquin Cruz; Buyer, Norma Judith Jarquin; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: Dunnaway St.; Seller, Norma Judith Jarquin; Buyer, David Blair, Sheryl Blair; Price, \$330,000 (Deed).

Location: 357 Grand View Circle Nor; Seller, Jeremy Banks, Keeta Banks; Buyer, Howard Douglas Evans, Paula Beth Evans; Price, \$615,000 (Deed).

Location: Madison St.; Seller, WDD Realty, Holly Willis Darby, Susan Willis Devening, Mary Alice Willis; Buyer, Terra Vesta Hillbilly LLC; Price, \$1,000,000 (Deed).

File date: Feb. 29

Location: 4748 Hwy 41A Eagleville; Seller, Colleen Hartstock, Deborah Clark; Buyer, Craig Hutchinson 2020 Irrevocable Trust; Price, \$750,000 (Deed).

Seller, Black Diamond Construction LLC; Buyer, Marie Dixon Brown; Price, \$390,000 (Deed).

File date: Feb. 28

Location: Ebb Joyce Rd.; Seller, Marie Clotilde Legrain; Buyer, Matthieu Legrain; Price, \$0 (QD).

Seller, Greg T Curl; Buyer, Don W Curl, Claudia H

Curl; Price, \$0 (QD).

Seller, Josh Simmons, Joey Simmons; Buyer, Simmjo LLC; Price, \$0 (QD).

File date: Feb. 28

Location: Coop Rd.; Seller, Ethan Graves; Buyer, James Abbot, Allyson Abbot; Price, \$330,000 (Deed).

File date: Feb. 28

Location: 512 Tines Dr. Shelbyville; Seller, Nashville SDH LLC; Buyer, Brenda J Dotson, Rita F Dotson, Clara S Dotson; Price, \$332,375 (Deed).

Location: Old Center Church Rd.; Seller, Faye V Fuller; Buyer, Twyla Fuller Ramsey; Price, \$0 (QD).

File date: Feb. 28

Location: 517 Tines Dr. Shelbyville; Seller, Nashville SDH LLC; Buyer, Deangelo LaJuan Ard; Price, \$326,475 (Deed).

Location: 155 Horseshoe Court Shelbyville; Seller, Mary Dell Kilgore Estate, Robert F Kilgore; Buyer, Brian Kilgore; Price, \$0 (Deed).

File date: March 1

Location: Whitaker Rd.; Seller, David P Williams; Buyer, Adam L Williams, David E Williams; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: 131 Cessna Ln. Shelbyville; Seller, Bonnie Quamen; Buyer, Kurtis Macgillivray, Jennifer Macgillivray; Price, \$400,000 (Deed).

Location: 105 Rippy Ridge Norman; Seller, David A Foster, Peggy A Elliott; Buyer, David A Foster Revocable Living Trust, Peggy Elliott Revocable Living Trust; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: 131 Rippy Ridge Rd. Norman; Seller, Peggy Ann Elliott; Buyer, David A Foster Revocable Living Trust, Peggy Elliott Revocable Living Trust; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: Hwy 64, Ruben Soto; Buyer, Magdalena Gomez Bates; Price, \$0 (Deed).

Seller, Stevens P Buchanan, Kimberly A Buchanan; Buyer, Ethan Graves; Price, \$1,000 (Deed).

Location: Davis St.; Sell-

er, Charles W Brown, Betty Ann Brown Gill; Buyer, R&H Properties, Wendell Eugene Ray, Shelia Marie Ray, Michael Dodd Hix, Theresa Hix; Price, \$197,000 (Deed).

Location: 2266 Hwy 41A Shelbyville; Seller, David Thomas Scott; Buyer, Sobiek Family Revocable Living Trust, Harold Sobiek Jr, Billiejo Lynn Sobiek; Price, \$330,000 (Deed).

Location: 107 Shanna Ln. Shelbyville; Seller, Lois Gail Merrit; Buyer, Steven L Mastin; Price, \$285,000 (Deed).

Location: Sun Circle; Seller, Janice H Carlton; Buyer, Juan Pablo Gomez, Elizabeth Sanchez Gomez; Price, \$106,000 (Deed).

File date: March 4

Location: Burns Rd. Shelbyville; Seller, Robert F Kilgore; Buyer, James Property Investments LLC; Price, \$160,000 (Deed).

Location: 105 N Main St. Normandy; Seller, Steven L Mastin; Buyer, Conner Haight; Price, \$209,900 (Deed).

Location: Burns Rd. Shelbyville; Seller, Robert F Kilgore; Buyer, James Property Investments LLC; Price, \$160,000 (Deed).

Location: Burns Rd. Shelbyville; Seller, Robert F Kilgore; Buyer, James Property Investments LLC; Price, \$160,000 (Deed).

Location: 1710 Madison St. Shelbyville; Seller, Kortney Elizabeth Painter; Buyer, Kayla Brook Baker, Jeremy Scott Smith; Price, \$250,000 (Deed).

Location: 727 King Ave. Shelbyville; Seller, Brayan Ramon Pichardo Maldonado; Buyer, Jose Pichardo Maldonado; Price, \$243,000 (Deed).

Location: 403 Winners Circle Shelbyville; Seller, Nashville SDH LLC; Buyer, Mary Christine Denby Pryor; Price, \$324,990 (Deed).

Seller, Simmjo LLC, Joey Simmons, Josh M Simmons; Buyer, Steven Lancaster, Deanna Lancaster; Price, \$649,999 (Deed).



Hello World

Daniel and Lena Richardson are proud to announce the arrival of Evelyn Grace Richardson. Evelyn was born on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Union City. She weighed 7 lb., 11 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Evelyn has four older siblings: Emmalyn (11), Elizabeth (9), Ella (5), and Benjamin (2). Grandparents include Lisa Richardson, and Terry and Debbie Larkins, all of Camden. Evelyn's great-grandmother is Lura Dean Melton of Camden. The Richardsons are the owners of Richardson Media Group.

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Milestones

The Ropers celebrate their 50th

Staff Report

It might be said that Jack and Karin Roper have loved one another through hell and high water.

Daughter Shauna Roper Mora shares her parents' life story as a couple in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary, which was Monday.

"My dad was born in Fort Worth, Texas and my mom in Munich, Germany; she came to the States with my Grandma when she was 4. They attended Spring Woods High School and as typical teenagers, could never imagine one day they'd ever date, much less be soulmates.

Yet shortly upon meeting, my mom shows her typical German temper added with her usual side of sarcasm and kept smarting off to my dad. He told her that she needed to stop and cool down, yet she continued making comments. So, he picked her up and threw her over his shoulder, carried her a block and a half and threw her in the community pool!

The flame was apparently ignited; they began dating at the age of 15 and have been by each other's side ever since. They married on March 4, 1974, at age 19.

They have overcome more than most, including the Great Flood of 1978, which flooded the Canyon they lived in with 29 feet of water! Barely escaping their home, they were stuck in a tree for 8 hours with my 2-week-old brother and watched their

home float away.

Emergency services concluded that there was no way they could've possibly survived. They refused to let my aunt go to them but they never gave up!

Upon hearing there was a newborn child, against police orders, a tow truck driver barged through the emergency vehicles and went down into the Canyon in a rescue attempt, knowing his decision could very well be fatal. He found my parents, brother and 13-year-old Aunt Michelle in a tree.

They rescued my dad last, just moments before the tree they were in washed away! After the water subsided, my dad walked the creek in tears because not only did they just lose everything, he had left his wedding ring and Texas A&M class ring on the dresser not knowing his house was soon to be floating away and never dreamed he would ever find them.

It wasn't until months later while again walking the creek, my dad picked up a clump of mud and it broke apart; shockingly he found both of his rings inside.

Their lives and love were meant to be. They went on to have a daughter two years later (me) and lived on my grandpa's Paint Horse Ranch, Roper's Canyon, where they were both involved with the horses and my dad had a large herd of Hereford Cattle he maintained.

We eventually moved from



Raising Longhorn cattle has been an interesting job since the Ropers retired.

Canyon back to Houston, where we were raised until relocating to Fort Worth for my dad's job in 1995; my father had a career in banking in Michigan for several years. He was transferred to Nashville/Franklin, where they resided until he retired in 2014.

They traveled the country. They were destined to be.

Since becoming husband and wife, they've overcome many struggles and have per-

severed no matter the obstacle. This past year has been very trying due to health issues, but they have stood beside each other every step of the way!

My dad turned 70 in December and my mom celebrates her 70th birthday in July. I am extremely blessed to have been raised in a home which showed me the real meaning of true love; they are the truest form of soulmates!"



Jack and Karin Roper were raised three doors down from each other as teenagers in Houston, Texas. On Monday, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on their farm, Roper's Ranch, in Shelbyville.

Shelbyville now has 2 McDonald's franchises

North Main McD's has grand opening

Shelbyville's North Main Street McDonald's franchise officially opened last Thursday before a large crowd. A ribbon cutting was held to commemorate the day of activities.

The ribbon cutting was postponed in January due to the snow storm.

Shelbyville Central High Band performed during the opening ceremonies.

Franchise owner Tim Funderbunk was present and talked with City officials following the ribbon cutting.

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Long-time McDonald's mascot, Grimace, was there to greet the guests.

Special offers were given to customers and refreshments served.



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