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# **Catching up on Bedford Business**



Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) are all important facets of career planning and interest at local schools. Community Middle recently hosted a special STEM night with lots of demonstrations. See more photos on page 3



Cooper Steel recently celebrated "World Kindness Day" by providing smiley face cookies to Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital staff. From left, Marissa Kraut, Cooper Steel; Angela Malik, Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital Chief Nursing Officer; Hannah Nihem, Cooper Steel.

## **Bella Chic Boutique: promoting small business**

By ZOË HAGGARD

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"I love to make people feel good about themselves," says Brittany Rhodes, owner of Bella Chic Boutique.

Rhodes opened Bella Chic, located at 300 N Brittain St, to offer everything in styles from formal to casual and in sizes newborn to 3X.

The name's got a nice

ring to it. And it has a similar ring to her last boutique Bellaboo Boutique, which Rhodes also owned in Lewisburg. Its namesake is Rhodes' daughter, Isabella.

Having moved to Lewisburg from Rochester, New York, Rhodes noticed there were no boutiques in Lewisburg. Always interested in fashion, she opened up Bellaboo seven years ago, which was the first of the now seven boutiques to open there.

When her kids transferred schools, Rhodes decided to make the move to Shelbyville.

Just in time, the former owners at 300 North Brittain decided to move their business. Rhodes found the location and opportunity perfect tim-

ing for her new boutique. 'Working in commercial real estate, I knew location was everything you have to have parking, road frontage," said Rhodes.

"When this came open, it was kind of like God saying, 'Hey, come over,' because I was running my ragged driving from Lewisburg to here."

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porting this great organiza-

business has sponsored

Christmas toy drives in the

past, Armbruster says it just

didn't seem the right mis-

sion in 2020, when so many people have been out of work due to COVID-19.

So the staff went to

work, setting up their display inside the collectible

mall, which is filled with

everything from antique clocks to T-shirts. There

will be discounts available

in the store on Saturday for

those who bring food items, Armbruster explains.

requested most by the soup

kitchen, she says, is bottled

water. She also would like to see canned meats, like

When giving canned

items to the needy, pop tops

are preferred but a little

luxury item can be a manu-

al can opener. Some of the

homeless do not have such

modern conveniences in

which to open their foods. While The Shops at

Main & McGrew team say

tuna, donated.

One wish list item

While the public square

## Coming up this weekend . .

• "Small Business Saturday" shopping day on the historic public square

•Wartrace Christmas Marketplace on Saturday. Photos with Santa available

•Bell Buckle's annual Christmas tree lighting and cookies exchange. Event starts at dusk on Saturday. Cookie contest. Hot cocoa and cookies served. (Bell

**Buckle's quilted Christmas walk featuring** historic homes and churches will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 3.)



Community Soup Kitchen," says Armbruster.
"We are so happy that

this had such a good turn-

**Small Business** Saturday is Nov. 27

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Time is running out to bring boxed and canned non perishables to The Shops at Main & McGrew (old Argie Cooper Public Library) at 100 South Main St. The "Small Business Saturday" shopping event

is this Saturday, Nov. 27. While we all know the last weekend in November is typically the busiest shopping season of the year, for Main & McGrew owner Danielle Armbruster, it means so much more. A volunteer with the Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen (SCSK), she's once again sponsoring her canned and boxed non perishable food drive for others in need.

Armbruster, says she was overwhelmed with the community's outpouring of support during the "Small Business Saturday 2020." She says the outpouring says a lot for this community, given the difficult year everyone had due to the pandemic.

The Shop was able to collect lots of food, along with \$300 in cash-all donated to Shelbyville

they enjoy seeing the donations come into the store,

they enjoy most being at SCSK to see it given out to those in need. "I love being there . . . meeting all the people that come through," adds Armbruster.

out . . . . Thank you to the Time is running out to donate canned food items at The Shops at Main & McGrew. community as well for sup-Bring canned and boxed non perishables to the store on Saturday, Nov. 27.

### Boutique

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It took some remodeling to transform a bakery with a commercial kitchen into space for clothing racks and dressing rooms. Rhodes said she couldn't have done it without her fiancé Brent who helped her with the contractors, and for "bearing with me even when I had him moving truck loads of clothes, purses and accessories from Lewisburg."

completed, Once Rhodes even had room for friend and licensed massage therapist Tricia Taylor to set up a room. As different as the two businesses may sound, both Rhodes and Taylor bring business to each other those seeing Taylor get to experience Bella Chic and vice versa.

So besides opening shop every day with the expectation of building up another wonderful clientele, Rhodes says other local businesses have been a great environment. For example, Koffee Beanz next door has brought a lot of business to Bella Chic.

"It's not competition the more things you bring to the area, the more likely people from other places are going to come in," Rhodes said.

Rhodes assured she doesn't want to sell something that doesn't look good on her clients and as a business that runs by word of mouth, compliments like "I love your shirt. Where'd you get it?" goes a long

"People, essentially, are my brand," Rhodes said. "I always say I would rather make a dollar off of 100 people, than 100 dollars off of one person."

When setting up for the first time in Lewisburg, Rhodes said getting the merchandise was "overwhelming."

"It's a learning curve. Something I may wear; you may never wear out. And I think basically you have to learn there are so many styles that you have to carry because people want different things," she said.

But it kicked off and leaving Lewisburg was bittersweet.

In the spirit of wanting to be different, Rhodes only orders a set of one piece of clothing once. A dress she carries now, she will never carry again except maybe in a different color when they sell out.

Any items that Rhodes may receive that are minimally damaged, like with a pin-sized hole, are either put on sale or donated to teenage girls in need. Rhodes also selects a local girl to provide a free outfit

"You need to do what makes you happy in life," Rhodes said, "And it makes me happy to see someone walk out and say, 'wow, these fit," or 'wow, I can't believe I'm in this size."

Bella Chic's hours on Black Friday, Nov. 26, will be from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. The first 20 customers will receive what Rhodes calls "swag bags," each valued at \$100 and full of local goodies.





## NEW BOUTIQUE OPENS

Bella Chic Boutique, a new clothing shop at 300 North Brittain St., is named after owner Brittany

T-G Photos by Zoe Haggard

# First Community Bank provides financial learning to local schools

**T-G STAFF REPORTS** 

First Community Bank of Tennessee stepped up to make partial or full remote learning in the wake of COVID-19 easier.

Thanks to their sponsorship, over 1,830 students and teachers at Shelbyville Center High School in Bedford County have free access to Banzai. Banzai is an awardwinning online financial literacy program and content library of articles, calculators, and personalized coaches. All of these resources are available to students at home or in the classroom via any device that can access

"I would like to say a sincere thank you for sponsoring the Banzai workbooks for my classroom," says teacher Chase Jones. "These are instrumental in helping our students gain a better understanding of personal

"Banzai is a web-based financial literacy program. Kids get their own accounts, and they work through assignments that are based on real life," says Morgan Vandagriff, co-founder of Banzai.

"But because First Community Bank of Tennessee is sponsoring it, local schools get it for free. More than ever, it's important that kids develop sound financial skills to prepare them for the real world, and First Community Bank of Tennessee realizes that and they're doing something about it."

Banzai content builds a foundation of practical knowledge and gives students the tools to create a sound financial future. While students learn, teachers can easily monitor and grade their progress remotely.

After finishing Banzai, students will know how to track where their money is and what it's for, recognize financial trade-offs, build a budget, and more. At a time when many are facing unprecedented financial challenges, these lessons are invaluable.

First Community Bank of Tennessee is working with

Banzai to build financial literacy in the community by investing time, money, industry experience, and a variety of bank resources. Beyond the Banzai library, First Community Bank of Tennessee also offers virtual or in-classroom presentations from local experts on timely topics. Banzai resources are used by over 80,000 teachers

across the U.S. The courses align with Tennessee's state curriculum requirements, making the program a fun way for students to gain vital financial literacy skills.

Teachers interested in using the Banzai program with their class can visit firstcommunitybanker.teachbanzai.com or call 888-8-BANZAI. For more information about Banzai visit teachbanzai.com For more information about First Community Bank of Tennessee visit firstcommunitybanker.com.



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### Nationwide already expanding waste management

Nationwide Express, Inc., of Shelbyville recently announced its expansion of the new service that began in March to offer businesses and residents of middle Tennessee sustainable solution options for their waste management needs.

Nationwide Waste Management is the newest division of Nationwide Express, a trucking, ware-

housing and logistics company celebrating year 40 of operation.

Nationwide Express

"We started Nationwide Waste Management as a response to repeated requests from our clients to provide sustainable solutions for their waste and recyclable products generated through manufacturing, building, remodeling and demolition.

President David Coffey said,

By partnering with them and implementing solutions to meet their needs,

we have already reached

our first milestone and have

doubled our waste manage-

customers." Like its parent com-

ment fleet to support our

pany, Nationwide Waste Management is committed to utilizing late model, fuel efficient equipment and deploying the latest safety technology to ensure this service is operated at the highest level ofsafety standards. Coffey

will also provide a fleet

of 2021 dumpsters built

said Nationwide commitment does not stop there. "We

to last decades. The fleet includes a wide selection of 20-, 30-and 40-yard boxes, all ready to deliver to businesses and residences in the Middle Tennessee Market. For more information

about this service and/ or Nationwide Express, Inc.,please contact: David Coffey, president Nationwide Express, Inc., at 931-680-2400 or email dcoffey@nationwideexpress.com.

# **Community Middle School conducts STEM Night**

cience, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) all vital components of future career choices, according to Tennessee Department of Education.

Given the critical nature of much of the work in this cluster, job possibilities abound even in times of economic downturn. More scientists, technologists and engineers will be needed to meet environmental regulations and to develop methods of cleaning up existing hazards, according to the education department.











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record if any. The property described as follows to-wit:

Lying and being in the Seventh (7th) Civil District of Bedford County, Tennessee, bounded and described as

Beginning at the intersection of the right of way of the Lynchburg Highway and Center Street, said point being the southwest corner of this lot; thence with the east right of way line of Center Street north 38 deg. 45 min. east 183 feet to an iron pin; thence south 51 deg. 15 min. east 70 feet to a stake; thence south 38 deg. 45 min. west 174.5 feet to a stake in the north right of way line of the Lynchburg Highway; thence with the said right of way north 58 deg. 15 min. west 70 feet to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Joanna Jackson, subject to a life estate retained by Opal F. Jackson, by deed of record in Deed Book 241, page 680, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee. By way of recital, the said Opal F. Jackson died on October 29, 2005.

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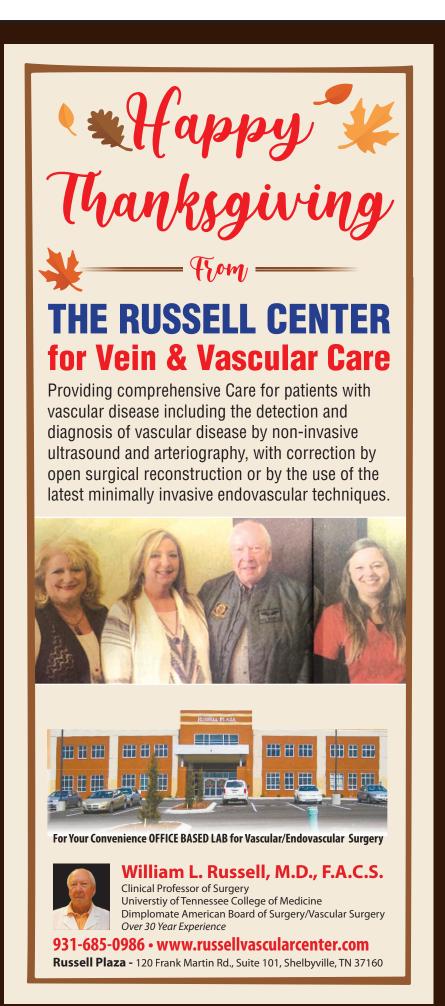
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## **Cupcake wrappers**

ear Heloise: My cupcake wrappers used to be all over the place in the cupboard. Finally, I used an empty frosting can to hold the wrappers. No more wrappers spread all over the shelf. -- Corrine K., Amarillo, Texas

### SHRIMP DIJON

**Dear Heloise:** You have a recipe for Shrimp Dijon that I dearly love. However, I've lost the recipe. Would you repeat that in your column? My brother is coming for a visit, and I'd like to make that recipe for him. --Mary Ellen C., Sedona, Arizona

Mary Ellen, this is one of my most requested recipes! Here it is. You'll need:

1/4 cup butter or mar-

garine 1 1/2 pounds peeled, deveined shrimp

1 medium onion, thinly chopped 1/4 cup flour

2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

1 1/2 cups milk

1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon pepper

1 6-ounce package cream cheese, softened

Melt butter or margarine in frying pan, add shrimp and onions, and saute for 3 minutes; do not brown. Sprinkle flour into mixture while thinning the mixture with the milk a little at a time to avoid lumping. Add mustard, nutmeg, salt and pepper and cook for 3 to 5 minutes. Stir in cream cheese until blended and

warmed through, but DO NOT BOIL. Serve over If you enjoy this recipe, I think you will like all the recipes in my pamphlet "Heloise's Main Dishes and More." There are so many ways to invigorate a meal with a new recipe. To get a copy, just go to www.

Heloise.com or send \$3 along with a stamped, selfaddressed long envelope to: Heloise/Main Dishes, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Nothing feels more like home than a hot, delicious meal at the end of the day. -- Heloise

### **NO MORE BATTER** DRIPPING

Dear Heloise: I used to have waffle batter dripping all over my counter, until I made a discovery. After I pour the batter into the waffle iron, I leave the top of the waffle iron open for about 30 to 40 seconds and then close the top. No more mess on my counters. -- Allison D., Santa Rosa,

### **INSTANT POTATOES**

Dear Heloise:

California



Whenever I made crab cakes for dinner, I used to use breadcrumbs. One night I discovered that I was out of breadcrumbs, so I replaced the breadcrumbs with instant potato flakes. They proved to be a good binding agent, and my family seemed to enjoy the instant potato flakes a little more than the breadcrumbs. -- Sarah T., Oakdale, Louisiana

### **GRAVY**

Dear Heloise: Every year the whole family celebrates Thanksgiving at our place. While everything is usually served hot, the gravy used to get cold rather fast. I finally figured out that if I served it in an insulated coffee carafe instead of a gravy boat, not only would I have hot gravy, I wouldn't have to keep filling gravy boats.

Also, I used to use cloth tablecloths, and after the holiday that meant a lot of washing and ironing. Now I use a paper tablecloth and just wrap it up and toss it out. -- Helen R., Ogden,

Dear Readers: If this dreadful stink has ended up inside your auto, first open all the doors and windows to see if the smell will dissipate. If it does not, take these steps to get rid of it, inside and outside of your car.

-- Spray an odor neutralizer on fabric upholstery. Be sure to scrub the rubber or carpet mats with hot, soapy water.

-- To get rid of the smell on the outside of your car, get it to a car wash ASAP.

-- Mix hydrogen peroxide and water together. Put this solution in a spray bottle. Spritz the tires and underside of the car. Wipe up any peroxide drips, because it has the potential to bleach some surfaces.

### FROSTING A CAKE

Dear Readers: If you are having trouble getting the icing smooth on a crumbly cake because the icing is sticking to the spatula, here's how to solve the problem. Put the cake in the freezer and leave it until the cake is firm. Then when you frost it there won't be the sticking or unevenness of the icing. Also, dip the spatula in hot water before using and wipe dry. -- Heloise

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### **YOU CAN HELP**

### **Toy drive**

The Shelbyville Central High School Criminal justice Student Organization is conducting its fifth annual toy drive to raise toys for needy children in Bedford County. The drive is designed to help children ages 3-12 years of age. Donation bins are located at Celebration Feed, Tractor Supply, CO-OP & Dollar General. Families needing donations can call Chris Hobbs at the CTE-Annex, 931-684-1889. Toys will be distributed December 8.

### **Angel Tree**

The annual Angel Tree is now in place at Shelbyville Recreation Center. Pick an "angel" from the tree, purchase gifts for that needy child and return them by December 8.

### **THURSDAY**

### Thanksgiving meal

Free Thanksgiving Day dinners will be available from 10 a.m.-noon Thursday, November 25 at Bird Street Church of Christ, 428 Bird St., in a joint effort with Fairlane Church of Christ. Delivery will be available within Shelbyville. Orders can be placed at 931-684-3876 or birdstreetcofc.org.

### FRIDAY-SATURDAY

### Phelps in concert

Multi-Dove and Grammy Award-winning recording artist David Phelps will be featured Nov. 26 and 27 at the Annual Christmas Barn Bash, 2659 Culleoka Highway in Culleoka. Concerts begin at 7 each evening. Gates to the farm open at 4:00 each day, with concert seating in the Barn opening at 5:30 p.m. Complete information may be obtained by visiting www.davidphelps.com.

### **Wartrace Christmas**

Wartrace is holding a Christmas Marketplace on Saturday, November 27,

which is National Small Business Day. Local artisans, bakers, and crafters will be set up on the town square throughout the day. Food and photos with Santa will be available.

### **Bell Buckle** lighting

Bell Buckle's annual Christmas Tree lighting and cookie exchange will be held at dusk Saturday, November 27 on the quilt square. Hot cocoa and homemade cookies are part of the celebration. Cookie entrants should email Betsy Wheeler, bwheeler58941@ gmail.com, by Friday, November 26.

### DEC. 1

### **Retired Teachers** meeting

**Bedford County Retired** Teachers will meet 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 1 at Urban Plantation, Jeff Yoes will be speaking.

### DEC. 2

### **SCHRA** board

South Central Human Resource Agency's governing board will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, December 2 at SCHRA's central office, 1437 Winchester Highway in Fayetteville. Committees will meet at 10 a.m.

### DEC. 3

### **Quilted Christmas**

A Quilted Christmas walk featuring historic homes and churches will be held from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, December 3 in Bell Buckle, sponsored by the town's Chamber of Commerce.

### **Holiday Night Market**

Bell Buckle is holding its annual Holiday Night Market from 4-8 p.m, Friday, December 3. Live Christmas music, children's games, Santa and hayrides through town and food vendors are scheduled.

### DEC. 4

### **Christmas Parade**

"A Super-Hero Christmas" will be the theme for this year's Shelbyville Christmas Parade, scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. Saturday, December 4 along the traditional route — the Shelbyville square, north on North Main Street and

east out Madison Street to Celebration Drive. Entry forms are available on the Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page. The parade is sponsored by the Chamber and the Shelbyville Jaycees. A preparade Christmas party will be held on the square from 2-3:30 p.m.

### **Pet Parade**

Bell Buckle's Pet Parade will begin at noon Saturday, December 4. Sleigh rides with Santa will be available and the Flat Creek Dancers will perform.

### NOV. 29-DEC. 3

### **Veterans deliver**

**Bedford County** Veterans Service Office will be accepting calls for food boxes from Monday, Nov. 29, to Friday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Those in need of a food box may call 931-685-4838. The boxes will be delivered Saturday, Dec. 11, by veterans.

### DEC. 5

### **Craft fair**

Horton's Holiday Craft Fair is scheduled Sunday. December 5 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Henry Horton State Park's Conference Lodge. Entry is free but visitors are asked to donate a new tov. For more information visit tnstateparks.com/parks/ events/henry-horton or email kerry.naccarato@

### DEC. 6

### **Bag Day**

Good Samaritan will hold another Bag Day on from noon-2 p.m. Monday, December 6 at 201 E. Highland St.

### **DEC. 10**

### Chili supper Thomas Magnet School

PTO is holding a chili supper and silent auction from 4-6 p.m. Friday, December 10. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children. A meet and greet with Elsa, the Ice Princess is included plus a dance party with Elsa for an additional donation. The TMS Drama Club will perform Frozen Jr. beginning at 6 p.m. (ticket must be purchased.)

### **DEC. 18**

### **Story with Santa**

Shelbyville Recreation Center is hosting Storytime with Santa at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, December 18. Preregistration is required at 931-684-9780. The event includes cookies, milk, a toy for each child and a story read by Santa Claus.

### ONGOING

### **No Raus meeting**

Due to construction, the Raus Community Club will not meet in November.

### Soup kitchen

Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen serves meals from 4-5 p.m. Tuesdays at the old Save-A-Lot building on South Cannon Boulevard. One take-away meal per person present, with come-and-go service only. Donations may be made to Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen, 122 Public Square N., Shelbyville, TN 37160 and are tax deductible under its 501c3 non-profit designa-

### **DesJarlais forum**

Lynne Davis, field representative for U.S. Rep. Scott DesJarlais, is available from 10-11 a.m. each Thursday at the Bedford County Courthouse to field constituent questions. DesJarlais, who represents the 4th District, will not be present.

### **Seniors meals**

Shelbyville-Bedford County Senior Citizens Center will have meals available for curbside pickup until further notice. Call April, 931-684-0019 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. weekdays for more information or to place an order. A two-day notice is required.

### County meetings

**Bedford County** Courthouse is closed for government meetings until at least March due to remodeling. Meetings of the full County Commission are held at Shelbyville Central High School auditorium on Eagle Boulevard and committee meetings at Bedford County Office Complex on Dover Street.

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### **Church of Christ**

This upcoming Sunday

at Fairlane Church of Christ the sermon will be "A Faithful Church." It is part of the series, "The Body." The scripture text is Matthew 25: 31-40.

### **Baptist**

Pastor Bobby McGee's

sermon Sunday morning at Grace Baptist Church will be: "I Will Dwell In The House Of The Lord Forever." Text is Psalm 23:1-6.

will have worship services on Sunday, Nov. 28, at 10:00 a.m. with guest speaker Dave Thibodeaux. The Children's Christmas play, "A Very Mixed Up

empty plastic bottles, cans,

plastic and paper, and now,

there's a simple antidote:

Calvary Baptist Church

sented at 5:00 p.m. that night.

Christmas," will be pre-

### **United Methodist**

On Sunday, Nov. 28, Shelbyville First United Methodist Church will have its Hanging of the Greens service for the First Sunday of Advent. The Rev. Dr. Paul H. Mullikin

will share a message called, "Looking Forward in Hope," using Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 as his text. As well as being held in-person on the public square in Shelbyville, this service will be live streamed on the church's Facebook page and broadcast on WLIJ (987 FM/1580 AM.)

### Try 'inbinning' to end the year on a greener note

If you're familiar with popular "unboxing" videos on social media, you can probably imagine that's exactly how this holiday season will look — on repeat. With everyone ordering more items online than ever before, unboxings will be a daily - if not hourly — activity. But what can you do

with all the extra packaging and waste that tend to pile up over the holidays? It's time to amp up your recycling game

Nobody wants to clog

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up trash containers with

#inbinning. Dropping your recyclable items into a recycling bin is a small act that can result in a big impact. You should also make sure you are following local guidelines on what materials are (and aren't) recyclable.

Here are some helpful tips to improve your #inbinning process so you can help make the world a little greener:

.Ext. 226

### **Get good recycling bins**

While some communities provide recycling bins for curbside pickup, it helps if you also have smaller recycling bins for easy use inside the house to collect recyclable items. Place them in your kitchen, garage and/or any other areas where you're likely to be unboxing, discarding packaging or finishing a beverage. This makes it easier for everyone in the family to participate in your household's #inbinning efforts.

### **Get the whole fam** involved

A quick refresher on how and what to recycle will help everyone in your household participate in this season's #inbinning. Very young children love to help out and to feel like they're part of a larger effort, and recycling items isn't hard for them to do. Explain how even these small acts can have a big impact on the environment, and that the best time to start

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# **Champs struggle late in home loss to Nolensville**

For the T-G

Monday night's matchup between the Cascade Champions (2-1) and the Nolensville Knights (2-1) saw no shortage of fireworks and intensity as the Knights snuck away with a 58-55 win over the

The Knights jumped out to a 6-0 lead early in the contest, but the Champions answered back with a 13-0 run of their own.

Senior Justis Carter was a key part of that run, contributing six of his 27 points in the first.

Carter's outing against the Knights was his thirdconsecutive 25+ point game to open this season.

"He (Carter) has worked extremely hard in the offseason to change his body, skill work and all of that. He's put in time. I think it's showing now because in three games and one scrimmage, he hasn't been stopped," Champions head coach Chris Lawson said.

"He's a tough matchup for anybody, but he's not enough by himself. We have to have consistency from three or four other guys to come in and be a threat with scoring and good decisions.

To end the first frame, Carter Hennings launched a fading 3-pointer through the net for the Knights as time expired, leaving them with a three-point deficit entering the second quar-

Back-and-forth competition continued into the second quarter with the Champions taking a 25-21 lead into the half, but not before Charles Winfrey laid one in at the buzzer for the Knights.

Winfrey finished with 22 points on the night.

Cascade was firing on all cylinders for the majority of the game aside from their disparity at the free- final eight minutes of the Champions.



Jackson Davis slices through the Nolensville defense and goes full extension en route to the rim.

throw line throughout the contest.

"The one stat that jumps out that tells the tale of the game is that we were 7-of-20 from the free throw line and they were 14-of-18 from the free throw line. That's your ballgame right there," Lawson said.

"We extended the lead to 10 or 11 a couple times, but never could push it to 15. The next thing you know we miss free throws, they have a chance, and they end up with the win." Carter continued to dom-

inate in the third quarter with 10 of the Champions' 16 points, including two fast-break dunks and a buzzer-beater of his own to end the quarter.

Cascade held onto a nine-point lead entering the

The Knights completely flipped the script, and exploded for 26 points in the final frame, nine of which were from behind

Nolensville hit five 3-pointers in the game.

Winfrey knocked a lengthy 3-pointer off the backboard and into the net with 40 seconds left in the game, giving the Knights a three-point lead.

Senior Lucas Clanton was a free-throw away from tying the game on the ensuing possession after a made layup and foul, but the misses from the charity stripe continued.

Nolensville knocked down two foul shots in the final seconds to secure the victory over the

Nine Champions saw the floor against the Knights with seven contributing to the final score, a trend that Lawson hopes will be successful this season.

"Hoping that it will be an advantage because we have guys that can play, but we just talked about that in the locker room. When we sub, we can't have a letdown. When we sub Justis Carter out for a break, someone else has to pick up the slack," Lawson said.

"Tonight when we subbed him out, they immediately went on a 6-0 run the first time, a 5-0 run the second time. That's part of it being early in the season and trying to figure it out. Who can play what and where? We still haven't figured that out yet."

See Champs, Page 6A

### Viqueens hold on for road victory

By RICKEY CLARDY Sports Writer

**FAIRVIEW** -The Community Viqueens saw a huge lead dwindle to just one point late, but the Viqueens held on for a 52-46 victory over the Fairview Lady Jackets in a basketball

Community (3-0) led from start to finish and got off to a quick start in the opening quarter.

matchup Monday night.

Haley Mitchell had eight points and M.J. Simmons added four as the Viqueens took a 15-4 lead to the second quarter.

The Viqueens added to their lead in the quarter as Zoey Dixon and Simmons each scored four points. Meanwhile,

Community defense kept the Lady Jackets in check as the Viqueens took a 31-12 into the intermission.

Fairview found the range with 17 points in the third quarter, but the Viqueens still maintained a doubledigit lead as Mitchell led the way with six points and Breanna Whitaker added

Community took a 43-29 lead to the final quarter.

The Lady Jackets battled back with the help of Viqueen turnovers in the

With points hard to come by for Community, the Lady Jackets got within one at 47-46 with 1:38 to play.

The Viqueens responded as Simmons scored all nine of Community's fourth quarter points, including the final five points as the Viqueens averted danger and stayed unbeaten. Simmons had 19 points

and Mitchell netted 14 to lead the Viqueens. The Viqueens were 9-of-15 at the free throw line

while the Lady Jackets were Community will host Richland Tuesday night.

Game time is 6 p.m. Community 15 16 12 9 — 52 Fairview 4 8 17 17 — 46

Community: M. J. Simmons 19, Haley Mitchell 14, Breanna Whitaker 7, Addison Brothers 6, Zoey Dixon 4, Shelby Cawthon 2, Jacey Collier. Fairview: Gigi Harris 8, Anastasia Bierly 7, Mary Jane Kinton 7, Rylie Dillingham 6, Summer Anderson 2, Emma Sharp 12, Maddie Brewer 2, Anna Marie Brown 2. 3-Point goals: Community (3): Brothers 2 Whitaker; Fairview (3): Sharp 2, Kinton. Halftime score: Community 31, Fairview 12.

# Vikings rebound for first win

BY RICKEY CLARDY Sports Writer

FAIRVIEW - What a difference a game makes.

After losing their previous game by 32 points, the Community Vikings righted the ship and used a 23-point scoring night from senior Stratton Lovvorn to defeat the Fairview Yellow Jackets 56-49 in a basketball contest Monday night.

Community (1-2) started on the right foot with Lovvorn scoring nine points and Cole Crockett adding four as the Vikings took a 15-13 after the first quarter.

Crockett netted four points in the second quarter, but the Vikings could only muster nine points as a team as the Yellow Jackets scored 14 points and took a 27-24 halftime lead.

The Viking defense came up big in the third quarter as Fairview could only manage four points. Meanwhile, Lovvorn scored nine of the Community 14 points as the Vikings took a 38-31 lead to the final quarter.

Maki Fleming scored six points and Lovvorn added five as the Vikings stayed in

points en route to the win. Crockett scored 10 points to join Lovvorn in double

control with 18 fourth quarter

figures. The Vikings finished 10-of-21 at the free throw line while Fairview was

12-of-20. After making just one three-pointer in each of their first two games, the Vikings were on target for six treys against the Yellow Jackets with Lovvorn connecting on

four.

Community: Stratton Loworn 23, Cole Crockett 10, Maki Fleming 8, Jacob Flanagan 6, Trace Broiles 1, Corey Paterick 6, Jason Cullum 2, Noah Newkirk, Landon Loworn, Ramone Hernandez, Gunnal

6, Jason Cullum 2, Noan Newkirk, Lariuou, Lovvorn, Ramone Hernandez, Gunnar McGowan. Ramone Hernandez, Gunnar McGowan. Nathan Dillingham 8, Kennedy Pendergrass 6, Carter Durham 4, Jon Sawyer 4, Shammah Takop 2, Mays McCoy 15, Jack Estes 5, Jackson Arnold 3, Jacob Neel 2.
3-Point goals: Community (6): S. Lovvorn 4, Paterick 2; Fairview (5): McCoy 3, Dillingham, Estes. Halftime score: Fairview 27, Community 24.

# Lady Champions fight, but fall to Nolensville

For the T-G

For most of Monday night's matchup with the Nolensville Lady Knights (2-1), the Cascade Lady Champions kept it within reach before Nolensville eventually broke it open for a 46-32 non-district

first points of the game on the board courtesy of a Caroline Stone layup at the 5:30-mark of the first After a few added buck-

Cascade (0-3) put the

ets from Stone and fellow senior Jordan Green, the Lady Champions entered the second quarter with a three-point deficit despite the Lady Knights' fullcourt pressure defense.

Stone and Green led both teams in scoring with 12 and 16 points, respec-

The majority of Stone's points came in the first half while Green was able to split her contributions evenly between the two halves. Nolensville, led by

Leilani Washington's 10 points, finished the game with seven different players scoring points with most of the damage being done from behind the arc. On the night, the Lady

Knights connected on six of their three-point attempts compared to zero from the Lady Champions. Neither team reached

the free-throw line much in the first half aside from one miss for Cascade and two

misses for Nolensville. scored the Lady Champions However, both teams



Caroline Stone eyes the rim as she powers her way through the Nolensville defense.

shot fairly well from the in every quarter of Monday back to play on November

line in the second half. Cascade finished 6-of-

9 from the line while Nolensville connected on 8 of their 11 free throws, shooting an almost per-

fect 7-of-8 in the fourth The Lady Knights outnight's matchup leading to their 14-point win. Six Lady Champions

received playing time on the night with only four board.

schedule before returning

putting points on the Cascade will take a 3-Point goals: Cascade (0) ; Nolensville (6): Galloway 3, Moody 2, Dickenson. Halftime score: Nolensville 20, Cascade week-long break in their

29 for a home game versus Moore County at 6 p.m. Nolensville 11 9 11 15 — 46 8 8 7 9 — 32

Nolensville: Leilani Washington 10, Olivia Galloway 9, Paige Dickenson 7, Faith Moody 6, Sara Grubesic 5, Sydney Dickinsen 5, Sarah Brewer 4. Cascade: Jordan Green 16, Caroline Stone 12, Annabelle Calvert 2, Sophie Ray 2.

**FRANKLIN** Shelbyville Central's Golden Eagles jumped out to an early lead and never looked

**T-G STAFF REPORT** 

Page in the Thanksgiving

Classic at Centennial High

School in Franklin, TN.

the first quarter, 40-19 at the three periods. back in a 59-49 win over

Devyn Heath scored 10 points for Shelbyville Central in a

Early lead powers Eagles to tourney win

win over Page on Monday evening.

including three 3-pointers

intermission and 52-40 after Senior J.J. Jones pitched in a game-high 21 points,

The Eagles (1-1) posted

leads of 11-4 at the close of

T-G File Photo by Gary Johnson

➤ See **Eagles**, Page 6A

# Eaglettes hold off Northeast

What started off as a slow start turned into a good old fashioned shootout as Shelbyville Central was able to hold off Clarksville Northeast in a thriller, 49-47.

The two teams combined for just 11 points in the first frame and saw Northeast cling to a 7-4 lead after the first period.

Shelbyville responded by going on a 13-0 tear through the second quarter to rally for a 10-point halftime lead.

With both offenses struggling to consistently score in the first frame, the second half proved to be a

back and forth affair. Northeast, after being held scoreless in the second quarter, rallied for a 24-point effort in the third frame, while Shelbyville

managed just 12 more. While surrendering the lead back to Northeast, the game stayed just a one-pos-

With the third quarter tilting in favor of Northeast, it was Shelbyville Central who was able to execute in the fourth quarter with by working the offense and making free throws in the clutch.

As a team, the Eaglettes combined for 6-of-8 attempts at the free throw

Jaleigha Harris scored eight of her game-high 17 points to help lead the Eaglettes to the victory.

Joining Harris in double figures was Sammie Brown, who also hit double figures and added 10 points for the winners.

Shelbyville Central  $\phantom{0}4\phantom{0}13\phantom{0}12\phantom{0}20-49$  Clarksville Northeast  $\phantom{0}7\phantom{0}0\phantom{0}24\phantom{0}16-47$ 

Shelbyville Central (49): Jaleigha Harris 17, Sammie Brown 10, Paige Blackburn 6, Taylor Wessner 6, Jaz Western 5, Lanaya Young 5.

Young 5.
Clarksville Northeast (47): K. Mitchell 16,
C. Bowser 15, E. McCoy 11, A. Smith 3, D.
Brown, A. Hagins.
3-Point goals: Shelbyville Central (5):
Blackburn 2, Wessner, Western, Harris.

Halftime score: Shelbyville Central 17, Clarksville Northeast 7



Cascade saw 14 members of the 2021 football team earn All-Region accolades this season.

# Cascade High School All Region 5-2A

### **T-G STAFF REPORT**

After posting an 8-3 overall record during the 2021 season, including a TSSAA Class 2A playoff berth, several members of the Cascade Champion football team were honored for their efforts during the sea-

Ryan Inmon (MVP), Drake Hodge (Kicker of the Year), Elijah Arnold (All-Region), Blake Olive (All-Region), Sawyer Lovvorn (All-Region), Taylor Dowell (All-Region), Logan Morton (All-Region),

Xamarion Dixon (All-Region), Austin Powell (Honorable Mention), Jake Bates (Honorable Mention), Kobe Inmon (Honorable Mention), Lantz Peoples (Honorable Mention), Zac Payne (All-Region Manager), Chris Sullivan (All Academic Region).

### Champs

### (Continued from Page 5A)

Taking the first three games into consideration and looking ahead on the schedule, Lawson emphasized free throws and making the easier shots as areas of importance. "We have to make free

throws for one. Make short shots and layups. In the fourth quarter, we missed four shots underneath the basket. That's one number that jumps out at me."

"Truly, I don't think we did too bad on defense

because our goal is to hold teams to 60 points. Tonight, we just didn't shoot the ball well and do what we're sup-

Cascade will return to the court on November 29 at home against Moore County.

posed to do offensively."

Tip-off is set for 7:30

12 9 11 26 — 58 15 10 16 14 — 55 Cascade

Nolensville: Charles Winfrey 22, Carter Henninger 11, Ethan Bennett 8, Lucas Cascade: Justis Carter 27, Lucas Clanto 27, Eucas Clarkol 27, Chance Brown 7, Jackson Davis 5 Saac McElroy 3, Thomas Gentry 2, Zacl

3-Point goals: Nolensville (5): Winfrey 3, Henninger 2; Cascade (2): Brown Halftime score: Cascade 25. Nolensville

### **Eagles**

(Continued from Page 5A) to lead Shelbyville Central's scoring effort.

Zay Reese contributed 13 while Devyn Heath added 10 tellies for the Eagles.

Pierce Bruehl was top scorer for the Patriots with 18 points.

Shelbyville Central returns to action on Tuesday

Reese 13, Devyn Heath 10, Joe Harris 2, Jason Ragland 2, Kyler Trice 5, Jeremiah Jones 2. Page (49): Grant Snyder 6, Ethan Overstreet 9, Pierce Bruehl 18, Andrew Cucullu 2, Ryan Lange 14.

3-point goals: SC (5): JJ Jones 3, Reese 2:

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Jaleigha Harris lead the Eaglettes in scoring in the 2nd

win of season on Monday night.

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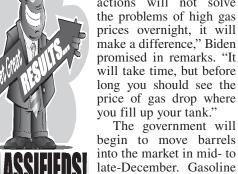
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survivors of homicide. That's why federal, state and local public safety officials have hosted "Tennessee Season to Remember" every year since 2003 to honor and remember victims and survivors of homicide.

This year, due to the ongoing pandemic, the virtual event will be live streamed from First Baptist Church in downtown Nashville at 5:30 p.m. (CST), Thursday, Dec. 2.

The ceremony can be viewed on First Baptist Church's YouTube page: https://www.youtube. com/firstbaptistchurch-

Scheduled speakers include Gov. Bill Lee (taped recording), former First Lady Andrea Conte, the founder of Tennessee Season to Remember, and Lisa Baker, this year's keynote speaker, whose husband Dickson County Sgt. Daniel Baker was murdered while on duty

on May 30, 2018. Traditionally, families from across Tennessee have gathered and placed ornaments on memorial wreaths in honor of their loved ones during this annual event and the wreaths are displayed in the Tennessee State Capitol throughout the

holiday season. This year, names will be read aloud during this special ceremony due demic. The Tennessee State Capitol and Korean Veterans Bridge will also be lit in purple to honor this event and homicide victims.

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Johnson's spokesman,

Max Blain, said it was

"a sensible and measured

step to support global markets" during the pan-

demic recovery. Blain

added that British com-

panies will be authorized

but not compelled to par-

U.S. and others also risk

counter moves by Gulf

nations, especially Saudi

Arabia, and by Russia.

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Security, Tennessee Department of Finance & Administration's Office Criminal Justice Programs, Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference, and the Tennessee Rehabilitative Initiative in Correction (TRICOR) are all working together on this year's

Also providing support are victim advocacy groups like You Have the Power and Tennessee Voices for Victims, U.S. Attorney's Office Middle District of Tennessee and the **Davidson County District** Attorney General's

### Biden releases 50 million reserve barrels of oil Record-setting order by president

President Joe Biden on Tuesday ordered a record-setting 50 million barrels of oil released from America's strategic reserve to help bring down energy costs, in coordination with other major energy consuming nations, including India, the United Kingdom and China. The U.S. action is

aimed at global energy markets, but also at helping Americans coping with higher inflation and rising prices ahead of Thanksgiving and winter holiday travel. Gasoline prices are at about \$3.40 a gallon, more than 50% higher than a year ago, according to the American Automobile Association. While our combined

actions will not solve the problems of high gas prices overnight, it will make a difference," Biden promised in remarks. "It will take time, but before long you should see the price of gas drop where you fill up your tank."

usually responds at a lag

and administration officials suggested this is one of several steps toward ultimately bringing down Oil prices had dropped

in the days ahead of the announced withdrawals, a sign that investors were anticipating the moves that could bring a combined 70 million to 80 million barrels of oil onto global markets. But in Tuesday morning trading, prices shot up nearly 2% instead of falling. The market was expect-

ing the news, and traders may have been underwhelmed when they saw the details, said Claudio Galimberti, senior vice president for oil markets at Rystad Energy. "The problem is that

everybody knows that this measure is temporary," Galimberti said. 'So once it is stopped, then if demand continues to be above supply like it is right now, then you're back to square one. Shortly after the U.S.

The British government

other countries' reserves. there were warnings from OPEC interests that those India announcement, said it would release 5 million barrels from its strategic reserves.

countries may respond in turn, reneging on promises to increase supplies in coming months. Wyoming Sen. John

Barrasso was among up to 1.5 million barrels Republicans who criticized Biden's announce-Japan and South Korea ment. The No. 3 Senate are also participating. Republican said the under-U.S. officials say it's lying issue is restrictions the biggest coordinated on domestic production

Office.

"Begging OPEC and Russia to increase production and now using the Strategic Petroleum Reserve are desperate attempts to address a Biden-caused disaster," Barrasso said. "They're not substitutes for American energy produc-

by the Biden administra-

Biden has scrambled to reshape much of his economic agenda around the issue of inflation, saying that his recently passed \$1 trillion infrastructure package will reduce price pressures by making it more efficient and cheaper to transport goods.

Republican lawmakers have hammered the administration for inflation hitting a 31-year high in October. The consumer price index soared 6.2% from a year ago - the biggest 12-month jump since 1990.

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# 2 unique ways to cook a Thanksgiving turkey

hanksgiving is a beloved holiday. Families may have their own unique Thanksgiving traditions, but one staple of this kickoff to the holiday season is bound to make its way to Thanksgiving dinner tables no matter how unusual families' holiday celebrations may be: turkey.

Much effort goes into picking and preparing a Thanksgiving turkey. Depending on the size of the bird, turkeys can take many hours to cook. Thanksgiving celebrants are no doubt familiar with ovenroasted turkey, which is the most traditional way to cook turkey. But this year hosts who want to expand their horizons and think beyond the oven can consider two popular alternative methods to cooking a Thanksgiving turkey.

### Deep frying

Deep frying is a popular way to prepare foods at outdoor events. For example, stroll through the parking lot on game day and you're liable to find football fans deep frying their favorite foods at their tailgate parties. Turkey can be deep fried and this method makes for an ideal option for hosts who want to enjoy the great outdoors while welcoming friends and loved ones to their homes. Deep frying imparts a juicy flavor that can be hard to replicate when roasting a turkey. Deep frying is a much faster way to cook a turkey than cooking it in the oven. However, deep frying also can be more dangerous, so it's imperative that cooks remain attentive when setting up the fryer and while the turkey is frying.

Where to deep fry the turkey also bears consideration. The turkey experts at Butterball® recommend deep frying



the turkey outside on a flat surface that's far away from structures, including your home, garage, deck, etc.

The time required to deep fry a turkey will depend on the size of the bird, but experts note that it typically takes about 3 to 3.5 minutes per pound. Electric fryers may take significantly less time and they typically require less oil, so this is another option to consider. Many experts note that it's best to deep fry turkeys that are 15 lbs. or less, as the turkey will need to be completely submerged in oil when frying. In addition, turkeys larger than 15 lbs. may cook unevenly, which can affect flavor.

### **Smoking**

Smoking has grown in popularity in recent years as grills that make this method possible have become more affordable. Smoking is a "low and slow" method of cooking, so this option is ideal for people who intend to be home all day on Thanksgiving and want to infuse their birds with a smoky flavor. However, even busy hosts can still consider smoking, as electric smokers now allow cooks to remotely control the temperatures in their grills. That's important, as smoking requires cooks to periodically check the temperature on their grills to ensure it has not dropped too low or risen too high.

Smoking a turkey typically requires maintaining a temperature between 225 and 250 F. Cooking times for smoked turkeys are typically around 30 minutes per pound, though it can take longer if the temperature is lower. Because of the extended cooking time, hosts may want to pick a turkey that weighs around 15 lbs., especially if they don't have much experi-

This Thanksgiving, hosts can try something new by deep frying or smoking their

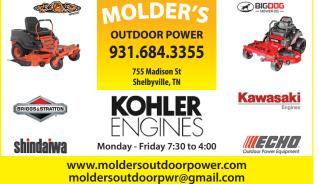
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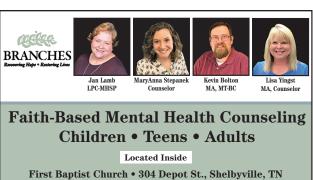


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### (Family Features)

If showing loved ones your appreciation with holiday presents is a tradition in your family, you can take that sign of affection a step further this year with gifts that give back to the world around you. For each of these holiday gifts, the foundation

For each of these holiday gifts, the foundation will plant one tree in a United States forest to help ensure a greener and healthier future. Find more environmentally friendly gift ideas at arborday.org/giftideas.

### A Warm Cup of Compassion

You can change the world one sip at a time by gifting delicious Arbor Day Coffee this holiday season. Grown under the tree canopy in Central and South American rain forests, the shade helps protect an entire ecosystem while maintaining fertile soil and providing habitat for wildlife. Expect a rich taste that offers as much flavor as environmental support-for every bag purchased, one tree is planted.

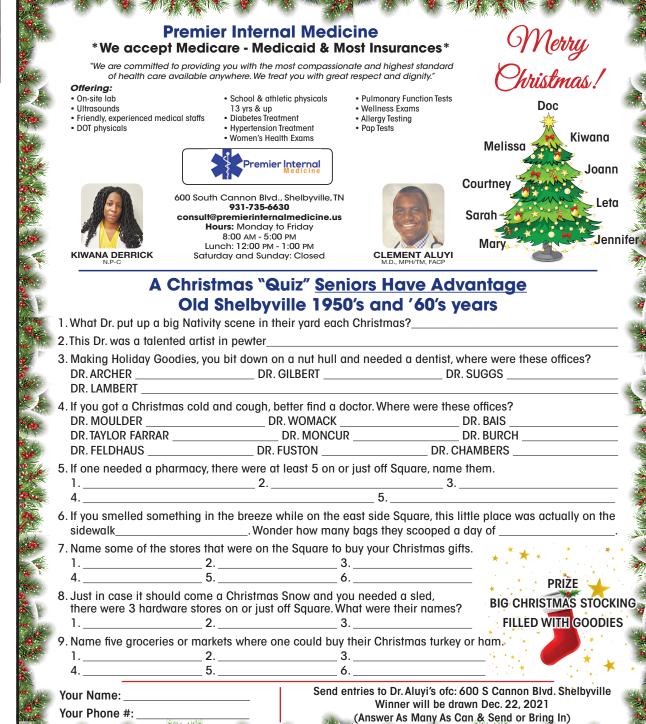
### A Gift that Lasts a Lifetime

Personalize gifts for those in your life with Give-A-Tree Cards. Each card you purchase plants a tree in honor of family, friends, customers or associates, helping bring the nation's forests back to life. Plus, you can personalize the cards for free and they'll be sent to you to sign and deliver personally.

### **Arbor Day Apparel**

No holiday gifting is complete without thoughtful stocking stuffers. Share your commitment to trees with a loved one by giving a t-shirt from the Arbor Day Foundation. Made from a 50/50 blend of recycled polyester produced from plastic bottles and organic cotton, each shirt, available in adult and youth sizes, is designed to be soft and comfortable. Produced using eco-friendly manufacturing processes, each t-shirt purchase also plants a tree in one of the nation's forests.





# FCM Cares hosts memorial golf tournament \$80,000 raised

Nashville, November 18, 2021 - FCM Cares, First Community Mortgage's nonprofit foundation, hosted the 8th Annual Tyler Morrissey (TMO) Memorial Golf Tournament Oct 14-15 at Indian Hills Golf Course in Murfreesboro. Over 36 teams (each day - the maximum allowed!) and 74 sponsors joined FCM Cares to celebrate Tyler's life and raise over \$80,000 for charity.

"This tournament has always been great, so it's especially heartening to surpass our previous 'high bar' with the biggest year yet," says Keith Canter, CEO of First Community Mortgage. "We look forward to the challenge of upping our game again each year as we come together for such a great cause."

FCM Cares hosts the tournament yearly to honor Tyler Morrissey's memory and better the lives of others. Tyler passed away due to a car accident at 21 years old. He was loved by many and had a huge heart for

others, especially children. TMO "The Golf Tournament reflects both Tyler's and our community's loving and giving spirit," says Melinda Morrissey, Tyler's mom. "It is such a privilege to be a part of this worthwhile two-day event with FCM Cares and First Community Mortgage that honors and supports local charities such as Christmas for the Children. On behalf of Tyler and our family I thank everyone who partic-

ipates in the tournament."
FCM Cares stated that \$40,000 of the proceeds will support Christmas



**Keith Canter** 

for the Children, a Parks Realty charity dedicated to creating magical Christmas experiences for Middle Tennessee families in need. Also, \$2,500 goes to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Research \$2,500 to the American Heart Association, and \$2,500 to the GreenHouse Foundation. Remaining funds go to FCM Cares' Giving Fund, a retainer used throughout the year to support employee fundraising initiatives and other community efforts and organizations.

Christmas for the Children was founded almost 30 years ago when Bob Parks began helping local families in need during the holiday season. Agents at Parks Realty have continued this tradition and expanded the program to include more children each year.

FCM Cares is First Community Mortgage's employee-directed foundation, focusing on serving four pillars in its commu-



nity: Education, Housing, Women and Children, and Veterans. www.FCMcares.

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# **Annual Chamber luncheon held**



Bedford County has a lot of good things going on right now you can just feel it, every-



Chamber CEO Lacey Deeds



Marsh explained recently at several venues, including Bedford County Board of Education and at the Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce lunch what's been going on in state government. Reeves said during Monday's luncheon that Bedford County is at 38 percent vaccinated.



STATE SEN. SHANE REEVES AND STATE REP. PAT MARSH



Guest speaker at the recent Chamber Luncheon was Fran Gray from the Alzheimer's Tennessee (not associated with the Alzheimer's Association), who presented State Reps. Pat Marsh and Iris Rudder from Winchester with a certificate of appreciate for supporting the Silver Alert bill.

# Delightful Dishes to Dazzle Holiday Guests

FAMILY FEATURES

ntertaining guests during the holidays isn't just about a main course that calls all to the table. What often makes a festive gathering more fruitful is a spread of delicious appetizers, delightful drinks and divine desserts that keep loved ones coming back to the kitchen for more.

For appetizing dishes from the first guest at the house to the last out the door, you can heighten the flavor and appearance of favorite recipes with one simple ingredient: apples. Ranging from tart to sugary sweet, finding the right balance for your palate is key. Scent can also influence taste, especially when you have a balanced sweetness with an uplifting, fresh aroma.

Turn to an option like Envy Apples this holiday season for satisfying texture and taste with a consistently balanced, refreshing sweetness coupled with a crisp, elegant crunch. They make for an easy snack when eaten fresh out of hand but are also perfect for holding over predinner appetites in small plates like this Bell-Issimo Brie Melt or Apple Stuffing Bites with Rosemary Gravy.

The versatile flavor of apples isn't just limited to foods, however. For the adults in the room, Pumpkin Spice Apple Cider with a splash of bourbon is a seasonally appropriate way to quench thirst and break the ice. Simply omit the bourbon for a kid-friendly version so the whole party can savor a sip.

Easy to spot with their crimson red skin over a golden background that practically glows, Envy Apples offer an easy, eye-catching way to try new tastes and celebrate joyful occasions together. The bright white flesh is naturally slow to brown when sliced for a fresher flavor in sweet treats like Apple Oat Crumble and Citrus Caramel Topping for a tasty way to elevate your holiday get-togethers.

Find more sweet holiday recipes at EnvyApple.com.

### **Apple Oat Crumble and Citrus Caramel Topping**

- 3 tablespoons sugar 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 Envy Apples, diced into large cubes
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup old-fashioned oats
- 1/2 cup cold butter, diced small
- 1/2 cup caramel
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 orange, zest only
- 1 tablespoon orange juice vanilla ice cream

Preheat oven to 350 F.

In bowl, stir together sugar and ground cinnamon.

Toss apples in lemon juice then in cinnamon sugar mixture. Spread in 9-inch pie dish.

In another bowl, stir together brown sugar, flour and oats. Using hands or fork, cut in butter until pea size crumbs form. Sprinkle evenly over apples.

Bake 40-45 minutes until mixture is bubbling and golden brown. Remove from oven and let cool 15 minutes.

In small pot, whisk caramel, salt, orange zest and orange juice

Spoon apple oat crumble over large scoop vanilla ice cream and top with salted citrus caramel.



Apple Oat Crumble and Citrus Caramel Topping



Pumpkin Spice Apple Cider

### **Pumpkin Spice Apple Cider**

- 1 Envy Apple, diced
- tablespoon butter
- teaspoon pumpkin spice
- 2 ounces bourbon
- ounces pumpkin spice apple cider demerara sugar Envy Apple slices, for garnish

### Photo courtesy of Getty Images rosemary, for garnish

cinnamon stick, for garnish In pan over medium heat, saute diced apples in butter and pumpkin spice

In glass, combine bourbon and pumpkin spice apple cider; top with sauteed apples. Add demerara sugar then garnish with

apple slices, rosemary and cinnamon stick.

### **Apple Stuffing Bites with** Rosemary Gravy

- 1 box stovetop stuffing
- 2 tablespoons butter 2 cups diced Envy Apples
- 1/2 onion, diced small
- 3 tablespoons butter tablespoons flour
- cups beef broth teaspoons kosher salt
- 20 turns fresh cracked pepper
- teaspoon Worcestershire sauce 1 tablespoon finely chopped rosemary

Preheat broiler.

Cook stuffing according to package directions; set aside and allow to cool slightly. In large saute pan, melt butter saute apples and onion until tender. Set aside to cool slightly.

Stir together stuffing and apple mixture. Spread stuffing on sheet tray and allow

to cool in refrigerator. After cooling, form stuffing into medium bites and place on sheet tray lined

with parchment paper. Broil bites until golden brown and slightly crispy.

To make gravy: In small pot, melt butter and whisk in flour. Cook flour 1 minute, whisking frequently.

Whisk in beef broth, salt, pepper and Worcestershire sauce; bring to boil, whisking frequently. Remove from heat and stir in rosemary. If desired, continue

gently simmering gravy to thicken. Arrange stuffing bites in serving dish and drizzle with gravy. Serve hot.



Apple Stuffing Bites with Rosemary Gravy



Bell-Issimo Brie Melt

1 round brie (6-8 ounces)
2 Envy Apples
1/4 cup walnuts
1/4 cup dried cranberries
firm crackers

Unwrap brie and place on microwave-safe dish. Cut off top of brie round and microwave 60 seconds until middle is soft.
Slice apples into thick wedges.
Top brie with half the apples, crushed walnuts and dried cranberries.
Serve with firm crackers and remaining apple wedges.

Bell-Issimo Brie Mel

# Give thanks for our blessings, big and small

ecause life is mostly made up of little experiences, occasionally interrupted by big events, it's easy to take the little things for granted.

But Shutterfly, the photography and imagesharing company, offers a list of 100 things, large and small, that we ought to single out for our gratitude this Thanksgiving. Our homes, our incomes

and our savings are three large items to be thankful for — especially if we still have them after nearly two years of a pandemic.

Clean water is something we take for granted in America, but much of the world lacks it, reports the Republic.

We take our indoor plumbing and electricity for granted, too.

We expect the lights to go on when we flip a switch, potable water to flow when we open a faucet, or the toilet to flush when a lever is pulled.

Most Americans have access to excellent healthcare.

Sure, it's expensive and our government has been incapable of improving it through much-needed meaningful reforms, but if we experience a health scare or get into an accident, most of us will be given the best of care.

Technology innovation is a big blessing.

It allows millions to work from home, rather than the office, and, aside from the rancor and divisiveness enabled by social media, it will solve

many more problems than it creates, and already is, according to Asia's online training platform EDUCBA.

Then there are the really big little things to be thankful for — like pizza.

I don't know that I've ever met anvone who doesn't enjoy it. It's festive and delicious and crosses party lines. No matter how bad our political divisions get, pizza can bring us together.

How about coffee? To me, this is one of life's greatest little experiences and one I enjoy twice

every single morning. The process of making coffee, the wonderful scent that fills the air as it drips into my mug, the waiting until the temperature is just right before enjoying the

first glorious sip... And bacon.

Sure, it's a bit controversial for some, and it's an early victim of growing inflation, but we can still run down to the convenience store for a dozen eggs and a package of bacon and life is good all morning long.

Then there's the afternoon nap.

Covid's workingfrom-home revolution has enabled the greatest increase in afternoon mental agility in the history of napdom.

And the belly laugh. It comes easily to the young as they frolic. We forget that we don't do enough of it as adults until we gather with our childhood friends and enjoy many much-needed belly laughs.

Now more than ever we need more belly laughing in America to disrupt our seriousness and political anger, which is resulting in a narrow understanding of current events and our fellow human beings.

Freedom of speech is certainly one of the biggest things we Americans should be grateful for at Thanksgiving — and every day — but it's something too many of our fellow citizens are trampling

We all need to renew our understanding of the importance of free speech and why it's so crucial to a civil, well-functioning and clearer-thinking republic.

In any event, whether it's for something as large as free speech or as small **Tom Purcell** 

Review Columnist

as pizza, giving thanks for our blessings is good for our health, according to the Harvard Health Publishing. Gratitude makes us happy.

Which is why we must go out of our way to embrace it this Thanksgiving.

 Tom Purcell is an author and humor columnist for the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review. Email him at Tom@TomPurcell.

# Bring your stories, hold your complaints

received a letter from prison the other day. .That's right. Prison – joint, slammer, big house. It never occurred to me

that some of my readers might be incarcerated. It has, however, occurred to me, at least based on the email I receive, that some should be. Nevertheless, when I

looked at the inmate number stamped on the envelope, my reporting juices began flowing. This could be some notorious criminal wanting to get something off his chest. A serial killer perhaps. Maybe this is my Truman Capote, "In Cold Blood" moment – a best seller, interviews, fame.

Then, I opened the envelope. The only part of the letter that made any sense was, "I read your article." The rest was an unintelligible mish mosh of footnotes, book recommendations, names of legislators and I think a recipe for chutney but I can't be sure. I didn't know what it all meant nor did I have any idea what he was asking me to do, if anything. The only thing that seemed clear was he doesn't like politicians or the media, which I suppose doesn't make him much different than the rest of us.

Still, I was disappointed. No confession, no expressions of innocence to consider, not even a cruel suggestion to "crawl back into whatever hole I crawled out of."

I'm a dedicated consum-

er of crime documentaries and it's a common theme for the accused to use the media to tell their stories and prove their innocence. What about me? I'm here. I'm open-minded. I can tell a good story. I just won't make one up, if that's what

you're looking for. I have been approached by those who found themselves sideways with our

legal system. I was once asked by a notorious fraudster to ghost write his memoir, which would include his take on how he was unjustly targeted by law enforcement, which he wasn't. I declined. I knew he was guilty and couldn't in good conscience write a book proclaiming his innocence, though I'm sure it would

have sold well. Better yet, I was once approached by a Nazi who



wanted me to tell the world his story, or at least his story according to him. This was a bona fide Nazi, as in World War II, Third Reich and so on.

He was an SS death camp guard during the war, but later made his way to the States, where he lived in relative obscurity until the feds picked him up in the early nineties. I covered his trial and, for some reason, he took a liking to me. Why me? To this day, I have to idea. Maybe it's my face. Could be that I have a trustworthy look. Could be that I look dumb enough to buy whichever yarn someone is spinning. Either is plau-

Anyway, the guy wasn't in custody during the trial and he frequently cornered me in the hallway to tell me the feds had it all wrong, that he was just a simple tool and die maker. (Is it me or is tool and die making a chosen profession for former Nazis?) One time he followed me to the bathroom to tell me that he was forced by the Nazis to work at the camp and that he actually wasn't such a bad guy after all. I turned him down for a number of reasons, not the least of which was I didn't want to add, "Nazi sympathizer" to my CV.

The U.S. government proved that he was, indeed, a very bad guy and he died years later while awaiting extradition to Germany on

murder charges. Perhaps I missed my chance, but I would like to declare my availability to the accused and convicted, you know, if you need to unburden yourself. Again,

not that I'm advertising. On the other hand, if you only want to complain, you'll have to wait in line with everyone else.

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## Chris Christie's rehabilitation humiliation

f Bill Murray were to star in a sequel to .Groundhog Day, he'd wake up to the Sonny and Cher alarm clock, take the cold shower, step in the puddle, parry the insurance agent, trudge to the gazebo...and see Chris Christie doing his same old song and dance.

Seriously, him again? Didn't this guy end his gubernatorial tenure with a 15 percent approval rating, then crash and burn as a 2016 presidential candidate? Wasn't it Christie who morphed from Trump foe to toadying manservant, then contrive to write a spin memoir and launch a rehabilitation tour just two short years ago? Didn't Christie hit the road with a media blitz in 2019, sort of praising Trump ("he has many of the qualities that define America's leaders") while sort of knocking Trump (it was a "tragedy" that he was so ill-served by his aides), in the hopes of grabbing a

piece of the action? Apparently it's time to rinse and repeat. Christie has a new book out now about how Republicans should reboot themselves by flushing all the lying sewage of recent years and rediscover the virtues of truth. Which is fine as far as it goes.

Naturally, he thinks of himself as the 2024

nominee who can lead the party back to sanity, and you can't blame him for salivating at the prospect. But because Christie is always trying to keep all his options open, he still can't explain why in 2016 he endorsed the con artist most responsible for the lying sewage... or why he's unwilling to rule out endorsing exactly the same

con in 2024. Christie still seems to think Trump is capable of being a better person. If only Trump would stop obsessing about his re-election defeat, things would be just ducky. In Christie's words the other day, "If he wants to be a positive force in the future, he's got to let this other stuff go." Right. And if dog poop tasted like ice cream, it would be on des-

sert menus. Christie's game is obvious. He's trying to stuff himself through the eye of a needle, damning Trump with faint praise and praising Trump with faint damns in order to (theoretically) woo the Republicans who are discomfited by Trump's fascist excesses - without quite alienating the MAGAts who still march

in lockstep. I guess we should give him points for trying. But good grief, it sure gets embarrassing.

Take, for instance, what happened on MSNBC this week when he ran into the buzzsaw best known as Nicolle Wallace. As my dear departed mother would have said, "It was a scream!"

Christie's new book laments about all the lies and disinformation that circulates in the media. But somehow, he just plumb forgot to mention the ceaseless contributions of Fox News. Wallace, the former Republican aide, decided to ask him why so-called media bias is more dangerous than conspiracy theories spouted by the likes of Tucker

Wallace: "I don't think it's an intellectually honest case to make against conspiracy theorists without taking on Fox News."

Christie: "Well, then listen, you can write that in your book." Wallace: "I'm not the

one trying to 'rescue' the Republican party." She continued: Wallace: "So you may

or may not support Donald Trump in 2024, you may or may not run for president, and a book about liars and conspiracy theorists doesn't have anything to say about Fox News."

Christie: "No, the book you're conflating it." Wallace: "If you want

to solve the proliferation



of conspiracy theorists without dealing with Fox News – it's like solving terrorists, without dealing with the terrorists."

Suffice it to say Christie's dumbo act with respect to Tucker Carlson – who has the highest rated show on Fox News - is more than a tad disingenuous. And suffice it to say that he omitted Fox News from his book because as a perpetual Republican candidate he can ill afford to alienate fans of the infauxtainment network. His whole

shtick is quite tiresome. Only fans of The Sopranos will get this closing reference, but so be it: I wish Bobby Bacala would just go away and play with his trains.

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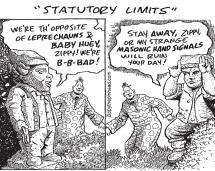






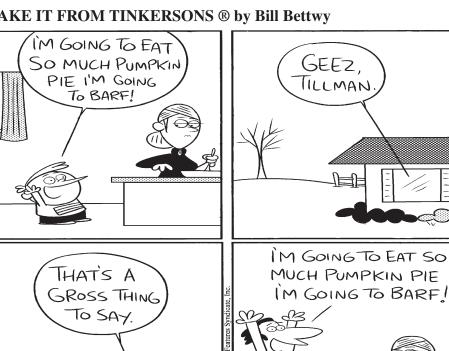
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- 11. Type of garment
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- 42. Packers' QB Rodgers
- 43. One who buys and sells at the same time
- 44. Place to get cash
- 45. Dog's name
- 46. Aviation enthusiast
- 48. Plant of the lily family
- 49. Larval crustaceans
- 50. Brooklyn hoopster 51. Military force ready to move
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### **CLUES DOWN**

- 2. Flat
- 5. Mortified

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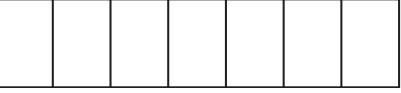
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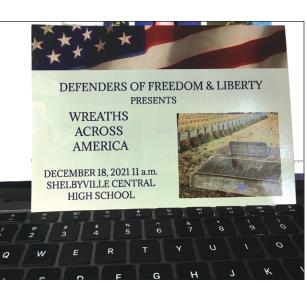
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### OCTOBER SPOTLIGHT

Sandy Still, chair with Bedford County Republicans, reports that the "October Spotlight" went to the Criminal Justice Center.

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The November spotlight was a donation for Defenders of Freedom and Liberty program Wreaths Across America. Wreaths are placed on the graves of Bedford County Veterans.





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