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GROOVIN' FOR THE GOLD

School superintendent agrees to step out of comfort zone to support local charities

BY ALYSSA FLORY

Reporter

When Shelbyville Central Schools (SCS) Superintendent David Adams, PhD. isn't busy running a school system, he's in the studio busting a move.

Cast in the 2016 Dancing with the Shelby County Stars, Adams will raise money in an effort to win the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy. The event is an annual fundraiser to benefit the Shelby County Senior Services and the Shelby County Players (SCP), two local nonprofits dedicated to bettering the lives of Shelby County residents.

First asked to participate in the 2015 production, Adams declined, too terrified to perform in front of an audience. He reconsidered after being asked once again last spring. A stranger to the stage, Adams claims he has no dance experience.

"I don't even dance at weddings," Adams remarked. Dancing alongside nine groups, Adams and seasoned

partner Chantal Merritt are of luck in Dancing with the facing stiff competition. Others grooving for the gold include Dr. Carlos Vieira and Shelbyville High School English teacher Lee Sakellarides.



SCS Superintendent David Adams, PhD, and Chantal Merritt prepare for this year's Dancing with the Shelby County Stars competition. | Submitted

"As his employee, I would like to wish Dr. Adams the best

Stars," Sakellarides said. "But as his competitor, game on!"

Adams appears to be unfazed by the threat of competition, but approaches the situation in a realistic light.

"If they go by talent," he joked, "I'll be in last place."

Rather than dancing to shine, Adams explained, he is dancing to give back. According to Adams, the winning contestant will have garnered the most donations.

Both nonprofit groups will put their earnings toward unique ventures, all aiming to create a healthier, enriched community. Shelby County Senior Services will use their funds for their Family Caregiver Support Services, Health and Wellness programming. and a few upcoming projects.

"It also enables us to consider implementing newly identified needs such as the Senior Food Pantry, Music and Memory program, and Hands at Home, which assists seniors who need minor home modifications," Dianna Pandak, executive director of Shelby Senior Services, said.

"I don't even dance at weddings."

- David Adams, PhD

The Shelby County Players, devoted to fostering creativity and providing arts in the community, will be placing the money raised into their building fund.

"[The fund] is earmarked for a new facility where our volunteers will operate in one location for set-building, rehearsals, storage, and performances," SCP Managing Director Cindy Leahy said.

In order to help these organizations, Adams has prepared by collecting donations and practicing his skills. Although they have one rehearsal to date, Adams revealed that he and Merritt will begin kicking it into high gear after Labor Day. To vote for Adams and Merritt, log on to http:// shelbyseniorservices.org/dancing-with-the-stars and donate.

While Adams divulged that individual couples were allowed to pick their own music and choreograph the numbers, he and Merritt are keeping the style and song selection of their two-minute routine a secret. Be sure not to miss this anticipated performance by seeing the show on Nov. 12 at Indiana Grand Racing and Casino. Tickets, which include dinner, are \$75 per seat and go on sale Sept. 6 at Shelby Senior Services.



<u>NEWS</u>

RECAPS

County Commissioners Actions

This week, County Commissioners acted on the following: Approved an additional \$100,000 for the Shelby County Development Corporation for next year with \$75,000 of the total being the usual funding, and an extra \$25,000 for marketing.

Granted utility request from Vectren for a property on W. Washington Ave. Set the speed limit for a one-third mile section of Boggstown 30 to mph. Set the speed limits for three streets in the Meadowview Addition to 25 mph. The three streets are Pleasant Run Drive, Meadow Drive, and Greenview Court.

Board of Works

The Board looked at bids for work on the Krone 1,000 ft. turn lane. Bidders were Morphey Construction with \$525,600; E&B Paving with \$390,500; Beaty Construction with

\$415,900; Dave O'Mara with \$453,503.39; and Milestone with \$374,960. The desired bid will be chosen at a later date.

Trump Train to visit

Trump-Pence State Chairman Rex Early, Tony Samuels, State Republican Chairman Jeff Cardwell and the Indiana Trump/Pence Campaign team are coming to Shelbyville in the Trump Train on Thursday morning, September 8, 2016 at Linne's Bakery.

On the Beat McNeely Stephenson

Law Firm hosts their End of Summer Cookout on Sept. 16, but this is no ordinary picnic. An event called "Pie in the Face" appears on the agenda. Reached to provide an explanation, attorney J. Lee McNeely responded, "We challenged our staff to exceed our SCUFFY goal, which they did yet again, and this is

their reward." No one will know who gets the pie in the face until the moment of truth. We'll have to check back in on this developing story.

Chess champ

Local chess player Braydon Povinelli represented Shelbyville last weekend at the 11th Annual Indianapolis Open, earning a second-place award with an outstanding 4-1 record.

FFA success

Southwestern FFA (Future Farmers of America) members Broc Kissell, Ryan Crosby, Austin Crosby, Cory Kelley, and Clay Holder celebrate their win at the Purdue Crops Scouting contest on August 23, 2016. The team judged in a contest at Iowa State this week. They were coached by Carl Kissell, Sheila Downey, Steve Gauck, and Neil Smith.

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Now is the time for all good men (and women) to come to the aid of their community

ROBIN K. GAHIMER

Certified Public Accountant

Dear Kristiaan:

Three months ago I presented an op-ed concerning the downtown redevelopment plan that you graciously published. It was rather lengthy, as are most of my writings, but I believe I made some valid points, and apparently so too did a few members of the community. I was humbled by the 20 or so responses I received from concerned citizens that shared my beliefs. Not a single person contacted me to rebut any of the points I made.

Now we know that Shelbyville will not qualify for various grants that might have been available had the city been designated as a division winner in the Stellar Communities program; however, that apparently has not caused our city administration any pause as it works on the city budget for next year. The Mayor and some members of the City Council still want to proceed with the redevelopment plans even if it means having to go deeply into debt to do so. Before the Stellar Communities decision was made, I believe both the City and County Councils adopted resolutions to pledge monies for the project contingent on the city's being named a Stellar Community division winner.

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I urge any concerned citizens of Shelby County to review my previous op-ed piece because the points I made in that article are still valid regardless of the outcome of the Stellar Communities vote. With limited exceptions, your elected city and county officials are not openly seeking your opinion on what will prove to be a significant financial decision for Shelbyville and Shelby County for years to come. The County Council was going to dip into its racino fund to provide about \$4.5 million, and the City Council apparently did not have any racino money available so it would have to borrow money for the project by issuing bonds. The city's portion will be about \$15 million if my math is correct. It is critical that you let your elected representatives know where you stand on this issue. My own unscientific "poll" produced a result that was unanimous with every respondent opposed to

the plan. My sample size was approximately 20 people, but I do believe a larger sampling would produce similar results, even if not unanimous.

Fourteen people are going to make a decision that will impact the community for years to come.

There are about 45,000 residents in Shelby County with about 27,000 residing outside the city limits and the remaining 18,000 living in the city. Fourteen people are going to make a decision that will impact the community for years to come. I am but one voice among the 45,000. Even though no one from either the City or County Council offered a rebuttal to the points I made regarding the downtown redevelopment project, I do not blindly assume they all agree with the position I took. On the other hand, I sometimes feel our elected officials make the assumption that if no one speaks out against whatever action is before that body there must be unanimous support for the action to be taken.

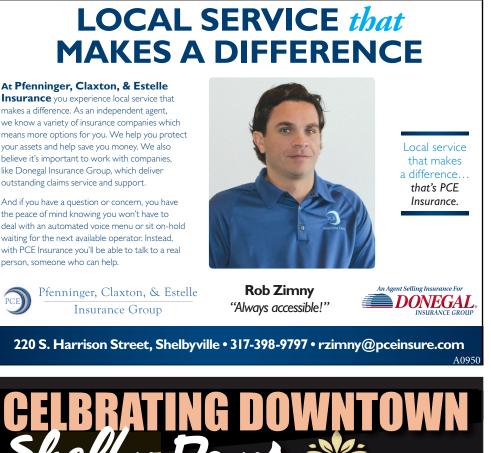
You do not have to attend a public meeting to let your voice be heard. Call or write your elected representatives to let them know if you support or oppose spending such a large sum of money on a plan that seems to me to be highly speculative at best. Better yet, speak with them face-to-face if you feel comfortable doing so. I can almost assure you the City and County Councils will approve spending the \$20+

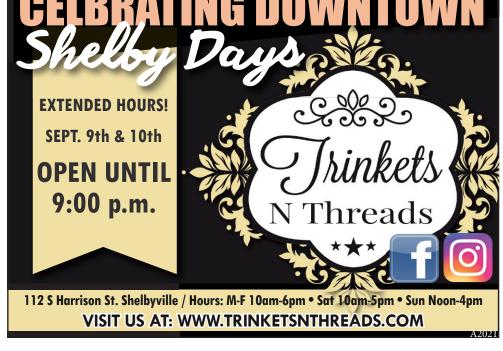


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Local accountant opines

million without batting an eye if you do not make your opposition known. Maybe the Publisher will have some extra space to fill in an upcoming edition where my previous another was made to Purop-ed can be re-run if you missed it in early June.

I exhort you to let your voices be heard...

I will leave you with one last thought. This pertains to the city rather than the county and how some of your tax money has been spent in recent vears. I have not had the time to gather all the "forgivable loan" program the city has used

you to consider three of these loans the city has made over the last few years. One was made to The Tyros (possibly for \$50,000 to \$100,000), ple Vetch (approximately \$300,000) and the third was made to Lifeshares Technologies (\$100,000).

The Tyros is no longer located in Shelbyville, and I am not aware of any tangible benefit the city received from making this loan that I assume was never repaid. The Purple Vetch loan was made to the developer who is involved with the Methodist Building. That loan has been extended at least twice, and you can ask your elected city officials how that "investment" has panned out thus far. I might add that the developer had subsequently asked the city to guarantee a \$6.6 million loan to further assist him information needed to with that project. Thankwrite a full article on the fully the City Council decided not to make such an ill-advised finanto spur economic de- cial commitment. The velopment, but I urge Lifeshares Technology

loan was also recently extended. This entity is still operating in the community; however, I believe a local newspaper article reported that when this loan was granted originally, management stated they expected to have 50 employees within five years from the date they began operations. That same article reported there are currently seven employees working for Lifeshares today.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

All in all, these loans amount to less than \$500,000. This is a pittance when compared to the \$20 million price tag for the downtown redevelopment. programs are speculative at best. Once again, I exhort you to let your voices be heard, especially if you believe your local government should not be spending taxpayer money on programs where the overall success is highly questionable.

WHAT'S TRENDING





pup cup ice cream at Dairy Queen at the Shelbyville Shelby County Animal Shelter appreciation night last Friday. Proceeds benefited the shelter, along with adoptions and fundraising. Two dogs were adopted, including the one pictured. | Photos by Dayla Thurston



As the city's Livable Communities initiative continues to gain steam. Matt House, city engineer, provided Saturday Shelby with update on a few of the latest improvements around town.

Kramer Auto and CVS: We want to give a big 'shout-out' to Kramer Auto and CVS. Kramer Auto replaced a long section of sidewalk in front of their store that had become cracked up over the years and hard for wheelchairs to cross. They were very positive about everything and responded quickly to the group's concerns about accessibility. It looks great out there. CVS also spent a significant amount of time and effort upgrading their parking lot and entrance to be more

Neighborhood Improvements on Jefferson Street: The area including Jefferson St. and the adjoining blocks of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Streets was our focus area this year for neighborhood improvements. The sidewalks were completely unusable for wheelchairs and strollers before. Now, after the sidewalk repairs, ramps replacements, and new curbs and pavement, the neighborhood has been greatly improved in looks and accessibility.

Livable Communities received a grant last year for seed money for sidewalk loans and we also received matching funds from City Council. We haven't made a huge number of loans, but having the loan option has allowed us to move forward with enforcement of unsafe sidewalks. The idea to focus on a neighborhood is a good one, and we plan to start doing that every year.

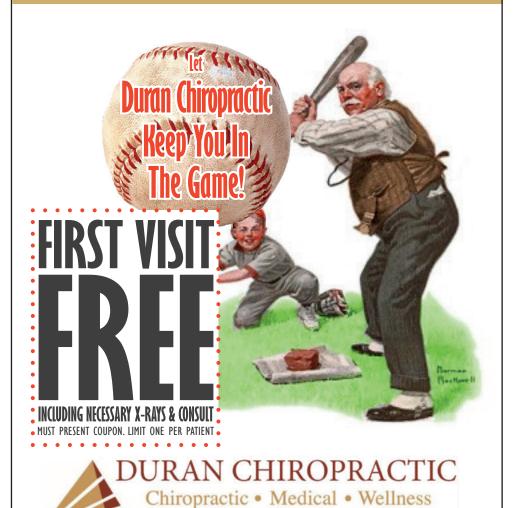
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Cartoonist finally on board

BY KRISTIAAN RAWLINGS

Improbably, a decade has passed since Dee Bonner's cartoons appeared regularly in local newsprint. But following over a year and a half of persuasion, that all changes this week as the award-winning cartoonist returns with a weekly feature in Saturday Shelby.

After nearly three decades at The Shelbyville News, Bonner retired as director of advertising sales in 2008, where he oversaw a successful program. For instance, 25 years ago this month, his team received statewide recognition for a Valentine's Day "Couples in Business" campaign that highlighted local couples working in business together. He also was twice awarded "Best Cartoonist" by the Hoosier State Press Association. In 2008, Bonner promised then-staff writer Ron Hamilton that he would continue his "creative pursuits" in retirement. Well, it's time for Bonner

I first reached out to him nearly two years ago, asking Bonner to provide a weekly literacy-themed cartoon for the Shelby County Public Library's adult services newsletter. "A View From My Schwinn" columnist Kris Meltzer, Bonner, and I hosted a small launch party in the library annex as I rolled out the first edition. I believe about 150 patrons registered initially. With over 12,500 households now reached on a weekly basis, we've come a long way in a short time.

But, while Bonner shared the occasional sketch with me, I was never able to convince him to regularly contribute. Somehow, the tide turned this week. Maybe my newly acquired classroom management skills allowed me to convince Bonner to climb aboard. At any rate, we'll revisit the classics as well as see new work regarding local affairs and happenings.

There's plenty of clas-

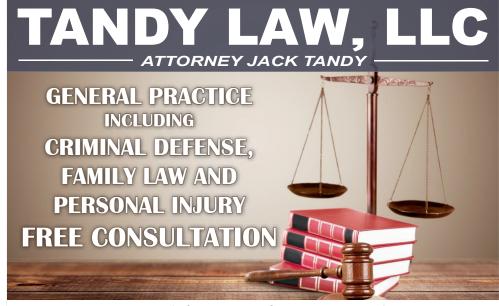
to live up to that promise. sic work to pull from and an overview of his catalog shows how prescient many of the drawings appeared. Classic characters like Phreddie Phenol tackled issues of importance when his work appeared weekly from June 1978 to December 2006. But his local roots go back much farther. Bonner grew up on John St. in a house built by his grandfather. He and his sister, Linda Brown, were raised by their mother after their father passed away. He attended Charles Ma-Elementary is a 1960 Shelbyville High School graduate.

> Fifty-five years after that commencement and a decade following his last regular appearance, Saturday Shelby proudly provides Bonner a new weekly home. Although he never left, we welcome Bonner's work back home to print media.



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Legalize marijuana? Not so fast.

BY JEAN LEISING

State Senator (R-Oldenburg)

This year, Ohio legalized medical marijuana. Given its proximity to Indiana, conversations have begun about whether this could be the right move for our state. As such, I have focused on learning more about how other states have implemented these laws, and what has happened since legalization.

I recently attended a meeting of the Rural Caucus, where Dearborn and Ohio County Prosecutor Aaron Negangard presented statistics from Colorado, which has legalized recreational marijuana.

The news out of Colorado since legalization is concerning. Traffic deaths related to marijuana have increased substantially, and crime rates have also risen in several key cities. In addition, Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper said his state is not making any extra revenue from marijuana sales. In fact, the revenue generated from the sales account for less than one percent of the state's general fund revenue in 2015.

My concerns about legalizing marijuana aren't limited to public safety, but stem also from a lack of scientific support.

On Aug. 11, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), which falls under the U.S. Department of Justice, handed down a decision keeping marijuana a Schedule I substance, meaning it is in the same category as heroin and has no currently accepted medical use for treatment in the U.S., a lack of accepted safety for use under medical super-

vision, and a high potential for abuse.

Furthermore, because medical marijuana is illegal by federal standards, many doctors remain untrained when it comes to prescribing or suggesting marijuana for any kind of medical use.

Finally, last summer and fall, I served as the chair of the Interim Study Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources. One of the issues the committee addressed was whether Cannabidiol

My concerns about legalizing marijuana aren't limited to public safety, but stem also from a lack of scientific support.

(CBD) oil, a product derived from cannabis, should be made legal for the purpose of treating seizures in children.

CBD oil is illegal under federal law because it is derived from the same plant as marijuana.

Medical professionals remain skeptical of CBD as a treatment for seizures because there are no scientific

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studies to date that clearly establish its effectiveness when used in this way.

As a parent and grandparent, I understand the desperation of these families to provide their child with some kind of relief. However, legislators have a responsibility to the public to make well-balanced and thoughtful decisions.

I will be closely following the scientifically valid and well-controlled clinical trials conducted on this drug. As a nurse, it is important to me that legislation does not get ahead of science. Without regulation, recommended dosages and standard concentration, medical marijuana should not be con-

sidered a viable treatment option. I will continue to educate myself on this important issue, and will do my best to stay up-to-date on research as it becomes available. For the time being, however, I will continue to err on the side of caution and with the DEA until we can be sure these products are safe for doctors to pre-

scribe and for consumers to use. Contact my office with any questions or concerns you may have by email at **Senator.Leising@iga.** in.gov or by phone at (800) 382-9467.





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<u>COLUMNS</u>

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Dear Readers,

Labor Day weekend has arrived. The official end of summer. Time for a cookout with family and friends.

Most importantly, it is time to put away your white shoes and matching belt until Memorial Day. In fact, if you want to make your wife happy, better follow my example. I donated my white shoes, belt, and leisure suit to Goodwill. The way I figure it, I have given that style plenty of time, but unlike bowties, I don't think it is coming back. Some college kids will probably buy my clothes to wear when their fraternity throws a "Geezer" themed Harry Buffalo during rush.

Now, I know what some of you are thinking. So, Kris, just what makes you think that anyone would want to follow your lead on fashion. I have two words for all of you doubters: ANDREW LUCK.

A few weeks ago I wrote a column about my new flip phone. Everyone at the Bookmark Coffee Shop had a good laugh. I was asked a lot of stuthe past. My favorite barista, Marie, even served me a café latte with the image of an oldfashioned dial phone in the steamed milk. However, now that the quarterback of the Indianapolis Colts is following my example, I imagine that sales of flip phones will soar. Since Andrew Luck is taking a chance with me on the flip phone, I am planning on growing a neck beard this winter to help him promote his style.

I donated my white shoes, belt, and leisure suit to Goodwill.

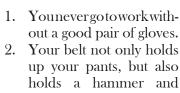
As far as Labor Day is concerned, I channeled fellow Hoosier David Letterman and came up with a top ten list for Labor Day.

But first, a bit of philosophy from pop artist Andy Warhol. Andy once said that the first thing a new president of the United States should do after winning the election is to hold a news conference and clean

pid questions about living in a toilet on live TV. Andy believed that one of the problems with America was that far too many of our citizens think they are somehow above doing manual labor. The president should lead by example. While everyone appreciates a clean toilet, far too many aren't willing to do the work. I wonder if either Trump or Clinton will be setting such a good example.

TOP 10 WAYS TO TELL IF THE LABOR DAY HOLI-DAY IS REALLY FOR YOU

- several other tools.
- 3. You not only know how much Workman's Comp pays for a finger, but you know how much
- 4. Your job requires
- 5. You don't consider a paper cut to be sufficient reason to take an
- 6. A sign is posted at work stating how many days have passed since the last injury on the job.



- more it pays for a thumb.
- the wearing of long johns in the winter.
- aspirin or to leave work.
- 7. Sometimes your



Local Painter and Pool Shark Todd Sexton was born on Labor Day. Todd says that if your job description includes climbing a ladder, Labor Day is for you.

job involves wearing a safety harness.

8. From time to time at work, someone yells, "Watch your fingers."

9. Your car has ways been a truck. 10. The entrance to your job is usually marked "Hard Hat Area."



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COVER PHOTO

You have probably seen the iconic photo of iron-workers enjoying their lunch on a beam high above New York City. This week, as a parody, we featured Saturday Shelby columnist, Kris Meltzer, typing his column while perched on an iron beam high above the city. Look closely, the city is Shelbyville from the 1930s.

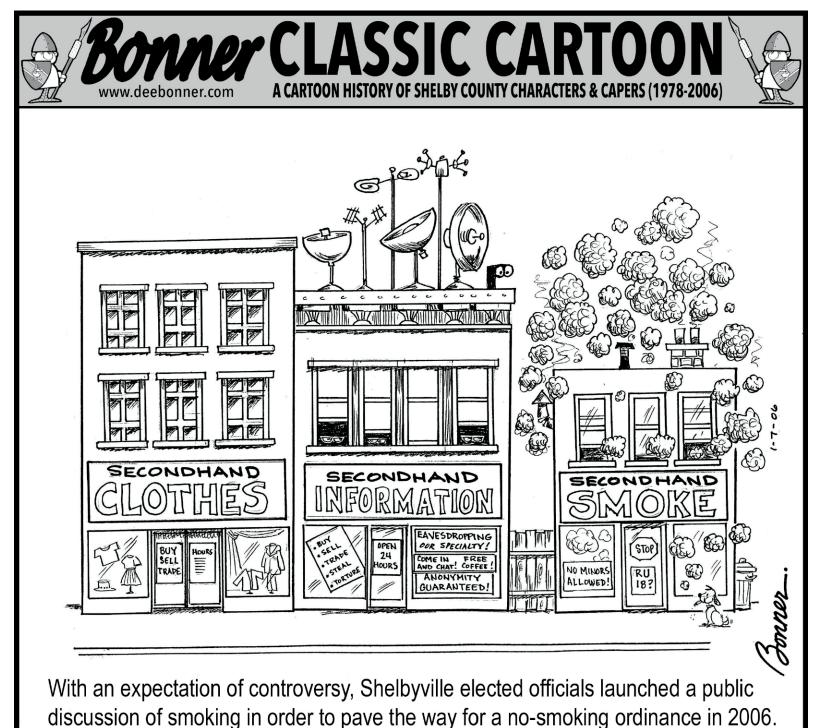
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FEATURES

New Downtown Shelby Days festival prepares for second year

BY ABBEY NEEB

Reporter

After adapting to requests from the community, this year's Downtown Shelby Days (DSD) festival parade will take place on Saturday, and the event will only last Friday and Saturday. Over 60 vendors will attend and non-profit organizations will be present with activities.

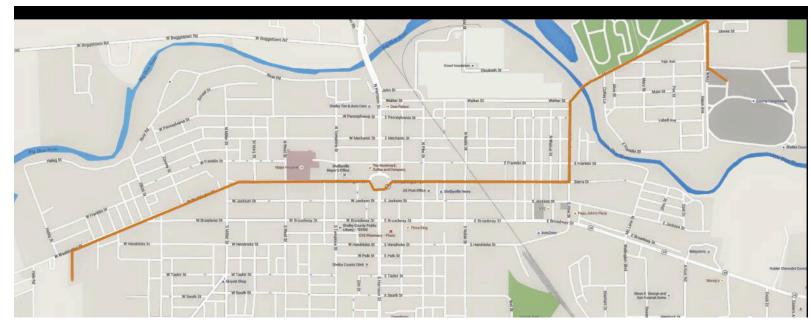
This year, DSD is literally bringing people to the entire downtown as the festival has expanded beyond the circle and filling the streets around it. It's a far cry from the uncertainty of a year ago.

When Amy McCrory learned about the Bears of Blue River Festival coming to an end in 2015, she felt as if part of her childhood and Shelbyville's historical traditions were ending as well. McCrory contacted Bob Williams, the Bears of Blue River Festival's parade coordinator, and asked if there was anyone interested in continuing the festival.

"After the meeting with (Williams), I pretty much knew I was going to go for it and try to keep the festival going," McCrory said.

Be sure to

schedule your annual eye health exam!



The parade route starts at the Shelby County Fairgrounds.

McCrory contacted key people, suggested to her by Williams, and met with them shortly after deciding to take on the new responsibility. The newly-formed group knew the name of the festival would have to be changed.

"After tossing around some ideas, Downtown Shelby Days was the one that everyone felt fit perfectly," McCrory said.

Going into the discussions, she wasn't sure what her part would be in the future of the festival, but soon she became the organization president. Others joined the efforts as well.

DL Sanders is in charge of booking musicians and bands to perform during the event and he also helps run sound.

"My favorite childhood memory was the Blue River Festival," Sanders said. "I didn't want to see a tradition like that go away." All staff volunteer their

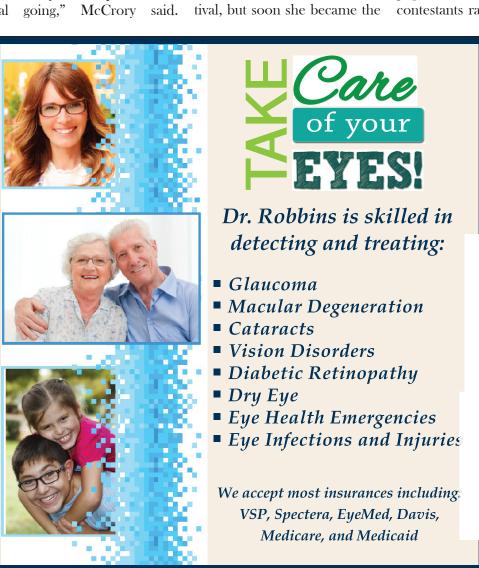
All staff volunteer their services. Angie Caudill is in charge of the Miss Shelby pageant. Last year the pageant contestants raised over \$6,000

to benefit the non-profit organizations they supported. They expect to raise more this year. Kim Winkler is vice president and in charge of the event's sponsors. The vendors and activities for the event are headed up by Chelsea Fountain and Laura Forehand, who work together to manage the multiple streams of communication.

A week before last year's festival, McCrory was nervous about how successful the event would be, even after all the planning.

"I was so anxious about what the turnout would be... but when I saw all the people that attended and enjoyed their time, the work and stress was worth it," she said. McCrory said that an estimated 9,000 people attended the festival last year.

"After the first festival, we really listened for the community's thoughts so we could change anything that needed to be changed," she said.



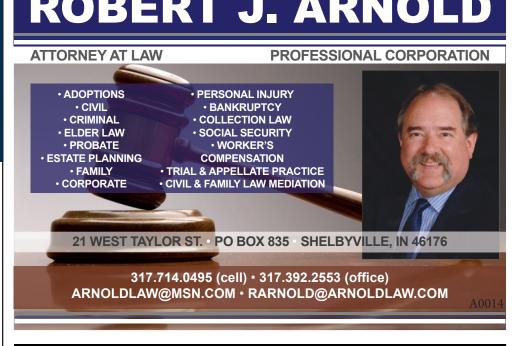
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Significant changes in short time for staff writer

BY JESSICA AULT

Reporter Hello, lovely people of Shelbyville! I'm back! I hope everyone is well. I'm back from a quick break and it's great to be writing again. Writing for Saturday Shelby has let me discover what a great, loving place Shelby County is. After moving out of town, calling Shelbyville "home" means so much more than it has before.

I'm in my second week of classes at Ball State University, in Muncie, Ind. After months of indecision, I have chosen to study fashion merchandising with a minor in entrepreneurship management (because who doesn't want to be like Elegant L owner, Chris-Carson-Weaver?).

In the future, I hope to be a fashion consultant as well as possibly write for a fashion-related magazine. Who knows where the path leads!

I would also like to congratulate one of my best friends, Saturday Shelby writer Bailey Watson, as she continues her academic career at Indiana University. Go Hoosiers!

During my time at

Ball State, I have ran into many friends from Shelbyville High School (SHS). Alumni Samantha Scheibler, Jake Atwood (class of 2014), and Evan Bell (class of 2015) have been extremely helpful with showing me around campus. Without them, I would be a scared, confused little freshman. Thankfully, I'm a less scared and

confused little freshman.

Some friends from the class of 2016 are always fun to run into. Chase Brown, AKA "Big Brown," is always fun to bump into, and usually leads to going on an adventure or food run. Brendan Stickle is an SHS friend that I meet up with to eat dinner and will be carpooling with whenever I come home. Triton Central High School 2016 grad Ethan Woods lives in my building, which is funny because we went to elementary school together. It truly is a small world!

My classes so far are pretty laid back. I have all my core classes currently: English, Speech, History, and so forth.... The only class that has me nervous is Astronomy.

As fascinated as I am, Science and I just don't mix well (pun intended).

I'm also thrilled to announce that during my writing break I got engaged to my boyfriend of six years, Alonzo Couch. We plan to both get our degrees before tying the knot, but are very excited nonetheless. My fiance is currently studying engineering at IUPUI through ROTC. He's incredibly smart and is definitely going places. And those places I will go, too.

I'm currently home for the weekend, spending some much needed time with my family, in-laws, and dogs. I will be returning to BSU on Tuesday to continue classes. I plan to return home for the SHS homecoming game. Go Bears!

Lastly, I would like to thank the best boss ever, Kristiaan Rawlings. I'm very grateful that he's willing to keep me on staff as I work on my degree here in Muncie. He's given me a great opportunity to do what I love and for that, I couldn't thanks enough! Until next week... - Chirp Chirp!



A series by: Abbey Neeb

It wasn't until after graduating from Ball State University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education that Tammy Ralstin found her purpose. It wasn't teaching people, rather helping them through

At first, Ralstin worked at Head Start, helping preschool children and families ready themselves for the education journey. She then worked in the welfare system, but that wasn't her final destination.

"I thought I was saving the world [when working in welfare], but I realized I was just stressed," Ralston said. "I really wanted to help people more."

Eventually, Ralstin found her place in hospice social work and has remained for the past seven years. She works with patients that are terminally ill, in the end stages of their diseases. It's no easy job, but her passion for people keeps her positive about her work environment.

Ralstin elaborated on the patients she works with that have dementia.

"I try to find out from their families what music they like," she said. "It's amazing to see dementia patients, who can't easily talk or move, smile and tap their foot when I play music. I realized I can communicate with them by their small gestures. If I touch their face, they lean their head into it. If I say something funny, they raise their eyebrows."

The connections Ralstin makes with the patients is a strong one and oftentimes her visit is the highlight of their day, whether she admits it or not.

"Everyone has days where they don't want to get up and go to work... but it makes what I do worthwhile to get to work and the people are happy to see me," Ralston said.







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HISTORY & ARCHITECTURE

THIS WEEK IN SHELBY COUNTY HISTORY

1916

Personal invitations to 1,435 of Shelbyville Automobile owners were sent recently to take part in the centennial parade on September 30.

Miss Ida McCascin, visiting nurse for Shelby County, will arrive Monday and begin planning education programs. Tuburculosis instruction and treatment for all families affected will be addressed.

Robert Abernathy, a boy scout living at 436 Washington Avenue, has a well defined case of typhoid fever, according to Dr. Kennedy.

August 31 is the last day of grace for the straw bonnet. On September 1 the yellow hats are decidedly out of place and on September 2, according to custom, persons wearing straw hats do so at their own risk. The fall line of hats have arrived at local merchants. A new light weight felt is one of the new fall hats being sold.

Public drinking fountains in town have been closed for weeks due to typhus worries. The only place to get a drink of water has been to go to saloons. The saloon men are accommodating and will give water if you ask.

Twelve bids were received by city council for the purchase of new fire trucks. Cadillac of Detroit bid \$3,200 per truck at low bid while South Bend Motor Car Works' bid was \$8,750 for two 60 HP trucks at high bid.

The storm that passed Shelbyville Wednesday night was trouble for interurban riders to Indianapolis. Power went off at 7:10 p.m. and did not return until 10:20 p.m., leaving many riders vexed by the delay.

George Chueden has been declared insane by the sanity inquest sitting of Squire Harry Ray. Chueden is said to have lost his memory and his mind rambles.

1941

Nineteen people were arrested locally over the holiday week by police. Fifteen of the offenders were taken to Franklin, straining the capacity of that city's jail.

The city is about to get rid of one of its "white elephants." The Tindall home at 147 W.

Washington Street has been unoccupied and deteriorating for at least six years. Clyde Fancher will lease the home for \$10 per month for the next two years.

The Shelbyville National Farm Machinery Plant turned out 101 tractors during June operations at peak capacity. Management praised the high quality and caliber of local workmen.

The WPA will finance new sewer work on Franklin Street and Howard Street. The city will provide material and the WPA will provide labor.

The Shelby County 4-H Club band rested on its laurels after placing first at the Indiana State Fair. 46 boys and girls comprised the band. Bands were judged on playing, marching, and showmanship.

1966

Shelby County's "Indy Five" band were contestants this week in Young America Fair at the Indiana State Fair. The group placed second in popularity and fourth out of 14 bands competing. Members of the musical group are Jeb Bass, Wayne Adkins, Jimmy Adkins, Stanley Prior, and Jim Purcell.

Warren Krebs, 17, a SHS senior, was named "teen of the month" at the Shelby County Youth Center. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Krebs.

A major remodeling was announced for the G.C. Murphy Store on the public square. The \$500,000 project will begin as soon as possible.

An attempeted Shelbyville jail break was foiled and two of the three who were going to "make a run for it" were taken to the Indiana Reformatory for safe keeping, Sheriff Edgehill Moore announced. Coy Chaney, 23, Ronald Porter, 21, and Jimmie Fox, were planning to "break." The prisoners somehow broke the loop on a padlock from a cage door on a cell. The defendants by breaking the lock would have access to a narrow isle with a window.

The Cedar Ford covered bridge on German Road has been closed due to weakening of the floor. Cedar Ford is one of two remaining covered bridges in Shelby County.

1991

Country singer Mel McDaniels performed Saturday night at the Bears of Blue River Festival.

Plans to build a public golf course landed in a sand trap. There wasn't a majority vote on a plan commission to allow Kenneth Bowman to build an 18 hole golf course northwest of Shelbyville and to allow 50-75 building lots for a subdivision. Mayor Dan Theobald's push a year earlier for a public golf course also ran into problems.

A county man received a 23day jail term, court costs of \$614, and six months house arrest for growing marijuana in a secret room of his house near Fairland. The man said he grew it for medical purposes. Street value of the marijuana plants was placed at \$3,000. Shelbyville attorney Kris Meltzer argued for a leaner sentence for the defendant and several character witnesses spoke on the man's behalf.

Shelby County is eligible for emergency loans to offset crop losses caused by summer drought. Some farmers have lost up to 30 percent of their normal crop.

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HISPANIC SERVICES

Local businessmen weigh in on state of affairs

BY KRISTIAAN RAWLINGS, Editor AND CALEB STREEVAL

With over three decades' experience as a Hoosier, Mario Hayes sees the successes and challenges of local Hispanics on a daily basis. He started his Indiana career in the Department of Education in 1984, working in Migrant Affairs, and staying through the mid-1990s. He even served on then-Gov. Evan Bayh's task force regarding migrant issues.

"I got to know Indiana very well," Hayes said.

With an office in Shelbyville since 1999, Hayes works as an interpreter for Shelby, Rush, Hancock and Decatur County courts, as well as for hospitals, attorneys and private firms.

Although Hayes notes a decline in the local Hispanic population since the 2008era recession, important issues for Hispanics continue said. By "they're," he refers to to evolve, a fact highlighted in this season's election rhetoric.

Local educator and business owner Alan Carbajal believes this presidential election

is important for immigrants. "I would be glad to see a winning candidate who realizes that immigrants want to be part of this country and live the American Dream, contributing with culture and hard work," Carbajal said.

Haves agrees. "Okay, they're here," Hayes

any undocumented immigrant in the United States, regardless of country of origin.

"I'm not saying give them a Social Security number...but a driver's license creates a lot of (opportunities)," he said.

Hayes notes that legal drivers purchase cars, vehicle insurance, license plates, and a litany of other purchases resulting in tax generation.

Access to services is a focal point for Carbajal, a native of Mexico City but resident of Shelbyville half of his life. He understands the challenges of adapting to a new home, having moved here at age 14 to live with an aunt.

'The first year in the States was challenging because I had to learn a new language and adapt myself to a completely different lifestyle," Carbajal said.

Now an English as a Second Language (ESL) instructional assistant at Shelbyville Middle School, Carbajal remembers the days of adjusting to a new life and routine in a foreign land.

"I struggled in some of my classes and I had bad experiences with students not liking Hispanic students in school," he said. "I was lucky to have good support and resources from teachers, especially Mrs. Morrow, who was very passionate helping her ESL students. Her role as teacher was very significant to us. Mrs. Morrow persuaded me to achieve my education and inspired others to be successful."

The SHS 2006 alumnus continues to achieve success in a business venture as well. Before opening Siempre Tax, he spent seven years working in a tax office helping Hispanics file returns.

"I learned about the need for information to newcomer immigrants to successfully be part

of the American community because they have the wrong information or they just don't have access to it," Carbajal said.

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His current dual roles as Shelbyville Central Schools employee and Siempre Tax owner give him ample opportunities to serve as a role model and help others. Siempre also offers notary services, translations, and more basic services such as money transfers, phone refills, international bill payments, copies/ faxes, and immigration forms.

"I know I cannot change the world but I can make a difference in my community by being a good person and help others to be as well," Carbajal

In a year of political debate, both Hayes and Carbajal offer Shelbyville Hispanics steady assistance with important

"I enjoy working with children because one day I was like them," Carbajal said. "I like to encourage them to not give up and be strong in their weakness."



Siempre Tax owners Alan Carbajal and Yazmin Valerio provide a variety of services on E. Broadway. | Dayla Thurston/Dayla B Photography



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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

<u>IN MEMORY OF...</u>

Nora Ellen Harmon (August 15, 1921 - August 26, 2016), 95, of Indianapolis, passed away Friday, August 26, 2016 at her residence.

She was born August 15, 1921, in Shelbyville, the daughter of Joseph A. and Bernice (Herod) Goble. On April 13, 1946, she married Walter S. Harmon, and he preceded her in death on August 3, 2011.

Ellen is survived by her daughters, Joyce Harmon, and Lynette Rikard and husband, William, both of Indianapolis, and Jill McFall and partner, Rick, of Brownsburg; granddaughter Charlotte Swanson and husband, Jason; and greatgrandchildren, Jonathan and Benjamin Swanson.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; and brothers, Larry W. Goble, Wilbur Goble and Robert Goble.

Ellen graduated from Waldron High School in 1939 and attended Indiana Business College.

She was a member and former deaconess at Rocklane Christian Church.

Ellen formerly worked at Hugh J. Baker Company, Smith Douglas and at N.K. Hurst Company for 15 years.

She enjoyed watching sports, her favorite professional teams were the Cincinnati Reds, Indianapolis Colts and Indiana Pacers. She was also a fan of collegiate basketball often watching Indiana, Purdue and Butler Universities play basketball.

Ellen like to garden.
She and Walter would avid walkers at the Green-

wood Park Mall.

Visitation was from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at Freeman Family Funeral Homes and Crematory, Carmony-Ewing Chapel, 819 S. Harrison St. in Shelbyville. Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Interment was at Lewis Creek Baptist Cemetery in Shelby County.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice of charity.

Raymond E. Mickley (March 05, 1941 - August 31, 2016), 75, of Indianapolis, passed away Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at Community Hospital East in Indianapolis.

Visitation will be from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at Freeman Family Funeral Homes and Crematory, Frazier Chapel, 124 E. North St. in Morristown.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Interment will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shares, Inc., 1611 S. Miller St., Shelbyville, Indiana 46176.

Online condolences may be shared at www.freemanfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

Emily M. Hurst (March 21, 1927 – August 26, 2016), 89, of Franklin, passed away Friday, Aug. 26, 2016, at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Franklin.

She was born March 31, 1927, to Earl Lloyd and Bessie Miller in Martinsville. She married Frank C. Hurst on Dec. 10, 1947, and he preceded her in death May 16, 1990.

Survivors include three sons, Harold Hurst, Frank Hurst Jr. and Chuck Hurst; daughter, Shirley Whitlow; brother, Chuck Lloyd; sister, Gerri Lloyd; 11 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Thomas Hurst; brother, Kenny Lloyd; and a grandchild, Kevin Hurst.

Mrs. Hurst was a resident of the area for seven years, after moving from Fellsmere, Florida.

She completed 11 years of education.

She was a homemaker. Mrs. Hurst was a member of the Masonic Home Kresge Chapel and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Emily loved camping, playing bingo, baking and her bird, Pete. She most of all enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Visitation was from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2016, at Kresge Chapel, 690 State St., Franklin.

Funeral services followed at 2 p.m. at the chapel, where the Rev. Charlie Stanley officiated

Burial was at Floral Park Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Cancer Association of Shelby County, in care of Glenn E. George & Sons Funeral Home, 437 Amos Road, Shelbyville, IN 46176.

Roxey McClanahan (September 02, 1946 – August 25, 2016), 69, of Elizabethtown, passed away Thursday, Aug. 25, 2016, at her residence.

Born Sept. 2, 1946, in Indianapolis, the daughter of William Freeman and Dorothy Sweazey. Roxey married Terry McClanahan on Tuesday, July 5, 1988.

Roxey is survived by her husband, Terry McClanahan; daughters, Tammy Scruggs, Sherry Bivens and Donette Williams; son, Timmy Scruggs; sisters, Sherry Priola, Charlene King, Judy Bennett; and brothers, Donald and Richard Sweazey.

She enjoyed going around to yard sales. Her serenity came while she was on camping trips with her family. She was always willing to go play bingo and buy pull tabs.

Visitation was from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, 2016, at Murphy-Parks Funeral Service, 703 S. Harrison St.

Celebration of Life service followed at 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Funeral Directors Greg A. Parks, Sheila J. Parks and Stuart Parks are honored to conduct the services for Mrs. McClanahan.

Online condolences may be shared at www.murphyparks.com.

Joshua Nathan Turner (August 29, 1996 – August 29, 2016), 20, of Shelbyville, passed away Monday, Aug. 29, 2016, in Flat Rock.

He was born Aug. 29, 1996, in Franklin, the son of Joshua Turner and Nicole (Strosnider) Frisbie.

Joshua is survived by his parents, Nicole Frisbie

and husband, Mahlon, of Georgia; and Joshua Turner and wife, Jenni, of Columbus; brothers, Noah Turner, Gavin Turner, Kingston Turner and Cyris Turner, all of Columbus, and Nicholas Thomas of Shelbyville; sister, Savannah Turner of Columbus; paternal grandparents, Joe and Terri Turner of Columbus; maternal grandparents, Kathy and Rusty Cooper of Shelbyville, and Mike and Gail Strosnider of Shelbyville.

Joshua was very familyoriented. He loved music and spending time with his friends.

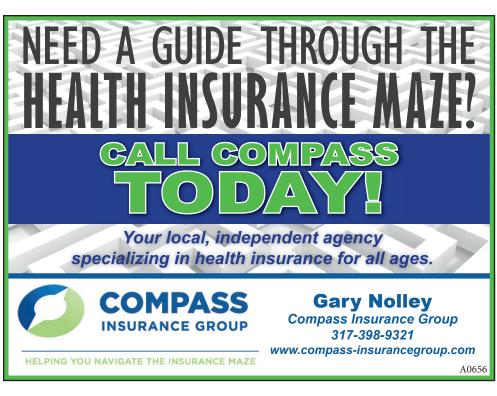
Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, 2016, at Murphy-Parks Funeral Service, 703 S. Harrison St., Shelbyville IN 46176.

Funeral service will follow at 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, with the Rev. Brian Scott officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given in honor of Joshua to help with funeral expenses, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral Directors Greg A. Parks, Sheila J. Parks and Stuart Parks are honored to conduct the services for Mr. Turner.

Online condolences may be shared at www.murphyparks.com.

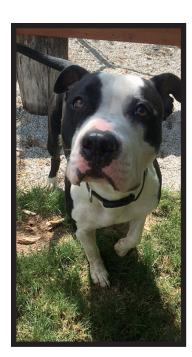




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PETS OF THE WEEK

VINCENT

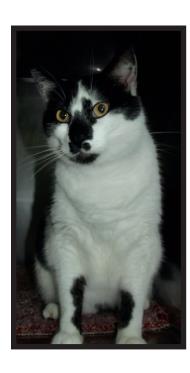


Vincent is a tenmonth-old Pit Bull Terrier pup that was relinquished with his best friend Bandit (who was recently adopted) by their owner two weeks ago. The pet owner had owned Vincent since he was a little puppy and never had any problems with him until he took in Bandit and the boys were quite a mischievous and destructive pair! To keep the peace in his neighborhood, he decided to surrender them both to the animal shelter. Vincent is just a pup, so he has a lot of endless energy! The shelter is looking for an owner who is active and who knows how to handle

such a strong dog. Vincent is good with other dogs, children, and housebroken. His adoption fee of \$83 covers his neuter surgery, rabies and booster vaccinations, wormer, Home Again microchip and registration. Email Chris Browder at cbrowder@cityofshelbyvillein.com or call your shelter friends at 317-392-5127. Our adoption and volunteer hours are Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The shelter will be closed both Saturday and Monday for Labor Day Weekend.

He is having Pictures tation cat treats.

ROSCO



Rosco is a five- declawed. year-old domestic litter box trained, shorthair that was wonderful relinquished to the children and keeps shelter last week his living area very due to his owner's clean. Rosco was a health. It took a loving and faithful few days for Rosco companion to his to come out of hid- owner and didn't ing from behind his live with other pets. litter box and is now He loves looking showing off his lov- out the cat room ing personality as window, well as his unique the top of his head markings on his rubbed and Tempface. don't do him jus- Any treats given to tice, you will have Rosco is a quick to come to the ani- way to win over this mal shelter to see beautiful cat! Roshow handsome this co's adoption fee cat is. He came to has been waived the shelter already making him free neutered and front to a forever home.



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