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# What are you thankful for, Marshall County?

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Despite the chaos, the impending recession, and the differing political opinions of this year, those within Marshall County have found a way to greet the holidays with gratitude and humility. To start the holiday season, members across the community sought to express their gratitude for where they live and the people who populate Marshall County.

Mike Keny, Marshall County's mayor had a clear and concise message to express his own feelings towards the county.

"I am thankful for my friends and family, for the country that we live in, for Marshall County, which has been wonderful to me and my family through the years. I'm thankful for the people who live here, and call it home, and of course more than anything I'm thankful to God, who

has bestowed more blessings on me than I ever deserved."

Keny, a former writer for the Tribune and a resident of Marshall County since 1966, says, "I cried my eyes out when I moved here when I was 8 years old, and I would cry my eyes out now if you told me I had to leave."

Though he may be one of the most attached to the County, he's certainly not alone in this sentiment.

"As the director of the library, I'm thankful for the support that we get from the community," said Marshall County Memorial Library Director Jennifer Pearson.

This year, the library has opened a new branch for which Pearson is also thankful.

"I'm thankful for all of the support that we've received for the new Chapel Hill branch, from the community and from the Marshall County Memorial Library Foundation."



**Tara Polk**

Now that they have their second location, Pearson is grateful for the opportunity to continue expanding.

Administrative Assistant Andy Cook, who has worked at the Lewisburg Recreation Center for nine years, is thankful for the very organization he works for.

"Just like every other

year, I'm thankful for the rec. center, for all my coworkers here, and for every citizen who comes. I'm thankful for new and old faces that I get to see every day," said Cook.

For Cook, the Lewisburg Recreation Center is a cornerstone of the Marshall County community.



**Mike Keny**

"I think Lewisburg has what a lot of other cities don't. If we didn't have the rec. center, then a lot of things couldn't happen in our community."

Without a doubt, though, Cook is most thankful for the community members that come through the doors and remind him that

the recreation center is a social and cultural touchstone for many people.

"They make every day that much better."

Owner of the Weathered Farmhouse boutique in Lewisburg, Tara Polk, shares Cook's feelings.

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## Lewisburg named Main Street community

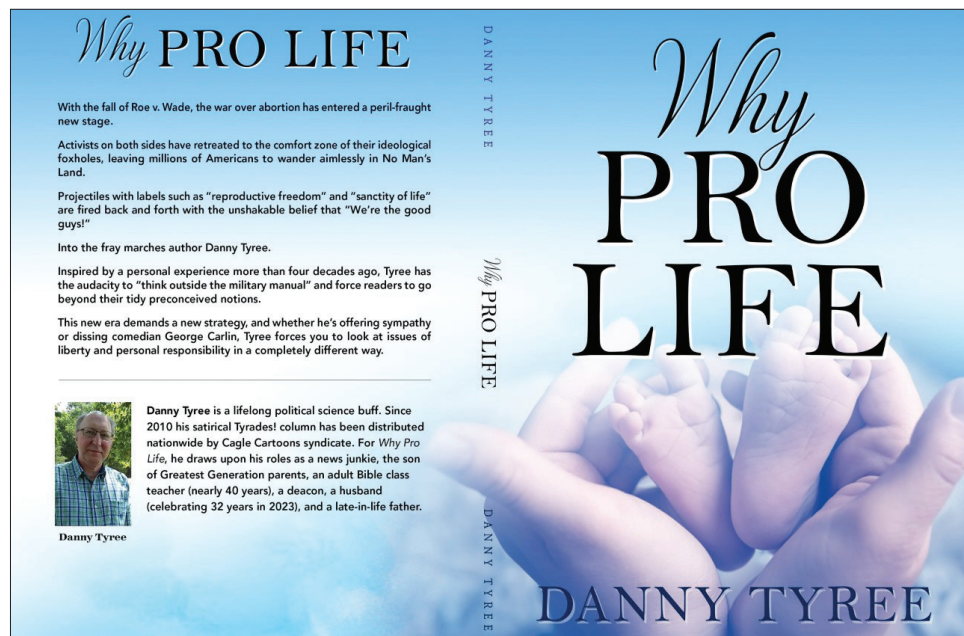
By **Scott Pearson**  
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Lewisburg recently received a designation it had been chasing for years.

Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Stuart McWhorter announced that Lewisburg had achieved accreditation as a Tennessee Main Street community.

Lewisburg is now one of the 43 towns and cities in the state to be so designated, opening training, support, and particularly grant opportunities to the city.

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## Tyree publishes second book

Belfast resident and longtime Tribune contributor Danny Tyree announces the publication of his second inspirational book through Amazon.

"Why Pro Life" examines the issue of unplanned pregnancies and



abortion as only Tyree could.

The book is dedicated to Marshall County native Andrew Wood, ex-

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## Commission adopts new county compensation plan

By **Scott Pearson**  
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The Marshall County Commission adopted a new classification and compensation plan for county employees at its final meeting for 2022 on Monday night.

Last December, the commission authorized a human resources study of the issues, after dissatisfaction with a previous assessment.

These new guidelines replace previous classification and compensation policies and include a plan for step raises for county employees.

Commissioners also approved two budget amendments to accommodate the new structure.

Other budget amendments allowed for the addition of county custodial staff, instead of the outsourcing of those duties, the purchase of equipment and patrol vehicles for the Sheriff's Office, and an increase for teacher salaries.

The only items on the agenda not unanimously approved concerned planning and zoning issues.

A pair of resolutions added two new accepted land uses to the current county zoning code.

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## Study Club goes the extra mile

The members of the Lewisburg Study Club gathered on Saturday, November 12, for the monthly meeting. Hostesses Elaine Whittaker, Judith Luna, Sherry Adams, Jennifer Pearson, and Karen McNutt had decorated the United Methodist Church Parlor in beautiful fall colors. After President Denise Werner called the meeting to order, the group enjoyed a delicious brunch.

Since "Discovery During Isolation" is the overarching theme for the study club programs this year, the November program was entitled "The Extra Mile." Elaine Whitaker began by introducing the group to the World Central Kitchen - an organized effort to offer hot meals to refugees and to people who have experienced disaster. The WCK has also worked in Ukraine to help the citizens there. The goal of the World Central Kitchen in to encourage

chefs in areas where disasters have occurred to work with their staff and employees to feed those in need. Elaine also brought the presentation closer to home by reminding the group how schools handled the changes brought by the pandemic. Marshall County Schools closed in March 2020. When the doors reopened in August, teachers had to adjust to teaching lessons in the classroom and online. Plus, teachers and maintenance staff had to constantly clean their rooms and buildings. Elaine closed by asking the group to take time to think about everything that was required of school personnel during such a difficult time.

Judith Luna and Sherry Adams shared "flashback memories" of Covid. On the downside, Judith recalled what it was like to constantly wear a mask; however, on the upside, she began

exercising more and found the Lewisburg Recreation Center beneficial. Sherry Adams explained how she made great contributions to Goodwill because she organized and cleaned every closet and drawer in her house. Because she had to slow down, she became more self-aware and learned that there are no "little things" in life.

Jennifer Pearson informed the group about the Marshall County Memorial Library during Covid. Although the library had to close during the pandemic like many other public places, she and the employees found ways to reach out to the community. They started an online story time. They offered "how to" craft presentations. They allowed people to make appointments to use the library. They did everything they could to keep patrons

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Photo submitted

Hostess Elaine Whittaker explains the work of the World Central Kitchen to members of the Study Club at their November meeting.



**LEWISBURG CHRISTMAS PARADE SATURDAY**