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Commission starts new year

By **Scott Pearson**
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The Marshall County Commission kicked off 2023 on Monday night with a varied, but brief, agenda.

The commission approved pay grade adjustments for some county positions under the new salary survey guidelines adopted in November.

A budget amendment was approved to cover the change in expenditure.

Additional job descriptions were also approved for the Office of Codes and Zoning.

Commissioners agreed to impose a \$50 per month fee on commercial cardboard recycling services in order to cover costs of the program.

Commissioners renewed the agreement with the law firm of Medley and Spivey to serve as the county's delinquent tax attorneys.

Commissioners approved several committee appointments.

Fletcher Cathey, who has been filling an unexpired term on the Board of Zoning Appeals, was appointed to continue in a full term on the board.

Terry Jackson was appointed to the Board of Public Utilities to fill the unexpired term of Donnie Moses, until June, 2023, and Leon Finley was appointed to the Civil Service Board.

The commission also adopted the annual master road list for the county as well.

Historic broadband expansion



Governor Bill Lee joined with United Communications earlier this month to announce the largest single investment in broadband expansion in state history. The \$53.4 million state grant is being supplemented by a \$14 million investment from United Communications and more than \$10 million committed by county governments, resulting in a total infrastructure investment of over \$77 million in Bedford, Franklin, Giles, Lincoln, Marshall, Maury, Moore, and Williamson Counties. "What happens in rural Tennessee matters to every Tennessean," said Lee. "This is the largest grant of all the grants that the state has made in our history for the expansion of broadband, and it's a local effort based on local partnerships. We have the number one economy in America, and we need to make sure that is happening in every community across the state. We know that access to technology will make that happen." United Communications, founded 75 years ago in Chapel Hill, will connect approximately 14,000 homes and businesses to broadband during this phase of Project UNITE, including several hundred residents in Marshall County in large swathes from Talley Station to the county line north of Holt's Corner.

Art Sampler Series at Marshall County Art Guild

By **Hannah Davis**
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With the new year, the Marshall County Art Guild has launched what they are calling their "Art Sampler Series".

Members of the Guild have the opportunity to sign up for ten free classes over the next 5 months and experience some of the new and well-known classes at the Art Guild.

"It allows people a chance to try something new out, but it also lets our instructors try out something new too, if they want to teach something that they haven't before," said volunteer Andrea Wars, who has headed the Sampler Series project.

According to Wars, the Sam-



pler Series was only made possible through a grant that the Guild secure earlier last year, giving the Guild the funds necessary to offer the free classes and ensure that the instructors were still left in the green. The Guild is no stranger to offering classes to the public, but the free offerings are new this year. In the past ten years at the Guild has been operating, they have offered hundreds of classes to the public, but none of them have been to solely benefit the Guild. Instead, they have been offered over the years to

support local artists and to offer creative opportunities to the community.

"We're here for the community," said Wars.

The Guild is a Non-Profit Organization and functions strictly off of volunteers on a structural and economic basis, but their classes are offered by the local artists who are also members of the Guild.

They reach out to the Guild and offer their skills and the Guild simply hosts them. This has allowed the Guild to offer a wide variety of classes over the years, including: sewing, pastels, mixed-medium, drawing instruction, and painting classes.

They have several classes that are regular scheduled

classes. On the first Saturday of the month, they offer a Kids Paint Night, and a Kids Drawing Instruction on the last Saturday of each month. Similarly, on the third Sunday of each month, they host a Family Fun Paint Night. In addition to these, the pop-up classes help to give all artists an opportunity to share their skills with the community. Each class comes with its own instruction and cost of attendance, but the cost goes directly to the local artists.

One such new class in the Sampler Series includes a sewing class, hosted by local seamstresses Summer and Savanna Cole, who own and operate the local business The Wilted Tulip Costumes. They have offered classes re-

cently on the basics of hand sewing and the basics of using a sewing machine.

Alongside these classes in the free offerings are the Basics of Hand-drawing courses, offered by local artist, Brandie Liggett. For all of the Sampler Series classes, space is limited, but the opportunity to experience what the Guild offers has been a vital part of the success of the Guild and its Gallery.

Since the Art Guild opened in 1977, they have moved forward with only one goal in mind: to prioritize creative opportunities for the community at-large. With their new offerings, they are only prioritizing this further. Reservations for all classes can be made on their website.

Study Club talks sweet stylings



January hostesses with presenter Emily Hall, from left: Natalie McMillien, Hall, Jennifer Pearson, Emily Darnell, Brenda Brown - not pictured Lee Bussart



Photos submitted
Natalie McMillen and Emily Hall display the cover of the December 2022 Southern Living

Twenty-one Lewisburg Study Club members and three guests gathered at Natalie McMillian's Green Valley home for the January meeting. Stacey Cothran, Beth Chunn, and Anna Nabors joined the group to share food and fellowship while listening to Emily Hall's presentation.

President Denise Werner called the meeting to order, then turned the meeting over to the hostesses for the morning. Continuing the year's theme of Discovery During Isolation, the January agenda

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