

## Students learn life lessons from 'The Ned Show'



Guest speaker Billy Oakman visited Tara Oaks Elementary and entertained the crowd with a few yo-yo tricks. Oakman visited the school to promote "The Ned Show."

By **SHELLEY PATTERSON**  
*Special to My Life*

A SPECIAL GUEST came to Tara Oaks Elementary to talk to the students.

The assembly was called "The Ned Show." The speaker was Billy Oakman who talked about the acronym NED — Never give up, Encourage others and Do your best.

The NED Show is a character-building assembly which shares a message with the students on how to "become a champion in school and in life."

Oakman used props to entertain the students while talking to them about encouragement and success.

All the students at Tara Oaks were excited during the program.

*Shelley Patterson does public relations for Tara Oaks Elementary.*

### BRIEFLY

#### Our Family Farm Maze

The 2011 theme for the Corn Maze at Our Family Farm is "Amazed by the Weather" designed by Maize Quest.

Maize Quest is a cornfield maze design company that provides corn maze designs, GPS cutting services, artwork, and educational game systems for inside the mazes. There are secret decoder maps, weather symbol rubbings, and weather word definition game stations located throughout the eight-acre cornfield.

The Memphis Corn Maze, Pick Your Own Pumpkin Patch and Farm Fun Zone will be open on weekends through Nov. 6. Maze hours are Sundays from 1 - 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. The Pumpkin Patch and Fun Zone close at dusk.

Admission is \$6 for children 12 and under, \$8 for adults, and free for children under two years old. Groups of 20 or more can schedule daytime or evening outings at the farmstead on weekdays until October 31. A hayride and game sheets are included. Ticket sales stop one hour before closing.

Additionally, farm grown pumpkins, cornstalks, gourds, and hay bales can be purchased.

Our Family Farm is located between Collierville, and Olive Branch at 8980 Center Hill Road. Questions? Contact Carolyn Neergaard at [memphiscornmaze@gmail.com](mailto:memphiscornmaze@gmail.com) or (901) 494-9539 to make reservations.

#### Run for Sparta

The White Station Athletic Booster Club will be hosting their second annual 5K "Race for Sparta" on Saturday at White Station High School.

The WSHS Athletic Booster Club is a 501(3)(c) parent organization which operates to promote and support White Station's comprehensive athletic program and scholar-athletes. This year, the group also provided funds to purchase new uniforms for the school's band.

Check-in will begin at 8 a.m. and the race will begin at 9 a.m. The race fee is \$25. Register at [racesonline.com](http://racesonline.com).

For details, e-mail [wshsabcRunforSparta@gmail.com](mailto:wshsabcRunforSparta@gmail.com) or contact Beth McCarthy at [mccarthk@comcast.net](mailto:mccarthk@comcast.net).

#### Saturday pet adoptions

■ Horse Creek Wildlife Sanctuary will have its monthly pet adoption at the Germantown PetCo, 7680, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ Fayette County Animal Rescue will be at the Mid-South Pets Adoption Fair, sponsored by Invisible Fence, 287 Germantown Bend, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ Greyhounds from the Mid-South Greyhound Adoption will be available for adoption Saturday at Hollywood Feed, 4684 Poplar, from noon to 2 p.m.

■ Dogs from Real Good Dog Rescue will be at Hollywood Feed, 2015 Union, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

■ Bellyrubs Basset Rescue will have its adoption at Petco, 10315 E. Shelby Dr. from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

#### Greek Festival

"Enjoy being...GREEK FOR A DAY...OPA!" The 50th anniversary of Greekfest, held by the St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 6984 Highway 70 in Bartlett on October 8 (rain or shine) from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Savor the food and pastries, enjoy Live Greek music by the band Lazarus and the dancing performed by the Athenian Dancers at 1 and 3 p.m. Learn about the Greek Orthodox Religion, Greek Heritage and Culture.

Free admission and free on-site parking. For more information, call the church office at (901)388-5910.

#### Lacrosse clinic

The Collierville Lacrosse Boosters will host an introduction to lacrosse clinic Oct. 8 at Tara Oaks Elementary. The cost is \$27 if you pre-register and \$32 if you sign up the day of camp.

Today is the last day for early registration. Visit [colliervillelac.com](http://colliervillelac.com) to sign up. The camp will be 8:30-9:30 a.m. for children in third and fourth grades. Registration starts at 8:15 a.m. The camp for fifth and sixth graders will be 9:45-10:45 a.m. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. Camp for anyone in seventh through ninth grades will be 11 a.m. to noon. Registration starts at 10:45 a.m.

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Every part of town has things that make it special — uncommon or local stores and restaurants, favorite recreational activities or sports, unique festivals, exemplary arts and entertainment, unparalleled places, etc.

We want our readers to help shine the spotlight on their part of town. E-mail a list of your five favorites things about Germantown or Collierville to Matt Woo at [woo@commercialappeal.com](mailto:woo@commercialappeal.com).

And if you have a photo that features yourself, family, friends or pets taken in a place that showcases a favorite spot in your part of town, send it along, too, with complete caption information. E-mail digital photos in JPEG format, sized between 1- 2 MB. Please include your contact phone number.

## Bridge builder



Bill Fielder (from left), James Chapman, Logan Walker, Allan Sisson, Jennifer Sisson, Jonathan Chapman, Joey Markham, Larry Sisson, Jon Pace, Paul Hayes, Barry Chapman and Jerry Sisson construct a wooden structure that will be the foundation of the new bridge that connects Germantown Church of Christ to Friendship Park.

### Scout earns Eagle badge for building church bridge

By **DEBRA SISSON**  
*Special to My Life*

A 100-foot bridge now connects Germantown Church of Christ to Friendship Park on the south portion of the church's property.

This bridge was the Eagle Scout Service Project of Allan Sisson, 17, a scout with Troop 316, which is sponsored by the church. He saw a need to make the park more convenient to church members by connecting the church's parking lot to the park's walking path.

The bridge was built over a three-week period by 33 volunteers and took more than 525 man hours.

The extensive planning process entailed securing approvals from the church and the local Boy Scout Council, obtaining advice from several engineers and surveyors, the determination of the proper material and construction methods and meetings with the City of Germantown. Sisson also helped with budgeting, fundraising and the recruiting and scheduling of the work force.

*Debra Sisson is the mother of Allan Sisson.*



It took Allan Sisson and 33 volunteers three weeks to finish the 100-foot long wooden bridge. The bridge, which was completed in mid-August, was part of Sisson's Eagle Scout project.

## Rare Bibles on display at Museum of Biblical History

By **TRENA PACKER STREET**  
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The Museum of Biblical History located on the Collierville Town Square is staging a special exhibit in celebration of the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible.

The Museum of Biblical History, a non-profit organization, will present "The Enduring Word," a special exhibit of authentic artifacts telling the story of how the enduring word of the Bible came to be. The exhibit will run Oct. 1-9.

The Enduring Word's collection of original, rare Bibles and Bible leaves includes the Latin Vulgate; John Wycliff's English New Testament; the Gutenberg Bible; William Tyndale's English New Testament; the Cloverdale Bible; the Matthew Bible; the Great Bible; the Geneva



Dr. Rusty Maisel, curator of "The Enduring Word" exhibit, demonstrates how the Gutenberg Press works. The "Enduring Word" exhibit, held at the Museum of Biblical History, is a special exhibit celebrating the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible.

Bible; Hebrew Torah Scrolls; Greek Papyrus; and more.

Additionally, the exhibit that has been viewed by more than 200,000 people since 1997, includes pottery and other artifacts, plus a full scale working model of the Gutenberg Press and a 1611 King James Bible.

Curator of "The Enduring Word" is Dr. Rusty Maisel, a recognized authority on

manuscripts and printed editions of the Bible and their identification who has conducted seminars in the United States, Europe, and the Middle East.

The exhibit is open Monday-Saturday, from 10 a.m.- 7 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. for a nominal donation to the Museum.

For more information, call (901) 854-9578 or visit [biblical-museum.org](http://biblical-museum.org).

*Trena Packer Street is a Collierville resident.*