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## Water Safety Event Called Successful

*Used in part from Shelbyville Times-Gazette staff reports*

By Micky Pietkiewicz



A tearful Tiffany Young told gathered parents and kids how quickly she lost her two-year-old son Matthew Woods last year at a relative's pool in Chapel Hill. (T-G Photo by Brian Mosely)

The first water safety weekend event, one of three safety initiatives planned by the United Way Safety Committee, took place Saturday, June 20 at Shelbyville Recreation Center.

The event was held in memory of Matthew Woods, who drowned last year at age 2, and was sponsored by the Shelbyville Fire Department, the Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Center, and United Way of Bedford County.

Bill Woods, father of Matthew Woods, works as a firefighter at the Shelbyville Fire Department and also helped to plan the event. Tiffany Young, Matthew's mother, spoke at the event.

Recreation Center personnel split up the parents and children for a while in order to give the parents water safety instruction and to let the children play water safety games in the pool.

"We had children from 8 months of age to 14 years old, which was great," said Dawn Holley, executive director of the Bedford County United Way. "We believe that the event was very successful for the amount of time we had to put it together.

"Around 50 children were at the event and about 75 people total. We were very excited about the first year's turnout and also some of the things that came out of this weekend," she said.

For example, Denise Burdette, Shelbyville resident, read the preview article on the water safety weekend and shared it with her cousin, Monica Trice, from Atlanta.

"Monica also thought this was a very special story. Her son, Jaleel Trice, is a lifeguard in Atlanta and when his mother told him about the story, he decided to quickly plan a similar event for the pool he works at," Burdette said.

"The pool Jaleel works at hosts a Mothers Day Out program on Saturdays. Jaleel talked some of his friends into helping to teach these children a few water safety techniques. I thought it was great that these college students believed that water safety is such an important thing to educate children about that they took extra time to organize the event."

Burdette and her son attended the Water Safety Weekend event at the Shelbyville Recreation Center on Saturday. She was very excited when her son came up to her after one of the safety demonstrations and said, "I didn't know how to do that!" Burdette said that both she and her son learned a lot from this event. "I would highly recommend this program to everyone. It really hit home as a parent."

**Be a Piece of the Solution...**



...for a **Stronger Bedford County**

**WHY SHOULD YOU GIVE TO UNITED WAY?**

**We are Local**

Funds raised here stay here. Your gift helps improve lives here in Bedford County.

**We are Accountable and Efficient**

Local volunteers raise the funds and allocate the funds, ensuring that every penny is spent wisely.

**We are Making a Difference**

Our objective is to provide every Bedford County citizen with the opportunity to participate, succeed and excel in the community.

**Strengthening Services**

Contributions in 2008 provided over \$110,000 to 18 agencies serving Bedford County for the year.

The committee plans to make this an annual event and hopes that the event will grow. "We think that everyone learned a lot from this safety event and we hope that parents will take this knowledge and apply it to their everyday routines," Holley said.

**'Stuff' for School**

*Used in part from Shelbyville Times-Gazette*  
By Mary Reeves

It's never too soon to start thinking about school supplies. For some people, however, the added costs of paper, notebooks, pencils and more can be overwhelming -- especially in today's economy and with the many job losses in Bedford County.

That's where the United Way's "Stuff the School Bus" program comes in. Volunteers, lead by chairman Connie Boutwell, gather new donated supplies, or purchase school supplies with donated money, and literally "stuff" a school bus.



Volunteers help kick off the 'Stuff the School Bus' campaign for 2009. (T-G Photo by Mary Reeves)

The supplies are then redistributed to every public school in the county, getting to the children who need them the most. Many people have seen the bus parked in front of Walmart on the big "Stuff the Bus" day, but collections actually start much earlier.

"There are 21 different places where you can leave donations," said Dawn Holley, director of the Bedford County United Way. "We'll have boxes out, and lists the items needed."

The United Way has lots of help when it comes to stuffing the bus.

"We're partners with First Baptist Church in Normandy, the 4-H kids are always a big help, Boy Scouts and Walmart," said Holley. The Walmart collection will be July 18.

**Drop-off locations**

|  |                                 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| * Bedford Co. Education (Central Office) | * Kut Ups Family Hair Design    |
| * Bedford County Chiropractic            | * Peoples Bank of Bedford Co.   |
| * Bell Buckle Café                       | * Pinnacle Financial            |
| * Jimmy Clark, DDS                       | * Regions Bank (Main Branch)    |
| * First Community Bank (Elm Street)      | * Regions Bank (Elm Street)     |
| * First Community Bank (Madison Street)  | * Regions Bank (East Branch)    |
| * First Community Bank (Airport Branch)  | * Shelbyville Recreation Center |
| * FirstBank                              | * Stor-N-Lock                   |
| * H&H Piggly Wiggly (Unionville)         | * USBank                        |
| * Heritage Medical Center                | * Wartrace Town Hall            |
| * Heritage South Credit Union            |                                 |

**Items needed**

|                          |                              |                               |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • 24-count Crayons       | • Zipper pouch w/3 holes     | • Book bags                   |
| • Colored pencils        | • Plastic school box         | • Pocket dividers             |
| • Black and blue pens    | • Nap mats                   | • Ruled index cards (3x5)     |
| • Glue sticks            | • Wide rule paper (100 ct.)  | • 2" 3-Ringer Binder          |
| • Elmer's glue           | • Wide Rule spiral notebooks | • Black marble comp. book     |
| • Blunt Fiskars scissors | • 5-subject spiral notebook  | • 1-inch hard vinyl notebook  |
| • Regular scissors       | • Eight-line tablets         | • Folders w/2 pockets & brads |



**UNITED WAY OF  
BEDFORD COUNTY  
2009/2010  
PARTNER AGENCIES**

Adult Basic Education  
Alzheimer's Association  
American Red Cross  
Bedford County 4-H  
Boy Scouts of America-  
Middle TN Council  
Caregiver Relief Program  
Center for Family  
Development  
Child Development Center  
Community Clinic of  
Shelbyville & Bedford Co.  
Contact Life Line  
Epilepsy Foundation of  
Middle TN  
Great Strides Therapeutic  
Riding Program  
Haven of Hope  
Humane Association  
Rescue Squad of  
Bedford Co.  
Senior Citizens Center  
TN Poison Control Center  
Tony Rice Center

## Campaign Kick-off/Day of Caring



working to improve lives in Bedford County.

**Mark your calendar!** United Way of Bedford County wants to thank you for your continued support and kick-off a new campaign year. A 2009/2010 Campaign Kick-off has been scheduled for **Thursday, September 10 at 12:00** at H.V. Griffin park at the large pavilion. Meet partner agency representatives and see how your contributions are

working to improve lives in Bedford County. In conjunction with the Campaign Kickoff, we have also added a Day of Caring to the day. Volunteers will spread out all over the Bedford County community that morning to help with much-needed projects. Please contact the United Way office to submit you or a business team for assistance with a project. Teams will be assigned a project and partner agency location by the United Way office.

A special thanks is extended to Tyson Foods and Wal-Mart D.C. #6062 for sponsoring lunch. Please contact the United Way office to confirm your participation. And again, **THANK YOU** for helping build a stronger Bedford County.

## Postal Worker Food Drive Brings in Tons of Canned Food

*Used in part from Shelbyville Times-Gazette staff reports*



Local residents, postal workers and volunteers participated in the National Association of Letter Carriers food drive to "Stamp Out Hunger" on Saturday, May 9.

Residents put food bags out at their mailboxes for the postal workers to pick up. 6,110 pounds of food was raised

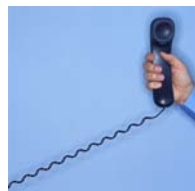
through the local drive this year. The food was given to the Good Samaritan Association food pantry, and the amount donated was a slight increase from last year.

Thank you for your help in making this drive a success. This truly helps many people in need in Bedford County.



Postal carrier Pat Williams delivers several boxes of food to Good Samaritan volunteer Ewin Stewart

## Call 2-1-1 for Information and Referral Service



By calling 2-1-1 you will get connected to local services-from food, clothing, and shelter assistance to counseling, legal and financial services. It's helpful, its fast – and it couldn't be easier. Get the help you need call **2-1-1**.

## What Matters to You?

### Safety



### Security

### Home



### Family

*The United Way of Bedford County is doing things that matter to YOUR community.*

### Contact Us

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## Prescription Drug Discount Cards Available

Prescription drug discount cards may be obtained from local participating partner agencies or by calling United Way of Bedford County at 684-6685. Most pharmacies accept the prescription drug discount cards. They have no usage limits, age requirements or registration forms. The cards can reduce prescription drug costs by an average of 20 percent.

*The prescription drug discount cards have saved Bedford County residents over \$46,000 since the partnership started in 2006 between Membership Services Corp. and United Way of Bedford County.*

## Agency & Community Happenings

United Way of Bedford County partner agencies conduct fundraisers and events throughout the year. Make a difference in the services they provide to Bedford County by attending the various events.

### Child Development Center Golf Tournament August 3



The Pencil Country Golf Classic benefiting the Child Development Center will be held August 3, 2009. This is a TPGA event hosted at Riverbend Country Club in Shelbyville.

Anyone interested in helping to sponsor the event, or golfers wishing to participate, may contact Marian or Teresa at 931-684-9203.

*The Child Development Center provides developmental and educational services to children with delayed developmental skills or disabilities.*

### Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk September 26

Memory Walk is the nation's largest event to raise



awareness and funds for Alzheimer care, support and research. Since 1989, Memory Walk has raised more than \$260 million for the cause.

Memory Walk is scheduled for Saturday, September 26 at Tullahoma High School. Check-in is at 9:00 am.

Participants of this walk come from a five-county area; Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Marshall, and Moore. If you have additional questions contact Martha or Tiffany at 931-455-3345.

### Epilepsy Foundation Summer Camp August 9 - 14

The Epilepsy Foundation will be participating in a brain injury survivor summer camp August 9-14 at Camp Discovery near Cookeville. Individuals 18 years and older are invited to participate.

Scholarship opportunities are available. For additional information call 931-684-5222.



### Humane Association Pet Day



Shelbyville-Bedford County Humane Association will have its annual Celebration Pet Day at the AG Center on Saturday, September 26 from 10 am - 4 pm. There will be a dog show,

vendors, games, food, and other activities. Join us for lots of food and fun. For additional information contact Kitty Graham or Diane Forbes at 684-5463.