

Recent exciting new beginnings and bittersweet endings in Shelbyville



Youth soccer league kids participated in the new soccer field groundbreaking on Friday at H.V. Griffin Park. See more photos on page 2. (T-G Photo by Marilyn Ewing)

New City soccer complex: More than a mere footprint

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Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Director Trevor Freitas said it's exciting to see the long-anticipated soccer field coming to fruition at H.V. Griffin Park. He spoke with such admiration at the groundbreaking ceremony held by the City on Friday.

"I'm excited about getting the project underway," said Freitas. "It's been a long process but the end result will be an asset for our community."

This new soccer field project is estimated to cost \$5 million and is being partially funded through a 50/50 Local Parks and Recreation Fund (state LPRF grant.) The City's financial obligation has no doubt been lessened through

LPRF in Tennessee which provides grants to local governments for projects related to parks, natural areas, and recreational facilities. (LPRF is administered by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's Office of Outdoor Recreation.)

To finish the soccer complex, City Parks and Recreation will bring forward \$1.7 million and the City of Shelbyville will secure the project with its \$770,000.

Freitas added, "The soccer complex will help with many aspects of Shelbyville Parks and Recreation. These are the first soccer fields to be constructed here. Until now we have held soccer on the outfields of our baseball/softball fields. That leads into the fact that the completion of this

project will help more than just soccer in that now we'll be able to offer fall ball and continue to host baseball/softball tournaments into the fall."

He reports that grading should begin within the month, and the goal is to finish the field area sometime this fall.

"The building that will go on site may take a little longer," advised Freitas. "All in, I'm hoping for everything to take 6-8 months."

Shelbyville's own Charlie Rose has been a long supporter of the new soccer complex and recently began Soccer Skills Academy.

Rose told the T-G this week, "I've been a Bedford County resident since 2002, a business owner since 2004, and a soccer coach since 2008.

'Soccer is woven into the fabric of this community in a way that is hard to explain unless you live here.'

—Charlie Rose, youth soccer coach

Eighteen years coaching hundreds of players across recreational, school, and travel soccer — and a father of three daughters who have all played or are playing the game. This community has given my family so much, and investing back into its youth through soccer has always felt like the right thing to do."

Most people who know this long-time soccer coach will admit he's committed to the youth and this community for the long haul.

"This complex is going to change lives and I can't wait to see what it becomes," said Rose.

What many people don't know is that this journey started long before 2024—when the City purchased the land in 2014. Rose said he was already researching tournament revenue data and building a financial case for what a soccer complex could mean for Shelbyville.

"I started the H.V. Griffin Soccer Field Expansion Facebook page in 2018, to help build community awareness and keep the conversation alive. For years, we worked with the Parks and Recreation leadership to carry the case to

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BITTERSWEET CLOSING OF LOCAL BUSINESS

T-G Photo by Marilyn Ewing

Billy Lowery has been in the jewelry business for over 50 years; he has owned his own store, Lowery Jewelers, for 27 of those years. His wife, Sharon, retired from teaching in 2009, and has worked with him each day since at the store. Lowery Jewelers is closing its doors at 768 North Main. See more photos of a recent store celebration on page 12.



Commissioner Greg Vick, left, and Mayor Chad Graham, who have only a couple months to go in office, listen quietly Tuesday night during discussions about the senior tax freeze.

Commission thaws senior tax freeze, by one vote

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The senior property tax freeze was defeated by one vote Tuesday night during the County Commission session. The vote was 9 to 8, with one Commissioner abstaining. But the rules state it takes 10 votes to pass.

Voting against the senior property tax freeze were: Greg Vick, Sylvia Pinson,

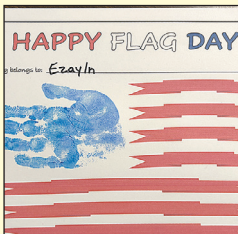
Janice Brothers, Scott Johnson, John Boutwell, Jason Boyette, Tony Smith and Linda Yockey. Most of these are on the County Finance Committee, which, by request, sent the proposal on to full Commission with a pretty steep fiscal note attached.

At the outset of the meeting, some residents spoke

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Flag Day is June 14

Ms. Menza's Day Care received an early introduction to the history and meaning of the American Flag.

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Youth Baseball Camp

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the Council — and they worked hard at it — but we kept running into funding failures, environmental hurdles and dead ends.”

Rose said the soccer group decided to get more proactive by going directly to Council. That’s when things began to shift, according to this soccer coach.

In early 2024, he had his first opportunity to address Council directly; he brought data rather than just passion. He shared information of how Shelbyville ranked 30th in city population in Tennessee and was the only city in the top 50 without a dedicated soccer complex.

He told Council how Bedford County, the 32nd most populous and one of the fastest-growing counties in the state at then 18.75% growth, was the only county with over 50,000 residents without one.

Rose knew from experience that TS-

SA-sanctioned (Tennessee State Soccer Association) tournaments alone can generate millions in team fees annually across Tennessee. He said he knows that \$2.1 million has been generated within 60 miles of Shelbyville.

Comparable complexes in nearby communities were averaging \$55,600 per tournament — translating to roughly \$440,000 in local hotel, restaurant, and retail spending per weekend event.

“The state’s dollar-for-dollar matching grant was a once-in-a-generation opportunity, and we knew it. I believe the research helped make the case, but to be clear, many people gave testimony and stepped up and made their voices heard.”

Rose vows it was a community effort to get Council moving on this complex. And like any good coach, he gives



T-G Photo by Noah Maddox

credit where credit is due.

“This was a community effort, and the credit belongs to everyone who showed up, spoke up, and refused to let it die. The Council voted in late 2024, to commit the City’s matching funds, and I am incredibly grateful to them for having the vision and courage to say ‘yes.’”

Rose said as for his Soccer Skills Academy, the timing feels right. For the first time in a decade, he’s not coaching at Harris Middle School, and rather than step away from the game, he decided to expand his reach.

“SSA brings technical training to girls across all nine Bedford County middle and high schools, something I could never do from one team’s sideline. Better facilities and better training go hand in hand, and



the groundbreaking and SSA launching in the same summer feels like exactly the right moment for soccer in this community.”

He added, “Soccer is woven into the fabric of this community in a way that is hard to explain unless you live here. There is not a day of the week that you can drive through Shelbyville without seeing a pickup game in someone’s yard or a kid dribbling in the driveway. That passion has always been here; we just needed a home for it. This complex was long overdue for our youth, and I expect it to be a wonderful opportunity for our active adults as well.”



Business Spotlight



The city of Shelbyville partners with Wold Architects & Engineers to expand recreation opportunities and support long-term community growth.

The City of Shelbyville, in partnership with Wold Architects and Engineers (Wold), today announced the start of construction on Phase 1 of a \$5M project to bring a multi-purpose soccer field complex to the region. On Friday afternoon, residents and project stakeholders joined local leaders for a groundbreaking ceremony on the 36-acre development to mark the major investment in the community’s recreational infrastructure, designed to support local athletics and future growth.

“This project represents an exciting investment in Shelbyville’s future,” said Trevor Freitas, parks and recreation department director for the City. “There’s already tremendous excitement from local families, athletes and residents about what this complex will bring to the community. Beyond expanding recreation opportunities, it will create a place where people can gather, compete and build lasting memories.”

The City selected Wold to provide grant administration, planning, design and construction administrative services for the project. The new complex expands HV Griffin Park with six regulation soccer fields, laser grading, irrigation and a 650-space parking lot. Its final design will include sports lighting, perimeter fencing, and an equipment storage facility. A concessions and restroom building with covered picnic area will provide additional amenities to enhance the experience for athletes, families and visitors.

Shelbyville Mayor Randy Carroll commented, “This project is a meaningful investment in the future of our youth and the continued growth of our community. The excitement surrounding today’s groundbreaking speaks volumes about what this complex will mean for Shelbyville as a recreational asset, a place that brings people together and a source of community pride.”

“We are proud to partner with the City of Shelbyville on a project that’s generated enthusiastic anticipation from the community,” said Jim Gilliam, government practice leader

with Wold Architects & Engineers. “From the beginning, the vision was to create more than just athletic fields. It has been to design a destination that supports connection, local pride and long-term growth for Shelbyville families and visitors.”

Designed for long-term flexibility and community use, the complex reflects a coordinated approach to athletic facilities, infrastructure and growth planning. Other project partners include CDP Architecture and Studio Topography. The complex will ultimately be capable of supporting current recreational needs and future expansion. Construction is expected to continue through 2027.

About Wold Architects & Engineers

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‘There are about 250 veterans in Bedford County that have 100% disability and a lot of them are not going to be able to afford an increase in property taxes and [that] might force some of them out of their homes in the near future.’

—Veteran Dave Rogers, who made public comments

in support of the tax freeze, including a couple of veterans. One of those was Dave Rogers. (See Rogers’ quote at top of this article.)

Voting to pass the senior property tax freeze were: Drew Hooker, Eric Maddox, Troy Thompson, Adam Thomas, Anita Epperson, Biff Farrar, Keith Davis and Bill Anderson.

Commissioner Mark Thomas abstained from the vote.

Commissioner Boutwell said he was more concerned about the low per pupil spending in this County and state-wide. He said during this election year, a new “vote-getting program” could cost the County millions over 10 years.

He told the T-G, “Last night was a hard one. I was torn on the decision. We do not know how the City-County lawsuit will be decided. A loss for the County is \$2 million a year in revenue. I can’t see adding significant expense to the County at this time. The Finance committee estimated the cost of the senior tax freeze over 10 years will cost \$2.4 million. These two items would add \$22.4 million in revenue loss/expense over the next 10 years. How the County will grapple with this, I don’t know. However, if the past is any guide, the budget will be balanced on the backs of our children. And just as tax increases hurt struggling seniors, the same is true for young families. I had to vote no.”

Commissioner Davis said he had asked the Finance Committee recently how the senior tax freeze would impact schools. He said he never got a straight answer. He went through TISA dynamics and pointed out those funds can be withheld under the state process.

Davis stated for the record, “I want to say that I’m absolutely for seniors . . . my moth-

er probably the only one who qualifies for both of these (tax relief and freeze programs.) My mother said she ‘doesn’t want to be a hindrance upon someone else to take care of me.’”

One point Davis made was why only 28% of state counties have bought into this program.

Commissioner Maddox, who originally proposed the senior tax freeze, said the school budget would not be impacted. He said calling out education issues was an “unnecessary roadblock” though he appreciates Commissioner statements.

Maddox called upon Commissioner Neeley to clarify any questions about funding, particularly from the school budget side. Neeley served several years as a member of Bedford County Board of Education.

Neeley stated how she’s been in support of education for many years and yes, there are funding deficits. But she advised those funding issues are everywhere and population growth has created more problems.

Neeley said there are a lot of empty nester taxpayers who believe they’ve paid their dues to education. She said many of these taxpayers continue to do so.

She said a “huge” tax increase a few years ago went to County employee salaries. She said that was a lot more than seniors are earning, after many years of public service.

She admitted that she is very passionate about helping those qualifying seniors over age 65. “We are talking about \$115,000,” said Neeley. “If we want to fuss about funding education, we all sat here, some did . . . for a \$10.4 million bundle deal for stuff, that some of us, who sat on Courthouse and Property never even had the opportunity to look at and talk about. And when



Commissioner Drew Hooker calling out commissioner Scott Johnson on making a “cleverly worded” set of statements regarding budget deficit. Finance Director Robert Daniel caught in middle.

we questioned it were told, ‘Well, we’ve had it in here and we always wanted to do it and we need to do it now.’”

Neeley said it’s ridiculous to keep quibbling over \$115,000-for some of the Commission to act like it’s \$150 million. She said several thousand dollars were set aside in the budget a few years ago for salaries.

“There’s 3 years of it, right there.”

She challenged those Commissioners who may not know those seniors to learn a little more about them, because they may learn that many worked pencil mills and chicken factories and had no access to pensions.

“They’re not doing upkeep on their homes. They don’t have the money. While I appreciate education . . . don’t see any other way around this tonight but for us to please, for God’s sake, help other individuals in his County who are not as blessed and fortunate as we are.”

There was applause from the public in attendance.

Commissioner Johnson said it’s more of a “timing issue.” He thanked his fellow veterans for their comments, and asked Finance Director Robert Daniel if this tax freeze program is included in next year’s budget.

Daniel said no, because it hasn’t been approved.

Commissioner Johnson then asked Daniel if he thought this program could cause a property tax increase. Daniel said yes, since there will not be enough money in the County fund balance to cover.

Commissioner Hooker said, “If you don’t want to take it from other places, it needs a tax increase?”

“Well, that’s our problem; our priorities are out of whack. We need to take it from other places. We’re throwing money at all

and asked them to file for a septic repair permit. So far, nothing has been resolved, according to Planners. The environmentalist then sent them a notice of violation. Planners reached out to TDEC and let them know that the adjacent site is frequented by children, and they got right on it. A summons was filed last week. This is now a court issue.



Public comments - Briana Akers and veteran Dave Rogers, Commissioner Diane Neeley stating the money’s there!



Commissioners John Boutwell and Keith Davis bringing up education needs. Davis voted for the Sr Tax Freeze approval in the end and Boutwell voted against.

these different organizations . . . projects. There’s money in this budget. There always is. But the problem is that our priorities can be out of whack.

Directing his comments toward Johnson, he added, “That was very creative. But I think it was very misleading.”

Hooker confirmed with Daniel that if the money is taken from other areas in the budget, there would be no need for a property tax increase.

“Yes, that’s correct,” answered the finance director.

Johnson interjected that it was just a question and didn’t feel it was misleading.

So how do those who started these talks of the senior tax freeze feel?

Commissioner Maddox told the T-G after the meeting, “Tonight’s vote was extremely disappointing but I’m not going to get defeated. My hope and prayer is that the work done will eventually help get this



Commissioner Eric Maddox, who began the Sr Tax Program proposal, said he left disappointed but not defeated.

passed.” Maddox said most of the people he’s talked with in the County were in favor of the senior property tax freeze. He said, how-

ever, Commissioners should get their priorities in line and need to listen to the people they represent.

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No matter, it doesn’t make people feel at ease when the Duck is their water source.

TWRA officials and TDOT were at the Warner’s Bridge site Monday. Some residents re-

port seeing a lot of white foam in the river. There are also sections of the river that have an occasional odor.

County Planning received a report that apparently a dollar store on 231 North has a failed septic system, with septic effluent ponding on the ground. An environmentalist, Planners report, sent them a notice

GET OUT!

By Timothy E. Parker

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At Sinai: Commandments Given Exodus 19-20

When the Israelites arrived at Sinai, Moses went up into the mountain to meet with God and the Lord gave him the Ten Commandments, writing them on stone tablets.

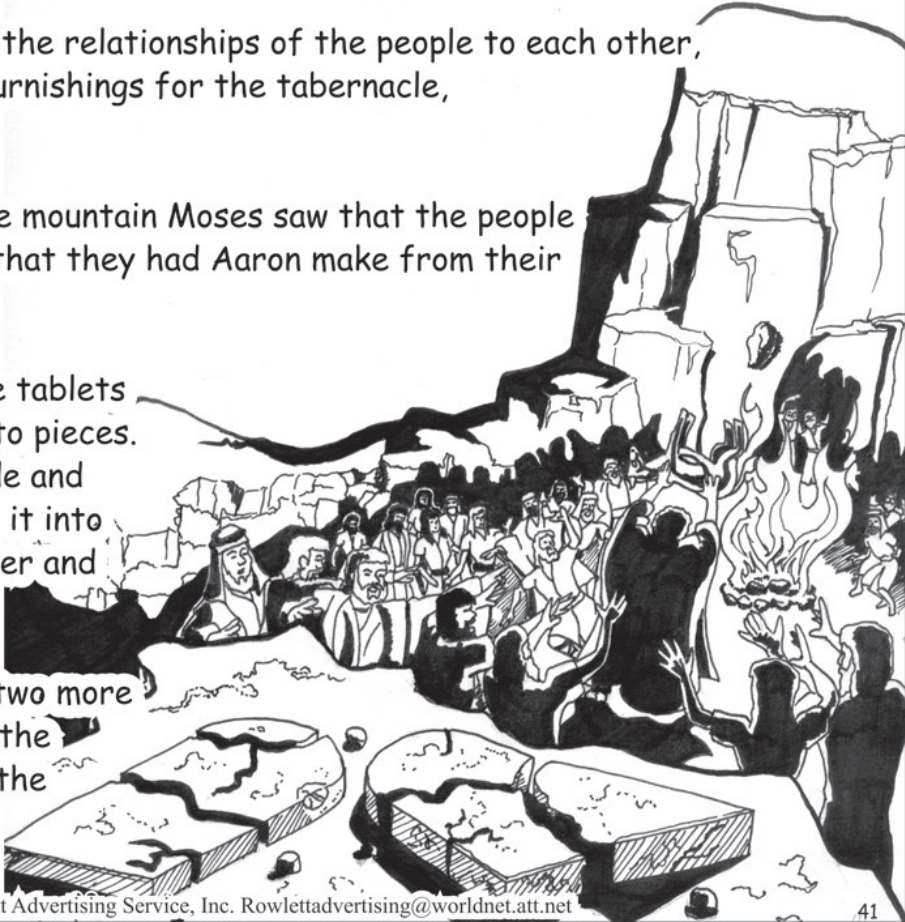
He also gave instructions about the relationships of the people to each other, festivals, the tabernacle and furnishings for the tabernacle, the Sabbath observance, etc.

As he was coming down from the mountain Moses saw that the people were worshipping a golden calf that they had Aaron make from their jewelry.

In anger Moses threw the stone tablets out of his hand, breaking them to pieces. He took the calf Aaron had made and burned it in the fire and ground it into powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it.

The Lord had Moses chisel out two more stone tablets and take them to the mountain where he would write the commandments again.
Exodus 34

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Elizabeth Jarrell Moore Rodgers

A descendant of early Bedford County families, Elizabeth Rodgers was born in Shelbyville, Tennessee on October 2, 1930, and passed away peacefully on May 31, 2026. She was the daughter of the late Elizabeth Jarrell Litsey and Donald Wells Moore.

She was preceded in death by her beloved son, William Bryant Woosley, III, and is survived by her beloved son, Edward Jarrell Woosley, who cared for her so thoughtfully. She was married to her second husband, John Alden Rodgers, who preceded her in death, and is survived by her step-daughter, Lisa Thurmond and granddaughter, Lacey Thurmond of San Antonio, Texas.

Mrs. Rodgers attended public school in Shelbyville and was a graduate of Virginia Intermont College in Bristol, VA. She received her B.A. degree from George Peabody College and her M.S. degree from Vanderbilt University Medical School with a degree in Audiology and Speech Pathology in 1953, the first graduating class of this program. Upon graduation, she was employed by the Junior League Speech School in Augusta, Georgia. After returning to her home in Shelbyville, she married her first husband, the late William Bryant Woosley, Jr., and started the first speech program in the public schools system there.

Her interest in historic preservation led to her appointment to serve on the Tennessee Historical Commission. She was also one of 50 selected by the U. S. Department of the Interior to attend a program entitled, "Historic Preservation for Decision Makers" in Washington. Among other programs, she attended a three-week summer study sponsored jointly by the British and American National Trusts in England.

Upon moving to Nashville in 1978, she was employed as Preservationist at the Metro Historical Commission where she wrote nominations to the National Register of Historic Places and was the author of "A Brief History of Nashville", a brochure produced for distribution by the Nashville Chamber of Commerce.

She also served as Co-



ordinator for the Nashville Bicentennial Celebration. She was listed in Marquis Who's Who in American Women, Who's Who in the South and Southwest, 1980 and 1981. She later became the Executive Director for the E.A.R. (Education and Auditory Research) Foundation at Baptist Hospital which brought medical specialists for weeklong instruction in auditory matters.

She also arranged the first balloon race, the E.A.R. Balloon Classic, which was held at Maryland Farms. Next, she served as Development Director for The Hermitage, home of Andrew Jackson, in which she helped conclude a \$5 million capital campaign.

A lover of horses, she along with her late husband, John Alden Rodgers, were members of the Hillsboro Hounds and enjoyed riding in the beautiful Cornersville countryside. As a lover of literature, she was a member of the first Thursday afternoon Book Club in Shelbyville and served on the Library Board there. She was also founder of the Monday Book Club in Nashville. She was a member of the Wednesday Weeders Garden Club, the Centennial Club, Cheekwood, the Symphony Guild and other civic and charitable organizations.

She deeply loved her family, her friends, her church and prayed for them and for our country daily. Special thanks are given to devoted assistants, Liz Burchfield, Barry Pigg, Jim and Nan Smith, Jessie Mallory and Jin Jeong. She was a member of Stephens Valley Church.

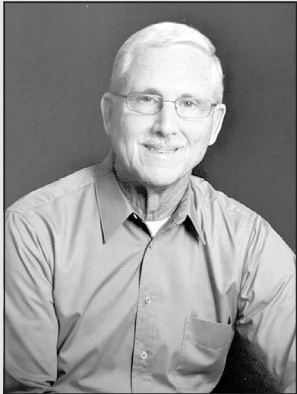
A graveside service, officiated by Rev. Jim Bachmann, will be held at Willow Mount Cemetery in Shelbyville on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 10 AM. Memorial gifts may be given to a charity of your choice.

Feldhaus-Gowen Smith Chapel in Shelbyville is in charge of arrangements.

Allen Edward Perry, Jr.

Allen Edward Perry, Jr., age 82, of Shelbyville, TN passed away June 4, 2026. He was born June 15, 1943, in Tullahoma, TN to Allen Perry, Sr and Opie Holder Perry.

Allen will be remembered as a kind, caring provider. His family meant everything to him. He always made sure everyone and every animal was well taken care of and fed. If you couldn't find him, he was either in the kitchen cooking for his wife, Mary Cathryn, or in the garage working on his cars. He was a member of Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church. He retired from DREMC where he worked as a lineman. He loved muscle cars and fixing them up, but loved his family even more. He was a long-time member of the Civitan Club and helped at any event that his sister-in-law, Sweet Eve, was involved in. He was a long-time member of the Southern Wheels in Motion car club. He loved attending car shows, cruise-ins, and rod runs. He was always at any event that his grandkids were involved



in. He is survived by his wife, Mary Cathryn; 2 sons Mark (Tish) Perry of Tullahoma, Brian (Bobbi) Perry of Shelbyville, and a daughter Amanda (Mark) Scott of Ooltewah; 6 grandchildren, Nicole, William, Audrey, Claire, Annabelle, and Owen; and 1 great grandson, Haiden; sister Linda Chapman, of Tullahoma, as well as many extended family members, church family members and friends.

A memorial service will be held at Mt Olivet United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 7, at 3 p.m. with visitation before from 1-3. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Helping Hands, mail to Skills Development Services, PO Box 802, Shelbyville, TN 37162, or Mt Olivet UMC, 297 Mt Olivet Rd, Wartrace, TN 37183.

Mary Gay Rittenberry Boyce

Mary Gay Rittenberry Boyce, 75, of Shelbyville, died June 3, 2026. Funeral Services were held 2:00 P.M. Saturday, June 6th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home with the Rev. Loyd Warren officiating. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

She was a native of Shelbyville, a faithful member of Victory Baptist Church for over 50 years. She loved her husband, children, grandchildren and animals, especially her

dogs and cats. She was a fine Christian Lady who never complained and always had a smile for everyone. She was an avid reader and crafter who loved to crochet.

Mary was the daughter of the late Clyde and Mary McCormick Rittenberry. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by a brother, Wayne Rittenberry.

She is survived by



her husband of 41 years, Anthony Glen Boyce; her children, Angie and Jeremy Bivvins of Shelbyville, Carrie and Mack Rippy Jr. of Petersburg, William Daniel and Brittany Boyce of Fall Branch, Tn., Robert Clyde and Stacy Boyce of Shelbyville; sister, Annette and Brent Powell; brother, Thomas Rittenberry of Shelbyville; nine grandchildren, Ashleigh Bivvins, Austyn Bivvins, Isaac Rippy, Kayde Rippy, Ali Rippy, Jayden Rippy, Emmi Boyce, Gage Boyce and Harper Patton.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Luke Alan Ballard

Luke Alan Ballard was born April 22, 2026, and departed this life on June 2, 2026, at one month and eleven days. He was a precious baby boy, with the cutest dimples, that brought immeasurable love and joy to his family. He was a gift from God and his family will be eternally grateful for every day they had with Baby Luke.

He is survived by his parents, Jonathan and Rebecca Ballard of the home in Lewisburg TN; and the brother to Rosemary and Baker Ballard, of the home; maternal grandparents, Alan Peterson of Minerva, Ohio; Dee and Brad Beasley of Murfreesboro, TN; paternal grandparents, Thomas and Leanne Ballard of Pryor, Oklahoma; maternal great-grandparents Mary and Peter Hicks of Lebanon, TN; Shelby Beasley of Hermitage, TN, Judy Dages of Louisville, KY; paternal great-grandparents, Tom and Sue Ballard of Gore, Oklahoma; aunts and uncles, Lisa and Jeff Dungey of Blairsville, GA; Amy and Aaron Nieves of Blairsville, GA; Paige and Nawrass Aldabbagh of Franklin, TN; Connor Beasley of Murfreesboro,



TN; Brayden Beasley of Murfreesboro, TN; Brooklynn and Wesley Cunningham of Murfreesboro, TN; Parker Ballard of Locust Grove, Oklahoma; cousins, Bradley Dungey, Justin Hildreth, Myles Nieves, Madison and Jalen Ingram; Lincoln and Violet Aldabbagh, McKoy Ballard; as well as numerous extended family members.

Luke Alan was preceded in death by his maternal great-grandparents Claude Dages; Ron Beasley; Hugh and Charity Peterson; paternal great-grandparents Barbara Ballard and Marvin Breeden.

The Celebration of Life service will be on Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 2 PM at Grove Hill Church, Nashville Hwy, Chapel Hill, TN. There will be no visitation prior to the service.

Lawrence Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Chapel Hill, TN is in charge of the arrangements, (931) 364-2233.

Death Notices

Shona Lee Whiley Norman

Shona Lee Whiley Norman, age 62, of Shelbyville
October 1, 1963 - June 8, 2026
Doak Funeral Home is serving the family.

Charles "Charlie" C. Jacobs

Charles "Charlie" C. Jacobs, age 81, of Bell Buckle
November 13, 1944 - June 5, 2026
Doak Funeral Home is serving the family.

Info on the Trump IRA starter account for children

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) of 2025, created the Trump account, a "starter" IRA for children under age 18, available starting July 5, 2026. If helping a child save for retirement is one of your goals, this report can help you understand when and how to take advantage of Trump accounts.

An overview

A Trump account (also known as a 530A account) is a type of retirement account that can be established for any child with a Social Security number prior to January 1 of the year they turn 18 ("Pre-18"). A child can generally have only one Trump account at any given time. The election to open an account can be made by a legal guardian, parent, adult sibling or grandparent (in that order of

priority.) These accounts are set up as custodial accounts: The child owns the assets, but the adult acts on the child's behalf until the assets can transfer to the child.

A Trump account is essentially a traditional IRA with special rules before the child reaches age 18. Those rules relate to who can contribute, how much can be contributed, what investments are allowed and when distributions can be made.

Thank you to Charlie Williams from Edward D. Jones for sharing this information with T-G readers.

"It isn't something that we deal with directly," advised Williams, "but feel strongly that it represents a great opportunity to help build a more secure future for children."

Nice crowd attends Shofner Chapel First Sunday June Decoration 2026 event held in conjunction with America's 250th



Shofner's Lutheran Chapel on Thompson's Creek (41A South) in Bedford County is a historic site recognized as the first TN Lutheran church. The chapel was founded in 1808, by Martin Shofner, a Revolutionary War veteran who received a land grant from Continental Congress for his service as a cavalryman in a North Carolina regiment under

General Nathanael Green. The current building was erected in the mid-1800s. The building and adjacent cemetery were added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places on July 10, 1998. On June 9, 2014,

a storm damaged the roof. Shofner Lutheran Chapel is still today a preservation of early German-American settlement, Lutheran missionary work and embodies preservation of historic architecture. Bedford Coun-

ty Archives Director Carol Roberts shared some of the Shofner history on Sunday.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Shelbyville will be accepting sealed bids for the following:

ROOFING PROJECT AT SHELBYVILLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING

CUSTOM ARCH FOR RIVERVIEW DISTRICT ENTRANCE

Details may be found on our website at www.shelbyvilletn.org. A copy of the Invitation to Bid packet may also be picked up at City Hall during normal business hours. Sealed bids must be received at Shelbyville City Hall, Purchasing Office, 201 N. Spring St., Shelbyville, TN by 2:00 p.m. CST on Thursday, June 25, 2026. Any submittals received after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids will be returned unopened. Bid Committee will meet promptly after the time and date listed above to open bids.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Wartrace, Tennessee, hereby provides certain financial information for the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget in accordance with the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 56, Section 206. There will be a public hearing concerning the budget at City Hall on June 22, 2026 at 5:30 PM. All citizens were welcome to participate. The budget and all supporting data are a public record and are available for public inspection by anyone at the office of the Chief Financial Officer.

	GENERAL FUND			STATE STREET AID FUND		
	FY 2025 Unaudited	FY 2026 Estimated	FY 2027 Proposed	FY 2025 Unaudited	FY 2026 Estimated	FY 2027 Proposed
Revenues:						
Local Taxes	\$322,791	\$326,257	\$345,500	-	-	-
State of Tennessee	167,793	104,761	102,427	23,099	23,001	23,100
Federal Government	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Sources	66,699	81,851	85,430	-	718	1,500
Total Revenues	\$557,283	\$512,869	\$533,357	\$23,099	\$23,719	\$24,600
Expenditures:						
Salaries	\$155,570	\$150,462	\$151,712	-	-	-
Other Cost	415,772	245,606	285,263	10,855	9,866	13,500
Total Expenditures	\$571,342	\$396,068	\$436,975	\$10,855	\$9,866	\$13,500
Beginning Fund Balance:	\$375,441	\$361,382	\$478,183	\$50,682	\$62,926	\$76,779
Ending Fund Balance:	\$361,382	\$478,183	\$574,565	\$62,926	\$76,779	\$87,879
Number of FTE Employees	2	2	2	-	-	-

Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1) Framing 2x4
5) Middle ear bone
10) Birthday topics
14) Jason's ship
15) Makeup option
16) Hatcher of TV
17) Almost have in-laws
20) Official government pardons
21) Golfer's aspiration
22) Old TV "Squad"
23) "Just a ___" ("Wait!")
24) In an optimistic way
27) It's south of Turkey
29) Housing projects?
32) Gaming cube
33) Dream Team team
36) Farthest toward the sunset
38) Instruction to an actor, sometimes
41) Animal that preys on others
42) Highest non-face card
43) Draft contents
44) Like interstate highways
46) Mouth off at

- 50) One who makes a point
52) Work unit
55) Fond du ___, Wisconsin
56) ___ in xylophone
57) Like good obedience school candidates
60) Avoid the public
63) Frank with a famous diary
64) Slender watercraft
65) Rope entanglement
66) Pricy opera house seating section
67) Way the wind blows
68) Male heirs

CLUES DOWN

- 1) Italian deli item
2) Low number on the Richter scale
3) Lake George is there
4) Bird of peace
5) Ready to spit nails
6) Observe
7) Like baby monkeys
8) They are uttered with shudders

- 9) Gloater's shout
10) Legendary reference book?
11) Trash
12) Closer's stat
13) Walter Scott or Walter Raleigh
18) Curvaceous one of 26
19) Disciple of Jesus
24) Go back to the default settings
25) Santa checks it
26) Up to the present
28) ___ pro quo
30) Conscious of
31) Really relax, in slang (with "out")
34) Furthest from the freshest
35) "When you wish upon ___ ..."
37) Clothing store section
38) Musician Clapton
39) Making copies in the office
40) Heavy measure
41) Outdoor sound blasters, briefly
45) Certain church official
47) Lacking pigmentation
48) Wild West drinking hole
49) Potpourri offerings

GET OUT!

FreeDailyCrosswords.com Timothy E. Parker

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- 51) One spelling for an Indian princess
53) Irritated
54) Large African antelope
57) Any old Russian ruler
58) Jeweler Lalique or Hollywood's Russo
59) Inquires
60) Cowpoke's sweetheart
61) Yoko of the music world
62) Mo. of colorful foliage

Bedford County property transfers

The following property sales were recently recorded in the Bedford County Register of Deeds office.

File date: June 2

Location: 108 6th Ave; Seller, Carl W Richardson Sr; Buyer, Alex Farsian; Price, \$105,000 (Deed).

Seller, Ryan Richardson, Halcyon Construction and Development LLC; Buyer, Kathy Minter Baker; Price, \$510,000 (Deed).

Location: Pickle Rd; Seller, Timothy D Richardson; Buyer, Leon Richardson, James Leon Richardson; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: 212 Cayenne Dr; Seller, Ryan T Schmitt; Buyer, Stefanie Pruitt, Roger Pruitt; Price, \$340,000 (Deed).

Location: 310 Spring St; Seller, DCC Strategic Realty Partners LLC; Buyer, Cassadi D Baker; Price, \$308,000 (Deed).

Location: Nashville Dirt Rd; Seller, Charles M Williams, Vicki Williams; Buyer, Greg T Curl; Price, \$125,000 (Deed).

Location: 141 Dogwood Ct; Seller, Joseph A Messina, Lisa Messina; Buyer, Angela Murphy, Richard Murphy; Price, \$235,000 (Deed).

Location: Homer Bryan Lane; Seller, Charles M Williams, Vicki Williams; Buyer, Greg T Curl; Price, \$50,000 (Deed).

Location: 2820 Highway 82 E; Seller, Benito Luciano Moreno; Buyer, MW Real Estate Group LLC; Price, \$579,000

(Deed).

Location: Hwy 64; Seller, Peter Alan Barrett; Buyer, Taggart Transcontinental Rail ULC; Price, \$0 (QD).

File date: June 3

Location: 201 Orchard Lane; Seller, Michael Barry Collins; Buyer, Kenneth Paul Kauffman, Connie Kauffman; Price, \$270,000 (Deed).

Location: Old Highway 64 E; Seller, DCC Strategic Realty Partners LLC; Buyer, Stacey Zindle, John Zindle; Price, \$218,405 (Deed).

Location: Old Highway 64 E; Seller, DCC Strategic Realty Partners LLC; Buyer, Nathan R Zindle; Price, \$199,9900 (Deed).

Location: 1721 Hwy 64 W; Seller, Michael J France Sr, Dorla M France; Buyer, France Living Trust, Michael J France Sr, Dorla M France; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: 337 Shelbyville Mills Rd; Seller, Michael J Sr France, Dorla M France; Buyer, Investors at Heart LLC, Michael J France Sr, Dorla M France; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: 335 Virgil Crowell Rd; Seller, Gail Louise Zane; Buyer, George Curtis Zane; Price, \$0 (QD).

File date: June 4

Location: 110 Virginia Court; Seller, John Smith, Julie Smith; Buyer, Barbie A Farrow, Donald R Farrow; Price, \$325,000 (Deed).

Location: 227 Idle Dr; Seller, DFH Crescent LLC; Buyer, Timothy Jackson, Kiki

Jackson, Mary Lee Toney Price, \$349,990 (Deed).

File date: June 5

Seller, David Kenon Threet, Ann Ellen Brown Threet; Buyer, David Jason Threet, Sally D Threet; Price, \$0 (QD).

Seller, Evenecer Ceditillo, Emily Ceditillo, Emily K Demaio; Buyer, Adienna L Peabody; Price, \$334,000 (Deed).

Location: 607 Apple Blossom Trail; Seller, Lisa Curl, Jill Cook; Buyer, Tori Breitenbach; Price, \$499,000 (Deed).

Location: Greer Rd; Seller, Roger Richards; Buyer, Roger D Richards Revocable Trust; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: Greer Rd; Seller, Roger Richards; Buyer, Roger D Richards Revocable Trust; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: 141 Greer Rd; Seller, Roger Richards; Buyer, Roger D Richards Revocable Trust; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: 141 Church Cross Rd; Seller, Roger Richards; Buyer, Roger D Richards Revocable Trust; Price, \$0 (QD).

Seller, Kylie Renea Guinn; Buyer, Parker Blaine Guinn; Price, \$0 (QD).

Seller, Mary Ester Ray, May Esther Ray, Mary E Ray; Buyer, Jonathan Bradly Swander; Price, \$215,000 (Deed).

Location: Bell Buckle Wartrace Rd; Seller, Lloyd Davis; Buyer, Lloyd Davis, Regina Darlean Davis; Price, \$0 (QD).

File date: June 8

Location: Fishingford Pike; Seller, Lisa L Hobbs, Laura K Yoes Gordon, Gordon Laura K Yoes; Buyer, William A Gordon, Laura K Yoes Gordon, Gordon Laura K Yoes, Henry C Gordon; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: Thompson Lane; Seller, Christina Diane Ladd; Buyer, Joe Henry Ladd III; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: Gregory Mille Road; Seller, Leeann Genevieve Cagle; Buyer, Leeann Genevieve Cagle; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: Gregory Mille Road; Seller, Leeann Genevieve Cagle; Buyer, Dorothy Swartzentrover; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: 114 Collier Avenue; Seller,

Brackin Mills; Buyer, Brendon Wooding, Catarina Wooding; Price, \$239,900 (Deed).

Location: 129 Patriot Circle; Seller, Mi-

guel Saucedo, Josefa Valdez Villegas; Buyer, William Jake Vincent, Hannah Haynes; Price, \$399,999 (Deed).

Seller, Daryl One-

al, Amanda Oneal, Michael Hutson, Dawn Hutson; Buyer, Larry Gambill, Donna Gambill; Price, \$285,000 (Deed).

Bedford County, Tennessee Proposed Budget For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027				
Fund	Actual 2024-25	Estimated 2025-26	Estimated 2026-27	
General Fund				
Estimated Revenues & Other Sources				
Local Taxes	\$ 32,206,516	\$ 30,634,102	\$ 31,606,010	
State of Tennessee	\$ 4,087,185	\$ 4,146,800	\$ 3,845,072	
Federal Government	\$ 591,433	\$ 4,477,789	\$ 102,829	
Other Governments and Citizens Groups	\$ 228,323	\$ 71,131	\$ -	
Other Sources	\$ 28,869	\$ 441,980	\$ 378,643	
Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$ 37,142,326	\$ 39,771,802	\$ 35,932,554	
Estimated Expenditures & Other Uses				
Salaries	\$ 20,435,594	\$ 23,898,628	\$ 24,955,616	
Other Cost	\$ 16,563,191	\$ 22,335,780	\$ 18,682,349	
Total Estimated Expenditures & Other Uses	\$ 36,998,785	\$ 46,234,408	\$ 43,637,965	
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance-July 1	\$ 6,214,399	\$ 7,010,419	\$ 7,773,109	
Estimated Restricted Fund Balance- July 1	\$ 3,368,069	\$ 3,541,675	\$ 2,873,783	
Estimated Committed Fund Balance- July 1	\$ 571,318	\$ 276,682	\$ 71,174	
Estimated Assigned Fund Balance - July 1	\$ 11,345,352	\$ 10,813,903	\$ 4,462,007	
Estimated Restricted Fund Balance- June 30	\$ 3,541,675	\$ 2,873,783	\$ 2,308,630	
Estimated Committed Fund Balance- June 30	\$ 276,682	\$ 71,174	\$ 71,174	
Estimated Assigned Fund Balance - June 30	\$ 10,813,903	\$ 4,462,007	\$ 4,462,007	
Estimated 3% Unassigned Fund Balance - June	\$ 1,037,505	\$ 1,230,271	\$ 1,268,594	
Estimated Ending Fund Balance- June 30	\$ 5,972,914	\$ 6,542,838	\$ 98,256	
Employee Positions	379	379	379	
Highway/Public Works Department				
Estimated Revenues & Other Sources				
Local Taxes	\$ 1,603,986	\$ 1,403,591	\$ 1,661,976	
Other Local Revenues	\$ 18,332	\$ 97,000	\$ 152,000	
State of Tennessee	\$ 3,335,200	\$ 3,006,705	\$ 3,126,694	
Federal Government	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Other Sources	\$ 3,446	\$ 4,446	\$ 2,000	
Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$ 4,960,964	\$ 4,511,742	\$ 4,942,670	
Estimated Expenditures & Other Uses				
Salaries	\$ 1,510,569	\$ 1,655,543	\$ 1,765,800	
Other Costs	\$ 3,076,838	\$ 2,602,474	\$ 3,289,735	
Total Estimated Expenditures & Other Uses	\$ 4,587,407	\$ 4,258,017	\$ 5,055,535	
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance-July 1	\$ 904,279	\$ 1,277,836	\$ 1,531,561	
Estimated Ending Fund Balance- June 30	\$ 1,277,836	\$ 1,531,561	\$ 1,418,696	
Employee Positions	29	29	29	
General Purpose School Fund				
Estimated Revenues & Other Sources				
Local Taxes	\$ 17,864,249	\$ 14,509,875	\$ 14,871,729	
State of Tennessee	\$ 78,776,942	\$ 83,506,825	\$ 79,690,194	
Federal Funds Received Thru State	\$ 497,335	\$ 877,000	\$ 965,383	
Federal Funds	\$ 34,500	\$ 11,944	\$ -	
Other Sources	\$ 1,025,781	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	
Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$ 98,198,807	\$ 98,913,644	\$ 95,535,306	
Estimated Expenditures & Other Uses				
Salaries	\$ 56,852,316	\$ 63,128,557	\$ 66,469,163	
Other Cost	\$ 38,430,055	\$ 44,178,170	\$ 40,411,548	
Total Estimated Expenditures & Other Uses	\$ 95,282,371	\$ 107,306,727	\$ 106,880,711	
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance-July 1	\$ 20,739,487	\$ 22,312,290	\$ 12,913,955	
Estimated Assigned Fund Balance-July 1	\$ 5,220,395	\$ 7,093,519	\$ 8,393,082	
Estimated Committed Fund Balance-July 1	\$ 5,937,255	\$ 3,931,905	\$ 3,637,594	
Estimated Restricted Fund Balance-July 1	\$ 1,438,100	\$ 1,803,848	\$ 1,803,848	
Estimated Assigned Fund Balance-June 30	\$ 7,093,519	\$ 8,393,082	\$ 8,393,082	
Estimated Committed Fund Balance-June 30	\$ 3,931,905	\$ 3,637,594	\$ 3,344,064	
Restricted Fund Balance - June 30	\$ 1,803,848	\$ 1,803,848	\$ 1,083,848	
Estimated Ending Fund Balance- June 30	\$ 22,312,290	\$ 12,913,955	\$ 3,229,224	
Employee Positions	1290	1308	1308	
Debt Service Fund				
Estimated Revenues & Other Sources				
Local Taxes	\$ 15,580,277	\$ 14,762,095	\$ 15,862,791	
Other Local Revenues	\$ 5,904,559	\$ 3,202,162	\$ 4,775,391	
Other Governments and Citizens Groups	\$ 318,919	\$ 294,311	\$ 293,531	
Other Financing Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$ 21,803,755	\$ 18,258,568	\$ 20,931,713	
Estimated Expenditures & Other Uses				
Debt Service Cost	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Other Uses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Estimated Expenditures & Other Uses	\$ 12,657,741	\$ 21,283,054	\$ 22,215,494	
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance-July 1	\$ 49,300,799	\$ 58,446,813	\$ 55,422,327	
Estimated Beginning Reserves-July 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Estimated Ending Reserves - June 30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Estimated Ending Fund Balance- June 30	\$ 58,446,813	\$ 55,422,327	\$ 54,138,546	
County Capital Projects Fund				
Estimated Revenues & Other Sources				
Local Taxes	\$ 781,736	\$ 507,608	\$ 519,323	
State of Tennessee	\$ 348,158	\$ -	\$ -	
Other Governments and Citizens Groups	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Other Financing Sources	\$ 3,275,226	\$ 2,628,681	\$ 2,694,000	
Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$ 4,405,120	\$ 3,136,289	\$ 3,213,323	
Estimated Expenditures & Other Uses				
General Administration Projects	\$ 34,545	\$ 885,000	\$ 500,000	
Public Safety Projects	\$ 2,705,744	\$ 8,684,226	\$ 1,358,325	
Public Health and Welfare Projects	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	
Other General Government Projects	\$ 812,366	\$ 1,536,609	\$ 861,314	
Highway and Street Capital Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	
Education Capital Projects	\$ 3,275,226	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Estimated Expenditures & Other Uses	\$ 6,827,881	\$ 11,205,835	\$ 4,719,639	
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance-July 1	\$ 11,175,523	\$ 8,752,762	\$ 683,216	
Projected Carryover from Prior Year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,345,241	
Estimated Ending Fund Balance- June 30	\$ 8,752,762	\$ 683,216	\$ 522,141	

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YOUR CLASSIFIED COULD BE HERE. Call 931-684-1200 Today.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Donald Roy Moore, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on May 18, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Donald Ray Moore, who died 04/25/2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and Non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 21st day of May, 2026.

/s/ James Kevin Moore, Executor

/s/ Megan K. Trott, Rambo & Trott, Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (642tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Michael Thomas Walls, Sr., Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on May 28, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Michael Thomas Walls, Sr., who died 03/27/2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and Non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 28th day of May, 2026.

/s/ Michael T. Walls, Administrator

/s/ W. Andrew Bobo, Bobo, Hunt & White, Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (6112tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Reathia Boyce, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on June 02, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Reathia Boyce, who died 05/14/2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and Non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 2nd day of June, 2026.

/s/ Daniel Souviron, Executor

/s/ William D. Cartwright, Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (6112tp)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated May 5, 2023, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded May 5, 2023, in Book No. TD1084, at Page 933, in Office of the Register of Deeds for Bedford County, Tennessee, executed by Harrel Loyd Cude, III, conveying certain property therein described to Access Title and Escrow, Inc. as Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns; and the undersigned, Foundation Legal Group, LLP fka Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee by Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable; and that an agent of Foundation Legal Group, LLP fka Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., as Successor Trustee, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon said Successor Trustee, by Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, will, on July 21, 2026 on or about 11:00 AM, at the Bedford County Courthouse 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, offer for sale certain property hereinafter described to the highest bidder FOR certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee. The sale is free from all redemptions, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the 7th Civil District of Bedford County, Tennessee, being bounded and described as follows; Being all of Lot No. 140 of the McKeesport Subdivision, Phase 2, Section 1, as shown on plat of record in Plat Cabinet E, Envelope 325, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, to which plat reference is hereby made for a more complete and accurate description. Subject to Matters as shown on plat of record in Plat Cabinet E, Envelope 325, Plat Cabinet B, Envelope 235, Plat Cabinet B, Envelope 263, Plat Cabinet B, Envelope 264, Plat Cabinet E, Envelope 212, Plat Cabinet B, Envelope 280, Plat Cabinet E, Envelope 222, Plat Cabinet E, Envelope 211, Plat Cabinet E, Envelope 276, Book 931, page 580, and Plat Cabinet E, Envelope 295-296; to Easements of record in Book 206, page 942, Book 277, page 862, Book 278, page 224, Book 278, page 227, and Book 335, page 71; and Restrictive Covenants of record in Book 293, page 104, Book 314, page 880, Book 279, page 681, Book 290, page 593, Book 337, page

971, Book 347, page 13, Book 337, page 981, Book 349, page 278, and Book 353, page 11, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

ALSO KNOWN AS: 412 Tines Drive, Shelbyville, TN 37160

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property:

HARREL LOYD CUDE, III

UNION STATION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. In the event of inclement weather, the trustee hereby announces that the sale will be postponed and that notices of said postponement for inclement weather will be mailed to interested parties of record. As of July 1, 2025, notices pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated §35-5-101 et seq. are posted online at www.internetpostings.com by a third-party internet posting company. FLG No. 365132

DATED June 4, 2026

Foundation Legal Group, LLP fka WILSON & ASSOCIATES, P.L.L.C., Successor Trustee (6112tc)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Findley Mahaffey, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on June 05, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Findley Mahaffey, who died 05/23/2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and Non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 5th day of June, 2026.

/s/ Brent Walker, Executor

/s/ Thomas L. Reed, Jr., Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (6112tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Arthur Cecil Sudberry, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on March 30, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Arthur Cecil Sudberry, who died 02/03/2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and Non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 30th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Christy Sudberry Giori, Administratrix

/s/ Trisha L Henegar, Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (6112tp)

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, New Doors Development Group, LLC executed Deed of Trust dated October 30, 2024 in favor of Jacob Alsup, Trustee, to secure a Promissory Note payable to the order of KEM Investments, LLC, D/B/A Real-Flex in the original amount of \$795,000.00 which Promissory Note is more fully described in Book TD1135, page 223, in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, to which reference is hereby made (the "Deed of Trust"), and to secure payment of other indebtedness then existing or to arise thereafter; and

WHEREAS, R. Houston Akin of Davidson County has been appointed Trustee by KEM Investments, LLC, D/B/A Real-Flex, the owner and holder of the Indebtedness by instrument of record at Book TD1192, page 180, Register's Office for Bedford County, Tennessee, with authority to act under the powers given the Trustee under the Deed of Trust and be applicable law; and

WHEREAS, defaults under the Indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust have occurred; and

WHEREAS, the owner and holder of said Indebtedness has demanded that the real property be advertised and sold in satisfaction of said Indebtedness and the cost of said foreclosure, in accordance with the terms, conditions and provisions of the loan documents and the Deed of Trust

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the Substitute Trustee, pursuant to the power, duty and authority vested in and imposed upon the Trustee in said Deed of Trust and under applicable law, will on Monday, June 22, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. o'clock, prevailing time, at the entrance to the Bedford County Courthouse, Shelbyville, Tennessee offer for sale to the highest and best bidder for cash and free from all rights and equity of redemption, statutory right of redemption or otherwise, homestead, dower, elective share and all other rights of exemption of every kind as waived in said Deed of Trust, certain property described as follows, to-wit:

Being all of Tract No. 6 of the Amos C. Smith Testamentary Family Trust survey plat which is of record at Plat Cabinet H1, Envelope 14, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, to which reference is hereby made for a more detailed description of said tract.

Being the same property conveyed to New Doors Development Group, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company by Warranty Deed from Srinidhi, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company, dated October 30, 2024 and recorded in Book D393 page 384—Register's Office for Bedford County, Tennessee.

The address of the property is, upon best information and knowledge, believed to be 0 Amos Smith Rd., Shelbyville, TN, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property. In the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

This property is sold AS IS, WHERE IS AND WITH ALL FAULTS, and without any representations or warranties of any kind whatsoever, whether express or implied. Without limiting the foregoing, THE PROPERTY IS TO BE SOLD WITHOUT ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MECHANTABILITY, CONDITION OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE OR PURPOSE.

Other interested parties:

None

The right is reserved to (i) delay the sale to another time certain or adjourn the day of the sale to another day and time, without further publication and in accordance with law, upon announcement of said delay or adjournment on the day and time and place of the sale set forth above; (ii) sell the Property at the time fixed by the last postponement or to give new notice of sale; (iii) sell the Property in such lots, parcels, segments, or separate estates as the Substitute Trustee may choose; (iv) sell part of the Property and delay, adjourn, cancel, or postpone the sale of the remaining part of the Property; (v) sell the Property in whole and then to sell the Property in parts and to consummate the sale in whichever manner produces the highest sale price; (vi) to sell to the next highest bidder in the event any higher bidder does not comply with the terms of the sale.

The Substitute Trustee will make no covenant of seisin, marketability of title or warranty of title, express or implied, and will sell and convey the subject real estate by Trustee's Deed as Substitute Trustee only and not otherwise.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded Plat or Plan; any unpaid taxes and assessments (plus penalties, interest and costs) which exists as a lien against the said Property; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; any rights of redemption, equity, statutory or otherwise, not otherwise waived in the Deed of Trust, including rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; and any and all prior deeds of trusts, liens, dues, assessments, encumbrances, defects, adverse claims and other matters that may take priority over the Deed of Trust upon which this foreclosure sale is conducted or are not extinguished by this Foreclosure Sale. This sale is also subject to any matter that an inspection and accurate survey of the property might disclose.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

This Notice of Sale can be viewed online at www.foreclosurestn.com.

Dated this 18th day of May, 2026.

R. Houston Akin, Trustee

611 Woodland Street

Nashville, TN 37206

(615) 879-7714

Insertion Dates: May 28, June 4, and 11, 2026.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Peggy Youngblood, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on May 29, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Peggy Youngblood, who died 03/30/2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and Non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 29th day of May, 2026.

/s/ Randy Yarbrough, Executor

/s/ Nicholas E.R. Simons & Savana Mezquiriz, Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (6112tp)

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated February 10, 2025, executed by Charles Leeper, a single person, to Yale Riley as Trustee, for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns, and appearing of record on February 14, 2025, in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, at Book TD1143, Page 613, and Instrument Number 25001037.

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC, the party entitled to enforce said security interest; and having appointed Clear Recon LLC, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustee by instrument filed or being filed for record in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, with all of the rights, powers, and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust, and that the undersigned, Clear Recon LLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on July 6, 2026, at 11:00 AM, local time, at the main entrance of the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, located in Shelbyville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, paid at the conclusion of the sale, the following described property situated in Bedford County, to wit:

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Bedford, State of Tennessee, and is described as follows:

EXHIBIT A - LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Tax Id Number(s): 030 05300 000

Land situated in the County of Bedford in the State of TN

GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS A PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE SITUATED ON THE GROUND IN THE 5TH CIVIL DISTRICT OF BEDFORD COUNTY TENNESSEE SAID PARCEL IS GENERALLY, BOUND BY THE WALDRON PROPERTY ON THE WEST, BY THE BOWLING PROPERTY ON THE NORTH AND EAST, AND THE NORTH MARGIN OF UNIONVILLE-DEASON ROAD ON THE SOUTH, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

MAP 30, PARCEL 53.00 RECORDED IN THE REGISTERS OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE (R.O.B.C.,TN.) IN DEED BOOK 303, PAGE 929, AND IN PLAT CABINET A, PAGE 155 AS LOT 5 COMMENCING AT AN IRON PIPE FOUND, THENCE N 85° 45' 10" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 730.00' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SAID POINT BEING AN IRON REBAR FOUND IN THE NORTH MARGIN OF UNIONVILLE DEASON ROAD, SAID REBAR HAVING COORDINATES OF NORTH 462970.56, EAST 1824636.60, AND BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF HEREIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; THENCE LEAVING SAID MARGIN, N 4° 14' 50" W, FOR A DISTANCE OF 340.00' TO AN IRON REBAR FOUND, BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF HEREIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; THENCE N 85° 45' 10" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 130.00' TO AN IRON REBAR FOUND WITH CAP STAMPED CAFFEY IN THE NORTH MARGIN OF SAID ROAD BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF HEREIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; THENCE S 4° 14' 50" E, FOR A DISTANCE OF 340.00' TO AN IRON REBAR FOUND WITH CAP STAMPED CAFFEY IN THE NORTH MARGIN OF SAID ROAD, BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF HEREIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; THENCE ALONG SAID MARGIN, S 85° 45' 10" W, FOR A DISTANCE OF 130.00' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 1.01 ACRES, THIS ACCORDING TO A SURVEY BY SEC, INC. COMPLETED SEPTEMBER 17, 2021.

NOTE The Company is prohibited from insuring the area or quantity of the land. The Company does not represent that any acreage or footage calculations are correct. References to quantity are for identification purposes only.

Commonly known as: 2477 Unionville Deason Rd, Bell Buckle, TN 37020-4556

THE PROPERTY ADDRESS AND TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER LISTED ARE PROVIDED SOLELY FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES

Being the same property conveyed to Charles Leeper, unmarried, by deed dated March 14, 2022 of record in Deed Book 372, Page 392 Instrument/Case No. 22002405, in the County Clerk's Office.

Parcel ID: 030-053-00-000

Commonly known as 2477 Unionville Deason Rd Bell Buckle, TN 37020

The street address and parcel number(s) of the above described property are believed to be correct; however, such references are not a part of the legal description of the property sold herein, and, in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control

This sale is subject to tenant(s)/occupant(s) rights in possession.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: Charles Leeper.

Notice of Sale Published On-line at [HTTPS://BetterChoiceNotices.com](https://BetterChoiceNotices.com)

If the United States or the State of Tennessee have any liens or claimed lien(s) on the Property, and are named herein as interested parties, timely notice has been given to the applicable governmental entity, and the sale will be subject to any applicable rights of redemption held by the entity as required by 26 U.S.C. § 7425 and/or Tennessee Code § 67-1-1433.

All right and equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good; however, the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

The transfer shall be AS IS, WHERE IS, AND WITH ALL FAULTS, and without warranties of any kind, express or implied, as to the condition of the Property and the improvements located thereon, including merchantability or fitness for particular purpose. Trustee shall make no covenant of seisin or warranty of title, express or implied, and will sell and convey the subject real property by Substitute Trustee's Deed only.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded by the Substitute Trustee at any time.

THIS OFFICE IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Clear Recon LLC

Substitute Trustee

651 East 4th Street Suite 200

Chattanooga, Tennessee 37403

Phone: (877) 319-8840

File No: 1422-319A

Newspaper: Shelbyville Times Gazette

Publication Dates: 6/4/2026, 6/11/2026

Golden Eagles Host Annual Youth Baseball Camp

BY NOAH MADDOX
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SHELBYVILLE Tenn. – Following a historic 2026 season, the Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles hosted their annual youth baseball camp on Tuesday and Wednesday. 120 kids with ages ranging from five to 13 years old participated in the two-day event.

“These kids just love being out here and playing,” Golden Eagles’ Head Coach Chase Jones said, “It’s good for our guys to see the enjoyment in the kids, but also they’re the ones that are giving the instruction. They’re having to take the things that we teach them and turn around to teach the little ones, so it helps our guys as well. It’s just a fun week of camp.”

Last year, Jones said they had 100 kids par-

ticipate. This year, following a historic 31-11 season that finished with the program’s first-ever state tournament berth, the Golden Eagles were able to add an additional 20 participants for this year’s edition.

“It’s definitely exciting,” said Jones, “Baseball is doing well in Bedford County. We have 120 kids here, a lot of these kids are Shelbyville kids, some of them are Cascade, some others are Community. The hope is that with the excitement and work a lot of adults put into the Little League program and other things, that it will be beneficial to all Bedford County schools. You look around here, there are some kids at each age group that I look at and think that if they keep working they could be a good player.”

Jones has his players run the individual stations, teaching the younger children every-



Shelbyville Central hosted its annual Youth Baseball Camp this week with 120 kids aged 5-13 in attendance. Submitted Photo.

thing from baserunning to fielding to hitting, as well as character lessons.

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turn around to teach the little ones, so it helps our guys as well. It’s just a fun week of camp. It means a lot for our kids to run the stations. It kind of

goes into the 12 for 12 philosophy of passing it forward and handing it down to the next group. It’s awesome.”

Shelbyville Central Hosts 11th Annual Youth Tennis Camp

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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – Following an incredible 16-1 season that saw the Golden Eagles win the District 6-AA Championship as a team, Shelbyville Central hosted its 11th-annual Youth Tennis Camp in partnership with the Shelbyville Recreation Center earlier this week.

The camp is typically for ages 5-12, but Shelbyville Central Head Coach, Allison Smith, said that this year the youngest is two-and-a-half years old. Smith also noted that they had 26 campers this year learning the joy and benefits of the sport of tennis, up from 2025’s 22.

“Each year, we have repeat campers, and they bring friends,” Smith

said, “It’s good for kids to have the opportunity to learn a sport that they can play for a lifetime. It’s good for our kids, the high schoolers, to be able to contribute in a way as well. Even though this is kind of a team when you get to Middle School and High School, it is still singles, and it’s on you to go out and perform. Teaching them about being able to learn how to play it – because it’s a mental game – there are so many life lessons in tennis that you can take away from it.”

Assisting in teaching the children are most members from the Shelbyville Central tennis program, including District 6-AA Runner-Up, Lilly Smith, as well as members of the Golden Eagles team that finished 2026 as the Region 3-AA Runners-Up.

“Our kids are great,”



Shelbyville Central hosted its 11th annual Youth Tennis Camp at the Shelbyville Recreation Center with 26 campers in attendance. Submitted Photo.

Smith said, “They pour into the campers. You can see sometimes that some haven’t been around younger kids, and it teaches them

how to care for them or how to teach them to do something. Also, for the campers, they might not have an older sibling, and they’re taking away

something positive when they come here. We try to have a lot of fun when we’re teaching them. Nobody should ever feel like they can’t accom-

plish something, even if it’s small.”

The camp lasted three days – Monday through Wednesday – and went from 8-10 each morning.

Justin Levine joins Blue Raider Basketball staff

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO Tenn. – Middle Tennessee men’s basketball has added Justin Levine to its staff for the upcoming 2026-27 season, head coach Nick McDevitt announced Tuesday morning. Levine will join the program as an assistant coach after spending the last five years at UNC Asheville.

“I am super excited and grateful to join Coach McDevitt and his staff at this incredible

institution,” said Levine. “I can’t wait to get to work with our players and pursue our goal of competing for championships.”

In 2025-26, he helped guide the Bulldogs to their seventh-consecutive season with at least eight conference wins and a fourth-straight trip to the Big South semifinals, making UNC Asheville one of just 22 programs nationally to accomplish that feat. During Levine’s time in Asheville, the Bulldogs captured a Big South regular season and tour-

nament championship, earned an NCAA Tournament berth, and produced multiple 20-win seasons.

“I am really happy with the addition of Justin Levine to our basketball staff and the Middle Tennessee community,” said McDevitt. “He has a great reputation for being a relentless recruiter, a hard worker and he has a skill for developing deep relationships.”

Prior to UNC-Asheville, Levine served as an assistant coach at Columbia and as a video coordinator at VCU.

Focusing primarily on offense, he played a large role in maintaining the offensive playbook for the Rams and created drills and workouts for positional groups with the Lions.

Levine worked with the Cornell men’s basketball program from 2013-15 while pursuing his undergraduate degree in business administration from Ithaca College. He then graduated with a Master of Education from the Center for Sport Leadership at VCU in 2017.



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Rejoice, For the Biggest World Cup is Finally Here

BY NOAH MADDOX
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SHELBYVILLE Tenn. – The World Cup is one of the greatest sporting events that this world has to offer. A collection of nations from around our great globe all gather together in one generalized location to celebrate not just the beautiful game of soccer, but the differences and similarities that humanity shares with one another. This is a time legends are made and remembered forever.

During a moment in history where there is rampant division within the United States, the 23rd edition of the World Cup could either be coming at the right time, or one of the worst. On one hand, there have been a number of issues with our own government wrongfully denying entry to legitimate referees, players, and fans in the leadup to the tournament. Most recently, on Monday, border police in Miami denied entry to the 2025 African Referee of the Year, Omar Artan, despite Artan allegedly possessing a travel visa.

In another example, Iran, who is scheduled to play its group stage matches in the United States, has been told that it must fly in and out of the country on gamedays from Mexico. That is an extraordinary competitive disadvantage, but unsurprisingly, FIFA has deferred to the American government instead of stepping in to do the right thing.

FIFA, the world governing body for the sport of soccer – or football as it's called almost everywhere else in the world – has the power and authority to pressure a host nation into cooperating with its expressed

ideology of “fair play”. In extreme examples, FIFA has shown that they have the power to strip a nation from hosting an event altogether. In 2023, FIFA revoked Indonesia's host status for the U-20 World Cup after the country expressed opposition to Israel's participation in the tournament. Whether the reader agrees with Indonesia or not is a separate issue, but what did happen as a result is that FIFA moved the tournament to Argentina instead, much to the dismay of the Indonesian people.

To make one thing clear, no one is advocating for the right to host being stripped away from the United States (Mexico and Canada are also hosting, but 60 of the 44 total matches are being held in the United States, including every match in the knockout stages from the quarterfinals onwards). Rather, what most are advocating for is either the American government act like a good-natured host, or for FIFA to step in and pressure our government to do so. Instead, the leaders of the United States are attempting to make it as difficult as possible for a select group of unsuspecting visiting countries and fans. Unfortunately, as we've seen throughout history, politics are never separate from sports.

On the other hand, the build-up to this tournament has brought out the best in each citizen, especially in cities and towns that are hosting various teams. In Lawrence, Kansas, home of the University of Kansas, the locals have welcomed Algeria with open arms, with some even going as far as committing to root for the Algerians in the



Lionel Messi (10, center) holds up the World Cup trophy after winning it for the first time in 2022. Argentina is looking to defend its title in the United States for the 2026 edition with the tournament kicking off on Thursday afternoon.
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tournament (Algeria is in a separate group from the United States).

As for the actual soccer, the 2026 edition is following up a 2022 World Cup that was one of the best and most exhilarating in recent memory, culminating in a legendary World Cup Final. This year's tournament has a high bar to clear, but with more teams – 48 instead of the standard 32 – there is now an extra knockout round teams must work through. It all begins on Thursday night with Mexico hosting South Africa at 2:00 p.m. followed by the Czech Republic taking on South Korea at 9:00 p.m.. Both games are in Group A. All games can be seen on Fox, Fox Sports, or Peacock if you prefer Spanish commentary.

The United States open the tournament

with a matchup against Paraguay at 8:00 p.m. in Los Angeles to kick-start Group D on Friday, following Canada's match against Bosnia and Herzegovina at 2:00 p.m. earlier in the day in Toronto to open Group B.

The betting favorites are France, Spain, Brazil, Portugal, and Argentina, not in that order, but there are other nations with the capabilities of making a deep run. Morocco, who finished in fourth place after making the country's first-ever World Cup semifinal in 2022, has returned while four-time champion Italy missed out on its second-consecutive World Cup after failing to qualify last year.

What group stage games should you be on the lookout for over the next week? Obviously, the aforementioned host

countries tournament openers, but past that, Brazil vs Morocco in New Jersey on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. in Group C is one of the best games of the entire first week. Brazil has won the World Cup more than any other nation – five times – while Morocco is coming off of their aforementioned highest-ever finish in Qatar 2022 as well as having won the Africa Cup of Nations in January earlier this year.

While most would advocate for catching every single match of the tournament, that isn't feasible for everyone. However, on Tuesday, France, who have reached back-to-back World Cup Finals, opens its tournament against Senegal in Group I at 2:00 p.m. in New Jersey. Senegal is a strong side themselves, coming off a second-place finish

in the Africa Cup of Nations against Morocco in January.

At 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday night, reigning World Champions Argentina and Lionel Messi open their 2026 tournament with a matchup against Algeria in Kansas City. On Wednesday, England opens with Croatia – who finished third in 2022 and second in 2018 – at 3:00 p.m. in Arlington, Texas.

Next Thursday is when the second set of group stage matches begin, so you get exactly one full week of exhilarating World Cup openers. Try to watch every game if you can, but make sure you are seated for the games mentioned above. They should be wonderful openers to what has the potential to be a special World Cup.

Middle Tennessee Soccer releases 2026 schedule

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO Tenn. – Middle Tennessee Soccer and head coach Aston Rhoden have announced the program's 2026 schedule, featuring 17 regular-season matches with nine home contests at Dean A. Hayes Track & Soccer Stadium and an exciting Conference USA slate.

The Blue Raiders will open the fall with a pair of exhibition matches, hosting Southern Miss on August 6 after the annual Blue vs. White scrimmage on Aug. 1.

Middle Tennessee begins regular-season play Aug. 13 at Dean Hayes Stadium against Troy before embarking on a three-match road swing against Southern Indiana (Aug. 16), UT Martin (Aug. 20) and West Georgia (Aug. 23).

The Blue Raiders return home to close out August with matches



against Miami (Ohio) on Aug. 27 and Lipscomb on Aug. 30.

September features two home contests, beginning with Purdue on Sept. 3 and Evansville on Sept. 10. Road matches at Alabama A&M (Sept. 6), Tennessee Tech (Sept. 13) and Jackson State (Sept. 20) round out non-conference play before Conference USA action begins.

Middle Tennessee opens league play on the road at Jax State on Sept. 27 before welcoming Liberty to Murfreesboro on October 1 and Sam Houston on Oct. 4.

The Blue Raiders continue conference compe-

tition with road trips to Missouri State (Oct. 11), Delaware (Oct. 18) and Kennesaw State (Oct. 25), while hosting New Mexico State on Oct. 22.

The regular season concludes at home as Middle Tennessee hosts WKU on November 1 at Dean A. Hayes Stadium.

The Conference USA Championship is scheduled for Nov. 8-13 at Delaware, where the Blue Raiders will look to secure a conference title.

All home matches will be played at Dean A. Hayes Track & Soccer Stadium. Promotional information will be announced closer to the start of the season.

MTSU Men's Basketball to go head-to-head with Auburn in Rocket City Classic

MT ATHLETICS

HUNTSVILLE Tenn. – Middle Tennessee men's basketball will take part in the Rocket City Classic this December, the second announced non-conference game for the 2026-27 season. The Blue Raiders are set to face off against Auburn at the Propst Arena in Huntsville, Ala. on December 15.

The appearance will mark a preview for the Conference USA Championships for Middle Tennessee, which take place in the same arena. 2026 marks the fourth edition of the Rocket City Classic presented by Akima, featuring two sellouts in the first three years since being relaunched.

“It's an honor for our team to play in this year's Rocket City Classic,” said head coach Nick McDevitt. “We know that our season comes down to



Photo courtesy of MT ATHLETICS.

winning three games here in March and playing an outstanding Auburn team gives us great preparation for chasing the Conference USA title.”

This will be the first time that the teams have faced off against each other under Coach McDevitt, though they have met before. Auburn leads the all-time series against the Blue Raiders 4-1, taking the last matchup in Birmingham, Ala. in the 2017-18 season.

The Tigers were selected to the NIT field a year ago during head coach Steve Pearl's first season at the helm, winning the tournament and finishing with a 22-16 record. They ranked 37th in the NET rankings and were receiving votes in the final AP Top 25 poll of the 2025-26 season.

The remaining competitions in the non-conference schedule, as well as times for the matchups, will be announced at a later date.

BEDFORD BRIEFS

COUNTY MEETINGS

Bedford County Financial Management Committee will hold a **Budget Work/Study Session** on Tuesday, June 23, immediately following the regular Finance Committee Meeting at 4:15 p.m., in the Bedford County Business Complex located at 200 Dover Street, Suite 110.

A **Special Called Meeting** of the Bedford County Financial Management Committee will be held on Tuesday, June 30, at 6:30 p.m., at the Bedford County Historic Courthouse, 2nd Floor Courtroom.

A **Special Called Meeting** of the Bedford County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, June 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the 2nd floor courtroom of the Historic Courthouse. This meeting is for year-end budget amendments, 2026-27 budgets and related items.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM

Bedford County Historical Society will meet at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. June 15, for its summer quarter meeting. A pot luck supper will kick off the festivities, followed by a short business meeting. Lincoln Countian Colin Wakefield will present the program, "Joseph Greer, The Messenger of King's Mountain."

An active history buff, Wakefield served as state president of the TN Society of the War of 1812, and currently serves as district deputy president general of the Ohio Valley Central District for the group. Contact Al Simmons at 680-6313 for further information.

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Scouting America, Elk River District, will hold a flag retirement service project, on Monday, June 15, at 5 p.m., at Camp Arrowhead. Uniform: Class A. Bring flags to retire. Adults willing to supervise are appreciated. Younger Scouts will be taught to fold and prepare flags. The flags should not be toxic to burn. Retirement is in accordance with the U.S. Flag Code.



BEDFORD COUNTY "2026" JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION!

JUNE TEENTH FREEDOM DAY

AMERICAN FLAG

Come and Celebrate with Us!
Saturday, June 20, 2026
10:00 – 4:00pm.
At H.V. Griffin Park
Located at 220 Tullip Tree Rd.
Shelbyville Tn. 37160
BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!

Enjoy car shows, music and entertaining performances by local talent. Various vendors (arts, crafts, and food).
3 Pavilions: Sam Smith Pavilion, Aubrey Lewis Pavilion, Lions Club Pavilion.
Disc golf course, playgrounds and much more.
DJ by: Ken Adams

The Bedford County FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays from 3:30pm – 5:30pm
June – September

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SHELBYVILLE FUMC WORSHIP

Shelbyville First United Methodist Church will host its annual Hymn Sing this Sunday. "The music itself will be our sermon as we call out and sing some of our favorite hymns throughout the service," said Pastor Abe Zimmerman.

Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 a.m., followed by the worship service at 10 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church are available during worship. For those unable to attend in person, FUMC-S offers a livestream on Facebook and YouTube and a broadcast on WLJ 98.7 FM and AM 1580.

ERIC GENUIS

RETURNS FOR CONCERT

Pianist and composer Eric Genuis will return for a free concert on Friday, July 17, at First United Methodist Church on the square. He will be accompanied by his ensemble.



The City of Shelbyville, Tennessee, hereby provides certain financial information for the Fiscal Year 2027 budget in accordance with the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated Title 6, Chapter 56, Section 206. There will be a public hearing concerning the budget in Council Chambers at the Planning, Building and Codes Building located at 100 N. Cannon Blvd., on Tuesday, June 30th, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

	General Fund			State Street Aid Fund			Debt Reserve Fund		
	FY 2025 Audited	FY 2026 Estimated	FY 2027 Proposed	FY 2025 Audited	FY 2026 Estimated	FY 2027 Proposed	FY 2025 Audited	FY 2026 Estimated	FY 2027 Proposed
Revenues:									
Local Taxes	18,250,629	17,816,000	17,946,397	0	0	0	0	0	0
State of Tennessee	4,018,107	3,907,270	4,222,300	824,113	822,000	827,000	0	0	0
Federal Government	23,494	37,430	30,000	0	0		0	0	0
Other Sources	5,671,383	6,311,101	4,403,201	559,176	525,000	1,242,500	100,000	0	0
Total Revenues & Transfers-in	27,963,613	28,071,801	26,601,898	1,383,289	1,347,000	2,069,500	100,000	0	0
Expenditures:									
Salaries	12,491,712	13,856,520	15,487,744	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	18,944,175	19,655,268	18,760,231	1,498,810	1,535,000	2,100,000	113,395	362,850	0
Total Expenditures & Transfers-out	31,435,887	33,511,788	34,247,975	1,498,810	1,535,000	2,100,000	113,395	362,850	0
Beginning Fund Balance	23,815,906	20,343,632	14,903,645	672,150	556,629	368,629	696,236	682,841	319,991
Ending Fund Balance	20,343,632	14,903,645	7,257,568	556,629	368,629	338,129	682,841	319,991	319,991
Number FTE Employees	241	243	245	0	0	0	0	0	0

TOBACCO, BEEF AND MORE FIELD DAY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 25

Tobacco and beef producers as well as home gardening enthusiasts are invited to an educational event at the University of Tennessee Highland Rim AgResearch and Education Center, Springfield. The center will host its annual Tobacco, Beef and More Field Day on Thursday, June 25. The event features a trade show as well as opportunities for tobacco farmers, beef and forage producers and home gardeners to learn about the latest research-based production recommendations. Attendees will be able to choose from three tours during the event, each with a certain theme. The trade show is open all morning for anyone interested in learning about general production and livestock agriculture. A complimentary lunch will follow the conclusion of the tours at approximately noon.

This event is free and open to the public. Registration begins at 8 a.m. CDT at the assembly area at 3406 Oakland Road in Springfield, Tennessee. The tours run concurrently with the first tours departing at 9:30 a.m.

THE ARTS

THE FLY ARTS CENTER PRESENTS
Summer Art Camp
June 15 - 18, 2026

SUMMER ART CAMP | JUNE 15 - 18
Ages 7 - 12 years: "Woodland Whimsy" – 9:30 am to noon each day
Ages 13 - 18 year: "Forest Fantasy" – 1 to 3:30 pm each day
Cost: \$140 per participant (ask about our sibling discount)

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Santha Koonce at visualart.theflyartscenter@gmail.com or
Crystal O'Neal at education.theflyartscenter@gmail.com

THE FLY ARTS CENTER

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Performances:
Tuesday, July 7 - Rogue Theater Festival
August 21-23 - Fly Arts Center
A Play By
Kyle R. Thomas
Direct questions to jends.1021@gmail.com

Local law enforcement participates in autism awareness training

Bedford County Sheriff's Office staff recently participated in a local autism awareness training that was open to the press. The training was led by Copeland's Way.

The aim was to assist law enforcement in better understanding and interacting with people on the autism spectrum.

About 1 in 5 young

adults with autism will interact with a police officer before age 21. Too often in these interactions, police misread autistic behaviors as evasive or uncooperative, leading to improper use of force, physical and emotional trauma, and tragic death, according to Copeland's Way.

The recent training – in the middle of Autism Awareness month

– was designed to give Bedford County staff practical tools to recognize those situations earlier, communicate more effectively and help keep residents, families and officers safe.

Copeland's Way is a 501c3 nonprofit organization founded by a dedicated husband and wife team, both born, raised and educated in Springfield, MA.

Bridge Bedford seeks community vision and initiatives in Shelbyville

Wednesday morning coffee productive with local input

By Dawn Hankins

Shelbyville 2075: Legacy in Motion Reveal was held Wednesday morning over coffee at Grindstone Cowboy. This event was sponsored by Bridge Bedford.

Legacy in Motion is a 50-year community blueprint for Shelbyville, aiming to guide growth, quality of life, and connection.

Over the past year, community surveys, stakeholder discussions, research, and planning efforts have helped shape a long-term vision for Shelbyville and Bedford County, according to Bridge Bedford representatives.

Wednesday morning was planned to share key findings, priorities, and opportunities identified through that process, as well as next steps for implementation.

Representatives from Cooper Steel, City and County leadership, media, Chamber representatives, educators, business leaders, and community partners were among those in attendance.

One big announce-



ment made was that “Walking in a Winter Wonderland” will be held Nov. 21-Jan. 2 at Cooper Steel Arena. This will be a walk through Christmas light adventure.

Bridge Bedford is a nonprofit public charity based in Shelbyville, Bedford County, Tennessee, dedicated to strengthening quality of life, beautifying public spaces, and expanding educational opportunities for residents. It was founded to bridge the gap between community needs and the resources required to meet them, fostering a connected, family-centered community.

Bridge Bedford’s mission is to connect people, places, and possibilities through family-centered projects, community beautification, and educational programs. Their vision is a Bedford County where:

- Families feel connected and supported.
- Students take pride in their community and feel empowered to lead.
- Public spaces inspire creativity and belonging.
- Both heritage and innovation are honored

Key Initiatives include:

- **Connected Community 5K:** An annual event that raises funds for teacher grants and

educational opportunities in Bedford County Schools. The 2025 race drew over 1,100 participants, with proceeds supporting student programs.

- **Placemaking Projects:** Transforming underutilized or neglected public spaces into vibrant community hubs. For example, a \$50,000 T-Mobile Hometown Grant funded the revitalization of an outdoor area connected to The Center for Family Development, now used for events like Winter Wonderland and art exhibits.

- **Legacy in Motion:** A 50-year community blueprint for Shelbyville, aiming to guide growth, quality of life, and connection

- **Community Impact**

Bridge Bedford works to align industry investment with education, “placemaking,” and family-centered initiatives, ensuring that local businesses and residents can invest in the future together.

In short, Bridge Bedford is turning shared vision into tangible, lasting, improvements for residents.

See more in future editions of the T-G and at t-g.com.

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Healthy everyday recipes for Real Life: Nutritious, energy-boosting, egg-inspired breakfasts that save time

Feature Impact

When planning meals, particularly breakfasts, there are a few critical factors many families consider: taste, simplicity and nutrition. Eating healthier doesn’t have to be complicated or out of reach. With the right inspiration, healthy food can be delicious, nutritious and convenient.

By choosing ingredients like eggs, which are easy to use and versatile, you can make healthy living fit into your life at the breakfast table as part of a balanced diet. For example, these egg-inspired recipes are part of the American Heart Association’s Healthy for Good Eat Smart initiative, nationally supported by Eggland’s Best.

In addition to the social and emotional benefits of dining together, shared family meals can help promote healthier choices at the table. Backed by expert nutrition guidance, recipes such as Turkey Bacon and Spinach Quiche with Sweet Potato Crust are wholesome, flavorful and fast, perfect for busy weekdays or anytime you need a nutritious boost. The sweet potato crust offers a better-for-you twist on ready-made or traditional crusts made

with butter, and it can be served with slices of honeydew or berries for an added touch of sweetness.

For a protein-rich dish any day of the week, Broccoli and Cheese Egg White Scramble on Whole-Wheat English Muffins can help you solve the morning rush. Or for a true timesaver, these Egg “Muffin” Cups with Turkey Sausage and Mushrooms can be made over the weekend and frozen or refrigerated for quick, go-to meals throughout the week.

Remember, healthy eating isn’t just about one food – it’s about a combination of wholesome ingredients to make well-rounded meals. For example, eggs can be included as part of a heart-healthy diet that emphasizes vegetables, fruits, beans, nuts and seeds, whole grains, lean protein and fish, according to the American Heart Association. Eating eggs alongside foods high in saturated fat – like bacon – is different than eggs eaten with steamed veggies, whole grains or a side of fruit.

To find more healthy eating tips and recipes that help you eat smart, move more and live healthier, visit Heart.org.



Turkey Bacon and Spinach Quiche with Sweet Potato Crust

Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association with support from Eggland’s Best

- Servings: 5
- Nonstick cooking spray
 - 1 medium sweet potato, peeled
 - 1 teaspoon canola or corn oil
 - 1 medium yellow onion, diced
 - 6 slices uncured, nitrate-free turkey bacon, thinly sliced
 - 10 ounces frozen chopped spinach, thawed
 - 3/4 teaspoon dried dillweed, crumbled
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
 - 4 large egg whites
 - 2 large eggs
 - 1/4 cup fat-free milk
 - 1 1/2 tablespoons fat-free feta cheese

1. Preheat oven to 400 F. Lightly spray 9-inch pie pan with nonstick cooking spray.
2. In medium bowl, using box grater, grate sweet potato. Measure out 2 cups. Gently press sweet potato on bottom and up sides of pan, forming crust. Sweet potato will be loose but will hold together once cooked.
3. Bake 20 minutes, or until crust is cooked. Remove from oven. Let stand to cool. Reduce oven temperature to 350 F.
4. In medium skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat, swirling to coat bottom. Cook onion 6 minutes, or until almost translucent, stirring frequently. Add turkey bacon. Cook 3-4 minutes, or until onion and bacon begin to brown, stirring frequently. Add spinach, dillweed, salt and pepper. Cook 1-2 minutes, or until water from spinach is released. Remove from heat. Transfer mixture into sweet potato crust.

5. In medium bowl, whisk egg whites, eggs and milk. Pour over mixture in crust. Sprinkle feta over top.
 6. Bake 35-40 minutes, or until knife inserted into center comes out clean. Transfer to cooling rack. Let cool 10 minutes before cutting into wedges.
- ## Egg “Muffin” Cups with Turkey Sausage and Mushrooms

Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association with support from Eggland’s Best

- Servings: 6
- 1/2 tablespoon canola or corn oil
 - 1 yellow onion, finely chopped
 - 1 package (8 ounces) sliced white mushrooms
 - 1 package (6.4 ounces) frozen, cooked, nitrate-free turkey sausage links, thawed

- 7 large eggs
 - 1/4 cup fat-free milk
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 1 cup shredded fat-free cheddar cheese
1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Lightly spray 12-cup muffin pan with nonstick cooking spray.
 2. In medium nonstick pan, heat oil over medium-high heat. Cook onions and mushrooms 10 minutes, or until soft, stirring occasionally.
 3. Warm turkey sausage according to package directions. Chop turkey into bite-size pieces. Stir into onion mixture until well blended. Spoon into muffin cups.
 4. In small bowl, whisk eggs, milk and pepper. Pour egg mixture into muffin cups. Top with cheddar cheese.
 5. Bake 25 minutes, or until eggs are set. Remove from oven. Let cool slightly. To easily remove muffins from pan, run knife around edges of each muffin.



Thank you, Billy and Sharon!

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From Mother's Day gifts to earrings for the wedding, Lowery Jewelers has always been Shelbyville's mainstay. The staff has always been praised. T-G thanks owners Billy and Sharon Lowery for being such good advertisers. We wish them the very best in their retirement. A big going out of business sale was held last Friday. Lots of memories have been made at 768 North Main.



Diane Neeley announces candidacy for reelection to Bedford County Commission

Diane Neeley has announced her candidacy for reelection to the Bedford County Commission, representing District 4.

Neeley has dedicated nearly 24 years to public service, first as a Bedford County School Board member and, for the past 4 years, as a County Commissioner. Throughout her service, she has remained committed to representing her district with transparency, integrity, and accessibility.

Her dedication is demonstrated through her consistent attendance at Commission, committee, and finance meetings, as well as wastewater, senior tax freeze, and other special-called sessions. Neeley currently serves on the Courthouse and Property Committee.

Neeley believes her strength as a County public servant is that she invests significant time studying and researching issues before making decisions.

If reelected, the Commissioner pledges to continue listening to her

constituents and voting according to the wishes of the majority. She believes the role of commissioner is not one of leadership, but of representation and serving as the voice of the people of District 4.

"I will continue striving to find practical ways to manage growth, improve infrastructure, and responsibly oversee county resources through appropriate checks and balances while focusing on needs versus wants," Neeley said. "I will continue seeking opportunities to ensure the citizens of our county receive the services they need and deserve."

She believes her experience in the private sector, combined with years on the school board and the past 4 years as a commissioner, has given her a strong understanding of the County budget and the responsibility that comes with managing taxpayer dollars.

"If reelected, I will remain accessible to my constituents. Every conversation provides insight into how deci-

sions affect people's lives and helps me understand issues from different perspectives."

"I am committed to the people of District 4 and Bedford County and will work tirelessly to provide the best services possible. I will not make a decision without thoroughly studying the issue and understanding its potential impact. During this period of continued growth and economic challenges, I believe my experience will be a valuable asset as we move forward together."

She adds, "I want to continue building trust with my constituents through transparency, accountability, and open communication. It has been an honor and privilege to serve the people of District 4 as their commissioner, and I would be grateful for the opportunity to continue serving our community. I respectfully ask for your vote in the August 6 General Election."

A Bedford County native, Neeley has lived in the Wheel community for



Diane Neeley

more than 40 years. She and her husband, Kim, raised their family there and are active members of Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church. Neeley says they are grateful to live on their family farm alongside their children and grandchildren.

"I remain deeply committed to the community we call home."

Celebrating Flag Day, June 14

Ms. Menza's Day Care kids learn patriotism

As Flag Day approaches on Sunday, June 14, children at Ms. Menza's Day Care received an early introduction to the history and meaning of the American flag, thanks to a visit from Carole Woods, a Life Member of the VFW Auxiliary in Tullahoma.

Seated together on the floor, the children listened as Woods shared *The American Flag, An American Symbol* by Alison and Stephen Eldridge, opening the door to a lesson in patriotism

designed especially for young learners.

Before the story began, each child was given a small flag and invited to identify its parts. With Woods' guidance, they pointed out the stripes and talked about simple but important words such as "America", "stripes", and "symbol", building understanding before turning the pages of the book.

After the reading, the lesson came to life through art. Each child received a paper flag with



a blank space where the stars would normally appear. Dipping a left hand

into blue finger paint, the children pressed their handprints into the corner of the page, creating a personal version of the American flag. The simple project gave each child a keepsake to take home – and a story to share with family about what the flag represents.

At the conclusion, a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Ms. Menza's Day Care



recognizing their continued patriotic support, and a Patriotic Youth Award Certificate was presented to Ms. Menza's Amazing Class recognizing their patriotic actions and deeds.



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