

City Fire Chief makes presentation to school board

By Dawn Hankins

Public safety is at the top of both City and County budget discussions this month. Capital improvements within the City are in the works to further enhance service to the community, according to City Fire Chief Matt Doak.

At the recent Bedford Coun-

ty Board of Education meeting, Fire Chief Doak gave a presentation on how the City would like to purchase some adjoining land behind Cart-



Fire Chief Matt Doak

wright Elementary, with the school board's nod of approval.

It was discussed also during the meeting that the proposal may have to go before the County Commission. But Doak said he wanted to get his proposal out to the board for consideration, now.

The City is currently working on a capital project, which will include main police and fire departments in one location/new building.

The fire chief advised that the City needs a fourth fire precinct on the northern end of town. As well, it is projected that a small precinct for the Shelbyville Police Department would go in the same facility.

Doak said with the growing community, there's a great need for an additional fire hall. For public safety of course but also to help greater improve the City's response times/ISO ratings with insurance companies.

Doak assured board members that the Fire and Police Departments would make Cartwright Elementary "good neighbors."

The school board did not vote on any decision Thursday night. New superintendent Tim Harwell sat at the board table for his first official monthly meeting. (Tammy Garrett retired this year at the end of her 5-year contract and



Bedford County Schools Superintendent Tim Harwell, right, participated in his first monthly board meeting last Thursday night in an official capacity. To his left is board member Glenn Forsee.

the board appointed Harwell, then assistant superintendent, soon after Garrett's official announcement of departure.)

BREAKING NEWS OF THE WEEK

TEEN KILLED AT DUCK RIVER RACETRACK

A 17-year-old Santa Fe High School senior, Norman Bentlee Potts, died last Saturday, after his car flipped during a race at Duck River Racetrack in Wheel. By his side in the car was his 17-year-old cousin and best friend, who, according to family, survived and is bruised but safely recovering at home.

A visitation for Bentlee will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2026, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., at Oakes & Nichols Funeral Home. Online condolences may be extended at www.oakesandnichols.com.

Bentlee was preparing to begin his senior year at Santa Fe High School, where he had participated in cross country for several years. He had a passion for sports, especially football, and enjoyed following and participating in a variety of athletic activities.

Bentlee lived life with enthusiasm and a love for adventure, according to his family. He was an avid NASCAR fan who enjoyed riding mini bikes, racing at Duck River Raceway, and "working on anything with an engine."

CHARGES DROPPED AGAINST SCHS TEACHER

The sexual battery charges against Shelbyville Central High School teacher Bryan Whittinghill are currently dropped. In January, school officials received information regarding allegations of the teacher. The allegations were reported to local law enforcement, which conducted a full and active investigation. Then Superintendent of Schools Tammy Garrett stated that to the school system's knowledge, this was not an on-campus or school-related incident.

The staff member was arrested and was placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation.

BEDFORD BRIEFS

STARS AND STRIPES AND SHELBYVILLE NIGHTS

Bedford County Government Offices are closed for holiday on Friday, July 3. A special event will be held July 3, from 4 to 8 p.m., on the square. The time capsule and ceremony and live music are a part of the festivities. Bring a chair. Patriotic attire encouraged. James Rogers will perform at 5:30. The first Leavitt Concert featuring the Huffer Brothers will be held at 7 p.m. at the Fly Arts Center on South Main Street.

This Stars and Stripes Event is sponsored by BC Government, Chamber of Commerce and the City of Shelbyville.

WATRACE FIREWORKS AND FREEDOM

The annual Fireworks and Freedom event will be held on Friday, July 3, 2026 in Watrace at the Winnett Ayers Park. Volunteers appreciated.

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FIREWORKS

COMMUNITY CONCERT

Internationally acclaimed composer and pianist Eric Genuis, and world class accompanists, will present a community concert on piano at First United Methodist Church on the square on Friday, July 17. This is a free event.



Historical Society celebrates Tennessee and America's birthdays

Reported by Al Simmons, Historical Society president

The Bedford County Historical Society held its summer quarter meeting on June 15, 2026, in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church on the square in Shelbyville with over 80 members

and visitors in attendance.

Visitors included David and Janne Martin, Steve Smotherman, Erlinda McEntyre, Colin and Nan Wakefield, Freddie Brown, Pam Constantine, and Alvis Turrentine.

A potluck supper started the evening's festivities at 6:30 p.m., hosted by Larry and Sue



Summer quarter meeting hosts and hostesses for the recent Bedford County Historical Society meeting were, from left, John Cortner, Larry Morphis, Donny and Patsy Porter, Jimmy and Melissa Simmons, Claudia Curl, and Marc Majors. See more on page 2 on the Historical Society's meeting, which included a presentation on the Battle of King's Mountain.

Morphis, Jimmy and Melissa Simmons, John Cortner, Donnie and Patsy Porter, John Jones, Claudia Curl, Marc Majors, and Hazel Foster.

The Fellowship Hall décor featured amenities in celebration of America's 250th Anniversary with patriotic table décor, highlighted by red, white, and blue tinsel centerpieces and flags with like-themed place settings and lighting.

Following the meal, the Society held a short business meeting.

Nicholas Higgs presented the colors and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Then, he played "To the Color" on his bugle to complete the Society's salute to America's 250th Anniversary.

Recording secretary Christy Anderson gave the secretarial report, followed by treasurer Hazel Foster's financial report and Carolyn Smotherman's membership status at

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GENEROUS DONATION

A Smile 180 check presentation was recently made by Dr. Phil Wenk to the Community Dental Clinic. The Smile 180 Foundation supports CcsBc Dental for equipment and operations. The check totalled \$44,758.00. From left, Dr. Phil Wenk, CEO Smile 180 Foundation; Terrie Quick, dental hygienist; Claire Mallernee, dental administrative assistant; Amanda Arnold, director of dental operations; Fredia Lusk, CcsBc executive director; Dr. Danny Foster, CcsBc dentist.

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Corbin Riley to compete at CrossFit Games

The 15-year-old qualified to compete July 24-26 in San Jose, California.

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HISTORICAL

321 members.

President Al Simmons thanked Patsy Trott, Carolyn Smotherman, and Christy Anderson for their contribution of articles published in the Summer Quarterly which focused on people, places, and events of the Revolutionary War era. He noted that Poplin Memorial History Award honorees were recognized at their high school's Senior Awards Day programs in May and thanked members for their donations in

support of this Society effort. Award winners and a list of contributors are included in the Summer Quarterly.

Simmons announced the next meeting of the Society Board of Directors will be on July 8, 2026, at the Public Library at 1:00pm.

The Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church & Cemetery historical marker was erected in mid-May and then dedicated as part of the cemetery's Decoration Day Services on May 9. A

history of the church and cemetery and founding families is given in the Summer Quarterly. Simmons reported that the Society has received a request for a marker at another County historical location and is preparing its preliminary design for Board approval.

After the business meeting, program chairman Don Gallagher gave an overview of events during the Battle of King's Mountain and the American victory there as a turning point in the Revolutionary War. He then introduced meeting speaker Colin Wakefield who continued the discussion of the battle and ensuing actions by patriot Joseph Greer who delivered the message of victory to the Continental Congress. As a result of his actions, Greer was awarded a land grant of 2,566 acres in Petersburg, TN. About 1804, Greer built a dog-trot-style cabin there where he and his wife Mary Ann raised 11 children. He died in 1833, and is buried on the property.

In the following years, the property came into the W. W. Gill, Sr. family in 1943. The property re-



Historical Society members (from left) Randy and Freida Head and Patti and Larry Watkins look over the Historical Society display of the 'Symbols of Tennessee' presented in celebration of Tennessee's 230th Anniversary.



Bedford County Historical Society program speaker Colin Wakefield, left, reviewed materials for the Ft. Bliss Historic Site Celebration on September 25-6 with Society members Don Gallagher and John Teague. Wakefield presented a documentary on the Battle of King's Mountain and the restoration of patriot Joseph Greer's home at the fort.

mains in the Gill family and today is owned by Gill descendants, Warren and Allan Gill and Gloria Gill Meadows. Warren and Allen are Historical Society members.

The MTSU Center for Historic Preservation was contacted in 2016, to confirm the House on the Gill's property was indeed Joseph Greer's original log house. Wakefield and the Joseph Greer Chapter TNSSAR, along with the Tennessee Wars Commission, initiated a collaborative effort to

restore the house. The group obtained a Tennessee Historic Commission grant for the Camp Blount Historic Site Association to restore the house and locate it on the Camp Blount Historic Site south of Fayetteville on the east side of U. S. Hwy 231 South. The restoration was completed in 2025.

Wakefield's documentary provided many visuals of the reconstruction, including the incorporation of the original Greer house materials. The Camp

Blount Historic Site will celebrate "Volunteer Days" on September 25-6, 2026, with Camp tours and various historic demonstrations.

In concluding the meeting, Simmons announced that the next meeting will be on Sept. 21, and will feature a program on the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration. Hosts and further details of the meeting will be announced in the local papers and on the Society's Face Book site in early September.

Commissioner Sylvia Pinson seeks re-election for District 7

Sylvia Sanders Pinson has officially announced her independent candidacy for re-election to the Bedford County Board of Commissioners, District 7, on Aug. 6.

"For the past 4 years, I have had the privilege of serving as your County Commissioner," said Pinson. "It has been an honor to serve and represent the citizens of District 7."

She added, "I am committed to preserving the core values that make Bedford County a great place to live while embracing innovative ideas that promote economic growth, workforce and tourism development, and community prosperity. I believe true servant leadership requires dedication, hard work, and active involvement in the community."

Pinson has served on many County boards and committees, remaining committed to her hometown and the people in her district.

During her last 4 years as Commissioner, Pinson has assisted in developing and supporting the Bedford County Jail Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) Program, which is designed to reduce

recidivism and improve successful re-entry for incarcerated individuals returning to the community.

She has worked closely with jail administration to help develop second-chance workforce pathways and technical training opportunities for incarcerated individuals, recognizing the importance of preparing future members of our workforce for successful employment.

Commissioner Pinson has served and assisted on numerous nonprofit boards, including the Community Development Center, Tennessee College of Applied Technology General Advisory Board, Bedford County Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee, Bedford County UTK-TSU Agriculture Extension, American Mule and Bluegrass Festival, Shelbyville Bedford County Community Clinic, and the Drug Rescue 2 years grant from the Bedford County Abatement Opioid Grant Fund.

Currently, she is serving as chair of the 2026 Bedford County Time Capsule Project, which is celebrating America's 250th Anniversary. The time capsule will be sealed on July 3, 2026, and be

opened in 50 years as a tribute to the community's history and future.

She's helped organize and implement the Second Chance Reentry Summit in partnership with the Bedford County Sheriff's Office and the Center for Family Development.

"The summit brought together community leaders, employers, service providers, and criminal justice professionals to identify resources, workforce opportunities, and support systems that promote successful reentry and reduce recidivism. I strongly support our local law enforcement officers, emergency responders, and public safety professionals who work every day to keep Bedford County safe."

Pinson said her guiding principles are simple: be a community connector, lead with a servant's heart, embrace a vision for the future, and work hard for every citizen of Bedford County.

"I am committed to paying attention to detail, listening to all citizens, and bringing practical solutions to County government. If re-elected, I will continue working diligently to build a stronger, safer, and more prosperous



Sylvia Pinson

Bedford County for future generations.

I respectfully ask for your support and your vote on Aug. 6."

- Early voting: July 17 – Aug. 1
- Absentee ballot request deadline: July 17
- Election Day: Aug. 6.

Liberty FCE Meeting discusses summer events

Liberty Family and Community Education Club (FCE) held its June 15 meeting with Judy Smith calling the meeting to order by reading "Still Waters."

Ann Spence gave the devotion, "Living Waters," and reported the meeting.

The roll call question was: "What have you done lately that you enjoyed?"

Minutes were read. The program was given by Whitney Danhof, county extension agent. The theme was, "Nourishing your spirit." The way to nourish your spirit is to notice what moves you in a positive way, according to Danhof, and then, seek more

of it.

The club voted for their Share Fair theme to be "Vintage Christmas."

The July picnic will be held at Dorris Turrentine's home on July 13 at 6 p.m. This will be the next meeting.

Bonnye Catron shared daylilies and Judy Smith shared her coleus.

Judy Smith adjourned the meeting

Dates to remember:

- June 26-County Council at 10 a.m.
- July 7-Share Fair
- July 13-18-Bedford County Fair; Entries July 12, 1 to 5 p.m.
- July 30-Leader training at extension office at 10 a.m.

Town and Country Garden Club learns about weed control

Submitted by Rene' Francis

Town and Country Garden Club met Wednesday, June 17, at the Bedford County Extension Office.

Matthew Deist, extension agent, gave a presentation on Weed Control Considerations. The presentation gave many informative options for weed control from backyards, gardens and crop farming.

Hostesses were Carroll O'Briens, Charlene Judd and Naomi Luna.

This month's winners:



Hostesses for June were, from left, Carroll O'Brien, Charlene Judd and Naomi Luna

Large Arrangements- Blue to Becky Nichols, Red to Nancy Fayard

Medium Arrangements- Blue to Charlene Nelson, Red to Nancy

Reak Plant Specimen- Blue to Rebecca Parker

What Have You- Blue to Pat Johnson, Red to Charlene Nelson.



Linda Anderton with "What Have You" specimen



Sara Wood with "What Have You" specimen

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SHELBYVILLE FUMC WORSHIP

Pastor De Hennessey will preach "Like a Cup of Cold Water" from Matthew 10:40-42 on Sunday at **First United Methodist Church in Shelbyville**. 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 Shelbyville offers a livestream on Facebook and YouTube and a broadcast on WLJ 98.7 FM and AM 1580.

FLAT CREEK COC VBS

Flat Creek Church of Christ will have Vacation Bible School, beginning Sunday, July 5 through July 8th. VBS begins at 6 p.m., each night under the theme, "I AM, WHO I AM" from Psalm 3:14.



Gearing up for an ‘epic’ July 4th week in TN Walking Horse industry

Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration is about to deliver a full week of events and horse shows surrounding the Independence Day holiday. The events, Celebration officials note, will provide owners, trainers, exhibitors, and fans with multiple opportunities to celebrate the Tennessee Walking Horse during the nation’s historic 250th anniversary year. For generations, the Fourth of July week has been one of the most anticipated traditions in

the Walking Horse industry. While the week has taken on different names and been hosted in various communities throughout the years, its purpose has remained the same: bringing together Tn Walking Horse enthusiasts to showcase and celebrate the Tennessee Walking Horse. “We are thrilled to see a full week of activities and horse shows come together for our industry,” said Celebration CEO Warren Wells. “This week represents everything that makes

our industry special—great horses, great competition, fellowship, and communities working together to celebrate the Tennessee Walking Horse. We appreciate the cooperation and collaboration of all the organizations involved in making this week possible.” The week will feature opportunities for exhibitors of all ages and divisions, beginning with the Prodigy Preliminaries and Auxiliary Equitation Showcase at the Cooper Steel Arena, followed by a commu-

nity fellowship event on the historic Shelbyville square, and culminating with four nights of horse show competition between Shelbyville and Woodbury. “The Fourth of July week shows have long been a cornerstone of our industry,” continued Wells. “We encourage trainers, owners, exhibitors, and fans to support each of these events. Strong local and regional horse shows are the foundation of our industry, and this week provides a unique

opportunity to celebrate our horse while honoring our country during this historic anniversary year.” The complete schedule for the week includes: **Monday, June 29** – Money Tree Classic hosts the Prodigy Preliminaries and Auxiliary Equitation Showcase at Cooper Steel Arena **Tuesday, June 30** – Stars & Stirrups Fellowship Event on the Historic Shelbyville Square **Wednesday & Thursday, July 1-2** – WHTA Fireworks &

Freedom Horse Show at the Bedford County Agricultural Center **Friday, July 3** – Money Tree Classic at Cooper Steel Arena **Saturday, July 4** – Woodbury Lions Club Horse Show in Woodbury, Tennessee The Celebration looks forward to welcoming participants and fans throughout the week as the Tennessee Walking Horse industry comes together to celebrate the horse, the people, and the traditions that make this week so special.

AD VERITAS Before Independence Was Declared



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As we approach the 250th anniversary of American independence, it is worth remembering that July 4, 1776, did not come out of nowhere. The Declaration of Independence was not the result of one argument, one tax, one battle or one fiery speech. It was the result of years of growing tension between the American colonies and Great Britain. Step by step, grievance by grievance, the relationship deteriorated until many colonists came to believe separation was the only

path left. It is easy, from our vantage point, to see independence as inevitable. But it was not inevitable to those living through it. For many years, most colonists still considered themselves loyal British subjects. They wanted the rights of Englishmen. They wanted fair treatment. They wanted representation in matters of taxation and law. Many did not begin by wanting revolution. But the British government kept tightening its grip. After the French and Indian War, Britain was deeply in debt and looked to the colonies for revenue. The Stamp Act of 1765 placed taxes on printed materials such as newspapers, legal documents and pamphlets. That may not

sound dramatic today, but to the colonists it struck at both their pocketbooks and their principles. “No taxation without representation” became more than a slogan. It expressed a basic belief that free people should not be taxed by a government in which they had no voice. Then came more taxes, more disputes and more resentment. The Townshend Acts placed duties on imported goods. British troops were stationed in colonial cities. Tensions rose. In 1770, that tension erupted in Boston when British soldiers fired into a crowd, killing five colonists in what became known as the Boston Massacre. The event was quickly used by patriot leaders as evidence that liberty itself was under threat.

A few years later came the Tea Act and the Boston Tea Party. Colonists, objecting to British policy and monopoly power, dumped tea into Boston Harbor in 1773. Britain responded harshly with what the colonists called the Intolerable Acts. The port of Boston was closed. Massachusetts’ self-government was restricted. British authority was asserted more forcefully than ever. At each step, the dispute grew larger. What began as arguments over taxes became arguments over rights. What began as protests became organized resistance. What began as petitions became preparations. In 1774, representatives from the colonies gathered at the First Continental Congress. They were not yet declaring independence, but they were beginning to act together. That was important. Separate colonies were becoming a united cause. Then came April 1775. British troops marched toward Lexington and Concord to seize colonial military supplies. Instead, they met armed resistance. Shots were fired. Men were killed. The war had begun. Even then, independence was not immediately declared. That is one of the remarkable things about the story. The colonies were already fighting Brit-

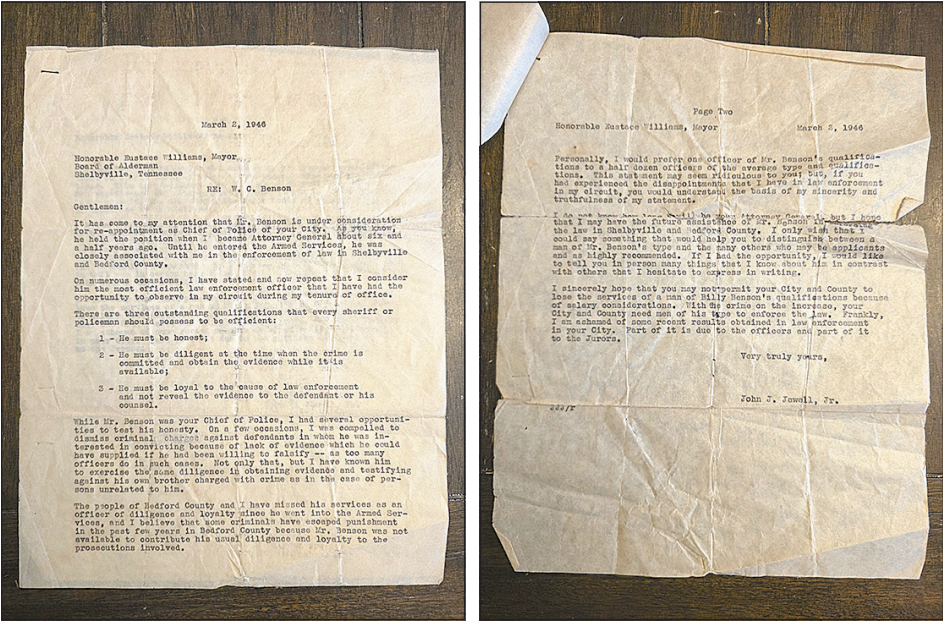
ish troops, yet many still hoped reconciliation might be possible. Congress even sent the Olive Branch Petition to King George III, seeking peace. The king rejected it and declared the colonies to be in rebellion. That rejection mattered. It helped convince many who had been hesitant that there was no going back. Then, in January 1776, Thomas Paine published Common Sense. It was written plainly, for ordinary people, and it made the case that the colonies should separate from Britain completely. Paine argued that it made no sense for a vast continent to be ruled by a distant island. His pamphlet spread widely and helped shift public opinion toward independence. By the summer of 1776, the question could no longer be avoided. On June 7, Richard Henry Lee of Virginia introduced a resolution before the Continental Congress declaring that “these united colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States.” That was the moment the issue was placed plainly before Congress. A committee was appointed to draft a formal explanation. Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman and Robert Livingston were selected for that task. Jefferson wrote the first draft, and after debate and revision, Con-

gress approved the final Declaration of Independence on July 4. But the Declaration was more than an announcement. It was the culmination of years of conflict, patience, frustration and courage. The founders did not wake up one morning and casually decide to start a new country. They had petitioned. They had protested. They had debated. They had endured. And finally, they concluded that liberty required separation. That is what makes the story so powerful. The men and women of that generation faced the most powerful empire in the world without knowing how the story would end. The signers of the Declaration risked being hanged as traitors. Soldiers risked death, disease and starvation. Families risked losing homes, farms and loved ones. Independence was not cheap. As we move toward America’s 250th birthday, we should remember more than fireworks and flags. We should remember the long road that led to July 4. The Declaration was not the beginning of the struggle. It was the moment Americans finally put into words what events had been teaching them for years: that liberty is precious, rights are worth defending, and some lines, once crossed, cannot be uncrossed.



MAYOR RECEIVES UNIQUE DONATION

Shelbyville Mayor Randy Carroll, left, recently accepted a unique donation from Adam Vanderkin. It was a two-page, 1946 letter, addressed to then Mayor Eustace Williams, regarding the apparent re-hire of the Chief of Police W.C. Benson. The letter was written by John J. Jewell, the attorney general who stated Benson was the best police chief he had ever worked with. Vanderkin said he found the letter at an antique store.



MORATORIUM PROPOSED FOR BEDFORD COUNTY ON DATA CENTERS

Bedford County Planning Commission voted unanimously Tuesday evening to recommend to BC Commission that a 1-year moratorium be placed on any large data center developments here, until more information can be gathered for the benefit of Bedford County and its citizens. The board suspended its rules, because the item was initially just for discussion on the meeting agenda, and then moved ahead with a unanimous vote to make its recommendation. Curt Cobb, standing, and Adam Vanderkin, seated, both candidates for County mayor, had some strong comments about why the moratorium is necessary. See more to come on this meeting soon at t-g.com.

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TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

AARON

Aaron was Moses' brother. We first hear of Aaron when Moses was telling God of his inability to speak eloquently. God said that Aaron, who spoke eloquently, could do the talking saying what Moses told him to say.

The Lord sent Aaron to the desert to meet Moses as Moses traveled from Midian to Egypt.

God instructed Moses and Aaron to bring the Israelites out of Egypt. God said Aaron was to be Moses' prophet. Moses would speak to Aaron and Aaron would speak to Pharaoh.

At the first meeting of Moses and Aaron with Pharaoh, Aaron threw his staff on the ground as the Lord commanded and the staff became a snake. Pharaoh's sorcerers did the same thing, but Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.

Aaron continued to be beside Moses as he went before Pharaoh.



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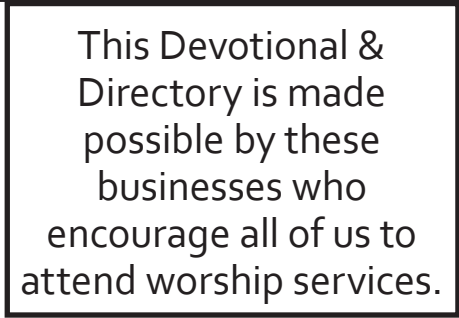
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Obituaries

Clemente “Clem” Torrejon

Clemente “Clem” Torrejon, age 96, of Shelbyville, went to be with his Heavenly Father, Saturday, June 13, 2026, with his daughter / caregiver, Betty Torrejon by his side.

He was born April 15, 1930 in Acobamba District, Sihuas Province, Ancash, a department of Peru in South America. When Clemente was very young, he survived a catastrophe and he lost his immediate family in an earthquake. He later migrated to the United States in the mid-40’s with support from the Peruvian Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Prentice Cooper (deceased). Prentice’s wife, Hortense Cooper (deceased), and his mother Archie Cooper (deceased) treated Clemente like their family. He remained very close to Coopers throughout his lifetime and their children too: William Cooper (deceased), Jim Cooper and John Cooper.

Clem is survived by his 3 children, Charles & Sandy Torrejon, Tony Torrejon & Paula Pewitt and his daughter, Betty Blanche Torrejon. He has many wonderful memories of his grandchildren and he is survived by them: Alisha & Brad Blackwell (deceased), Chris & Megan Torrejon, and Alex & Sylvie Torrejon. Their 5 grandchildren have shared many wonderful memories with Clemente. He had one brother, Alejandro Torrejon (deceased).

After Clem lost his family, his cousin, Maria Torrejon and her family became his 2nd family, they accepted him as a brother. He is survived by many cousins, Maria Torrejon & Eusebio Solis (both deceased) and their children: America Solis Torrejon, Consuelo Solis Torrejon, Alejandro Solis Torrejon, Isabel Solis Torrejon, Maruja Solis Torrejon, Oscar Solis Torrejon, Jose Solis Torrejon and another sibling, Rosa Solis Torrejon (deceased) and husband Orestes Ramos Anicama; and their children are also very close to Clemente and are survivors, they are: Jorge Ramos Solis, Frieda Ramos Solis, Carlos Ramos Solis, and Danny Ramos Solis.

Clem is survived by his 2nd wife, Shirley (Faulk) Torrejon and her children: Stephen Garrison, Teresa & Mike Dixon and Michael Garrison (deceased). Clemente has shared many wonderful memories with Shirley’s family and he is survived by their 9 grandchildren.

Clem was the kind of man who never met a stranger. He had a way of making people feel welcome wherever he went, often with a grin, a joke, or a little teasing. He loved to make people laugh, and those



who knew him best understood that his teasing was one of the purest ways he showed his affection. If he picked at you, you could be sure he cared about you.

Clemente loved wildlife & nature and saved for years to purchase our Bottle Hollow Farm in the 70’s. He raised cattle and allowed all wildlife to roam free without fear. No hunting was allowed on our farm.

A man of the Catholic faith, Clem held his beliefs close to his heart. His family history was deeply rooted in that faith. The Prentice Cooper family-built St. William’s Catholic Church for the Torrejon family, who were the only Catholics and Spanish Peruvians in Shelbyville at the time. That legacy of faith and devotion remained an important part of his life.

He was a man who loved life fully and joyfully. He loved to dance and carried a charm and spark that drew people to him. He appreciated strong character and timeless style, which made his admiration for John Wayne and Sam Elliott no surprise. He had that same larger-than-life presence, blended with humor, strength, and warmth.

Clem was also a Master Builder & Master Mason, a title that reflected both his skill and dedication. He left his mark not only on the people who loved him, but also in the homes he built. His craftsmanship became part of his legacy - lasting reminders of the hard work of his hands and the pride he took in doing things well.

More than anything, Clem will be remembered for his spirit - his laughter, his dancing, his teasing, his faith, and his ability to make others feel like friends. He leaves behind a legacy built, not only in wood and stone, but in love, family, faith, and the memories that will live on in all who knew him.

The family will receive friends from 1 -2 p.m. Friday, June 19th at Feldhaus-Gowen-Smith Chapel, 850 Union Street, Shelbyville, TN. Funeral service will family-built be held in the chapel at 2 p.m. with Pastor Kenny Collins officiating. Committal Service will follow at Rosebank Cemetery in Flat Creek.

Feldhaus-Gowen-Smith Chapel is honored to be serving the family of Clemente “Clem” Torrejon.

Charlene Eugenia Warren

Charlene Eugenia Warren, age 63, passed this life Tuesday, June 16, 2026. She was born April 12, 1963, in Shelbyville to the late Charles and Maude (Sheffield) Warren Hall.

Charlene is also preceded in death by siblings, Morse Warren, Curtis Warren, and Toyna Chunn.

Charlene was a remarkably hard worker who poured her energy into everything she did. Yet, she always found time to celebrate life. She loved hanging with her friends, sharing laughs, and creating unforgettable memories. Charlene truly lived her best life, embracing every single moment with gratitude and enthusiasm.

Her warmth, laughter, and beautiful spirit will be deeply missed by her family, her church community, and her many friends.

The family will receive friends from 3 – 4 p.m. Saturday June 27th at Feldhaus-Gowen-Smith Chapel, 850 Union Street, Shelbyville, TN. A celebration of life service will



be held at 4 p.m. in the chapel following visitation.

Charlene leaves behind to cherish her memory daughter, Chaunette Haynes (Keith); daughter, Tabitha Smith; grandchildren, Jadyen Harper, Laila Haynes, Skye Haynes, Makayla Haynes, Nahla Haynes, Issac Smith, and Daysia Hayes; siblings, Carolyn Buckingham, Delbra Gatica (Jaime), Jesse Warren, Robert Warren, Terry Warren, and Lee Warren; aunt, Eurlene Sheffield, and a host of cousins.

Feldhaus-Gowen-Smith Chapel is honored to be serving the family of Charlene Eugenia Warren.

Susan Haynes

Susan Haynes, age 74, of the Halls Mill community of Bedford County, TN., passed away Saturday, June 20, 2026, surrounded by her family.

Susan was born July 2, 1951, to Harold Craddock Coop and Lois Mariamm Loken Coop. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her son, Travis Haynes; a granddaughter Karah Osborne; and brothers Roger and Johnny Coop. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Susan was a caring individual. She spent most of her life serving in the medical field. She worked for Maury Regional and Jackson Regional. She later retired from Maury Regional but continued to serve by delivering meals to families and visiting. Susan never met a stranger wherever she went and was always greeting you with a smile. Most of all, her smile and huge loving heart will be what she is remembered by for many generations to come.

Susan is survived by her husband of 24 years, Chris Haynes, of the



Halls Mill community of Bedford County, TN; children, Jessie Alexander of Humboldt, TN., Julie (Vince) Osborne of Humboldt, TN., and Shannon (BJ) McCurry of Murfreesboro, TN; 4 grandchildren, Sydney, Trent, Katie, and Gavin; sisters, Nancy Coop of MO and Donna (Glen) Roberts of Jackson, TN; her fur baby Australian Shepherds, Blue, Sam, and Bear.

Visitation with the Haynes Family will be Monday, June 22, 2026, at 4PM until 6PM. A Memorial service will take place at 6PM from Lawrence Funeral Home.

Services in care of Lawrence Funeral Home 203 S. Horton Pkwy Chapel Hill, TN. 37034. 931-364-2233 www.lawrencefuneral.net

Sheila Ann Marshall (Smith)

Sheila Ann Marshall (Smith), age 71, passed away on Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

Sheila was born on November 24, 1954, in Warren, Michigan, where she lived and worked for many years. Later, she moved to her family’s hometown of Shelbyville, TN., where she happily resided for the past several years.

Sheila enjoyed spending time with her extensive family and her dog Peanut, as well as crafting and perusing the local stores with her cousin, Connie. She occasionally would lend a hand at The Blockade Runner store.

Sheila was preceded in death by her partner, Red Silcox; son Michael Marshall; brother Gary Smith; brother Darrell (Rebecca) Smith; mother Betty, and father Eugene Smith (Carol).

She is survived by her daughter, Carrie Rippey (John) and son, Duane



(Christina) Marshall, as well as grandchildren Jessica, Tiffany, Isabella and Trevor.

Her siblings Phil (Mae), Kevin (Lorrie), Cheryl, Mary and Heather (Steve) will hold fondly onto the beautiful memories of their eldest sister. Sheila was a proud Aunt to many nieces and nephews (and grandnieces & nephews) including Jonathon, Josh, Dawn, Tina, Matthew, Maria, Nick and Amanda.

Sheila will be remembered for her beautiful smile and love for her family.

A memorial will be held at a later date.

Alice Murray Freeman

Mrs. Alice Murray Freeman, age 86, of Rockvale, TN., passed away Friday June 19, 2026, in Murfreesboro, TN. Alice was born November 5, 1939, to William Murray and Mary Ophelia Petty Roll. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Billy Gene Freeman, and a son, Eddie Freeman, a daughter in law, Debbie Freeman, and brothers, Billy Roy Murray and Johnny Lee Murray.

Alice was a kind, caring, and compassionate friend to many. Alice was always willing to help others however she was able to. In her early years of work, she began her career in Emma’s Florist on West End in Nashville where her passion in the floral industry grew. She later retired from Eagleville Florist and truly loved growing flowers.

One of her greatest joys in life was the day she met her late husband. You could always find the two of them together and spending time with their children.

She was an accomplished artist as well as a pianist for her beloved Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church where she has been a member for over 50 years. In the last several years, she enjoyed playing games and cards often with Alice Faye Ralston and Linda Simpson. Her most special moments came from spending time with her sons, Ron and Don. She enjoyed listening



to them play music and putting a smile on her face. Her love and care will be missed for many generations to come.

Alice is survived by her sons, Ron and Don Freeman of Shelbyville, TN; a niece, Faye Lynn Coffey (Johnny Walker) of Tullahoma, TN; and a great nephew, Bryce (Lauren) Murray Coffey of Chattanooga, TN; and a lifelong friend for over 50 years, Alice Faye Ralston.

Visitation with the Freeman Family will be Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 2PM until 4PM. A Funeral Service will take place at 4PM from the Chapel of Lawrence Funeral Home with Rev. Bobby Maxwell officiating. Burial will follow in Cothran Cemetery where she will be laid to rest beside her husband.

The family would like to extend their love and appreciation to each care giver that devoted their time and love to Mrs. Alice.

Services in care of Lawrence Funeral Home 203 S. Horton Pkwy Chapel Hill, TN. 37034. 931-364-2233 www.lawrencefuneral.net

Ralph Wildon Johnson

Ralph Wildon Johnson, age 93, of Shelbyville, Tennessee, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on June 20, 2026, in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Born on July 31, 1932, in Resaca, Georgia, Ralph lived a remarkable life defined by service, hard work, adventure, faith, and devotion to family.

Ralph proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict. In his early career, he contributed to the guidance systems used in the NASA Apollo missions that carried astronauts to the moon. He later co-owned Johnson Construction and Paving Company before retiring from Nissan Motor Manufacturing.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Marilou Johnson; sons Steven Johnson and wife Miranda Johnson; Edward Johnson and wife Lisa Johnson; granddaughter Kenley Johnson; and sister Ruby Faye Brindle of Signal Mountain, Tennessee.

Ralph was preceded in death by his wife, Sue Helen Massie Johnson; sister Lorain Webb of



Dalton, Georgia; brother Colbert Johnson of Eden, North Carolina; and sister Rewanda Arthur of Cohutta, Georgia.

Visitation with the family will be held 5-7 PM Tuesday June 24, 2026 at Doak Funeral Home and Cremation Services with Masonic Rights at 6 PM.

Funeral services will be held 11 AM Wednesday June 24, 2026 in the Chapel of Doak Funeral Home and Cremation Services with Carl Hall and William Crews officiating. Burial will follow in the Willow Mount Cemetery.

In Lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to American Lung Association of Tennessee (One Vantage Way, Suite C- 250 Nashville, TN 37228)

Doak Funeral Home and Cremation Services is serving the family.

Death Notices

Vicky Lynn Bryant

Vicky Lynn Bryant, age 47, of Shelbyville, TN. January 26, 1979 - June 19, 2026 Doak Funeral Home is serving the family. www.doakfh.com

Crossword

- CLUES ACROSS**
1) Guy hiding in children’s books
6) Helps in a criminal activity
11) Jeweler’s item
14) “Up the creek,” is one
15) Amend an atlas
16) Genetically coded stuff, for short
17) Fox and Lloyd went back
19) Dinghy driver
20) Arcing shots
21) Sound from a henhouse
23) Guts and other innards
27) Agents’ needs
29) Form in the mind
30) Did some house work?
31) Darlings
32) Informative, informally
33) Bride’s title
36) Gets something down
37) Musical qualities
38) Look good on
- 39) There’s no fool like this kind
40) Cut off, as relations
41) ‘70s dance hall
42) Lumberyard cutter
44) Cosmetic application
45) Ghostly entities
47) Alfa Romeo alternative
48) Make more exciting (with “up”)
49) Jazz combo, often
50) “By the time I count to three” follower
51) The parolee was back ...
58) As to
59) Phobias
60) Break in two
61) Driving-exam curve shape
62) Womb resident
63) Aden’s land
- CLUES DOWN**
1) One skilled at repartee

- 2) Fuss, to
Shakespeare
3) Set fire to
4) “How stupid of me!”
5) Western and Spanish dishes
6) Caribbean resort island
7) “All___ are off!”
8) Bird that can’t take flight
9) Cigarette ingredient
10) State in detail
11) The elevator provided back ...
12) Make it so, legally
13) “On your___, get set ... “
18) “Watch out!”
22) Superhero creator Stan
23) Part of DVD
24) Having no drawbacks
25) The ones making you slow down are back ...
26) Big- ticket items
27) Crouch in fear
28) L’s meaning, sometimes
30) Extend, as a
- subscription
32) Spectacular stars
34) Xerox competitor
35) Bit of gravel
37) Class evaluation
38) Watches the kids
40) “The Jeffersons” was one
41) “The Wizard of Oz” character
- 43) “Asp” or “vamp” attachment
44) Hi’s wife, in comics
45) Mountain feature
46) Maine flora
47) Use a steam iron
49) Drive-___
52) Wedding announcement word
- 53) Tit-for-___
54) “Norma___” (1979 movie)
55) Scary cinematic street
56) Time immediately preceding
57) “Speed” of many bikes

PAST BEHAVIOR By Timothy E. Parker

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Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: June 16
Location: 219 Graham Way; Seller, Snahider Vega Castro, Jeniree Anisabel Olivares; Buyer, Lynn Angus, Leonard Angus; Price, \$334,900 (Deed).

Location: 237 Cascade Hollow Rd; Seller, Trudy Daye Anderson; Buyer, Jonathan Tyler Anderson; Price, \$0 (Deed).

Location: Hwy 130 W; Seller, Stephen L Mullins, Virginia C Mullins; Buyer, James R Murrell Irrevocable Trust, James R Murrell; Price, \$1,350,000 (Deed).

Location: Adcock Rd; Seller, Vernon E Cole Jr; Buyer, James Brennan Sanders; Price, \$20,000 (Deed).

Location: 310 Edd Joyce Rd; Seller, Hunter L Womack, Miranda Womack; Buyer, Anthony Mills, Whitney Mills; Price, \$865,500 (Deed).

Location: Bethany Lane; Seller, West Street Capital Partners LLC; Buyer, EPRT Tennessee Properties LLC; Price, \$2,038,361.09 (Deed).

File date: June 17
Seller, RHBLLC; Buyer, Midway Homes LLC; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: 788 Halls Mill Rd; Seller, James Brennan Sanders; Buyer,

Daniel Julian Rivera Lara; Price, \$439,900 (Deed).

Location: 1301 Walker St; Seller, DCC Strategic Realty Partners LLC; Buyer, Samuel Mitchell Wright III; Price, \$274,900 (Deed).

Seller, Hawkerty Properties LLC; Buyer, David Brent Vannatta, Cynthia D Vannatta; Price, \$10,000 (Deed).

File date: June 18
Location: 102 Sunrise Court; Seller, Christian Alexander, Alisa Medders; Buyer, Ignacio Velazquez, Gaudencia Andres; Price, \$258,000 (Deed).

Location: Bell Buckle Wartrace Rd; Seller, Zsolt J Lagler; Buyer, Austin W Lee, Rosalie A Lee; Price, \$90,000 (Deed).

Location: 144 Tanner Circle; Seller, Baltazer Reyes, Nemias Ramos; Buyer, Damon Francis; Price, \$337,900 (Deed).

Seller, Connie Cortner, Perninia Lucille Singleton Esta Peacock; Buyer,

ie Lynn Sanders; Buyer, Gary L Conn, Suzanne P Conn; Price, \$579,000 (Deed).

Seller, Kevin A Collier, Bryan D Collier, Kary G Collier Irrevocable Trust; Buyer, Rodney Bowling, Chanel Donegan; Price, \$370,000 (Deed).

Location: 220 Temple Ford Lane; Seller, Joseph Townsend; Buyer, Clifton A Beasley; Price,

\$85,000 (Deed).

Location: 234 Republic St; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Kevin Martinez; Price, \$334,990 (Deed).

Location: 261 Mill Rd; Seller, Jennie Lee, Jennie Ray; Buyer, Nathan M Ray; Price, \$0 (QD).

Seller, Donald White Construction LLC; Buyer, Haley G Bennett; Price, \$285,000 (Deed).

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Bid No.: 026-01

Separate sealed bids for the 2025 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS; CONTRACT A: UNIONVILLE DEASON TRANSMISSION LINE and CONTRACT B: UNIONVILLE DEASON BOOSTER STATION will be received by Bedford County Utility District located at 214 Bethany Lane, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160 until 10:00 A.M. local time on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, and then at said time and place publicly opened and read aloud.

Contract A consists of the installation of approximately 21,000 linear feet of twelve (12) inch diameter ductile iron pipe and appurtenances. Contract B consists of constructing an eighteen foot by sixteen foot brick building and associated pumping facilities in Bedford County, Tennessee.

The 2025 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS; CONTRACT A: UNIONVILLE DEASON TRANSMISSION LINE and CONTRACT B: UNIONVILLE DEASON BOOSTER STATION Bid Package, Bid Form, Agreement, and other bidding instruments may be examined at the Bedford County Utility District. Copies of the bidding documents may be obtained at the office of BEDFORD COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT at no charge.

The U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration is providing partial funding for this project (EDA Investment No. ED24ATL0G0392).

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality in the bidding and to reject any or all bids.

All bids must be made out on the Bid Form bound in the contract documents, and the Bid Form should not be detached from the contract documents. Bids will not be opened by Bidders who have not obtained the contract documents from the Owner.

No Bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Shelbyville City Council will hold a Public Hearing on the following Annexation Resolutions and Second Reading Ordinances at the Council Chambers, Planning & Codes Building, 100 N. Cannon Blvd, Shelbyville, Tennessee at their Special Called Meeting of June 30, 2026, at 5:00 PM. Anyone wishing to view the Resolutions & Ordinances may do so during normal business hours at City Hall, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ORDINANCES:

An Ordinance (As Amended) of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee, Adopting the Certified Tax Rate as Calculated by the State Board of Equalization.

An Ordinance (As Amended) of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee, Adopting the Annual Budget and Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026, and Ending June 30, 2027.

An Ordinance to Make Final Amendments to the Adopted Budget Ordinance (As Amended) of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee Various Funds, For the Fiscal Year 2025-2026, the Period Ending June 30, 2026.

Lisa Smith, City Recorder

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

BEDFORD COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT
214 BETHANY LANE
SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160

Separate sealed bids for the 2026 WATER TREATMENT PLANT FLOW MEASUREMENT PROJECT will be received by Bedford County Utility District located at 214 Bethany Lane, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160 until 10:00 a.m. local time on Thursday, July 16, 2026, and then at said time and place publicly opened and read aloud.

This project consists of installation of a monitoring manhole and approximately eighty (80) linear feet of twelve-inch diameter Class 350 DIP pipe and appurtenances for the Bedford County Utility District.

The 2026 WATER TREATMENT PLANT FLOW MEASUREMENT PROJECT Bid Package, Bid Form, Agreement, and other bidding instruments may be examined at the Bedford County Utility District. Copies of the bidding documents may be obtained at the office of BEDFORD COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT at no charge.

If the bid submitted herewith exceeds \$25,000, the Bidder's license number and license expiration date must be included on the outside of the envelope. All Bidders shall comply with the Contractor's Licensing Act of 1976 and as amended (TCA Title 62).

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**Kevin Mayhorn, General Manager,
Bedford County Utility District**

NOTICE OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Note dated MARCH 27, 2025, and the Deed of Trust of even date, securing said Note recorded APRIL 1, 2025 in Book TD1147, at Page 881-902, as Document #25002132, in the Register's office for BEDFORD COUNTY, Tennessee, executed by TERRANCE LYONS AND SUSAN LYONS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, conveying the certain property described therein to MEGANK. TROTT, Trustee, for the benefit of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS BENEFICIARY, AS NOMINEE FOR FIRST COMMUNITY MORTGAGE INC., its successors and assigns and to MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C., having been appointed as Successor Trustee by instrument of record JUNE 1, 2026 in the Register's office for BEDFORD County, Tennessee in Book TD1194, at Page 59-61, as Document #26003973.

WHEREAS, the owner and holder of the Note has declared the entire indebtedness due and payable and demanded that the hereinafter described real property be advertised and sold in satisfaction of indebtedness and costs of foreclosure in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Note and Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that an agent of Marinosci Law Group, P.C., as Successor Trustee, pursuant to the power, duty and authority vested in and conferred upon said Successor Trustee, by the Deed of Trust, will on August 18, 2026 at 11:00 AM at the main entrance of the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160 offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, and free from all legal, equitable and statutory rights of redemption, exemptions of homestead, rights by virtue of

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

Sale at public auction will be on August 31, 2026 at 11:00AM local time, at the south door, Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, Tennessee pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by John Young and Judy Young, to Kerry Webb, Trustee, as trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Acopia, LLC, its successors and assigns on March 20, 2015 at Book TD831, Page 853, Instrument No. 15001536; conducted by LLG Trustee TN LLC, having been appointed Substitute or Successor Trustee, all of record in the Bedford County Register's Office. Default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable.

Party Entitled to Enforce the Debt: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns.

The real estate located in Bedford County, Tennessee, and described in the said Deed of Trust will be sold to the highest call bidder. The terms of the said Deed of Trust may be modified by other instruments appearing in the public record. Additional identifying information regarding the collateral property is below and is believed to be accurate, but no representation or warrant is intended.

Street Address: 280 Philpot Road, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160
 Parcel Number: 41C A 010.00

Current Owner(s) of Property: John Young and Judy Young

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded Plat or Plan; any unpaid taxes and assessments; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; rights of redemption, equity, statutory or otherwise, not otherwise waived in the Deed of Trust, including rights of redemption of any government agency, state or federal; and any and all prior deeds of trust, liens, dues, assessments, encumbrances, including those created by a fixture filing or any applicable homeowners' association

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 April 17, 2015, executed by Kenneth W Arnold, an unmarried man, to David Marttalla as Trustee, for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MCMINNVILLE, its successors and assigns, and appearing of record on April 20, 2015, in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, at Book TD833, Page 760, and Instrument Number 15002147.

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, 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 August 3, 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:

LYING AND BEING IN THE SEVENTH (7TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

marriage, and all other exemptions of every kind, all of which have been waived in the Deed of Trust, certain real property located in Bedford County, Tennessee, described as follows:

Land in Bedford County, Tennessee, being Lot No. 66, on the Plan of Final Plat, Wheatfield Subdivision, Phase 3, of record in Plat Book PLJ2, Page 455, in the Register's Office for Bedford County, Tennessee, to which Plan reference is hereby made for a more complete description of the property.

Being the same property conveyed to Terrance Lyons and Susan Lyons, Husband and Wife, by deed from, Ole South Properties, Inc., a Tennessee corporation, dated March 27, 2025, of record in Book 396, Page 358, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

This conveyance is made subject to Restrictions and Declaration of Covenants of record in Book D371, page 519 and as amended in Book D385, page 739, Restrictions of record in Book D344, page 650, Book D356, page 746 and Book D358, page 631; Charter of record in Book CH14, page 610; Utility Easement of record in Book D189, page 587, Book D246, page 744 and Book D264; page 452; Tennessee Valley Authority Easement by way of judgment of record in Book D221, page 614; Subject to matters shown on the Plan of record in Plat Book PLJ1, page 23; and to any and all matters shown on said plat and survey of record in Plat Book PLJ2, page 455; all of said Register's Office.

More Commonly Known As: 101 CHEVELLE CT, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160-1518

Said sale shall be held 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;

dues or assessments; any 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; all claims or other matters, whether recorded or not, which may encumber the purchaser's title and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

The following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property to be affected by the foreclosure: any judgment creditor or lien holder with an interest subordinate to the said Deed of Trust or any party claiming by, though, or under any of the foregoing. Such parties known to the Substitute Trustee may include: None.

Terms of Sale will be public auction, for cash, free and clear of rights of homestead, redemption and dower to the extent disclaimed or inapplicable, and the rights of John Young and Judy Young, and those claiming through him/her/it/them.

Any right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are waived in accord with the terms of said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

The right is reserved to postpone or adjourn the sale to another time certain or to another specified date, time, and location certain, without further newspaper publication upon announcement by posting with the third-party internet posting company and announcing on the date, time, and location of each sale set forth above or any subsequent postpone or adjourned date, time, and location of sale; provided, however if the sale is postponed or adjourned for less than five (5) days after the original sale, announcement by internet posting is not required.

If you purchase a property at the foreclosure sale, the entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of a certified/bank check made payable to or endorsed to LOGS Legal Group LLP. No personal checks will be accepted.

SAME BEING LOT 16 IN MYERS PLACE SUBDIVISION, REVISED PLAT, SAID PLAT BEING RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 71, PAGE 125, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE. SAID LOT NUMBER 16 FRONTS 85 FEET ON THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF BATES STREET AND EXTENDS BACK BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES 150 FEET TO A LINE IN THE REAR ON WHICH IT MEASURES 85 FEET.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO KENNETH W. ARNOLD, AN UNMARRIED MAN, BY WARRANTY DEED FROM MICHAEL ZUCCARO AND WIFE, BRENDA ZUCCARO, DATED APRIL 17, 2015, OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 325, PAGE 303, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 07-089-J-089-G-L-013.00-000

Commonly known as 113 Bates St Shelbyville, TN 37160

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: Kenneth W Arnold, Aqua Finance, Inc, BNYA LLC.

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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

any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and subject to, but not limited to, the following parties who may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: ALYSSA LYONS, ESTATE OF TERRANCE LYONS, TERRANCE LYONS, II, SUSAN LYONS, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF TERRANCE LYONS, OCCUPANTS/TENANTS OF 101 CHEVELLE CT, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160-1518.

To the best of the Successor Trustee's knowledge, information, and belief, there are no other Federal or State tax lien claimants or other claimants upon the subject property which would require notice pursuant to the terms and provision of T.C.A. § 35-5-104 or T.C.A. § 67-1-1433 or 26 U.S.C. § 7425.

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. The Successor Trustee may postpone the above referenced sale from time to time as needed without further publication. The Successor Trustee will announce the postponement on the date and at the time and location of the originally scheduled sale.

This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be utilized for that purpose.

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To this end, you must bring sufficient funds to outbid the lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser at the time the foreclosure deed is delivered.

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 only by the Substitute Trustee at any time. If the Substitute Trustee rescinds the sale, the purchaser shall only be entitled to a return of any money paid towards the purchase price and shall have no other recourse. Once the purchaser tenders the purchase price, the Substitute Trustee may deem the sale final in which case the purchaser shall have no remedy. The real property will be sold AS IS, WHERE IS, with no warranties or representations of any kind, express or implied, including without limitation, warranties regarding condition of the property or marketability of title.

THE PROPERTY IS SOLD WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, RELATING TO TITLE, MARKETABILITY OF TITLE, POSSESSION, QUIET ENJOYMENT OR THE LIKE AND FITNESS FOR A GENERAL OR PARTICULAR USE OR PURPOSE. The title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

This Notice of Sale can be viewed online by Coast to Coast Posting at HTTPS://Coasttocoastposting.com

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Substitute Trustee

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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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Steven Richard Hanson, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on June 15, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Steven Richard Hanson, who died 06/01/2026, 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 date of the decedent's date of death.

This the 15th day of June, 2026.

/s/ Lisa Stonemetz & Christina Hanson, Co-Administrators

/s/ Megan K. Trott., Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (6252tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Duane Keith Bergmann, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on June 05, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Duane Keith Bergmann, who died 09/07/2025, 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/ Bradley Kent Bergmann, Executor

/s/ John T Bobo, Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (6182tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Annette F Green, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on June 08, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Annette F Green, who died 04/12/2026, 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 8th day of June, 2026.

/s/ Paula Green, Administratrix

/s/ Nick Simons & Savana Mezquiriz, Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (6182tp)

NOTICE

ALISSA WRIGHT

The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a Petition to Declare Child Dependent and Neglected as to Alona Wright. It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby **ORDERED** to serve upon Elizabeth Spurbeck, Attorney for the Tennessee Department of Children Services, 1106 Madison Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160, an Answer to the Petition to Declare Child Dependent and Neglected filed by the Tennessee Department of Children's Services, within thirty (30) days of the last day of publication of this notice, and pursuant to Rule 39(e) (1) of the Tenn. R. Juv. P. you must also appear in the Juvenile Court of Bedford County, Tennessee at Shelbyville, Tennessee on the 24th day of August, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., for the Hearing on the Petition to Declare Child Dependent and Neglected by the State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services. If you fail to do so, a default judgment will be taken against you pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-1-117(n) and Rule 55 of the Tenn. R. of Civ. P. for the relief demanded in the Petition. You may view and obtain a copy of the Petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents at the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office, Shelbyville, Tennessee. (6254tc)

Middle Tennessee Volleyball releases 2026 schedule

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO Tenn. – Middle Tennessee volleyball announced its 2026 fall schedule on Friday, featuring four non-conference tournaments to kick off the season, including one at home.

The Blue Raiders will open the season in Asheville, N.C. for the Bulldog Invitational beginning on Friday, Aug. 28, featuring matchups with Boise State and the host UNC Asheville. Middle Tennessee will then head to Nashville for the Belmont Invitational the next weekend to face Samford, South Alabama and the host Belmont.

The Alumni Memorial Gym will see action for the first time for the Blue Raider Bash on September 11-12, where Middle Tennessee will host op-

ponents Georgia State, Murray State and Northern Colorado.

The Blue Raiders are back on the road the following weekend, heading to Fairfield, Conn. To face Brown, CCSU and the host Fairfield to conclude non-conference play.

The Blue Raiders will be on the road again to open Conference USA play at Liberty, taking on the Flames on September 25 and 26, before returning for back-to-back weekends of CUSA matches at home, including Delaware (October 2-3) and FIU (October 9-10).

Middle Tennessee's CUSA schedule continues with Western Kentucky (away, October 16-17), New Mexico State (home, October 23-24), Missouri State (away, October 30-31), and Sam Houston (home, November 5-6), before wrap-



ping up the regular season at Kennesaw State on November 13-14.

The 2026 campaign will conclude with the Conference USA Tournament hosted by WKU from November 20-22.

Keeping Up with the Blue Raiders

Follow the Blue Raiders on social media:

Twitter/X @MT_Volleyball (https://twitter.com/MT_Volleyball)

Instagram @mt_volleyball (https://www.instagram.com/mt_volleyball/)

and Facebook Middle Tennessee Blue Raider Volleyball (<https://www.facebook.com/BlueRaiderVolleyball>).

MTSU's Bokpin honored with two Conference USA superlatives

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Mustapha Bokpin was recognized as both Conference USA Men's Track Athlete and Newcomer of the Year, as announced by the league office on Friday, June 19.

Bokpin racked up an extensive list of accolades across both the 2026 indoor and outdoor track seasons. Most recently, the sophomore was named a First Team All-American in both the 100m and 200m races at the 2026 NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships. Bokpin was the only male athlete from Conference USA to earn First-Team All-American honors, as well as the only male athlete from Conference USA to earn multiple All-American honors.

The Greater Accra native took home gold in both the 100m and 200m

races at the Conference USA Outdoor Track & Field Championships, earning him Men's Track Performer of the Meet and High Point Scorer of the Meet honors. Bokpin ran a personal best mark of 9.94 in the 100m at the CUSA Outdoor Championships, that time breaking the Middle Tennessee program record in the event.

During the indoor season, Bokpin placed first in the 200m and second in the 60m events at the Conference USA Indoor Track & Field Championships. Across both the indoor and outdoor seasons, the sprinter accumulated six CUSA Male Track Athlete of the Week honors.

Bokpin is the first MTSU Track Athlete of the Year since 2021 and the first ever Blue Raider to win Newcomer of the Year.



Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

Keeping up with the Blue Raiders

Keep up with Blue Raider cross country and track and field on Facebook (Middle Tennessee Blue Raider XC/Track & Field), Twitter (@MT_TrackField), and Instagram (@mt_track-field).

FIFA World Cup Review: Stars Stay Shining, USA Makes History

BY NOAH MADDOX
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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – Lionel Messi scored two more goals to set the all-time World Cup goalscoring record, Kylian Mbappe scored twice more to keep pace, Cristiano Ronaldo announced his arrival with a brace against Uzbekistan, and the United States downed Australia to start off the tournament with a pair of wins for the first time since the inaugural competition in 1930.

A lot happened this past week, starting with

Lionel Messi's brace against Austria. Argentina defeated the Austrians, 2-0, in Dallas, and all five goals scored by the Argentines this tournament have come from their captain. Argentina secured their place atop of Group J with the win, meaning we may not see the magic man take the pitch until the Round of 32. Messi also is now in sole possession atop the career World Cup goalscoring leaderboard with 18 goals, although a 27-year old Frenchman is hot on his heels.

Kylian Mbappe, who brought his own career

World Cup goalscoring tally up to 14 with a brace in a win over Iraq, is one goal behind Messi for the Golden Boot with four goals in two games. France look every bit the side that many expected to compete for a place in the Final before the tournament began, but now a real test in Norway awaits them on Matchday Three inside of Group I on Saturday night. Both teams enter the match with six points, but due to goal difference, a draw would secure France's place atop the group into the knockout round.

The United States used a pair of first-half goals in Seattle to take down Australia, 2-0, on Friday without Christian Pulisic, and after Paraguay defeated Turkey later that evening, the Americans secured the top spot in Group D with one game to play. The Stars & Stripes sit on six points, and with the top tie-breaker being head-to-head results, Mauricio Pochettino's side are mathematically unable to be jumped by either Australia or Paraguay. This should allow Pulisic to continue to rehab following his calf

injury sustained in the first game against Paraguay, as well as sitting a couple of players against the Turks that received yellow cards to not risk suspension in the knockout round that begins on Wednesday in Santa Clara at 7:00 p.m. CT for the United States.

Finally, Cristiano Ronaldo announced his arrival at this World Cup with a pair of first half goals in a 5-0 Portugal win over Uzbekistan. Ronaldo became only player in history to score at least one goal at six different World Cups, and the 41-year old be-

came the second-oldest goalscorer in the tournament's history. Portugal bounced back after a 1-1 draw with DR Congo to open the group stage, and now they take on Colombia in Miami with first place in Group K on the line at 6:30 p.m. CT on Saturday in Miami.

The Round-of-32 begins on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Then, three games every day take place beginning on Monday and lasting through Friday before the Round-of-16 begins next Saturday.

Shelbyville’s Corbin Riley Set to Compete at 20th-Annual CrossFit Games in California

BY NOAH MADDOX
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SHELBYVILLE Tenn. — Corbin Riley’s first love has always been baseball. Ever since he was three years old, the Webb School student-athlete has been drawn to the diamond more than anything. However, over the past couple of years, the 15-year old has become one of the young Crossfit competitors in the entire country after he qualified for July’s CrossFit Games in San Jose, California, held from July 24-26.

“This is a huge deal,” his coach Matt Henderson said, “There are people who train their entire lives and don’t make it to the CrossFit Games. To be where Corbin is, to even make it from the open competition to the quarterfinals, he’s in the top 25%. Then, to move on to the semifinals, he’s in the top 10% or so from the quarterfinals, and in the end, he’s in the top 1% of his age group that’s moving on to the Crossfit Games.”

There were 116 competitors in the 2026 14-15 year old age group semifinal that was held from May 7th through May 11th, all online. Typically the semifinals are held in Birmingham, Alabama, but this year the event organizers decided to hold them virtually with the all-encompassing event set for the West Coast.

Riley started moder-

His coach added on. “I think one of the most impressive things about what Corbin has done is that he hasn’t been doing this for very long relative to some of his peers that he’s competing against,” Henderson explained, “For example, he’s been doing CrossFit for almost two years now, but it wasn’t competitive CrossFit. He was kind of just coming in for class, but he wasn’t locked in to competing necessarily. The people that he’s competing with now, they honestly have quite a few years on him. Just the amount of growth that Corbin has had since October is extremely impressive.”

The CrossFit Open round took place between February 26th and March 16th, followed by the quarterfinals which were held from March 26-30th. After Riley’s run came to a close in the quarterfinals in 2025, Henderson gives credit to a trip down to Florida for the stark improvement from the rising sophomore.

“We decided to go to the competition in Pensacola last September, and usually that is a very big competition for athletes that go,” Henderson explained, “It’s not quite like the Crossfit Games, but anybody who is anybody is usually there, so it was a good reference point for where he would finish at even though we had not been training competitively yet. When he went there, there were a couple of guys



Corbin Riley (right) with his coach, Matt Henderson (left). Henderson has been instrumental in helping Riley qualify for the CrossFit Games in California on July 24-26. Submitted Photo.

ately training nearly two years ago, but after he qualified for the quarterfinals in 2025, he and his camp decided to lock in and aggressively train heading into 2026.

“I started with the CrossFit class in August of 2024, and I just did that consistently throughout the year,” he said, “Then, I started working hard and consistently on the programs after that to qualify for the Games.

that we knew had made some semifinals before, and Corbin eventually finished on the podium down there. That is when me and him and his family got together and had the conversation about how I think we have something here. If we step this up a notch, we can really get Corbin a step further. He was competing with a lot of these athletes and wasn’t even training to the same level that they were yet.”



Corbin Riley (pictured) competes in the CrossFit Semifinals in May. With the top-20 athletes qualifying for the Games, Riley finished 11th to book his spot in San Jose. Submitted Photo.

“Just to see the level of growth since then, and then him being able to juggle playing another sport combined with the schoolwork has been really impressive,” he said, “A lot of kids he is competing with are only Crossfit athletes. For Corbin to make the growth that he’s been able to make just says a lot about how hard he’s worked.”

Riley isn’t just a CrossFit athlete, in fact, he is also a member of The Webb School baseball team. Riley was a freshman on the squad this past season that went all the way to the Division II Class A State semifinals before falling to St. George’s, the eventual State Runners-Up. As a first-year player in high school, Riley appeared in 23 games, delivering four hits, four walks, and was hit by three pitches at the plate. On the mound, he pitched 4.2 innings and giving up just one earned run while striking out five batters in five appearances out of the bullpen. Riley is excited and hopeful to continue his baseball career at Webb for next season.

“My love has definitely transferred over to CrossFit, but I definitely still enjoy baseball,” he admitted, “It’s fun to switch it up sometimes.”

If becoming the highest-ranked American in the 14-15 year-old age group as well as 11th-ranked worldwide is just “switching it up”, then the rest of the CrossFit world needs to be on high alert moving forward.

“I’ve always just enjoyed working out, and then after I started doing the class, it just became part of my weekly routine,” he explained, “It’s something I found interesting and enjoyed doing, and it’s good to try new things. It’s all kind of led me to this point. I always hoped I

would, but I never really thought that I would get here.”

After he qualified for the semifinals, Riley faced one more challenge on his road to San Jose: competing all alone in virtually an empty gym.

This year they decided to hold the semifinal competition online, and we held them at our gym,” Henderson said, “We had to set up cameras and tape off the area, and then we basically ran it like a normal semifinal event just with doing everything inside of our affiliate gym. Doing it online is a little different because we don’t know everyone else’s score. In a regular semifinal, you’re in an arena around multiple athletes, but with the on-line semis, you have no idea where everyone is. You’re literally just going as hard as you can and as fast as you can, and hoping that once the scores come out, you did what you needed to do.”

When the dust settled after the four-day competition, Riley’s name sat 11th in the international leaderboard, and he had the best score among fellow Americans with 111 points.

As an aside, in CrossFit competitions, the scoring is most akin to Golf with the goal being to end up with the lowest possible score. In the semifinals, Riley finished with 111 points across five different events.

The five workouts were a combination of different exercises that included bodyweight movements, conditioning workouts, and weightlifting. The first event was a timed workout featuring five rounds of seven reps of squat snatches at 95lbs followed by three rope climbs to 15 feet per round. With a 15 minute maximum, Riley finished a respectable 31st with a time of 10 minutes and 15 seconds.

The second round of workouts were more challenging, and it saw less than 15 athletes actually fully complete it within the allotted time of 15 minutes. To start, there were three sets of 20 lateral burpee box jump-overs and 10x50-foot shuttle runs. Once completed, the athletes then moved onto the second part featuring three rounds of 100 double-unders followed by a 50-foot handstand walk. Riley finished in 36th with 293 total reps completed.

The third set of workouts was where the Webb sophomore began to make his climb up the leaderboard. It featured two timed rounds of a 1,000 meter row, 50 thrusters, and 30 chest-to-bar pull-ups with a 25-minute cap. Riley secured 10th place with an impressive time of 15 minutes and 32 seconds.

He secured a second-consecutive top-10 finish in the deadlift portion. The fourth round of workouts was one deadlift every minute until failure or until the allotted 10 minutes were up while increasing the weight with each lift. The first lift began at 185 lbs, the second increased to 205 lbs, and then 215 lbs, 225 lbs, 245 lbs, 255 lbs, 275 lbs, 285 lbs, 295 lbs, and finally maxing out at 305 lbs. Riley finished in eighth place with 10 lifts before performing extremely well on the tiebreaking lift to secure eighth position.

Finally, the fifth set of workouts pushed each athlete to complete as many reps as possible within 10 minutes for a 50-foot walking lunge with two 35 lb dumbbells, followed by strict hand-stand pushups that began at two reps and increased by two every set, alternating exercises. Riley finished in 26th with 61 reps, and reached the Top-20 threshold it took to qualify for the

CrossFit Games with a comfortable 11th-place finish.

“People work tirelessly for their whole lives and never make it to this point,” Riley said, “This is just a dream come true to be able to make it this far. Ever since I learned about CrossFit, it’s just something that I’ve dreamed of qualifying for. I’ve watched just about every CrossFit Games that I’ve been able to because it was something I was looking forward to. Being able to qualify for it, it’s just super exciting, and I can’t be happier with how I finished.”

How does a rising sophomore train and prepare for those workouts at such a high level? Riley says that during the school year, his days consist of school, practice, homework, workout, homework, and sleep.

“I train about 1.5-2.5 hours a day every week,” he said, “Sometimes it’s early mornings, other times it’s late nights after school and [baseball] practice. I just try to fit it in whenever I can just to be ready for the next competition.”

Riley’s next competition will be at the 20th-annual CrossFit Games, and they will be held in San Jose, California, from July 24-26, 2026, live on YouTube.

To help pay for the trip across the country, Riley and his family are holding a fundraiser to help pay for expenses to allow the sophomore to compete amongst the best in the world. If you or someone you know would like to donate any amount to support the local kid’s trek across the United States, you can reach out to Corbin’s mother, Kacy Riley, at (931)-224-5241 as well as Kacywest@hotmail.com, and you can find more information on their website, www.corbinsroadtocali.com.

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