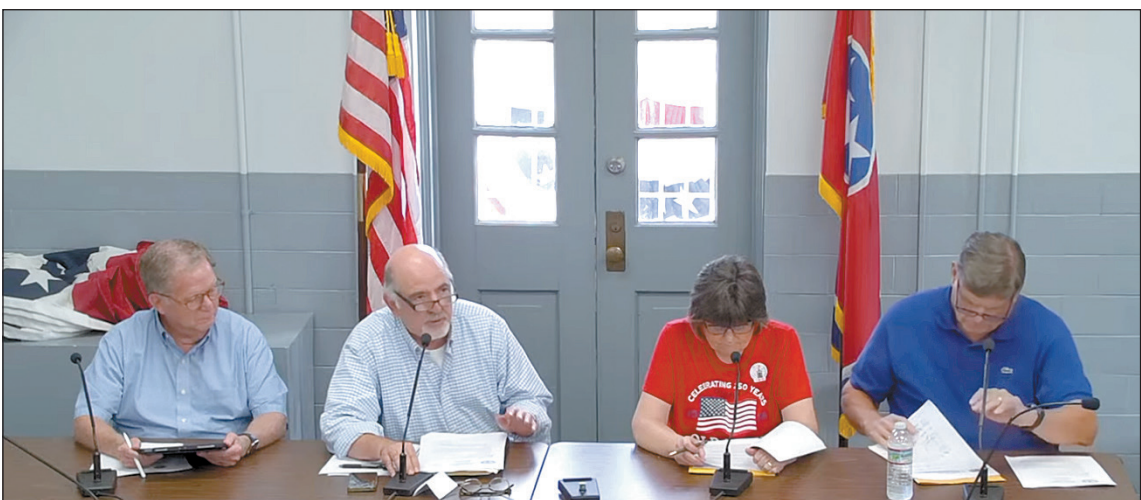




Rules and Legislative Committee members, from left, John Boutwell, Greg Vick, Anita Epperson and Biff Farrar.

County resolution for 1-year data center moratorium moves to full Commission

By Dawn Hankins

County Planning Director Chris White spoke to the Rules and Legislative Committee Tuesday about the proposed resolution approved last month by the Planning Commission for a one-year moratorium on data center developments.

“It’s a pretty complicated resolution, as you can see,” said White.

He said the resolution has since been under legal review

by County attorneys. The resolution should be on the next Commission meeting agenda, as it was approved by Rules on Tuesday.

Then, the Planning Commission/staff will begin work.

White explained that a moratorium is not permanent solution but is an instrument which can give the County time, before data center companies request development, to examine local zoning regulations and standards.

“It has to have an expiration

date . . . be logical,” advised White, of moratoriums.

As a member of the state Watershed committee, White said utilities and water usage are high topics when discussing data centers.

Commissioner Greg Vick further clarified that the moratorium on data centers is time set to allow the County opportunities to study rules and zoning regulations. He also advised that data centers cannot be completely banned,

See MORATORIUM, 5A



Fly Arts Center drama team performs in the Big Apple

By Dawn Hankins
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A theatrical team from the Fly Arts Center in Shelbyville recently left the drama enthusiasts of New York City wanting more, following their production of “There Inherent.”

That was obvious based upon a famous Broadway critics review and a score of 5 out of 5 stars for the new Kyle Thomas play presented as part of the Rogue Theatre Festival on July 7.

The Lord Cherry’s Review of the play, which was performed in the famous Flea Theatre, commented that

“‘There Inherent’ is a new play that will have you laughing and crying. And leave you feeling a new sense of compassion, empathy and understanding.’

—The Lord Cherry’s Review, New York City

“There Inherent” is a beautifully written, emotionally raw, intense and heartfelt play, exploring love, loss, family and moving on without completely

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Dedication Photo by Anita Epperson
Inset Family Photo

Halls Mill Bridge dedicated in memory of Stanley Smotherman

By Dawn Hankins

A bridge in the Halls Mill area, near the intersection of Halls Mill Road and Wheel Road, was dedicated on July 19, in memory of former Bedford County Highway Superintendent Stanley Smotherman.

The County Commission approved this memorial a few months ago.

Smotherman served as superintendent for 20 years, from 1999 until 2019, and was

a highway department employee for a total of 40 years. Likely, Smotherman passed over that bridge many times during his career and lifetime.

Clarence Stanley Smotherman, age 71, of Shelbyville, passed from this life on February 6, 2025, following an extended illness. He was a life-long resident of Bedford County, born on December 8, 1953, to the late Clarence and Louise Lamb Smotherman.

Stanley graduated from

Shelbyville Central in 1972, and later Motlow College. He earned his teaching degree from Middle Tennessee State University in 1978.

After graduation, he married the love of his life, the former Darlene Cook; they raised two daughters.

Smotherman passed this world as a Christian and devout member of Calvary Baptist Church, serving also as Sunday School teacher for over 40 years.

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Breaking News Mayoral Candidate Chad Fletcher is out of mayor’s race, or is he?

As a very educated man told the T-G this week, the Bedford County mayoral race has quite possibly turned into a “complicated mess.” A mess, as in how legally the electoral process from this point forward has to work regarding candidate Chad Fletcher, who conceded this week, due to health issues. But the ballot is already set and cannot legally be changed. See page 3 for more.



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Ring of Honor induction
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Hostesses for the July Town and Country Garden Club meeting were: Barb Assel, Mary Pickhardt and René Francis.

Town and Country Garden Club members get their ‘daily dose of inspiration’ at Starbucks

Town and Country Garden Club members met July 15th at Starbucks in Shelbyville. A brief business meeting was held. Everyone enjoyed their coffees and snacks from the menu, member René Francis reports.

Each garden club member brought a small arrangement that was delivered to residents at Celebration Way. Everyone received a Blue Ribbon for participating.



Mary Pickhardt and Nancy Reak spent some quality time with Desiree Franks, coffee house leader of Starbucks in Shelbyville.



Hostess Barb Assel greets Linda Williams at Starbucks in Shelbyville.



Latte or Americana? Town and Country Garden Club members Muriel Robinson, Charlene Judd and Mary Howard enjoyed a cup of roasted goodness during the recent garden club meeting.



Summer beauty was displayed in more ways than one at the July meeting of Town and Country Garden Club.

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letting go.”

Cherry further wrote in his critique how the play, written by Kyle R. Thomas and directed by Jennifer Dawn Smith, paid great attention to detail-from the inclusion of the cast and crew’s photographs on set to the “precise timing of the actors.”

Sebastian Cherry is a theatre critic who focuses on live performance, blending professional analysis with personal perspective. His reviews often explore the artistic, emotional, and cultural impact of shows, and he covers a wide range of genres and formats.

As stated by Cherry, the premise is simple: as a massive storm begins, elderly couple, David (Michael Beckett) and Lynn (Jeanne Edwards) prepare to wait it out in their family home-despite mandatory evacuation warnings. Their son and his wife, Edward (Alex Maynard) and Margaret (Erica Radomsky) demand their folks pack up and leave ASAP.

wright’s passion for theatre began at a young age when he first discovered his father’s cast album of "The Phantom of the Opera." Thomas fed that passion as a performer in high school and community theatre productions.

His love of history inspired his first screenplay, "The First Debate," about the first televised presidential debate between John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon.

He wrote several more screenplays – being dubbed a “writer

to watch” by The Black List – before returning his writing energy to his first love: the stage. He adapted his screenplay "Portrait of a Young Man" into a monologue, which was selected for the 2022 Rogue Theatre Festival in New York City. After performing the monologue himself

at The Players Theatre, it was also produced at The Walnut House in Murfreesboro.

His play, "This House Is Not a Home," received its premiere in 2023, and was nominated for Best New Play by Broadway World Nashville.

His next play, "Clocks Are Like Angels," was a

featured finalist in the 2023 Appalachian Playwriting Festival, selected for the 2024 Rogue Theatre Festival, and won the 2024 Best New Play Award presented by Playwrights First in New York City. It has been performed as well at the Fly Arts Center in Shelbyville.

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AMONG GREAT PERFORMERS

“There Inherent” writer Kyle Thomas and director Jennifer Dawn Smith enjoy their time in New York City at the Flea Theatre, following their stage performance on July 7. The theatre is known for such gifted actors as Sigourney Weaver and Bill Murray.



LOCAL PLAY RANKED 5 OUT OF 5 STARS

The play “There Inherent” was written by Shelbyville’s own, Kyle Thomas and recently performed on stage and reviewed in New York City. Actors Jeanne Edwards and Michael Beckett have the great debate that makes this play so riveting. Local production is Aug. 21-23 at the Fly Arts Center in Shelbyville. This performance is not part of the seasonal package. Tickets need to be purchased for this production at FlyArtsCenter.com.

ELECTION NOTICE

SHELBYVILLE MUNICIPAL, NORMANDY MUNICIPAL & WARTRACE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 3, 2026

Municipal Elections as stated above are hereby called for Bedford County, Tennessee for Tuesday, November 3, 2026, between the hours of 9:00 am and 7:00 pm at the various precincts.

QUALIFYING DEADLINE --- August 20, 2026 at 12:00 NOON

WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE --- August 27, 2026 at 12:00 NOON

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE --- October 5, 2026

FIRST DAY TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT -- August 5, 2026

LAST DAY TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT --- October 24, 2026

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Petitions may be picked up at the Election Commission office located at 100 Public Square West, Basement, Shelbyville, TN 37160 between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.

To qualify, candidates shall file their original petition in the county election office where they reside. The nominating petition must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) voters who are registered in the candidates’ district/city. Each voter who signs the petition must also supply his or her residential address.

Pursuant to TCA 2-7-133(i) and TCA 2-8-113(c) notice is hereby given that any person attempting to be elected by write-in ballots or receive a party’s nomination by write-in ballots shall complete a notice requesting such person’s ballots be counted in each county of the district no later than noon, fifty (50) days before the election or primary election. Such person shall only have votes counted in counties where such notice was completed and timely filed. Write-in candidates in elections for the offices of Governor, United States Senate and United

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For additional information:

Bedford County Election Commission,
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Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Stranger things may not have happened . . . in past County elections

By Dawn Hankins
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As far as we know, this has never happened before. A mayoral candidate has taken seriously ill right before the August General Election. If it ever did, it's been a long, long, long time since.

First of all, let me say the entire community is praying for Republican Candidate for Mayor Chad Fletcher. He suf-

fered some ill health last Thursday during a forum in Shelbyville. (See a Letter to the Editor from fellow candidate Curt Cobb.)

Candidate Fletcher made a Facebook announcement a few days after his event that he was dropping out of the mayoral race, due to his recent health issues.

But not so fast, the Republican Party issued its own statement a few days later that said it

was keeping Fletcher on the ballot and has the right to do so. It seems ill health does not constitute that someone has to drop out of the race.

The Election Office informed me this week that the State is still working with CTAS (the guys who provide technical service to the County) to verify some important information.

Once the ballot is set, per state statute, there can be no changes to it. Early voting has begun. Thankfully, early voting numbers are up! That's a good sign.

Fletcher's name will remain on the ballot, and we carry on with the election the same as before he came ill. The process of the election does not change for Bedford County.

Here's what we know . . . Yes, since he remains on the ballot, candidate Fletcher can make that choice- if he wins- to stay

in office or resign afterwards. No, the race does not default to the second person with the most votes, if Fletcher were to make a concession after the election. (This is not Miss America.)

There are a lot of timeline factors that are involved here. Likely the County Mayor position, in case of resignation, would be on the ballot in November 2026. Or, if the County Commission appoints someone, then there will be an unexpired term on the August 2028 election.

We wish all the mayoral candidates the best. But since we have Fletcher still on the ballot, under these circumstances, we thought we'd try to offer some insight.

One of my wise, politically savvy, friends, did say this could become a complicated mess, in the end. It's no fault of any one, it's just how the state electoral process

works. (His name is not important but what he knows, could change this mayor's race with a qualifying number of votes.)

The Tennessee election code, well, it's complicated. My friend explained it is also somewhat deviant on such matters at hand and hard to understand.

However, if Mr. Fletcher is indeed elected mayor and immediately resigns, the whole thing is thrown back to the County Commissioners, he said, for solution. The Commission convenes a meeting to select a candidate to full-fill the mayoral position until the next general election. But if there is time before the election, a candidate can be placed on the ballot. But it looks like the Commissioners will be the people to select the next mayor should Fletcher win the general election.

The meeting of the

Commissioners for the mayor selection must be made public by a published public notice in the newspaper 7 days prior to the special meeting. The voters can submit names of candidates but the Commissioners make the nomination, and then vote on the candidate. The elected person remains in office until the next general election.

My friend was quite frank- "God forbid this scenario evolves in our county mayor's race. I can imagine the intrigue and turmoil amongst the Commissioners in selecting a county mayor. By their actions in the past, we wouldn't have a mayor until the next general election in 2028. In the end, there may be no conflicting confusion."

Basically, just carry on as if nothing has happened, right? But you have to get out and vote to do that!

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Dear Editor:

Last night [last week] I learned that my fellow mayoral candidate, Chad Fletcher, has made the difficult decision to withdraw from the race because of health concerns.

Campaigns remind us that beyond the signs, speeches, and debates are real people carrying burdens the public often never see. Moments like this put politics into its proper perspective.

Chad has devoted much of his life to serving in ed-

ucation, working to make a difference in the lives of young people in Bedford and the surrounding counties. I appreciate the clean, respectful campaign he ran and the kindness, courage, and integrity he demonstrated throughout the race.

My prayers are with Chad and his family, and I wish him a full and speedy recovery.

Please join me in keeping Chad and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Curt Cobb
Shelbyville



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2026 vs. 2022 through 4 Days - All Voters by County

Way to go Bedford County!!

County 2026 vs 2022 Change %

Bedford	1,613	622	991	159.32%
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byville.

"There Inherent," received its world premiere at Gallery Players Theatre in Brooklyn, NY., and was a finalist in the 2025 Broadway Bound Theatre Festival.

Tickets are now on sale for the local performance at The Fly Arts Center on August 21-23. Season ticket holders are reminded that this show is not part of the regular season ticket package. www.flyartscenter.com.

Still on cloud nine, Thomas told the T-G, "The overwhelming sensation for me is gratitude, specifically for Jennifer. The way she orchestrated this play... it was done with such care and precision. Up front, she made it so easy for the actors. She gave them a detailed schedule that mapped out our entire rehearsal plan from the very first day. From that point

on, though, she made it so hard for the actors. Tongue firmly planted in cheek, of course, but she really pushed them and challenged them. And to their credit — each and every one of them — they answered the bell every single time. It was a very collaborative room, which I'm so proud of. I don't think anyone was ever afraid to ask a question or make a suggestion."

Thomas says that once they all made it to New York City, it was a really special trip for everyone. He said with confidence that it is something we will never forget.

"And to be able to do it with our little group from this small town... who could have dreamed this up? For me personally, to be able to share this adventure with Jennifer, really means the world to me. She and I

have known each other for so long. We did plays together in high school! We lost touch for a number of years, but we reconnected over the past couple years after I had moved back to Shelbyville with my wife, Collette, and our children."

He added, "Our actors cared so much for one another. They were so patient with one another and so supportive of each other. And once the lights were hot in New York City, they delivered their best performance yet. Their performance was definitely kissed by the magic of that city. This play received its premiere in Brooklyn in January of last year, with a New York cast. There were a handful of audience members who attended our show at Rogue who had been there when it premiered

in Brooklyn. They all independently told me afterward that our cast was far superior. And I unequivocally agree. It really was a wonderful night in the theatre. Once again, the word I come back to is grateful. This is not a musical, but they sang my words to me that night. I will be forever grateful to them for this."

Thomas said he is still processing the news that critics gave them 5 out of 5 stars. "I am so happy that we are getting a chance to present this play to audiences here locally. Especially with this incredible cast. They have earned every single kind word they have received thus far, and I'm so excited for more people to get the chance to see them in these roles. From New York to Shelbyville. You can't make this up."

Director Smith notes, "I had no nerves until immediately before the show got started. None. Until I put my earrings in. And my hands would not stop shaking. I know that's not related to anything, but it was such a visceral thing."

Smith said she was most impressed by something the Flea Theatre's sound engineer said. "He asked if we were from New York. He was shocked to learn we were not."

Smith quotes him as saying, "I never would have known by the way you guys came in here and threw your set together, and were so professional and so prepared."

She says that the team had worked so hard for months, on every single detail, to make sure that when they got into that theatre, there would be

no wasted time.

"When we walked in, we all got to work. It was 100 percent a team effort. For me, I could talk about the performance. It was perfect, I could not have asked for better. But it was the team atmosphere that impressed me the most. We really became a family over the course of this journey. And that was obvious when we got to New York, and got into the theatre."

Smith said she is just incredibly grateful for the opportunity and the experience. It's not something she ever thought she would have the chance to do.

"I was beyond thrilled with the feedback we received immediately following the performance. Particularly on behalf of our actors, because I knew how hard they worked, and how much they cared about this opportunity and this show. For them, it was an incredible opportunity that doesn't come around every day."

"The review meant so much to me, because of how well they performed. And that is a testament to how hard they worked, and how hard they worked for one another."

Bedford Briefs

County Finance Committee Meeting

The County Finance Committee meets at 4:15 Tuesday, July 28, at the Dover Street business complex.

DREMC Membership Meeting

Duck River Electric Membership Corporation (DREMC) invites members to join a special celebration at its 2026 Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, Aug. 15, at Harris Middle School in Shelbyville. Member registration, complimentary breakfast and other

activities will begin at 8:30 a.m., offering attendees an opportunity to connect with friends, neighbors and the cooperative team while celebrating a major milestone in DREMC's history. The meeting will commence at 9:30 a.m. This year's meeting is especially significant as DREMC marks 90 years of serving this region. The annual gathering provides members with an opportunity to learn more about their electric cooperative, meet the employees and board directors who serve their communities, and



hear updates about the organization's accomplishments and plans.

CASA Plans Annual Fundraiser

CASA Works of Bedford County (Court Appointed Special Advocates) will have its annual fundraiser lunch and program "A Heart to Help" on Tuesday, Aug 18, at noon, at First Baptist

Church in Shelbyville. RSVP by calling 931-455-7426.

CASA workers are trained advocates/ volunteers who work in juvenile court to represent the best interests of children who have been abused, neglected, or otherwise in need of court intervention. The Tennessee CASA Association supports 31 CASA programs, serving 60 counties, helping over 4,700 children annually. The program is funded by the state and local communities, and its goal is to reduce the time children spend in foster care and improve

outcomes for abused and neglected children.

Mountain Market

The 67th annual Monteagle Mountain Market is July 25-26. Saturday is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., while Sunday is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tents will be provided, in case of inclement weather.

"I hope everyone comes out and enjoys themselves," said Misty Anderson, executive director of Tennessee South Cumberland Chamber of Commerce. "This event is near and dear to the hearts of so many on the Upper Cumberland Plateau."

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TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

Rebellion on the Journey Numbers 14

The ten spies who talked against the Israelites taking the land God was leading them to had much support. All of the people grumbled against Moses and Aaron and talked of stoning them.

The Lord wanted to destroy the rebellious people but Moses prayed that He would forgive them and He did and spared them. But he also declared that not one of them would ever see the promised land. Only a new generation would enter that land.

All ten of the spies who did not believe that the Israelites could take the land died of a plague.

Joshua and Caleb, the two who encouraged Moses that they could take the land, survived and were permitted to enter the land "flowing with milk and honey."



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due to the 4th amendment.

The Fourth Amendment does not directly “protect free enterprise” in a broad economic sense, but it shapes the legal boundaries for how government can intrude into business operations.

“Is a year long enough?” asked Commissioner Anita Epperson.

White believes standards can be researched in a year. He said another rational argument could get the moratorium extended for another 6 months. But 18 months, by law, is the limit.

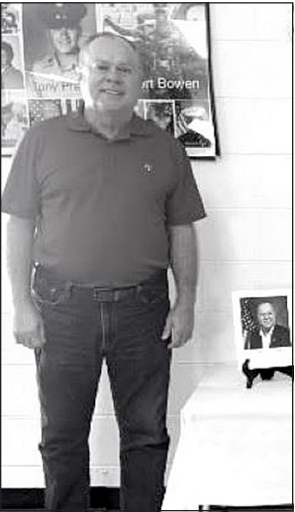
White said Planning Commission studies will include what other areas have already done and what others are discussing.

“We will see where it goes,” said White.

White said there are communities already at the mercy (water usage) from build outs from data centers. The local PC wants to be prepared when it comes to standards and in particular, water (Duck River) usage, according to White.

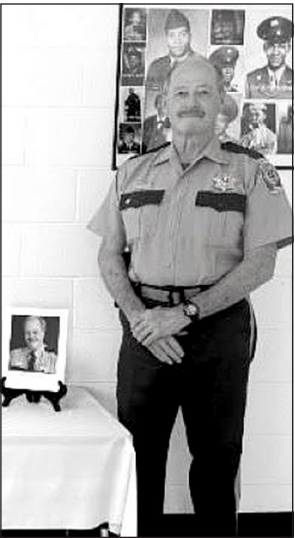
According to news reports this week, property has been secured next to the Nashville Zoo in Nashville for a data center. This comes amidst many signatures against the proposed development.

Do these data center companies hire local people to work, someone



ROSENWALD CENTER HONORS TWO LONG-TIME PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Bedford County Government Photo
Rosenwald Community Center on Tillman Street honored outgoing Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham (above) and Sheriff Austin Swing on Monday with a farewell coffee. The two elected officials will retire from their respective duties, following the General Election on Aug 6. A plaque of commemoration was given to them for their dedication to the community at large. Mayor Graham and City Mayor Randy Carroll have an informal chat during the coffee.



asked during the meeting? White said unfortunately those opportunities are not as readily available, due to the nature of the data center work. However, it was mentioned that tax revenue can be a good thing, with data center development.

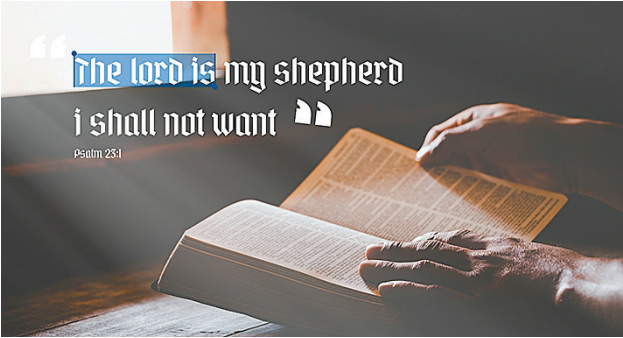
“We just want to make sure that we have you guys, in a year or less . . . comprehensive standards that are well thought out So, if you’re in a situation where you’re being asked to make a legislative decision on zoning, that you can rest assured that at least these things have been studied and mitigated in the standards.”

Commissioner Epperson made a motion that the resolution be sent to the full Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Boutwell.

The County Commission, with several new Commissioners and a new Mayor-elect, will meet in full session 7 p.m., Aug. 11, at the courthouse.

Public comments can be made. Contact the mayor’s office.

Help is available for the incarcerated-Psalm 23



God can get our attention in the most creative and profound ways.

The late Dr. Charles Stanley wrote in “How to Listen to God:” *Lest we become dull and insensitive to His voice, God has his ways of gaining our undivided attention.*”

There’s no better time for the incarcerated to listen to God. Use the time decreed by law as something positive.

There is help for the incarcerated. That is through Psalm 23:1-6. There’s no Biblical character more likely to have been called on the “carpet” than King David. But, the difference is he was a man after God’s own heart.

I memorized this verse as a child. It is still one of my favorites.

I was happy to learn that Leanna Crawford has made popular a song called, “Still Waters” which is based on Psalm 23. She emphasizes trust and peace within this song.

So write it on your heart and believe it.

23 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the

presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Writer Dawn Hankins has worked in church ministry and has a passion to journal the Word for the “lost and found.”



A DEDICATED PARAMEDIC STEPS DOWN

BCEMS Photo

Following 33 years of service, Bedford County Paramedic Jamie Whorley, left, is retiring. He has served several surrounding communities, in addition to Bedford. The Bedford County Emergency Medical Service family celebrated this week with Whorley and his family. Mayor Chad Graham made the official presentation.

CHURCH NEWS

WORSHIP AT FUMC-SHELBYVILLE

Worship service at First United Methodist Church on the public square blends the richness of United Methodist tradition with a warm, welcoming spirit. You’ll experience the Chancel Choir, our pianist/pipe organist, and hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal. FUMC-S follows the liturgical calendar throughout the year and often worship through themed sermon series. Abe Zimmerman is pastor. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month, and everyone is welcome at Christ’s table. Nursery is available.

SCOTT'S CHAPEL UMC

Seasoned with a touch of salt food pantry is Saturday, Aug. 8 from 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. at 940 Morton Street in Shelbyville. For more information: scottchapelumc.org

Request for Proposals

- Bid No. 27-4 Health Care Services for Jail
- Bid No. 27-5 Used Mechanic Crane Truck
- Bid No. 27-6 Shoulder Machine
- Bid No. 27-7 Gasoline and Diesel

Bid packages are available on the Bedford County website, bedfordcountyttn.gov, or at the Bedford County Department of Finance, 200 Dover Street, Suite 102, Shelbyville, TN. Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, August 13, 2026.

PUBLIC NOTICE AHERA Compliance

In compliance with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) regulations the Bedford County Board of Education has identified and removed all friable asbestos throughout its facilities. An Asbestos Management Plan has been developed and is on file in the office of each school for public perusal anytime, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Please be advised that, as of September 4, 1990, all known friable asbestos has been removed throughout the Bedford County School System. Some nonfriable asbestos still exists in floor tiles, but with proper preventative maintenance, its existence should pose no threat or danger to the public.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHELBYVILLE POWER, WATER, AND SEWER BOARD WILL MEET

July 28, 2026, AT 5:00 PM AT THE SHELBYVILLE POWER SYSTEM OFFICE, 308 SOUTH MAIN STREET.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND ANY AND ALL MEETINGS.

ANYONE DESIRING TO COMMENT TO THE BOARD ON MATTERS GERMANE TO THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA SHALL CONTACT JASON REESE BY NOON ON THE DAY BEFORE THE MEETING.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Division of Mineral and Geologic Resources proposes to issue National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits and will hold a public hearing pursuant to Rule 0400-40-05-.06 (8).

Date: August 25, 2026
Time: 5:00 p.m. CDT, Information Session
6:00 p.m. CDT, Public Hearing
Location: 200 Dover Street, Suite 110
Shelbyville, TN 37160

The public hearing will be presented via video-teleconference and may be attended online, by phone, or in-person at the address above. Information describing how to join online or by phone is provided below. At the hearing, the Division will receive public comments concerning the following permit actions:

NPDES Permit: TN0070755
Applicant: Matthew Allen
Project Name: Fairfield Pike Lake
Facility Location: Fairfield Pike, Shelbyville, TN 37160
County: Bedford
NPDES Permit: TN0070756
Applicant: Hawkins and Price, LLC
Project Name: Highway 64 Lakes
Facility Location: Highway 64 E, Wartrace, TN 37183
County: Bedford

The applications and draft permits are available in the Division of Mineral & Geologic Resources Data Viewer at www.tn.gov/environment/about-tdec/tdec-dataviewers.html. The receiving streams for proposed discharges are Hurricane Creek and Garrison Fork. If you have questions related to the draft permits, contact the permit writer, Ashleigh Simons, at (865) 320-6143 or Ashleigh.Simons@tn.gov.

The purpose of the hearing is to gather information from the public relevant to final decisions on the permit applications. Comments not related to water quality or to the information contained in the permit application will not be considered in the decision-making process. Issues such as air quality, zoning, blasting, noise, dust, and traffic are not related to water quality and are not regulated by the Division of Mineral and Geologic Resources or the NPDES program; therefore, consideration of these issues would not contribute relevant information for the proposed NPDES permits.

The hearing officer may limit the length of verbal comments to five minutes and will require that all comments be relevant to NPDES water quality-related issues. Undue repetition in oral presentations should be avoided so that all interested parties will have an opportunity to present their concerns. Written comments related to the NPDES permits will also be accepted at the hearing. Written comments will be afforded the same consideration as verbal comments.

Participants may join online using the website link below or call in by phone. Prior to opening the formal public hearing, an information session will be held at 5:00 p.m. The information session will allow participants to ask questions informally and receive input from TDEC staff. The formal hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. Once the formal public hearing begins, the question-and-answer format will end, and all public comments will be collected for the hearing record without response from TDEC during the hearing.

Information regarding how to join the video-teleconference will be posted to the following website: <https://www.tn.gov/environment/ppo-public-participation/ppo-public-participation/ppo-dmgr.html>

Individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these proceedings or review the file should contact TDEC to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation. Contact may be by writing, telephone, or other means. Contact the ADA Coordinator at (866) 253-5827 for further information. Such contact should be made no later than ten working days prior to the hearing to allow time to provide such aid or services. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service (1-800-848-0298). If it is hard for you to read, speak, or understand English, TDEC may be able to provide translation or interpretation services free of charge by contacting Angela Cartledge at (865) 310-8632.

- CLUES ACROSS**
1) Purple flower
6) Bugs on a hill
10) Dreadful day for Caesar
14) Preserved or reserved
15) Bimonthly tide
16) Evening hour
17) Enjoyed dinner at home
18) Chihuahua bull
19) Again from the start
20) Angry fit on Everest?
23) Diamond, e.g.
24) Counterfeit token
25) “Be Prepared” org. for boys
28) Some farm critters
31) Promotes one’s music
34) Bedevilers
36) Ardor
38) Barely perceptible amount
40) Sailing vessels are fans of Lassie?
43) Search, as for talent
44) State with confidence
45) “Sweater Girl” Turner
46) Elephant’s quartet
48) “Phew!” inducer
50) Like a debtor’s ink
51) Hawk among gods
53) Born, in the society pages
- 55) Exclusive circle of insects?
61) Ceramic piece
63) Pakistan language
64) Eddy or Allman of music
65) A good way away
66) Breakfast choices
67) Van Halen on guitar
68) Delivery org.
69) Wine sediment
70) Things done by 25-Across
- CLUES DOWN**
1) Rich, dark soil
2) “And lead us not ____.”
3) In ____ of (instead of)
4) Breezing through, as a test
5) Shaq played it
6) Prefix with “skid” or “thesis”
7) Gas light
8) Infield coverings
9) Pampered to a fault (var.)
10) Address every four years
11) Eat well
12) Compass point between N and S
13) Start on one’s wardrobe?
21) Astonish
22) Repeat word for word
25) Lobster eaters’

- accessories
26) Kiss sound
27) Cook’s cover-up
29) Clifflike, flat-topped elevation
30) Twenty-one-gun salute, e.g.
32) Air-traffic control device
33) Scottish quick bread
35) Rats
37) Wasn’t truthful
39) “Ods bodkins!”
41) Areas of human development
42) Danish currency
47) “Rocky II,” e.g.
49) Like a usable clarinet
52) Protector in the office
54) Conservatory assignment, maybe
55) Appreciate a performance
56) Result of honing
57) Press lips
58) Put on, as cargo
59) “Idylls of the King” character
60) Calls, in poker
61) Fraternity “T”
62) Preconditions

QUE PASA? By Timothy E. Parker

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Sudoku

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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: July 7
Location: 105 Einkorn Rd; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Stanislaw Wloch, Renata Wloch, Stanislaw and Renata Living Wloch Trush; Price, \$355,990 (Deed).

Location: 224 Highland Court; Seller, Music City Holdings LLC; Buyer, Revive a Home LLC; Price, \$130,000 (Deed).

Location: 832 Longview Rd; Seller, Krista Morton, Mark Nolen; Buyer, Roger Landron Ivey; Price, \$597,500 (Deed).

Location: 425 Halls Mill Rd; Seller, Tanner William Warf, Lindsey Giles; Buyer, Jimmie W Davis Jr; Price, \$330,000 (Deed).

Seller, Tory May Homes LLC; Buyer, Leonard Charles Dano Jr, Cynthia Ann Dano; Price, \$434,900 (Deed).

Location: 105 Laurel Park; Seller, Samuel G Godswill Ntrakwa; Buyer, Samuel G Godswill Ntrakwa, Bethel Adams; Price, \$0 (QD).

File date: July 8
Location: 2006 Longview Rd; Seller, Christina Chaves, Luis Diego Chaves; Buyer, Kenneth Ronnow, Leigh

Anne Ronnow; Price, \$520,000 (Deed).

Location: 120 Millet St; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Abby Grace Blackwell; Price, \$305,990 (Deed).

Location: 500 Coop Bell Buckle; Seller, Mark Robert Rolfes, Dominique C Rolfes; Buyer, Jeremy Hanson, Tara Hanson; Price, \$1,800,000 (Deed).

Location: 1080 Frank Martin Rd; Seller, Carol Green; Buyer, William Lee Peoples; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: 1076 Frank Martin Rd; Seller, Carol Green; Buyer, Gary Peoples; Price, \$0

(QD).

Location: State Hwy 82; Seller, Potts Properties LLC; Buyer, Joseph Lee Potts; Price, \$0 (QD).

File date: July 9
Location: Butler Ave; Seller, J C Ccompton Properties LLC; Buyer, Alexander Michael Velaquez Salas, Anna Selma Crombet; Price, \$239,900 (Deed).

Location: 133 Stonefield Circle; Seller, Wayne Neese; Buyer, Angel Jimenez Leon, Jesus Jimenez Leon, Edith Leon Zuniga; Price, \$140,400 (Deed).

Location: 6988 Hwy 64 East; Seller, Russell Smoak, Cheri D Smoak; Buyer,

Smoak Tennessee Community Property Trust; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: 204 Juniper St; Seller, William Eugene Buchanan, Helen Rochelle Adams; Buyer, William Eugene Buchanan, Helen Rochelle Adams; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: 136 Conquest Ct; Seller, 136 Conquest Court Trust; Buyer, Trey Perryman, Amber Lanese Perryman; Price, \$324,900 (Deed).

Seller, Cayley Perrett, Cayley Carter, Evelyn H Perrett; Buyer, James Ccarter, Cayley Perrett Carter, Evelyn H Perrett; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: Highway 64; Seller, Ronnie Wheeler, Vickie Wheeler; Buyer, Hunter Lee Wheeler, Taylor Wheeler; Price, \$167,010.43 (Deed).

File date: July 10
Location: Moody St; Seller, Deborah Brown; Buyer, James E Farrar Jr; Price, \$85,000 (Deed).

Location: 3002 Sims Rd; Seller, Leigh Ann Singleton; Buyer, Judy Mangrum; Price, \$122,000 (Deed).

Location: Matt Dr; Seller, Miriam Watkins, Alexander Watkins; Buyer, Yasser K Al Hasnawy; Price, \$65,000 (Deed).

Location: 1421 Warner Bridge Rd; Seller, Lane Family Trust, Andrew Paul Lane Jr, Melanie

Lane Casson; Buyer, Lane M Casson, Brittany Casson; Price, \$44,100 (Deed).

Seller, Josh W Shelton, Carrie M Shelton; Buyer, Mason Storm James, Bailey James; Price, \$473,000 (Deed).

Seller, Bedford Build Habitat for Humanity Inc; Buyer, Misty Ledbetter; Price, \$200,000 (Deed).

Seller, Laura Shigemitsu; Buyer, Cory Phillips; Price, \$262,500 (Deed).

File date: July 13
Location: Three Forks Bridge; Seller, Alcorn Properties LLC; Buyer, Anthony Schafer, Peyton Schafer; Price, \$15,000 (Deed).

Location: 204 Cottonwood Dr; Seller, Justin N Cutler; Buyer, Cory Taylor; Price, \$254,900 (Deed).

File date: July 14
Location: Whitaker Rd; Seller, Stephanie Rose Martin, Samuel P Martin; Buyer, Miles Irby, Robert Blake Williams; Price, \$499,900 (Deed).

Location: Hwy 231; Seller, Sherry E Sims, Michael Lloyd Sims; Buyer, HHazel Bodner, James Christopher Catignani; Price, \$900,000 (Deed).

Seller, Jones Construction Company; Buyer, JC Builders LLC; Price, \$0 (QD).

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ANOTHER SIMS ROAD INCIDENT
UNDER INVESTIGATION

Investigators with Bedford County Sheriff’s Department are working on a criminal investigation involving an incident that happened on Sims Road this week. This is an ongoing death investigation, however there does not appear to be any foul play. There is not a threat to the public, investigators said. Investigators had no further comment, as of press time Wednesday. Residents have commented this week about crime tape being around a residence and offered prayers to family.

NOTICE

KRISTAN GRACE SIMPSON

The State of Tennessee, Department of Children’s Services, has filed a Petition to Declare Children Dependent and Neglected as to Chase Isaiah Brandon. It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby **ORDERED** to serve upon Stephen Marsh, Attorney for the Tennessee Department of Children Services, 200 Athens Way, 2nd Floor, Suite A, Nashville, TN 37243, an answer to the Petition to Declare Children Dependent and Neglected filed by the Tennessee Department of Children’s Services within five (5) days of the last day of Publication of this notice, and you must also appear in the juvenile court of Franklin County, Tennessee at Winchester, Tennessee on the 26th day of August, 2026, at 8 a.m. for the hearing on the petition to Declare Children 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 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, Winchester, Tennessee. (7164tc)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Dorothy Porterfield, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on July 16, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Dorothy Porterfield, who died 06/14/2026, 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 16th day of July, 2026.

/s/ Bentley Porterfield, Executor

/s/ Jack G. Heffington, Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (7232tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Leslie Steve Leverette, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on July 6, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Leslie Steve Leverette, who died 02/13/2026, 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 6th day of July, 2026.

/s/ Sharon Renee Leverette, Administratrix

/s/ Jay B. Jackson, Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (7232tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Walter Randall Webb Jr., Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on July 16, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Walter Randall Webb Jr., who died 06/12/2026, 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 16th day of July, 2026.

/s/ Walter Ryan Webb & Kelly Nicole Owens, Co-Administrators

/s/ Megan K. Trott, Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (7232tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Margaret Britton Vaughn, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on July 2, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Margaret Britton Vaughn, who died 06/27/2026, 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 2nd day of July, 2026.

/s/ Linda Howard, Executrix

/s/ Tamra L. Smith, Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (7232tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of John Bumpus, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on July 2, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of John Bumpus, who died 06/08/2026, 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 July, 2026.

/s/ Rebecca L. Morgan, Executrix

/s/ Tamra L. Smith, Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (7232tp)

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 May 26, 2017, executed by KENDRICKS L. GRISSOM and KAMILAH GRISSOM conveying certain real property therein described to J.D. KIOUS, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register’s Office of Bedford County, Tennessee recorded May 30, 2017, in Book TD881, Page 245; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC who is now the owner of said debt; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register’s Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, 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 or about 11:00 AM at the main entrance to the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, to wit:

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:

BEGINNING AT A STAKE LOCATED ON THE EAST MARGIN OF HOBSON AVENUE, THE SAME BEING 130 FEET SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF HOBSON AVENUE WITH MARTHA STREET AND RUNNING THENCE WITH THE EAST BOUNDARY OF HOBSON AVENUE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 40 MINUTES WEST 75 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 84 DEGREES 33 MINUTES EAST 160 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 40 MINUTES EAST 75 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE NORTH 84 DEGREES 33 MINUTES WEST 160 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND BEING THE SOUTHERNMOST 10 FEET OF LOT 7, ALL OF LOT NOS. 8, 9 AND 10, AND THE SOUTHERNMOST 5 FEET OF LOT 11, IN BLOCK H OF THE J.E. THOMPSON SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF SHELBYVILLE, A PLAT OF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 38, PAGE 15, REGISTER’S OFFICE, BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE. SUBJECT TO MATTERS AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 38, PAGE 15, REGISTER’S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 089G E 015.00

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 304 HOBSON AVE, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): KENDRICKS L. GRISSOM, KAMILAH GRISSOM

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVLOPEMENT, HARPETH FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC DBA ADVANCE FINANCIAL, 3D FINANCIAL

The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; 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. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. This sale is subject to purchaser’s tendering to Rubin Lublin, LLC, anti-money laundering information as required pursuant to the FinCEN Real Estate Report Rule. Failure to provide information, could result in rescission of the sale. 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. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that for default in payment of the debt secured by the Deed of Trust from JAMES CHADWICK TUCKER, to Richard W. Gabriel, Trustee, dated January 31, 2024, and recorded in Trust Deed Book 1109, Page 413, Register’s Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, and Jeremy B. Bell appointed as Successor Trustee by instrument of record in Trust Deed Book 1194, page 753, Register’s Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustee, at the request of Donald Parker, the owner and holder of said debt and pursuant to the authority of the Deed of Trust has demanded that the below described property be advertised and sold in satisfaction of the debt, will sell at the front door of the Bedford County Courthouse located at 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, Tennessee, on July 31, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. local prevailing time to the highest bidder, for cash, the following property located in the Twenty-Third (23rd) Civil District of Bedford County, TN:

TRACT NO. 1: Lying and being in the Twenty-third (23rd) Civil District of Bedford County, Tennessee, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: The following described tract is bound on the West by State Highway 130, on the South by Patricia J. Ellerth, on the North by Roy W. Turner and Kerry B. Canady, and on the East by Kerry B. Canady and Terry Preston. Beginning at a ½” rebar set in the East margin of State Highway 130 (30 feet from the center), said point being the Northwest corner of Patricia J. Ellerth (Deed Book 320, Page 284) and the Southwest corner of this tract, said point being the Northwest corner of Tract 6, James C. Burns, Jr., Property (Plat Book A, Page 278); THENCE with said margin, North 44° 27’ 56” West, 274.08 feet to a 1” pipe found; thence with Roy W. Turner (Deed Book 220, Page 567) and Kerry B. Canady (Deed Book 320, Page 670), North 45° 25’ 52” East, 446.09 feet to a ½” rebar found; thence with Kerry B. Canady (Deed Book 320, Page 670), South 44° 34’ 53” East, 74.60 feet to a ½” rebar found; thence with Terry Preston (Deed Book 239, Page 783), South 44° 13’ 07” East, 200.38 feet to a ½” rebar found; thence with Patricia J. Ellerth (Deed Book 320, Page 284), South 45° 32’ 46” West, 445.38 feet to the beginning; containing 2.81 acres, more or less. The above description is taken from a survey plat dated February 23, 2016 by Stanley Todd Reese, Tennessee Registered Land Surveyor, Certificate number 2648, Reese Land Surveying, 112 East Commerce Street, Lewisburg, TN 37091.

TRACT NO. 2: Lying and being in the Twenty-third (23rd) Civil District of Bedford County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Being all of that property noted as “Parcel B” consisting of 1.33 acres, as shown on the plat of Terry L. Preston Additions, Final Plat, dated January 4, 2019, of record at Plat Cabinet J, Envelope 81, Register’s Office, Bedford County, Tennessee.

Being the same property conveyed to James Chadwick Tucker, an unmarried man, by deed of record in Deed Book 387, page 722, Register’s Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

THE PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1419 Hwy 130-E, Shelbyville, TN 37160

Parcel ID: Map 099; Parcel 017.00

This sale of the property will be without warranty of any kind and is further subject to subject to all unpaid taxes, parties in possession, any facts or claims which could be ascertained by an inspection of the above-described property and subject to the following documents/instruments of record in the Bedford County Register of Deeds:

1. All easements, restrictions and other matters noted on deed of record in Deed Book 387, page 722, Register’s Office of Bedford County, Tennessee;

2. Right-of-way for State Highway 130.

along with any other applicable easements and restrictions, prior liens or mortgages, if any. Said sale shall also be subject to any

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 June 2, 2017, executed by KENDALL CHAMPTON and TORREZ HAMPTON conveying certain real property therein described to RANDALL CLEMONS, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register’s Office of Bedford County, Tennessee recorded June 12, 2017, in Book TD881, Page 962; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Citizens Bank, N.A. who is now the owner of said debt; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register’s Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, 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 6, 2026 at or about 10:00 AM at the front steps of the Bedford County Courthouse, Shelbyville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, to wit:

LAND LOCATED IN BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, BEGINNING AT A METAL PIN ON THE SOUTH MARGIN OF COOP ROAD 2498.5 FEET EAST OF THE CENTER LINE OF HIGHWAY 231 BEING MEASURED ALONG THE SOUTH MARGIN OF COOP ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 49 DEG. 29 MIN. EAST 130.1 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH MARGIN OF SAID ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 42 DEG. 25 MIN. EAST 140.2 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH MARGIN OF SAID ROAD AND THE WEST MARGIN OF AN ENTRANCE DRIVEWAY; THENCE FOLLOWING THE WEST MARGIN OF THE SAID DRIVEWAY SOUTH 57 DEG. 49 MIN. WEST 81.7 FEET; SOUTH 69 DEG. 20 MIN. WEST 101.0 FEET; SOUTH 60 DEG. 15 MIN. WEST 53.5 FEET; SOUTH 52 DEG. 22 MIN. WEST 41.5 FEET; SOUTH 41 DEG. 45 MIN. WEST 259.8 FEET; SOUTH 88 DEG. 54 MIN. WEST 212.2 FEET TO A METAL PIN ON THE NORTH MARGIN OF THE SAID DRIVEWAY AND ON A TRACT LINE; THENCE NORTH 25 DEG. 56 MIN. EAST 386.0 FEET TO A PAINTED ROCK; THENCE SOUTH 79 DEG. 30 MIN. EAST 131.7 FEET TO A METAL PIN; THENCE NORTH 35 DEG. 08 MIN. EAST 237.07 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND CONTAINING 3.00 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO KENDALL C. HAMPTON AND TORREZ HAMPTON, WIFE AND HUSBAND, BY WARRANTY DEED FROM LONNA M. MODERSOHN AND HUSBAND, GREGORY T. MODERSOHN OF RECORD IN BOOK D338, PAGE 258, IN THE REGISTER’S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 022-034.01

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 629 COOP RD, BELL BUCKLE, TN 37020. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): TORREZ & KENDALL HAMPTON AS TRUSTEE OF THE HAMPTON FAMILY LIVING TRUST, DATED MARCH 4, 2024

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. , WILSON BANK & TRUST

The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; 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. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. This sale is subject to purchaser’s tendering to Rubin Lublin, LLC, anti-money laundering information as required pursuant to the FinCEN Real Estate Report Rule. Failure to provide information, could result in rescission of the sale. 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. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal, as well as any priority created by fixture filing; and subject to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. This communication comes from a debt collector.

If the highest bidder is unable to comply with the terms of the sale, I reserve the right to proceed to the next highest bidder able to comply or re-advertise, if I so choose. The terms and conditions of the sale are subject to any other announcements which may be made at the date of sale. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another date certain, without further publication, upon announcement at the time set above.

Proceeds of the sale shall be applied as provided for by the terms of the Deed of Trust. Said Deed of Trust is made a part hereof as if copied verbatim.

Third party internet posting website is: www.foreclosuretennessee.com

This notice will be published in the Shelbyville Times-Gazette three times on the following dates: July 9, 2026, July 16, 2026, and July 23, 2026.

Dated this 7th day of July, 2026.

JEREMY B. BELL, Substitute Trustee

For Donald Parker



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Obituaries

Gwendolyn Beasley Arnold

Dr. Gwendolyn Beasley Arnold went to be with her heavenly Father Sunday evening, July 19, 2026, at the age of 97.

Gwendolyn Arnold was the daughter of the late Mai Williams Beasley and Alton Beasley. Her husband was the late Claude Jarman Arnold. She was also preceded in death by infant granddaughter Joanna Lauren Arnold.

Survivors are Son, Jay Arnold (Corinne); Daughter Sherry Woods (Tony); Grandchildren: Wesley Arnold, Christopher Arnold, Daphne Petre (Daniel), Anthony Woods (Allison) and great grandchild Emma Petre.

Dr. Arnold retired from the Metro Nashville School System as a media specialist and teacher of the gifted and talented. Known by her peers in education as "Dr. Gwen" she was her school's Teacher of the Year in 1981.

A former resident of Shelbyville, TN, she graduated from Shelbyville Central High School in 1947, as the class valedictorian. While in high school, she was active and served as an officer in many organizations. She served as a class officer her junior and senior years, a member of the student council, a staff member of the school yearbook, and senior superlative prettiest girl.

She received her B.S., M.Ed., and Ed.S. degrees from MTSU, Murfreesboro, TN. While at MTSU she was recognized for her academic accomplishments by being one of the two juniors selected into Phi Sigma Beta Scholarship Society in 1957. She was also among those honored at a special dinner given by the MTSU Association of University Professors as one of the top twelve academic graduates in the class of 1958. She received a Ph.D. degree from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN in 1981.

A member of First Baptist Church since 1966, she taught in Church Training and assisted in the church library for many years. She was an active member of First Baptist Round Table 2 Mission Group for many years.

As a career educator, Dr. Arnold had a passion for teaching children, promoting professional and personal growth of women educators and enhancing the quality of education. Active in professional organizations, she was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.



al. She served as chapter president of Alpha Nu Chapter, Nashville, and Beta Epsilon Chapter, Murfreesboro and chaired several state committees. While serving as the Xi State First Vice President and later as a state Area Director she traveled across the state and visited many chapters as their guest speaker.

She was honored by the four Nashville chapters in receiving the Distinguished Service to Education Award. She was also honored by the Murfreesboro Beta Epsilon Chapter as the author of an article published in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International professional journal, "The Bulletin." She and eleven other Delta Kappa Gamma members from across Tennessee were honored at a special ceremony, the Order of the Rose, at the 2010 state convention. This ceremony recognizes distinguished members who have made significant contributions to education and their community.

She was a member of the Metro Nashville Retired Teachers Association. A member of the Murfreesboro Lioness Club, she served as president and in numerous other offices.

As a member of the Murfreesboro Woman's Club, she enjoyed presenting book reviews at various times. During her years of retirement, she traveled extensively, enjoyed her bridge clubs, and attended the yearly Adventures in Learning Program where she also gave book reviews. She valued her longtime friendships with high school, college, and fellow educators. She led a full life, but her greatest joy was the time spent with her family and grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. Sunday, July 26th, at Feldhaus-Gowen-Smith Chapel, 850 Union Street, Shelbyville TN. A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. in the chapel with Brother Michael Park officiating. Interment will follow in Willow Mount Cemetery.

Feldhaus-Gowen-Smith Chapel is honored to be serving the family of Dr. Gwendolyn Beasley Arnold.

Shane Michael McAnally

Shane Michael McAnally 59 of Shelbyville died July 17, 2026.

"A Gathering of Friends" will be held Friday, July 24th, from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., at Hillcrest Funeral Home.

He was born October 18, 1966 in Blue Island, Illinois, to his parents the late Percy Leroy McAnally and Wilma Louise Riddle McAnally.

Shane is survived by his daughters, Nicole Marie Cagle (Brian), Jennifer Lauren Claxton (Tyler), Rebecca Lynn Allen (Joseph) of Shelbyville and Kassi Leann Boyce of Tullahoma; his sisters, Sharon Zadkovich, Marsha Fortt of Illinois, Cheryl Farris (Ricky) of Arizona; his brother, Greg McAnally (Jane) of Tullahoma and his eighteen beloved grandchildren.

Shane lived life on his own terms, worked hard, loved deeply, and found happiness in the simple



things. He loved spending time outdoors, especially fishing, searching for hidden treasures at yard sales and working as a tree cutter, a profession he dedicated most of his life to. He never met a stranger, loved sharing stories, making people laugh and spending time with the people he cared about. If you knew Shane, you knew how much he enjoyed a good fishing trip and a cold one. His laughter, stories and one-of-a-kind personality will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

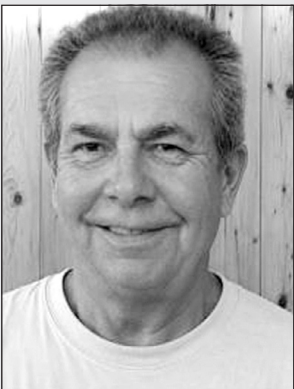
Leslie Warren

Leslie Warren, 74, of Bell Buckle, Tennessee, passed away on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at Ascension Saint Thomas of Rutherford.

A Celebration of Life honoring Leslie will be held August 1 from 2-4 p.m. at Victory Baptist Church.

Born on July 14, 1952, in Shelbyville, Tennessee, Leslie was the son of the late Charles Warren and Alice Bone Warren. He worked at GTI for over 10 years as company President. Later, he took a job as the Head of Maintenance at First Baptist Church in Shelbyville. He faithfully served there until retiring after being employed for over 25 years. He was known by his coworkers for his dedication and willingness to help others.

Leslie had a love of music and could play piano as well as guitar. He was a Christian and attended Victory Baptist Church in Shelbyville. Summer was one of his favorite times of the year. He loved to be outdoors spending time with his family grilling out and swimming in the pool. He was very smart when it came to fixing things and building. He did much of the work on his home while it was being built. He also did most of his own car maintenance. He felt doing things yourself



was invaluable knowledge and instilled this in others by his example. Though he is gone, the love he shared, the memories he created will continue to live on.

Leslie is survived by his loving wife of 24 years, Natalie Warren; his children, Leslie Eldon (Kimberly) Warren of Shelbyville, Tennessee, Nicole (Hudson) Cole of Lynchburg, Tennessee, Natasha Rigdon of Shelbyville Tennessee, B.J. (Kristin) Rigdon of Illinois and Jessie (Brallen) Rigdon of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; his sister, Janet King of Shelbyville, Tennessee; 5 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren; three nieces and two nephews.

In addition to his parents, Leslie was preceded in death by his son, Jeromy Warren, and his brothers, Charles Milton Warren, Danny Warren and Jerry Warren.

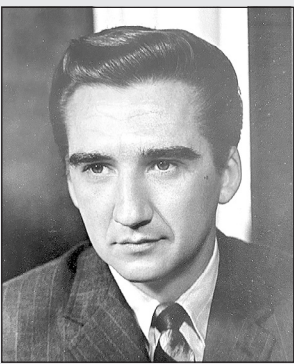
Doak Funeral Home is serving the family.

For online condolences, please visit www.doakfh.com

Clyde Woods Clifford

Clyde Woods Clifford, age 88, of Shelbyville, passed peacefully at his residence under the excellent care of Hospice Compassus. He is preceded in death by his parents, Dora Clifford and Buford Clifford; siblings, William (Mildred), Robert (Mary), Randolph (Mary), and Pauline (Robert). Clyde is survived by his daughters, Majoria Steagall and Anjanette Clifford; daughter-in-law, Linda Roither; granddaughter, Jenifer Pickett (Brandon) and great grandchildren Paisley and Bodi.

Clyde was a graduate of SCTTS and MTSU and was a member of the



Army 82nd Airborne Division.

Graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 18th at Willow Mount Cemetery. In Lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to a charity of your choice.

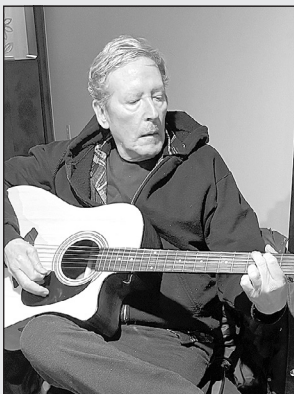
Feldhaus-Gowen-Smith Chapel is honored to be serving the family of Clyde Woods Clifford.

Ellery "Sam" Huston Wix

Ellery "Sam" Huston Wix, age 70, of Shelbyville, TN., passed away peacefully in his home, surrounded by family, July 19, 2026. Sam was born on July 24, 1955, in Michigan, to the Reverend Richard and Elizabeth Wix.

He was known for his passion and love of music, and for playing the piano like Jerry Lee Lewis. He passed down his love of music and talents to his children, and his greatest joy was spending time with his family. He was an employee of Kroger for over 30 years before his retirement.

He is survived by his loving wife, Norma West Wix; his children, Jeremy (Megan) Wix of Bell Buckle, TN, Gregory (Drea) Wix of Rocklin, CA, and Valerie (Ryan) Brown of Unionville, TN; his grandchildren, Brent (Andrea) Wix, Victoria (Caleb) Anderson, Kendra Wix (James Ridner), Richard Dudeck,



Myrka (Nathan) Foote, Jazmyne Wix, Lilli Dudeck, Bella Wix, and Eligh Wix; step-grandchildren, Dakota Brown, Destiny Brown, Nolan Wix, Delaney Cooper, Maddox Cooper (Ava Dorothy), Aleena Wix, Braxton Brown; and 9 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, Reverend Richard Wix, and Elizabeth "Betty" Durr Wix; his granddaughter, Andrea Dudeck; his sister, Patricia Clark; and his brother, Roy Wix.

A memorial service will be held at the Shelbyville United Pentecostal Church, Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 5:00PM.

Ruth Ann Landers

Ruth Ann Landers, 85, of Lynchburg, Tn., died July 20, 2026.

Funeral Services will be held 2:00 P.M. Thursday, July 23rd, at Hillcrest Funeral Home, with the Rev. Jimmy Gray officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin at 11:00 A.M.

She was born December 8, 1940, in Hazel Green, Alabama, to her parents, the late Johnny and Ethel Mears Preston. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by a daughter, Melissa Landers; a grandson, Justin Groce; a brother, Ralph Preston; and sisters, Martha Lawson and Margaret Amos.

Ruth is survived by her children, Vicki Lynn Davenport (Clyde) of Tullahoma, Larry Alan Landers (Missy) of Shelbyville, Diana Robin Smith of Lynchburg; sister, Thelma



Overcast of Shelbyville; brother, James Preston of Huntsville, Ala.; 8 grandchildren, Christine Davenport, Carissa (Derek) Chapin, Corey Davenport, Matthew (Samantha) Groce, Jessica (Jeremiah) Griffin, Zack (Meagan) Smith, Logan (Morgan) Landers, Mason (Elizabeth) Landers; 9 great-grandchildren, Trent Walker, Anayah Grant, Brooklyn Groce, Caseon Casteel, Rhett Griffin, Beau Griffin, Kylie Solis, Kenzie Solis, Avah Smith and a great-great-grandchild, Kieran Walker.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is serving the family.

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Death Notices

Charlie Whitehurst

Mr. Charlie Whitehurst, age 75, of Arrington, TN., passed away on Friday, July 17, 2026, at his residence.

Lawrence Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 203 South Horton Pkwy, Chapel Hill, TN, is in charge of arrangements.

William Jasper Burks, 71, of Shelbyville, TN.

February 14, 1955 - July 18, 2026
Doak Funeral Home in Shelbyville is serving the family.

Larry Charles Perry, Age 91 of Shelbyville, TN

June 3, 1935 - July 16, 2026
Doak Funeral Home in Shelbyville is serving the family.

Lasting Memories From an Incredible FIFA World Cup 2026

BY NOAH MADDOX
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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – Just like that, the world’s most important sporting event is over. Spain finally broke down Argentina in extra time to win 1-0 thanks to a Ferran Torres goal in the 106th minute on Sunday in New Jersey to win the FIFA World Cup for just the second time in its history. In the process, the Spaniards denied Lionel Messi and his countrymen from doing something that still hasn’t been done since Brazil went back-to-back in 1958 and 1962.

In the end, the best team came out on top. On the first matchday, Spain seemed to throw a lot of people off their scent when they played to a scoreless draw against Cape Verde (reminiscent of when they last won the World Cup in 2010 despite losing to Switzerland in the first game of the group stage). However, La Roja would concede just a single goal in the entire tournament – a Charles De Katalaere header in the first half of Spain’s 2-1 Quarterfinal win over Belgium – en route to finding their feet and eventually winning the whole thing.

Thanks to their style of quick passes to dominate possession combined with a tenacious high press to win the ball back, Spain conceded a record-low 2.30 expected goals in eight games, breaking 2002 Brazil’s record of 2.60 XG that occurred in seven games.

Spain are now the holders of the European Championship and the World Cup, and their youth teams have dominated at the lower levels as well. La Roja is set up to succeed for the foreseeable future. Their style of play is not very appealing to the average neutral due to its slow tempo, but it’s extremely effective and produces results.



Spain lifts the FIFA World Cup for just the second time in the nation's history (2010) on Sunday after defeating Argentina 1-0 AET. Photo courtesy of @SEFutbol on Twitter.

On the Argentina side, this was an incredible run inspired by the greatest footballer of all time in Lionel Messi. Messi finished second in the Golden Boot race behind Kylian Mbappe with eight goals, but Messi also tallied four assists and should have won the Golden Ball (the award for the player of the tournament was given to Rodri of Spain). Messi nearly found a way to an equalizer with Argentina down to 10 men in the 117th minute, but Giuliano Simeone put Messi’s tantalizing delivery over the bar from six yards out.

Argentina did not create much outside of the final few minutes, much like they’ve done for the majority of the tournament the last few weeks. Against England in the semifinal, they didn’t show much attacking threat until going down

a goal early in the second half. Perhaps if they had conceded earlier in normal time, the Argentines would have found a goal.

For Messi, this is likely his final appearance on the world’s greatest stage. He turned 39 years old in mid-June, and he will be 43 years old when the next World Cup comes around in 2030. He seemed to know this was the end for him as well, and if that is the case, what a ride it has been. This was his third World Cup Final of his career, and he was able to lift the trophy for the first time in 2022 at 35 years of age. Of course, on the ball, Messi still is one of the best players in the world at this time, but with the rate of physical decline surely set to speed up sooner rather than later, one would think it would be quite difficult for the greatest player of all time to keep

playing at this level in his 40s.

No one knows when he will retire from playing, or even if he will retire from the national team before the next Copa America that takes place in 2028. If he does, he will end his career with Argentina with two Copa’s and one World Cup, as well as two other second-place finishes at the World Cup in 2014 and 2026. This writer certainly hopes that Messi attempts to play in the 2028 Copa America.

Meanwhile, in the third-place match the day before, England defeated France, 6-4, behind a Bukayo Saka hat trick. Kylian Mbappe scored a brace to win the Golden Boot with nine goals, and he also finishes the tournament as the all-time World Cup career leading goalscorer with 22 goals, one ahead of Messi’s 21. The

French superstar is only 27 years old.

For the event as a whole, from when it began on June 11 to when it ended on July 19, the FIFA World Cup displayed football – or soccer – in its truest form. From controversial decisions that made no logical sense shown against Croatia against Portugal, to dramatic game-winning heroics from Spain’s Mikel Merino against Portugal as well as every single Argentina comeback sparked by Messi, this tournament had it all.

The World Cup really did fly by. I hope you, dear reader, watched as many matches as possible. Some preliminary television rating numbers tell this writer that you probably did watch. On Fox and Telemundo combined, nearly 70 million viewers watched the tournament at its

peak, the highest-rated non-Super Bowl event since the 1994 Olympics. That’s also higher than every AFC or NFC conference championship game in that span.

This tournament showcased not just the global sport of football, it showcased the United States as well. The World Cup gave the world a glimpse into the corruption from our leadership with the Bologun situation, but it also shined a new light on so many wonderful cities and people inside of this great country.

It really felt like a moment where we all came together as a nation to celebrate humanity, not just a global sport. Let’s keep each other in mind moving forward a little more. That was a lot of fun.

All-American Sara Burger signs with Blue Raiders

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Lauren Wamsley has signed another transfer to add to her 2026-27 women’s golf roster in the form of Sara Burger. Burger will join the Blue Raiders as a redshirt senior, spending her previous years at Dalton State College.

“I am so excited to further my golf career and continue my education at MTSU,” said Burger. “I’m so grateful for this opportunity and can’t wait for the season! Go Blue Raiders!”

In her redshirt junior season with the Roadrunners, she wrapped up the year ranked third in the nation for NAIA golfers with two wins and five top 3 finishes, earning a First Team All-America nod. With

a 657-38-10 record, the Dalton, Ga., native averaged 72.3 strokes in 30 total rounds to lead her team to a runner-up finish at NAIA Women’s National Championship. She shot a season-best 207 (-6) at The Invite at Innisbrook to win the tournament, including a collegiate low of 65 (-6) in the opening round. With 10 rounds at par or better, Burger was instrumental in helping Dalton State achieve the top national spot in the final rankings.

Her redshirt sophomore season saw her finish ranked 23rd in the nation with a 74.4 scoring average and one stroke play win. She took home the individual crown at The Invite at Innisbrook 2024 edition in her third tournament of the year, shooting three-over. She followed



Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

up that win with a 2-1 record at the Gibson Bay Match Play event, winning 3&2 and 1Up.

In 27 rounds as a redshirt freshman, Burger averaged 75.7, with one top-three finish in her

10 stroke play events. She turned in a two-over scorecard at the Carey Collegiate in just

her third-ever collegiate event to finish third-lowest.

Tennessee Titans to Induct Chris Johnson Into Ring of Honor During 2026 Home Opener

TENNESSEE TITANS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Tennessee Titans today announced that former running back Chris Johnson will be inducted into the Titans Ring of Honor, with the ceremony set to take place during halftime of the team's 2026 season opener at Nissan Stadium on Sunday, Sept. 13.

Johnson, selected by the Titans in the first round (24th overall) of the 2008 NFL Draft, spent six seasons in Tennessee (2008-2013) and stands as one of the most electrifying players in franchise history. Johnson's 2009 campaign remains among the greatest in NFL history as he rushed for 2,006 yards, becoming the sixth player to eclipse the 2,000-yard mark and earning him the nickname CJ2K. He added 503 receiving yards, establishing the current NFL-record of 2,509 yards from scrimmage.

During his time with the Titans, Johnson earned three Pro Bowl selections and was named NFL Offensive Player of the Year in 2009. He finished his Titans career with 7,965 rushing yards, rank-



Photo from @jwyattsports on Twitter.

ing fourth in franchise history, and reached the 1,000-yard rushing mark in six consecutive seasons — a testament to his consistency as one of the league's premier offensive weapons. He also scored 58 touchdowns for the Titans, ranking

fourth in franchise annals. “Chris Johnson holds a special place in the hearts of our organization and our fans,” said Titans controlling owner Amy Adams Strunk. “His stats speak for themselves, and he will

forever remain a leader in our record books, but the man behind the yardage deserves just as much celebration. We look forward to welcoming him home on Sept. 13 and officially inducting him into the Titans Ring of Honor.”

The Sept. 13 matchup against the New York Jets kicks off at noon CT. Johnson will be formally inducted in a special ceremony at halftime. He will join 19 previous inductees in the Titans Ring of Honor. Additionally, as previously

announced, former radio analyst and assistant coach Dave McGinnis will be inducted posthumously at a home game later in the season.

MTSU’s Lacy named to Allstate Good Works Team

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – The Allstate AFCA Good Works Team was announced today, and Middle Tennessee's Cam Lacy was named to the list.

Lacy, a redshirt junior with a 3.4 GPA, is coming off a season with a career-best 38 receptions for 549 yards and three touchdowns while leading the team in per catch average at 14.4 yards. He was also tabbed a second team all-conference member by PFSN.

Established in 1992, the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team recognizes

college football athletes for their unwavering commitment to community service and their “good works” off the field. This year's 162 nominees champion causes including mental health awareness, youth mentorship, hunger relief, domestic abuse prevention, and many more. In addition to being actively involved with a charitable organization or service group, each player must also maintain strong academic standing to be considered for a spot on the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team.

The final roster of 23 award recipients announced later in Septem-

ber will bring together: 11 players from the NCAA FBS 11 players from the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS), Divisions II, III and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) 1 honorary head coach All members are selected by a voting panel of former Allstate AFCA Good Works Team members, current and former head coaches and journalists who look for exceptional leadership on and off the football field.



Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

Blue Raider Family Fun Night returns to Strike & Spare on Aug. 5

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Blue Raider fans are invited to enjoy one final summer celebration as Middle Tennessee Athletics hosts the 6th Annual Blue Raider Family Fun Night on Wednesday, Aug. 5, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Strike & Spare in Stones River Town Centre.

The annual event pro-

vides Blue Raider fans of all ages an opportunity to spend an evening with Lightning, Blue Raider coaches, student-athletes and fellow fans while enjoying family-friendly attractions at a special discounted price.

For this night only, Blue Raider fans can purchase an exclusive \$10 wristband that includes unlimited access to:

Roller Skating Laser Tag Bumper Cars Lazer Frenzy Time Freak Rilix VR Coaster

The wristband also includes one game of bowling during the event.

In addition to having a fun-filled evening, fans will also be supporting Blue Raider Athletics. Fifty percent of the proceeds from every wristband sold will be donat-

ed to the Blue Raider Athletic Association, directly benefiting Middle Tennessee student-athletes across all sports.

Fans are encouraged to arrive early, as the first 150 attendees will receive a voucher for two free slices of pizza.

Throughout the evening, attendees will have opportunities to meet Blue Raider coaches and student-athletes, take photos with Lightning,

and enjoy giveaways. The special \$10 wristband offer is available only to Blue Raider fans attending the event.

Bring the entire family, invite your friends and neighbors, and join the Blue Raider community for an evening of fun, fellowship and Blue Raider spirit before the start of another exciting athletic year.

Event Information

6th Annual Blue Raider Family Fun Night
Date: Wednesday, Aug. 5
Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Location: Strike & Spare – Stones River Town Centre
1720 Old Fort Parkway Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Bedford County sculptor's work featured in major New York City exhibition

Tracy H. Sugg's sculpture of Revolutionary War heroine Margaret Corbin on view at Museum of the City of New York

**Special to the
Shelbyville Times-
Gazette**

A sculpture created in Bedford County is helping tell the story of the American Revolution in the heart of New York City.

Margaret Corbin, a work by Wartrace sculptor Tracy H. Sugg, is now on exhibit at the Museum of the City of New York as part of *The Occupied City: New York and the American Revolution*. The major exhibition commemorates the approaching 250th anniversary of the American Revolution and examines the choices, sacrifices and consequences experienced by New Yorkers during the struggle for independence.

Occupying the museum's entire third floor, the 7,000-square-foot exhibition follows New York's role in the Revolution from the unrest that began in 1763 through the city's emergence as the first capital of the United States in 1790. Historical objects, multimedia presentations and immersive environments introduce visitors to the revolutionaries, Loyalists, women, Native Americans, and enslaved and free Black residents whose lives were transformed by the conflict.

Among the individuals represented is Margaret Corbin, one of the war's earliest recognized female combat veterans.

Sugg's sculpture captures Corbin in a moment of action at a cannon during the Battle of Fort Washington in 1776. Corbin had accompanied her husband, John Corbin, who served with an artillery unit defending the fort in what is now Upper Manhattan. When he was killed during the fighting, she took his place with the cannon crew and continued firing until she was severely wounded.

Corbin survived but suffered lasting injuries, including the loss of the use of her left arm. She later received a military pension for her service and was eventually buried at the United States



Military Academy at West Point.

Rather than presenting Corbin as a motionless historical figure, Sugg's sculpture depicts the urgency and human cost of the moment. Margaret leans into the work of serving the canon while the body of her husband lies nearby. The movement of her clothing adds to the sense of turmoil and determination.

The subject reflects Sugg's longstanding interest in people whose courage, service and ideals have shaped history.

A classically trained figurative sculptor, Suggs is known for conducting extensive historical research before beginning a monument. Her work pays careful attention to clothing, equipment, physical setting and other period details while also attempting to communicate the character and emotional experience of the person portrayed.

"My desire is that my sculpture reflects a touch of the Infinite," Suggs writes in her artist's statement. She describes her goal as creating enduring tributes to humanity's highest ideals and aspirations through art.

Sugg began experimenting with clay as a child growing up on a farm in New Mexico. An early encounter with bronze sculpture in a small gallery helped establish the direction of her life. Her background in both art and history has shaped a career centered largely on portraiture and monuments, with an emphasis on historically significant subjects.

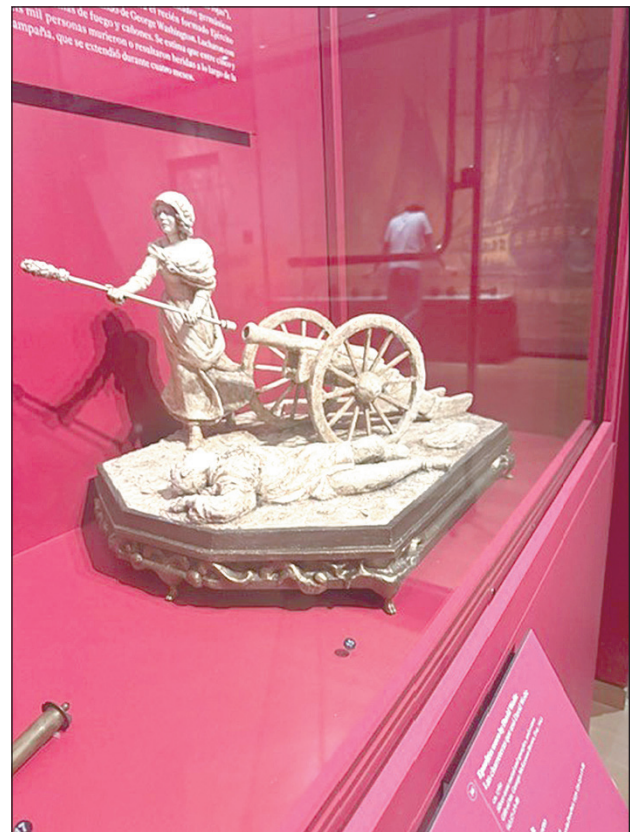
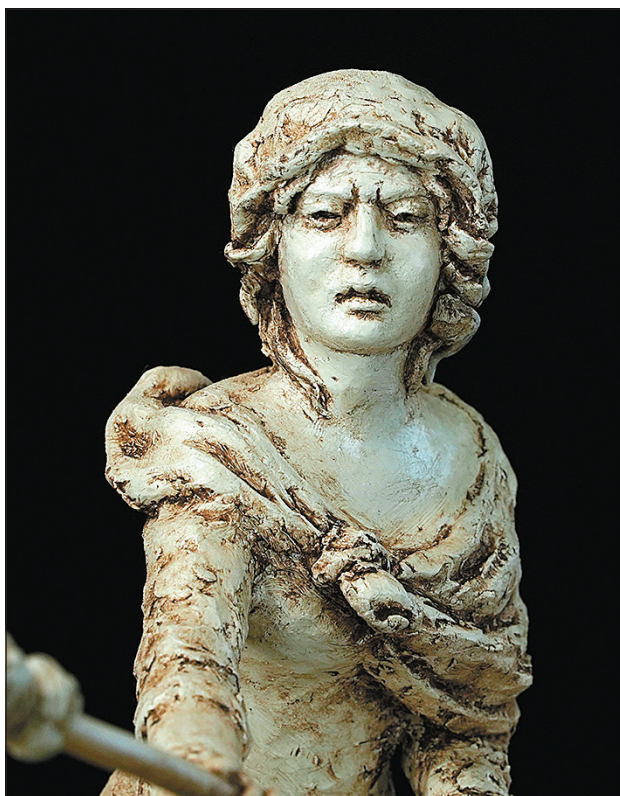
Sugg's public works include a life-size monument to Revolutionary War hero Tadeusz

Kościuszko in Kosciusko, Mississippi, and a bust of Kościuszko displayed in the Jefferson Library at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Her other commissions include monuments and sculptures created for churches, hospitals, universities, courthouses and private collections.

She also created a portrait bust of Nobel Prize-winning economist and Bedford County native Dr. James M. Buchanan for Middle Tennessee State University and was commissioned by the Shelbyville Rotary Club to sculpt former Rotary International President James L. Bomar Jr.

Although her work has been installed in locations across the country, Sugg creates from her studio in Wartrace. Her presence in the Museum of the City of New York connects a Bedford County artist with one of the nation's most significant commemorations of the American Revolution.

The Museum of the City of New York developed "The Occupied City" in partnership with the Gotham Center for New York City History. The exhibition presents the Revolution not only as a sequence of famous battles and political declarations, but as a lived urban experience that forced ordinary people to make difficult decisions.



SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS KEEP UP WITH POLICIES, LAW

TSBA Photo

Bedford County Board of Education members recently attended the Summer Law conference sponsored by TSBA (Tennessee School Board Association) in Gatlinburg. Tim Harwell attended his first, as superintendent. From left, Glenn Forsee, Dan Reed, Dr. Andrea Anderson, Shanna Boyette, Superintendent Harwell, BCBE Chair Michael Cook, Brian Crews, Barton Williams. Not pictured are board members Lana Craig and David Brown.



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A garden club member's dream- A trip to Lynfield Gardens

Volunteer Garden Club has meeting amidst the blooms

Volunteer Garden Club recently took a field trip to Lynfield Gardens in Bell Buckle. Members toured the garden and picked fresh flowers to arrange. Ann Spencer reports that vases were provided to members; they worked together to make their lovely bouquets. Club business was shared prior to the garden tour.

Lunch was shared at nearby Bell Buckle Café. Some fall programs will need to be rearranged. The meeting in October will have a design, featuring fresh and or dried material. June Gilmore will be the judge. Hostesses will be Aleitha Kimbro and Ann Spencer.



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