

Andrew McReynolds



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Election day is Aug. 6

Who will be the 2 elected Commissioners in your neighborhood?

By Dawn Hankins
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Thousands have turned out to early vote in Bedford County. These numbers show an increase in voter participation here, according to the state.

See the latest early voting numbers from the Tennessee Election Office on page 3 today.

Have you made up your mind regarding the County Commission race for your district? Early voting ends Saturday, Aug. 1, at noon. After that, you'll have to wait and cast

your votes in the Thursday, Aug. 6, General Election.

The Times-Gazette recently asked candidates running for County Commission to state why they believe they're the "best candidate" for their respective districts. Some are seeking re-election while others are new and have their own mission on how to make Bedford better. We gave them an opportunity to share with readers a bit of their campaigns.

Some incumbents are running unopposed in this election. See page 12 today for the sample ballot.

Reminder: When you go to vote at your precinct (see list on this page) you will need to select 2 Commission candidates from the ballot to represent your district.

But by all means, get out and vote!

Here's a sampling from some candidates who responded to the T-G's question.

Local farmer Andrew McReynolds is tossing his hat in the ring for a District 1 Commission seat.

He believes in hard work and community preservation.

"As a Bedford County farmer, rancher, and small business owner, I look at our County's future through the lens of hard work, accountability, and community preservation. I believe I will make a better Commissioner because I bring a servant's heart and a business owner's discipline to local government. I am fully committed to protecting our water resources, solving infrastructure issues, and forging a reasonable path to bring clean, cost-effective, drinking water to our residents."

McReynolds said besides water preservation, he believes Bedford County will also prosper with a Commission that actively supports law enforcement and first responders. He's committed to that end.

He adds, "I am a Christian. I believe our rights are endowed by our Creator, and deserve protection."

McReynolds said growth is coming to middle Tennessee but residents must manage

that growth responsibly in order to guard infrastructure, preserve agricultural roots, and defend property rights.

Candidate McReynolds said he's a fiscally responsible "Constitutional Conservative" who will bring integrity, experience, and a business-minded perspective to the Bedford County Board of Commissioners.

"I deeply appreciate your vote and look forward to serving my neighbors in District 1."

Republican Eric Maddox, District 1 Commissioner, is seeking re-election. He believes he's been a true representative of this County during his last term.

"Bedford County is home to my family and I, just like it is to other great folks who live here; and the people we choose to represent us in government is extremely important."

He adds, "When I first ran for Bedford County Commissioner, I promised to repre-

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PRECINCT LOCATIONS ON ELECTION DAY AUGUST 6, 2026

Election Day hours for voting are 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

101 Wartrace Baptist Church
105 Vine St N, Wartrace, TN

102 Bell Buckle Webb School - Gym
319 Webb Rd E,
Bell Buckle, TN

203 Agriculture Center
2119 Midland Rd,
Shelbyville, TN

303 Community Elem. School - Gym
3480 Hwy 41 A N,
Unionville, TN

403 Bedford - WBTS Comm. Club
2020 Hwy 64 W,
Shelbyville, TN

502 Flat Creek Comm. Cntr
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Shelbyville, TN

505 Normandy First Bapt. Ch.
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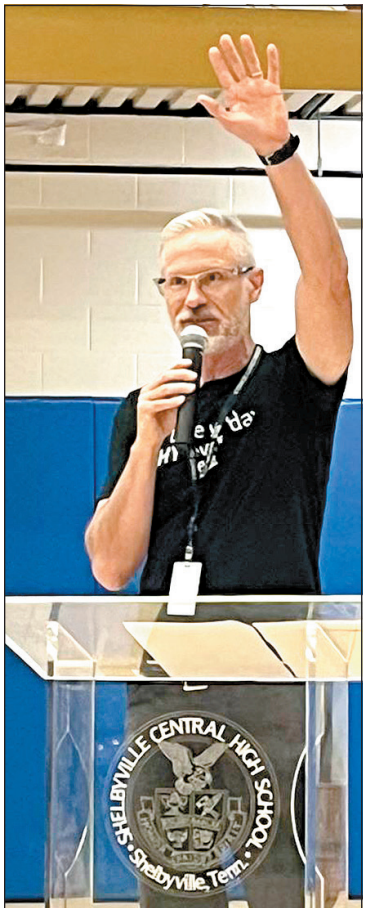
701 Deery Eakin School - Gym
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Shelbyville, TN

801 Thomas Magnet School - Gym
515 Tate Ave Shelbyville, TN

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The Absentee Counting Board and the Provisional Counting Board will be located in the Election Commission Office, 100 Public Square West, Basement, Shelbyville, TN 37160.

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BOB YORK, MEMBER
SUMMER LEVERETTE, ADMINISTRATOR



NEW SCHOOL YEAR, SUPERINTENDENT

T-G Photo by Noah Maddox
Bedford County Schools open for an abbreviated day on Aug. 3. Students will be out of school on Aug. 6, as that is Election Day. Bedford County Schools Superintendent Tim Harwell encouraged local teachers on Tuesday morning during the annual school start up- kick off- at Shelbyville Central High School. During his talk, Harwell, in his first year as superintendent, said at the foundation of his life is his faith. "I'm a Christian. [There was generous applause.] "Faith is my foundation; my Rock." He said his AI is "authentic interaction." Harwell advised, "Nothing will ever replace the human-to-human interaction. That is the AI, I want you to be a part of."



Shelbyville Mills Baptist Church announces expansion project

Mission: To better serve future generations

Shelbyville Mills Baptist Church, 900 Union Street, has announced plans for a major expansion and renovation project. Church officials note the plans are designed to better serve the growing church family and the Bedford County community for years to come.

For more than a century, Shelbyville Mills Baptist

Church has sought to proclaim the hope of the Gospel, strengthen families, and make disciples of Jesus Christ. From a small church on Shelbyville Mills Road to a large presence today on Union Street, the church's mission remains the same-*To glorify God by obediently making and equipping disciples of Christ in the Bedford County area and*

throughout the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

"As God continues to bless our congregation with growth, we believe this is the right time to prepare for the future by expanding our ministry spaces while remaining committed to the mission that has always defined our church," said Associate Pastor Ryan Tilghman. See more on page 11 today.

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WalletHub report shows Tennessee among worst states for healthcare

With the average American spending nearly \$15,500 per year on healthcare, the personal-finance company WalletHub today released its report on the States With the Best & Worst Healthcare in 2026, as well as expert commentary, to identify where Americans receive the highest-quality services at the best prices.

WalletHub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia across 44 key measures of healthcare cost, accessibility and outcomes. The data set ranges from the average monthly insurance premium to physicians per capita to the share of the population with health insurance.

- Best States for Healthcare**
- 1. New Hampshire
 - 2. Minnesota
 - 3. Iowa
 - 4. Rhode Island
 - 5. Hawaii
 - 6. Massachusetts
 - 7. Maine
 - 8. Wisconsin
 - 9. Colorado
 - 10. Nebraska
- Worst States for Healthcare**
- 42. Tennessee
 - 43. Arkansas
 - 44. New Mexico
 - 45. Louisiana
 - 46. Alabama
 - 47. West Virginia
 - 48. Texas
 - 49. Georgia
 - 50. Mississippi
 - 51. Alaska
- Best vs. Worst**
- New Hampshire has the lowest average monthly health-insurance premium, which is 2.5 times lower than in West Virginia, the highest.

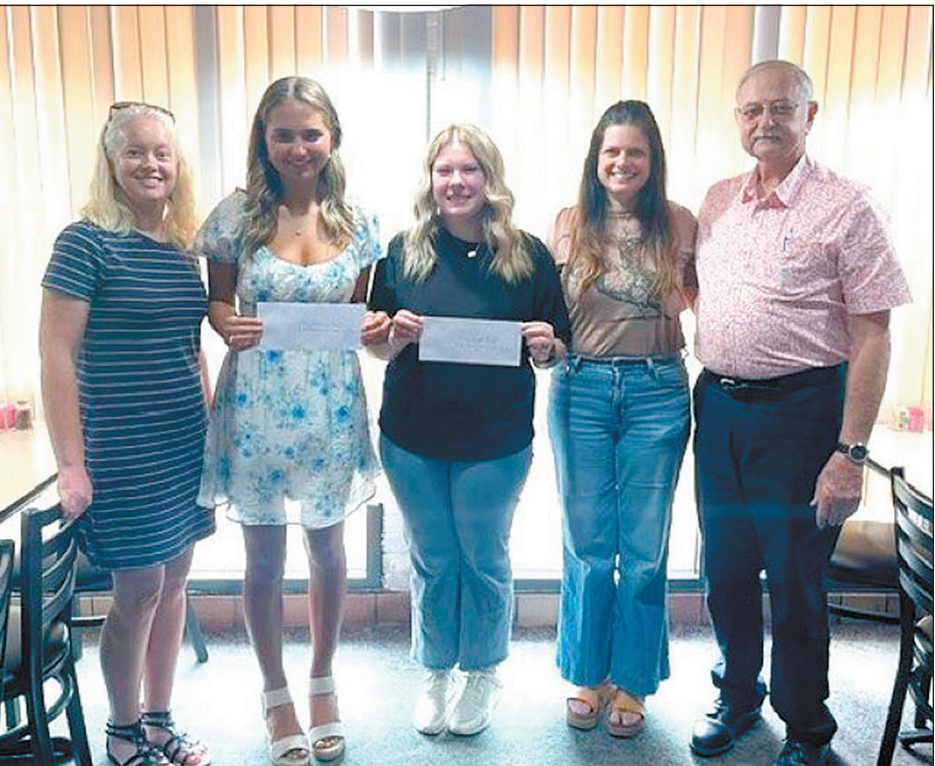
- California has the highest retention rate for medical residents, which is 4.9 times higher than in the District of Columbia, the lowest.
 - New Hampshire has the lowest number of infant mortalities (per 1,000 live births), which is 3.3 times lower than in Mississippi, the highest.
 - Mississippi and Louisiana had the lowest share of at-risk adults without a routine doctor visit in the past two years, which is 1.6 times lower than in New Mexico, the highest.
- To view the full report and your state or the District's rank, please visit: <https://wallethub.com/edu/states-with-best-healthcare/23457>



IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS

Caregiver Relief of Bedford County Board Members recently packed picnic bags for some of the families in the program. Snacks and water can be a real treat to those caring for family members with Alzheimer's.

Caregiver Relief Photo



2026 JUDY GAMBILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Scholarships were recently awarded to two high school graduating seniors going into an agriculture-related career. The winners were: Emma Black and Avery Villapania-both Cascade High School graduates. The winners were recognized initially at their respective awards day ceremonies. The scholarship winners, their families and family members of the late Judy Gambill, met Saturday, June 27, at New Century Buffet to fellowship and recognize the scholarship winners. This is an annual scholarship given in memory of Judy Gambill, who passed away Aug. 14, 2023. She was long time president of the Bedford County Fair and a 4-H volunteer. At the presentation, from left, Paula Roddy, daughter of Gambill, winners Avery Villapania and Emma Black, Mary-Alyson Tolar, daughter of Gambill, and Paul Gambill, Judy Gambill's husband.

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ANNUAL WFD EVENT

WFD Photos

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What traits constitute a great mayor?



By Dawn Hankins
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Well, early polls are coming out all over Face-

book about who should be elected. I never put much faith into those. I guess I'm old school in that I like to wait until election night for the final results.

Early polls can often be too presumptive. There just aren't a lot of political reporters like Charlie Rose left to explain it anymore. It can be a complicated machine, literally.

Since we're talking about the election, com-

ing up Aug. 6, I'm more curious as to what people believe constitutes a great County Mayor.

As a journalist, I find that "ideal leader" to be someone who is honest and forthright. And, someone who at least messages me back, when I have questions.

Thanks to outgoing Mayor Chad Graham who has always done that with the Times-Gazette.

Believe it or not

(truthfully some do not think so) a good mayor is someone who doesn't play those political games. I've heard people say if you can't play politics, you'll never make it.

The voters who elect the mayor certainly do deserve a hardworking man or woman with integrity-someone who can conduct a Commission meeting without a lot of tongue in cheek comments and unnecessary arguments.

Yes, those types reside in many towns across this state.

Basically, a great mayor is someone who's a team player. If you don't play well, get out of the tree house, now.

I personally prefer a Christian mayor but that's my own favorite thing. Certainly, at least someone who obeys the law. That is a problem in some places.

The mayor needs to have a strong business sense but as well a few skills in just plain old math, history, Algebra and Trig might be even better. Here's hoping.

A great mayor greets the public with confidence. He or she is always seen at community events. (Yep, if you're too busy, forget about it.)

Commentator Phil Harwick (blogger for WordPress) says a great mayor has good communication skills. I get that.

"Good communication skills, especially the ability to listen. If one of the more effective leadership styles is the ability to envision the future,

then convincing others to join in that vision is critical. That's a difficult thing because the message that is sent is never the message that is received.

If you don't believe that, just ask any mayor if he or she has ever been misquoted or taken out of context. A good mayor must be able to sell his or her program.

Unfortunately, sometimes mayors get too far ahead of their communities and attempt to sell a vision that the community simply does not feel can be reached. A mayor must listen to his or her constituents and make them feel that they have been heard. People want their mayor to care about their problems and their vision as well."

So, with all that said, please get out and vote. Thanks to all those who've already walked through early voting.

This is an important election year. As for this County, it truly will set the future-good, bad or indifferent. It's up to you!

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Early and Absentee Voters for the August 6, 2026 Primary Elections

Bedford			
Date	Republican	Democratic	Total
2026-07-17	479	81	571
2026-07-18	210	21	235
2026-07-20	370	68	444
2026-07-21	303	51	363
2026-07-22	348	60	415
2026-07-23	302	48	353
2026-07-24	381	55	440
2026-07-25	180	39	223
2026-07-27	286	59	351
Totals	2,859	482	3,395



DREAMS REALLY DO COME TRUE

This week, Bridge Bedford was honored to receive its first grant-a \$15,000 AARP Community Challenge Grant. Bridge Bedford is a nonprofit working to strengthen quality of life in Shelbyville and Bedford County. That has thus far been greatly achieved through family-centered projects and educational opportunities, like the Connect 5K race.

Bridge Bedford Photo

Bedford Briefs

TIME CAPSULE EVENT

The rescheduled County Time Capsule event on the courthouse square is Friday, July 31, from 4:30 p.m., to 5:30 p.m.

TAX FREE WEEKEND IN TN

It's tax-free weekend in Tennessee. Shop local, if you can. The tax-free weekend begins at 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 31, and continues through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2. During that time, shoppers can buy qualifying clothing, school supplies and computers without paying state or local sales tax. Tax-exempt items include school supplies (items \$100 or less) shirts, pants, dresses, shoes, socks and school uniforms. Some commonly purchased items that are not tax exempt include: jewelry, handbags, sports equipment, printer supplies and

household items. Online purchases qualify as long as they meet the state's requirements and are made during the tax-free weekend. Purchases must be for personal use rather than business or trade. You can find a complete list of qualifying and non-qualifying items online from the Tennessee Department of Revenue.

FLAT CREEK ICE CREAM SUPPER

Flat Creek Community Center (115 New Herman Rd) will host its annual ice cream supper fundraiser Saturday, Aug. 1, from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 per meal, which includes a hamburger and baked beans with chips and a drink as well as homemade ice cream or a dessert. Expected ice cream flavors are as followed: blueberry, peach, peppermint, strawberry, chocolate, vanilla, Oreo smash, and chocolate mint. There



are many good options this year!

You are welcome to pick up a plate in a to-go box or to sit down and visit while having your meal. Weather willing, there will be an old-time jam starting around 5 p.m., hosted by the Wood family outside for pickers and folks who would like to listen to live music while eating.

All proceeds go back into the community center to keep the lights on and a space available to Flat Creek for community potlucks, dances, concerts, and all sorts of events-rentals.

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 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.



Eakin Elementary Principal Meredith Gilliland named Tennessee Principal of the Year finalist

Tennessee Department of Education recently announced that Eakin Elementary Principal Meredith Gilliland has been named the Middle Tennessee Principal of the Year Finalist.

Gilliland is among a select group of school leaders from across Tennessee recognized for their outstanding leadership, dedication to student success and commitment to excellence in education.

The finalists represent each of Tennessee's Centers of Regional Excellence (CORE) areas, with the Tennessee Principal of the Year and Grand Division winners to be announced this fall

during the Tennessee Excellence in Education Banquet.

"Mrs. Gilliland is an exceptional leader who embodies what it means to put students first," said Bedford County Schools Superintendent Tim Harwell. "She leads with vision, heart and an unwavering commitment to helping every child succeed. We are incredibly proud of this well-deserved recognition and grateful for the positive impact she makes each day at Eakin Elementary and throughout Bedford County Schools." (Bedford County Schools.)

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TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

More Rebels Numbers 16

Korah, great-grandson of Levi, and Reubenites Dathan, Abiram and On took men and rose up against Moses and opposed his leadership. 250 joined with them.

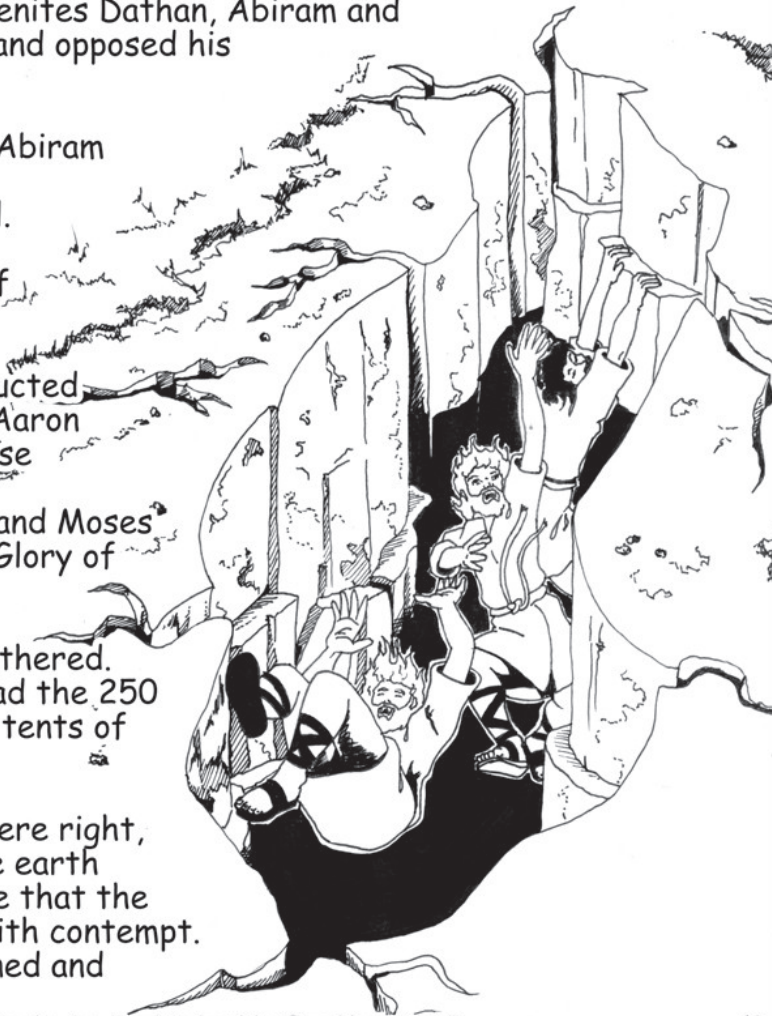
Moses dealt with Korah but Dathan and Abiram refused to respond to his summons. Moses called an assembly of all of Israel. He wanted to settle the question of whom the Lord wanted to be in charge of the Israelites.

After a prayer to the Lord, Moses instructed Korah and his followers to appear with Aaron before the Lord the next day with incense censers, and present them to the Lord. Korah and his followers met with Aaron and Moses in front of the tent of meeting and the Glory of the Lord appeared.

The Lord chose to destroy those 250 gathered. Moses and Aaron prayed and the Lord had the 250 elders to separate themselves from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram.

Moses declared that if these 3 rebels were right, they would die a natural death but if the earth opened and swallowed them, all would see that the three rebels had threatened the Lord with contempt. Immediately the earth cracked and opened and swallowed Korah and his men.

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sent people—not special interests, and establishment politics. I have stood firm on that. My voting record also helps reflect that promise. With your help; I believe that I have firmly been a true representative of your collective voices regarding issues that we have faced as a County.”

Here is a look at a portion of Maddox’s voting track record as District 1 representative the last 4 years.

- November 8, 2022-Voted NO on the Longview PUD Development because the residents in the affected area opposed the development, and I stood with them.

- June 29, 2023-Introduced a motion to reduce the County property tax rate by 15 cents, from \$2.3252 to \$2.1752. I strongly believe we need to look at responsible spending, not taxing more.

- May 14, 2024-Op-posed bundling more than \$10.4 million in capital projects into a single vote. I voted to separate the projects so each one could be considered on its own merits, allowing for greater transparency and accountability.

- January 23, 2024-Sponsored and created the Bedford County Anti-Drug Coalition (BCAC) to help further unite law enforcement, schools, treatment providers, community organizations, and citizens in combating drug abuse.

- June 26, 2025-Proposed removing the \$100,000 budget allocation for the Bedford County Partnership and redirecting those funds to other local nonprofits, including our Volunteer Fire Departments. Mo-

tion did not pass. Funding was later reduced to \$20,000 in a subsequent budget (2026.)

- 2026-Sponsored and introduced the Senior Citizens Property Tax Freeze Program, and proudly voted YES on June 9, 2026, to approve it. (The full Commission did not approve.)

Maddox said he was honored to have served as the only local Commissioner on a State Legislative Oversight committee, led by Charlie Curtiss, Tennessee County Commissioners Association (TCCA) executive director.

Over in District 5, Commissioner Linda Bomar Yockey, running as an independent, believes she brings proven experience to the courthouse.

“My love for Bedford County and especially for the 5th District is the motivating factor for seeking re-election for one of the two County Commission seats. A commissioner who represents their district must know their district – its history, its needs and its people. Having been born and raised in the 5th District, I know my people.”

She added, “The 5th District is a very diverse district, encompassing almost one fourth of the County. It is a major rural/agricultural district with several densely populated areas like the Country Club area. Many miles of the Duck River wind through the district, offering the “river life” to the local fisherman and local duck hunters. Also, the Duck River is a draw for many tourism experiences.”

Yockey believes that

a county commissioner must be able to communicate with all types of individuals about their own specific needs. She said she can and will continue to do this.

Yockey said she’s proud of the accomplishments made the last several years and in finishing projects under the mayorship of the late Mayor Eugene Ray-completing the jail/judicial center, the Annex building, the renovation of the Courthouse and the County’s part of the square, acquiring the old Social Security building which has become the Archives and Records Center, broadband expansion across the county, opening of the new TCAT building, changing the more rural roads to 30 mph, getting BC students out of portables, and bringing MTSU Aviation to Bedford County.

“As we move to the future, 911 will be moving into a larger, more modern, facility. Juvenile detention students will move from the dilapidated building as you enter the square to a new facility.”

Yockey, a retired educator, advised that issues facing the new Commission will be the State Appellate Court opinion of the City vs County lawsuit; the increasing cost of solid waste disposal/waste disposal sites; and the impact of growth for all departments, especially emergency services and schools.

“I am running for the Commission seat to ensure Bedford County remains a place where families thrive, the economy grows, our schools are the best, and our County’s natural beauty and resources are preserved for gener-

ations.”

Running in District 5 as a Republican candidate is Brent Smith. His “Case of Stewardship” is as follows:

“Bedford County is not just a collection of tax bases and zoning grids. It is our home and our heritage. I am running for Commissioner because the current trajectory of our local government is indifferent to the interests of the families who have built this community over generations.”

He adds, “I believe I will do a better job than my opponents because my commitment is to the people of this County, not to the special interests or the bureaucratic machinery that dominates modern local politics, especially here in Bedford County. My day job is in health-care which I have been in now for over 29 years and I manage my farm ‘Walnut Farms’ daily; I know what it means to work the land, to solve practical problems without reliance on outside experts, and to take responsibility for the legacy I leave for my family.”

Smith said his opponents offer more of the same growth at the expense of County character and more spending for questionable returns that has fractured Bedford County.

“I offer a return to fundamental priorities: protecting our local culture and resources, fostering an environment where our families can thrive without unnecessary interference, and ensuring that our tax dollars actually serve the interests of the taxpayers themselves.”

Smith said he doesn’t

believe in the myth of the ‘proposition’ local government that simply exists to manage decline. He believes the role of a Commissioner is to be a “guardian of the community’s identity.”

“The future of Bedford County belongs to those who show up to defend it, and my focus is on building a durable, prosperous, and authentically local future for us and our posterity.”

Also hoping for a win in District 5, on the independent ticket, is Brian Bruce. With a career in public service for 30 years, Bruce is planning a future that includes serving on Bedford County Commission as an effective representative and leader.

“I believe I’m the best candidate for County Commissioner because I know this community, I care deeply about its future, and I’ve dedicated my life to serving the people of Bedford County.” As a lifelong resident of District 5, Bruce said he’s watched this community grow and change while never losing sight of the values that make it special. For more than 30 years, he’s had the privilege of serving the County through his career in public service.

“That experience has taught me the importance of listening, treating people with respect, being accountable, and making thoughtful decisions. As I prepare to retire from my career next year, I’m not ready to stop serving. I want to continue giving back by representing the people of District 5 on the County Commission.”

Bruce said he believes he will bring, perhaps

more than any other candidate, a lifetime of understanding this community, a proven commitment to public service, and a willingness to listen before making decisions.

“My promise is simple: I’ll be accessible, I’ll work hard, and I’ll always put the people of District 5 first.”

Interested in District 2 candidates? Independent Commission Candidate Michael Gregory believes the job of any elected representative is to listen and fully represent constituents.

“When speaking to the folks in District 2, they are seeking to have their voice heard and have open, honest dialogue on the issues. I feel that overall, government needs to do a better job of active listening and being out among the people- working for them- something that has set me apart in this race.”

Gregory said he’s strived during his campaign to meet with many folks at their homes, knocking on doors and putting in the work to earn the trust of the voters-many of whom have stated that he is the first person to ask for their vote and visit with them, not just this election cycle, but ever. “This is only the beginning; if elected, I will continue to seek out the wise counsel of the voters on the issues and am committed to doing a better job for District 2 in representing them and only them. I have no hidden agenda and am not beholden to any groups. I would appreciate your vote as one of your two County Commissioners.”

Encouraging Creativity in the Age of AI

(Feature Impact) In an era when machines can generate ideas in seconds, hands-on learning and creativity may be more important for today’s children than ever. In fact, due to the rise of artificial intelligence (AI), 73% of parents believe creativity is an essential trait for their children to develop.

This finding comes from a survey commissioned by Crayola and conducted by Talker Research of 2,000 U.S. parents of children ages 8-12, along with children in that same age range. The survey also revealed the impact of technological advances, such as AI, on how parents nurture their kids’ creativity and how kids and parents view AI differently.

While parents worry about what skills kids may lose due to AI usage, children themselves are more focused on what technology could unlock and seem to be far more optimistic about the impact of AI. According to the study, 35% of parents said they worry AI will reduce their child’s ability to think creatively and 30% fear it will compete with them, limiting their opportunities in the workforce. In contrast, only 22% of kids share their parents’ concerns about AI hurting their creative thinking abilities and only 21% fear job competition.



Consider these additional trends identified in the survey.

Kids Crave Hands-On Creativity

Despite growing up in a digital-first world, the children surveyed expressed a strong desire to engage in hands-on creative experiences. When they make something by hand, they’re more likely to preserve it (46%), display it at home (68%) or give it as a gift (48%), turning creativity into something tangible, lasting and meaningful.

The children surveyed also said they want adults to ask for their creative ideas and listen to them (52%), provide supplies for creating (51%), encourage problem-solving (47%) and give them more time to create (46%).

Feedback Provides Motivation

Creativity flourishes when adults praise young

artists for their effort, ideas and decision-making rather than judging how “good” the art looks, the survey found. While the least creatively motivating feedback parents can provide is to tell kids their art looks good (22%), creating with parents or other family members (65%), having their art displayed (45%) and being recognized for the work involved (46%) were some of the most motivating actions.

“When we emphasize effort, process and thinking over outcomes, kids feel safer taking creative risks,” said Cheri Sterman, senior director of education at Crayola. “Research – and kids themselves – are pointing us toward a more supportive way to nurture creativity in the age of AI.”

Purposeful support from parents and teachers also helps to mini-

mize speed bumps that may interfere with kids’ creative growth. This belief is deeply personal with 8 in 10 parents polled admitting they wish the adults in their lives had done more to nurture their creativity when they were children.

Creativity is Essential to Future Success

In a world increasingly shaped by AI, parents recognize creativity as one of the few skills machines can’t easily replicate with the majority of respondents (85%) agreeing that creativity equates to success for children in the future. In fact, creative individuals were viewed as stronger problem-solvers (49%), better communicators (35%) and more likely to succeed in their careers (34%) than non-creatives.

“As AI continues to insert itself into our lives, this study suggests that creativity won’t disappear, but warns that nurturing it must be intentional,” Sterman said. “For parents and educators, the challenge isn’t resisting technology, but ensuring imagination, experimentation and original thinking remain central to how children grow up alongside it.”

Find more ways to nurture creativity at Crayola.com/Creative-Moments.

Everyday Moments

of Creativity

Adults can nurture creativity by weaving simple, creative moments into daily routines. That belief is at the heart of efforts like Crayola’s Create More Creative Moments initiative, which has sparked conversations about why creativity matters and how it shapes children’s future success.

Consider these kid-tested creative experiences to boost imagi-

nation and creative confidence:

- Sketch during an outdoor walk.
- Draw a new book cover.
- Make up a new ending to a story.
- Write new song lyrics.
- Plan meal theme nights and experiment with new recipes as a family.
- Turn errands into small games.
- Ask “what if...?” to help children imagine.

SOURCE: Crayola



COMMUNITY SERVICE, A BETTER BEDFORD

BC GOVERNMENT PHOTO

Bedford County Chamber of Commerce held its quarterly luncheon and program on Tuesday at the Fly Cultural Arts building. The event was sponsored by United Communications. Guest speaker was outgoing Mayor Chad Graham, right. He reflected on the County’s progress during his tenure. One of the mayor’s right-hand people, no doubt, has been County Attorney John T. Bobo, who attended the event.

Obituaries

Robert Louis Sanford Jr.

Robert Louis Sanford Jr., 74, of Murfreesboro, TN., passed away peacefully on July 26, 2026, at Quality Center Rehabilitation following a brief illness.

Robert honorably served his country in the United States Army before dedicating his professional life to Holly Farms and Tyson Foods. He was a devoted and hardworking man who deeply valued his family, loyalty and the simple joys of life.

He was preceded in death by his beloved daughter, Misty Dawn Sanford Parker; his parents, Robert Louis Sanford Sr., and Jewell Sanford; his brothers, Mikel Sanford and W.C. Sanford and his sister, Ada Rasberry.

He is lovingly survived by his daughter, Tracy Sanford, his son, Russell Sanford; his grandsons, Andrew Jayden Thompson and Nolan Schmiede and his granddaughters, Riley Padgett, Jacey Parker, Skylar Sanford, Simon Sanford and Mabel Sanford. He also has 4 precious great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters, Vada Skel-



ton, Betty Byrd, Geeter Pyburn, Linda Adams, Jeanie Sanford and his brother, David Sanford.

Robert's life was further enriched by the meaningful presence of Suzan Sanford, Donna Sanford and Terrie Dyer Stone, each of whom held a special place in his heart and remained an important part of his life's journey.

In accordance with his wishes, no formal service will be held.

His ashes will be scattered on a lake in Texas where he spent his childhood and created many of his most cherished memories. He will be remembered with love and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

AD VERITAS
Back to School



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There's something about this time of year that feels like a fresh start.

The calendar may still say summer, and the Tennessee heat certainly hasn't gone anywhere, but you can feel the transition beginning. School buses are back on the roads. Parents are making one last trip for school supplies. Teachers are putting the finishing touches on their classrooms. College students are packing up for another semester. And children, whether excited or reluctant, are preparing to begin another school year.

Our family homeschools, so our routine looks a little different than most. We don't wait for the school bus each morning, and our classroom is often the kitchen table. But in many ways, our rhythm is the same. We begin in late summer, work hard through the school year, and look forward to finishing up in May just like

everyone else.

No matter how your family chooses to educate your children—public school, private school, or homeschool—the beginning of a new school year is a wonderful opportunity.

It's an opportunity for a fresh start.

For students, I would encourage you to approach this year with curiosity. Ask questions. Read more than you have to. Don't settle for simply memorizing enough to pass the next test. Learn because understanding the world is one of life's greatest joys.

Your grades matter, but your character matters even more.

Learn to be dependable. Learn to be honest. Learn to work hard even when no one is watching. Those lessons will serve you long after you've forgotten the quadratic formula or the dates on your history test.

To the teachers reading this, thank you.

Whether you're teaching kindergarten, high school chemistry, Sunday school, or your own children around the kitchen table, you are investing in the next generation. It's a responsibility that often goes unnoticed, but

it matters more than you know. The influence of a good teacher can last a lifetime.

To the parents, remember that your role doesn't end when your child walks through the school doors each morning.

In many ways, it's just beginning.

The home has always been the center of a child's education. Schools can teach reading, writing, math, science, and history, but values are learned first at home. A child learns perseverance by watching Mom and Dad persevere. They learn honesty by seeing honesty modeled. They learn kindness by experiencing it around the dinner table.

No school—no matter how excellent—can replace an engaged parent.

And to the grandparents, never underestimate your influence.

Some of my favorite childhood memories involve sitting with my grandparents, listening to stories about days gone by. They taught lessons that never appeared in a textbook. Family history, wisdom gained through experience, and a steady presence are gifts that only grandparents can give.

One of the greatest things you can do for your grandchildren this school

year is simply take an interest. Ask what they're learning. Read a book with them. Attend a ballgame, a school play, or a piano recital. Those moments become memories they'll carry long after graduation.

Education is about far more than preparing someone for a career.

It's about preparing them for life.

The ability to think critically, communicate clearly, solve problems, and treat others with respect will carry a person farther than any single class ever could.

As another school year begins, my prayer is that our children will grow not only in knowledge but also in wisdom. That they'll become not only better students, but better people.

The first day of school is exciting because it reminds us that every year brings another chance to grow.

May this be a year filled with curiosity, perseverance, and plenty of opportunities to learn—not just from books, but from life itself.

To all the students, teachers, parents, and grandparents beginning a new school year:

Have a wonderful year. And never stop learning.

Betty Ruth Nix

Betty Ruth Nix, age 83, of Unionville, Tennessee, passed away peacefully at her residence on Friday, July 24, 2026, following an extended illness.

Betty was born on October 25, 1942, in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, to the late Horace and Jessie Johnson. She was a devoted homemaker, a faithful member of Fellowship for Christ Church in Shelbyville, and was well known for her wonderful cooking and the love she shared with family and friends.

She is survived by her loving husband of 67 years, William Pat Nix; her children, Cindy Nix, Angie (Bryant) Dunn, and Glenda Melton (Melvin Neeley); her grandchildren, Kristy (Wade) Campbell, Jr. (Nellie) Dunn, Kris (Veronica) Adcock, Renee (Justin) Sims, Dalton (Robyn) Melton, Ashley (Michael) Zimmerman, and Lindsay Melton; 18 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Betty was preceded in death by her brothers, Glen Johnson and Jack



Johnson; her grandson, Patrick Adcock; and her great-grandchild, Evangelene Dunn.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at Fellowship for Christ Church, 142 Richdale Lane, Shelbyville, Tennessee, with Brother Ray Armstrong officiating. Burial will follow at Pressgrove Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2026, at Doak Funeral Home and Cremation.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Fellowship for Christ Church or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Doak Funeral Home and Cremation is serving the family. www.doakfh.com



5 ways to naturally support late summer energy and focus

(Feature Impact) Late summer still means sunshine, family vacations and social events everywhere you look – but the fun can slip away if you feel too tired and distracted to make the most of your experiences.

According to a survey conducted by Atomik Research on behalf of Botanic Tonics, many adults ages 21 and older struggle to feel fully present in summer activities. Nearly half of respondents said having enough energy and a clear mind would help them get more enjoyment out of the summer moments that matter most.

With that in mind, here are five simple daily habits to support your energy and focus throughout the rest of the summer season.

Improve Your Sleep Quality

It might sound obvious, but getting better sleep should be a top priority for anyone trying to harness more physical and mental energy throughout the day. Keep your bedroom cool, dark and quiet; avoid consuming caffeine too close to bedtime; and wind down with a relaxing routine like reading or yoga.

Get Regular Exercise

Even though a workout consumes energy in the short term, it pays you back with dividends. Just 30 minutes of movement a day – including favorite summer activities like swimming or playing games in the yard – can improve your mood. Physical movement also helps reduce stress, which was a reported obstacle for 33% of survey respondents who wished they could be more present with friends and family during the summer months.

Stay Hydrated

When the weather is hot, it becomes more important to stay on top of your hydration. Even mild dehydration can negatively impact your energy and focus. When you're out of the house, bring a reusable water bottle and set reminders to drink regularly, especially during and after outdoor activities.

Limit Device Usage

When you're feeling sluggish, it can be tempting to collapse on the couch or in bed to scroll on your phone or watch TV. There's nothing wrong with screen time in moderation, but digital fatigue is real and it can drain

your energy and disrupt your sleep. Plus, 49% of surveyed adults said social-media-driven FOMO ("fear of missing out") made it harder for them to enjoy their summer experiences in the moment.

Try Botanical Energy Offerings

When energy levels start to dip, it's easy to reach for a cup of coffee, a sugary energy drink or soda. Products made with thoughtfully sourced botanical ingredients offer a different approach. For example, Botanic Tonics'

"feel free" kava-centric supplements are designed to deliver chilled energy: a unique combination of energy, focus and elevated mood.

For smooth, sustained energy without caffeine jitters or sugar crashes, try KavaMaté, crafted with noble kava root and yerba maté. For those looking to elevate their mood and enhance focus, feel free Classic is thoughtfully crafted with noble kava root and natural whole leaf kratom – never synthetic ingredients, alcohol or concentrates.

Liberty FCE enjoys summer picnic

Liberty Family and Community Education Clubs (FCE) held its annual picnic July 13 at the home of member Dorris Turrentine.

Ann Spencer reports that members brought side dishes and the club provided the meat dish.

Judy Smith shared news from County Council meeting.

Dues will be \$10 per person and are due by Sept. 1.

There were 10 campers at the Leadership Retreat in Pulaski.

Next year's Share Fair theme is "decades." Lib-

erty FCE's table will showcase the 2000 decade.

Coming up:

• Leader training July 30 at 10 a.m.

• Taste and Tell Oct. 2.

To maintain Master Club status, two members must enter something in the Fair.

Dorris Turrentine conducted the club demonstration—a cookie mix-in. She also shared pictures of a sunset and barn on her farm.

Judy Smith read the adjournment.

The next meeting is Aug. 17, at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church.

Death Notices

Wade Hargrove

Wade Hargrove, age 50, of Unionville, died Friday, July 24, 2026. He was born in Shelbyville to the late Larry Thomas Hargrove, Sr., and Joan Elizabeth Leverette Hargrove, who survives. Lawrence Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Chapel Hill is in charge of arrangements.

Charles Plunkett

Charles "Charlie" Plunkett, age 68, of Nunnely, passed away on Saturday, July 25, 2026, in Nashville. Memorial donations may be made in memory of Charlie Plunkett to Lawrence Funeral Home, P.O. Box 8, Chapel Hill, TN 37034. Lawrence is in charge of arrangements.



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MTSU Athletics introduces new Premium Football GameDay Experiences for 2026 season

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Middle Tennessee State University Athletics is raising the bar for Blue Raider football home games with the introduction of new Premium GameDay Experiences for the 2026 season, giving fans more ways than ever to enjoy the excitement of Floyd Stadium!

Whether entertaining clients, celebrating with family and friends, or creating unforgettable memories, Blue Raider fans now have access to a variety of premium experiences designed to bring them closer to the action and create a truly memorable game-day experience.

The new Premium GameDay Experiences include:

Raider Walk – Join the Blue Raiders as they make their way into Floyd Stadium before kickoff and experience the excitement from inside the team entrance. Limited to just 10 fans per game.

Team Run Out – Feel the adrenaline as you run onto the field alongside the Blue Raiders during the team's pre-game entrance. Limited to 10 participants each game.

Kickoff Tee Kid – Young Blue Raider fans can live out a dream by taking the field and retrieving the kickoff tee during the game. Available for one child (age 12 and under) per game.

Control Room/TV Truck Experience – Go behind the scenes for one quarter and discover how live game broadcasts and in-stadium entertainment come to-



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gether. Available for one fan per game.

Photo on the Field – Capture unforgettable memories with photos on Horace Jones Field before or after the game.

Videoboard Messages – Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, first games, or other milestones with a personalized message displayed on the stadium videoboard.

Gender Reveal Experience – Share one of life's biggest announcements with thousands of Blue Raider fans as Lightning helps reveal your exciting news.

Proposal Experience – Create a once-in-a-

lifetime engagement at Floyd Stadium with a customized proposal before the game, during the game, or on a non-game day.

Birthday Party Experience – Young fans can celebrate with exclusive early access to the Family Fun Zone, and a special appearance from Lightning.

Community Spotlight – Local organizations can showcase their talents with a pregame performance in front of the Blue Raider fans.

Group Outings – Schools, businesses, youth organizations, churches, and community groups can enjoy

discounted tickets and customized game-day experiences.

The Premium GameDay Experiences complement an exciting 2026 home schedule featuring six games at Floyd Stadium, along with enhanced game-day entertainment, themed promotions and fan-focused activities throughout the season.

Premium experiences are ideal for:

Corporate hospitality and client entertainment
Employee appreciation events
Alumni reunions
Birthday celebrations
Family gatherings

Groups looking for an upgraded football experience

For questions, contact the Blue Raider Ticket Office at 615-898-5261.

Fans interested in Birthday Party Experiences, Community Spotlights, or Group Outings can also contact Kayla Stiles at 615-904-8082 or kayla.stiles@mtsu.edu.

In addition to these new experiences, fans can also enjoy MTSU's established premium seating options, including the Jeff Hendrix Stadium Club, the SRM Concrete Club, Open-Air Boxes, and Sky Suites, all offering premium

amenities and outstanding views of Blue Raider football.

Many of the Premium GameDay Experiences have limited availability, so fans are encouraged to reserve their preferred experience early before the 2026 season kicks off.

For more information about Premium GameDay Experiences, season tickets, or premium seating opportunities, visit GoBlueRaiders.com or contact the Blue Raider Ticket Office at (615) 898-5261.

MTSU Women's Soccer Reveals 2026 Promotional Schedule

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – MTSU women's soccer will host a full slate of promotional events throughout the 2026 season tailored to elevate the gameday experience at Dean A. Hayes Soccer Stadium through fan engagement and community celebration. 2026 marks a significant year in the program's history as it celebrates 30 years of Blue Raider soccer with gameday themes and promotions centered around the milestone.

The regular-season matchday festivities kick off on Aug. 13 at 7 p.m. vs. Troy as the program celebrates "30 Years of Blue Raider Soccer".

Preseason
Saturday, Aug. 1 vs. Blue & White Match | 3:00 p.m.

Little Blue Raiders are invited onto the pitch for pre-match ceremonies!

Please arrive early and check in at the marketing table to participate.

Thursday, Aug. 6 vs. Southern Miss | 7:00 p.m. - Exhibition

Regular Season
Thursday, Aug. 13 vs. Troy | 7:00 p.m. - Home Opener & Celebrating 30 Years of Blue Raider Soccer

Giveaway: Official Matchday Poster & 30th Anniversary Soccer Keychain.

Thursday, Aug. 27 vs. Miami (OH) | 7:00 p.m. - Mental Health Awareness Match

Giveaway: Blue Raider Soccer Stress Ball

Sunday, Aug. 30 vs. Lipscomb | 6:00 p.m. - She Owns the Pitch

Giveaway: Blue Raider Soccer Scarf.

Pre-match: popsicles for the first 100 kids (ages 12 and under).

Half-time: Women in Sports Trivia.

Thursday, Sept. 3 vs. Purdue | 7:00 p.m. - Blue Out

Giveaway: Blue Raider

Soccer T-Shirt.

Thursday, Sept. 10 vs. Evansville | 7:00 p.m. - International Night

Pre-match: parade of international flags during starting lineups.

Fan Contest: Wear your favorite international soccer kit to compete in our halftime Best Dressed Fan Contest!

Special recognition honoring MTSU Soccer's international student-athletes.

Thursday, Oct. 1 vs. Liberty | 7:00 p.m. - CUSA Home Opener & Most Valuable Professor (MVP) Night

Highlights: Honoring professors who have made a lasting positive impact on our student-athletes, featuring a special halftime MVP ceremony.

Giveaway: Official Matchday Poster.

Sunday, Oct. 4 vs. Sam Houston | 1:00 p.m. - True Blue Family Day: Summer Camp Reunion & Kids Club Day

Giveaway: Cheer Sticks.

Community Drive: Bring a donation for the MTSU Student Food Pantry to be entered to win an exclusive MTSU Soccer Prize Pack!

Summer campers and Kids Club members are invited onto the pitch for pre-match ceremonies. Arrive early and check in at the marketing table!

All fans are invited onto the pitch post-match for family photos.

Thursday, Oct. 22 vs. New Mexico State | 7:00 p.m. - Theme: Kicking Cancer

Giveaway: Pink Soccer Socks.

Stop by the marketing table to fill out an "I Play For" sign to honor survivors, remember loved ones, and support those impacted by breast cancer. Keep an eye out for player-created signs displayed around the stadium!

Sunday, Nov. 1 vs. WKU | 5:00 p.m. - Senior Night & Alumni Reunion Weekend

Giveaway: Official Matchday Poster (All

Fans) & Soccer Drawstring Bag (Kids 12 & Under).

Halftime: Special 30th Anniversary Alumni Recognition.

Post-Match: Senior Day Ceremony honoring our senior student-athletes.

Stop by the marketing table to leave a note for the senior student-athletes.

* Kickoff for Aug. 6 vs. Southern Miss has been changed from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Season-Long Fan Promotions

Keep the energy going all season long! Fans can participate in these matchday activities at every home game:

Social Media Challenge: Post an Instagram Story during any home match and tag the official marketing and soccer accounts to claim a prize at the marketing table.

Fan-Pick Hype Track: Vote in our pre-match Instagram Story poll to

select the team's second-half entrance song! The winning track will pump up the squad when they return to the pitch.

Lucky Number: Check your matchday roster card for a unique number. One lucky winning number will be announced at halftime for a special prize.

First Goal Guess: Head to the marketing table before kickoff to guess which Blue Raider will score first in the first half! One correct prediction will win a prize!

Halftime Fan Mini-Games: On-field interactive contests featuring soccer croquet, the crossbar challenge, dribble races, mini scrimmages, and more

Post-match Autographs: Stick around after the final whistle as the Blue Raider Women's Soccer team will be signing autographs after each home match this season.

Local Junior Team Tennis Squad Finish Second at State, Invited to Sectionals

BY NOAH MADDOX
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CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. – Earlier this month, the Ace Bandits – a U-18 Junior Team Tennis squad composed of high school tennis players from the Middle Tennessee area, including one from Shelbyville Central – secured its highest finish ever in the 2026 JTT State Championships in Chattanooga.

“Last year we lost by one game to get into the semifinals,” said Shelbyville Central Tennis Head Coach Allison Smith who has been involved in JTT since 2012, “This year we won by one to get into the finals which was pretty cool.”

The competition format is a little different than you standard high school team match-up. Typically teams carry three girls and three boys, although they are allowed four apiece. The matches between teams consist of one Girl’s single, one Boy’s single, one Girl’s doubles, one Boy’s doubles, and three mixed doubles. The mixed doubles play out as a 10-point tiebreaker.

However, the difference between a high school match and JTT is the way JTT determines winners. The winner is chosen based on which team wins the most games, not matches. Even though you might lose the match, you can still win overall as a team. The competition takes the highest percentage of games won in each team matchup to determine a winner. The format just heightens the importance of each individual game.



All seven members of the Ace Bandits JTT squad following their second-place finish at the State Championships in Chattanooga. From left to right: Jackson Huckaby, Lilly Smith, Gavin Wrather, Eva Ondurus, Andre Brunelle, Sarah Skelton, and Charlie Hurst. Submitted Photo.

In Chattanooga, the Bandits played five different squads over the course of the three days.

“It’s a lot of tennis, but it’s a lot of fun,” said Smith, “You get to see teams from all over the state. I’ve been doing this JTT thing since 2012 and it’s really been a lot of fun. I’d love to get it back in Shelbyville.”

The seven players on Smith’s team came from six different schools: Jackson Huckaby, Lilly Smith, Gavin Wrather,

Eva Ondurus, Andre Brunelle, Sarah Skelton, and Charlie Hurst. The six schools are Shelbyville Central, Friendship Christian, Siegel, Central Magnet, PCA, and Oakland.

Allison Smith, who led the Golden Eagles to a Region 3-AA Runners-Up finish earlier this spring after a 16-0 start to the season, is the Head Coach of the Bandits as well. After a strong showing in Chattanooga that saw the

Bandits finish second in the state among 25 entries, the Bandits were invited as one of three wild card teams to a 12-team, nine-state Section Invitational in Mobile, Alabama on Labor Day weekend. The prize for the winners of the event in Mobile? An invitation to Orlando, Florida to compete in the USTA Junior Team Tennis National Championships.

“I’ve never made it this far in JTT,” Smith said, “In our area, of course

you have the Murfreesboro schools with access to the indoor courts, we just need the kids here to get on the court, get involved with a summer league like this. I have kids from Shelbyville playing in our fall league, and I’m hoping they catch the bug and join our summer league. You see all kinds of levels of tennis because it’s strictly an age bracket, not a skill bracket.”

In Chattanooga, the Bandits defeated the

CHFC Bulldogs, CHS Lions, CBRC Bears, and Last Mint Lineups before falling to the Covenant Health Sharks.

“Getting to this point is really exciting to see these kids go to this level,” Smith said, “We’re hoping we get matched up with the team that beat us at state so we get another shot at them.”

Middle Tennessee Football Single-Game Tickets On Sale Now

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Middle Tennessee football single-game tickets for the 2026 season are on sale now for all six home games.

With affordable pricing, convenient parking located just steps from Floyd Stadium, and a full lineup of themed promotions throughout the season, there’s never been a better time to experience Blue Raider football.

The Blue Raiders will play six home games this fall inside Floyd Stadium during Head Coach Derek Mason’s third season leading the program, beginning with the season-opening WHITE-OUT Game and Faith & Family Night against Murray State on Sept. 5.

Two weeks later, on Sept. 19, Middle Ten-

nessee hosts Nevada for the 44th Annual Salute to Veterans and Armed Forces Game. The game will also serve as Scout Night and Family Weekend.

Conference USA newcomer Delaware makes its first-ever visit to Murfreesboro on Tuesday, Oct. 13, as fans can enjoy \$2 Tuesday, featuring concession stand specials throughout the game. Kennesaw State visits Floyd Stadium on Wednesday, Oct. 28, for Halloween in Floyd and Winning Wednesday.

The home schedule concludes in November with two exciting matchups. Heated rival Western Kentucky visits Murfreesboro on Nov. 7 for Homecoming and Youth Sports Day, before the Blue Raiders wrap up the regular season on Nov. 28 against New Mexico State for Senior Day and

Education Day.

Single-game tickets start at just \$22 for End Zone Reserved seating and \$28 for Sideline Reserved seating. A limited number of Chairback Reserved seats are also available.

Group Tickets Also on Sale

Planning to attend a game with friends, family, coworkers, church members, or another organization? Discounted Blue Raider group tickets are a great way to experience game day together.

Reserved group tickets for groups of 20 or more start at just \$12 per person. Groups can choose seating in the Family Fun Zone, which includes free access to bounce houses, balloon artists, and interactive games, or in the Blue Raider Beer Garden End Zone.



Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

Additional group benefits include discounted food vouchers, exclusive on-field fan experiences—such as welcoming the team onto the field through the Blue Raider

Hive-Five Tunnel—Party Tent packages, and tickets near the on-field Blue Raider Beer Garden.

Every group purchase also includes a scoreboard recognition

during the game and one complimentary parking pass for the group leader.

To purchase group tickets, contact the MTSU Ticket Office at 615-898-5261.

Shelbyville Mills Baptist Church expansion project

The Shelbyville Mills project includes an expanded sanctuary, an updated and more welcoming main entrance, enhanced accessibility, improvements to our children's ministry areas, and additional spaces that will allow us to better minister to people of all ages. Every aspect of the project has been carefully planned with one goal in mind: creating environments that support worship, discipleship, fellowship, and outreach.

Shelbyville Mills Church Pastor is Jonathan Sims.

"While buildings alone do not change lives, church officials note, they provide opportunities for ministry. The church is viewing this project not simply as construction, but as an investment in future generations."

"We are trusting God to use these expanded facilities to provide more opportunities to share the Gospel, disciple believers, strengthen families, and welcome those who call Bedford County



home," church officials shared.

Shelbyville Mills Baptist is thankful for the faithfulness of its church family and for the support and encouragement received from the community. Church members recognize that Shelbyville Mills Baptist Church is one small part of what makes Bedford County a wonderful place to live, and they remain committed to serving our neighbors with the love of Christ.

As construction progresses, the community is invited to pray with the church- that God

would continue to guide this project and use it to bring glory to Himself. More than anything, church officials note the desire is that this expansion will help the congregation faithfully serve the community and point people to the hope found in Jesus Christ for generations to come.

For more information about the project or to learn more about Shelbyville Mills Baptist Church, please attend worship services or contact the church office.

Lee Adcock is overseeing the construction project for the church.



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CHURCH NEWS

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AT FIRST PREZ

First Presbyterian Church in Shelbyville will hold its annual Blessing of the Backpacks this Sunday, Aug. 2, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. All students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks/bookbags/satchels and have them blessed. First Presbyterian is located at 600 N. Brittain Street which is right behind the post office.

FUMC BACK TO SCHOOL WORSHIP THEME

Shelbyville First United Methodist Church invites the community to its Back-to-School worship service this week that will include a blessing for students, parents, teachers, and school staff. Pastor Abe Zimmerman will preach "Mysterious God: Part 2" from 1 Kings 19:11-18. The church will look at some of the different ways that God is mysterious but still knowable. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 a.m., followed by the worship service at 10 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church are available during worship. For those unable to attend in person, FUMC-S offers a livestream on Facebook and YouTube and a broadcast on WLIJ 98.7 FM and AM 1580.

Jumpstart your first day of school with a frig fresh breakfast



Call it "old school," but breakfast is vital for kids heading back to class. Try these quick and nutritious breakfast items in August from Feature Impact.

Busy families are looking for snacks that do more than simply satisfy hunger; they want foods that deliver great taste along with meaningful nutrition. That's one reason kiwifruit has become one of the fastest-growing fruits in the produce department with more shoppers discovering its sweet taste and impressive nutritional benefits.

With its vibrant golden flesh, smooth skin and juicy tropical-sweet flavor, kiwifruit makes it easy to enjoy a snack that's as delicious as it is nourishing. Whether packed into lunchboxes, sliced over breakfast or enjoyed straight from the fruit bowl, it's a simple way to add more nutrition to everyday routines.

Why Every Bite Matters

Kiwifruit is one of the most nutrient-dense fruits available, making it an ideal choice for busy families looking to maximize nutrition with minimal effort. When time is tight, choosing foods that deliver whole food nutrition becomes essential.

Naturally packed with vitamins and minerals, one fruit provides 100% of your daily vitamin C needs. Kiwi also provide potassium to support normal muscle and nerve function, vitamin E to help protect cells from everyday damage and folate to support healthy cell growth and development.

Sweet Flavor, Endless Possibilities

The versatility of sweet kiwifruit allows it to pair beautifully with everything from smoothies and yogurt bowls to salads, desserts and savory dishes.

For a fresh twist on breakfast, brunch or an afternoon snack, try this Kiwi and Whipped Feta Toast. Creamy whipped feta, ripe avocado and slices of sweet kiwi come together for a delicious balance of vitamins, minerals and vibrant flavor that's as nourishing as it is satisfying.

Kiwi and Whipped Feta Toast

- 3/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
 - 1/4 cup plain Greek yogurt
 - 8 small rustic bread slices, 3/4-inch thick, toasted
 - 2 kiwifruit, peeled and thinly sliced
 - 1 firm, ripe, avocado, peeled, pitted and sliced
 - extra-virgin olive oil
 - fresh basil
1. In small food processor, process crumbled feta cheese and Greek yogurt until smooth.
 2. Spread equal amounts onto bread slices and top with alternating slices of kiwi and avocado.
 3. Drizzle lightly with olive oil and sprinkle with basil before serving.
- Variation:** Omit avocado and use three kiwis.



VOTE

BO GILL

FOR BEDFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5

YOUR VOTE • YOUR VOICE • OUR COUNTY

Early Voting: July 17 - August 1
Election Date August 6th

-paid for by Bo Gill

NOTICE OF ELECTION

PRECINCT LOCATIONS ON ELECTION DAY AUGUST 6, 2026

Election Day hours for voting
are 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

101 Wartrace Baptist Church
105 Vine St N, Wartrace, TN

102 Bell Buckle Webb School - Gym
319 Webb Rd E, Bell Buckle, TN

203 Agriculture Center
2119 Midland Rd, Shelbyville, TN

303 Community Elem. School -Gym
3480 Hwy 41 A N, Unionville, TN

403 Bedford -WBTS Comm. Club
2020 Hwy 64 W, Shelbyville, TN

502 Flat Creek Comm. Cntr
115 New Herman Rd, Shelbyville, TN

505 Normandy First Bapt. Ch.
100 Center St, Normandy, TN

601 East Side School
421 Elliott St, Shelbyville, TN

701 Deery Eakin School- Gym
1100 Glen Oaks Rd, Shelbyville, TN

801 Thomas Magnet School - Gym
515 Tate Ave Shelbyville, TN

902 South Side School - Gym
903 S Cannon Blvd Shelbyville, TN

The Absentee Counting Board and the
Provisional Counting Board will be lo-
cated in the Election Commission Of-
fice, 100 Public Square West, Base-
ment, Shelbyville, TN 37160.

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