

Over 4,000 County voters click Curt Cobb for mayor

Thursday election turnout low; candidates happy with wins

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During the recent general election, a total of 9,422 registered voters (out of 31,268) made their choice for government leadership in the state primary and county general election. That's a local turnout just over 30%.

The ideal turnout percentage in an election is 70%, according to most pew polls. Still, Bedford County Mayor-Elect Curt Cobb was so thankful for those who did turn out and vote, because voters put him over the top in the numbers.

"To the voters of Bedford County, thank you. I am truly humbled by your trust and support. Whether you voted for me or another candidate, I will be your mayor too. I will listen, work hard, and serve every citizen of Bedford County."

He added, "Loren and I are incredibly grateful to everyone who supported, encouraged, and prayed for us along the way."

According to the Election

Commission, Cobb, an independent on the August ballot, received a total of 4,024 votes (44.10% of total votes cast Thursday.)

"The campaign is over. Now the work begins. Thank you for this honor. I am ready to serve, and I believe Bedford County's best days are still ahead."

Troy K. Thompson, now an outgoing County Commissioner, opted to run for mayor and lost to Cobb with just 23.61 % of votes cast.

See the full list of County Commissioners to take office in September on page 2 today. And a post-election column on page 3.

Republican mayoral candidate Chad Fletcher won the spring primary and was going strong for his party. But the school system employee took seriously ill during a forum prior to the election. Fletcher withdrew his candidacy, due to his health, but by state law had to remain on the ballot. Had he been declared the winner of the general election on Thursday, and then withdrew his name afterwards, the

County Commission would have had the task of selecting its candidate for mayor.

Fletcher still received 1,040 votes on election day. He placed second, overall, in the general election with a total of 2,231 votes (24.45%). This is including his early and absentee voting numbers.

Cobb ran for County mayor on a platform consisting of three principles, which he shared in a recent story with T-G readers: 1. Strengthen the local economy 2. Safer communities and schools 3. Infrastructure.

Whether it was one or all three of those principles or perhaps his experience at the state level and or his years of serving the community as clerk and master. Or perhaps it was because his family has served this community in various areas for decades; his dad was a local judge and his mom is a retired educator.

Whatever the reason, local voters chose independent candidate Cobb to be their government leader for the next 4

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Photo by Jay Graham

Mayor-elect Curt Cobb (left) is congratulated by outgoing County Mayor Chad Graham, following Cobb's win in the General Election on Thursday. Cobb will officially move over to the county executive office from clerk and master Sept. 1. Announcement is forthcoming from the Chancellor (Chancery Court) on Cobb's vacated position.

Call it a cliché:

There is a new sheriff in town

Nikia Elliott wins office in general election

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He's been deputy chief, now he's putting on the badge of sheriff. Nikia Elliott won last Thursday's general election for sheriff with 65.52% of the votes, according to the County Election Office.

A total of 9,223 votes were cast for sheriff, including 12

write-ins. However, because those write-in candidates did not fill out official certificate of write-in, they are not reviewed by the Election Office.

A total of 6,043 votes (counting absentee and early voting) were cast just for Elliott.

The new sheriff will serve Bedford County the next 4 years. Long-time sheriff Aus-

tin Swing is retiring.

Elliott's opponent and fellow Bedford County Sheriff's office employee, John Dale Sweeney, received 34.35% of total votes cast for sheriff.

So, what does the local sheriff do?

The position of sheriff does not have a traditional corporate "job description" because they are constitutional, elected officials. Instead of a traditional job description, their role, power, and mandatory tasks are established by the Tennessee Constitution and state statutes, guided by resources like County Tennessee Advisory Services (CTAS.) (Bedford County Government.)

Below are just a few requirements of the County sheriff, based on state law.

Minimum Qualifications (Reference Number: CTAS-1226)

After July 1, 1981, any person employed as a full-time deputy sheriff shall:

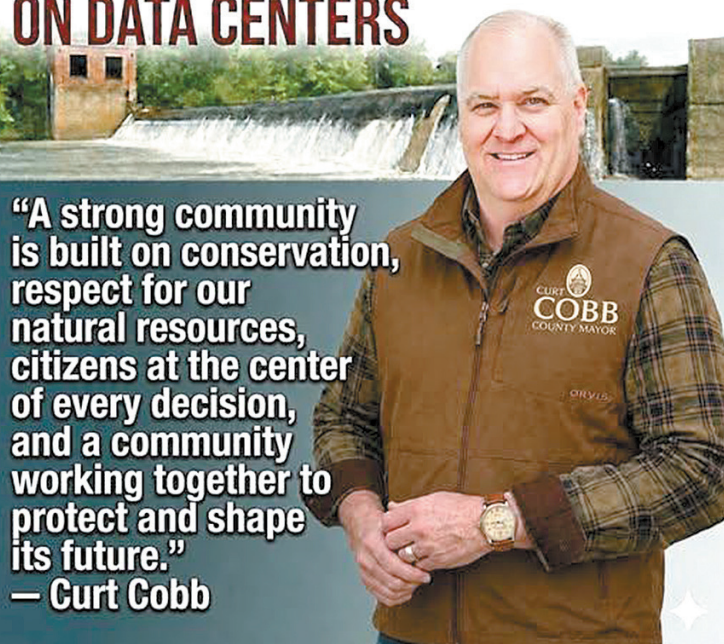
1. Be at least 18 years of age;
2. Be a citizen of the United States;
3. Be a high school graduate or possess its equivalency which shall include a general educational development (GED(R)) certificate;
4. Not have been convicted of or pleaded guilty to or entered a plea of nolo contendere to any felony charge or

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Bedford County Sheriff-elect Nikia Elliott, left, takes time to share with an old friend, James "Wilkie" Wilkerson, on election night.

A YEAR-LONG MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTERS



A hot issue right now, data center moratoriums, part of Curt Cobb's candidacy platform, seemed to build a strong bond within the community and likely helped him get elected as county mayor on Thursday. The County Commission passed a resolution on Tuesday night for a 1-year moratorium on local data centers.



GAS CARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Thank you to all that entered the T-G Back-to-School Fuel Contest. We thank Gary King and his stores for sponsoring this contest. Winners of the gas cards (and likely very happy customers) are as follows: Ann Watt-\$500; Brandy Bowers-\$100; Brandy Kurtz-\$100; James Cobble-\$100; Rita Ginther-\$100; Janice Gregory-\$100. Congratulations and thanks for entering!

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(R) Eric Maddox 715 - 36.50%

(I) Andrew McReynolds 437 - 22.31%

County Commissioner District 2



(I) Michael Gregory 571 - 32.89%

(I) Roy Turner 502 - 28.92%

(I) Ben Chapman 393 - 22.64%

(I) Bob Davis 268 - 15.44%

County Commissioner District 3



(I) Jason P. Sanders 460 - 33.95%

(I) Alex Mitchell 409 - 30.18%

(I) Jeromy L. Henderson 320 - 23.62%

(D) Patrick Coreno 96 - 7.08%

(I) Joel Pina 62 - 4.58%

County Commissioner District 4



(I) Diane Neeley 743 - 42.51%

(I) Anita Murray Epperson 591 - 33.81%

(I) Matthew Gragg 411 - 23.51%

County Commissioner District 5



(I) Brian K. Bruce 795 - 32.52%

(R) Brent E. Smith 732 - 29.94%

(I) Linda Bomar Yockey 539 - 22.04%

(I) Bo Gill 377 - 15.42%

County Commissioner District 6



(I) Jennifer Templeton 170 - 33.07%

(I) David Deason 165 - 32.10%

(I) Bill Anderson 115 - 22.37%

(I) Adam Thomas 63 - 12.26%

County Commissioner District 7



(I) Keith Davis 434 - 50.58%

(I) Sylvia Pinson 247 - 28.79%

(I) Brian Brenton 171 - 19.93%

County Commissioner District 8



(R) Jason K. Boyette 305 - 50.50%

(R) John Boutwell 290 - 48.01%

County Commissioner District 9



(I) Mark Thomas 488 - 56.09%

(I) P.T. Biff Farrar 371 - 42.64%

SHERIFF

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theft, dishonesty, gambling, liquor, controlled substances or controlled substance analogues; 5. Not have been released or discharged under any other than honorable discharge from any of the armed forces of the United States;

6. Have their fingerprints on file with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation;

7. Have passed a physical examination by a licensed physician;

8. Have a good moral character as determined by a thorough investigation conducted by the employing agency; and

9. Have been certified by a Tennessee licensed health care provider qualified in the psychiatric or psychological field as being free from any impairment, as set forth in the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) of the American Psychiatric Association at the time of the examination, that would, in the professional judgment of the examiner, affect the applicant's ability to perform an essential function of the job, with or without a reasonable accommodation.

It is the duty of the sheriff to ferret out, detect, and prevent crime; to secure evidence of crimes; and to apprehend and arrest criminals. Pursuant to statute, the sheriff must furnish the necessary deputies to carry out these duties. T.C.A. §§ 8-8-213, 38-3-102, and 38-3-108.

Each county is required by law to have a child protective team.

T.C.A. § 37-1-607(a)(1). Pursuant to the same statute, each team must have a properly trained law enforcement officer with countywide jurisdiction (i.e., a deputy sheriff) from the county where the child resides or where the alleged offense occurred. In addition, each team must be composed of one person from the Department of Children's Services, one representative from the office of the district attorney general, and one juvenile court officer or investigator from a court of competent jurisdiction. The team may also include a representative from

one of the mental health disciplines. T.C.A. § 37-1-607(a)(2).

The teams conduct child protective investigations of reported child sexual abuse and also support and provide appropriate services to sexually abused children. The team determines the level of risk for the child and the services, including medical evaluations, psychological evaluations and short-term psychological treatment, and casework and coordination. The Department of Children's Services is responsible for coordinating the services of these teams. T.C.A. § 37-1-607(a)(1).

Through legislation, the General Assembly has encouraged each sheriff to establish a child sex crime investigation unit within the sheriff's office for the purpose of investigating crimes involving the sexual abuse of children. T.C.A. § 37-1-603(b)(4)

(A)(v). To further this objective, as part of the annual in-service training requirement the sheriff and every deputy sheriff must receive training in the investigation of cases involving child sexual abuse, including law enforcement response to and treatment of victims of such crimes.

The sheriff is obligated to execute and return, according to law, the process and orders of the courts of record, and of all officers of competent authority, with due diligence, when delivered to the sheriff. The sheriff must attend upon all of the courts held in the county, cause the courtroom to be kept in order and obey the lawful orders and directions of the court. The sheriff also may be ordered to levy execution upon a defendant's property, first upon goods or chattels, if there are any, and land in order to satisfy judgment, and upon a surety's property in the proper case. Many of the sheriff's duties regarding service of process and other matters are detailed in T.C.A. § 8-8-201. The sheriff is charged with the custody and security of the courthouse unless the county legislative body assigns this duty to someone else. T.C.A. § 5-7-108.

Law enforcement duties, jail administration, and workhouse administration are explained in detail under the Public Safety topic.

The sheriff must interact with the county mayor and/or a finance/budget director as well as the county legislative body regarding the sher-



PICK UP THOSE ELECTION SIGNS!

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

State primary and general election signs have been spread over Tennessee, and this County, for the better part of a year. It is the responsibility of candidates-those no longer running for office in November-to pick those up. See our publisher's editorial today on page 3.

iff's budget and budget amendments. The exact procedures vary from county to county depending upon whether the county operates under a charter or optional general law regarding budgeting or has a private act dealing with this subject. However, all sheriffs must submit budget requests in a timely manner in the first half of each calendar year for inclusion in the county's annual budget. Most counties have budget committees that may recommend appropriations for the sheriff's budget that differ from the budget submitted by the sheriff. The county legislative body determines the amount of the sheriff's budget, subject to certain restrictions, such as not reducing the sheriff's budget for personnel without the consent of the sheriff and following the requirements of any court order regarding a salary suit for deputies or assistants or any other lawsuit that may have been filed to require the county legislative body to fund an adequate jail or otherwise meet its statutory or constitutional duties. In many counties, depending upon the applicable law, the county mayor has the authority to approve line item amendments to the sheriff's budget within major categories unrelated to personnel costs, whereas major category amendments require the approval of the county legislative body.

Since the sheriff waits upon the courts and serves process directed to the sheriff, the sheriff must interact with judges and chancellors holding court in the county as well as with the clerks serving these courts.

Clerks of court routinely add sheriff's fees to the bills of costs that are prepared in each case and collect these fees along with the fees of the clerks of court and other costs. Also, the sheriff or deputy must go before an official deemed a "magistrate" by state law to obtain arrest warrants, search warrants, and orders to a jailer to incarcerate a prisoner (mittimus).

The sheriff interacts with the office of the district attorney general in the vast majority of counties wherein the sheriff has law enforcement duties. It is the district attorney's office that prosecutes criminal cases in the courts with criminal jurisdiction that are held in the county. Therefore, a good working relationship with the district attorney's office is vital to successful law enforcement in the county. The district attorney's office also has investigators who can be very valuable in helping the sheriff carry out the sheriff's law enforcement duties.

‘Leaving Bedford Better’
County Commissioners, Mayor, take a bow on final night of business

By Dawn Hankins

During his last regular County Commission meeting Tuesday night, Mayor Chad Graham announced that a one-year moratorium is now in place regarding data centers in Bedford County. But the night was filled with sentiments more than anything, especially from outgoing County Commissioners. Greg Vick had a well-written speech he delivered to their fellow commissioners; he praised the work that has been done, especially in the 8 years by the County. He said the County has been distressed over the years but is now considered a prospering county. He told Mayor Graham that he has his “upmost respect and deep appreciation.”

Long-time Commissioners like Janice Brothers, Linda Yockey and Tony Smith were greatly honored for their public service. Graham talked about how long the Brothers have served the County, notable Janice’s late husband, Roger. Graham said ironically, he never thought his Cascade high school teacher, Yockey, would one day be serving with him at the Courthouse. Graham said outgoing Commissioner Bill Anderson hugged him prior to the meeting. Other Commissioners like Scott Johnson and Drew Hooker noted how much of a privilege it’s been to serve the community the last 4 years. It was announced also by Graham that outgoing Commissioner Adam Thomas is about to attend medic school on behalf of the County. Perhaps retired USAF Veteran and outgoing Commissioner Johnson said it best: “It takes a lot of courage to run for [public] office these days.”



Photo by John Carney, Bedford County Government

Ending their time Tuesday night, with Bedford County Board of Commission, from left, Adam Thomas, Bill Anderson, Scott Johnson, Linda Yockey, Mayor Chad Graham, Troy Thompson, Janice Brothers, Tony Smith, Greg Vick and Drew Hooker. Mayor Graham said while he and the Commissioners might not always have agreed, they were serving for the right reasons and in the end, truly “leaving Bedford Better.”

AD VERITAS
It’s Time to Get Those Signs Down

Daniel Richardson, Publisher/Owner

Well, for better or worse, the election is behind us. First, congratulations to those who won. Running for public office—especially at the local level—is not easy. It takes a tremendous amount of time, energy and, often, money. Winning means the campaign is over and the much more difficult work of actually serving begins. And to those who came up short, there is no shame in putting your name on a ballot and giving the voters a choice. Losing an election after months of work and anticipation has to be disappointing. Hopefully, after a little rest, many of

those candidates will continue finding ways to serve their communities. Now, winners and losers alike have one last campaign duty to perform. It’s time to pick up the signs. For months, our roadsides have been covered with them. Big signs. Little signs. Red ones. Blue ones. Homemade ones. Professionally printed ones. Signs tied to fences, driven into yards and clustered around seemingly every major intersection in the county. That’s part of election season. But election season is over. Tennessee law places the

responsibility on candidates to remove campaign signs that have been placed on highway rights-of-way or other publicly owned property within a reasonable amount of time after an election, with three weeks being the outside limit. Personally, I don’t think it should take anywhere near three weeks. I’ve heard candidates say the morning after an election that they intended to have every sign picked up that day. That is certainly a noble goal, but I don’t think it is particularly realistic in a countywide race. A serious campaign may have hundreds—or perhaps

thousands—of signs scattered across a county. The candidate probably did not personally put every one of them out, and he or she probably has no idea where every last one ended up. I don’t expect them all to disappear overnight. But give it a week and make a good-faith effort. Candidates had volunteers and supporters willing to spend evenings and weekends putting those signs out. Now is the time to send a few text messages, load up the truck and drive those same roads in reverse. Think of it as the final campaign event. Private property is another matter. If someone wants to keep a campaign sign in his yard long after the election,

that is his business, subject, of course, to whatever local rules apply. If you want to leave it beside the Christmas decorations that are still hanging from the gutters in August, have at it. But public property is public property. The temporary privilege of filling our roadsides with campaign advertising comes with an equally reasonable expectation that the advertising goes away once the campaign is finished. It is partly a matter of appearance. After several months of campaigning, it is nice to see the community return to normal. The election has been decided. The advertisements have served their purpose. Now let’s get the roadsides cleaned up. But I also think it says something about a candidate. Putting up signs is easy when you want something from the voters. Taking them down after the voters have made their decision—especially when that decision did not go your way—is part of finishing what you started. That may be an admittedly small measure of responsibility, but sometimes small things tell us something about larger habits. I would not expect local governments to spend much time or taxpayer money chasing down every leftover political sign. There are more important things for city and county employees to do. And I certainly would not recommend that citizens start some wild campaign-sign vigilantism, pulling up signs

wherever they find them. You may not know whether a particular sign is actually on public or private property, and there is no reason to create a confrontation over a piece of corrugated plastic. Leave the cleanup to the campaigns and the appropriate authorities. But candidates and their supporters should take responsibility for what they put out. If you helped put up signs, help take them down. If someone allowed you to place one on private property, go retrieve it unless the property owner wants to keep it. Drive the routes you drove during the campaign and look for the ones you missed. Three weeks may be the legal outside limit for signs on public property, but hopefully we won’t need anywhere near that long. The voters have spoken. The winners have been congratulated. The candidates who came up short can hold their heads high for having participated in the process. Now there is just one thing left to do. Everybody grab a pickup truck. It’s time to get those signs down.

ELECTION

years. Cobb, 54, previously served as a Democratic member of the Tennessee House of Representatives for the 62nd district, which encompasses Bedford County and parts of Lincoln County and Rutherford County. Cobb began his service in the 103rd Tennessee General Assembly. The now mayor-elect was a member of the House Commerce Committee, the House Health and Human Resources Committee, and the Joint Business Tax Committee. He also served as chair of the House Small Business Subcommittee. In addition, he was a member of the Shelbyville Zoning Commission. He formerly operated Cobb Realty and Auction, LLC, until it merged into Rowland & Cobb

Realtors. He has worked as both a real estate broker and auctioneer. Cobb graduated from Shelbyville Central High School. He obtained his associate of applied science degree in electronic engineering technology from ITT Technical Institute. In 2009, Cobb resigned from his House seat, in his fourth term, to serve as Bedford County Clerk and Master (court clerk.)

His father, Ty Cobb, was judge over the Circuit Court here for many years. Cobb remembers walking the halls of the courthouse as a kid. He said during his campaign this year, “It’s hard to believe it has been almost 23 years since my dad, Ty Cobb, passed away. I was blessed beyond measure to have a dad I could also call my best friend. Even while battling cancer, he always had a smile on his

face. I still meet people who share stories of his kindness, humor, and the difference he made in their lives. Those conversations remind me that life is about people, relationships, and service to others, and that a life lived in service leaves a lasting impact. I miss him every day and remain grateful for the example he set, which continues to inspire my own commitment to public service.”

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Lokey re-elected
Bell Buckle Mayor



New Property Assessor
Emily Hodges



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Tonya Davis



Register of Deeds
Johnny Reed

We vote not because we're liberal or conservative, but because we are American citizens, and that is our responsibility.

GEORGE W. BUSH

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Thank you to those who voted in the recent County election. The community believed it was time for change and stood courageously. I pray for those, for whatever reason, were unable to cast a vote. The task is done. The rite of passage in former tenures is in the winds of history. To match the mark of democracy takes courage, patience and fortitude. You, the American voter, are greatly honored and appreciated, today.

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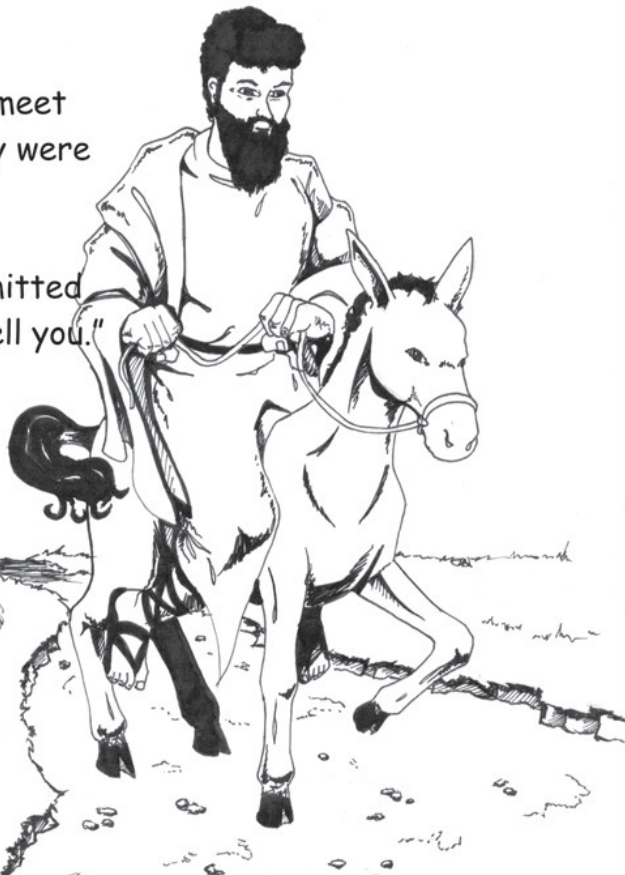
TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

Balak, Balaam, a Talking Donkey and An Angel of the Lord Numbers 22

Balak was a king of Moab and feared the approaching Israelites. He sent for the prophet, Balaam, asking him to put a curse on the Israelites so that he would be able to defeat them in battle and drive them out of the country.

God warned Balaam not to go with Balak's men to meet Balak and not to curse the Israelites because they were a blessed people. Balaam obeyed God. A second group of Balak's men came and insisted that Balaam go with them to meet Balak. God permitted Balaam to go but warned him to, "do only what I tell you."

Balaam went with the Moabite princes, riding his donkey. But the Lord was angry with him for choosing to go with them. God's choice was that Balaam not go but He did not keep him from going. (Continued next week: The Donkey Talks).



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Obituaries

Dorothy Cast Allison

Dorothy Cast Allison, a beloved mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully on August 6, 2026, at the age of 88. Born on October 25, 1937, in Lawton, Oklahoma, Dorothy was a vibrant spirit whose warmth and kindness touched the lives of everyone she met.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her cherished husband of 60 years, Vernon Allison; sister Glenda Hurst; and her beloved granddaughter, Krista Foster. She leaves behind a loving family, including her son, Mark Allison; her daughter, Susan Allison; as well as her treasured grandchildren, and her treasured great grandchildren, who will forever hold her memory in their hearts.

A proud native of Lawton, Oklahoma, Dorothy found her second home in Arizona, a place she loved dearly. She dedicated several years of her professional life to Honeywell, where she was known for her exceptional work ethic and unwavering dedication.

After retiring, Dorothy along with her be-



loved husband moved to Shelbyville, Tn., to be closer to their son and daughter-in-law's family. She also was a member of the Eastside Church of Christ.

Dorothy's legacy is one of love, resilience, joy and community. She will be remembered for her generous spirit, infectious laughter, love, and the countless memories she created with her family and friends.

A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to American Cancer Society that goes towards helping cancer patients in Dorothy's honor.

Dorothy Cast Allison will be deeply missed, but her spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

ICAC investigation leads to multiple arrests and identification of two victims

Bedford County Sheriff's Office Report

A thorough investigation conducted by members of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force has resulted in multiple arrests and the identification of two victims.

Detective Sergeant Chris Brown and Detective Savannah Martin with the Bedford County Sheriff's Office, both Task Force Officers with ICAC, conducted an extensive investigation involving Brandon Zeigler. As a result of that investigation, Zeigler has been charged with two counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor.

During the course of the investigation, Det. Sgt. Brown and Det. Martin were able to identify two separate victims, allowing investigators to take immediate action and continue following the evidence beyond the



initial investigation.

One of the victims was identified in Columbia, Tennessee. Information developed during the investigation was quickly relayed to the appropriate jurisdiction, where an additional female suspect was identified and charged.

A second victim was also identified through the investigation, resulting in Destiny Carswell being charged with Aggravated Sexual Exploitation of a Minor.

The Bedford County Sheriff's Office would like to recognize and thank Investigator Jamiee Seltz with the Columbia Police Department for her swift response and immediate action in assisting with



the investigation and making an arrest.

We would also like to thank Detective Sergeant Samuel Campbell with the Shelbyville Police Department Digital Forensics Unit for his assistance and the critical digital forensic work conducted during this investigation.

Cases involving the exploitation of children rarely stop at jurisdictional boundaries. Investigations such as this demonstrate the importance of cooperation between local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies and the resources provided through the ICAC Task Force.

Investigators are ask-

ing anyone who may have additional information regarding Brandon Zeigler, or who believes they or someone they know may have had inappropriate contact with Zeigler, to contact the Bedford County Sheriff's Office. Any information, regardless of how insignificant it may seem, could be important to the ongoing investigation.

The Bedford County Sheriff's Office remains committed to identifying those who exploit children, locating and protecting victims, and working alongside our law enforcement partners to hold offenders accountable.

We are especially proud of the diligent work of Det. Sgt. Brown and Det. Martin and grateful for every investigator and agency whose cooperation helped identify these victims and bring this investigation to this point.

Death Notices

Angelique Thompson Long

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Emma Matilda Mann-Holston

February 26, 1938 - August 2, 2016
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AGRICULTURAL CAREER DREAMS HAPPENING

BCS Communications Photo

The barn with the Community High School Ag Department is up and running! Students recently participated in a goat show. A 16-foot trailer is available, thanks to the Co-op!

NOTICE

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) §6-56-203, The Town of Normandy, Tennessee publishes its annual budget ordinance setting forth its financial plan for the ensuing fiscal year, specifically including, as set forth in subsection (1) of the previously-cited code, the proposed expenditures for each department, board, office or other agency of the municipality, and in addition, the expenditures for corresponding items for the last preceding fiscal year, projected expenditures for the current fiscal year, and reasons for recommended departures from current appropriation pattern, if any be, specifically, as follows:

ORDINANCE No. 2026-3

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORMANDY, TENNESSEE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

WHEREAS, Tenn. Code Ann. § 9-1-116 requires that all funds of the State of Tennessee and all its political subdivisions shall first be appropriated before being expended and that only funds that are available shall be appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Budget Law of 1982 requires that the governing body of each municipality adopt and operate under an annual budget ordinance presenting a financial plan with at least the information required by the state statute, that no municipality may expend any moneys regardless of the source except in accordance with a budget ordinance and that the governing body shall not make any appropriation in excess of estimated available funds; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has published the annual operating budget and budgetary comparisons of the proposed budget with the prior year (actual) and the current year (estimated) in a newspaper of general circulation not less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting where the Board will consider final passage of the budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NORMANDY, TENNESSEE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That the governing body projects anticipated revenues from all sources and appropriates planned expenditures for each department, board, office or other agency of the municipality, herein presented together with the actual annual receipts and expenditures of the last preceding fiscal year and the estimated annual expenditures for the current fiscal year, and from those revenues and unexpended and unencumbered funds as follows for the fiscal year 2027, and including the projected ending balances for the budget year, the actual ending balances for the most recent ended fiscal year and the estimated ending balances for the current fiscal year.

GENERAL FUND	Actual FY 2025	Actual FY 2026	Budget FY 2027
Revenues	\$25,131.51	\$25,488.69	\$25,488.69
Local Taxes and State Taxes			
Licenses and Permits	\$1,794.00	\$2,268.00	\$2,268.00
Intergovernmental (Ad valorem)			
Charges for Services USPS Rental	\$4,600.00	\$4,600.00	\$4,600.00
Property Taxes	\$9,335.00	\$9,335.00	\$9,335.00
Fines and Forfeitures			
Other (Interest or Reserves CD interest)	\$3,425.86	\$3,084.41	\$3,084.41
Other Financing Sources			
Issuance of Debt/Debt Proceeds			
Sale of Capital Assets			
Transfer In- from other funds			
Transfer In- from other funds (PILOT)			
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$44,286.37	\$44,775.69	\$44,775.69
Appropriations			
Expenditures			
Department of Administration	\$25,480.00	\$27,504.00	\$27,504.00
Police Department			
Fire Department			
Office of Building Inspector			
Parks Department (Bushhogging & Maintenance)	\$4,300.00	\$4,900.00	\$4,900.00

Debt Service - Principal and Interest			
Other Financing Uses			
Transfers Out to other funds (Garage pick up mowing)	\$13,200.00	\$13,200.00	\$13,200.00
Total Appropriations	\$42,980.00	\$45,604.00	\$45,604.00
<i>Change in Fund Balance (Revenues - Appropriations)</i>			
<i>Beginning Fund Balance July 1</i>			
<i>Ending Fund Balance June 30</i>			
<i>Ending Fund Balance as a % of Total Appropriations</i>			
SECTION 2: At the end of the fiscal year 2026, the governing body estimates fund Balances as follows:			
	Estimated Fund Balance/Net		
	Position at June 30, 2026		
	\$38,203.17		
General Fund			
State Street Street Aid Fund			
Solid Waste Fund			
Drug Fund			
Water & Sewer Fund			

SECTION 3: That the governing body herein certifies that the condition of its sinking Funds, if applicable, are compliant pursuant to its bond covenants, and recognizes that the municipality has outstanding bonded and other indebtedness as follows: **Not Applicable**

SECTION 4: During the coming fiscal year (2027) the governing body has pending and Planned capital projects with proposed funding as follows: **Not Applicable**

SECTION 5: No appropriation listed above may be exceeded without an amendment of the budget ordinance as required by the Municipal Budget Law of 1982 (Tenn. Code Ann. § 6-56-208). In addition, no appropriation may be made in excess of available funds except to provide for an actual emergency threatening the health, property or lives of the inhabitants of the municipality and declared by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of at least a quorum of the governing body in accord with Tenn. Code Ann § 6-56-205.

SECTION 6: Money may be transferred from one appropriation to another in the same Fund in any of up to \$300.00 by the Mayor, subject to such limitations and Procedures as set by the Governing Body pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann § 6-56- 209. Any resulting transfers shall be reported to the governing body at its Next regular meeting and entered into the minutes.

SECTION 7: A detailed financial plan will be attached to this budget and become part of This budget ordinance.

SECTION 8: There is hereby levied a property tax of \$0.392900 per \$100 of assessed value on all real and personal property.

SECTION 9: This annual operating and capital budget ordinance and supporting documents shall be submitted to the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's Designee for approval pursuant to Title 9, Chapter 21 of the Tennessee Code Annotated within fifteen (15) days of its adoption. If the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's Designee determines that the budget does not comply with the Statutes, the Governing Body shall adjust its estimates or make additional tax levies sufficient to comply with the Statutes or as directed by the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's Designee.

SECTION 10: All unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall lapse and revert to the respective fund balances.

SECTION 11: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with any provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 12: This ordinance shall take effect July 1, 2026, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed 1st Reading: July 20, 2026

Passed 2nd Reading:

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen shall meet on Monday, August 24, 2026, at 5:00 P.M. at Normandy Town Hall, Front Street, Normandy, Tennessee.

This the 11th day of August, 2026.
Cody Sharrock, Mayor
The Town of Normandy, Tennessee

- CLUES ACROSS
- 1) Not now or the future

5) Tolkien villains

9) Tea-producing state in India

14) Creative input

15) Not a happy fate

16) Neutral shade

17) Very pleasing

20) Arm counterparts of fibulae

21) Parceled out

22) Continuing indefinitely

25) Van Gogh lost one

26) Primitive percussion instrument

28) Filly, after maturing

32) Collapsible topper

37) Ready for a break

38) Good time for a walk hand-in-hand

41) Chats

42) Become very thin

43) Lid lump

44) Mortal danger

46) Appliance with blades

47) Violent storm

53) Birds of a region

58) Helper, essentially
- CLUES DOWN
- 1) Excite, as interest or curiosity

2) Grown up

3) View from the Left Bank

4) Golden Horde member

5) ___man out

6) Sturgeon product

7) Carbonated beverage

8) Grin bearer

9) More than hate

10) Small paving stone

11) Recipe directive

12) Malaria symptom

13) Pinochle combo

18) Poetic time after dusk

19) Feeling happy appreciation

23) Turkish commander (Var.)

24) Give money, and expect it back

- 27) Absolute

28) Kind of computer

29) Stirring solo performance

30) It's overhead

31) Boner's target

32) Withdraws (with "out")

33) Land map part

34) Hard to hang on to

35) Tool for deciduous foliage

36) Cousin of a zebra

37) Gumshoe

39) Send out matter

40) Dell, poetically

44) Revere in history

45) Cluster of nine

46) Diamond side

48) Daisy ___ of Dogpatch

49) Blame for, as a crime

50) Murphy who played Klumps

51) Unloads

52) Secret encounter

53) Lookout, perhaps

54) On the qui ___ (watchful)

55) Macintosh screen symbol

56) Bag-shaped fish trap

57) Prominent '70s hairstyle

60) Get of (discard)

61) Words of commitment

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Democrat Akers of Bell Buckle challenges incumbent Marsh for state representative seat

Brieanna (Brie) Akers of Bell Buckle was recently chosen as the Democratic nominee for State Representative for the 62nd District, which covers Bedford, Moore, and part of Lincoln counties.

“Fiscal responsibility and strong local representation are critical for families like mine and yours as we experience some of the most economically difficult times in decades. As a political newcomer I believe that I am capable of repre-

senting you with the energy and motivation that these times require,” said Akers.

Akers, 38, has lived in Bedford County for 34 years. She attended Cascade K-12th and has worked as an independent Medicare insurance agent.

“If elected, I will focus on the rising cost of living and stagnant wages for average Tennesseans. The minimum wage hasn’t increased in 17 years, despite the fact that it was

created by FDR with the idea that it should increase as inflation weakens the power of our dollar.”

Akers added, “I support and will advocate for term limits. I have signed the term limits on congress pledge. Please look into it and encourage ALL elected officials to sign. Our elected officials should be constantly preparing younger generations to take over instead of serving a lifetime. As much as I appreciate any person that

serves their community, I do think it is time for someone with new ideas to represent our district.”

She added, “Mr. Marsh has been the representative for nearly 20 years and is nearly 80 years old. It is time for a new generation to lead Tennessee politics, because at this point the people representing us do not understand the challenges we face as everyday Tennesseans.”

“I am running as a Democrat. However,

the D beside my name will not dictate my vote. I am a big believer in doing what is right for everyone. I vow that I will vote based on conscience. I hate to see politicians that vote merely based upon right vs. left

instead of focusing on right vs. wrong. I vow to fight for what is right for the people that live in my district first and foremost. I am dedicated to seeing the people do well, in seeing my neighbors enjoy the liberty and justice of our great constitution, and in seeing the needs of the people of District 62 served fully.”



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SWEET! By Henry Quarters

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Default having been made in the terms, conditions, and payments provided in a certain Deed of Trust dated JULY 27, 2022, executed by COURTNEY OLDS, UNMARRIED, to TRINITY TITLE, LLC, Trustee, of record in BOOK TD1061, PAGE 475, CORRECTED BY SCRIVENER'S AFFIDAVIT OF RECORD IN BOOK D376, PAGE 441, AND MODIFIED IN BOOK TD1141, PAGE 283, for the benefit of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR CMG MORTGAGE, INC. DBA CMG FINANCIAL, in the Register's Office for BEDFORD County, Tennessee and to J. PHILLIP JONES AND/OR JESSICA D. BINKLEY, either of whom may act, appointed as Substitute Trustee in an instrument of record in the Register's Office for BEDFORD County, Tennessee, to secure the indebtedness described; WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was last assigned to TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, the entire indebtedness having been declared due and payable by TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, being the present owner/holder or authorized agent, designee or servicer of the holder/owner of said indebtedness, has requested foreclosure proceedings to be instituted; and as provided in said Deed of Trust, I, J. PHILLIP JONES/JESSICA D. BINKLEY, will by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Substitute Trustee, on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M., LOCAL TIME AT THE FRONT STEPS OF THE BEDFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN SHELBYVILLE, BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, sell to the highest bidder for cash, free from the equity of redemption, homestead, and dower, and all other exemptions which are expressly waived, and subject to any unpaid taxes, if any, the following described property in BEDFORD County, Tennessee, to wit:

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Estate of Nellie Mearse, Deceased

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

This the 24 th day of July, 2026.

/s/ Betty Ann Rogers, Executrix

/s/ John T. Bobo, Bobo, Hunt & White, Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (862tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Reginald Norris Workman, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on July 31, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Reginald Norris Workman, who died 06/26/2026, 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:

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

This the 31st day of July, 2026.

/s/ Marcus Peter Bak, Executor

/s/ Pro Se, Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (8132tp)

IN THE CIRCUIT FOR BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE
AT SHELBYVILLE

MARIANNA KALUZHNYA,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) No. 14619
SERGEY O. MILASHUK,)
Defendant.)

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

This cause came to be heard on the 23rd day of July, 2026, before the Honorable Wyatt Burke, Judge of the Circuit Court for Bedford County, Tennessee, upon the motion for publication and supporting affidavits filed by the Plaintiff, Marianna Kaluzhnaya, with the court finding that due diligence has been made by Plaintiff and Counsel for Plaintiff to attempt to serve and/or locate the defendant, Sergey O. Milashuk, and it appears his whereabouts are unknown and unascertainable, and that said motion is well taken and shall therefore, be granted.

It is therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that due diligence has been made by Plaintiff and Counsel for Plaintiff to attempt to serve and/or locate the Defendant, Sergey O. Milashuk, and it appears his whereabouts are unknown and unascertainable, and publication shall be issued in this cause for four consecutive weeks in the Shelbyville Times Gazette, a newspaper published in Shelbyville, Tennessee, requiring that the defendant, Sergey O. Milashuk, to appear before the clerk of said court on or before thirty days after the last publication hereof and file an answer to the complaint for divorce, filed by the Plaintiff, Marianna Kaluzhnaya, or otherwise, said complaint for divorce will proceed exparte.

ENTERED this 4 day of August, 2026

/s/ JUDGE WYATT BURKE

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

/s/ HEATHER R. KNOTT #022880

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Larry Charles Perry Deceased

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

This the 31st day of July, 2026.

/s/ Wayne Charles Perry, Administrator

/s/ Trisha L Henegar, Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (8132tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of James B Keese, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on July 31, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of James B Keese, who died 03/07/2026, 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:

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This the 31st day of July, 2026.

/s/ James G Keese, Administrator

/s/ Trisha L Henegar, Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (8132tp)

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF BEDFORD COUNTY,
TENNESSEE AT SHELBYVILLE

GLORIA D. SCALES JOHNSON,)
GEORGE E. SCALES, JR., and)
CLARENCE W. SCALES,)
Petitioners,)
vs.) No. 35.826
The Heirs of Michael Scales, Sr.,)
and Michael Jerome Smith)
Respondents.)

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION IN LIEU OF PERSONAL SERVICE

This cause came on to be heard upon the Motion for Publication and Affidavit for Publication and support thereof, the entire record from all of which the Court finds that publication should be issued in accordance with the Motion.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that publication be made for them for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Shelbyville Times Gazette, a newspaper of general circulation published in Shelbyville, Tennessee, notifying them to file a written plea or answer to the petition in this cause with the Court at the Judicial Center in Shelbyville, Tennessee, and serve a copy thereof with Petitioners' Attorney, W. Andrew Bobo, of Shelbyville, Tennessee, on or before 30 days from the last date of publication herein, and if you fail to do so, the Petitioners will apply to the Court for judgment by default against you for the relief demanded in the Petition and this cause will be set for hearing, ex-parte.

ENTERED this 24 day of July

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

BOBO, HUNT & WHITE

/s/ W. Andrew Bobo, BPR #022443

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/s/ Angela Hayes, Dep CLERK AND MASTER (864tc)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Diana W. Willis, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on July 24, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Diana W. Willis, who died 04/1/2026, 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:

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This the 24th day of July, 2026.

/s/ Tonya Wells, Executrix

/s/ Megan K. Trott, Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (862tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Gary Lee Adcock, Deceased

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This the 24th day of July, 2026.

/s/ Dustin Adcock, Administrator

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

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (862tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Ronald T. Jackson, Deceased

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This the 24 th day of July, 2026.

/s/ Kenneth Grant Jackson, Executor

/s/ John T. Bobo, Bobo, Hunt & White, Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (862tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Sylvia C. Wilkins, Deceased

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This the 24th day of July, 2026.

/s/ Shannon Taylor, Executor

/s/ Megan K. Trott, Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (862tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Bennie Burdette Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on July 24, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Bennie Burdett, who died 04/27/2026, 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:

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This the 24th day of July, 2026.

/s/ Wayne Charles Perry, Administrator

/s/ Trisha L Henegar, Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (8132tp)

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Fourth-Consecutive Trip to State on Horizon for Lady Champs Soccer

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BELL BUCKLE, Tenn. — Four years ago, the Cascade Lady Champions soccer team had never been to the State Tournament. Sure, in their history, they had fallen short right at the doorstep in the sectional round, but they had never busted through the door to Chattanooga. Fast-forward four years, and the Lady Champions are now one of the most consistent programs in Middle Tennessee coming off of their third-consecutive trip to the ultimate destination.

“Our seniors have always ended their season at the state tournament,” Lady Champs’ Head Coach Wendy Williams said, “That’s not normal, but for them it is. They can’t get complacent, and we have to keep working hard because everyone else is working hard this summer and continuing to grow. For us to continue doing what we’ve been able to do, we can’t get complacent and think it’s just going to happen. It’s only happened because of all their hard work. I told them the other day, they haven’t had years where they haven’t gone to state, but we as coaches definitely have. Like this was not the norm until a few years ago. In their minds, it’s just what they do, but we know as coaches that it’s going to take a lot of work and fight to get to that point.”

After graduating two members of last year’s team in Ella McGeary — four goals and two assists as a winger — and Kaydence Bynum, the Lady Champions still have just three seniors on this year’s squad: Kyla Pulley, Claire Smithson, and Brinlee Collet.

“They have different personalities and different leadership styles,” said Williams, “Kyla is a dog. She’s ag-



The 2025 Cascade Lady Champions celebrate winning the region 5-A Championship at Chapel Hill. Cascade finished 15-3-1 (8-0) last season with a state tournament appearance. T-G Photo Archive.

gressive, she’s always giving 110%, she’ll run over somebody. Claire in the middle, she’s very consistent and always moving. She talks to everybody, and she always seems to be in the right spot. She’ll find the ball or know where it’s going and be in the right spot. Brinlee, we’ve played her all over the place, and she’s scored quite a bit for us. She’s very encouraging, and brings a lot of positive energy on the field. She’s so supportive of the team on the field along with her skills. She’s good at communicating. I think all three of them bring different things, but they compliment each other.”

Williams’ three seniors have all played significant roles and minutes for the last couple of years, highlighted by Collet scoring the third-most goals on the

team in 2025 by reaching double-figures with 10 goals to go along with three assists as a forward.

Pulley managed to find the back of the net four times while also tallying three assists, and Smithson finished with two goals and four assists from her deep-lying midfield role.

The most notable returners from last year’s team — or at least the two most well-known — are Lexi Comstock and Olivia Winnett, the team’s two top goalscorers. Comstock was by far the most prolific player in District 9-A last season, scoring an incredible 32 goals to go along with three assists. Winnett, playing in a No. 10 role behind the striker to maximize her playmaking ability, still scored 18 goals while dishing out five assists.

Not to be overshadowed by her teammates, Kaylee Martin provided a dynamism from the left wing that electrified the Cascade attack for much of the year last season. Martin bagged six goals with a team-high nine assists.

“We’ve had discussions about how they [Lexi Comstock, Olivia Winnett, Kaylee Martin] will have to be very creative because every opponent will be looking for them and focusing on them since they’ve been so prolific scoring,” said Williams, “I feel like they’ve grown a lot over the summer in their thinking and movement. Lexi has worked hard to find things that she can do beyond just her speed and shooting ability. She’s working hard to be dangerous all over. Of course, Olivia is so good at reading the field and being able to feed the ball to whoever is open. Kaylee Martin is always making some crazy runs and gets open in so many areas. She’s so fast and strong and dangerous out on the field already, but playing in complimentary positions as well with each other is going to be fun to watch this year.”

In defense and midfield, the Lady Champions return a couple of rising sophomores that grew up fast and played vital roles as freshmen a season ago.

“They were young last year,” Williams said about the 2025 squad, “Kenzie Bledsoe was a freshman in the backline. Every returner has stepped up in leadership. They’re holding themselves more accountable. It’s a lot of personal growth in their leadership abilities and their desire to have the team mesh together. They care about team bonding and they care about each other as a

person.”

Alayna Ormiston is the other rising sophomore, and she played a significant amount of minutes in the midfield alongside Smithson and Winnett. Williams also says new transfer Aliana Leverette will log big minutes in midfield this season as well. In defense, along with Bledsoe, Sophia Mastrosimone and Pulley form a formidable backline that has proven difficult to break down.

One rising freshman that Williams is excited to see is Adalyn Nelms. Nelms will be playing up front with the already dynamic trio of Comstock, Collet, and Martin, and it will be interesting to see how the Lady Champions incorporate Nelms into the fold.

“Adalyn [Nelms] is going to surprise a lot of people up top as a freshman,” said Williams, “She’s a bit smaller, but she is fast and just finds ways to score. Her and Lexi play off of each other so well. I’m very excited about it. Because Lexi gives 110%, I think it helps Adalyn to rise up to that level and play that hard as well. Lexi is being a leader by example in that way. The combinations that we can create up top will be exciting to watch.”

“I think the amount of options we have in attack is what excites me,” she continued, “It doesn’t all have to be just Lexi. We know she’s going to score, but if they’re over-committing to her, we have other options.”

Despite all the prolific returners and success from this batch of girls, Williams says that they don’t talk much about the October tournament much at this point in the season.

“We don’t even really talk about where

we want to go long-term during the season,” she said, “We take things one game at a time and just want to get better in each game. There will be so many things that happen between now and then. I feel like it would put undue pressure on them if we talked about it a ton entering the season.”

Even though that is the goal, Williams says that every past trip to the state tournament has provided wonderful opportunities to learn and grow both as a program and as an individual team.

“Every year we’ve learned something different about our team,” she said, “The girls have learned that they just need to push harder at State than any preceding game they’ve played that season. The fact that they’ve been before, they understand that despite everything surrounding the event, it’s just another game on the schedule. Last year, they were very receptive to changes we needed to make to be competitive, and I thought they hung pretty well in that first half [against Merrol Hyde]. I think every year we learn to be proud of what we have. To be such a small school and to still accomplish these things, the girls just build more strength and resilience every year that we go.”

With all the recent success, both her and people around the program feel like the bar is being raised for not just Girls’ Soccer, but all sports at the school moving forward.

“It’s exciting because it feels like the standard at Cascade is rising. I think we have a lot of good kids coming up, and I think things are only going to continue to improve,” Williams said.

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Cascade’s Lexi Comstock (8) put together a sensational sophomore season in 2025, netting a team-high 32 goals with three assists en route to the Lady Champions’ third-consecutive state tournament appearance. She returns as one of the best juniors in Class A. Photo courtesy of David Smith.

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One way the Lady Champions have been able to improve during the season has been Williams’ tough non-region scheduling, and she has booked her team’s participation in the 2026 Smoky Mountain Cup. She has also secured a late-season matchup with Coffee County, a Class AAA school.

“We’ve tried to schedule more difficult teams that will push us outside of our district so we can be ready for the postseason,” she explained. Every year, we’ve learned that we need a variety of experiences. We also have a lot of away games because we need to be able to play well on the road and in different environments so they don’t have to be nervous at the end of the season.”

“The teams we play at the Smoky Mountain Cup are all so good,” she continued, “For one thing, you’re away together and gives the girls a chance to bond as a

team, but also, it gives us a chance to see teams that we would never see. We get to see how we hold up against teams from other areas. Last year it was so good for our girls to mesh as a team with the quick turnaround for games. There’s so much progress that happens over one weekend when you play three games. When you come back, it’s like they know each other much better and read each other better on the field. This year, we’re playing one game on Friday night followed by two games on Saturday just like last year. By Saturday night they are exhausted, but it made them push through, and it allowed them to see how far they can push themselves. It kind of proved something to themselves when we hung in all three of those games.”

The Lady Champions used both the Coffee County matchup and the Smoky Mountain Cup to springboard their way to another Region 5-A championship

at Chapel Hill, although they uncharacteristically fell to the Lady Rockets in the District 9-A title game the week prior.

Cascade knows coming into the season that the reigning state champions in Class A, Westview, will likely win Region 6-A with little difficulty, so winning Region 5-A and avoiding the Chargers in the state sectional round like they did in 2025 is paramount.

Even with this knowledge to drive them, Williams acknowledges that practice isn’t always easy. Not because of any lack of effort on the girls’ part, but simply due to numbers.

“Our numbers are lower this year,” she admitted, “We only have 16 field players, and practice is difficult sometimes. We didn’t get to start doing 11v11 until a couple weeks ago, and we’re still working on getting that chemistry back to what it was before. It’s a whole rhythm they have to get back. It’s not such a low number



Wendy Williams (pictured) has led the Lady Champions to the Class A State Tournament the last three seasons. In that time, she has compiled a combined record of 42-6-2 (22-2), three Region 5-A titles, and two District 9-A titles. Williams is hoping to break down the next door in the program’s history this season by winning a game at the state tournament.

Photo courtesy of David Smith.



Cascade’s Olivia Winnett (15) scored 18 goals and dished out five assists in a breakout sophomore campaign in 2025.

Photo courtesy of David Smith.

that we’re hurting, but it’s a bit lower than what we’re used to. In two years we’ll have enough to form a JV team, so it just goes like that sometimes.”

Even with the lower-than-usual numbers, Williams wants everyone tuning into the Lady Champions’ season this year to know what to expect from the girls out on the field.

“I think the fans are going to see some girls who are mentally and physically very tough,” she concluded, “They’re going to fight through everything to be successful. It may not always happen for us, but that is the mentality that they go into every game with, and I think that makes it fun and exciting to watch. You definitely

want to cheer for them.”

Cascade fell 5-0 to Merrol Hyde after trailing 2-0 at halftime in the Class A State Quarterfinals in 2025. Merrol Hyde reached the state title game where they ultimately lost to Westview, 2-0. The Lady Champions’ 2026 season-opener is on the road on Monday, August 18, against the Huntland Hornets in a District 9-A matchup with kickoff set for 6:30 p.m. The home opener is scheduled for August 27th against Chapel Hill.

2026 CASCADE SOCCER SCHEDULE

- Aug. 18 – AT Huntland*
- Aug. 21-23 – Smoky Mtn. Cup
- Aug. 25 – AT Community*

- Aug. 27 – VS Chapel Hill*
- Sep. 8 – AT Fayetteville*
- Sep. 10 – VS Huntland*
- Sep. 15 – VS MT Eagles
- Sep. 17 – VS Community*
- Sep. 22 – AT Chapel Hill*
- Sep. 29 – VS Fayetteville* (Senior Night)
- Oct. 1 – AT Coffee Co.
- Oct. 8 – VS Cannon Co.
- Oct. 13-15 – District 9-A Tournament
- Oct. 20-22 – Region 5-A Tournament
- Oct. 24 – Sectionals
- Oct. 27-31 – Class A State Tournament

Middle Tennessee’s Bourgeois named to Lou Groza Award Watch List

FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla. – Middle Tennessee newcomer Dominic Bourgeois (BOOR-zhwah) is among 35 players selected to the Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award Watch List as announced by the Palm Beach County Sports Commission on Friday.

While the Watch List typically is limited to evaluating the best kickers returning to FBS, with the increased movement of players between teams this year’s group includes three remarkable kickers joining football’s top division after excelling at lower levels: MTSU’s Bourgeois (from D-III Susquehanna), Iowa junior Eli Ozick (from then-FCS North Dakota State), and Fresno State sophomore Manaki Watanabe (from D-II Ashland), along with Florida State senior Gabe Panikowski who in 2024 at FCS Idaho State won the Fred Mitchell Award for the top non-FBS kicker.

A senior from Balti-

more, Md., Bourgeois led all kickers in NCAA Division III in made field goals last year with 20 while also collecting 27 touchbacks on kickoffs. In three years at Susquehanna, Bourgeois was a perfect 25-for-25 on field goals.

While the Watch List highlights 35 of the best returning kickers in the country, the Groza Committee will in fact be watching all FBS kickers throughout the season, as all FBS kickers remain eligible to be selected as semifinalists. The Committee also releases its “Stars of the Week” feature throughout the season on www.lougrozaaward.com.

Accomplishments are tabulated throughout the season and the Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award will announce its 20 semifinalists on Tuesday, November 17th. From this list, a panel of more than 100 FBS head coaches, SIDs, media members, former Groza finalists, and current NFL kickers selects the



top three finalists for the award, announced on Tuesday, November 24th. That same group then selects the national winner, who will be announced on Thursday, December 10th during the Home Depot College Football Awards on ESPN.

The 35th Annual Lou Groza Collegiate

Place-Kicker Award, presented by the Orange Bowl, recognizes the three finalists during a celebration in Palm Beach County, culminating with a banquet gala on December 7th in West Palm Beach, Florida.

The Award is named for National Football League Hall of Fame kicker Lou “The Toe”

Groza, who played 21 seasons with the Cleveland Browns. Groza won four NFL championships with Cleveland and was named NFL Player of the Year in 1954. Although an All-Pro offensive lineman as well, Groza ushered in the notion that there should be a place on an NFL roster for a kicker.

For more information on the Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award and to see the “Stars of the Week” throughout the season, please go to www.lougrozaaward.com. For even more updates on the best kicking performances throughout the season, follow @LouGrozaAward on X/Twitter.

Local Community Clinic and Meharry Dental continue teamwork

The Kid’s Dental Program of Community Clinic of Bedford County (CCsBC) was held on Thursday, July 30, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Clinic, located on Dover Street, scheduled 44 children from ages 2-18 for dental appointments.

Thirty-three (33) children from the ages of 2-18 received a school backpack and dental

supplies. The backpacks were provided by the Johnson Family Give-back Program.

Once again, CCsBC partnered with Meharry School of Dentistry to provide two pediatric residents and staff to assist CCsBC with the program. Dr. Julie A. Gray coordinated the MMC-SoD staff for what the Clinic deems “a historical event.”

Our other sponsors were the Smile 180 Foundation and United Way South Central Tennessee. Financial donations are always appreciated.

“Dr. Foster and his staff are passionate about early intervention to prevent dental decay and disease,” said Fredia Lusk, CCsBC Director. “We will continue to provide annually two

special FREE dental programs to Bedford County children.”

Losing a natural tooth: It happens

Feature Impact

Most U.S. adults say they would do almost anything to avoid losing a natural tooth. Most have also put off going to the dentist when they suspected something was wrong. And some may not be aware of the dental specialists whose entire focus is helping them do exactly that. A new national survey from the American Association of Endodontists, the organization representing those specialists, finds all three of those things together at the center of how U.S. adults actually approach their dental health.

That tension runs through the entire survey. When faced with a serious tooth infection, 61% would choose a treatment that saves the tooth over extraction. Seventy-eight percent say they would do almost anything to avoid losing a natural tooth. The attachment runs deeper than appearances. It is about the tooth itself, the one that has

been there your whole life, that feels irreplaceable in a way an implant or crown never quite does.

The gap is not in conviction. It is in knowing what to do.

Only 27% of U.S. adults correctly identify that a knocked-out tooth needs to be treated within 30 minutes to give it the best chance of being saved. The rest either guess wrong or have no idea how quickly the clock is running. And the specialists most equipped to help in that moment, dental professionals called endodontists whose entire focus is saving natural teeth, are known to only 44% of U.S. adults.

Cost widens the gap. Sixty percent of U.S. adults admit to having put off going to the dentist when they suspected something was wrong. The anatomy of that delay is familiar: a symptom that does not seem urgent enough, a bill that feels easier to avoid than face, an appointment that keeps getting pushed to next month. Of those who waited, 51% say it made things worse.

And then there is the fear. Root canals have a reputation that the data does not support. Asked what they believe, 28% of U.S. adults say a root canal is usually more painful than the toothache that

sent them to the dentist in the first place. They have it backward. A root canal is designed to relieve that pain, not add to it, according to the American Association of Endodontists. But the perception lingers, shaped in part by a fragmented information environment where 35% of U.S. adults say they have encountered conflicting or confusing information online about procedures such as root canals.

U.S. adults feel strongly about their natural teeth, probably more than they would have predicted before being asked. They delay the care that protects them, do not know what to do when time is short, and are not always getting their information from sources that serve them well.

For a tooth that can often be saved in 30 minutes, that combination has consequences.

Methodology

American Association of Endodontists commissioned Atomik Research, a creative market research agency part of 4media group, to conduct an online survey of 2,000 adults throughout the United States. The margin of error is plus or minus 2 percentage points at a 95 percent confidence level. Fieldwork was conducted between April 3 and April 8, 2026.

Bedford’s Opioid Board finalizes 2027 budget Grants aid programs of treatment, training and recovery

On June 22, 2026, Bedford Opioid Board met to finalize the approval of the FY27 Bedford Opioid Abatement Grants.

The Tennessee Opioid Abatement Council (OAC) manages grants funded by settlement proceeds from lawsuits against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies. These funds are allocated to support programs that mitigate the opioid crisis, including primary prevention, harm reduction, treatment, recovery support, education, training, and research or evaluation of abatement strategies (Tennessee Opioid Abatement Council)

The Board approved \$240,849.98 for FY27 grant funding. Fredia Lusk is opioid grant administrator for Bedford County.

The Bedford Opioid Abatement Board re-

ceived \$103,000 from the National Opioid Abatement Funds; \$36,818.04 for accrued interest; and \$203,606.33 from the Tennessee Opioid Abatement Funds.

Grant applications were received from the Center for Family Development, Serenity House, The Tony Rice Center, Recovery is a New High, and Volunteer Behavioral Health Care System.

Annual Abatement disbursements decrease annually for the next 18 years; therefore, the Board made the decision to allocate 70% for the available funds. Disbursements are made bi-annually—July (50%) and January (50%). Grantees are required to submit sixth-month progress reports to receive January allocations.

All nine applicants were interviewed and scored by the Board. The

Board members submitted separate scoring documents for each applicant. The following applications were approved based on the allocation of funds for primary prevention, harm reduction, treatment, recovery support, education and training.

Name of Grant-ee-Amount Strategy

- Bedford County EMS \$ 43,560.93 harm reduction, treatment, recovery support
- Community Clinic of Shelbyville and Bedford County, Inc. \$ 36,768.12 recovery support services for dental services
- LifeSource Family Solutions \$103,700.00 treatment, recovery support, research and evaluation
- Be The Bush and Miriam House \$53,131.34 recovery support, education and training

BEDFORD BRIEFS

COUNTY MEETING

Bedford County Committees meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, at the courthouse.

NEW FIRST BANK EMPLOYEE

Shelbyville native Isiah Washington has joined FirstBank's local office as relationship manager. See next week's business spotlight for more from First Bank.

LOCAL HOSPITAL RECOGNIZED-HEART ASSOCIATION

Vanderbilt Bedford County Hospital was recently among 60 hospitals across Tennessee recognized by the American Heart Association for its commitment to improving care for patients with heart disease and stroke through Get With The Guidelines® quality improvement programs. Nationwide, more than 3,000 hospitals take part in these efforts, helping ensure patients receive care aligned with the most up-to-date, research-based treatment guidelines.



Author Sheila Robertson recently announced the nationwide release of her new biography- “If . . . not for Grace,” which chronicles the life of Debbie Brown Edens.

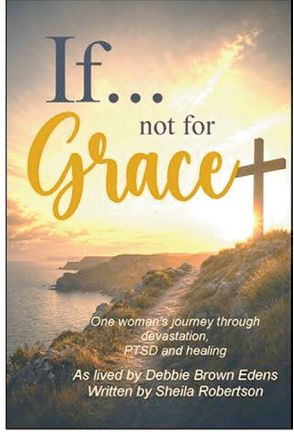
The biography details the account of Debbie’s life from innocent childhood through devastation, pain, trauma and finally, healing.

Debbie was brutally attacked. The book aims to demonstrate how

God’s hand was upon her life, bringing grace and inner healing. The pages help the reader walk through her experiences with the legal system and later healing.

Published by Fairhaven Media, the book is available through bookstores nationwide and on Amazon.com.

For more information, contact Jennifer Pettyjohn, publicist, at 931-581-7335 or email: jen-



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The day in a life of a CASA worker

By Wanda Strayhorn, executive director

A CASA supervisor was going through documents bringing herself up to speed with cases that were open before she became a CASA supervisor and realized that CASA had an appointment order that did not include a 12 male sibling group of 3 children. DCS stated that this child was supposed to be on the same appointment with the other 2 children.

A child was placed in a different home than the other 2 children. I noticed that I didn't have any notes in my files on this child, so I reached out to the DCS to get updates on this case to find out if he was still supposed to have been being checked on. I

learned that he was, so I retrieved his caretaker's phone number from his mother and reached out to this placement, who happened to be his biological father.

When I tried to set up a visit, I found the father to be against CASA coming into the home and fairly combative about my even suggesting it, so after many failed planned visit attempts, I visited the child in school.

During our visit, he confided in me that he witnessed his father using drugs, shoplifting and other behaviors that scared this child. I learned that no one had been checking on this child, because the whole team was under the impression that the case was closed, but it wasn't.

This child also told CASA that he felt very unsafe around his father, and he really wished to be back in his mother's home, where he felt he was safe and well taken care of. I shared my findings with the court, where the child was then placed on a trial home visit with his mother and his quality of life has since greatly improved.

If it wasn't for CASA, this child would have fallen through the cracks and felt as if no one cared enough about him to check on him and find out if he was safe and thriving.

Please support the work being done by Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for the Protection of Children. See the fundraiser flyer on this page.

Back to School basics: Load up on protein

Banana Blender Pancakes

Courtesy of the Dairy Alliance

The return of school schedules, sports practices, and packed calendars means it's time to think about fuel that can keep up.

This August, we're highlighting simple ways to incorporate real dairy milk's high-quality protein into busy days, from quick breakfasts and satisfying snacks to ideas for student athletes and families on the go.

Whether you're blending up a smoothie before school, flipping protein pancakes on the weekend, or looking for nutrition tips to support an active lifestyle, we've got plenty of inspiration to help you start the school year strong.

Ingredients

- 2 ripe bananas
- 2 cups rolled oats
- 1 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup pure maple syrup
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup ground flaxseed

Notes

1 pancake = 1/2 cup batter



1 serving = 3 pancakes without protein powder = 18.25g

Instructions

1. Toss all ingredients into a blender and blend until smooth (about 30–45 seconds.)
2. Let the batter sit for 5 minutes to thicken slightly.
3. Heat a non-stick skillet over medium heat and lightly grease.
4. Pour batter into small pancakes and cook 2–3 minutes per side, or until golden brown and cooked through.
5. Top with a drizzle of maple syrup, fruit, nut butter, or a sprinkle of cinnamon. Enjoy!

Tennessee gas prices fall 12 cents over past week

Tennessee motorists saw some relief at the pump over the past week, with the statewide average price of gasoline dropping more than 12 cents per gallon, according to fuel price tracking service GasBuddy.

Gasoline prices in Tennessee averaged \$3.52 per gallon Monday, down 12.2 cents from a week earlier. Despite the recent decline, prices remain 2.7 cents higher than a month ago and 77 cents higher than at the same time last year.

GasBuddy reported a wide range of prices across the state Sunday, with the lowest reported

price at \$3.02 per gallon and the highest at \$5.60, a difference of \$2.58 per gallon.

The decline in Tennessee reflected a broader drop in fuel prices across much of the country. The national average fell 10.7 cents during the past week to \$3.94 per gallon.

National gasoline prices remain 9.5 cents higher than a month ago and 85.6 cents higher than a year ago.

Diesel prices also declined, although not as sharply. The national average price for diesel fell 5.1 cents during the past week to \$5.275 per gallon.

Among nearby markets, Chattanooga had one of the sharper weekly declines, with prices falling 21 cents to an average of \$3.35 per gallon. Nashville prices declined 11.3 cents to \$3.56, while Huntsville, Alabama, prices fell 9.8 cents to \$3.58.

The current Tennessee average is considerably higher than it was one year ago. On Aug. 10, 2025, Tennessee gasoline averaged \$2.75 per gallon, compared with a national average of \$3.08.

Five years ago, on Aug. 10, 2021, Tennessee motorists were paying an average of \$2.86 per gallon.

Recent prices are clos-

er to levels seen during 2022 and 2023. Tennessee gasoline averaged \$3.53 per gallon on Aug. 10, 2022, and \$3.42 on the same date in 2023.

Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy, said gasoline prices declined during the past week in 47 states, while diesel prices fell in 39.

De Haan cautioned, however, that the decline may not continue.

He said instability in global petroleum markets, including Ukrainian attacks on Russian oil refineries and uncertainty surrounding Iran and the Strait of Hormuz, could again place upward pressure on fuel prices.

Oil prices moved modestly higher Sunday night, according to De Haan, as uncertainty continued over when the Strait of Hormuz could reopen.

"For now, enjoy the dip," De Haan said, while cautioning motorists to watch developments involving the strait in the coming days.

GasBuddy compiles its national figures from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering more than 150,000 gas stations. Its Tennessee average is based on a survey of 3,821 stations across the state.

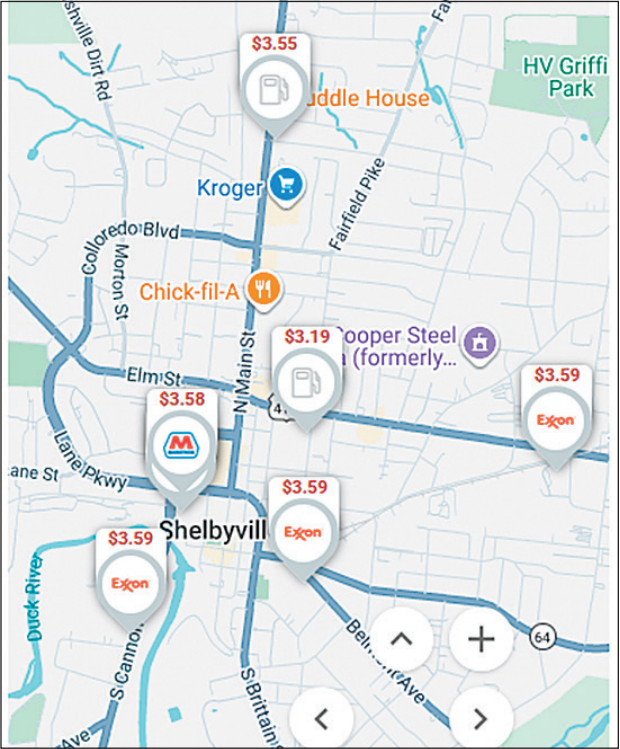


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The Fly Arts Center announces its upcoming production of *There Inherent* — recently performed at the Rogue Theater Festival in New York City!

Written by local playwright Kyle R. Thomas and directed by Jennifer Dawn Smith, this show will captivate you from the moment the lights go down.

PERFORMANCE DATES

August 21, 22, and 23, 2026

SUMMARY

As a threatening storm bears down on an old family home, an aging couple decides to ride it out. When their son and daughter-in-law show up demanding that they evacuate immediately, the story shifts into a battle of wills, an exploration of faith, and ultimately what can and cannot be left behind.

MEET THE CAST

- Michael Beckett as David
- Jeanne Edwards as Lynn
- Alex Maynard as Edward
- Erica Radomsky as Margaret

Don't miss the show that received a 5-star review at The Rogue Theater Festival in NYC this summer! Tickets available at FlyArtsCenter.com!

For more information, please email Jennifer Dawn Smith at jends.1021@gmail.com

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T-G THANKS MAYOR CHAD GRAHAM

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The T-G recently presented Mayor Chad Graham with a token of appreciation for his executive service to the County the last 8 years. Thanks, Mayor Graham, for all the calls and emails you answered from the Times-Gazette over the years. Blessings on your retirement. Sheriff Austin Swing (not pictured) also received a token of appreciation.

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This campaign has always been about our community about our families, our future, and our shared values. I've enjoyed every conversation, every handshake, and every story you've shared

with me along the way. I don't take this responsibility lightly, and I am ready to get to work for you.

We have a lot to accomplish together, and I am eager to hit the ground running. Thank you for making your voice heard. Now, let's get to work!

Brent Smith