

Senior Tax Freeze rises from Commission ashes

Rules Committee handed another round of discussions

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Bedford County Commissioner Anita Epperson believes when constituents-tax payers- feel strongly enough about an issue or program, government officials need to justly weigh benefits. This week, she re-submitted the senior tax freeze program which was defeated in June by the former Commission.

Epperson, re-elected to her district in August, served on a senior tax freeze sub-committee organized last year by the Rules Committee. Despite several months of discussion, the program was defeated in June on the Commission floor by a 9:8, with Commissioner Mark Thomas abstaining.

Some Commissioners told the T-G it was a bad idea and others said maybe get more information and revisit. Commissioners Eric Maddox and

Brent Smith (formerly served Commission before being re-elected this year) have been most instrumental in trying to push this program through over the last few years.

City Councilman Josh Blevins has been the voice of reason at meetings, providing statistics from across the state of the senior tax freeze success. The City is basically waiting on the County to make a decision about the senior tax freeze, due to discussions about the work on the part of the Trustee's office.

Commissioners Epperson and Michael Gregory recently emailed Commissioner Thomas, the newly elected chairman of the Rules and Legislative Committee, and asked that the senior property tax freeze be placed on the Rules agenda Oct. 20. Mayor Curt Cobb was also part of that email, according to Epperson.

She told the T-G this week,

"I would like to say this was overwhelmingly the largest concern I heard when campaigning. I told the constituents of the 4th District it would be brought back up again. I know there are many other Commissioners who would like to see this passed. Mayor Cobb also campaigned that he would be for it in the future. I believe that now is the time to get it done. I hope that everyone will contact all the County Commissioners and the Mayor to let them know where they stand. I would like to encourage everyone to show up at the Oct. 20th meeting at 5:00 p.m. at the courthouse."

Commissioners then serving on the Finance Committee believed it was just too large of a financial burden on those under age 65 and non-qualifiers of the program. Basically, in 10 years, many here would be left holding a 2-million-dollar

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Prior to the September Commission meeting, re-elected Commissioners Mark Thomas, Anita Epperson and P.T. "Biff" Farrar were sworn into office by County Attorney John T. Bobo, having been unable to attend the event on Aug. 31, when the other 15 commissioners were sworn in.

Local Author Chris White is guest speaker at Library Friends' Lunch

By Dawn Hankins

A room full of Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library patrons joined for a lunch on Tuesday, at the Fly Arts Center, with special guest speaker, local author, J.C. (Chris) White.

White, author of the 2025 book, "Dandelion Wine," is a historical fiction book about his mother and her life in the 1940s in the South. His description of the character from family history is poignant and respectful, despite circumstances.

White, a seasoned veteran of many professions, including law enforcement, advised the group Tuesday that despite his County work, he is an introvert. He said he was coming a little out of his comfort zone to do the public speaking about his book.

White is planning director for Bedford County Government. But his expertise in writing spans a life-time.

Before a room full of local, retired educators and students, White says he is not a mathematician, though maybe a tune-smith when it comes to writing and playing music.

He's been a private investigator and a technical writer over the years. He told his audience how he never liked math and was therefore not really good at it.

The 62-year-old talked about his younger days, including a son from a first marriage. He is now married to Emily and they are enjoying their first grandchild.

White says in his book, which has a bright yellow and



T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

Bedford County resident Chris White, during an autograph session on Tuesday, for his book, "Dandelion Wine" talks with library patrons about how it all started for him as an author. Chris told the audience that living on the town square has given him a new perspective, and inspiration, for writing about people, places and things.

'I wrote this book not to be a best seller but to close a chapter.'
—J.C. "Chris" White, local author of "Dandelion Wine."

green cover, that through it all, words were the "one-honest thing" in his life-sharp when they needed to be and gentle when they could afford it.

White was emotional when he discussed his friendship with BC IT Director Josh Carney. He credits the successful publishing of "Dandelion Wine" to his long-time friend.

In the book's forward, White notes, "Each character, including my mother's character, is fully a creation of my imagination and in no way represents any person, living or dead. Every word,

every sentence and every plot twist in this story is the result of my mother's memory and countless hours of human thought, effort and passion. Other than real places, events and names, the story was crafted solely by me, with no assistance from artificial intelligence or language models."

White thanks his parents in the book-the ones, he says, who instilled in him the common sense, tools and quiet courage to succeed. Still, White doesn't mince words when it comes to some of the son-parent relationship is-

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BLESS THE ANIMALS

Photos by Rene' Francis

The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer recently held its annual Pet Blessing to celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. Sue and Larry Morphis brought for blessing their Irish Wolf Hound Paladin. Each pet was blessed and given a certificate.



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Cascade struggles in region loss

The Cascade Champions suffered their second-consecutive defeat in Region 4-AAA at Giles County on Friday night.
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Marilyn Ewing seeks re-election to Council

City Councilperson Marilyn Ewing recently announced she’s seeking another term for the City, representing constituents in Ward 2.

“I am Marilyn Ewing, asking for your continued support and your vote during this mid-term election on November 3, 2026. It has been an honor and privilege to serve Shelbyville and Ward 2. The opportunity to help the citizens of Shelbyville with voice, vision, care and compassion is where I continue to stand firmly. We continue to address major projects, increase tourism, working toward affordable housing, great paying jobs, more retail and continue with lower

taxes and the property tax rate.”

Ewing said there’s been a fairly large burst of new development here and careful and strategic planning is a must.

“I have certainly appreciated the abundance of calls and messages from citizens meaning contact the proper departments for various concerns and issues because there are no small issues when it comes to our safe and comfortable living environment. I have been involved with decisions for great development around the City, the MTSU Aerospace addition, A new transfer station, moving forward with the replacement of the flood pumps, an up-and-coming soccer complex, and

many other projects.”

Ewing said she wants to continue to ask questions and get the answers for constituents. She would like to see more community involvement with more attendance at City open meetings.

“I will continue to work toward a new Senior Citizens facility and other much needed projects. A special thanks to my wonderful family and the outpouring of support to my church family and friends for their encouragement and assistance. I ask for your support and your vote. Early voting is October 14-29, and election day is November 3rd. Thank you for allowing me to serve you.”



Bryson appointed to National AACC Commission

T U L L A H O M A , Tenn. — Motlow State Community College Vice President for Workforce and Business Development, Terri Bryson, was recently appointed to serve on a national commission of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), the primary national association representing the nation's community colleges. Her three-year AACC appointment runs from July 2026 through June 2029.

Bryson will serve on the AACC Commission on Student Agency and Student Success, Learning Pathways, and Wellbeing, one of the association's national leadership commissions that brings together community college leaders from across the country to provide expertise and recommendations that help shape policy, practice, and strategic priorities affecting student success. Bryson's efforts in workforce innovation, employer partnerships, and responsive credential

pathways align with the commission's mission to strengthen student agency, expand learning pathways, and improve success for all learners throughout every stage of the educational journey.

Motlow State is a national leader in workforce innovation, learner-centered educational pathways, employer engagement, and strategies that strengthen the connection between workforce education, academic opportunity, and regional economic development, and Bryson's seat on the commission will foster future growth for the institution.

As Vice President for Workforce and Business Development, Bryson supports Motlow's workforce strategy through business development, employer engagement, apprenticeship expansion, strategic partnerships, and initiatives that strengthen learner success while responding to the evolving needs of employers and regional industry. Bryson's

role alongside Motlow's workforce team is to expand employer partnerships and strengthen workforce capacity. Motlow State was the Tennessee Board of Regents' leading producer of workforce training by training hours during Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

"Terri has the uncommon ability to turn opportunity into capability," said Dr. Tony Millican, Executive Vice President for Workforce and Community Development. "Whether developing strategy, forging partnerships, building teams, strengthening learner pathways, or creating operational frameworks, she consistently turns ideas into operational reality and measurable results. She is gifted at bringing clarity to complexity and helping organizations not only see where they need to go, but how to get there. That's a rare combination. Her ability to connect vision with execution leaves institutions stronger than she found them,

and I have no doubt that ability will be as valuable as an AACC Commissioner as it has been to Motlow State."

Bryson said she views the appointment as an opportunity to contribute to national conversations that will help shape the future of America's community colleges as they rise to meet changing market needs.

"Community colleges have always opened doors, but today's learners often need those doors to open faster, more flexibly, and in ways that recognize the realities of work and life," Bryson said. "I am honored to serve with colleagues from across the nation in advancing the AACC's vital mission. Every learner deserves the opportunity not simply to earn a credential, but to cultivate the knowledge, skills, and expertise that enable each of us to make our own unique contributions to our families, our teams, and our communities, so that our nation is stronger because we are all



equipped to solve problems, create value, and serve one another."

Throughout her executive career spanning higher education, healthcare, and finance, Bryson has led strategic initiatives in workforce development, institutional growth, business development, market strategy, economic development, and organizational transformation. Her experience spans executive leadership in workforce innovation, strategic enrollment, employer engagement, institutional growth, and cross-sector partnerships that advance both educational opportunity and regional economic development and community prosperity.

Motlow State Community College is an institution within the Tennessee Board of Regents, a system of 13 colleges offering a high-quality, affordable, convenient, and personal education to prepare students to achieve their educational and career goals in two years or less. The system offers associate degree and certificate programs, workforce development programs, and transfer pathways to four-year degrees. For more information, please visit us online at tbr.edu or visit Motlow at motlow.edu.

Celebration releases Fall Classic judges

The Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration has selected Chad Adams, Mike Hilley and Jamie Lawrence to judge its Fall Classic. The Fall Classic will be held inside Cooper Steel Arena November 5-7.

Chad Adams, from North Carolina, will be making his first judging appearance for The Celebration at this year's Fall Classic. Adams has judged the Columbia Spring Jubilee and WHTA Fireworks & Free-

dom earlier this season. Adams has also judged the Derby Classic, ET-WHA Fall Classic and Heart of Dixie over the last several years.

Hilley, from Shelbyville, and has judged the Celebration in 2018 and 2020, will be marking the cards as the most veteran at Celebration events on this year's panel. Hilley also judged the 2024 Spring Fun Show and his long tenured judging resume includes many of the industry's

top events. Earlier this year, he judged both the Columbia Spring Jubilee and Spring Extravaganza.

Lawrence, from Alabama, will be marking the cards for a second time at The Celebration's Fall Classic with his first event in 2023. Lawrence has also judged many of the industry's top shows, including this year's Money Tree, which he also judged in 2024. In 2025, Lawrence judged Let Freedom Ring and Walking in the Smokies.



For more information on this year's Fall Classic visit www.TWHNC.com or call The Celebration office at 931-684-5915.

CHURCH NEWS

SCOTT'S CHAPEL UMC FALL FESTIVAL

Join us for an evening of fall fun Saturday, October 24, from 4-7 p.m. at 940 Morton St. in Shelbyville.

FUMC HAS SPECIAL GUEST SUNDAY

Guest speaker this Sunday, Oct. 11, at First United Methodist on the public square, will be the Rev. Dr. David Weatherly, will share the sermon, "The Peace that Passes..." from Philippians 4:4-9. After service, he will lead a lunch and learn in the fellowship hall on church finance and resources. Church members attending will have a boxed lunch from Koffee Beanz. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 a.m., followed by the worship service at 10 am. Nursery and Children's Church are available during worship. For those unable to attend in person, FUMC-S offers a livestream on Facebook and YouTube and a broadcast on WLJ 98.7 FM and AM 1580.

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lar fiscal note, some then advised.

Some emphasized that the proposal was nothing more than a “pre-election proposal.” Commissioner John Boutwell said in hindsight of his no vote, “Sometimes there are no good decisions. At this point why do we want to take on more, when we are not taking care of what we have now?”

But proponents of the senior tax freeze (a freeze that would make it possible, by state law, for qualifying seniors over the age of 65, to encounter no future increases in their property taxes) say those casting no votes were wrong.

Commissioner Eric Maddox, who originated the last property tax

freeze proposal, told the T-G after the vote that he was truly disappointed. And he says even though he’s running for re-election, his proposal for the senior property tax freeze is truly a plus for the elderly who have worked hard to support this community, nothing more.

Maddox told Thomas in an email this week: “I would like to revisit the Senior Citizen Property Tax Freeze initiative as it pertains to Bedford County, and ask that it be placed on the agenda for discussion - for this month's (October) Rules and Legislative meeting.”

He added, “I would like to suggest that a first step in the process would be to form a committee to study the ini-

tiative again and review the potential options for Bedford County. I believe this would help ensure that all Commissioners, particularly those who may be newer to the Commission, are properly informed about the initiative and the processes involved. I also believe a proper review would help us to implement the program in a fiscally responsible manner.”

One resident said on Facebook after the final vote in June: “Bedford County Commissioners and people in Bedford County, we’re not going to take this laying down, right is right, and wrong is wrong. And to me, this is wrong.”

Commissioner Maddox told the T-G this week: “The hard work needed to help estab-

• Differences	
o Availability	• Tax Relief: Low-income elderly , low-income disabled, disabled veterans, and surviving spouses • Tax Freeze : Low-income elderly
o Administration	• Tax Relief: State program available to all jurisdictions, administered by the State, and funded by state dollars • Tax Freeze : Local program that must be adopted locally, administered locally, aid funded with local dollars
o Revenue	• Tax Relief: Revenue- neutral at the local level (except optional supplemental programs); does not affect tax rate; tax rebate • Tax Freeze : Forgone local revenue: can affect local tax rate; frozen tax
o Benefit to recipients	• Tax Relief: Annual benefit • Tax Freeze : Benefit starts when a tax increase would otherwise occur

lish the senior citizens tax freeze started long ago. Although it unfortunately was not adopted by the previous Commission, I hope that this new one-Commission- sees the great importance of the program and does the right

thing for some of the most vulnerable of our County. It is simply the right thing to do.”

The County already administers the state’s Tax Relief program through the Trustee’s Office. There are differences to this pro-

gram and the senior tax freeze. Still, they are both designed to assist senior homeowners over 65 with paying their property taxes. Neither, however, replaces a homeowner’s obligation to pay property taxes.

Ad Veritas: The Paper We Keep



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Most weeks, a newspaper has a fairly short life on the kitchen table. You read it, perhaps pass it along to someone else, and eventually make room for the next one. But every so often, something in those pages becomes worth keeping.

Maybe it is a photograph of your grandchild at a ballgame, a story about the family business or an obituary that captures something of a person you loved. What we put together on a deadline becomes something a family holds onto for decades.

This is National Newspaper Week, observed Oct. 4–10, and it seems like a good opportunity to reflect on what newspapers mean to the communities they serve—not just as businesses, but as a part of everyday life that is easy to take for granted.

At Richardson Media

Group, our newspapers serve communities across Tennessee. Each town has its own identity, its own concerns, and its own stories worth telling. Sharing a printing plant and other resources helps us get the work done, but the purpose of each newspaper remains local. Readers want to know what is happening where they live.

A few weeks ago, I wrote about the storm that knocked our printing plant in Huntingdon out of commission. We worked through a power outage, internet problems and equipment trouble before finally getting newspapers rolling again. It was frustrating for our staff and for readers whose papers arrived late.

But there is a considerable difference between a newspaper arriving late and a newspaper never arriving again.

Across the country, that second situation has become painfully common. Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism reported in its 2025 State of Local News study that nearly 3,500 newspapers had ceased printing

since 2005—almost 40 percent of the nation’s local newspapers over those two decades.

Some publications have moved online, and not every lost newspaper leaves a community without reporting. But Medill identified more than 200 counties with no locally based news source and more than 1,500 others with only one remaining, usually a weekly newspaper. Nearly 80 percent of those “news desert” counties were rural.

That term sounds rather clinical until you consider what it means.

A town doesn’t stop having news just because its newspaper closes. There are still school events, ballgames, new businesses, emergencies, and families with stories worth sharing. Public meetings still happen, and decisions still need explaining. The question becomes who will do the work of finding out what happened and telling everyone else.

It is tempting to assume the internet will handle that. Digital journalism certainly has an important place, including in our own work. But Medill found

that digital-only local news outlets remain concentrated in metropolitan areas and have not replaced the reporting lost elsewhere. A website can deliver a story, but somebody still has to produce it.

The same is true of social media. Sharing information is useful, but sharing a report and reporting it in the first place are different jobs. Someone has to make the calls, check the details, ask the follow-up questions and take responsibility when something needs correcting.

That work is not always glamorous. Neither is designing pages, selling advertising, running a press or preparing newspapers for delivery. Our recent printing troubles were a reminder of how much effort happens out of sight, and how dedicated our people are to getting the finished newspaper into readers’ hands.

I’m grateful for that dedication. I’m also grateful for the subscribers and advertisers who make it possible. National Newspaper Week recognizes all of those contributions, because local journalism depends on more than

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the person whose name appears above a story.

We also have a responsibility to earn that support. A newspaper should be useful, accurate and interested in its community. We should listen when readers suggest a story, raise a concern or point out something we missed. Supporting local journalism should not mean lowering expectations for it.

But appreciation has to become participation somewhere along the way. Buying an issue because your child is pictured in it is wonderful. A subscription helps make sure someone will be there to photograph the next group of children, too.

So, to our subscribers, thank you. Encourage a friend or family member to join you. To our advertisers, thank you for choosing to reach your neighbors through these pages. And when readers patronize those businesses, mentioning an advertisement they saw helps those businesses understand the value of their support.

I don’t believe small-town newspapers are something we should simply accept losing. The communities we serve are still full of people worth knowing and stories worth telling.

Keep the clippings that matter to your family. Help keep the newspaper that makes them possible.

BREAKING AREA NEWS

Franklin County law enforcement recovers body from Tims Ford Lake

Franklin County Sheriff’s Department is currently conducting an investigation after investigators and emergency personnel recovered a deceased individual from Tims Ford Lake on Tuesday.

At this time, the identity of the individual has not been confirmed, and investigators are working to determine the circumstances surrounding the death. Additional information will be released as it becomes available and as family members can be appropriately notified.

FCSO is asking the public for assistance. If you know anyone who is currently missing or unaccounted for and may be connected to this incident, please get in touch with Franklin County Consolidated Communications at 931-967-2331. Or contact the sheriff’s office directly through Messenger.

“We ask everyone to avoid speculation or sharing unconfirmed information while investigators work to establish the facts,” FCSO officials said Tuesday evening. “Our thoughts are with the individual’s family and loved ones during this difficult time.”

Franklin County is about 34 miles south of Shelbyville and many residents and visitors in this area access the Tennessee lake year-round.

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Police Department Run Stats for September

- Total Calls for Service – 1707
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- Total Arrests – 61
- Total Crisis Intervention Calls for Service/Check Wellbeing – 116
- Total Traffic Stops – 464
- Total Written Warnings – 62
- Total Citations – 85
- Total Traffic Accidents Worked – 89

Total calls for service encompass all calls initiated by citizens requesting service or by officers generating the call themselves (e.g. building checks, etc.). If the call for service did not require a report to be created, the officer may enter notes for the call in the CAD system. Incident reports taken are calls for service for which the officer generated a report.

Total traffic stops include instances in which the officer took no written action (such as issuing a verbal warning), up to and including those in which a citation was issued.



Bedford County Government Photo

Seated, from left: Vanessa Knapp, Vocational Rehabilitation Training Coordinator; County Mayor Curt Cobb; Mike Davis, Vocational Rehab Training Specialist. Standing: Dana Rodriguez, Bedford County Chamber of Commerce; Yesenia Lira-Garcia, EFNEP Program Assistant II, Bedford County UT/TSU Extension; Selina Kirkland, Assistant Vocational Rehab Director Business and Community Services; Linda Fisher, Vocational Rehab Program Director; Angelia James, Director of NOW Foundation of Bedford County; Jeff McCarthy, VR Community Service Unit Area Manager; and Neil Watson, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Bedford County Schools.

MAYOR PROCLAIMS OCTOBER AS NATIONAL DISABILITY MONTH

On Tuesday, Bedford County Mayor Curt Cobb signed a proclamation recognizing October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. On hand were representatives of Tennessee Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and other local agencies. Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) refers to situations where the disabled in the workforce are fairly compensated, working alongside non-disabled workers, and have the same benefits and opportunities for advancement as others. Throughout October, Tennessee Division of Vocational Rehabilitation hosts events to promote disability-inclusive hiring, strengthen community partnerships, and recognize employers who implement CIE.

Eakin students to receive new winter coats and more

More than 400 students at Eakin Elementary School are anticipated to receive a new winter coat, along with hats, gloves, books and a tote bag to carry it all home, when local community partners come together on Friday, Oct. 16, 2026, for a special winter coat distribution.

The event is being made possible through the generosity of an anonymous local benefactors and

volunteers.

Event organizers explained that this is more than a coat distribution. It is a community effort to make sure Eakin students have what they need to stay warm while also giving them something to read, something to carry their belongings in and, most importantly, the feeling that their community cares about them.

“What makes this so special is that no one

organization is doing this alone,” said Eileen Vick, event organizer. “One anonymous local benefactor stepped forward to make the coats possible, and then businesses, nonprofits, the Chamber, Rotary and volunteers all found a way to contribute. When you put all of those pieces together, more than 400 children will walk away with much more than a coat - they’ll know their community showed up for them.”

Divorce cases granted in Bedford County Chancery Court for September 2026

Carolyn Grace Adams vs Kyle Clifton Adams
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Cynthia Gail Birdsong vs Kevin Lane Birdsong
Aaron Phillip Childress vs Ladona F Woodson
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FEATURES FROM THE BIBLE

TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

Cain and Abel

Cain and Abel were the first two children of Adam and Eve (Genesis 4).



Abel was a keeper of sheep and Cain was a tiller of the ground. Both brought offerings to offer to the Lord.



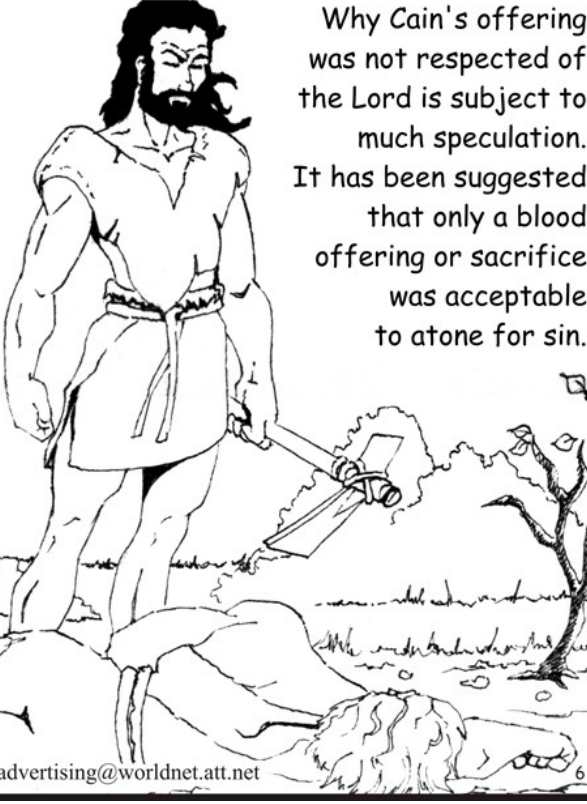
Cain brought fruit of the ground. Abel brought of the firstling of his flock. Abel's offering was acceptable to God. Cain's was not acceptable.



Others suggest that Cain's offering was attitude was a selfish one. Cain was unhappy with having his offering rejected, to the point of being angry. The Lord warns Cain of the danger of not doing what is right and encouraged him to be master over sin.

Cain did not listen and invited Abel out to the field, where he killed Abel. Thus we have the first murder.

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Why Cain's offering was not respected of the Lord is subject to much speculation. It has been suggested that only a blood offering or sacrifice was acceptable to atone for sin.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1) Anklebones
6) University in Texas
11) "This means ___!"
14) For all to hear
15) Truly love
16) Anger
17) They are see-through
19) "... heat, ___ gloom of night ..."
20) "Mode" preceder
21) Munched
22) Tall Australian bird
23) Becoming morning
27) Like some humor
29) ___-Wan Kenobi
30) Jewish homeland
32) Below-the-belt comment
33) Animal house
34) "Come in!"
36) Nosy thing to do?
39) Roams
41) Auctioneer's hammer
43) Voyaging on an ocean
- 44) Fire remnant
46) Andrea Bocelli, for one
48) Malone on "Cheers"
49) Coral strip
51) 100-meter event
52) Clairvoyance, e.g.
53) Breastbone
56) Some instrument pluckers
58) When doubled, a dance
59) Airport schedule abbr.
60) Chunk of lawn
61) Common tree
62) Achieve total victory
68) "___ moment, please"
69) End of a bridal path
70) Contents of some office cartridges
71) The "p" in mpg
72) Be educated
73) Prepare to be tested

CLUES DOWN

- 1) Glass shooter
2) Legendary Muhammad
3) "Anchorman: The Legend of ___ Burgundy"
4) Country in northeastern Africa
5) Put on a pedestal
6) Drink from a dish
7) Org. on toothpaste tubes
8) One-celled organism
9) Ridges on ranges
10) Caulks again, e.g.
11) Some juicy vats
12) Bouquet
13) Any "I Love Lucy," now
18) On the decline
23) Avoid artfully
24) Crosswise, on deck
25) Jacket worn on a blustery day
26) Intimated
28) Russian assembly

A WIN-WIN-WIN-WIN SITUATION

By Timothy E. Parker

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- 31) Decisive refusal
35) Kidney-related
37) Minimal amount
38) Reading lights
40) Nostradamus, purportedly
42) Plague item of biblical proportions
45) Subscriber's option
47) Sharp replies
50) Pointless, as an effort
53) Ice cream portion
54) Macbeth was one
55) Kind of ray
57) Far from a Mensa candidate
63) Steering device, on water
64) Jumbo coffeepot
65) Large African antelope
66) "___ be a fool not to!"
67) Attempt

Sudoku

EASY

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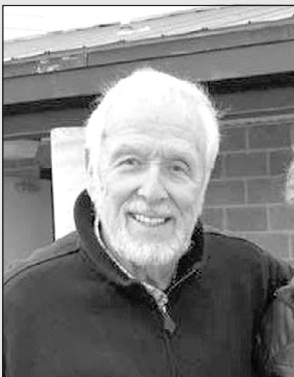


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Obituaries

James Hutton Sepull Jr.

James Hutton Sepull Jr., 91, passed away peacefully at his home in Shelbyville, Tennessee, on September 28, 2026. Jim was born on May 5, 1935, in Alpena, Michigan, to James Hutton Sepull Sr. and Vernice LaLonde Sepull. The eldest of five children, he graduated from Alpena High School in 1954. During his youth, he developed an interest in both sailing and amateur radio. He attended Ferris State University and maintained a love of learning throughout his lifetime. Having an entrepreneurial spirit, Jim began working from an early age, helping at his grandparents' drugstore and later working both on-air and in production at Alpena radio station WATZ. He was later employed by National Gypsum in Detroit. Eventually, he became a manager of trucking terminals for Lease-way Transportation. In 1995, he retired as Safety and Compliance Manager for BMI Trucking. Jim was known in many circles for his friendly and authentic demeanor, as well as his appreciation for the power of humor. He was an active member of the Shelbyville Lions Club, First Presbyterian Church of Shelbyville, the Bedford County Arts Council, and the Providence Club in Annapolis, Maryland. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Phillip Sepull; his sister, Patti Jo Bennett; and his brother-in-law, Joe Clearwood. He is survived by his loving wife, Donna; his children, JC (Gretchen) Sepull of Flower Mound, Texas, and Danielle (Randy)



Moore of Huntsville, Alabama; and his stepchildren, Carrie (Jeff) Byrne of Suffolk, Virginia, and Jim (Abbey) Reed of Wilmington, North Carolina. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Raelyn, CJ, Holly, Rebecca, Nathan, and Bennett; his siblings, Carol Clearwood of Alpena, Michigan, and Tom Sepull of Mission Viejo, California; and many adoring nieces and nephews. Above all, Jim was a kind and loving man. When asked how he was doing, he almost always replied with his signature, "Ginger Peachy!" His outlook on life was equally reflected in one of his favorite mantras: "It's only a problem if you make it one." He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by his wife, children, grandchildren, extended family, friends, and all those who were fortunate enough to have known him. Visitation will be held Tuesday, October 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Taylor Funeral Home on Duke of Gloucester Street in Annapolis, Maryland, followed by interment at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project or First Presbyterian Church in Shelbyville, Tennessee. Feldhaus-Gowen-Smith Chapel is honored to be serving the family of James Hutton Sepull, Jr.



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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Cathy L. Greene, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on September 24, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Cathy L. Greene, who died 05/21/2026, 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 24th day of September 2026.

/s/Jeremy Greene, Administrator

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

/s/ Angela Hayes, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (1082tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Crysta Lee Hobbs, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on September 29, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Crysta Lee Hobbs, who died 08/20/2026, 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 29th day of September 2026.

/s/Sherri Holmes, Executrix

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

/s/ Angela Hayes, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (1082tp)

Lawrence D. Powell Jr.

Lawrence D. "Crowbar" Powell Jr., 91, of Shelbyville, died September 30, 2026. He was born December 22, 1934, in Petersburg, TN.; a retired employee of Eaton Corporation; a member of Fellowship For Christ Church and a Veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence D. "L.D." Powell Sr. and Rena Woodard Powell; a son, Kenny Randall Powell and a sister, Judy Hobbs.

Lawrence is survived by his wife of 70 years, Martha Jane Overcast Powell; his children, Brent (Annette) Powell, Phillip (Brenda Hines)



Powell, Jamie Powell; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were held 2:00 P.M. Sunday, October 4th at Hillcrest Funeral Home with the Rev. Ray Armstrong officiating. Burial with military honors at Willow Mount Cemetery.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Heather LeAnn Prince

Heather LeAnn Prince, 39, of Shelbyville, died October 1, 2026. She is survived by her parents, Larry Dewayne Carpenter of Paisley, Florida, Penny Yvette Carden Carpenter of Shelbyville, her husband, Matthew Prince of Tullahoma; children, Matthew Boyer, Jacob Overstreet and Noah Overstreet of Bell Buckle; sisters, Tabitha Carpenter Boyer of Bell Buckle, Angel Carpenter and brother, Zachary Carpenter of Shelbyville.

Funeral Services will



be held 1:00 P.M. Thursday, October 8th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home with Tim Barrett officiating. Burial will follow at Crowell's Chapel Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 11:00 A.M. Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

BEDFORD BRIEFS

ALL HANDS ON DECK GOLF TOURNEY, OCT. 9

Friday, Oct. 9, will be the All Hands on Deck Golf Scramble at Pillow Springs Golf Course in Columbia. There will be an interview opportunity with Jai Lipscomb, founder of All Hands on Deck.

Where: Pillow Springs Golf Course in Columbia, TN

Registration: 7:15 AM

Shotgun Start: 8:00 AM

Lunch: Following the tournament

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Bedford County Commission meets 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m., at the courthouse.

Bedford County Committees meet 5 p.m., Oct. 20. Finance meets 4:15 p.m., on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the Dover Street Complex.

Bedford County Board of Education meets 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 15.

UPCOMING FLY ARTS PLAY

Tickets are now available for "Haunting of Hill House," playing Oct. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, and Nov. 1 at The Fly Community Theatre. F. Andrew Leslie's dramatization of Shirley Jackson's thrilling novel of the same name brings the story of Hill House and all its ghosts to theatrical life.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Bessie Marie Rutherford, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on September 24, of 2026 Letter of Ad-ministration in respect of the estate of Bessie Marie Rutherford, who died 08/27/2026, 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 24th day of September 2026.

/s/Christine Marie LeVasser, Executrix

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

/s/ Angela Hayes, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (1082tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Chearldean Taylor Biggers, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on September 24, of 2026 Letter of Ad-ministration in respect of the estate of Chearldean Tayor Biggers, who died 07/04/2026, 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 24th day of September 2026.

/s/Robert Wendell Biggers, Administrator

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

/s/ Angela Hayes, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (1082tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Alice M. Freeman, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on September 24, of 2026 Letter of Ad-ministration in respect of the estate of Alice M. Freeman, who died 06/19/2026, 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 September 2026.

/s/Carl Ralston, Executor

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

/s/ Angela Hayes, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (1082tp)

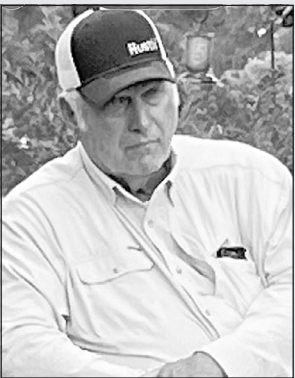
Earl Wayne Hurt

Earl Wayne Hurt, 78, of Wartrace, died October 5, 2026.

Funeral Services will be held 2:00 P.M. Friday, October 9th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home with Don Gallagher officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin at 11:00 A.M.

Wayne was a Welder and Farmer and a Veteran of the U.S. Army, Vietnam War. He loved farming, fishing and hunting.

He was born June 18, 1948 in Wartrace to his parents, the late John William "J.W." Hurt and Sarah Lucille Earls Hurt.



Wayne is survived by his wife of 60 years, Donnetta Hurt, and son, Kevin Wayne Hurt (Charlene) of Wartrace. He was preceded in death by a sister, Jane Dye.

Memorials may be made to The Shelbyville Lions Club, P.O. Box 202, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37162.

Death Notices

Bobby P. Logue

Bobby P. Logue, 79, of St. Augustine, FL., formerly of Chapel Hill, passed away September 23, 2026, in Florida. Bobby was born April 16, 1947, to the late Blanche Harber and Charlie Logue and is survived by his wife, Joanne Logue. He was a Forrest High School graduate and proudly served during the Vietnam War. Services in care of Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill.

Darlene Slaughter Gordon

Darlene Slaughter Gordon, 63, of Chapel Hill, passed away on Monday, October 5, 2026, in Nashville. She was born in Williamson County, was a daughter of the late James Oliver Slaughter and Bobbie Jean Eady Slaughter and is survived by husband, Clarence Gordon. Services in care of Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill.

Joe Paul Moore

Joe Paul Moore, age 82, of Shelbyville, TN March 16, 1944 - October 3, 2026 Doak Funeral Home is serving the family.

Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: September 22

Location: 208 Lewis Ave; Seller, Joseph Word, Joseph King; Buyer, Jason Jahnke, Emily Collins; Price, \$270,000 (Deed).

Location: 310 Meadow Dr; Seller, Stephen Mark McGee, Margaret Ann McGee Estate; Buyer, Stephen Mark McGee; Price, \$0 (Deed).

Location: 113 Pleasant Way; Seller, Dylan Parker Sain; Buyer, Gary Boyce; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: 131 Millet St; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Jonathan Amspaugh, Barbara Ruth Amspaugh; Price, \$334,990 (Deed).

File date: September 23

Seller, Lisa M Coop; Buyer, LMCC Residence Investment Services Trust, Anne Claire Coop; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: 96 Sarvis Ridge Rd; Seller, Nexthen Properties LLC; Buyer, Christopher Michael Sagy, Stephanie Marie Sagy; Price, \$420,000 (Deed).

Location: Savage Hol-

low Rd; Seller, Luis Vitervo Olea, German Vitervo Olea; Buyer, Justin Todd Houdeshell, Michelle Marie Houdeshell; Price, \$505,683.58 (Deed).

Location: Farris Lane; Seller, Jaime Arias; Buyer, Caleb Christopher Davenport, Dalee Renea Davenport; Price, \$170,000 (Deed).

File date: September 24

Location: 500 Rose Lane; Seller, Amber Colvin, Wanda Jean Ward; Buyer, Amber Colvin, Amber Denise Telin; Price, \$0 (QD).

Seller, Robert Daniel Moxley, Teresa Gail Moxley; Buyer, Robert Daniel Moxley, Teresa Gail Moxley, Miles and Memories Family Trust; Price, \$0 (QD).

Seller, Sol Johnson Jr, Mamie L Johnson; Buyer, Anthony Maurice Johnson; Price, \$0 (QD).

Seller, Carolyn Odle Smotherman, Joseph Edward Smotherman, Catherine Gayle Smotherman, Elizabeth Smotherman; Buyer, Carolyn Odle Smotherman, Joseph Edward Smotherman, Catherine Gayle Smotherman, May Elizabeth Smotherman; Price, \$0 (QD).

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S FORECLOSURE SALE

Sale at public auction will be on October 27, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. Local time at the usual and customary location at the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by Rebekah Kay Proctor and Corey W. Proctor for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for First Farmers and Merchants Bank, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated June 8, 2022, of record in Book TD1056 and Page 165, in the Registers Of Deeds Office for Bedford County, Tennessee, (“Deed of Trust”), conducted by James E. Albertelli, P.A. d/b/a ALAW, a Florida corporation duly authorized to conduct business in Tennessee, having been appointed Trustee, all of record in the Register of Deeds Office for Bedford County, Tennessee. Default in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust has been made; and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable.

Party entitled to enforce the debt: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Other Interested Parties: Occupants; Chris Miller; Adams County Nursery, Inc.; U.S. Bank National Association; Farm Credit Mid-America, FLCA; Chris Miller; Heritage South Community Credit Union; United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee;

The hereinafter described real property located in Bedford County will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:

LAND IN BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, LYING AND BEING IN THE 18TH CIVIL DISTRICT, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

BEGINNING AT A FENCE CORNER POST ON THE WEST MARGIN OF WHITAKER ROAD SAID POST BEING 25.00 FEET FROM THE CENTER LINE OF WHITAKER ROAD AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE JAMES H. TAYLOR PROPERTY AND THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; THENCE WITH SAID WEST MARGIN THE FOLLOWING CALL: SOUTH 03 DEGREES 07 MINUTES EAST 735.90 FEET; SOUTH 00 DEGREES 16 MINUTES EAST 100.00 FEET; SOUTH 06 DEGREES 26 MINUTES WEST 100.00 FEET; SOUTH 13 DEGREES 08 MINUTES WEST 100.00 FEET; SOUTH 14 DEGREES 57 MINUTES WEST 60.70 FEET; SOUTH 19 DEGREES 09 MINUTES WEST 191.88 FEET TO A METAL PIN, THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED TRACT; THENCE LEAVING SAID WEST MARGIN NORTH 79 DEGREES 11 MINUTES WEST 599.05 FEET TO A METAL PIN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED TRACT; THENCE NORTH 03 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST 170.72 FEET TO A FENCE CORNER POST; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 16 MINUTES EAST 346.9 FEET TO AN ELM IN FENCE; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 48 MINUTES EAST 643.4 FEET TO A FENCE CORNER POST, THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED TRACT; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 52 MINUTES EAST 634.3 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 18.47 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, ACCORDING TO A SURVEY BY REX NORTH CUTT, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR, R.L. S. NO. 77, 177 HICKORY DRIVE, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO REBEKAH KAY PROCTOR AND COREY W. PROCTOR, WIFE AND HUSBAND, BY WARRANTY DEED FROM DANNY R. DUNIVAN AND WIFE, MELISSA E. DUNIVAN, DATED JANUARY 7, 2020 AND RECORDED 01/10/2020 OF RECORD IN BOOK D355, PAGE 296, REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Street Address: The street address of the property is believed to be 344 Whitaker Rd, Shelbyville, TN 37160, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property. In the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

Map/Parcel Number: 18-085- -085- -058.04- -000

Current owner(s) of the property: Rebekah Kay Proctor and Corey W. Proctor

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded Plat or Plan; and unpaid taxes and assessments; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; rights of redemption, equity, statutory or otherwise, not otherwise waived in the Deed of trust, including right of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; and any and all prior deeds of trust, liens, dues, assessments, encumbrances, defects, adverse claims and other matters that may take priority over the deed of Trust upon which this foreclosure sale is conducted or are not extinguished by this foreclosure sale.

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

The right is reserved to adjourn the sale to another time certain or to another day, time, and place certain, without further publication upon announcement on the day, time, and place of sale set forth above or any subsequent adjourned day, time, and place of sale.

If you purchase the property at the foreclosure sale, the entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of a certified check made payable to or endorsed to Albertelli Law Trust Account. No personal checks will be accepted. To this end, you must bring sufficient funds to outbid the Lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received, in excess of the winning bid, will be refunded to the successful purchaser at the time the foreclosure deed is delivered.

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

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

James E. Albertelli, P.A. d/b/a ALAW, Trustee 501 Union Street, Suite 600G

Nashville, TN 37219

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Velma Margie Anderson, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on August 31, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Velma Margie Anderson, who died 06/04/2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and Non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 31st day of August 2026.

/s/ Karen Anderson, Administratrix

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

/s/ Curt Cobb by Angela Hayes, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (1012tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Gladys K. Brown, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on September 18, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Gladys K. Brown, who died 05/28/2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and Non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 18th day of September 2026.

/s/ Billy Joe Brown, Sr., Executor

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

/s/ Angela Hayes, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (1012tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Virginia S. Harwell, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on September 11, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Virginia S. Harwell, who died 08/23/2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and Non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 11th day of September 2026.

/s/ Timothy F. Harwell, Executor

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

/s/ Angela Hayes, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (1012tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Michael Edwin Hargrove, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on September 14, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Michael Edwin Hargrove, who died 06/02/2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and Non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 14th day of September 2026.

/s/ Rebekah Ashley Harris, Administratrix

/s/ Anthony J. Cain, Attorney

/s/ Angela Hayes, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (1012tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Patricia A Mangrum, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on September 21, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Patricia A Mangrum, who died 08/16/2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and Non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 21st day of September 2026.

/s/ Kristie Collier & Karen Harden, Co-Executors

/s/ Joe M Lambert, Attorney

/s/ Angela Hayes, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (1012tp)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated June 17, 2021, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded June 21, 2021, in Book No. TD1011, at Page 878, in Office of the Register of Deeds for Bedford County, Tennessee, executed by Frank A Koski and Barbara A Henke Koski, conveying certain property therein described to Foundation Title & Escrow Series, LLC as Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Guaranteed Rate, Inc., its successors and assigns; and the undersigned, Foundation Legal Group, LLP fka Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee by Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable; and that an agent of Foundation Legal Group, LLP fka Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., as Successor Trustee, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon said Successor Trustee, by Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, will, on December 1, 2026 on or about 12:00 PM, at the At the main entrance to the Bedford County Courthouse 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, offer for sale certain property hereinafter described to the highest bidder FOR certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee. The sale is free from all redemptions, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

The Land referred to herein below is situated in the County of BEDFORD, State of TENNESSEE, and is described as follows: Being Lot 97, MCKEESPORT, Phase 2, Section 1, as shown on plat of record in Plat Book PLE2, Page 325 (a/k/a Plat Cabinet E,

Slide 325), in the Register's Office, Bedford County, Tennessee, to which plat reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said property.

ALSO KNOWN AS: 619 Tines Dr, Shelbyville, TN 37160

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

FRANK A KOSKI

BARBARA A HENKE KOSKI

HARPETH FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC D/B/A ADVANCE FINANCIAL

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. In the event of inclement weather, the trustee hereby announces that the sale will be postponed and that notices of said postponement for inclement weather will be mailed to interested parties of record. As of July 1, 2025, notices pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated §35-5-101 et seq. are posted online at www.internetpostings.com by a third-party internet posting company. FLG No. 367705

DATED October 1, 2026

Foundation Legal Group, LLP fka WILSON & ASSOCIATES, P.L.L.C., Successor Trustee (1082tc)

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF NEED

This is to provide official notice to the Health Facilities Commission and all interested parties, in accordance with T.C.A. §68-11-1601 et seq., and the Rules of the Health Facilities Commission, that Dixie Home Health, LLC, a/an Home Health Agency owned by ALB Infusion Pharma Holdco, LLC with an ownership type of Limited Liability Company and to be managed by MNM Health Partners, LLC intends to file an application for a Certificate of Need for the establishment of a home care organization and the initiation of home health services limited to home infusion services. The project will serve a proposed service area of 95 counties: Anderson, Bedford, Benton, Bledsoe, Blount, Bradley, Campbell, Cannon, Carroll, Carter, Cheatham, Chester, Claiborne, Clay, Cocke, Coffee, Crockett, Cumberland, Davidson, Decatur, DeKalb, Dickson, Dyer, Fayette, Fentress, Franklin, Gibson, Giles, Grainger, Greene, Grundy, Hamblen, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardeman, Hardin, Hawkins, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Hickman, Houston, Humphreys, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Loudon, Macon, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Maury, McMinn, McNairy, Meigs, Monroe, Montgomery, Moore, Morgan, Obion, Overton, Pickett, Polk, Putnam, Rhea, Roane, Robertson, Rutherford, Scott, Sequatchie, Sevier, Shelby, Smith, Stewart, Sullivan, Sumner, Tipton, Trousdale, Unicoi, Union, Van Buren, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Weakley, White, Williamson and Wilson Counties, as well as CON-exempt Lake and Perry Counties. The address of the project will be 2141 Old Ashland City Road, Clarksville, Montgomery County, Tennessee, 37043. The estimated project cost will be \$121,571. The anticipated date of filing the application is 11/02/2026. The contact person for this project is Ms. Kim Harvey Looney who may be reached at Epstein Becker Green PC - 1222 Demonbreun Street, Suite 1400 Nashville, Tennessee, 37203 – Contact No. 615-565-6258. The published Letter of Intent must contain the following statement pursuant to T.C.A. §68-11-1607 (c)(1). (A) Any healthcare institution wishing to oppose a Certificate of Need application must file a written notice with the Health Facilities Commission no later than fifteen (15) days before the regularly scheduled Health Facilities Commission meeting at which the application is originally scheduled; and (B) Any other person wishing to oppose the application may file a written objection with the Health Facilities Commission at or prior to the consideration of the application by the Commission, or may appear in person to express opposition. Written notice may be sent to: Health Facilities Commission, Andrew Jackson Building, 9th Floor, 502 Deaderick Street, Nashville, TN 37243 or email at hdsa.staff@tn.gov.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Shelbyville will be accepting Applications for a Shelbyville Police Officer. Successful Applicants will be required to pass a background check, physical, psychological, and drug/alcohol test prior to final consideration for the position. Applicants must be a minimum age of 21 years old.

This is a full-time position with a pay range for Certified Officers of \$55,997 to \$67,136, depending on law enforcement experience. Non-certified starts at \$55,146.

The City currently provides the following for full-time employees:

100% City paid individual medical, dental & vision insurance benefits. long-term disability, life insurance, various paid leaves such as vacation, personal, sick, bereavement and holidays as well as City contributions to the 401k.

Applications and complete job description may be picked up at City Hall during normal business hours or download from the City website: www.shelbyvilletn.org. Applications must be returned to City Hall Administration office, 201 N. Spring Street Shelbyville, TN 37160 or emailed to stacey.claxton@shelbyvilletn.org.

The City of Shelbyville is a Drug Free Workplace and an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate with regard to race, color, sex, age, disability, or national origin.

Stacey Claxton, Human Resources Manager

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SHELBYVILLE
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Request for Proposals

Bid No. 27-13 Cascade High Culinary Arts Kitchen Renovation

A pre-bid meeting at Cascade High School (3035 Fairfield Pike Bell Buckle, TN 37020) will be conducted on Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 10:00 AM. Bid packages are available on the Bedford County website, bedfordcountyttn.gov, or at the Bedford County Department of Finance, 200 Dover Street, Suite 102, Shelbyville, TN or from Kline Swinney Associates, 48 Lindsley Avenue, Nashville, TN 37210. Sealed bids will be received by the Bedford County Department of Finance at 200 Dover Street, Suite 102, Shelbyville, TN 37160 until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, November 5, 2026.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
2027 ANNUAL AGENCY PLAN
SHELBYVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Notice is hereby given to the residents of Shelbyville Housing Authority, the citizens of Shelbyville, and all persons interested, that the housing authority is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 Final Rule to submit a Public Housing Agency Plan.

The Annual Agency Plan provides details about the Housing Authority's proposed development plans, administration and operational policy changes for 2027-2031. The Five-Year Capital Fund Action Plan lists the proposed capital improvement plans for 2027-2031.

Prior to submission of the Annual Agency Plan to HUD, we are soliciting comments and suggestions. We will be conducting a Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 12:00 p.m., at Shelbyville Housing Authority, Tate Street Center, Shelbyville, TN 37160, to discuss the proposed plans. All residents are invited to attend.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may submit written comments regarding the Annual Agency Plan to Mr. Ronald Tillman, Executive Director, Shelbyville Housing Authority, 316 Templeton Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160. Written comments will be received through October 14, 2026. An Equal Opportunity and Fair Housing Employer

STATE GENERAL, NORMANDY MUNICIPAL, SHELBYVILLE MUNICIPAL,
AND WARTRACE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS
NOVEMBER 3, 2026

Early Voting Schedule: OCTOBER 14, 2026 – OCTOBER 29, 2026	
Oct 14, Wed.....	8:00a - 5:00p
Oct 15, Thur.....	8:00a - 5:00p
Oct 16, Fri.....	8:00a - 5:00p
Oct 17, Sat.....	8:00a - 12:00p
Oct 19, Mon.....	8:00a - 5:00p
Oct 20, Tue.....	8:00a - 5:00p
Oct 21, Wed.....	8:00a - 5:00p
Oct 22, Thur.....	8:00a - 5:00p
Oct 23, Fri.....	8:00a - 5:00p
Oct 24, Sat.....	8:00a - 12:00p
Oct 26, Mon.....	8:00a - 5:00p
Oct 27, Tue.....	8:00a - 5:00p
Oct 28, Wed.....	8:00a - 5:00p
Oct 29, Thur.....	8:00a - 5:00p

OFFICIAL BALLOT STATE AND FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE NOVEMBER 3, 2026

GOVERNOR Vote For One (1) 0 selected, incomplete
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Marsha Blackburn
Republican Party Nominee

Jerri Green
Democratic Party Nominee

Misam Abidi
Independent Candidate

Dean Brewer
Independent Candidate

Ray Brown
Independent Candidate

David Hatley
Independent Candidate

Wendell Jackson
Independent Candidate

Charles Van Morgan
Independent Candidate

Eddie Lee Murphy
Independent Candidate

Lauren Pinkston
Independent Candidate

Victor L. Scoggin
Independent Candidate

Dave Seeman
Independent Candidate

Karl Knox Smithson
Independent Candidate

L. Webb Taylor
Independent Candidate

Robert C. Vick
Independent Candidate

Write-In

Constitutional Amendment # 3 Vote for One (1)	sentencing, or release of the accused person; to a speedy resolution of the case; to restitution from the convicted criminal; and to be informed of their rights. The amendment does not restrict the powers of prosecutors or courts and does not create a cause of action or claim for damages against the State of Tennessee.
Summary:	Question:
This amendment changes Article I, section 35 of the Tennessee Constitution by clarifying existing rights for crime victims and adding new rights. The amendment gives victims new rights: to fair treatment; to be informed about and participate in the parole process; to be protected from harassment, intimidation, and abuse; to be informed of the minimum sentence the convicted criminal will serve, as well as their scheduled release date; and to have their safety, their family's safety, and the public's safety taken into account before any decision is made to release the convicted criminal. The amendment also maintains or clarifies victims' existing rights: to be informed about legal proceedings involving the accused or convicted criminal; to be present at public criminal proceedings; to be informed of any release, transfer, or escape of the accused or convicted criminal; to talk to prosecutors; to make statements about conviction,	Shall Article I, Section 35 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting the following:
	Section 35. That to preserve and protect the rights of victims of crime to justice and due process throughout the criminal and juvenile justice systems, a victim, as defined by law and which may be expanded by the General Assembly, shall have the following rights, which shall be protected:
	(1) The right to be treated with fairness for the victim's safety and dignity;

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT # 1 Vote For One (1) 0 selected, incomplete	That all prisoners shall be bailable by sufficient sureties, unless for capital offences, when the proof is evident, or the presumption great. And the privilege of the writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in case of rebellion or invasion, the General Assembly shall declare the public safety requires it.
Summary:	and substituting instead the following:
This amendment changes Article I, section 15 of the Tennessee Constitution by allowing a court to hold a defendant without bail before trial when that defendant is accused of: an offense punishable by the death penalty, an act of terrorism, second degree murder, aggravated rape of a child, aggravated rape, grave torture, or any crime for which a convicted person would be required to serve eighty-five percent of their sentence. This amendment requires courts to state on the record the reasons for their decision to grant or deny bail in those cases.	(a) All prisoners shall be bailable by sufficient sureties unless for the following when the proof is evident or the presumption great:
Question:	(1) A capital offense;
	(2) An act of terrorism;
Shall Article I, Section 15 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the following:	(3) Second degree murder;
	(4) Aggravated rape of a child;
	(5) Aggravated rape;
	(6) Grave torture; and

(7) Any other offense for which, as of November 3, 2026, a defendant, if convicted, could not be released prior to the expiration of at least eighty-five percent of the entire sentence imposed.
(b) In any case in which bail for an offense listed in subsection (a) is granted or denied before conviction, the judge or magistrate shall place in the record the judge's or magistrate's reasons for granting or denying bail.
(c) The privilege of the writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in case of rebellion or invasion, the General Assembly shall declare the public safety requires it.

Yes

No

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT # 2 Vote For One (1) 0 selected, incomplete

Summary:	In accordance with the following provisions, all property real, personal, or mixed shall be subject to taxation, but the Legislature shall not levy, authorize, or otherwise permit any state tax upon such property, and the Legislature
This amendment adds text to Article II, section 28 of the Tennessee Constitution that prohibits the Legislature from imposing a State property tax on real, personal, or mixed property.	
	Yes
	No

Question:

Shall Article II, Section 28 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee be amended by deleting the following language from the first sentence:

In accordance with the following provisions, all property real, personal or mixed shall be subject to taxation, but the Legislature

and substituting instead the following:

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and
I am hospitalized, ill or physically disabled and unable to appear at my polling place.
I am a caretaker of a hospitalized, ill or physically disabled person.
I am a full-time student or spouse of a full-time student outside my county
I reside in a licensed facility, outside my county, providing relatively permanent domiciliary care (i.e. nursing home)
I am a candidate for office in the election
I am observing a religious holiday that prevents me from voting during early voting or on election day
I will be serving as an election official or a member or employee of the election commission on election day
I will be serving on jury duty
I am a voter with a disability and an inaccessible polling place
I have a CDL or TWIC or I am a spouse of a person with a CDL or TWIC and will be out of the county during early voting and Election Day and have no out of the county address to receive mail during this time. Enclosed is a copy of the CDL or TWIC and the number is _____.

UNITED STATES SENATE Vote For One (1) 0 selected, incomplete	UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 9 Vote For One (1) 0 selected, incomplete
Bill Hagerty Republican Party Nominee	Brent Taylor Republican Party Nominee
Marquita Bradshaw Democratic Party Nominee	Justin J. Pearson Democratic Party Nominee
Tharon Chandler Independent Candidate	Dennis Clark Independent Candidate
Andrew Gerena Independent Candidate	Michelle Davis Head Independent Candidate
Jeremy Dean Hearn Independent Candidate	Write-In
Robert Jones Independent Candidate	
James William Macon III Independent Candidate	TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 62 Vote For One (1) 0 selected, incomplete
Yoshi D. Matthews Independent Candidate	Pat Marsh Republican Party Nominee
David Sutman, Jr. Independent Candidate	Brieanna L Akers Democratic Party Nominee
Catherine Barcol "Barcy" Whitson Independent Candidate	Write-In
Write-In	

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SHELBYVILLE MUNICIPAL ELECTION MAYOR City of Shelbyville Vote For One (1) 0 selected, incomplete	CITY COUNCIL WARD 4 City of Shelbyville Vote For One (1) 0 selected, incomplete
Randy Carroll Independent Candidate	William Christie Independent Candidate
Henry Feldhaus Independent Candidate	Brad Whitaker Independent Candidate
Dave Rogers Independent Candidate	Write-In
Write-In	
CITY COUNCIL WARD 2 City of Shelbyville Vote For One (1) 0 selected, incomplete	CITY COUNCIL WARD 6 City of Shelbyville Vote For One (1) 0 selected, incomplete
Marilyn Ewing Independent Candidate	Bobby Turnbow Independent Candidate
Shawn Rueff Independent Candidate	Write-In
Write-In	

NORMANDY MUNICIPAL ELECTION MAYOR Town of Normandy Vote For One (1) 0 selected, incomplete
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Cody Sharrock
Independent Candidate

Write-In

ALDERMAN Town of Normandy Vote For One (1) 0 selected, incomplete

Jerry Fox
Independent Candidate

Patricia L. Knier
Independent Candidate

Write-In

ALDERMAN Town of Normandy Unexpired Term Vote For One (1) 0 selected, incomplete

Roger John Piggott
Independent Candidate

Write-In

WARTRACE MUNICIPAL ELECTION MAYOR Town of Wartrace Vote For One (1) 0 selected, incomplete	LIQUOR REFERENDUM Consumption on the Premises Town of Wartrace Vote For One (1) 0 selected, incomplete
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Shelia Ledere
Independent Candidate

Write-In

For legal sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises in the Town of Wartrace

ALDERMAN Town of Wartrace Vote For Two (2) 0 selected, incomplete	Against legal sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises in the Town of Wartrace
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Randi Cooper
Independent Candidate

Stephen Monroe
Independent Candidate

Write-In

Write-In

ELECTION NOTICE

Proposed Constitutional Amendments that will be on November 3, 2026, General Ballot.
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article I, Section 15 of the Constitution of Tennessee, relative to bail.

WHEREAS, Senate Joint Resolution No. 919 of the One Hundred Thirteenth General Assembly, which proposed amendment of Article I, Section 15 of the Constitution of Tennessee, relative to bail, was considered and agreed to by a majority of all the members elected to each of the two houses, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2024, such resolution proposing such amendment was published in compliance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that a two-thirds majority of all the members elected to each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed that Article I, Section 15 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the following:

That all prisoners shall be bailable by sufficient sureties, unless for capital offences, when the proof is evident, or the presumption great. And the privilege of the writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in case of rebellion or invasion, the General Assembly shall declare the public safety requires it.

and substituting instead the following:

(a) All prisoners shall be bailable by sufficient sureties unless for the following when the proof is evident or the presumption great:

- (1) A capital offense;
(2) An act of terrorism;
(3) Second degree murder;
(4) Aggravated rape of a child;
(5) Aggravated rape;
(6) Grave torture; and
(7) Any other offense for which, as of November 3, 2026, a defendant, if convicted, could not be released prior to the expiration of at least eighty-five percent of the entire sentence imposed.

(b) In any case in which bail for an offense listed in subsection (a) is granted or denied before conviction, the judge or magistrate shall place in the record the judge's or magistrate's reasons for granting or denying bail.

(c) The privilege of the writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in case of rebellion or invasion, the General Assembly shall declare the public safety requires it.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee, the foregoing proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people at the next general election in which a governor is to be chosen, the same being the 2026 November general election, and the Secretary of State is directed to place such proposed amendment on the ballot for that election.

ADOPTED: April 21, 2025

SUMMARY OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

This amendment changes Article I, section 15 of the Tennessee Constitution by allowing a court to hold a defendant without bail before trial when that defendant is accused of: an offense punishable by the death penalty, an act of terrorism, second degree murder, aggravated rape of a child, aggravated rape, grave torture, or any crime for which a convicted person would be required to serve eighty-five percent of their sentence. This amendment requires courts to state on the record the reasons for their decision to grant or deny bail in those cases.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article II, Section 28 of the Constitution of Tennessee, to prohibit taxation of property by the State.

WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution No. 81 of the One Hundred Thirteenth General Assembly, which proposed amendment of Article II, Section 28 of the Constitution of Tennessee, was considered and agreed upon by a majority of all the members elected to each of the two houses, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals; and

WHEREAS, such resolution proposing such amendment was published in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 28 of the Constitution of Tennessee currently authorizes taxation of all property according to its value by any taxing authority, including the State, counties, and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the State can impose a property tax, as it did until 1949 to all property in the State; and

WHEREAS, in 1949, the Legislature repealed the State's property tax; and

WHEREAS, the current property tax is imposed at the local level at various county and municipal tax rates; and

WHEREAS, the controlling and predominant purpose of the property tax is for local purposes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that a two-thirds majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed that Article II, Section 28 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee be amended by deleting the following language from the first sentence:

In accordance with the following provisions, all property real, personal or mixed shall be subject to taxation, but the Legislature

and substituting instead the following:

In accordance with the following provisions, all property real, personal, or mixed shall be subject to taxation, but the Legislature shall not levy, authorize, or otherwise permit any state tax upon such property, and the Legislature

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee, the foregoing proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people at the next general election in which a governor is to be chosen, the same being the 2026 November general election, and the Secretary of State is directed to place such proposed amendment on the ballot for that election.

ADOPTED: April 21, 2025

SUMMARY OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

This amendment adds text to Article II, section 28 of the Tennessee Constitution that prohibits the Legislature from imposing a State property tax on real, personal, or mixed property.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article I, Section 35 of the Constitution of Tennessee, relative to the rights of crime victims.

WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution No. 94 of the One Hundred Thirteenth General Assembly, which proposed amendment of Article I, Section 35 of the Constitution of Tennessee, relative to the rights of crime victims, was considered and agreed to by a majority of all the members elected to each of the two houses, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals; and

WHEREAS, such resolution proposing such amendment was published in compliance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that a two-thirds majority of all members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed that Article I, Section 35 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting the following:

Section 35. That to preserve and protect the rights of victims of crime to justice and due process throughout the criminal and juvenile justice systems, a victim, as defined by law and which may be expanded by the General Assembly, shall have the following rights, which shall be protected:

- (1) The right to be treated with fairness for the victim's safety and dignity;
(2) The right, upon request, to reasonable notice of all public criminal proceedings and all public juvenile delinquency proceedings involving the accused;
(3) The right to be present at all public criminal proceedings and all public juvenile delinquency proceedings involving the accused;
(4) The right upon request to be heard in any proceeding involving release, plea, sentencing, disposition, and parole, as well as any public proceeding when relevant during which a right of the victim is implicated;
(5) The right to be heard and informed of all parole procedures, to participate in the parole process, to provide information to the parole authority to be considered before the parole of the offender, and to be notified, upon request, of the parole or other release of the offender;
(6) The right to be free from harassment, intimidation, and abuse throughout the criminal justice system, including reasonable protection, as defined by the General Assembly, from the accused or any person acting on behalf of the accused;
(7) The right, upon request, to reasonable notice of any release, transfer, or escape of the accused or convicted person;
(8) The right to full and timely restitution from the offender;
(9) The right to a speedy trial or disposition and a prompt and final conclusion of the case after the conviction or sentence;
(10) The right to be informed of the minimum sentence the offender will serve in custody and the scheduled release date;
(11) The right to have the safety of the victim, the victim's family, and the general public considered before any parole or other post-judgment release decision is made;
(12) The right, upon request, to confer with the prosecution; and
(13) The right to be fully informed of all rights afforded to crime victims.

A victim may assert the rights enumerated in this section, not as a party, but in the manner further provided by the General Assembly protecting the victim's right to standing. The General Assembly has the authority to enact substantive and procedural laws to further define, implement, preserve, and protect the rights guaranteed to victims by this section. This section must be interpreted to preserve and protect the rights of all persons to due process. This section, or any law enacted under this section, does not create a basis for vacating a conviction. This section does not restrict the powers of the District Attorney General or the inherent authority of the court.

Other than as provided in the preceding paragraph, this section does not create a cause of action or claim for damages against the state or a political subdivision of the state; an officer, employee, or agent of the state or of any of its political subdivisions; or an officer or employee of the court.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee, the foregoing proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people at the next general election in which a governor is to be chosen, the same being the 2026 November general election, and the Secretary of State is directed to place such proposed amendment on the ballot for that election.

ADOPTED: April 21, 2025

SUMMARY OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

This amendment changes Article I, section 35 of the Tennessee Constitution by clarifying existing rights for crime victims and adding new rights. The amendment gives victims new rights: to fair treatment; to be informed about and participate in the parole process; to be protected from harassment, intimidation, and abuse; to be informed of the minimum sentence the convicted criminal will serve, as well as their scheduled release date; and to have their safety, their family's safety, and the public's safety taken into account before any decision is made to release the convicted criminal. The amendment also maintains or clarifies victims' existing rights: to be informed about legal proceedings involving the accused or convicted criminal; to be present at public criminal proceedings; to be informed of any release, transfer, or escape of the accused or convicted criminal; to talk to prosecutors; to make statements about conviction, sentencing, or release of the accused person; to a speedy resolution of the case; to restitution from the convicted criminal; and to be informed of their rights. The amendment does not restrict the powers of prosecutors or courts and does not create a cause of action or claim for damages against the State of Tennessee.

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Blue Raiders fall on the road to Kansas

MT ATHLETICS

LAWRENCE, Kan. – Middle Tennessee football (2-3, 0-1 CUSA) fell 55-0 in its final non-conference bout of the season against the Kansas Jayhawks (2-2) on Saturday.

The Blue Raider defense got off to a solid start, as the Jayhawks led 3-0 at the first quarter break. The Kansas offense was able to get things moving more in the second quarter, putting up 17 points to push the deficit to 20-0.

Middle Tennessee struggled to contain the running game on defense, as Kansas tallied 480 yards on the ground with two individual 100-yard rushers for the home team.

On the flip side, MTSU was unable to replicate the success on the ground that Kansas found. Antonio Martin Jr. led the way for the Blue Raiders offensively with 40 yards on the ground.

Freshman Ziyon Butler had two catches on the day for 44-yards, while Middle Tennessee's leading receiver Cam'ron Lacy hauled in two passes. Overall, Roman Gagliano was nine-of-26 through the air for 81 yards.

By the Numbers:

13: Cam'ron Lacy is now up to 13 straight games with a reception for the Blue Raiders.

76: Redshirt senior punter Ashton Logan launched a 76-yard punt in the fourth quarter, marking the longest punt of his collegiate career. The punt goes down as the fifth-longest in program history.



Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

90: Wide receiver/ kick returner Santana Fleming led the Blue Raiders in all-purpose yards on just two kick returns. This includes a 52-yard return in the second quarter.

MTSU Game Notes
The contest represented MTSU's first-ever football game played in the state of Kansas. It was also the first time MTSU has played a Big 12 team since 2006.
Saturday marked the third-straight game that Middle Tennessee's opponent has opened the second half with a scoring drive.
Blue Raiders were held under 100 total passing yards for the first time since Nov. 29, 2014.

Offensive Notes
#3 | Cam'ron Lacy | WR | r-Jr.
With a reception today, Cam'ron Lacy has now hauled in a catch in 13 consecutive games.
#7 | Hogan Wasson | WR | r-Sr.
Made first start as a Blue Raider in Lawrence.
#16 | Roman Gagliano | QB | r-Sr.
Notched his seventh game as a starter without an interception, achieving this feat starting in just eight career contests.
The redshirt sophomore has an eight-to-one touchdown to interception ratio through five games this season.
#13 | Ziyon Butler | WR | Fr.
Butler hauled in the

second and third catches of his collegiate career this afternoon, including a 36-yard pitch and catch from Gagliano in the fourth quarter. This marked the longest reception of Butler's young career

Defensive Notes
#2 | Jackson Lowe | CB | r-Jr.
Jackson Lowe filled up the stat sheet for the Blue Raiders during a day where he was tied for the team lead in tackles with nine, while picking up a tackle for loss and a pass breakup.
#13 | Ashton Taylor | LB | r-Sr.
Ashton Taylor was the other Blue Raider to accumulate nine tackles on the day, tying for the

team lead. This includes six solo tackles.
#17 | Jayson Lowe | LB | r-Jr.
Jayson Lowe recorded his first career tackle for loss against Kansas.
The redshirt junior added eight total tackles, with six of them being solo.
Special Teams Notes
#92 | Ashton Logan | P | r-Sr.
Kicked four punts over 50 yards for the second time in a row, the first time this feat has been accomplished in the Mason era.
Recorded a long punt of 76 yards in Lawrence, the fifth-longest in program history.
Tied for seventh-most yards per punt in a single game with 51.8 yards per boot.

#0 | Santana Fleming | WR | r-Jr
Fleming made his presence known in the kick return game, with an average return of 45-yards against Kansas. This includes ripping off a 52-yard return for the Blue Raiders in the second quarter.
Up Next: Middle Tennessee goes into its bye week preparing for a three-game stretch of Weekday CUSA games, beginning at home against Delaware (2-3, 0-1 CUSA) on Tuesday, Oct. 13. Kickoff inside Floyd Stadium is slated for 6:00 p.m.
Follow the Blue Raiders: Follow Middle Tennessee Football on social media on Facebook (/BlueRaiderFootball), X

Six-Member 2026 Blue Raider Hall of Fame Class Set for Induction Nov. 6

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – With the 2026 Blue Raider Hall of Fame induction weekend now just under a month away, Middle Tennessee Athletics is set to celebrate six individuals whose accomplishments helped shape the history of Blue Raider Athletics.
The Class of 2026 – John Ampomah, Paige (Goeglein) Davis, Izabela Kozon, Clint Marks, Ken Riley (posthumously) and Whit Turnbow – will be inducted into the Blue Raider Hall of Fame during a ceremony on Friday, Nov. 6, in the SRM Concrete Club on the third floor of the Stephen and Denise Smith Student-Athlete Performance Center. The class will bring the total number of Blue Raider Hall of Fame members to 199.
The induction ceremony is part of a full weekend of activities surrounding the Blue Raider football team's Homecoming game against WKU on Saturday, Nov. 7. General admission tickets are free

and on a first-come, first served basis. To obtain the free tickets, please click on the RSVP link above.
2026 Blue Raider Hall of Fame Weekend
Friday, Nov. 6
6-6:45 p.m. – AD Reception at Kennon Sports Hall of Fame
7 p.m. – Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at SRM Concrete Club, Third Floor Smith Center
Table reservations for eight guests are available for \$500. To reserve a table, contact the Blue Raider Athletic Association at 615-898-2210 or BRAA@mtsu.edu. All proceeds benefit the Blue Raider Varsity Club. After submitting registration, a ticket voucher for entry will be emailed. Please allow up to 48 hours to receive the ticket.
Saturday, Nov. 7
10 a.m. – Hall of Fame Inductees participate in the Homecoming Parade
2:30 p.m. – MTSU vs. WKU football kickoff at

Floyd Stadium
Meet the Class of 2026
John Ampomah, Track – Ampomah competed as a javelin thrower for the Blue Raiders from 2014-16 and finished as the national runner-up in the event at the 2015 NCAA Championships. The Accra, Ghana, native owns the MTSU career record in the javelin with a mark of 81.55 meters and was a Conference USA champion in 2015 and 2016. Ampomah became the first back-to-back event winner in MTSU history at the Penn Relays and was named the Outstanding Field Performer/Field Athlete of the Year in 2015.
Paige (Goeglein) Davis, Soccer – Davis was the 2012 Sun Belt Conference Offensive Player of the Year after helping lead the Blue Raiders to a 49-29-6 record during her four-year career from 2009-12. The Fort Wayne, Indiana, native ranks seventh in program history in points, is

tied for third in matches played, ranks fourth in game-winning goals and is tied for 10th in goals scored. In 2012, Davis helped lead MTSU to a 14-5-1 record and a Sun Belt championship while recording 32 points and setting a school single-season record with eight game-winning goals.
Izabela Kozon, Volleyball – A former Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year and 2010 Honorable Mention All-American, Kozon helped lead the Blue Raiders to four consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances from 2007-10. She finished her career ranked first in the 25-point rally-scoring era in kills (1,330), kills per set (3.58), attacks (3,311), service aces (88) and double-doubles (33). A three-time all-conference selection, Kozon also earned Sun Belt Tournament MVP honors in 2010.
Clint Marks, Football – Marks was a 36-game starter who led the Blue

Raiders to the program's first-ever FBS bowl appearance in 2006. The left-handed quarterback finished his career ranked second in school history in completion percentage (66.0), fourth in pass completions (668), fourth in passing yards (7,342), fourth in 200-yard passing games (18) and seventh in touchdown passes (37). Marks guided MTSU to a share of the 2006 Sun Belt Conference championship and became the first quarterback in school history to record back-to-back 2,000-yard passing seasons.
Ken Riley, Men's Basketball – A two-time All-Ohio Valley Conference selection and team captain in 1970-71, Riley is a member of MTSU's 1,000-point club and ranks 23rd in program history in scoring. He also ranks third in career rebounds with 924 and fourth in rebounding average at 12.2 per game. Riley led the Blue Raider freshman team in scoring and rebounding during the 1966-67

season with 398 points and 353 rebounds. He also earned three letters in track.
Whit Turnbow, Men's Golf – Turnbow has served MTSU Athletics as a player, assistant coach and administrator, and was the Blue Raiders' head men's golf coach from 2007-15. During his eight seasons as head coach, Turnbow led MTSU to six NCAA Regional appearances, one NCAA Championship appearance, a conference championship and three conference Coach of the Year honors. His teams won 16 tournament titles and recorded 43 top-five finishes. Turnbow coached 14 first-team all-conference selections, while his players earned National Player of the Week honors three times. His first team secured the program's first-ever at-large berth to an NCAA Regional in 2008 before advancing to the NCAA Division I Championship for the first time in school history.

Cascade’s Offense Struggles in Region Loss at Giles County

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PULASKI, Tenn. – The Cascade Champions (3-3, 0-2) suffered their second-consecutive defeat in Region 4-AAA at Giles County (4-2, 2-0) on Friday night, 38-7.

Cascade’s offense generated less than 200 total yards on the night compared to the 466 yards the Bobcats recorded that included 366 yards rushing.

“We knew going into it that this would be one of if not the best defensive line that we would face,” Cascade Head Coach Jared Carkuff said, “They’re really good up front.”

After both teams traded punts on their opening drives, Giles County found the end zone with a 14-yard touchdown run by Carter Pettigrew to cap a 61-yard drive with 4:09 left in the first quarter.

Both teams traded punts again before the Bobcats doubled their lead on a backbreaking scoop-and-score from Zahari Howell. On third and short, Cascade quarterback Sam Bradley dropped back to pass before rolling left to escape pressure. Giles County chased him down, forcing a fumble that Howell recovered at the Champions’ 38-yard line before he ran into the end zone untouched to give the hosts a 14-0 lead with 10:30 remaining in the first half.

Cascade went three-and-out on its ensuing drive, but then the Champions’ defense stepped up to give its of-



Cascade’s Xykaiah Dixon (11) picks off a pass from Giles County’s Drew McLemore in the first half of Friday’s loss to set up the lone scoring drive from the Champions. *Photo courtesy of Fotos by Finch.*

fense good field position. Drew McLemore – starting for the injured Xavier Randolph – dropped back to pass and fired the ball intended for his receiver on a slant pattern. However, the ball sailed over his target’s head and into the waiting arms of Xykaiah Dixon at the Bobcats’ 36-yard line.

Three plays later on 3rd-and-10, Bradley

evaded pressure just long enough to find Lendon Gordon streaking open downfield for a 36-yard touchdown pass, trimming the lead to 14-7 with 8:28 remaining in the second quarter.

“We knew their safeties flew down a lot, and so a double move would work,” Carkuff said, “We were initially at 3rd-and-5 before a false start, so we were already

planning to potentially go for it on fourth down, but when it’s 3rd-and-10 we thought we might as well go for it. Awesome play by both of them.”

Gordon finished with three receptions for 47 yards and the one score while Bradley went 11-for-30 through the air for just 68 yards and one touchdown. Bradley also ran for 56 yards on 10 carries.

On Giles County’s ensuing possession, the Bobcats opened with a 27-yard scamper by Pettigrew, but then three questionable 15-yard penalties against the Champions moved the ball all the way inside the five-yard line. Pettigrew found the end zone from two yards out shortly thereafter to take a 21-7 lead with 7:19 to go in the half.

The two sides traded punts again before McLemore found a lane on a read option down the left sideline for a 52-yard touchdown run with 1:40 left in the first half to make the score 28-7 heading into halftime. McLemore would finish the game going 8-of-14 through the air for 91 yards and one interception while carrying the ball six times for 126 yards and one score.

On the other side, Cascade finished the first half with just 83 total yards on nine possessions.

To open the second half, Pettigrew found the end zone from 19 yards out for his third and final touchdown of the game to take a 35-7 lead. The Bobcats star tailback toted the rock 22 times for 204 yards and three touchdowns in an impressive performance on the ground.

After a Cascade turnover-on-downs, Giles County tacked on a 31-yard field goal with 2:16 to go in the third quarter to reach the final score of 38-7, initiating a running clock for the remainder of the game.

Cascade saw the return of Nate Zimmerman, and the two-way star made his presence felt defensively with nearly 20 tackles on the night. He also carried the ball six times for 31 yards.

At receiver for Cascade to complement Gordon, Braxtyn Burris caught a team-high six passes for 46 yards.

Cascade falls to 3-3 overall. The Champions return home to take on unbeaten Chapel Hill for homecoming on Friday night with kickoff set for 7:00 p.m.



Cascade’s Lendon Gordon (9) hauled in a 36-yard touchdown pass for Cascade’s only points in Friday’s loss at Giles County. Gordon finished with three receptions for 47 yards on the night. *Photo courtesy of Fotos by Finch.*

WHITE

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sues between them. White doesn't forget his wife and notes that it was Emily who pushed him-through strong words- to finish the book. He and Emily love to travel and they've learned so much on their journeys all over the country and world. Emily and other members of Chris' family were present to sup-

port him during Tuesday's event. Emotion is heavy in this book. One paragraph reads: "THE BREAD DOUGH in the Ragland kitchen swelled under Earline Johnson's gaze, rising slow, as the sun through the trees at dawn. Her hands, roughened by years of service, smoothed a light coat

of flour . . .her fingers moving with the same unthinking rhythm she used when patting Elijah's back as a baby." The library stated in its program, "With its richly rooted sense of place and connection to the past, "Dandelion Wine" invites readers to look beyond the surface of a familiar small town and consider the hidden

histories, complicated relationships and difficult choices that can exist within a community." White told the audience his book is not to be confused with the Ray Bradbury book of the same title, as Bradbury's was set in 1928, and about a totally different phase of life. He said given family history; this was the most appropriate name for his first published works. And it was just that, he says, a way to talk about time and events which can affect families for generations. "I wrote this book not to be a best seller but to close a chapter," White says.

The book, which several patrons bought Tuesday, is published by Southern Narratives of Shelbyville and is available at Amazon.com. The Friends of the Library, chaired by Jessica-Osborne Calahan, presented long-time patron Lynn Hulan with this year's Friends award. She was present to accept the honor. A sack lunch was provided for ticket-holders. And as always, the library placed an assortment of books on each table for the taking, as a thank you. Calahan said during opening remarks that the process to find the new library director, to replace retiring Margaret Petty, is on-going. She thanked the library's many sponsors and noted October is membership month.



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