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Fletcher wins Tuesday primary as mayoral candidate (R)

By Dawn Hankins

Well, local voters, those who turned out, moved ahead with selecting the County's top mayoral contender-Chad Fletcher-in the Republican primary on Tuesday.

Voter turnout was low at 4,031. That's only 12.99% of the 31,035 Bedford County registered

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Chad Fletcher

Final unofficial numbers for contested races in May 5 Primary

Mayor
Chad Fletcher – 1,705
Ally Puckett – 1,045
James Sloan – 399

Assessor of Property
(unexpired term of Ronda Clanton)
Emily Redd Hodges – 1,975
Drew Reed – 1,307

District 1 Commissioner
Jared Featherstone - 513
Eric Maddox - 393
Mark McBryant – 370



T-G Photo by Noah Maddox

Shelbyville Central won its first District Championship since 2006, on Monday night at Cookeville.

'Cardiac Central' downs Cookeville for first district title in 20 Years

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. – Braxton Vari pitched five scoreless innings in relief, Case Davis delivered a clutch go-ahead 2-RBI double in the top of the seventh, and the No. 3 seeded Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (27=9, 5-3) upset the No. 1 seeded Cookeville Cavaliers (23-7, 6-2), 6-4, in the District 6-AAAA Championship on Monday night.

"[Winning the district] is phenomenal. For these boys, and for the work that they've put in and things that they do…we take great pride in representing our community, and we want to represent our school the right way, and our kids do that," Shelbyville Central Head Coach Chase Jones said postgame, "To be able to bring a district championship home, it's a very good feeling."

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Happy Mother's Day

Ann Spencer looks forward to another Mother's Day

Retired educator shares life and experiences

By Dawn Hankins



William Osler, founder of Johns Hopkins Hospital, was known to say, "The value of experience is not in seeing much, but in seeing wisely." Like Osler, Bedford County's own Ann Spencer is an expert in many areas of life; she's one to have tea with, for sure.

She's had a well-lived life, most would say. She's also, like Osler, a bit of a practical joker.

Of course one would have to have a good sense of humor, right, after teaching elementary students for 40 years?

She admits at a certain age; nouns come and go. Ann says she's now into that stage of life but still enjoying all that she can with church, clubs, friends and family.

Friendships are "God's gifts," she will tell you.

It's well worth sitting down with this local senior to talk about, well, life. She's the mother of two girls and a boy. She is grandmother of 7 and great-grandmother of 10 (with one on the way.) She's a widow, having lost her husband of 61 years, Don, back in 2018; they reared their children here and were active members of First United Methodist Church.

Ann recalls a hairy first-year of teaching in Knox County, with a laugh, and later Alabama- a place she says where she was a little better suited.

Husband Don was one of the engineers that developed the SR-71 engines technology. So, they lived in several places due to his work; he was from Lynchburg and she was from here.

Don also worked on the Apollo 13 mission's rescue. He retired as energy manager at Arnold Engineering Air Force Base in Tullahoma.

Thankfully, Don's last job would bring Ann and family back to her hometown of Bedford County. Ann would teach and supervise for 30 years in Bedford County, lastly teaching at Liberty School.

There's three generations of teachers in Ann's family; her late mother, herself and her daughter, Dulcie Davis, who is employed through Bedford County Central Office in the attendance department.

Ann's sister, Ardis Rittenberry-Caffey, was also a teacher as are several others members of the extended family.

Ann was a mother who devoted a lot of time to her children. She still believes this is important.

"You have to keep up with what your children are doing . . . stay involved in your children's lives and as much as you can, your grandchildren's."

She says her children weren't perfect. The retired teacher has some good advice from the family side of life.

"I did not take my children's side and say the teacher caused it all. There are always two sides to every argument."

Ann admits she believed in a busy classroom. And if the room became cluttered, so be it, because that wasn't her first priority.

Those who know her will admit that Ann has a gift of recognizing the needs of children. She knows the temperament, basically, what makes those little folks tick.

"Every child has a button. Everybody knows you can push a button. You can make that good child bad, if you push that button."

She has known teachers who've pushed the wrong buttons and lived to 'tell about it.'

This experienced educator, who also worked at the Central Office for a few years, remembers the first Special Education Law. Ann worked with then superintendent Earl Harris and served as the special education supervisor.

She eventually returned to the classroom. She would go on to witness many new facets of education from the implementation to TVAAS to Core Math.

Speaking of that sense of humor, the 85-year-old details what should happen in the way of learning with the folks that invented Core Math.

She remembers those small windows of training on the new educational aspects, like the "10 Model." In Tennessee, the "10 Model" refers to the Tennessee Educator Acceleration Model (TEAM), a statewide educator evaluation system implemented in 2011. It was created as part of the First to the Top Act and became one of the first comprehensive, student outcomes-based evaluation systems in the U.S.

People would often ask Ann why she kept teaching for years, given so much had started to change in education. Her response was that she loved it. And rather than just teaching subjects, she says she taught into those little eyes of her children. It's not all a bout just math and science, she says.

There is a difference.

She loved those fourth graders who were eager to learn, enthusiastic and untouched by bias still in their lives.

Her students kept her going.

Were there days she wanted to give it all up? She says sure.

She said a good teacher has to push a point hard sometimes. But there should be room for allowing the students to recharge then reapproach difficult problems.

"If you look at fourth graders, they're probably the most honest grade you teach. It's either right or wrong. They're still children and their minds are still [innocent.] They want to please . . . want to have rules consistent for everybody."

Every good teacher will tell you, and Ann is no exception, that a teacher needs activities outside of school. She has enjoyed for many years being a part of the Liberty Family and Com-

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Cartwright Elementary receives STEAM designation

This recognition marks a milestone as Cartwright becomes the first school in Bedford County to earn this distinction.

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Cascade Champions are District 9 Champs

Cascade upset Summertown twice and Loretto once to win second District 9 Title in four seasons.

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voters.

For nearly 30 years, Fletcher has dedicated his life to serving others through education—as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and district supervisor. He currently serves as federal programs supervisor for Bedford County School System.

"I've worked collaboratively with educators, families, and community leaders to make meaningful progress where it matters most," Fletcher said during his campaign.



Eric Maddox

'I had an 18-year-old young man tell me he voted for the first time and voted for me.'

Returning to the courthouse to work with the next mayor, to be officially determined in August, will be Commissioner Eric Maddox of District 1, with 393 votes on Tuesday, and new District 1 representative, Jared Featherstone, of Bell Buckle, who topped Tuesday's leader board with 513 votes.

Incumbent Maddox told the T-G Tuesday evening following the election, "I am super happy and thankful for the results of the primary. I am humbled and grateful that he people of District 1 have allowed me to move forward into the General Election."

Maddox said he's still got work to do that is extremely important to him-the senior property tax freeze.

"That work is to try and get the senior citizens



Jared Featherstone

property tax freeze voted on favorably by the Commission. That's my very next goal."

The County Commission is set to possibly vote on the senior tax freeze at its meeting on Tuesday. The Finance Committee sent the recommendation to the Commission last week with an undetermined amount of expense connected to the proposal.

Maddox said again, how he's thankful for the vote of confidence in the primary election. But he noted that he must stay focused "on the road ahead."

Property Assessor candidate Emily Redd Hodges drew in 1,975 votes to Drew Reed's 1,307-both are current employees of the Property Assessor's office.

Just over 1,800 people went to the polls Tuesday. There were just over 2,000 early voters and 35 paper ballot votes.

Brent Smith, who ran uncontested in the primary, commented following the election, "Now that I've secured the Republican Primary, it's time for real representation. I will be the only Republican candidate running in District 5 in the upcoming August election. My record is clear: I've fought every property tax hike and successfully began the initial charge to freeze taxes for our seniors several years ago and that fight continues to this day. I requested environmental impact studies concerning hazardous companies moving to our county. I voted to update our codes while also asking the hard questions around large developments and the impact they would have on our infrastructure."

Smith says his platform is simple:

- No property tax hikes of wheel taxes
- Common-sense zoning to protect local homes
- Duck River from mass development
- Cutting the fat and red tape from government operations
- Sustainable growth in farming, technology, not data centers and tourism

"I am 100% self-funded," Smith advised. "No PAC money, no hidden agendas, just an unyielding advocate for District 5 and Bedford County. I'm ready to work for our families."



Emily Hodges

'I have had amazing support, and I am very grateful to the voters who got out and cast their votes in the primary election. These local primary elections are important in choosing the leadership for the County and community it serves. My experience throughout this campaign and election has been so humbling, and I look forward to working hard and earning my communities support and trust for the General Election in August.'

Cartwright Elementary makes history with STEAM designation

Bedford County Schools recently announced that Cartwright Elementary School has been officially awarded a prestigious STEAM designation by the Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) during its annual awards ceremony in Nashville.

This recognition marks a historic milestone as Cartwright becomes the first school in Bedford County to earn this distinction.

The STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) designation honors schools that demonstrate excellence in delivering high-quality, integrated learning experiences that prepare students for success in a rapidly evolving world.

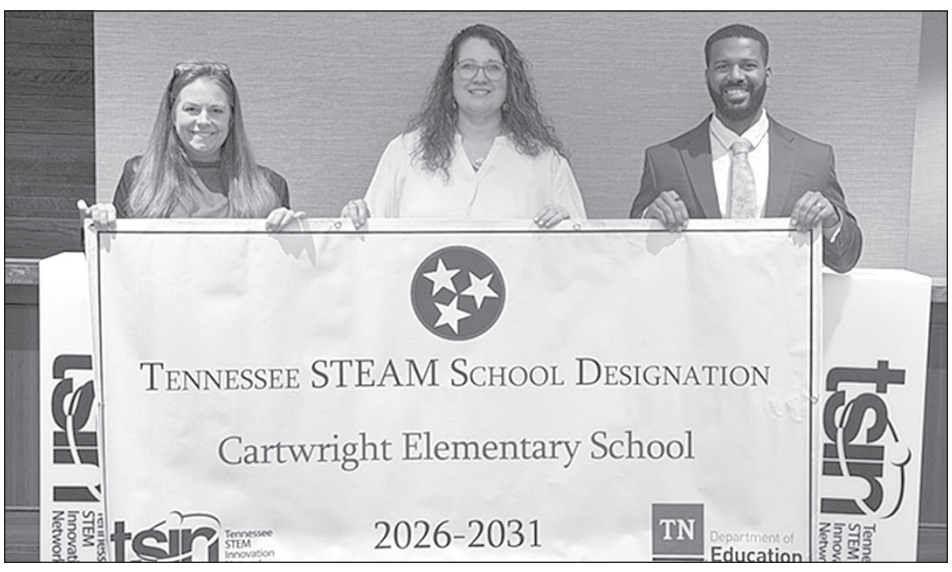
Schools earning this honor serve as models across the state, showcasing a commitment to student-centered learning environments that emphasize problem-solving, critical thinking, collaboration and real-world application.

Cartwright Elementary School Principal Whitney Yoes reflected on the significance of the achievement and said, "Opening Cartwright Elementary School has been an opportunity for all of us to learn, grow and build a special legacy together. One of my personal goals was for our school to earn STEAM designation before my retirement, and I am proud that we accomplished that vision within two years! The process required tremendous collaboration, planning, evidence collection, professional learning and a commitment to embedding STEAM practices into daily instruction and overall school culture. This accomplishment would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our faculty and staff, along with the leadership and guidance of Dr. Martin and Dr. Aymett. I feel extremely proud, grateful and honored that Cartwright is the first school in Bedford County to receive this designation."



Assistant Principal Malcolm Martin commented, "This process pushed us to be intentional about every aspect of our instructional model, from how we design lessons to how students engage with real-world problems. As a new school, we had the opportunity to build these systems from the ground up, ensuring that STEAM practices were consistent across classrooms and accessible to all students, not just pockets of excellence. Earning this designation as the first school in our district reflects the clarity, alignment and commitment our staff brought to work every day. Our teachers leaned into the process, refined their practice and kept students at the center of every decision. I'm proud of what we've built in a short time and excited about where this foundation will take us next!"

Bedford County Schools Superintendent Tammy Garrett, also shared her congratulations and commented, "This recognition is a powerful affirmation of the vision behind Cartwright Elementary School from its very beginning. We set out to create a learning environment where innovation, creativity and high-quality instruction would thrive; today, that vision has come to life in a historic way! I am incredibly proud of the students, teachers and leaders at Cartwright for setting a new standard of excellence for Bedford County Schools. Their work not only reflects what is possible, but it inspires what comes next for our entire district."



School System Photo

From left, Cartwright Elementary Interventionist Regan Aymett, Principal Whitney Yoes and Assistant Principal Malcolm Martin make history as they proudly accept their STEAM designation at a Tennessee STEM Innovation Network award ceremony recently in Nashville.

Celebrating America's 250th birthday

Local municipalities and unincorporated communities invited to share in Time Capsule

Imagine your great or great-great-grandchildren being present to open a time capsule in 50 years right in Bedford County. When the capsule is opened, they will see how this community shared in events and perhaps marvel at what this community was like decades before.

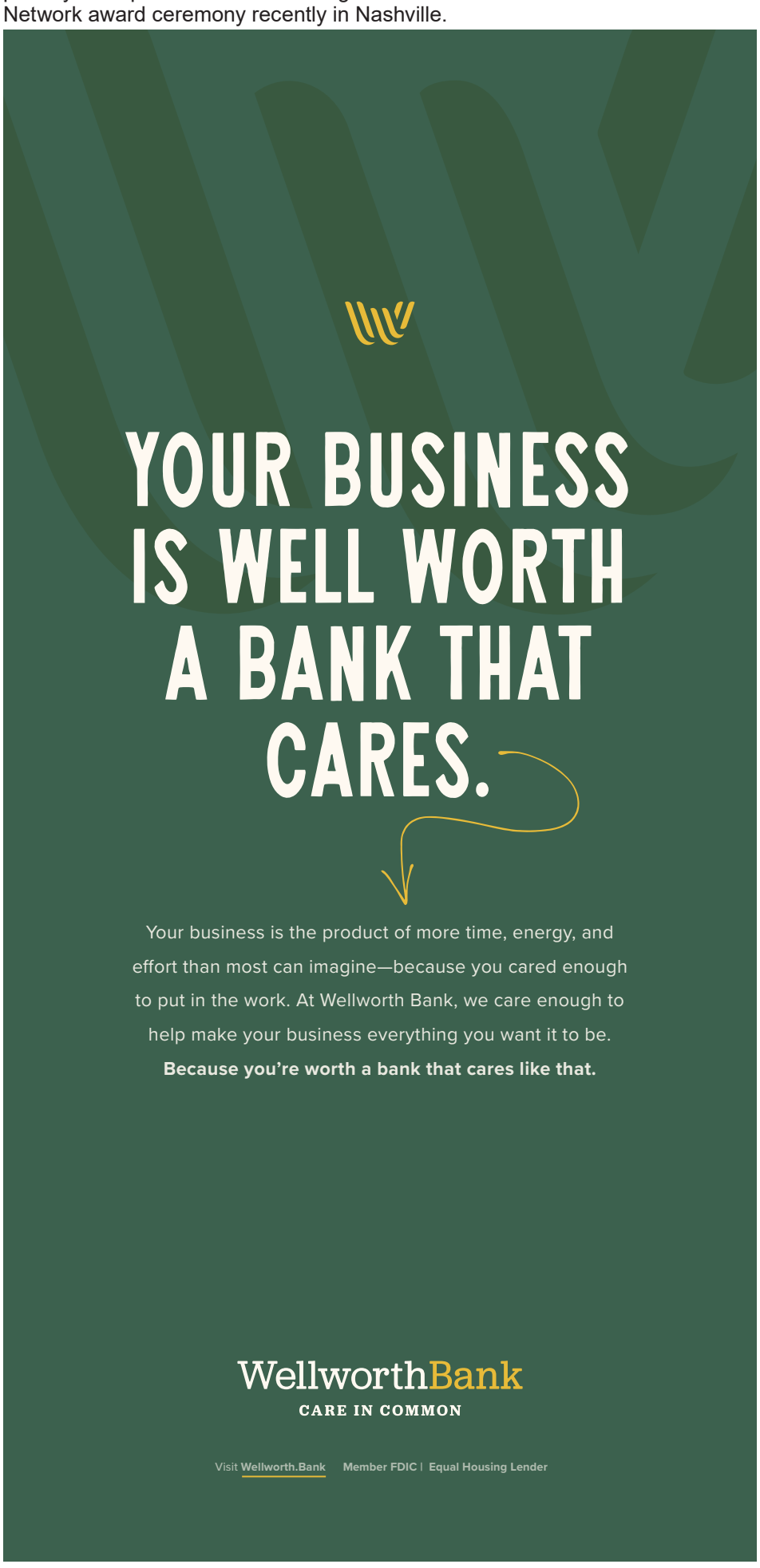
Mayor Chad Graham recently sent out a letter to leaders, residents and community stakeholders about the creation of a historic time capsule, honoring the Celebration of America's 250th anniversary.

"Our goal is to capture the unique spirit, culture and daily life of Bedford County as it exists today," said Graham. "This capsule will be sealed with the intent of being opened in 50 years, offering a window into our lives for those celebrating the County's future."

Each municipality, unincorporated community, is being asked to select one item that best represents their community life.

Deadline for submission is Monday, June 22, at 4 p.m. Deliver to Bedford County Courthouse, Shelbyville -#1 Public Square, Archives Dept., Suite 105, Monday-Friday 8 a.m., to 4 p.m.

For questions, municipalities are asked to contact Commissioner Syvia Pinson at sylvia.pinson@bedfordcountytn.gov. Or call 931-580-9896 for more information.



THE ISSUE

CITY discussions on senior tax freeze sort of run cold

By Dawn Hankins
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During the study session of Shelbyville City Council on Tuesday, Councilman Josh Blevins explained what potentially happens next with the senior property tax freeze proposal.

His counterpart, Commissioner Eric Maddox, was simultaneously winning his second term in the Commission during the Republican primary.

Blevins and Maddox have spent months attending County meetings and leading a subcommittee for the tax freeze, per Rules Committee recommendation, where they talked about this is the "right thing to do."

The City may help the County pay some of the administrative costs of the program, should it be approved Tuesday by the Commission. But those conversations were kind of cool Tuesday evening.

During a recent Financial Management Committee meeting, County Mayor Chad Graham is certain it will be necessary to hire two new employees for the Property Assessor's office and for the County Trustee's office to maintain the administrative work involved in this program. The cost was estimated at $150,000 a year, which would mean if the City kicks in, that's $75,000 a year out of each budget.

With some County offices saying even last year they needed more help to maintain their work loads, could this be a way of piggy backing needed administration at the County level?

Councilman Henry Feldhaus, who often uses the phrase, "stop kicking the can down the road" was the one that asked about the rush to get this proposal approved. He said a freeze during the current tax year is off the table for sure and potentially, there may be no tax increases here for 5 years or more.

But is that for certain-no future property tax increases. And how vulnerable are the lower income seniors over age 65, who may not be able to pay any more on keeping their homes?

Remember: This freeze does not stop homeowners over 65 from paying property taxes. It just freezes the amount to be paid as based on their last property tax payment (in the year this is approved.)

So if the County approves the tax freeze Tuesday by majority vote, then seniors will pay the same amount next year, as this year, on their property. There is a 5-acre property rule that we will discuss in a later T-G story with Blevins and Maddox.

But they've got to get this off the ground, first.

Maddox and Blevins believe there's no need to wait when it comes to implementing such a program to help local seniors. With the program in place, they say this gives those who've paid in so much to the community a break of any potential increases.

Maddox said in his comments to the T-G Tuesday (see front page story) that he's still adamant about working on the senior tax freeze. Why put off the inevitable- a program he believes is truly significant to local tax payers in their golden years.

While many in government have tossed around this program, some say it would be a financial strain to local taxpayers under the age of 65. Blevins and Maddox have cited how Putnam County, much larger than Bedford, has implemented the program, as well as smaller communities like Franklin County.

While in the same vein, some of these counties may be facing economic hardships, Maddox and Blevins contend this is not a program with extreme costs. Blevins estimates $5 more dollars a year to each local taxpayer. With that, wouldn't many here actually be saving themselves dollars in the future? Hard to tell but seems reasonable enough.

With proper management, Blevins and Maddox say it is a doable resource that Bedford County could be proud of implementing for the future.

If you are a proponent or even against the senior tax freeze, now is the time to talk to your district representative about your wants and needs. If you don't care, then this proposal may very well die in its tracks.

Voter turnout this time does make you wonder about who cares.

While some find it admirable, it is believed some just won't pass it next week.

Still, Blevins and Maddox carry on with optimism.

Here is a summary the two provided during a senior tax freeze committee meeting about the benefits of implementing a Senior Property Tax Freeze

- Protects seniors on fixed incomes from tax hikes. Property tax increases of 10 to 20% translate into $87 to $236+ per year in savings per household — real money for retirees living on Social Security or pensions.
- Protects seniors currently on tax relief program from tax hikes. Without the freeze in place, seniors on tax relief program continue to receive tax relief, but would still have their taxes increase.
- Helps hundreds of local seniors currently ineligible for the tax relief program. Depending on the income option, an estimated 720 to 1,800 seniors could benefit from the tax freeze, more than the 517 currently benefiting from the tax relief (the tax relief program would stay in place).
- Targets those who need it most. Income limits ($42,710) focus the program on middle- and lower-income seniors.
- Minimal impact on government revenue. Even under higher participation and tax-increase scenarios, the cost is under 1% of property tax revenue — a small trade-off for a significant benefit to our most vulnerable.
- Most costs occur only when taxes increase. If taxes stay flat, there is no restricted revenue impact, making it fiscally low-risk.
- Aligns Bedford County and Shelbyville residents with the majority of Tennessee residents. 27 counties and dozens of cities already offer this program, covering 67% of the state's population — it's a proven, mainstream policy.
- Predictable and easy to budget. Because benefits are tied to tax increases and capped by eligibility, the financial exposure is stable and can be forecast each year.
- Strengthens the local economy and community stability. Seniors who aren't squeezed by rising property taxes have more disposable income to spend locally.

What do you think about the senior tax freeze? Let us hear from you. Email me at dawn@richardsonmediagroup.net. It is time local voices are heard and local governments move on with this program, hopefully not delay it or perhaps not kill it off altogether.

We will print your responses in a t-g.com story.

'Nothing's changed'

Will Council vote on two major issues next week?

By Dawn Hankins

During Tuesday's Shelbyville City Council study session, Josh Blevins explained once again the facets of the senior property tax freeze. Some Councilmembers asked if there was really a rush, since taxes aren't apparently going up anytime soon.

Another subject on the agenda, which has been long discussed, was the Remington PUD Development Project which was recently returned with another unfavorable recommendation by the City Planning Commission.

Councilmembers commented nothing has really changed since the last time the rezoning came to the table.

Councilman Bobby Turnbow remarked on comments made by new PC member Don Bolin at the last meeting. Bolin was concerned about pedestrians and persons bicycling on the shoulders of Union Street, given the developers plan to put in a turning lane onto Mac Street and do nothing then to the shoulders of the road.

"Someone was concerned about riding their bicycle?" Turnbow commented.

Something came from the audience quietly.

"That's all we need," said Turnbow.

Council meets in regular session to vote on several items on Thursday, May 14, at 6 p.m.

Volunteer Garden Report

By Ann Spencer

Aurelia Swann presiding. Destitution was given by Mary Alexander. She also lead the pledge to the flag. Minutes were read and approved. The treasures gave her report.

Alan Cask presented the program. It was "How to Garden for Butterflies." There are over 700 varieties of butterflies in the United States. They need two types of plants: one to feed upon and one to lay the eggs. There are four stages in their life. Adults who lay eggs that turn into caterpillars which change into chrysalis and again emerge as adults. He passed out a list of plants that butterflies prefer.

The judging report showed June Gilmore had the blue in the standard group, Tina Jones the red, and Aurelia Swann the yellow. In the petits group, Judy Smith has the blue and Aurelia Swann the red. The District 11 Spring Meeting will be April 29 in Brentwood. Four members are attending. Next month's design will be a table design. Two people will work together for each table setting. The theme will be a picnic.



PROUD CATCHES OF THE DAY

Photo by Learning Way Elementary

The annual Cops and Bobbers special fishing event was held for fifth graders last Friday. It's an event sponsored by Shelbyville Police Department and has become a tradition in Bedford County for several years, especially with competitive fishermen like these two students.



NEW "MEET UP SPOT" AT POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Shelbyville Police Department recently introduced its new Internet Purchase Exchange Location, also known as a Meetup Spot. This designated area provides a safe, well-lit, and video-monitored location for community members to complete online transactions—whether you're buying or selling items from Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist, or other platforms. This new Meetup Spot has a clearly marked location, is under live video recording (only retained for short time.) The SPD hopes this will give online purchasers some peace of mind.

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Moses
Exodus

While the descendants of Jacob, also called Israel, were in Egypt, they multiplied and were mighty. .A new king who did not know Joseph, came to power. He feared the Israelite people and set taskmasfers over them to afflict them as they worked building cities for Pharaoh.

As the descendants of Israel continued to multiply, the Egyptians made their lives bitter with hard bondage.

The Egyptian king ordered the midwives to kill all the male Israelite children as they were born. The midwives feared God, disobeyed the king and saved the male children. The Israelite people continued to multiply.

During this persecution a family of Levi's descendants were blessed with a son who was saved from death.

The mother hid the child for 3 months. Fearing that she would be discovered, she built an ark of bulrushes and pitch and set the ark to sail in the river with the baby's sister keeping watch.

Pharaoh's daughter came to bathe in the river and found the little ark and the baby inside. She had compassion for the baby and decided to take him as her own.

The sister of the baby came forth and offered to find a nurse for the baby. She brought the baby's mother to nurse him and Pharaoh's daughter sent the baby home with his mother.

The child grew and at the proper time his mother brought her son to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son and she called him Moses.



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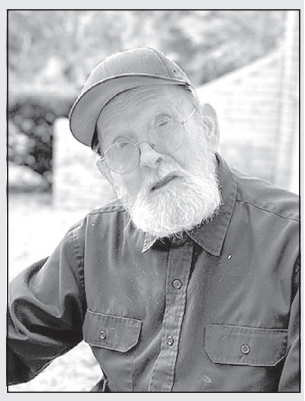
James Edward "Jimmy" Penn



James Edward "Jimmy" Penn, 88, of Normandy, died May 3, 2026.

Graveside Services will be held 1:00 P.M. Friday, May 8th, at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens with Pastors Dave McIntyre and Laurie Raulston officiating. Visitation will begin at 11:00 A.M. at Hillcrest Funeral Home prior to the service.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel Moody Penn and Bertha Iona Tankersley Penn; brothers, Jack Ethridge Penn, Alan Roy Penn and one sister who passed away at an early age.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Linda Daniel Penn, several nieces and nephews, grand nieces and nephews and his precious four-legged family.

Jimmy was an avid race fan and had many fast cars himself, including seven corvettes. People and friends would come from miles around to see the new car that he had just gotten. Before being driven, he would always rework the engine and clutch to make it one of the fastest cars in the area.

He helped build George Dickel Distillery and worked as Maintenance Supervisor at the Distillery for many years. This is where he met his wife, Linda, and they have been married for 58 years. After his employment at the distillery, he worked at Schmiede Machine & Tool where he rebuilt high tech machines. Jimmy was also known as one of the best electricians in the area.

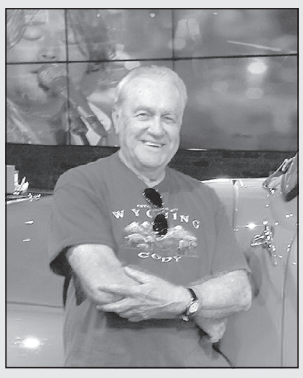
Jimmy left Schmiede Machine and Tool to start his own business called Antenna Service & Supply, where he installed residential and commercial TV antenna systems and towers. He was known as the man to call if you wanted the best TV reception. On his own property, he climbed and built from the ground a 100-foot and 200-foot tower where one still stands.

He and his wife enjoyed going to music concerts, which included 11 Elvis Presley Concerts, Frank Sinatra, Bee Gees, Beach Boys and many others.

He and his wife have a love for animals and have given homes and love to many stray and abandoned dogs and cats over the years.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is serving the family.

Bobby Alfred Womble



Bobby Alfred Womble was born on March 16, 1934, in Moore County, TN, to Payton and Eva Patterson Womble. He passed away peacefully, surrounded by loved ones in Murfreesboro, TN, on April 29, 2026. He was preceded in death by his parents, Payton and Eva Womble. Also, brothers Walter, Burt, Buford, and Roy, his sisters, Arlene Bennett and Floy Parks, and his great-grandson, Greyson Tucker Shasteen.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Womble; daughter Pam Shasteen (Richard); stepson Robert Hensley (Lee Ann); grandson Jackson Shasteen (Taylor); and great-grandson Jettson Shasteen. Visitation for friends and loved ones will be at Jennings Moore-Cortner Funeral Home in Lynchburg, TN, on Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. A graveside service will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2026, at 11:00 AM at Smith Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery with Bro. Chris Harris officiating. Jennings-Moore-Cortner Funeral Home, 181 Majors Boulevard, Lynchburg, TN 37352, (931)-759-4552, www.jenningsmoorecortner.com.

William C. "Jerry" Chester



Mr. William C. "Jerry" Chester, age 86, of Shelbyville, Tennessee, died Saturday, May 2, 2026, in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee. Mr. Chester was born in Franklin, Tennessee and was a son of the late Claiborne Cayce and Annie Mai Hemmer Chester.

He was a graduate of Franklin High School Class of 1958. Following graduation, Jerry joined the United States Navy and served his Country from 1958 until 1962. After serving in the United States Armed Forces, he went to work for the L & N Railroad and retired as an engineer from CSX Railroad. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Mr. Chester is survived by his brother, Rick Chester, Mt. Juliet, TN; sisters, Faye Pistole, Murfreesboro, TN, Mary Ann Schecheter, Knoxville, TN; several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services, with military honors will be conducted on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery in Nashville. Burial will immediately follow.

Lawrence Funeral Home And Cremation Services, 203 South Horton Pkwy, Chapel Hill, TN, (931) 364-2233, (www.lawrence-funeral.net) in charge of arrangements.

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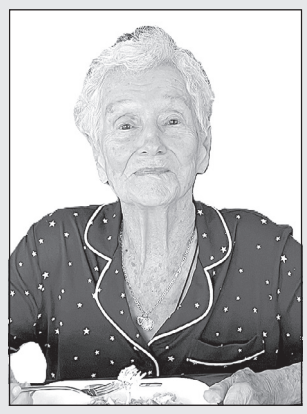
Rosita Sorensen



Rita Sorensen peacefully passed away at the age of 100 on Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

She loved music, dancing, animals, (especially her little dog Bentley) exercising, and practiced self-care. She was a firm believer that a woman should always look her best and be well dressed and presentable.

She was incredibly selfless and giving to her family, friends, and neighbors.

She was born in Puerto Rico on a Naval Base, raised in New York City, moved to Florida, and then spent her final years in Tennessee.

Over her lifetime she saw so many changes in the world and loved to share her stories. One of them going with her dad to see Babe Ruth play at Yankee Stadium. She would also speak of being glued to the radio with her family when President Roosevelt gave his famous infamy speech on 12-8-41.

She was the mother of 3 children, Ronald Sorensen, Darlene Sorensen Zamora, and Karen Sorensen; grandmother of 4, Kimberly, Eric, Jill, and Craig; and great grandmother to 3, Christian, Preston, and Madalyn.

Rosita was preceded in death by her husband, Simon B. Sorensen, whom she lost at a very young age, and by two of her adult children, Karen and Ronnie, whom she also sadly outlived.

Thank you to everyone who has reached out.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is honored to be serving the family of Rosita Sorensen.

Bedford Briefs

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

A National Day of Prayer service will be held at Bedford County Courthouse on Thursday, May 7, at 1 p.m.

ANNUAL CONNECTED COMMUNITY RUN/WALK

The annual Connected Community 5K Run/Walk, sponsored by Bridge Bedford, is planned for Saturday, May 9. The race begins and ends on the public square. See more information on Facebook and the Connected Community website.

WARTRACE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Wartrace will celebrate all things strawberry on Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fresh strawberries, cloggers and music, music, music!

SHRED DAY

First Community Bank on Elm Street will have a Shred Day on Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m. to noon. Limit two boxes or garbage bags.

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

A Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. May 25th at the Bedford County courthouse.

ELECTION OF FLY OFFICERS

The Fly Arts Center will hold the elections of Executive Committee officers on Monday, May 11 for the two-year term, serving from July 2026 until July 2028.

The regular "Potluck" meeting at The Fly Arts Center is set for Monday, May 11 at 6 p.m. Nominations have been received for the five officer positions: President, Vice President 1, Vice President 2, Secretary, and Treasurer. Any additional nominations from the floor may be made during the Monday meeting. Voting on each position will be conducted by Active Members of the Fly during the meeting.

SUMMER MAKER MARKET

The main goal of the Maker Market at The Fly Arts Center is to provide a platform for local artists and artisans to showcase their creative talents, while providing revenue opportunities and a chance to connect with the community. In addition, organizers hope to create a place where residents and visitors can come together with local artists to enjoy and purchase quality, handmade items. Admission to the Maker Market and parking is always free. The next event is June 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

BREAKING NEWS . . .

Ted Turner, billionaire media mogul, founder of CNN, has died at age 87.

Church Activities and Cemetery Decoration Services

DECORATION DAY SERVICES

Decoration Day at **Houston-Whitworth Cemetery** in Deason will be May 17 at 2 p.m. Donations can be mailed to Charles Armstrong at 345 Old Nashville Dirt Road, Shelbyville, TN 37160.

Rosebank Cemetery in Flat Creek will have its Decoration Day on May 17, at 2 p.m., at Flat Creek Community Center.



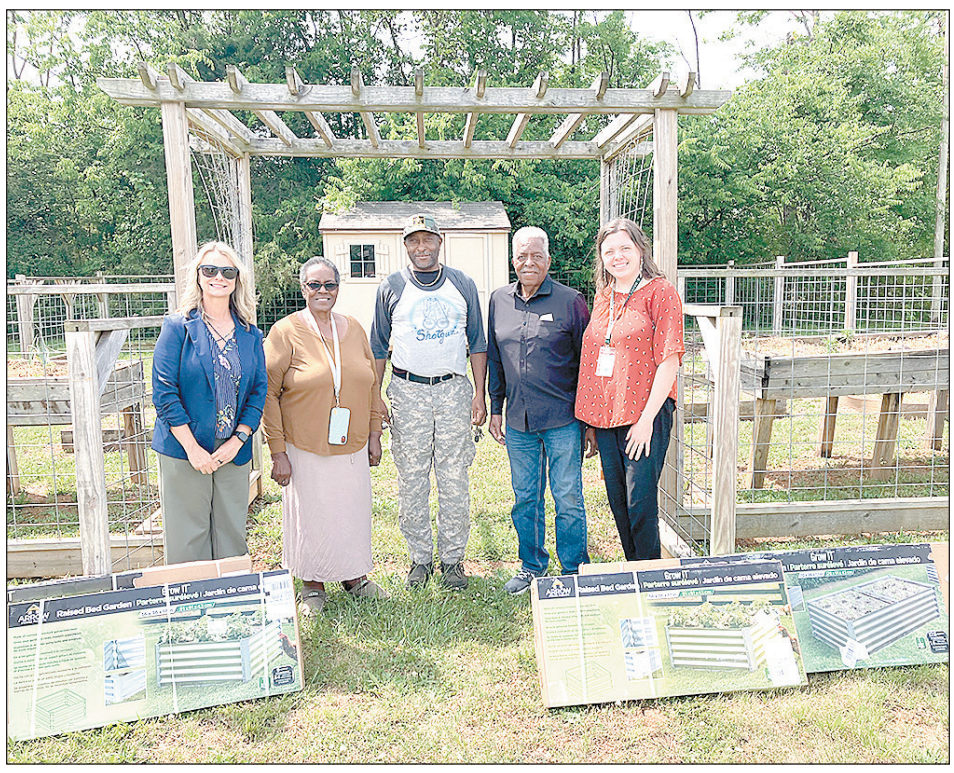
Photo by Brent Smith

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Thompson Road Baptist Church will have a Women's Day Program on May 17th at 2 p.m. Guest speaker: Minister Senobia McGee.

During worship services this Mother's Day at **First United Methodist Church**, Pastor Abe Zimmerman will preach, "Timothy's Faith" from 2 Timothy 1:3-9a. "We will honor the women of faith who have guided, encouraged, and inspired us. We celebrate all women in our congregation and community, and we will share a small gift with every woman present as a token of appreciation," said the pastor.

Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 am, 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 WLIJ 98.7 FM and AM 1580.



GENESIS 1: 11 – 12- FULFILLING THE WORD OF GOD

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"Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it.... The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed accordance to their kinds ...And God saw that it was good."

Scott's Chapel United Methodist Church is in its 4th year providing garden vegetation, of various kinds, to the Shelbyville/Bedford County community. Church members note they're prayerful the endeavor will aide in feeding those who are in need of garden variety produce in meeting their nutritional needs. "We are thankful for the grant for the 'raised beds'. 'Raised beds' allow seniors and those with special needs, in our congregation and community, opportunities to work in our Community Garden. Allowing them to work at their own pace and capability. It is good to see all of God's children working together to meet the needs of others, said Virginia Yeargins, pastor.

The church's Seasoned with a Touch of Salt Food Pantry will be open Saturday, May 9, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. First come, first served, as supplies last.



American Legion Post

Photo by Jennifer Nixon Clever

The Heroes concert and other events sponsored by local Veteran groups last weekend on the square proved to be a great time for Bedford County, according to those who attended. Despite a rain delay, songs were sung with great heart, honoring those who sacrificed in military service.

Crossword

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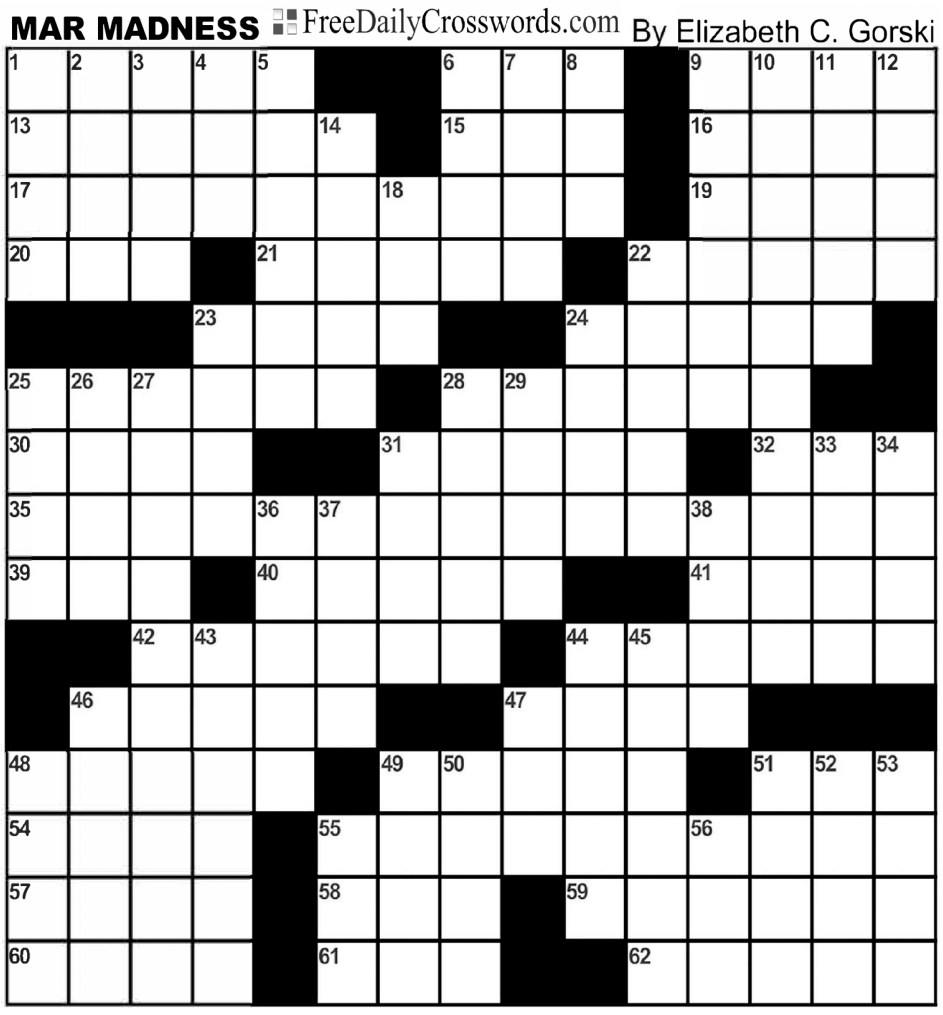

CLUES ACROSS

1) Chocolate substitute
6) FDR's successor
9) "The King and I" kingdom
13) Sports venues
15) Rap sheet acronym
16) Falco of "Nurse Jackie"
17) Computer storage medium
19) Traveled on horseback
20) Shell out
21) Night vision?
22) Guiding principle
23) Worm's home
24) Breath fresheners
25) Nabokov novel
28) "Hogan's Heroes" setting
30) App-loaded Apple
31) Farm machine pioneer
32) Take a course?
35) Like a pastry chefs cake
39) Adventurer Nellie
40) Maximum bet
41) Old Italian money
42) Fumbles (for)
44) Cheese shredder
46) Letter closing
47) Fore st females
48) Orators' spots
49) Wield a baton
51) Chocolate unit
54) Similar (to)
55) Batman foe aka "Two-Face"
57) Campbell of "Scream 3"
58) Another Nabokov novel
59) Make a gift
60) Elated
61) Atlas page
62) Directory listings

CLUES DOWN

1) Rough it
2) Specialty, so to speak
3) "Ratatouille" rat
4) Artist who married a Beatie
5) Actress from Paris
6) "Oh, that's funny!"
7) Milk selection
8) One of a brewpub array
9) Tennis star Williams
10) "Huh?"
11) Senate staffers
12) Run across
14) Neighbor of Jordan
18) Animator's frame
22) Floor layer
23) "Them" or "us"
24) Painter Chagall
25) Place for a tire swing
26) Autumn birthstone
27) Peeping Tom's eyeful
28) Final Four matches
29) Trial balloon
31) Stadium topper
33) Farm measure
34) "___ she blows!"
36) Plant life
37) Jobs for tailors
38) "Sad to say ... "
43) Beyond repair
44) Hurt at the corrida
45) Have faith in
46) Simple fellow
47) Section (Abbr.)
48) Bit of hunger
49) "I did it!"
50) Rolled sandwich
51) Gymnast's perch
52) Pot starter
53) GPS readings (Abbr.)
55) Easter entree
56) "CSI" evidence

Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: April 28

Seller, Alcorn Properties LLC; Buyer, Kight Joint Revocable Living Trust Charles Kight, Jane Kight; Price, $159,900 (Deed).

Location: 1010 Bell Buckle Wartrace; Seller, Vint William Altman, Kristy Ann Altman; Buyer, Chaz Floyd, Kelsey Nacole Floyd; Price, $350,000 (Deed).

Location: State Hwy 437; Seller, Susan D Bounds, Martha D Condra, Daryl Wesley Carter, Susan T Derryberry Testamentary Trust; Buyer, DCC Strategic Realty Partners LLC; Price, $650,000 (Deed).

Seller, Mary F Hester; Buyer, Tina Renee Hester Gymer; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Sims Rd; Seller, Michael Owen; Buyer, Robert Luke Bowen; Price, $195,000 (Deed).

Location: Ledbetter Rd; Seller, Donald White Construction LLC; Buyer, Timothy Houck; Price, $309,900 (Deed).

Location: J D McCullough Rd; Seller, Edwin G Bates Jr, Tabitha Byron; Buyer, Fred Rhoton Jr, Pam Rhoton; Price, $38,000 (Deed).

Location: Sims Spring Road; Seller, CSB Contractors LLC; Buyer, Jacob Hayden King; Price, $196,350 (Deed).

Location: Sims Spring Road; Seller, CSB Contractors LLC; Buyer, Jacie A Neeley, Jacob H King; Price, $13,000 (Deed).

File date: April 29

Seller, Patricia D Dean, Patricia J Demaree; Buyer, Patricia J Demaree; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Goose Creek Rd; Seller, Jonathon Cooke, Lesli Cooke; Buyer, Aaron L Bagwell, Ollie Michelle Bagwell; Price, $31,560 (Deed).

Location: Fairlane Dr; Seller, Sandra Faye Freeman; Buyer, DCC Strategic Realty Partners LLC; Price, $70,000 (Deed).

Location: 131 Butterfly Lane; Seller, Brandon R Hale, Denalt A Hale; Buyer, Christopher Robert Mikles, Cecelia Ann Mikles; Price, $693,500 (Deed).

Location: 181 Sims Spring Rd; Seller, CSB Contractors LLC; Buyer, 181 Sims Spring Rd Reverse M LLC, 181 Sims Spring Rd Reverse R LLC; Price, $1,616,235 (Deed).

Location: Sims Spring Rd; Seller, CSB Contractors LLC; Buyer, Mark Walter Burke, Stephanie A Burke; Price, $211,860 (Deed).

Location: Bryant Road; Seller, Robbie G Averill; Buyer, Angel Nicole Perryman Warner; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: April 30

Location: 300 Fairway Green; Seller, Joyce Reed, Joyce Teel, James Reed; Buyer, Opendoor Property Trust I; Price, $236,200 (Deed).

Location: 837 Frank Martin Rd; Seller, Michael A Jones, Cathey Fay Frazor Estate; Buyer, Justin Frazon; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: 105 Rochester Dr; Seller, Christopher Holzer, Kelsey Holzer; Buyer, John Woolston, Traci Woolston; Price, $440,000 (Deed).

Location: 420 Beechwood Rd; Seller, Stephanie Smotherman; Buyer, Carlos Arthur Quick, Janice V Quick; Price, $592,200 (Deed).

Location: Hwy 231; Seller, Edward E and Irene Renne Kowalski, Kowalski Revocable Living Trust, Irene Renee Cakanic Kawalski; Buyer, Irene Renee Cakanic Kowalski; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: May 1

Location: 113 South Linda Dr; Seller, Rodney Lee Rogers, Dawn Renee Rogers; Buyer, Kennedy Ann Miller; Price, $265,000 (Deed).

Location: 113 Deer Point Ct; Seller, Ruth Eakes, Ruth A Brooks; Buyer, Pedro Alvarado Ramos, Maria D Machado Gonzalez; Price, $360,000 (Deed).

Location: 229 Idle Drive; Seller, DFH Crescent LLC; Buyer, Jon Lucas Blackburn, Ashley Brianna Blackburn; Price, $344,990 (Deed).

Location: 900 Belmont Ave; Seller, Randall Construction LLC; Buyer, Jennifer Marie Beavers, Casey Michael Beavers; Price, $409,000 (Deed).

Location: Benford Rd; Seller, Brandon Braun, Samantha Taylor Braun; Buyer, Tyler Braun; Price, $269,000 (Deed).

Location: 141 Renegar Branch Rd; Seller, Larry Glen Williams, Patricia Cheryl Williams; Buyer, Kristen Williams, Kenneth Williams; Price, $330,000 (Deed).

Location: 122 Oakdale St; Seller, Frank Rusell, Garrett Russell; Buyer, Jordan Nelson; Price, $235,000 (Deed).

Seller, J & M Development LLC; Buyer, John Tyler Bennett, Destiny Lynn Tapp; Price, $349,000 (Deed).

Location: 100 Nikki Court; Seller, DFH Crescent LLC; Buyer, Courtney Elizabeth Phillips, Glenn Gregory Phillips Jr; Price, $364,280 (Deed).

Location: West Rd; Seller, John Garrett Winnette; Buyer, Greg Curl, Joey Curl; Price, $336,200 (Deed).

File date: May 4

Location: 101 Providence Rd; Seller, Linda Gail Harwell; Buyer, Linda Gail Harwell; Price, $1 (QD).

Location: Pickle Rd; Seller, Robert Glenn Woolbright, Mary J Woolbright; Buyer, Daniel Henson; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Howard B Todd, Cynthia C Toss, Bruce Todd; Buyer, Thomas Reed Todd, Olivia H Todd; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 2635 Fairfield Pike; Seller, Kenneth M Brice Jr, Sara Brice, Abigail Jenkins; Buyer, Emily Chambers, Blake Chamber; Price, $625,000 (Deed).

Location: 114 Coffey St; Seller, Brandi N Banks; Buyer, Curtis R Hedgepeth Jr; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 967 Horse Mountain Rd; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Kelly L Sanderson; Price, $269,990 (Deed).

Seller, Samuel Cataldo, David Cataldo; Buyer, C A R Holdings LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

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The Bedford County Board of Commissioners

On February 24th, 2026, the Bedford County Regional Planning Commission unanimously recommended the rezoning from A-1 (Agriculture-Forestry) to C-1 (Rural Center District) of the property identified on Bedford County Tax Map 048; Parcel 033.01, known more specifically by its 911 address of 2640, Hwy 41-A North Shelbyville, Tennessee, owned by Cesar Gomora Diaz and Jimmy Paola Paniagua. The intended use of the property is to allow a grading and excavation business office and parking/storage of construction equipment. The Bedford County, Tennessee Rules & Legislative Committee, on April 21st, 2026, voted unanimously to place the Rezoning on the May 12th, 2026, agenda for the Bedford County Board of Commissioners.

The public hearings will occur immediately before the Bedford County Commission meeting which will begin at 7:00 p.m. on May 12th, 2026. The public hearing and commission meeting will be held in the old Courthouse, 1 Public Square, 2nd Floor Meeting Chamber., Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160.

Accommodations

Persons with a disability who wish to request accommodation to participate in the Public Meeting should notify April Steadman at least one (1) business days prior to the Meeting at (931) 684-7944 or email your request to April.Steadman@bedfordcountytn.gov to discuss accommodations. Every reasonable effort will be made to meet your need.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Mary H. May, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on April 28, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Mary H. May, who died 03/15/2026, 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 28th day of April, 2026.

/s/ William D. Hale, Executor

/s/ John T. Bobo, Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (572tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Mark S. Leek, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on April 28, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Mark S. Leek, who died 02/27/2026, 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 28th day of April, 2026.

/s/ Jonathan Mark Leek, Executor

/s/John T. Bobo, Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (572tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Lucy Shapard Keeney, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on April 24, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Lucy Shapard Keeney, who died 03/25/2026, 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 April, 2026.

/s/ Angela Worsham Lawson, Administrator CTA

/s/ Tamra L. Smith, Attorney

/s/ Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (572tp)

CITY OF SHELBYVILLE, TENNESSEE
Shelbyville, Tennessee
SHADEPORT HANGAR DEVELOPMENT
00 11 00 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for **SHADEPORT HANGAR DEVELOPMENT,** to be constructed for **CITY OF SHELBYVILLE, TENNESSEE** will be received at the office of the **CITY OF SHELBYVILLE, TENNESSEE** and addressed to Attn: Lori Saddler, Purchasing Director, 201 N. Spring Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160, until **2:30 PM** on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026,** at which time the bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid Opening will be in City Hall Conference Room, 201 N. Spring Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160.

A **Mandatory** Pre-Bid Conference will be held on **11:30 AM** on **THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026** at the Shelbyville Municipal Airport, 2828 Highway 231 North, Shelbyville, TN 37160.

The Project consists of an asphalt apron expansion and installation of shadeport hangars.

Bids will be received for a single prime contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

Digital copies of the bid documents are available at http://Planroom.GarverUSA.com for a fee of $22 These documents may be downloaded by selecting this Project from the "Plan Room" link, and by entering Quest Project Number 10189493 on the "Browse Projects" page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com. Addendums to the bid package will be issued through the Garver online Plan Holders List; therefore, all Bidders shall be responsible for downloading the bid documents from the Garver online plan room in order to be included in the Plan Holders List. Bidders must enter the addenda numbers in Article 3.01 of the Bid Form to verify receipt.

Bids shall be accompanied by a bid security in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. The successful Bidder must furnish Performance and Payment Bonds in accordance with the Contract Documents.

Bidders must be licensed to perform work within the state of Tennessee.

Federal Requirements for Federally Funded Projects. This Project is being partially funded under the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP). Contractors must comply with specific federally required provisions as listed herein and contained in the contract documents. The following federal provisions are incorporated in this solicitation by reference:

- Buy American Preference (49 USC § 50101)
- Civil Rights – Title VI Assurances (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4)
- Davis-Bacon Requirements (2 CFR § 200, Appendix II(D), 29 CFR Part 5)
- Debarment and Suspension (2 CFR part 180 (Subpart C), 2 CFR part 1200, DOT Order 4200.5)
- Lobbying and Influencing Federal Employees (31 USC § 1352, 2 CFR part 200 Appendix II(J), 49 CFR part 20 Appendix A)
- Procurement of Recovered Materials (2 CFR § 200.322, 40 CFR part 247, Solid Waste Disposal Act)
- Prohibition of Covered Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) (FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 (Public Law 118-63), Section 936 49 U.S.C. § 44801

Civil Rights Title VI Assurance

As a condition of a grant award, the CITY OF SHELBYVILLE, TENNESSEE shall demonstrate that it complies with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d et seq) and implementing regulations (49 CFR part 21) including amendments thereto, the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982 (49 U.S.C. § 47123), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12101, et seq.), U.S. Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Assurances, and other relevant civil rights statutes, regulations, or authorities, including any amendments or updates thereto. This may include, as applicable, providing a current Title VI Program Plan to the FAA for approval, in the format and according to the timeline required by the FAA, and other information about the communities that will be benefited and impacted by the project. A completed FAA Title VI Pre-Grant Award Checklist is required for every grant application, unless excused by the FAA. The CITY OF SHELBYVILLE, TENNESSEE shall affirmatively ensure that when carrying out any project supported by this grant that it complies with all federal nondiscrimination and civil rights laws based on race, color, national origin, sex, creed, age, disability, genetic information, in consideration for federal financial assistance. The Department's and FAA's Office of Civil Rights may provide resources and technical assistance to recipients to ensure full and sustainable compliance with Federal civil rights requirements. Failure to comply with civil rights requirements will be considered a violation of the agreement or contract and be subject to any enforcement action as authorized by law.

Federal Fair Labor Standards Act

All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation incorporate by reference the provisions of 29 CFR part 201, et seq, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), with the same force and effect as if given in full text. The FLSA sets minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and child labor standards for full and part-time workers.

The Contractor has full responsibility to monitor compliance to the referenced statute or regulation. The Contractor must address any claims or disputes that arise from this requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor – Wage and Hour Division.

Trade Restriction Certification

By submission of an offer, the Offeror certifies that with respect to this solicitation and any resultant contract, the Offeror –

1) is not owned or controlled by one or more citizens of a foreign country included in the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR);

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This certification concerns a matter within the jurisdiction of an agency of the United States of America and the making of a false, fictitious, or fraudulent certification may render the maker subject to prosecution under Title 18 USC § 1001.

The Offeror/Contractor must provide immediate written notice to the Owner if the Offeror/Contractor learns that its certification or that of a subcontractor was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. The Contractor must require subcontractors provide immediate written notice to the Contractor if at any time it learns that its certification was erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

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Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by this provision. The knowledge and information of a contractor is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

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CITY OF SHELBYVILLE, TENNESSEE
Shelbyville, Tennessee
SYI CORPORATE BOX HANGAR
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Cascade Wins District 9-AA Tournament Over Summertown & Loretto



The Cascade Champions (pictured) won the 2026 District 9-AA Tournament with a 9-1 victory over Summertown on Saturday. The Champions also punched their ticket to the Region 5-AA Tournament. *T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox.*

BY NOAH MADDOX
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LORETTO, Tenn. – After finishing as the No. 3 seed in the District 9-AA regular season, the Cascade Champions (20-8, 5-3) upset No. 2 seed Summertown twice and No. 1 seed Loretto once on the road to win the program's second District 9 Title in four seasons.

Cascade used a six-run third inning to take control of the District 9-AA Championship and coast to an eventual 9-1 win on Saturday over the Eagles (21-11, 6-2) at Gary Lamm Field one day after using 10 innings to take down top-seeded Loretto.

"This is by far one of the toughest districts in the state. Of course, you have the Murfreesboro gauntlet, but next to that, this is probably the next toughest in Middle Tennessee," Cascade Head Coach Travis Sheffield said postgame on Saturday, "We talked about checkpoints on the road to Murfreesboro at the beginning of the year, and just getting out of the district was the biggest checkpoint. We circled it, and had a mission. To win it on the road – traveling 90 minutes to Summertown, back-to-back two hour drives to Loretto, we didn't pull into the driveway at Cascade until after midnight on Friday only to have to turn around for another two hour drive today – it's a big deal. The game that these guys put up tonight, you have to have mental toughness, and I think mental toughness is what we brought to this tournament."

After throwing 34 pitches across two innings on Thursday to secure the extra-innings win at Summertown in the first round, Jayden Hathcock got the start on the mound for the Champions in the final, pitching a complete 7.0 innings and giving up just one earned run on six hits and two walks while striking out eight batters on 109 pitches.

"He [Hathcock] is just built for the big games," Sheffield said, "He has no fear. He goes up there and does his thing day in and day out. He doesn't let opponents deviate him from what he's trying to do. He goes up there and attacks hitters, attacks the zone."

Summertown took a 1-0 lead in the top of the third when Aiden Perez doubled home Camden Staggs, but the Champions wasted no time getting more than one run back in the home half.

Jordan Childress led off and was hit by a pitch from Jon Kolbi Stanley, and then Caleb Crouch delivered an RBI-triple with a line drive in the left-center field gap. Summertown's Cason Blackwood was forced to exit the game after pulling his hamstring trying to reach for the ball, and the Eagles also brought in a lefty, Knox Calton, for Stanley on the mound to face the left-handed duo of Wickey Parker and Jayden Hathcock.



Cascade's Jayden Hathcock (14) delivers one of his 109 pitches from his complete 7.0 innings pitched in the D9-AA title game. Hathcock gave up just one earned run on six hits and two walks while striking out eight batters. *Photo by Kevin Mayhorn.*

Parker wasted no time, hammering a hanging breaking ball on the first pitch he saw down the right field line for his sixth home run of the season, giving Cascade the lead for good, 3-1. Hathcock followed up with a hard-hit single to right, then Xykaiah Dixon walked to prompt another pitching change.

Thomas Demartelaere singled to load the bases, River Maddox delivered a perfectly placed sacrifice-bunt to take a 4-1 lead, and then Daymien Maldonado delivered a 2-RBI single into center field to extend the lead to 6-1.

Cascade tacked on two more runs in the fourth thanks to a Hathcock RBI-triple to drive home Parker followed by a Dixon RBI-single to take an 8-1 lead.

As Hathcock continued to dominate on the mound, Cascade tacked on one more insurance run in the bottom of the sixth with River Maddox delivering his second RBI of the night into center field to score Dixon from second.

Hathcock finished off the win in the top of the seventh with a 1-4-3 double play, and the celebrations followed for the Cascade Champions.

At the plate for Cascade, Caleb Crouch was 1-for-4 with an RBI and a triple, Wickey Parker went 4-for-4 with two RBIs, a double, and a home run, and Hathcock finished 2-for-4 with an RBI and a triple. Dixon went 1-for-3 with an RBI and a walk, Demartelaere was 1-for-3, and Maddox finished 1-for-2 with two RBIs and a walk. Maldonado also went 1-for-4 with two RBIs.

In the 1-0 game on Friday against No. 1 seeded Loretto (14-11, 6-2), Cascade used 10 innings to take down the Mustangs, 4-3, and advance to the title game thanks to a suicide squeeze from Wickey Parker that drove home the go-ahead run in the top of the 10th.

"It was probably about three weeks ago, but we were in a similar situation, and I told him [Parker] to not be surprised if I ever bunt him, and he said he'll be ready," Sheffield said postgame, "He's just a dawg, and he competes. I knew he'd get one down."

Parker also came on in relief starting in the bottom of the sixth, pitching the final 4.1 innings and giving up just two hits and no runs with two walks and nine strikeouts against a vaunted Mustangs lineup to secure the win.

"When he had 25 pitches [in the bottom of the seventh], I went out there to have a small discussion about maybe saving him for Saturday, and he said 'Coach, if you want to win tonight, keep me in.'" Sheffield said, "I looked at Jayden [Hathcock] and said that he's got it all by himself tomorrow, and he said 'I'm good Coach, I've done it all year long,' so I knew then that we were good."

Cascade broke the seal against Loretto star Mason Tidwell in the top of the third thanks to a one-out triple from Daymien Maldonado followed by a Jordan Childress RBI-groundout. Loretto responded by plating two runs to take their only lead of the night in the home half, but left the bases loaded. This allowed Wickey Parker to work a leadoff walk followed by Thomas Demartelaere working a 2-out walk to set the table for River Maddox. Maddox delivered the biggest hit of the weekend with a 2-RBI triple into the right-center field gap to give the Champs a 3-2 lead in the fourth.

Tidwell finished with just 5.0 innings pitched, giving up three earned runs on three hits and three walks with nine strikeouts on 92 pitches.

Loretto eventually found the tying run on a passed ball in the sixth inning, and then neither team scored until Cascade's squeeze in the top of the 10th. Parker struck out the side despite giving up a Tidwell single and a Casen Springer walk, stranding both the tying and winning run on base with a trio of strikeouts to punch Cascade's ticket to the Region 5-AA Tournament.

"Earlier in the season, he was coming out of the bullpen as the closer until AJ [Manus] went down," Sheffield said about Parker, "Honestly, this is his best role. He flourishes when he's coming out of the bullpen in these tight situations."

At the plate for Cascade, Childress led off going 2-for-5 with an RBI and a double, Parker went 1-for-4 with an RBI and a walk, and Dixon finished 2-for-3 with two walks. Maddox went 1-for-4 with two RBIs and a triple, and Maldonado finished 1-for-4 with a triple.

For the entire weekend, Wickey Parker led Cascade at the plate, finishing an astonishing 7-for-12 with seven RBIs, two walks, a double, and a home run on top of his impressive pitching performance against Loretto.

Cascade will take on Lewis County at Decatur County Riverside on Friday night in the Region 5-AA semifinals with first-pitch TBD.

Golden Eagles' Unbeaten Season Comes to Close at Brentwood; Stone and Smith Fall in Individuals

BY NOAH MADDOX
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BRENTWOOD, Tenn. – After a historic 2026 campaign that saw the program's first district title since 2014, the Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (16-1, 10-0) saw its season come to an end in the Region 5-AA Championship at Brentwood, 4-0.

In the doubles' matches, Henry Stone and Tucker Johnson fell to Greyson Meeker and Noah Shalkerich, 1-8, on Court One. Tanner Johnson and Carter Watson also came up short against Stone Lohnmeyer and Yash Hiremath, 1-8, on Court Two as the Bruins secured the doubles' point.

In the singles matches, Tucker Johnson fell to Shalkerich, 1-6, 0-6, on Court Two, Watson lost to Lohnmeyer, 0-6, 0-6, on Court Three, and Tanner Johnson was swept by Hiremath, 0-6, 0-6, on Court Four to seal the fourth and final point the Bruins needed. At the time of defeat, Stone trailed Meeker, 1-6, 2-2, on Court One and Ryan Jaykus trailed Kenzo Katsura, 0-6, 0-2, on Court Five.

In the Region 5-AA Individuals Tournament at Page High School, Lilly Smith fell in straight sets to Emma Baker from Page, 0-6, 0-6, in the first round.

Henry Stone battled against Tyler Fossick from Franklin, but ultimately he too fell in straight sets, 4-6, 0-6, in the final match of his career. Stone finishes as the two-time defending District 9-AA Individual Champion.



Shelbyville Central Tennis finishes 2026 as the District 9-AA Champions and the Region 5-AA Runners-Up at 16-1 overall. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

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With the win, Shelbyville Central secured its first district tournament championship since 2006.

After seeing three home runs between the two sides in the first two innings, both squads settled into a groove on the mound, highlighted by Braxton Vari's 5.0 shutout innings in relief to pick up the win.

"Braxton [Vari] showed his [guts] tonight. Ashton started, he was over the plate, they were just seeing him well. When Braxton came in and got going, there was no way we were going to get him out. He absolutely gave us the opportunity to do what we did late."

Vari gave up just two hits against a high-powered Cavaliers lineup, and he worked around four walks with three strikeouts on 79 pitches. Vari kept Cookeville batters off-balance by being able to land his breaking ball for strikes early in counts and inducing soft contact.

The Golden Eagles' reliever kept the game tied at 4-4 until the top of the seventh when 'Cardiac Central' showed up at the perfect time.

Cookeville brought on Zolton Knight to pitch in the seventh, and he hit the first batter he faced in Miles McCullough to flip the lineup over for the Golden Eagles with one on and nobody out. Stephen Bobo – who finished a perfect 4-for-4 on the night – slapped a single into center, and then Blake Bone perfectly executed a sacrifice bunt to move both runners into scoring position with just one out. Cookeville then made the decision to intentionally walk Caden Peacock after his two-run home run in the first inning, bringing up Case Davis.

"They brought the sidewinder in, and it worked out that we had a lefty [Case Davis] come up at the right time," Jones said, "Case did his job and barreled up a ball."

Davis did indeed, coming through with the biggest hit of the Golden Eagles season with a 2-RBI double that soared past the centerfielder and got all the way to the wall to give Shelbyville Central a 6-4 lead.

Brody Thomas was hit by a pitch, bringing in a new pitcher with the bases loaded, but the Golden Eagles couldn't tack on another run, sending the game to a tense home half of the seventh.

Vari opened the inning by freezing Alex Overholt for a strikeout looking, but then Tyler Smith flipped the lineup over with a single into right field to flip the lineup over. Fortunately for the visitors, Vari induced a lazy pop-up on the infield from Cavs' star KJ Anderson for the second out. Cole Teeters kept the game alive with a single down the left field line, but then Vari came back to strike out Ty Harrison on three pitches to win the program's first district title since 2006.

The Golden Eagles got the scoring started early in the first inning after Stephen Bobo's leadoff double turned into an infield RBI from Blake Bone for the first run. Then, after Bone reached safely on a fielder's choice, Caden Peacock launched his team-high fourth home run of the season over the left field wall to give the visitors a 3-0 lead in the first.

Cookeville was undeterred, scoring three runs of their own in the home half on a three-run home run from Harrison to tie the game up at 3-3. The Cavs would launch another home run from Templeton in the bottom of the second to take a 4-3 lead, but the Golden Eagles got that run back immediately in the top of the third on an RBI-groundout from Bone to score Bobo once again and tie the game at 4-4 until the seventh.

"Anytime that you score first, it kind of takes a little bit of the pressure off to where you can take a deep breath, but give Cookeville credit. They came up and barreled up several balls to tie the game right back," Jones said, "To me, for them to take a 4-3 lead, we hold them there, then we come right back and tie the game back up at 4-4. At that time, with our guys, I felt like we had them right where we wanted them. They play with grit, they play with heart, and they play with belief."

At the plate for the Golden Eagles, Stephen Bobo led off going 4-for-4 with a pair of doubles, Bone went 1-for-3 with an RBI, and Caden Peacock finished 1-for-3 with three RBIs, a home run, and a walk. Case Davis was 2-for-4 with two RBIs and a double, Brody Thomas went 1-for-3, and Miles McCullough finished 0-for-1 with a walk and a HBP. Shelbyville Central outhit Cookeville, 9-to-6, and neither team committed an error.

"The top half of our lineup did very well tonight," Jones said, "The bottom half struggled a bit, but that's the thing about this team. Friday night we might have the exact opposite. Anyone, one through nine, you just never know."

Shelbyville Central will host the Region 3-AAAA Tournament beginning on Thursday night against District 5-4A Runners-Up, Cleveland High.



Shelbyville Central's Caden Peacock (2) goes airborne with Stephen Bobo (15) to celebrate his two-run home run in the first inning. Peacock finished 1-for-3 with three RBIs and a walk while Bobo went a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate with two doubles.
T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox



Shelbyville Central's Case Davis (20) after hitting the eventual game-winning 2-RBI double in the top of the seventh inning of Monday's District Title Game.
T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox.



Shelbyville Central's Braxton Vari (1) came through with 5.0 shutout innings in relief, working around four walks by giving up just two hits against a dynamic Cookeville offense.
T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox

Summertown Shocks Community in District 9-AA Tournament

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UNIONVILLE, Tenn. – Despite taking a 7-3 lead heading into the fifth inning, the top-seeded Community Viqueens (24-7, 7-0) were overtaken by a late-inning onslaught from the second-seeded Summertown Lady Eagles (25-7, 6-2), 9-7, in the 1-0 game of the District 9-AA Tournament on Tuesday.

Summertown put together a five-run explosion in the top of the seventh to flip a 7-4 deficit into a 9-7 lead, punctuated by a Karriagan Bradburn three-run home run on a full-count pitch. The rally started with a leadoff walk to Olivia Woods, followed by a bloop single to left. Greenley Taylor gapped a single to right-center field to drive home Woods, then Reagan Stephens doubled home Garland on a 2-strike pitch to cut the lead to 7-6 and bring up Bradburn with nobody out for her no-doubt round-tripper.

Taylor opened the game by smacking the first of her two home runs to give the visitors a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning, but the Viqueens responded in the bottom of the second with two runs of their own. First, Mattie Maxey launched a leadoff home run to trim the lead in half before Alana Tate followed up Annie Prince's one-out double with an RBI-single to tie the game at 2-2.

The Viqueens then knocked Mary Parson from the game in the top of the third inning when Maxey left the yard down the right-field line to take a 5-2 lead.

After Taylor hit her second home run of the night to make it 5-3, the Viqueens took advantage of a pair of HBPs from Woods in the bottom of the fourth when Kailani Allen lined a 2-RBI double into left to give Community a commanding 7-3 lead.

Summertown got one run back in the top of the fifth on some more good fortune, starting with an infield single followed by a bloop single down the left-field line with nobody out, eventually resulting in an RBI-groundout for the Lady Eagles.

Community stranded runners on first and second with nobody out in the home half of the fifth, but Annie Prince put up another zero in the top of the sixth to hold the three-run lead.

However, the Viqueens left the bases loaded in the bottom of the sixth, setting up the seventh-inning comeback from Summertown. Community was unable to get anything going in the bottom of the seventh, and the Lady Eagles punched their ticket to both the District 9-AA title game and the Region 5-AA Tournament.



Community's Mattie Maxey (28) launched a pair of home runs in Tuesday's defeat to Summertown. Maxey finished 2-for-3 with four RBIs and a walk at the plate. *T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox.*

At the plate for Community, Anna Haskins led off going 2-for-4, Gracie Daniel went 1-for-3 with a double and a walk, and Kailani Allen finished 2-for-3 with two RBIs, two doubles, and a walk. Mattie Maxey was 2-for-3 with four RBIs, two home runs, and one walk, Haylee Webb went 1-for-3 with a walk, and Annie Prince finished 1-for-4 with a double. Alana Tate also went 1-for-4 with an RBI.

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munity Education (FCE) Club as well as the Volunteer Garden Club.

Her grandmotherly nature shines through when she proudly holds up a blanket she's made for her future great-grandchild. When times required it, she says she sewed for her family.

She said when she stayed at home with her children, she made their clothes, because she wanted them to have nice clothes but they were expensive for their one income family.

As the clock ticks on, this grandmother and great-grandmother says "God-willing" she will finish the next great-grandchild's own special blanket.

"For every grandchild and every great-grandchild, I've made a quilt for them," she notes.

Ann is still very active, participating in water aerobics at Shelbyville Recreation Center. She is also still very active at First United Methodist Church in Shelbyville.

How would she best like to be remembered? She says as someone who cared and went the extra mile to help others. She says she's not a hero by any means but she hopes her students remember her as someone who was fair and taught them not just to read and write but to care about their lives and the community in which they live.

She sees many that she taught in public these days, grown with their own families. She says it does a retired educator's heart good to hear how they've carved their own paths with confidence in this great big world.

Would she do it all over again?

"Absolutely. I loved watching children learn and mature."



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ONE OF BC'S GREATEST MOMS, GRANDMOTHER

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

Ann Spencer has nurtured many generations through her teaching in Bedford County. But none are as close to her heart as her own loving children, like Dulcie Davis, who recently gave her mom a kiss before hitting the road. Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10, and it's a sure thing this family will be celebrating their Matriarch. Mrs. Ann recently talked to the T-G about her education career. (See full story on page 1.)



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Photos submitted by Natalie Wooten

Mimi- Becky Landers

Becky thank you for being such a great Mimi to Levi and Luke. You are always a phone call away for a helping hand. You always show your support at the sporting events & the coolest traveling Mimi in this world. We hope you have a wonderful Mother's Day. We love you!



My mom- Ann Wooten

I am so thankful God chose Ann Wooten to be my mother. She is the hardest worker I know, the most loving and kind hearted person I know, the best mother and Nanny. I am extremely blessed to be able to spend Mother's Day with my mom. Thank you for being here for me and the boys always Mama! We love you more than you know.



'A grandmother will love you, beyond your mistakes. That's their gift.' Dawn Hankins

WE LOVE NONNA!

Photo submitted by Marissa Baker

"Mary Jones' grandkids love any opportunity to spend time with their 'Nonna'! Here they are enjoying a night at the Celebration. Pictured, from left, Ada Baker, Sadie Lamb, Ty Lamb, Mary Jones, Isaac Ball, Myles Baker and Everett Lamb.





QUEEN FOR A DAY, SERVANTHOOD APPRECIATED

T-G Photos by Marilyn Ewing

Kim Harvey was Queen for a Day this week as she was recently celebrated on her retirement from Bedford County-UT Extension Office as administrative support assistant II. Kim has served the community through the extension office for 43 years. So it might be said she's earned that crown. Matthew Deist, Extension Agent, commented how Kim has provided reliable and high-quality support for a dozen or more Extension agents and their programmatic efforts in her time here. She also provided every client that walked through that front door with impeccable customer services for 43 years, Deist acknowledged.

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Business Spotlight



Grand Opening for new Shelbyville office is May 12

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The Ankle & Foot Centers of America is a national team of podiatric surgeons with expert physicians based in Lewisburg, who treat a wide variety of painful conditions.

The grand opening for the Shelbyville office will be May 12 from 1 to 6 p.m. The location is sweet, as it is the late Dr. Russell Oliver's former office at 635 North Main St., Suite A.

Dr. Russell Oliver served the middle Tennessee area for 27 years, operating Oliver Foot Clinic along with his wife, Martha. So, it is only fitting that a new group of podiatric specialists carry on that tradition for Shelbyville and the surrounding areas.

What do the foot specialists do, you might ask?

The AFC group of podiatrists specialize in reconstructive foot surgery, bunions, hammertoes, heel pain, Lapiplasty, plantar fasciitis, ingrown toenails, wound care, and so much more.

Local residents suffering from foot or ankle pain, swollen toes, neuromas, or plantar warts, should call the clinic at 615-814-0885. (See ad today for more information.)

Best of all for the residents here, representatives note that all insurances are accepted and X-rays are done in-house.

