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Ten Commissioners vote to resend Sr. Tax Freeze to finance

Amendment: Finance director to attach true cost

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Bedford County Commission voted 10:8 Tuesday to resend the Sr. Tax Freeze proposal to the financial management team for a more solid fiscal note-that is, what it's really going to cost the County to implement the program.

Voting to resend the senior tax freeze proposal for a clearer price tag were: Commissioners Sylvia Pinson, Janice Brothers, Greg Vick, Mark Thomas, John Boutwell, Linda Yockey, Scott Johnson, Jason Boyette, Keith Davis and Tony Smith.

The Finance Committee did not provide a specific financial tag at their last meeting but sent the resolution on to the Commission for vote. Commissioners serving on the finance committee are Johnson, Yockey, Smith and Brothers.

Commissioner Johnson said Tuesday he'd like to pass the resolution but he yielded back because he said there wasn't a clear cost associated with the program.

Commissioner Anderson, who was clearly ready to vote on the program, commented, "We sit here concerned with cost. I'm concerned with cost, sure. But the last 12 years I've been here, we go get the mortgage before we know what the building costs. This is repeated on all sorts of things over the last 12 years. We go borrow the money before we get the cost."

Anderson said the cost doesn't look like it's that much regarding the senior tax freeze program. The Commissioner added that he agrees with Commissioner Maddox (who actually began the proposal for the program several months ago) that it's the "right thing to do."

Voting no on the amendment (staying with the original resolution on the agenda) were: Diane Neeley, Adam Thomas, Maddox, Drew Hooker, Troy Thompson, Biff Farrar, Anita Epperson and Anderson.

The amendment made to the original resolution on the agenda was requested by Commissioner John Boutwell. His amendment, which took voting precedence, based on Robert's Rules of Order, over the original agenda resolution, requested that the tax freeze

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Sr. Property Tax Freeze vote snuffed out by amendment

Here's how, based on Robert's Rules of Order

During Tuesday night's Commission meeting, an amendment (to send the Senior Tax Freeze proposal back to Finance) overruled an original agenda item-the Sr. Tax Freeze vote. A few Commissioners called point of order before the vote on the amendment.

But, as the mayor said, it's all based on Robert's Rules of Order.

The order of precedence determines which motion takes effect first when multiple motions are pending. According to Robert's Rules, amendments are ranked above the main motion they modify, but below motions like "Commit or Refer," "Postpone to a Certain Time," and "Postpone Indefinitely."

This means:

If a main motion is pending, an amendment to that motion can be made and voted on before the main motion is voted upon.

The amendment must be germane to the motion and follow the rules for amending (e.g., inserting, striking out, substituting words.)

Once the amendment is adopted, the main motion is considered as amended, and the vote is then on the amended version.

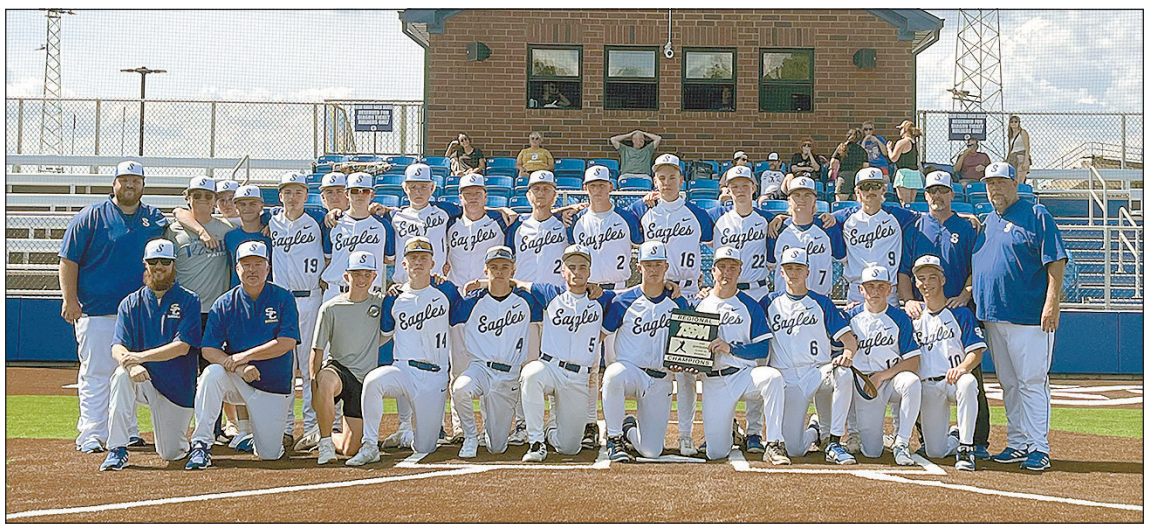
Amendments are not "higher" than the main motion in the sense of overriding it; they simply refine or change it before the final vote.

The original resolution (main motion) is the one that will be adopted if the amendment is defeated or not made.

If the amendment is adopted, the original resolution is effectively replaced by the amended version.

Example:

If the main motion is "Approve the budget," and an amendment is "Add: 'with a 5% increase in staff salaries,'" the amendment can be voted on first. If it passes, the vote is on the amended motion; if it fails, the vote is on the original motion.



Shelbyville Central with the Region 5-AA Championship Plaque following their comeback victory over Cookeville on Sunday.

Golden Eagles Down Cookeville to Win First Region Title Since 1993

SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – Despite falling behind 3-0 in the first inning, the Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (29-9, 5-3) came back once again to defeat Cookeville (25-7, 6-2), 5-3, in the Region 5-AA Championship on Sunday, punching their ticket to the state sectional round.

"We're never out of the fight," Shelbyville Central Head Coach Chase Jones said postgame, "That's one of our core principles in this program. The reason we are never out of a fight is because we're not going to get caught up in thinking that we have to score two or three runs or what might happen, those young men are absolutely locked in to the only thing that's in their control, which is this pitch and this moment. That creates moments like this. It's why I feel like we're dangerous in the sixth or seventh inning. We aren't thinking behind, we aren't thinking ahead, we are just absolutely locked into the moment. This group has done that as well as any group I've ever coached."

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Bedford County Schools announce new principals for 2026–2027

Community, Southside and Cartwright making changes

Bedford County Schools recently announced the appointment of three local educators as principals for the 2026–2027 school year.

Brad Brown will serve as principal of Community High, Kelly Kingree will lead Southside Elementary and Malcolm Martin will serve as principal of Cartwright Elementary.

Incoming Superintendent Tim Harwell commented on these new leadership appointments. "We are excited to welcome these exceptional leaders into their new roles. Each of these principals has demonstrated a strong commitment to students, a passion for education and the ability to build meaningful relationships within their school communities. I am confident they will continue to move their schools forward and make a positive impact on the lives of our students and families."

Brad Brown – Principal, Community High School-earned a bachelor of arts in English from MTSU and a master of arts in educational leadership from Austin Peay.

Brown has 14 years in education including: 7th & 8th Grade English Teacher, Liberty School (2 years); 9th Grade English Teacher, Community High School (8 years); 12th Grade English Teacher, Graduation Coordinator, Yearbook Advisor (2 years); Dean of Students, Community High School (1 year); Assistant Principal, Community Middle

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PATRIOTISM BEFORE CONNECT RACE/WALK

Bridge Bedford Photo

Emma Black, a Cascade High School senior, carried the American flag and led runners/walkers out of the starting gate during the second annual Connected Community race Saturday. See more photos on page 2.

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return from finance back to the Commission for a vote at its June meeting, with a specific fiscal amount attached by Finance Director Robert Daniel.

Boutwell said, "I support the senior tax freeze. That's not the question, for me. I listened to the committee meeting and it was just a back on the envelope discussion of what it was going to cost. I just want the budget to be properly done."

He said he's almost certain there won't be a property tax increase this year. Willing to "put a little Coca Cola on it," he said he's certain no senior is going to be hurt by more tax dollars this year.

Anderson had a different opinion, stating reappraisals, just mailed to property owners, assure some type of future tax increase.

Mayor Chad Graham said for the record, the state resets the tax rate.

Boutwell noted the reappraisal is neutral but the Commission votes as well on any tax increases. "I just personally believe this body is not going to vote this year for any type of property increase."

Commissioner Diane Neeley directed several strong comments to the Commission. "I appreciate Commissioner Boutwell's thought process. I sat through the finance meeting. At no point did any of the Commissioners nor Mayor, that had this information early on, offer any type of consideration or idea of how to finance this. For me, I'm concerned it won't happen this time either."

She added, "We'll continue to kick it. There are things in our budget that a lot of us have not cared for and it was take it, or leave it. And we all know what some of those are. We know. And I don't think we're asking for too much money. There's a line item already in the budget for nearly $400,000, that's for employees, in case there are adjustments to salaries, etc. There's twice what we need right there."

Neeley suggested that adjustments can be made and if the County offices responsible for the senior programs need more employees, then maybe hours need to be adjusted. She suggested a cost study might be in order.

"I don't see why we continue to kick this. If we do, we're going to end up with a tax increase. We know it's coming, sooner or later; we're going to leave these people behind. We are. And now is the time to do it."

She said the tax burden does not have to be spread to others, as some have suggested.

Neeley added, "When we do budget, we have a projected income of what we're going to get off property tax. For no more than this is, we can account for it. And there's not a single person in this County that should have to pay more, because we're giving to a few seniors."

She asked those in the courtroom if they could live off $43,000 a year-the income level to qualify for the senior property tax freeze (age 65 and over.)

"For me, I support this, whether anyone else wants to or not."

Commissioner Hooker, who has chosen not to seek re-election, said he believes the senior tax freeze is about "dignity" and "stability" for the most vulnerable in this community.

"We have come in here tonight to talk about something that might impact someone tremendously that might not necessarily impact us."

Hooker said in the Jan. 20, Rules and Legislative meeting, it was clear that some believe this program would tie the hands of the legislative body in the future and might limit the ability to collect additional future revenue.

"Unfortunately, if you really think about what that means, is that some people are more concerned about protecting future tax revenue than protecting seniors on fixed income," Hooker advised.

He said the Commission needs to look at how it can help each individual citizen. He said through the senior tax freeze, over 700 people can be potentially helped-many with ultimately staying in their homes in the future.



Commissioner Drew Hooker, left, who will be ending his term soon, pleaded with the Commission on Tuesday to go ahead and approve the senior property tax freeze. Commissioner Bill Anderson is in the foreground agreed while Commissioner Greg Vick, also leaving the Commission, was among the 10 who voted to send it back to finance for clearer cost analysis.

Hooker said with reappraisal that's reset, yes, there's potentially still some future increase in property taxes. The senior property tax freeze helps those most vulnerable seniors in the future, he added.

"We just have to be able to look at this as a whole. We have to be able to find out . . . are we going to be the County that says 'thank you' for a lifetime of work and now you're on your own?"

The District 1 Commissioner asked if Bedford had rather show its vulnerable seniors, like widows, they're valued and protected, by helping them stay in their homes. Hooker said the issue goes beyond dollars and cents.

In addition, he said Bedford County should lead by implementing such a program, as most counties in the state have already done. "Bedford County should not lag behind but lead."

He said while he values the opinion of Commissioner Boutwell, he believes the Commissioners have studied the senior tax freeze long enough.

"We've been studying this the last 3 ½ months. We've talked about it. I understand Finance had the opportunity to give numbers. They chose not to. So, delaying it another month is basically saying you do not support this."

Hooker advised the Commission to support the property tax freeze. "This is to protect the people who protected and built Bedford County long before many of us held this office."

Commissioner Vick, who is on the Rules Committee, said after all these months, the Commission still doesn't know how much the senior property tax freeze is going to cost.

"All this amendment is doing is sending it to the finance director to get a fiscal note so that we have a solid number . . . . All the rest of this is just noise. We don't know what the program is going to cost, so how can we possibly vote yes on it?"



Aaron Kight (best onstage) in a scene with Kalen Collins from the fall show, *Gazebo Stays.*

SMOKESTACK THEATRE GROUP CELEBRATES END OF SEASON

Community High's Smokestack Theatre Group recently held its 32nd annual End of the Year Awards Banquet to celebrate the accomplishments of high school thespians at CHS. The following awards were given out: Best Newcomer went to freshman Aslen Wright, who played "Bruce" in the fall show, Gazebo Stays. The Most Improved award went to sophomore Isabella Manire, who took the role of a "teacher" in both fall and spring plays. Best off-stage went to 10th grader Liam Hanson, who worked on the light board for both shows. Best on-stage, the "best actor" award, went to junior Aaron Kight, who took on the difficult role of "Conor O'Malley", a young boy facing the impending death of his mother to cancer in A Monster Calls. The Best all-around trophy went to Aralyn Hanson who performed onstage and served as stage-manager for the spring play. The group honors a student or two who have gone "above and beyond" over their four-year high school history. This year, senior Skyler Smith's (the group's current president) name was placed on the Hall of Fame plaque.



Aaron Kight with Aslen Wright (best newcomer) and Isabella Manire (most improved) in the spring production of *A Monster Calls.*

More photos of CC5K powered by Bridge Bedford



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Organizers for the CC5K last weekend were: Brian Crews, Aaron White, Carol Garrett, Beth Davis, Lisa Turner and Isaiah Washington. (Not pictured but part of the board was Karen Thrasher and Thom Meek.) Thousands participated in this annual event to help support local education.





THE ISSUE

Seniors get double whammy from Commission

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Those seniors paying County property taxes, in hopes of having the cost frozen next year, will have to wait a bit longer for a Commission decision, based on the 10:8 vote Tuesday night.

Get online folks. Proponents are still optimistic for a better outcome in June.

A commissioner pulled a rabbit out of a hat Tuesday night by proposing an amendment which sent the senior tax freeze resolution right back where it started to unravel. Ten voted in favor of the amendment.

One thing is for sure; the Finance Committee didn't do its due diligence before it sent this resolution to the full Commission. This is sadly political ping pong, which is going on a lot around here.

We continue to kick the can. To me, this is one of the least progressive ways these days to go about government.

The real truth is that senior tax freeze has now been implemented by several counties in TN, and we're still dissecting the program like it's the most potential flagrant expense to cross the budget.

How does Tuesday night's meeting make a prosperous, growing, community look at the state-level? The State Comptroller's office told the T-G that Bedford County, as of this year, is financially able to support such a program.

County Commission voted 10:8 to stall, once again, the proposed senior property tax freeze which could benefit hundreds of vulnerable seniors right here in this County. The vote should have been taken to approve or disapprove on Tuesday.

But no, it's digressing back to the Finance Committee for a true cost price tag-even after this committee failed last month to do that.

The vote for the senior tax freeze should come back up at the June Commission meeting. What will change? I wonder.

The tax freeze, if approved, will be added to the already in place tax relief program, which essentially helps qualified seniors over 65 with assistance on their property tax bills. The freeze would cap what the senior would pay in property taxes, based on the fact that they stay in the same home.

Commissioner Diane Neeley asked a stunning question Tuesday night. That was how many in that courtroom could live off $43,000? She was referring to the income cap for the program.

You could have heard a pin drop.

Ask yourselves then, would all the counties in TN that have implemented the program if it was so costly to other taxpayers? Not likely.

Why? Because many have less revenue than Bedford, believe it or not.

As of the 2026 program year, 23 counties in Tennessee have adopted the local option Property Tax Freeze program for seniors. Those counties include: Anderson, Blount, Bradley, Campbell, Coffee, Davidson, DeKalb, Franklin, Hamblen, Hancock, Haywood, Hickman, Knox, Madison, Montgomery, Putnam, Roane, Robertson, Rutherford, Sevier, Shelby, Smith, Sumner, Union, Williamson, Wilson, and others listed in the official jurisdiction list.

Bully to those Commissioners who spoke out about the program on Tuesday night, for or against. Shame on those who were silent and served on those previous committees-those who voted to hand over this cracked plate of a proposal to the full Commission-fully knowing what would happen.

What's the second whammy to the senior? Let's go back to what Commissioner Bill Anderson said; we pass other things through without a blink or second guess. He said it's happened for 12 years, since he's been a County Commissioner.

Now, Tuesday night, Commissioners were apologizing and saying maybe they should be doing better.

An example of passing things through without a hiccup, the Commission passed at the beginning of the meeting an ordinance to rezone property off Highway 41A North near Old Columbia Road, from agriculture to commercial, without a bit of discussion.

Of course they might say there was no one to make public comments. That should not halt productive discussion on any rezoning going through their hands.

The second whammy to seniors Tuesday is that there are seniors living near and behind that property on other roads. Did they know this or care? We at the T-G knew this and talked to some residents and some Commissioners.

Nothing was said or asked about the rezoning, potential noise, proximity to property boundaries, etc., because the PC had already approved. So, it was a done deal. But shouldn't Commissioners still have asked questions in a public meeting, if for nothing else, but for the record?

Perhaps there will be potential cost to the County in other ways? But who knows, because no one asked enough to find out.

But a small senior tax freeze program gets put on and taken off the grill like a steak on the 4th of July! A subcommittee has even been formed to study the complexities of the program and reported on public discussions held.

The real reason, folks, that this senior property tax freeze was sent back to the Finance Committee is because committee member feathers were ruffled when the Finance Committee's official stamp of approval or disapproval was bypassed a few weeks ago with a marginal vote by the Rules Committee.

Basically, a Commissioner on the Rules Committee said to push things on to the Commission is not out of the ordinary. Though true, that didn't sit well, with some on the finance committee.

The buck stops here didn't work at the time.

So, as a result, the Finance Committee sent the resolution on to the full Commission, without a price tag. These folks have been around a while. They knew this would happen.

But, let's prove a point.

So, you say those 10 who voted to resend to finance the senior tax proposal are only looking out for the County's best interest? Have they been listening to Commissioner Eric Maddox and City Councilman Josh Blevins? Do they respect what their fellow government officials have researched and presented pertaining to this program?

People are still asking questions that have been discussed for months!

Perhaps that is it. We just don't trust one another. We don't listen to one another. That's sad.

Maddox and Blevins are some pretty smart government officials, from what I've seen in the last couple of years.

As much as I think the senior property tax freeze is a great program to have implemented in Bedford County, It really pains me to say, today, I don't think it's ever going to pass, now.

Perhaps it's a Godsend that it is being put off. Maybe after August, things will look different. Or not. It's up to those newly elected/re-elected.

Well, being as we're in an election year, here are two quotes worth remembering about political leadership.

Dwight D. Eisenhower: *"The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible..."* (34th president of U.S.)

James Freeman Clarke: *"A politician thinks of the next election; a statesman thinks of the next generation."* (19th Century social reformer)

Celebration announces $2.7 million investment for RV Park improvements

Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration recently announced that the Tennessee General Assembly has included a $2.7 million appropriation in the state's 2026–2027 budget to support the renovation and expansion of its three RV parks.

This significant investment will allow The Celebration to modernize aging infrastructure, enhance visitor amenities, and better position the facility to host a broader range of events throughout the year.

"We are incredibly grateful to Senator Shane Reeves and Speaker Pro Tem Pat Marsh for their leadership and support in securing this funding," said Warren Wells, CEO of The Celebration. "We also extend our sincere thanks to the members of the Tennessee General Assembly, legislative leadership, and the finance committees and their chairs for recognizing the importance of this project to our community and to the future of The Celebration."



TWHNC Photo
The 56th Annual Spring Fun Show to be held in Cooper Steel Arena on Memorial Day weekend, May 21-23.

The RV parks play a critical role in The Celebration's ability to recruit and host new events in Shelbyville. Updated facilities will improve the overall guest experience at our World Championship show, attract larger and more diverse audiences, and strengthen Shelbyville's reputation as a premier destination for equine events and tourism.

"For many of our visitors, the RV parks are their home during events," Wells added. "Upgrading this infrastructure is essential not only for maintaining our current events, but also for expanding opportunities that bring new visitors and economic impact to our region."

State Rep. Pat Marsh added, "The Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration is an important economic driver for Shelbyville and Bedford County. Investing in infrastructure like these RV parks helps ensure the facility can continue to grow, attract new events, and support local businesses for years to come."

State Sen. Shane Reeves recently said, "This funding represents a commitment to preserving and enhancing one of Tennessee's most iconic venues. By improving these facilities, we are strengthening tourism, supporting the local economy, and investing in the long-term success of The Celebration."

The Celebration plans to release additional details in the coming months, including a project timeline and renderings of the planned improvements, according to CEO Wells.

Bedford moved to new Congressional District after Tennessee redistricting vote

Special by Shelbyville Now

After more than 15 years in Tennessee's 4th Congressional District, Bedford County voters are now set to have a new representative in Washington following the passage of four major redistricting bills by the Tennessee General Assembly.

Gov. Bill Lee signed HB7001, HB7002, HB7004, and HB7005 into law Thursday as part of a special legislative session focused on congressional redistricting and election procedures. The newly approved congressional map removes Bedford County from the 4th Congressional District and places it into Tennessee's 9th Congressional District.

Since January 2011, Bedford County has been represented in the U.S. House by Republican Scott DesJarlais. Under the new map, Bedford County will instead fall within the district currently represented by Democrat Steve Cohen of Memphis that will stretch from Memphis all the way east to Bedford County and then north into Williamson County.

The redistricting legislation reshapes Tennessee's congressional landscape by dividing the Memphis-area district into multiple Republican-leaning districts. Supporters of the plan argued the move was designed to better reflect partisan voting patterns across the state, while opponents criticized it as an effort to eliminate Tennessee's only Democratic congressional seat.

The newly configured 9th District is now projected to favor Republicans under the revised map despite currently being represented by Cohen. The changes come after a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling involving Louisiana redistricting changed portions of the Voting Rights Act. Tennessee lawmakers quickly called a special session to redraw the state's congressional boundaries before the 2026 elections.

The transition marks one of the biggest political representation changes for Bedford County in decades. Residents who have voted in the 4th District for multiple election cycles will now cast ballots in the 9th Congressional District beginning with the 2026 election cycle.

Following the redistricting votes, State Senator Brent Taylor announced a run for Tennessee's newly redrawn 9th Congressional District with endorsements from Senators Blackburn and Hagerty. There is a new qualification period that runs through Friday, May 15, that allows candidates to qualify or drop out of each of the Tennessee congressional races.

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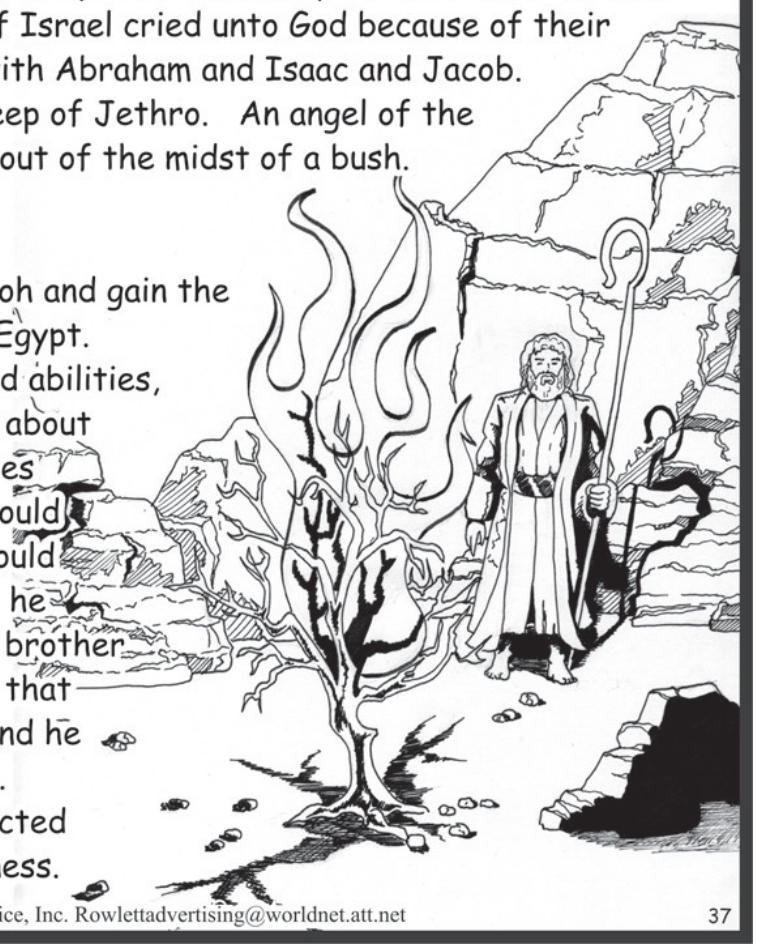
Moses flees Egypt, Hears God
Exodus

As a young man Moses killed an Egyptian who was beating an Israelite. He fled to Midian where he married Zipporah and became the keeper of the sheep of his father-in-law, Reuel (Jethro). Back in Egypt the people of Israel cried unto God because of their bondage. God remembered His covenant with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob. God spoke to Moses as he watched the sheep of Jethro. An angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. The bush burned but was not consumed.

God told Moses that he was to go to Pharaoh and gain the release of his people from the bondage in Egypt. As Moses argued with God about his limited abilities, God explained to Moses how it would come about that he would be successful. God gave Moses three signs or miracles to perform that would prove to the people of Israel that they should follow Moses. When Moses explained that he could not speak well, God told him that his brother Aaron could do the talking to Pharaoh, but that he was the one to whom God would speak and he would pass the word from God on to Aaron. As Moses traveled toward Egypt, God directed Aaron to go and meet Moses in the wilderness.



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Obituaries

Tamara Elaine Ballard



Tamara Elaine Ballard, "Miss. Tammy," age 64 of Unionville, Tennessee, departed this life on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at Ascension St. Thomas Medical Center in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. She was born June 17, 1961; daughter of the late Zona Faye Chambers and Harold Lee Burchfield, "Cotton."

Preceded in death by her parents, Zona Faye Chambers of Unionville, Tennessee, formally from Oneida, Tennessee, and Harold Lee Burchfield, "Cotton," of Marion, Illinois, formally from Oneida, Tennessee, one brother, Frank "Frankie" Knight Baker, and one sister, Robbin Nell Morgan.

She is survived by her husband, Ollie "Sonny" Hill Ballard III of Unionville, Tennessee. She also leaves two sons, Jeremy Lee Prewitt and partner Jake Stover of Bethany, Oklahoma, formerly of Unionville, Tennessee; and Ollie "Tige" Hill Ballard IV and wife Melanie of Brush Creek, Tennessee; one sister, Schenna Boller and husband Steve of West Chester, Ohio; one grandson, Lance Ballard of Brush Creek, Tennessee; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephew.

Miss. Tammy touched many lives while she was driving her bus route for Bedford County Board of Education for over 20 years.

Funeral Services will take place 1:00 PM Monday, May 11, 2025, with visitation being held 2 hours prior to the service. Burial will follow at Simpson Cemetery. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Services are in care of Lawrence Funeral Home, 203 South Horton Pkwy Chapel Hill TN 37034 931-364-2233 www.lawrencefuneral.net.

Death Notices

Annie Ruth Haynes, age 82, of Shelbyville
August 10, 1943 - May 7, 2026
Doak Funeral Home is serving the family.

Lori Lynn Dunnavant Adams,
age 67, of Shelbyville
April 21, 1959 - May 11, 2026
Doak Funeral Home is serving the family.

Morris W. "Monk" Shirley, age 77, of Lewisburg, passed away on Thursday, May 7, 2026.
He was a son of the late Claude B. Shirley and Wilma Louise Alexander Shirley.
Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill is serving the family.

Vanderbilt Bedford nurse Kayla Dearborn receives DAISY Award

By Dawn Hankins
And hospital reports

With a name like Kayla Dearborn, how could you not turn out to be a great hospital nurse.

Kayla, an emergency department nurse at Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital, is among the latest recipients of the Vanderbilt Hospital DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses. The Award is a recognition for extraordinary nurses who exemplify compassion toward patients and families.

One patient's family member shared:

From the nomination

"Kayla made sure we understood every little detail that was being explained to us as each change in Dad's care plan happened. Kayla made sure we didn't feel rushed with decisions and also ensured that he was as comfortable as he could be. Upon his passing, she showed extreme compassion and care by making sure we understood the next steps in preparing for the funeral home. Kayla went above and beyond for not only him, but his family too. The whole team he had working on him from the nurses to LifeFlight, were great, but Kayla really went the extra mile and cared for us like family."



About DAISY Awards

The DAISY Award is a recognition for extraordinary nurses who exemplify compassion toward patients and families.

Vanderbilt Health distributes the award in partnership with The DAISY Foundation, which was formed in 1999 to honor the memory of J. Patrick Barnes, a 33-year-old man who died of complications of the autoimmune disease Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP). Barnes' family was moved by the care they received from his nurses and wanted to recognize them to preserve his memory. DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System.

Vanderbilt Health nurse committees determine the individual recipients.The award is open to all licensed nurses, and anyone can nominate — including co-workers, patients and their families.



TFACA honors past and plans for future with Push-In

Ceremony planned for new $1.97m Tower One fire truck

NASHVILLE – The Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance (TDCI) and the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) recently announced that the $1.97 million ladder truck Tower One officially began its service after a ceremonial "push-in" on May 11, at the Tennessee Fire Services and Codes Enforcement Academy (TFACA) in Bell Buckle.

The symbolic "push-in" ceremony dates back to the earliest days of the fire service when crews would return to their stations from fire calls on horse-drawn equipment that required firefighters to manually push the engines into their fire station's bays in preparation for future fire calls.

At TFACA, TDCI leaders, staff, and guests gathered to push Tower One into place at the academy's fire station. The state-of-the-art truck has a 95-foot ladder topped by an aerial platform and the ability to pump 2,000 gallons of water a minute. It is most current technology available in modern fire service design.

"The push-in ceremony for Tower One symbolically honors the legacy of the fire service's distant past while positioning Tennessee as a leader in the nation for the training of future firefighter and emergency responders," said TDCI Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Carter Lawrence. "I want to thank Governor Lee and the General Assembly for approving the funding that helped purchase this equipment in order to help train the firefighters who keep Tennessee safe."

The arrival of Tower One represents the latest in years of fiscally conscious upgrades at TFACA. Originally opened in 2002 on 330 acres in Bedford County, TFACA's campus (which included dormitories, a fire-training tower and cafeteria) was expanded in 2020 as part of a $20 million project that added a new conference center, auditorium, and classroom space. In December 2025, a new $1.25 million residential burn building was opened in order to provide firefighter cadets with additional fire training simulations.

"Tower One's arrival strengthens our training curriculum, enhances cadets' hands-on experience, and gives cadets real-world experience with equipment they will encounter in the field," said TFACA Executive Director Jason Sparks. "Tower One represents another step forward for progress, preparedness, and shows TFACA's ongoing commitment to serving Tennessee communities with excellence."

Bedford Briefs

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.

COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

County Committees meet, beginning at 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 19, at the courthouse.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION DATES

Shelbyville Central-May 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. (Rain date: May 17 from 7 to 9 p.m.)

Cascade High-May 16 from 10 a.m., to 11:30 a.m. (In case of rain, the ceremony will move from the football field to the gym.)

Community High-May 16 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. (Rain date: May 17 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.)

The Webb School in Bell Buckle will have its commencement ceremony on May 23, beginning at 11 a.m., under the tent on the school's upper field.

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.

Decoration Day at **Burns Cemetery**, Burns Road, will be on May 17, 2026, at 2 p.m. All are welcome. Donations can be mailed to Wally Cartwright, 310 Brown Lane, Shelbyville, TN 37160.



T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

Decoration Day at **Parsons Cemetery**, Parsons Road, Unionville, TN, will be on May 24th at 2 p.m.

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 Sunday at **First United Methodist Church**, Pastor Abe Zimmerman will preach, "The Ascension" which can be found in Acts 1:6-11. "We will explore this special moment between Jesus and the disciples and what it means for us today."

Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 a.m., followed by the worship service at 10 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church are available during worship. For those unable to attend in person, FUMC-S offers a livestream on Facebook and YouTube and a broadcast on WLIJ 98.7 FM and AM 1580.

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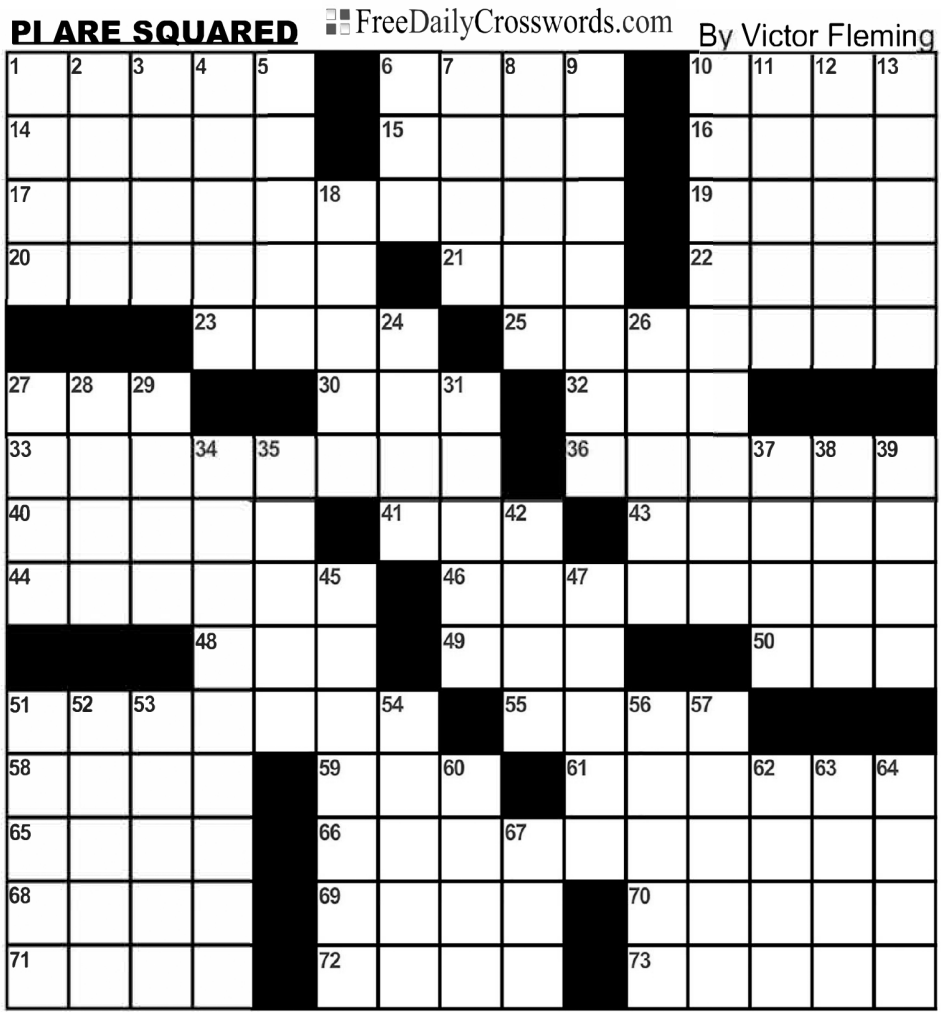

CLUES ACROSS

1) Plant used as a ground cover
6) Genealogist's map
10) Small pooches, briefly
14) Significant___
15) Redundant exclamation
16) Rapper on "Law & Order: SVU"
17) Solo at a recital
19) Worst possible score
20) "Cross my heart!"
21) Match, as a bet
22) Director Snyder
23) Chicago paper, familiarly
25) Vast area
27) Plastic pipe material
30) Catch, in a way
32) Tyrolean peak
33) Basketball player, informally
36) Horse that hasn't won
40) Set of morals
41) Tour transportation
43) "Wow!"
44) Entered
46) Texas flag symbol
48) Money-managing exec
49) Former NBA star Ming
50) Arboreal street name
51) Greet casually
55) Ready to pluck
58) Support, with "up"
59) Air quality org.
61) Discriminatory, in a way
65) Mischief-making Norse god
66) "Well, aren't you the perfectionist!"
68) "You asleep?" response
69) Year, on monuments
70) Not fancy at all
71) Like a broken bronc
72) Like one end of many pools
73) "Fiddler on the Roof' matchmaker

CLUES DOWN

1) Arizona tribe
2) Redding of R&B
3) Irwin or George Bernard
4) Religious principle
5) Loud, like a crowd
6) "More than I want to hear!"
7) Some deli loaves
8) Show host
9) Driver's license requirement
10) Domino's deliveries
11) Neptune's realm
12) Cougars or Bobcats, to auto buffs
13) Feed, as a furnace
18) Computer command under "File"
24) Telly watchers' network, with "the"
26) Cessna or Lear product
27) "That was close!"
28) Say "yea," say
29) Red Scare lawyer Roy
31) Word in a letter sign-off
34) A choirmaster may toot one
35) "Star Trek" genre
37) Go out with
38) "And others," briefly
39) Expected outcome
42) Do some parasailing
45) Place to jot things down
47) See 5-Down
51) Banana concoction
52) Enticing emanation
53) Li'l Abner's surname
54) State one's views
56) Full of vim and vigor
57) Napoleon on Elba
60) Oily skin can cause it
62) Self-confident words
63) Burlesque bit
64) Daly of "Cagney & Lacey"
67) Keystone lawman

PRINCIPALS

From page 1A



Brad Brown



Kelly Kingree



Malcom Martin

School (1 year.)

"I am incredibly excited and honored to step into this role and serve the Community High School family. I look forward to building on the great work already happening while collaborating with students, staff and families to improve achievement and prepare every student for success after graduation. I want to help create meaningful, memorable high school experiences and strengthen Viking Pride for years to come."

Brown said he wants to improve college and career readiness by helping students better understand all post-secondary pathways - not just four-year universities.

"Investing in our students means investing in the future of our community."

He added, "I am a proud Community alumnus (Class of 2007) and spent 13 years as a student here, so this role is especially meaningful to me."

He and his wife, Meghan, are both in education and have two children of their own, Amory and Waylon

Kelly Kingree – Principal, Southside Elementary School, earned a bachelor of science in education and master of arts in educational leadership from the University of Alabama. She's finishing her 19th year in education.

Kingree's educational experience includes: Kindergarten & 1st Grade Teacher, Eakin Elementary (5 years); 3rd & 4th Grade Teacher, Liberty School (5 years); RTI & Testing Coordinator, Shelbyville Central High School (6 years); Assistant Principal, Southside Elementary (3 years).

"I'm excited to lead the next phase of our school's growth. We've made meaningful strides in building a strong, positive culture, and I look forward to building on that momentum while deepening our impact on student outcomes through strong instruction and teacher support."

Having been part of Southside's journey, she said she's focused on strengthening relationships and working as a team to help students and teachers reach the next level of success.

She added, "Southside is a special place with incredible students and a dedicated staff. I'm honored to lead a school community that means so much to me."

Kingree lives on a Flat Creek farm with her husband, Tripp, a longtime Shelbyville firefighter. She said they enjoy traveling - especially to the beach - spending time with their two dogs and visiting their adult children. Son Grayson lives in Charlotte and will be getting married this fall, and daughter Macy teaches 2nd grade at Liberty School, which makes this mom incredibly proud.

Malcolm Martin – Principal, Cartwright Elementary School, earned his doctorate of education in educational leadership from Liberty University a master's in education (Curriculum and Instruction) and a bachelor of science in public health from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro.

Martin said he has 10 years of educational experience, including: 8th Grade Math/Algebra I Teacher (Rutherford & Bedford Counties) – 7 years; Instructional Coach, Harris Middle School – 2 years; assistant principal, Cartwright Elementary – 2 years; United States Army Officer – 10 years.

"I'm excited to build something that lasts - strong systems, a clear vision and a culture where students and staff thrive. As a newer school, we have a unique opportunity to be intentional about who we are and how we operate."

Martin said his focus will be on refining systems - strengthening PLCs, improving consistency across classrooms, enhancing inclusion and ESL co-teaching models and ensuring clear communication so staff feel supported and aligned.

He added, "I believe strong schools are built on trust, clarity and consistency. I'm committed to being visible, accessible and focused on student learning while developing leadership capacity among staff."

He said he enjoys spending time with his wife and daughters. Outside of school, he stays active through running and strength training. He also enjoys writing, leadership development and meaningful conversations.

"I'm driven by growth, discipline and making the most of every opportunity."

AD VERITAS

Do Rural Communities Have a Voice?



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Redistricting is one of those words that sounds like it belongs in a committee room, not around a kitchen table.

But for small rural counties, it matters.

It matters because representation is not just about which party wins a district. It is about whether a community has a voice, whether candidates have a reason to visit, and whether elected officials have a reason to understand the people they represent.

I don't have a strong desire this week to declare Tennessee's new congressional map either a triumph or a disaster. But I do believe congressional districts ought to have some common sense to them. A district should share more than a number. As much as possible, it should share geography, values, concerns and some kind of common economy.

Rural counties have different needs than major urban or suburban areas. That doesn't mean one is more important than the other. But it does mean that agriculture, roads, broadband, tourism, small business, health care access and local infrastructure can easily become afterthoughts when rural communities are attached to larger population centers with more political gravity.

That has been my concern with Benton County for some time.

Under the previous congressional map, Benton County was split between two districts. For a county that does not have a huge number of voters to begin with, that never made much sense. Our influence was already small compared to larger counties. Dividing those voters between two congressional districts made that influence even smaller.

One part of the county looked east for representation. The other looked west. Both congressmen were roughly two hours away. Benton County was not just on the outer edge of one district. It was on the outer edge of two.

That arrangement did not exactly encourage candidates to spend much time here.

So I will say this plainly: I am glad Benton County is whole again.

Whatever else someone may think of the new map, that is an improvement. We will have one congressman, not two. Local officials, business owners, school leaders and citizens will all know which congressional office to call. Candidates will no longer be able to treat "their part" of Benton County as a small sliver barely worth the trip.

Even if Benton County remains small, at least it can now speak with one congressional voice.

But that does not mean every concern is settled.

The new District 5 is still an unusual district. Benton County may now be more centrally located geographically, but that does not necessarily mean we will be politically central. The district stretches a long way, reaching toward West Tennessee on one side and into areas closer to Middle Tennessee on the other.

My suspicion is that, for the foreseeable future, the congressman from this district is still likely to come from one of the larger population areas near the edge of the district. That leaves Benton County asking the same basic question:

Will whoever represents us actually know us?

Looking at the broader map, much of the state east of Nashville seems to follow a more recognizable regional pattern. The western half of the state looks different. To use the plain word, it looks wonky.

That does not automatically mean every part of it is bad. But voters are right to ask whether the lines were drawn around communities or around political math.

Representation is more than having your county colored the same shade on a map. Representation means someone has a reason to come here, listen here and understand what life here actually looks like.

The real test for the new District 5 will not be the shape of the line. The test will be whether candidates show up. Will they visit Camden, Big Sandy, Eva, Holladay and the communities between them? Will they understand Kentucky Lake, the Tennessee River, rural tourism, small-town infrastructure and the challenges facing counties like ours?

Will Benton County be treated as part of the district's center, or just another place to pass through?

So yes, I am glad Benton County is no longer split. That is a real improvement, and I will not pretend otherwise.

But being placed whole into a district is only the beginning of representation, not the end of it.

We are no longer two small pieces on the fringe of two districts. Now we are one county in the middle of a very large, very unusual district.

The question now is whether that will make our voice stronger — or simply easier to find on the map.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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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:

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/s/ John T. Bobo, Attorney
/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (572tp)

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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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:

(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 24th day of April, 2026.
/s/ Angela Worsham Lawson, Administrator CTA
/s/ Tamra L. Smith, Attorney
/s/ Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (572tp)

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated November 10, 1992, executed by JAMES I. JOHNSON and CLADIE E. JOHNSON conveying certain real property therein described to RANDLE RICHARDSON, STATE DIRECTOR, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register`s Office of Bedford County, Tennessee recorded November 10, 1992, in Book 302, Page 199; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE OR SUCCESSOR AGENCY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE who is now the owner of said debt; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on June 18, 2026 at or about 10:00 AM at the front steps of the Bedford County Courthouse, Shelbyville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, to wit:

LOCATED IN THE SEVENTH (7TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE: BEING A PORTION OF LOT NO. 14 IN HIGHLAND COURT ADDITION TO SHELBYVILLE, TENNESSEE, OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 29, PAGE 39, REGISTER`S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SAID LOT BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER IN THE CENTER OF HIGHLAND COURT, IT ALSO BEING 590 FEET EAST OF THE EAST MARGIN OF THOMPSON STREET; THENCE WITH THE CENTER OF HIGHLAND COURT EAST 50 FEET TO MCMILLAN; THENCE WITH MCMILLAN SOUTH 160 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO J. E. THOMPSON`S PROPERTY; THENCE WEST 50 FEET WITH THOMPSON PROPERTY TO GUESS; THENCE NORTH WITH THE GUESS PROPERTY LINE 160 FEET, MORE OR LESS; THENCE BACK TO THE BEGINNING. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO JAMES I. JOHNSON AND WIFE, CLADIE E. JOHNSON, BY DEED FROM GREGORY C. FLOIED AND WIFE, CINDY R. FLOIED, DATED NOVEMBER 10, 1992 , OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 194, PAGE 977, REGISTER`S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

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CURRENT OWNER(S): JAMES I. JOHNSON, CLADIE E. JOHNSON

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

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Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: May 5

Location: 412 Dot Circle; Seller, Rachel Peeler, Rachel McCall, John Stuart Peeler; Buyer, John Stuart Peeler, Rachel Peeler; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Carlton Rd; Seller, Diana Marie Morgart; Buyer, MSQD Holdings LLC; Price, $30,000 (Deed).

Location: 219 Jack Pickle lane; Seller, Jeff Tracy, Corina Tracy; Buyer, Dalton Fisher, Dana W Fisher, Michael M Fisher; Price, $130,000 (Deed).

Location: 221 Jack Pickle lane; Seller, Jeff Tracy, Corina Tracy; Buyer, Dalton Fisher, Dana W Fisher, Michael M Fisher; Price, $644,900 (Deed).

Location: 205 Gladys Dr; Seller, Benjamin Hilliard, Kayla W Hilliard, Kayla W Warren; Buyer, Jimmy W Bishop, Joanna H Bishop; Price, $450,000 (Deed).

Location: 120 Maupin Circle; Seller, Chris Landers, Lindsey Landers; Buyer, Chris and Lindsey Landers Family Trust, Christopher B Landers, Lindsey H Landers; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Onetta M McGear, Rickey D McGear; Buyer, Jessica L Buchanan, Jabbar Buchanan; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Cedar Grove Rd; Seller, Doris Willene Fulton Estate, Amy Fulton Martin, Robert Fulton, Barbara Fulton Armstrong, Thomas William Fulton, Dorris Fulton, Doris W Fulton; Buyer, Robert Fulton, Patricia Fulton; Price, $280,000 (Deed).

File date: May 6

Location: Old Shelbyville and Union; Seller, Margaret Ann Hudson, Kenneth Ray Hudson, Charles Kenneth Hudson; Buyer, Margaret Ann Hudson; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 104 Dogwood Court; Seller, David Austin Bowers, Susan Ann Bowers; Buyer, Bowers Family Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 110 Dogwood Court; Seller, David Austin Bowers, Susan Ann Bowers; Buyer, Bowers Family Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 1395 West Lane St; Seller, Andrew Joseph Snyder, Sara Nicole Bailey; Buyer, Jacob Porter; Price, $260,000 (Deed).

Location: Midland Rd; Seller, James F Faulk; Buyer, James Aubrey Faulk; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Bedford Development LLC; Buyer, Ole South Properties Inc; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: May 7

Location: Fairfield Pike; Seller, Anna Dell Apple; Buyer, Virgel Ray Smith III; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 206 Moreland Dr; Seller, Martin Investments LLC; Buyer, Patricia Lynn Turner; Price, $270,000 (Deed).

Seller, James T Odeneal; Buyer, Daniel John Odeneal; Price, $145,000 (Deed).

Location: Putnum Well Rd; Seller, Robin M Ball; Buyer, Matthew Church, Melissa Church, Hayden Church, Favour Church, Tyler McCormick, Tasha McCormick, Ashely McCormick; Price, $400,000 (Deed).

Location: 1572 Old Nashville Dirt Rd; Seller, Sarah Hooberry; Buyer, Sarah Hooberry; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Kenneth Hill; Buyer, Theresa Young; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 646 Union Ridge Rd; Seller, Amy Wilson; Buyer, Brent Mansfield, Victoria Mansfield; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Betty Jo Dickson; Buyer, David Lodge, Amy Lodge; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Coop Road; Seller, James D Brown, Jimmy Brown, Claudia Brown, Claudia Joy Brown, Joyce Marie Brown; Buyer, James D Brown, Gina Brown Jones, Brandon Keith Floyd; Price, $0 (Deed).

Seller, Robert N Hamilton II, Rachel L Hamilton; Buyer, Zachery Charles Bowling; Price, $219,900 (Deed).

Location: Whitaker Rd; Seller, James R Warner, Christy Warner; Buyer, Juana Baltazar McFarland, Waymon McFarland; Price, $160,000 (Deed).

Seller, Jonathan Lee Studer, Barbara Jean Steinke; Buyer, Michele Elizabeth Steinke; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: Cannon Blvd; Seller, Jonathan Levi Jones; Buyer, ARC Capital LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: May 8

Location: White Rd; Seller, James K Gardner; Buyer, Coco Family Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: White Rd; Seller, James K Gardner, Felicia Watts, Felicia Gardner; Buyer, James K Gardner, Felicia Gardner; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, James K Gardner, Felicia Nicole Watts, Felicia Nicole Gardner; Buyer, JKG Commercial LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Madison St; Seller, James K Gardner; Buyer, JKG Commercial LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Bedford Lake Rd; Seller, Cody Nash, Kara Beth Nash; Buyer, State of Tennessee; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: 4th St Bell Buckle; Seller, Larry W Stone; Buyer, Curl Properties LLC; Price, $55,000 (Deed).

Location: Evans St; Seller, Julian Azpeitia Garcia; Buyer, Edith Gonzalea Monrroy; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 102 Nikki Ct; Seller, DFH Crescent LLC; Buyer, Christopher Howard Hanel, Kaitlynn Marie Hanel; Price, $349,195 (Deed).

Location: 1030 Union St; Seller, David Wayne Cagle, Edgar E Oalmann Jr; Buyer, Anselmo Venegas Luna, Angelica Castillo Ramirez; Price, $310,000 (Deed).

File date: May 11

Location: 205 Peachtree St; Seller, Alexandria P Butterworth, Nigel Xavier Sowell; Buyer, Jamon Sliger; Price, $285,000 (Deed).

Location: 219 Lane Parkway; Seller, Hana Family Homes LLC, Melad Hana; Buyer, Hana Commercial Holding LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Lane Parkway; Seller, Melad Hana, Reham Hana, Reham Shafik; Buyer, Hana Commercial Holdings LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Augusta Court; Seller, Anthony M Matusek Jr; Buyer, American Home Constructors Inc; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, American Home Constructors Inc; Buyer, Larry Jones, Deborah Jones; Price, $442,035 (Deed).

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Champs Top District 9-A, Punch Sectional Ticket With Win Over Loretto in Region 5-A Semifinal

BY NOAH MADDOX
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BELL BUCKLE, Tenn. – After winning District 9-A in dramatic fashion on Thursday against Chapel Hill, 1-0, thanks to a Will Cook goal, the surging Cascade Champions (6-7, 3-3) ended the Loretto Mustangs' (10-4-1, 7-2-1) season, 4-0, in Tuesday's Region 5-A Semifinal.

"When we played our first couple games of the district, we knew we had all the potential, but we just couldn't put it together," Cascade Head Coach Zack Spears said postgame about his team's turnaround, "To have watched us struggle and be right there on the cusp was so tough. We watched people count us out, but these guys didn't quit. It's beautiful to see some kids that don't have quit in them. They just didn't give up. It would have been easy to hit eject on this year."

After starting the season 0-6 with two one-goal District 9-A losses against Chapel Hill and Community, Spears' squad began to turn things around. Then, they won three of their final four district games entering the District 9-A Tournament before taking down Community on penalties and then Chapel Hill in the title game, 1-0.



Cascade won its second District 9-A Championship in three years last Thursday against Chapel Hill. *T-G Staff Photo by Noah Maddox.*



Cascade's Briston Moore (5) scored the crucial second goal of the game in the 52nd minute in Tuesday's win over Loretto. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

On Tuesday, the Champions avoided any potential extra time by taking control of the game from the opening kickoff. Loretto forced just one true save as the Cascade backline prevented the Mustangs from putting much pressure on goal.

Cascade took the lead when Lando Martin opened the scoring in the 23rd minute. Martin pounced on a loose ball in the box, finding the back of the net from six yards out to give the hosts a goal that had felt inevitable for the previous five minutes or so.

"There's always going to be nerves, and that first goal helps so much because we found what worked," said Spears, "To have Lando finish that one, it's huge, and without it, it's a different story in the second half."

Cascade would carry its 1-0 advantage into halftime, but they continued to search for more as the second half began. 12 minutes into the half, the Champions doubled their lead when Briston Moore dragged his left-footed effort across goal, nestling the ball into the side netting to the keeper's left for a 2-0 lead in the 52nd minute.

"We finally found the scoring touch, if we're being honest," Spears said, "We couldn't put the ball in the net for the longest time. We played defense well enough, and finding out how to score has been huge."

As the hosts continued to frustrate and disrupt seemingly every Loretto attack, Logan Haddock found the back of the net off of an assist on a free kick in the 74th minute, and then Carson Byford put the exclamation point on an empathic team performance with a direct free kick goal from 30 yards out on a knuckler in the 79th minute.

"We've been to this point in the past, but on Thursday, we get a chance to bring home a gold plaque instead of a silver one," Spears said, "Chapel Hill is a good team, so it will be tough."

Following Chapel Hill's comeback win at Richland on Tuesday, Cascade is set to host the Region 5-A Championship on Thursday night against the Rockets. Kickoff time is TBD. The Champions then will take on either Hickman County or Cheatham County on Saturday for the right to advance to the program's first-ever state tournament.

Prince Strikes Out 16 as Viqueens Clinch Sectional Berth

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HOHENWALD, Tenn. – Annie Prince pitched a complete-game shutout, and the Community Viqueens (27-8, 7-0) took down District 10-AA Champions, Lewis County (16-9, 4-2), 3-0, on Monday night.

With the win, Community eliminates the Panthers in the Region 5-AA Semifinals for the second consecutive season. The Viqueens also eliminated Lewis County with an 8-2 home win in the 2025 Region 5-AA Semifinal.

Prince looked virtually unhittable all night long in another win-or-go-home situation, giving up just two hits and no runs in 7.0 innings with five walks while striking out an incredible 16 batters on 118 pitches.

Community slapped nine hits – all singles – against Lewis County ace, Brailey Carroll. Carroll shut out the vaunted Viqueens' lineup for four innings, but then in the fifth, the visitors finally broke the seal and plated two runs. Community added one more insurance run in the top of the sixth to give Prince a 3-0 lead to work with from the circle.

Carroll pitched all 6.0 innings for the Panthers, giving up just three earned runs on nine hits and two walks with three strikeouts on 125 pitches.

At the plate for the Viqueens, Anna Haskins led off going 1-for-4, Kamryn Farrell was 0-for-4 with an RBI, and Mattie Maxey finished 1-for-3 with a walk. Gracie Daniel was 2-for-4 with a stolen base, Kailani Allen went 1-for-3 with a walk, and Prince finished 1-for-3. Alana Tate came through in the 8-hole going 2-for-3 with an RBI and a stolen base, and Hayden Moore finished 1-for-3. Community committed just a single error while the Panthers aided the Viqueens' cause by committing four errors.

Community is now set to travel to Summertown for the Region 5-AA Championship on Wednesday night with first-pitch still TBD.



Community's Annie Prince (14), seen here hitting a home run against Summertown, struck out an incredible 16 batters while pitching a complete-game shutout at Lewis County in Monday's Region 5-AA Semifinal win. *Photo courtesy of Austin Holland.*

Middle Tennessee beats Memphis 10-9 in final mid-week tilt of the year

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn.—Middle Tennessee (25-27, 11-16 CUSA) faced a pair of three-run deficits in it's final mid-week game of the season against in-state foe, Memphis (21-30, 12-12 AAC). The second-such stretch had an unlikely hero in pinch-hitter, Matt Wolfe. With two outs in the inning, Wolfe came in cold to face a left-hander that just came out of the bullpen and singled through the left side of the infield to tie it at nine, just prior to Tyler Minnick getting hit by a pitch to bring in the eventual winning run in a 10-9 game.

Both teams scored a pair of runs in the first inning. Middle Tennessee second baseman Cooper Clapp tied the game with one swing, hitting a two-run shot just to the right corner of the scoreboard in right-center for his ninth home run of the season. It's the third game in a row that Clapp has gone yard.

Memphis tagged the Blue Raiders for three runs in the second inning. Middle Tennessee got one back in the third on a Nathan Brewer RBI, his 44th of the year, to make it 5-3. The Blue Raiders took their first lead of the game in the fourth inning. Brett Rogers, Dean O'Neill and Brett Vondohlen all singled to start the inning, with Vondohlen's plating Rogers to make it 5-4. Clay Badylak reached on an error that loaded the bases and Owen Nowak and Tyler Minnick both picked up RBIs to score O'Neill and Vondohlen before the end of the frame.

In the top of the seventh, Memphis pushed three runs across prior to the Blue Raiders four run rally, all with two outs. The rally started when Layne Akers drew a walk and Brett Rogers laced a double to left field, followed by a Dean O'Neill RBI single that brought up Wolfe for his clutch RBI.

Minnick and Clapp both finished with two RBIs and joined Akers, Rogers and O'Neill with two hits. Rogers, O'Neill and Vondohlen scored a pair of runs. Abel Albarran allowed just one earned run and struck out two in 4.0 innings out of the bullpen and Mason Dobbs came on for a four-out save, his second of the season.

By the Numbers

42: Tyler Minnick's on-base streak is now sitting at 42 games.
3: Game's in a row that Cooper Clapp has hit a home run, the first such streak since Eston Snider did it last year against Farleigh Dickinson.
8: Middle Tennessee finishes the year 8-5 in midweek game.

The Skipper Speaks
(Jerry Meyers)

"(Matt Wolfe's at-bat) was super important for the team and him," said Middle Tennessee Head Coach Jerry Meyers. "He's had some other opportunities where we did things like that, but when we saw the left-on-left matchup, we didn't want that matchup, especially with how (Memphis reliever Isaac Lucas) spins his breaking ball. Matt hit a ball hard the other way this past Sunday and they made a good play on it."

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After Case Davis launched a no-doubt game-tying solo home run to right field in the fifth inning, the Golden Eagles went to work in the bottom of the sixth. It started with some good fortune, as Braxton Vari led off with a blooper into right that resulted in Vari reaching second base after Ty Harrison let the ball bounce past him trying to scoop it up. Despite a solid outing on the whole, Case Collins immediately balked Vari over to third with nobody out, prompting a pitching change. Dawit Inman retired Miles McCullough for the first out as the lineup flipped over, and then Cookeville intentionally walked Stephen Bobo in an attempt to set up the double play. The Cavaliers also made another pitching change, bringing in a sidewinder, Zolton Knight, to try and get a ground ball.

Instead, Blake Bone squared to bunt after taking strike one, and Vari hustled home in time to beat the tag and give the Golden Eagles their first lead of the day at 4-3. Bone stole second, and then Caden Peacock was hit by a full-count pitch to load the bases. After Case Davis popped out for the second out, a wild pitch allowed Bone to reach home safely in a sprint to give Stephen Bobo an insurance run heading into the top of the seventh inning.

Bobo came in and struck out two of the three hitters he faced, including the final one to send the Golden Eagles to the State Sectional round.

"I'm just so grateful for this group of kids, for God's path leading me here," Jones said, "This is a special time for this baseball program and this school, and they're just fun to watch. The biggest coaching thing I can do is get the heck out of the way and let 'em go play during games because they're going to find a way. What a team. What a group of young men. I'm humbled and blessed to be around them every day. I'm beyond blessed that God's plan has led me to Shelbyville, Tennessee, and this baseball program."

Kaleb Maillet got the start again on the mound for Shelbyville Central after throwing 63 pitches in the win over Cleveland on Thursday. On just two days' rest, Maillet was incredible, pitching 6.0 complete innings and giving up four hits, three unearned runs, and two walks while striking out six batters on 98 pitches. Stephen Bobo recorded the save after setting down Cookeville 1-2-3 in the seventh to secure the win on just nine pitches.

Thanks to a couple errors in the top of the first, the Cavs managed a two-out rally that plated three and gave the visitors an early 3-0 advantage and stunned the capacity Mother's Day crowd at the Eagles' Nest. However, Stephen Bobo came through with a massive 2-RBI single back up the middle with the bases loaded to trim the lead to just one run, 3-2.

Then, the biggest moment in the game came in the top of the fourth inning. A Cookeville rally started with an infield single from seven-hole hitter Easton Davidson, then the Cavs had runners on second and third with nobody out after Templeton reached safely. Maillet struck out Tyler Smith, but the Cavs flipped the lineup over to bring up Auburn commit KJ Anderson, who the Golden Eagles promptly intentionally walked to load the bases. This brought up Cole Teeters, who worked the count full before grounding into a tailor-made 6-4-3 inning-ending double play. Maillet had worked his way out of runners on second and third with nobody out without conceding a single run.

'That was the turning point of the game," Jones admitted postgame, "He [Maillet] was getting close on his pitch count because if we lost this game and have to travel to Beech on Wednesday, we would have had to start thinking about getting Kaleb out of there and having him ready for Thursday. Getting the double play...he goes out to the mound, he puts his dang Superman cape on and today, he went through spots where he didn't necessarily have his best stuff, but when it comes crunch time, there's no other kid I'd rather have on the mound than him. Today was a gutty, gutty, gutty performance, especially with Cookeville putting up a three-spot in the first inning. He gave us a chance to come back before Stephen [Bobo] came in and did Stephen things."

The Golden Eagles registered their third win in four tries against Cookeville this season, and all three have included some sort of comeback. The first win came in game two of the regular season district series on Tuesday, Apr. 21, when the Golden Eagles overcame a 6-0 deficit to win, 7-6. Then, on Monday, May 4 at Cookeville, Shelbyville Central overcame a 4-3 deficit to secure its first district title in 20 years. Now, Shelbyville Central once again stuns the Cavaliers, this time to move one series win away from the State Tournament.

"I'm just proud," said Jones, "The biggest thing for me as a coach is I want to represent our school and our community the right way, and these guys absolutely do. I want to represent Mr. Cooper and Cooper Steel the right way. Cooper Steel has been a godsend with the amount of resources they've poured into this school. You come and look at our facilities and you look at our field...the way that our kids represent themselves, and they represent themselves in the classroom and the community, I'm so proud of this group of young men."

"The fan support was also remarkable," Jones continued, "It gave me chill bumps earlier. I came out and I looked around and I was just blown away. It was the same thing on Thursday night, and these young men have a lot of supporters, and they have a lot of people that love them, cheer for them, and genuinely want them to be successful. Our kids feed off of that. As we get into the sectional games against Hendersonville, hopefully on Thursday and Friday, these young men are going to feed off of the packed stands and fan support. I'd love to see that again for them."

At the plate for the Golden Eagles, Stephen Bobo led off going 1-for-3 with two RBIs and a walk. Blake Bone was 1-for-4 with an RBI, Case Davis went 1-for-4 with a solo home run, and Elijah Westbrooks finished 1-for-3. Braxton Vari went 1-for-2, and Miles McCullough finished 1-for-3.

Shelbyville Central will host Hendersonville for a best-of-three series beginning with Game One at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday. Game Two will be held on Friday at 11:30 a.m. with an if-necessary Game Three scheduled for Saturday at 6:00 p.m. The winner advances to the Class AAAA State Tournament beginning on Tuesday, May 19th.



Shelbyville Central's Stephen Bobo (15) after striking out the final batter to win the Region 3-AAAA title on Sunday. Bobo threw nine pitches to get three outs and record the biggest save of the 2026 season for the Golden Eagles, and he also went 1-for-3 with two RBIs and a walk at the plate.
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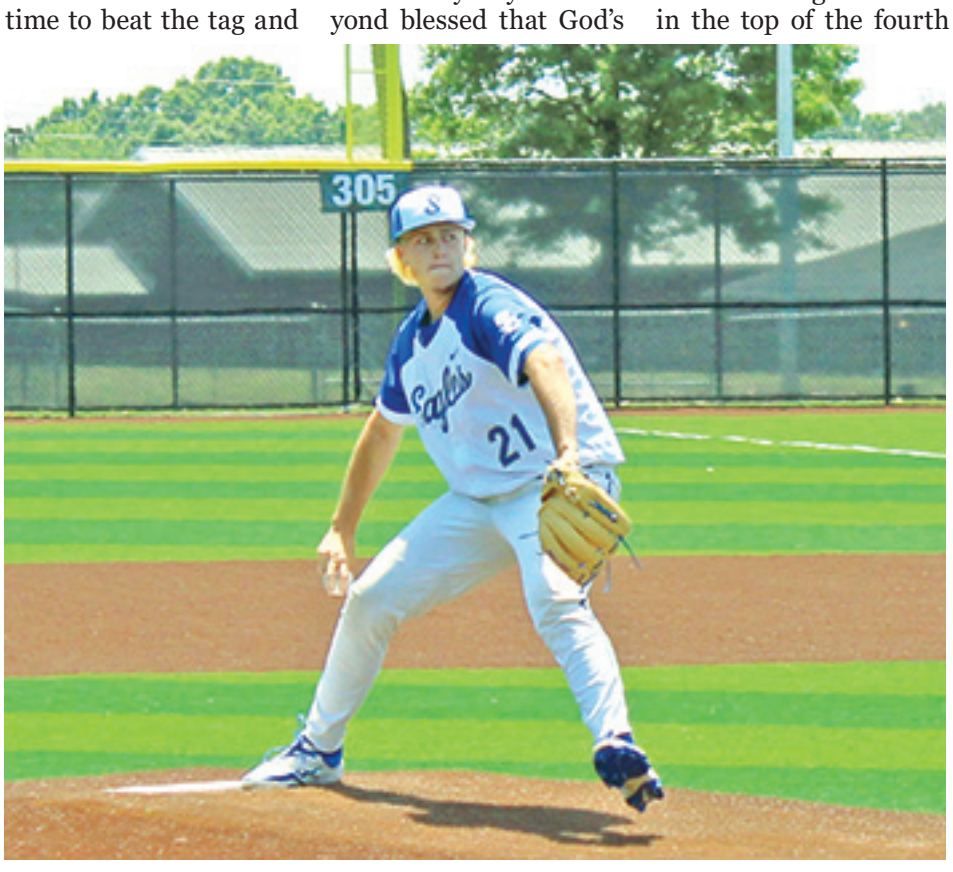

Shelbyville Central's Kaleb Maillet (21) was outstanding once again. Maillet, pitching on two days rest after throwing 63 pitches in Thursday's win, threw 6.0 complete innings on 98 pitches, giving up just four hits, three unearned runs, and two walks while striking out six batters.
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Cascade Shuts Out Lewis County and Riverside to Win Region 5-AA Championship

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DECATURVILLE, Tenn. – After winning the District 9-AA title in exhilarating fashion, the Cascade Champions (22-8, 5-3) secured the program's second Region 5-AA Championship in four seasons with a 5-0 win over Lewis County on Friday before a 6-0 win over Decatur County Riverside on Saturday.

In the Region 5-AA semifinal against the Panthers (8-17, 3-3), the Champions got another gem of a start from Caleb Crouch. Crouch, after pitching 6.0 innings against Summertown in the district tournament, pitched 6.0 innings once again with 12 strikeouts. He gave up no runs, four hits, and four walks on 114 pitches. Wickey Parker came on in relief to slam the door shut in the top of the seventh. Parker gave up just a single hit and one walk while striking out two batters on 23 pitches.

Cascade scored one run in the second before a three-run third inning that broke the game open. Crouch led off the third with a single to right, then Xykaiah Dixon smacked a two-out RBI-double into left to score Nicholas Mayhorn running for Crouch. Then, Thomas Demartelaere delivered an RBI-single back up the middle before River Maddox came through with a line drive RBI-single to center to grow the lead to 4-0. The Champions would tack on one more insurance run in the sixth inning.

At the plate for Cascade, Crouch went 2-for-2 with a walk and a double, Dixon was 1-for-3 with an RBI and a double, and Demartelaere finished 1-for-3 with an RBI. Maddox went 2-for-3 with an RBI, and Daymien Maldonado finished 1-for-3.

On Saturday, Cascade used a dominant outing from Class AA Mr. Baseball finalist, Jayden Hathcock, to secure the second Region 5-AA title since 2023 under Travis Sheffield with a 6-0 win over Riverside (23-11, 6-0).

Hathcock pitched 6.1 shutout innings, striking out 11 batters while walking four and giving up just two hits on a season-high 120 pitches. Jase Cagle came on in relief to record the final two outs on seven pitches for the Champions.

Cascade did all their damage at the plate in the fourth and fifth innings, powered by Elijah Wesenberg's second home run of the season to open the scoring. In the fourth, a two-out walk to Demartelaere led to River Maddox being hit by a pitch to bring up Wesenberg. Cascade's centerfielder launched a first-pitch 3-run home run to left field that gave the Champions a 3-0 lead.

Then, in the fifth, Caleb Crouch opened with a leadoff single to left, Wickey Parker was hit by a pitch, and then Hathcock's sacrifice fly drove home Crouch to take a 4-0 lead. Dixon followed that up by being hit by another pitch, and then Parker came home to score on a wild pitch before Demartelaere walked. Finally, Cascade manufactured one final insurance run when AJ Manus – running for Demartelaere – tried to steal second and drew a throw from the catcher, Asher Creasey, that allowed Dixon to steal home for a 6-0 lead heading into the final two innings.

At the plate for Cascade, Jordan Childress went 1-for-4, Caleb Crouch was 1-for-4, and Wickey Parker finished 2-for-3 and was hit by a pitch. Hathcock went 0-for-3 with an RBI, Demartelaere worked a pair of walks and was hit by a pitch, and Elijah Wesenberg finished 1-for-2 with three RBIs, a home run, and a walk. Maldonado also went 1-for-3. Cascade was hit five times from Riverside pitching.

The Champions now host surprise Region 6-AA Runners-Up, Huntington, in a best-of-three sectional series that will have already begun by the time of printing on Wednesday, May 13th. Huntington went undefeated in District 12-AA play and won the district tournament in convincing fashion over Region 6-AA winners, Milan, but Huntington was upset in the first round of the region tournament, 2-1, against Sycamore. The Mustangs did exact revenge on the War Eagles later on Saturday to punch their ticket to the sectional round.



The Cascade Champions (pictured) won their second Region 5-AA Championship in four years under Travis Sheffield with a pair of shutout wins over Lewis County and Decatur County Riverside. *Photo courtesy of Kevin Mayhorn.*

Get your strawberries, before they're gone!

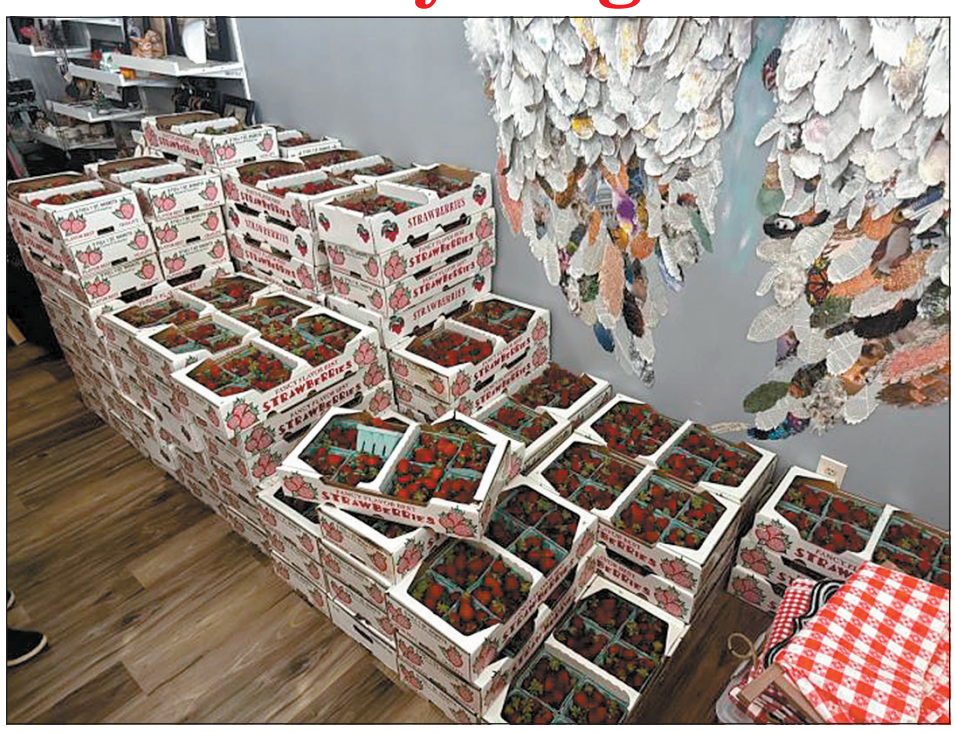
Wartrace Festival a success



May is National Strawberry Month, chosen so for the beginning of its picking season. With lots of fresh strawberries arriving in stores and at farm stands, now is a great time to take advantage of its sweetness in your dairy recipes.

And while adding strawberries to your morning smoothie or garnishing your flavored milk with a strawberry on the glass are wonderful options, those aren't the only ways to enjoy strawberries with delicious dairy.

Enjoy this refreshing recipe during the hot summer months and all through the year. It's one that's been shared at many church gatherings and family get-togethers. Enjoy!



Strawberry Ice Cream Cake

- Commercial whipped topping
- ½ gal. strawberry ice cream
- 1 (10 oz.) pkg. frozen strawberries or 1.5 cups of fresh
- 1 can crushed pineapple, drained
- ½ pint whipping cream, whipped
- 1 angel food cake
- 1 cup chopped nuts

Bring strawberry ice cream to room temperature, add strawberries, pineapple and whipped cream. Mix. Tear angel food cake into pieces and add to ice cream mixture. Add nuts and pour into the angel food cake pan and freeze until solid. Remove from freezer and let stand until you remove the cake from the pan.

Frost with whipped topping and keep in the freezer until ready to serve. Remove approximately 1 hour before serving.



Time Capsule submissions open



On July 3, the day before the 250th anniversary of U.S. independence, a time capsule will be buried on the grounds of the historic Bedford County Courthouse. Submissions are now being accepted, and will be reviewed by the county archives and by the organizing committee to make the best use of the limited space available.

The actual capsule has been ordered and can be viewed as part of a display on the first floor of the historic Bedford County Courthouse, next to the Archives office. The courthouse is located on the square in Shelbyville.

To submit an item, download the submission guidelines and the application form from https://www.bedfordcountytn.gov/departments/time_capsule_submissions.php.

Bring the item, along with a completed application, to the archives office on the first floor of the courthouse. The item must be handed to someone in the archives office; do not leave it on or near the display in the corridor. You will be given a receipt for any item submitted, and it will be returned if not used in the capsule. The archives office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and can be reached at 931-735-6916 or archives@bedfordcountytn.org.

The deadline for submissions is 4 p.m. Monday, June 22.

The time capsule will be buried on the south side of the courthouse lawn, in a grassy strip next to the courthouse near the Veterans Memorial Plaza. A kickoff event will be held that day for the 250th anniversary celebration; more information on that event will be released soon.



ART IN THE PARK A SUCCESS

BC Arts Collective Photos

If you missed the Art in the Park last weekend, never fail, there's another event coming up Saturday, May 30-Art in the public square Courtyard, sponsored by Bedford County Arts Collective. The space is next to The Center for Family Development. This is a free event. Several artists will have their works on exhibit for the public to view. Shown is local, participating artist John I. Carney.



RIBBON CUTTING HELD ON NEW FOOT CLINIC

Photo submitted by Marilyn Ewing

Ankle and Foot Centers, AFC, 635 North Main St., Suite A, held its grand opening Tuesday at its Shelbyville office. The Bedford County Chamber of Commerce conducted the ribbon cutting. The office is the late Dr. Russell Wade Oliver's clinic, which he ran with his wife, Martha.



