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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASSES OF 2026!

Graduations at Community, Cascade and Shelbyville Central went off as planned over the weekend. Congratulations to all members of the Class of 2026. Community Principal Robert Ralston led his last graduation as he's retiring at the end of the school year. See more pictures on page 10 today and in our special graduation tab insert. Thank you to all the families and advertisers.

City vs County lawsuit heard by Court of Appeals

Governments await opinion on civil case

By Dawn Hankins
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Tennessee Appeals Court heard on Tuesday attorney arguments in the ongoing civil lawsuit between the City of Shelbyville and Bedford County Government. Judge J. Steven Stafford of Dyersburg presided the case.

Also on the judges' panel with Stafford were: Steve Maroney and Valerie Smith, respectfully presiding.

Michael Cattone was legal counsel for Bedford County Government and presented opening arguments.

Cattone told the Court that Bedford County has always performed within the conditions set forth in the loosely bound contract made over 50 years ago. It was at that time, he explained, the City relinquished its portion of the local option sales tax to the County to use for education purposes.

He said the County has done its due diligence and has met all conditions set forth between both parties.

In addition, Cattone argued that other conditions set forth under this "contract" include that the County may not involve any other municipality in the exchanging of those optional sales tax funds.

The City, of course, no longer manages the school system but believes it is still a contributor to the education system.

What the City was giving up, by its own free will, Cattone said, was ¾ of a 1% increase of local option sales tax revenue. And for all those years since, those dollars have strictly gone to local school building programs.

While it may seem as if the local entities are arguing over pennies, in the long run, government officials believe that over a period of time, those revenues can add up for either County or City. And the City basically believes the County has used those tax dollars long enough and now wants it share.

The gain or loss of local option sales tax can be detrimental in the future.

Understanding a Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) and a 3/4 of 1% Increase

A Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) is a special-purpose sales tax levied at the city or

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T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

It could take 3 to 6 months for a TN Appeals Court judge to render an opinion on the City vs County civil lawsuit over optional sales tax revenue. There is always a large docket across the state sections. Or, the Judge could come back with an opinion tomorrow. Those involved anxiously await. The T-G will continue to provide coverage.

City gets mixed reviews on 41A development vote

Points earned for moving on with soccer field

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Some of the larger City expenses to come along in a while were unanimously approved by City Council last Thursday. And surprisingly, at this point, some are coming under original cost estimates.

One stamp of approval by the City could even become a big boost for local tourism.

The City approved last Thursday to award a bid for the multipurpose soccer field complex at H.V. Griffin Park to low bidder Byrne & Jones Construction for the lump sum fee of $1,959,000.

This portion of the project includes Alternates 1, 3 and 4 as recommended by Wold Engineering.

The soccer field project is funded in part by a Local Parks and Recreation Fund Grant and administered by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Office/Outdoor Recreation.

Another approval few could disagree on came in the way of the long-awaited flood pumps installation. Discussions indicated recently that without the addition of these new flood pumps, a dangerous situation is potentially created for public works staff and for the general community.

Engineers estimate that the antique flood pumps are only operating at 25 to 60% capacity.

The flood pumps are estimated to be between 60 and 80 years old. Once the news pumps (from California) are installed, the leftover materials will be disposed of by the contractor.

Municipal flood pumps serve to prevent water accumulation that can damage infrastructure. The flood pumps also protect sewers, water treatment plants and power facilities.

Discussions indicate this project, seemingly on hold forever, could turn out to cost less, depending on some inspections that will happen part way through the process.

Mayor Randy Carroll stated for the public that the City had set aside American Recovery Program Funds (received during COVID) for this project. A total of $6.5 million was received for health and welfare projects.

Council member Josh Blevins amended an earlier motion and

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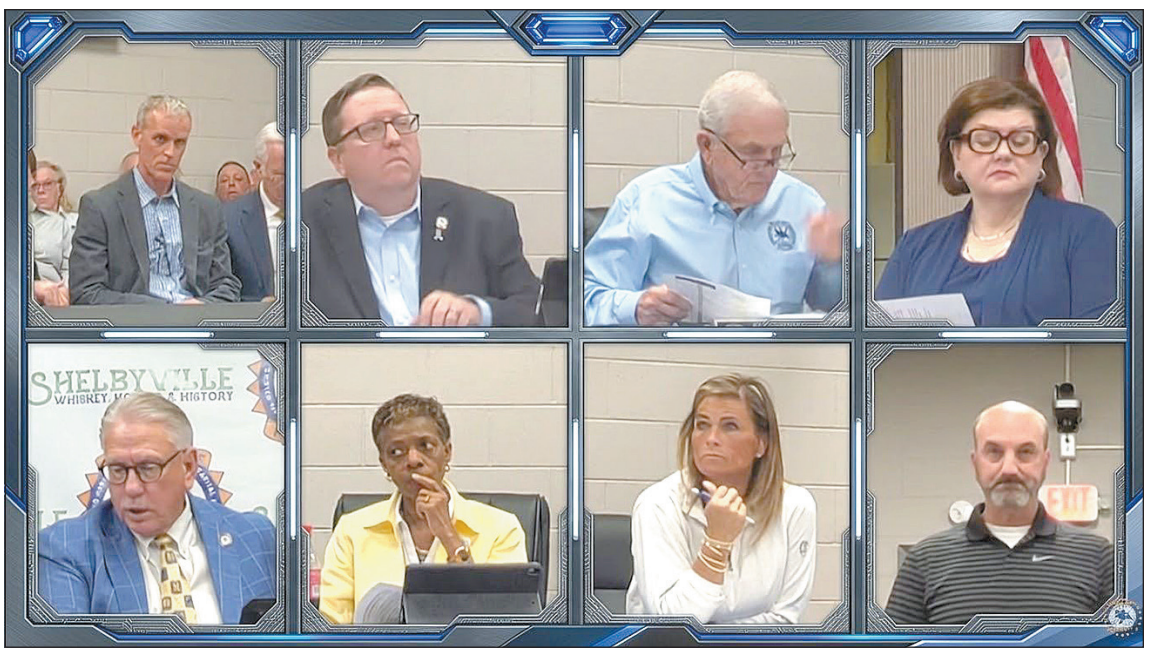

The City of Shelbyville finally gets to move ahead with its much-needed flood pumps installation.

Annual Memorial Day Program
Monday, May 25, at 11 a.m.
on the Public Square

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MEMORIAL DAY

honor our heroes

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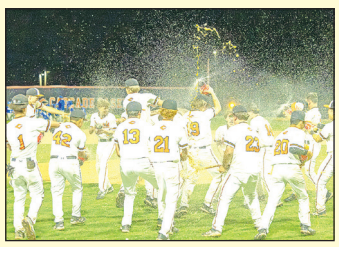

'Boro Bound

Four local teams are heading to State Tournament in Murfreesboro.

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county level, in addition to the state's base sales tax rate. It is often used to fund specific local projects such as road improvements, public works, or community development.

• Base rate: Most states have a standard sales tax rate (often around 1% in the U.S.)

• LOST addition: The local option tax is added on top of this base rate. For example, if the base rate is 1%, a LOST of 0.75% would make the total 1.75%

• A 3/4 of 1% Increase

• 3/4 of 1% = 0.75%.

• If your base sales tax rate is 1%, adding 0.75% would raise the total to 1.75%.

• If your base rate is higher (e.g., 5%), adding 0.75% would make it 5.75%.

• The exact impact depends on your state's base rate and whether the LOST applies to all taxable sales or only certain categories.

• The 0.75% increase is a small but noticeable change in the total sales tax rate.

Counsel reiterated Tuesday how Bedford County has done what was set forth in that agreement years ago. And, those dollars are needed for local school building programs in the future.

Through argument, counsel said on behalf of the County that there is no reason that the City should be able to "take back" or "terminate" based on the conditions put forth by this agreement.

Cattone said the lower court, which gave judgement in favor of the City, errored in its interpretation of several court cases, specifically, Johnson vs Hamilton. Now the County is hopeful that the TN Appeals Court will render a different opinion.

Judge Stafford asked specifically about those conditions and why there was no resolution date. The attorney for the County said he isn't sure but does know that neither government entity could come to a formal decision.

"It's going to end, when those conditions are failed to be satisfied," said Counsel Cattone in his closing arguments.

Arguments for the City were presented by attorney Sara Morgan of Nashville. She opened her arguments by explaining how back in 1974, the City agreed for the County to use the local option sales tax revenue to pay off the school building program (bond) debt.

"I wanted to make sure the record is clear on that point," said Counsel Morgan, "because I don't respectfully feel that came through clear in the County's arguments. The purpose was the school building program."

She mentioned that back then, the intent record states: The Town of Bell Buckle was willing to give up its share of additional sales tax for purpose the school building program. The Town of Normandy, she continued, agreed to give up its share of tax revenue for the purpose of paying off those school bonds ($10.6 million program if then passed.)

"That is the purpose of this contract and those school bonds were paid off in 1999," said Morgan.

She continued in her argument that the parties did not agree upon a termination date. That is why this agreement, contract, or whatever it is, remains silent on this issue.

She argued then, under state law and case precedence, that means this agreement is terminable upon reasonable notice. The City asks for the Court to uphold the lower court ruling and the termination date remains as July 1, 2027.

The Judge asked why a date for termination was not included in the original agreement back in 1974. In essence, he would have loved to have had a nice set of minutes reflecting these discussions.

The City's counsel said the record shows the parties weren't sure when the bond debt would be paid. She said now they know these were 25-year bonds.

"That's why they removed any duration date on the contract . . . ."

The Judge clarified that he was asking about why there were two resolution dates. Morgan said it was that both governments simply could not agree on either.

The Judge advised that the Court will take all under advisement and will try to get a ruling at an earliest possible time.

COUNCIL

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recommended that the project should not exceed $3.1 million, which should support any potential added alternate work, as discussed by the engineer.

Likely the agenda item Thursday night with the most public interest, judging from the full courtroom and public comments, was an ordinance (as amended) to approve the Remington Farms Planned Unit Development Regulating Pattern Book and amending the official zoning map by rezoning to Planned Unit Development of Approximately 158 (+/-) Acres on Union Street Identified in Bedford County Tennessee Tax Records as Tax Map 079 Parcels 047.00, 047.02, and 047.03. (See page 3 for more on this development.)

This rezoning met with an unfavorable recommendation, several times, by the Shelbyville Municipal Planning Commission.

This vote didn't go over well, it seems, with the larger public. The crowded courtroom emptied after this vote and Council wasn't even halfway finished with the agenda.

Planning Commission member Bo Gill told the T-G this week, "I knew they would go against the Planning Commission's two, that's right, TWO unfavorable recommendations which then begs the question: Why do we even have a Planning Commission?"

The ordinance was approved 4:2, with Councilmen Josh Blevins and William Christie voting no against Remington PUD. Both Council members live in the same district as the PUD development and those against are mainly concerned with infrastructure issues.

Christie told the T-G, "Yes, when I was elected to serve the citizens of the fourth ward, I promised to vote the will of the people. Representing the residents of Green Hills, Garden Gate and Fairlane, I received numerous calls and texts asking me for vote no. Now that the subdivision will be moving forward, I will assist the builder in any way I can." (See more on this story on page 3 today.)

In other business, Council authorized for the renewal of a 5-year lease agreement on the Police Department 39 in-car video systems with Motorola Solutions, through National Cooperative, Sourcewell Contract #101223-MOT, in the amount of $34,905.31, annually, beginning in Spring 2027, for a 5-year total of $174,526.56. Council also authorized for the annual lease renewal of the Police Department's Flock Camera System for a 12-month period with Flock Safety Group for a total amount of $36,000.

Announcements:

• City administration offices and public works will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observation of Memorial Day.

• Monday's trash will be picked up on Tuesday, May 26, with Tuesday's regular route.



FIRE AND HOPEFULLY, SOME RAIN

Photo by Gene Williams

A fire was reported and responded to at 1724 Wartrace Pike on Wednesday afternoon. No other details were available at press time but we will try to follow up on this event. Bedford County Fire Department units were dispatched to the scene.

Shelbyville Woman's Club welcomes horticultural experts from Stoneroot Landscaping



During its May meeting, a memorial service was held for the Shelbyville Woman's Club members who passed away in 2025. (Carolyn Matusek, Margaret Smith, Christine Rogers, Margaret Hicks, Catherine Talley and Shirley LaRoche Powell.) SWC outgoing President, Jan Young, lit the candles while 2026-2027 President, Jennifer Thompson, read the names of the beloved and greatly missed club members.

The monthly meeting of Shelbyville Woman's Club was held May 13 at Bell Buckle Banquet Hall. Guest speaker was Kelsey Curvin from Stoneroot Landscaping.

The horticultural business, based in Shelbyville, specializes in landscape and garden design, installation, and landscape and garden maintenance.

Kelsey spoke to SWC members on growing and caring for many types of plants like hydrangeas and azaleas. She gave the club members some inside gardening tips for their home gardens.

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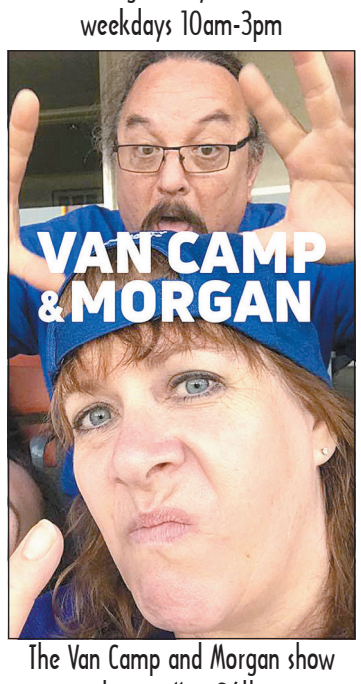

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THE ISSUE

When did City Council stop listening to the people?

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My job as a journalist is to be a voice for the will of the people. Well, here goes.

To me, there's been enough opposition to beginning the Remington PUD development now that Council should have taken that into consideration.

Yet, the City voted 4:2 during its last meeting to approve on second and final reading the Remington PUD rezoning ordinance. This housing development, soon to be developed, consists of nearly 500 new residences.

Think it will be a while? Have you noticed how fast these developments go up? And the developer has already commented that it will all depend on sales, how fast the development takes place.

And, yes, a new school was tossed into the equation.

That's when we begin to see dollar signs.

The sad truth is that some people never drive out 41A Highway/Union Street north, obviously. Those representing that district know it well, because they live there. In the mornings and afternoons, weekends and Sundays, the traffic is bumper to bumper.

Of course they're the two that voted against it.

Some people say 'better get used to it."

Sadly, the Unionville Highway has become a dangerous 2-lane highway and the state has made it clear it will likely stay that way for at least 10 more years. My question is why are we not doing something about that, at least make our voice known about this?

People speed on Union and 41A Highway. People are rude, if you don't drive at their speed. There are a lot of wrecks there.

But let's gloss over that fact and throw in hundreds more potential drivers, there.

Some say there are legalities for not approving such a development, that is, when the developer has "checked all the boxes." And you know, "he's a good man."

Excuse me, but that's a crock.

One Council member told the T-G they're just "glad it's over."

The will of the people-the taxpayers-will always, and should, take precedence over any such decisions. Give it a try.

What Bedford Countians need to do is get out and vote more. Your lack of participation in this community will show through the decisions being made by government leaders. It all rests on your shoulders. Make a change, if that's what you want.

The late President Franklin D. Roosevelt said: "Let us never forget that government is ourselves and not an alien power over us. The ultimate rulers of our democracy are not a president, senators, congressmen or government officials but the voters of this country."

Believe me, how people turn out to vote is noticed. Someone said, then where are all these people against, when it comes to the voting booth?

Don't give them a chance to use that against you. Get out and vote!

As the many people who live in the Remington Development area have told Council over the last year, they're not against development, per se, but prepare the infrastructure first, please. Many of these making public comments have moved here from other towns, like Murfreesboro.

My point here really is not to blame Council. But to say when did you stop listening to the people?

Bigger than that, when did you stop listening to the Planning Commission? Regardless of the ones on the PC who might have been in favor of the Remington PUD development, the PC vote was unfavorable every time to begin this large of a development off Highway 41A, now.

Why, because the infrastructure isn't prepared yet for such a development. For goodness sakes, we're just now replacing 80-year-old flood pumps in the City of Shelbyville.

What if the PC up quit over Council continuing to override their decisions? What then?

But being honest, City Council members, could you blame them?

AD VERITAS

Remembering Memorial Day



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Memorial Day has become, for many Americans, the unofficial start of summer.

It is a three-day weekend — or four, if you can get off work on Friday. It is a time for travel, cookouts, lake trips, beach trips, camping, grilling and gathering with family and friends.

There is nothing wrong with those things. I enjoy warm weather, time with family and a good meal as much as anyone.

But Memorial Day was not created merely to give us a long weekend.

It began as a day of remembrance — a day set aside to honor those who died in service to this country. Not all veterans. Not all who served. But specifically those who gave their lives in war.

That distinction matters.

Somewhere along the way, the meaning of the day has become blurred. Most people traveling on Memorial Day weekend are probably not visiting a battlefield, a military cemetery or a memorial monument. They are headed to the beach, the lake or the backyard barbecue.

Again, I don't say that to condemn anyone for enjoying the weekend. But I do think we would do well to remember why the weekend exists in the first place.

The Bible gives us a useful way to think about this.

The ancient Jews observed a number of feasts and holy days. Many of these occasions were joyful. They involved food, family, worship and community. They were not intended to be miserable occasions. They were built into the rhythm of life.

But they also had a purpose.

Passover, for example, was not merely a meal. It was a remembrance. It called the people of Israel back to the night God delivered them from bondage in Egypt. It connected their present lives to their past deliverance and their future deliverance by Christ.

In several places, God made clear that these observances were also meant to teach the next generation. Children would naturally ask, "What does this mean?" And when they did, parents were given an opportunity to explain.

That is a powerful thing.

A remembrance built into the calendar creates a natural moment for reflection. It interrupts ordinary life long enough to make us think about something we might otherwise forget.

Our national holidays work in much the same way.

They are not religious feasts in the biblical sense, of course. But they are still days our nation has chosen to mark on the calendar. They are reminders written into the rhythm of American life.

Memorial Day is one of those reminders.

It asks us to pause and think about the men and women who never came home. It asks us to remember that the freedoms we enjoy were defended at great cost. It asks us to consider the families who carried on with an empty chair at the table, an unopened letter, a folded flag and a grief that did not end when the battle did.

We can remember those sacrifices any day of the year. And we should.

But a special day helps preserve a special focus. Without it, remembrance can be swallowed up by the busyness of life. There is always another errand, another ballgame, another trip, another project, another distraction.

That is why Memorial Day matters.

The danger is not that Americans enjoy themselves on Memorial Day weekend. The danger is that we enjoy ourselves without remembering. The danger is that the cookout becomes the point, rather than something enjoyed on a day already set apart for reflection.

So this Memorial Day, by all means, enjoy the weekend. Spend time with family. Fire up the grill. Take the boat out if the weather cooperates.

But don't let the day pass without remembering.

Attend a Memorial Day service if you can. Visit a monument. Walk through a cemetery. Read about someone from your community who died in service to this country. Talk to your children about what the day means.

Give them a reason to ask questions. And when they ask, take the time to answer.

A nation that forgets its sacrifices will eventually forget the value of what those sacrifices purchased.

Memorial Day is not just the beginning of summer.

It is a day of remembrance.

Let's remember.

BEDFORD BRIEFS

BEDFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE OUT!

Students pick up their report cards on Friday, May 22, which is an abbreviated day. Enjoy your summer!



School System Photo

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

A Memorial Day Ceremony will be held 11 a.m., Monday, May 25, at the Bedford County Courthouse.

COUNTY FINANCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The County Financial Committee will meet at 4:15 p.m., Tuesday, May 26, at the Dover Street Annex.





SOUNDS HELP KAEGAN CONTINUE HER EDUCATION JOURNEY

Bedford County Communications Photo

Kaegan Young, a Cascade High School graduate, recently received a surprise from the Nashville Sounds mascot and was awarded a prestigious Nashville Sounds Foundation Scholarship! Kaegan was selected as one of only six scholarship recipients statewide to receive $2,500.

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Dear Editor:

I read the recent articles and editorial by Time-Gazette writer Dawn Hankins concerning the tax freeze for Bedford County senior citizens and I'm in total agreement to her inputs and thoughts. To put it mildly, there appears to be a large degree of confusion and indecision by the vaunted elected Bedford County Commissioners.

In keeping abreast of this unfolding dogma that keeps resulting in an apparent never-ending solution, it is amazing that the commissioners cannot reach an agreeable conclusion to this serious endeavor that will financially affect some 700 Bedford County senior citizens.

It appears one of the leading bones of contention is none of the commissioners have a definite answer as to the cost of the tax freeze; they seem to be hung up on what the cost will be for additional employees required to implement the plan. One figure of $400k seems to be way out of context for the supposed additional work demanded by the plan. And we should take with a grain of salt the conviction and assurance not only by our local politicians, but state level also that the new property appraisal rates will not result in raised property taxes.

Many property appraisals were raised by a factor of 3, so how could property taxes not rise? American humorist and social commentator Will Rogers of the 1920-30s put it best with his quote: "I never met a politician who didn't like to increase taxes." And this includes politicians at all levels; local, state and federal, regardless of their Fantasy World promises when campaigning on a "no tax increase" policy.

So please county commissioners, get off your duffs and either pass or reject this tax freeze proposal. After 3 1/2 months of confusing debate and meetings you should be adequately informed and ready to act. If not so, then perhaps you should consider resigning your commission and let those who are ready and willing to react for the benefit of their taxpaying supporters.

I would remind you in closing that our United States Constitution was written in a period of less than 4 months from May to September, 1787. Surely you as elected officials can formulate and pass on a plan without undue further delay that affects only Bedford County citizens.

Respectfully,
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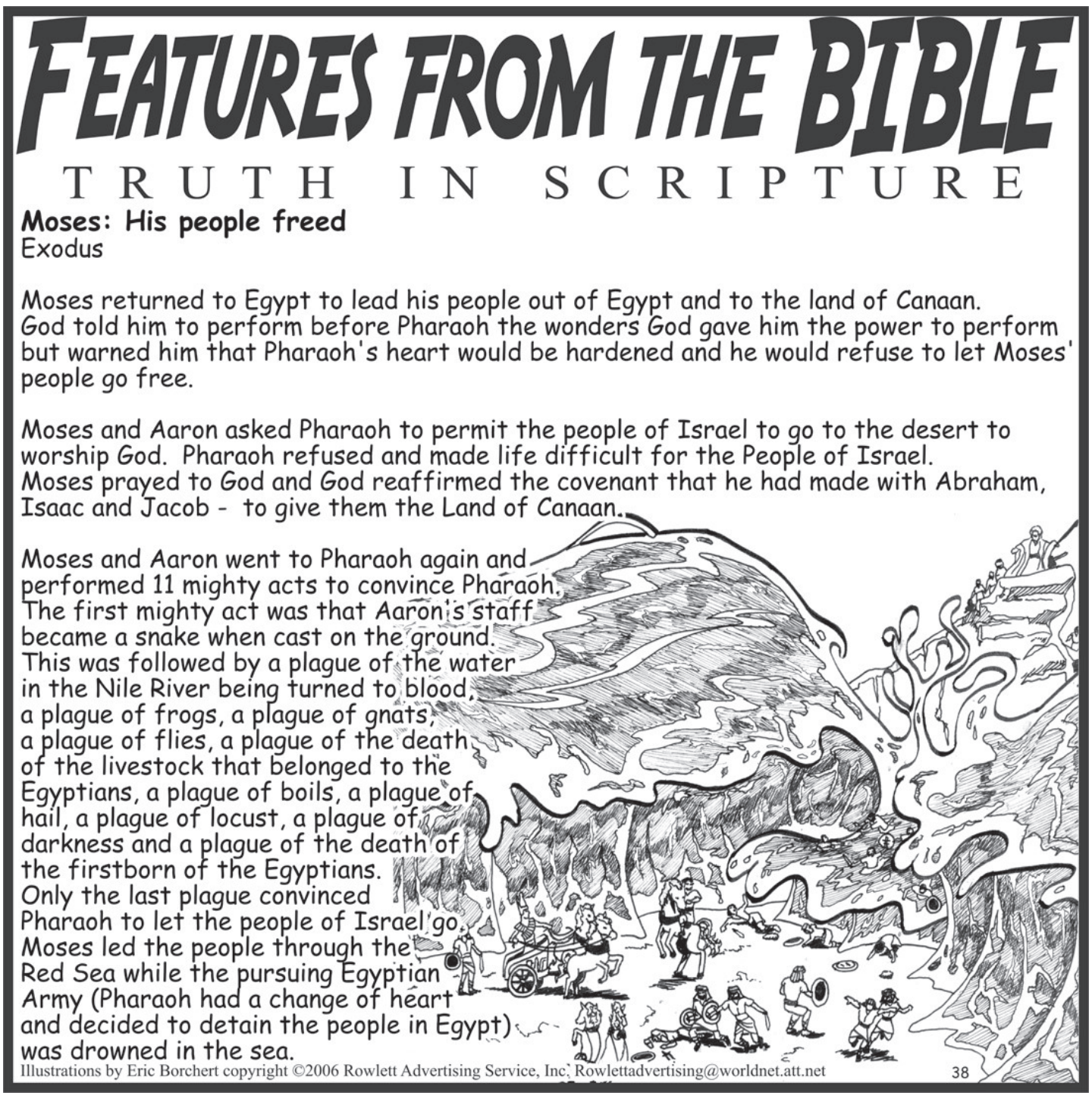

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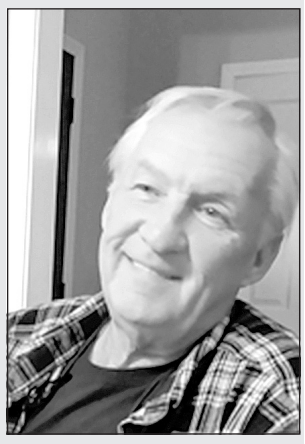
Obituaries

James Donald "Jim" Brannon



James Donald "Jim" Brannon, age 68, of Shelbyville, TN., passed from this life on Tuesday May 12, 2026, at Vanderbilt Tullahoma-Harton Hospital.

Jim was born on February 28, 1958 in Shelbyville, TN to the late Raymond Lee Brannon and Charlotte Watkins Brannon. He was a faithful member of Calvary Baptist Church and alongside of his wife, they owned and operated Celebration Trailer and RV Service for 25 years.

Jim drove trucks cross country for 18 years. He owned JDB Construction and Excavation for several years. He had a God given talent for fixing anything and used that talent to help people if he felt they needed it. He never met a stranger.

Survivors include his loving wife of 38 years, Debbie Flippo Brannon; children: Christy (Steven) Crossland, Johnny (Anita) Heath, Rose (Buford) Brewer; grandchildren: Blake Brewer, Nathan Brewer, Daniel (Haley) Heath, Derek Heath, Drake Heath, Deborah Heath, Riley Crossland, Haley and Grace Crossland; great grandchildren: Ace Hagele, Kai and Jet Collins; and sister, Tanya Payne.

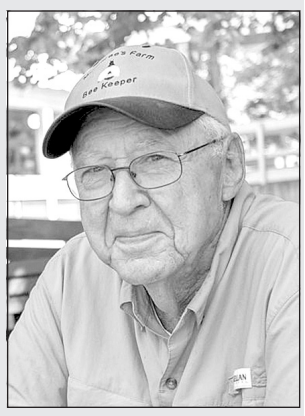
Along with his parents, Jim is preceded in death by his sister Wanda Elliott.

Visitation with the family will be held Sunday, May 17, 2026 from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Monday, May 18, 2026 in the chapel of Doak Funeral Home with Steven Flippo officiating burial will follow in the Pressgrove Cemetery.

Doak Funeral Home and Cremation is serving the family.

Charles Slaydon Murphree, Jr.



Charles Slaydon Murphree Jr., age 95, of the Longview community, entered the Kingdom of Heaven on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 12, in Murfreesboro.

A beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Charles was a devout Christian who grew up in Horseshoe Bend near Coble in Hickman County and moved to the Longview community in 1960.

He is predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Annie Ruth Smith Murphree; his daughter, Virginia Gwen Murphree Lane; and his parents, Charles Slaydon Murphree, Sr. and Mary Catherine Weatherspoon Murphree.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law Charles Steven and Lisa Kay Fannin Murphree, Sr.; son-in-law Larry Allen (Donna) Lane; grandchildren, Lindsey Catherine (John) Lane Witten of Elizabethtown, KY, Kevin Anderson (Jessica) Lane of Riceville, Charles Steven (Tori) Murphree, Jr. of Tullahoma, Melissa Rene Murphree of Tullahoma, Daniel Ryan (Jean) Murphree of Nashville, and Grey Murphree of Honolulu, HI; and great-grandchildren Melody Ruth Witten, Madelyn Grace Witten and Charles Mackey Murphree. Charles is also survived by his dear friend, Maurine Dement.

Mr. Murphree was a 1948 graduate of Hickman County High School in Centerville where he was an active member of the Future Farmers of America where he advanced to the national level ear corn competition. He served in the United States Army from 1954-1956 advancing to the rank of Specialist, Third Class as a Military Policeman stationed at Fort Sheridan, IL. Charles met Annie Ruth while she served as a Home Extension agent in Hickman County. He loved the land, working as a hog, row crop and beef cattle farmer and serving as a member of the Federal Land Bank Board of Directors. Charles was also passionate about vegetable gardening, especially growing sweet potatoes. Mr. Murphree was a skilled carpenter and luthier, crafting fiddles, dulcimers and other musical instruments. He loved attending the Mountaineer Folk Festival with family each year at Fall Creek Falls State Park. Mr. Murphree was an active member, deacon and Sunday School teacher at Longview Baptist Church, a member of the Duck River Beekeepers Association and a charter member of the Unionville Lions Club.

Visitation with family members will be Friday, May 15, 2026, from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2026 at the chapel of Lawrence Funeral Home with Rev. Jonathan Osterhaus officiating. Burial will follow at Pressgrove Cemetery near Unionville.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Longview Baptist Church Building Fund, 101 Cooper Road, Unionville, TN 37180.

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



Resident Samantha Guthrie speaks during the public hearing prior to Council voting for the Remington Farms Development off Union and 41A Highway North.

Despite pleas that the local infrastructure is not ready, Council approves the Remington PUD ordinance

Part I of II

By Dawn Hankins
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During last Thursday's regular meeting, Shelbyville City Council voted 4:2 for the Remington PUD Development to begin off Union Street and 41A Highway. This is despite the rezoning request receiving two unfavorable recommendations by the City Planning Commission.

Voting against the PUD were Councilmen Josh Blevins and William Christie. Voting to move ahead with the development were Councilmembers Henry Feldhaus, Marilyn Ewing, Betsy Noel and Bobby Turnbow.

The rezoning was for approximately 158 plus or minus acres off Union Street near the Jostens plant. The development promises to be large and even includes 20 acres for a potential new school.

Resident Samantha Guthrie said during the public hearing session that she hasn't done any public speaking in a long time. She thanked Council for everything and was in hopes that Council would not go through with approving the PUD development, at least not right away.

She explained why. "That will undoubtedly at this time, greatly affect not only Shelbyville but Bedford County as a whole. Tonight, you vote for all of us, not just us here in town . . . little me on Whitthorne Street. It's your sworn duty to stand with us and represent us-us little folks."

She explained how she thinks maybe this would be a misuse of local resources, such as roads, which have an "F" rating. She said an expert she spoke to earlier that day said this PUD will affect this County.

She said Shelbyville has become known as a "sleeper town" and a "passer-by community." She said this town needs an "anchor" before it moves into such a major development.

She said it sounds kind and benevolent for the developer to help with roads and to donate a portion of acreage for a "new school." But she explained she believes such promises do not benefit this County as a whole in the grand scheme of things.

She described such developments as "in and out" deals. In the process, the said the state is losing more and more green space.

Her main take-a-way was to fix the infrastructure before adding more and more people.

Guthrie told Council that their actions are not matching their words in their bios on the City website.

So how does the developer respond?

Applicant James Bobo reiterated during the meeting how the developer plans to donate 20 acres for a school site. He said there have also been meetings with TDOT representatives, City of Shelbyville staff and project managers regarding TDOT's recommendations for the highway.

Councilman Josh Blevins, who voted against the rezoning application approval, said there's an adage in real estate about location, location, location. As a member of the City Planning Commission, he said in regard to this project, the call is infrastructure, infrastructure, infrastructure.

He said he believes the developer is great. But he also said that is not the issue at hand.

Blevins advised, "We're not voting on a developer tonight; we're voting on a development. And the product that is on paper doesn't meet the standard of infrastructure that we need to look for going forward. We need to have concurrency between the infrastructure we have available and the developments that we approve."

He said at a planning meeting he attended recently, the three keys mentioned in rezoning process were: public health, safety and welfare. "There's not a health issue here but public safety and public welfare are being compromised here."

He said while TDOT has been involved, and agreements have been apparently met, the Coloredo intersection has not been addressed and there are two intersections to the west also unaddressed.

Then there's the school issue, Blevins shared. See future story.

There is another side to Council's vote. See part II of this story later this week at t-g.com (and in next week's print edition), with comments from Council members who voted for the Remington PUD development. And, comments from Mayor Randy Carroll, who was not given the opportunity to vote (done in tie vote) but gave some strong comments preceding this vote.

Death Notices

Marilyn Jean Beech Barcheers,
Oct. 9, 1944-May 15, 2026
Marilyn Jean Beech Barcheers passed away May 15, 2026. A native of Chapel Hill, she was the grandmother of Straton (Meghan) Hammond and Laken Hammond, both of Shelbyville.
Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill is in charge of arrangements.



Ferrari West received the academic excellence award, the Lambda Beta Honor Society Award and was honored as a TRiO Student Support Services graduate during recent ceremonies at Columbia State. Other Bedford countians (not pictured) were also award winners.

Bedford County students among those recognized during Columbia State's annual Student Honors Convocation

(COLUMBIA, Tenn. – May 20, 2026) — Approximately 173 Columbia State Community College students were recently honored for excellence in academics, leadership and service at the 60th Annual Student Honors Convocation.

From Bedford County: Ferrari West received the Academic Excellence Award, the Lambda Beta Honor Society Award and was honored as a TRiO Student Support Services graduate. Abigail Brown received TCCAA Diamond Team and NJCAA First Team All-Academic Athlete Softball Awards; Margarita Chavez was honored as a TRiO Student Support Services graduate; and Bo Lamb received the Academic Excellence Award.

The Webb School in Bell Buckle news

The Webb School receives educational grant/honeybee colonies



The Webb School community is abuzz with excitement about its new beekeeping program! This Spring, the School received a generous educational grant from Honeybee Tennessee, a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating communities about the important role honeybees play in both agriculture and the environment.

Through the grant, Webb, an independent college-preparatory school in Bell Buckle, Tenn., received two honeybee colonies, numerous hives, and the beekeeping equipment necessary for the immediate establishment of an on-campus apiary. This new apiary serves as a living laboratory, offering distinct learning opportunities for students while directly supporting local pollinator health and broader sustainability efforts in the Bell Buckle community.

2026 Keynote graduation speaker is '96 alumnus

The Webb School's 2026 keynote commencement speaker will be Dr. Manish Sethi, a class of 1996 Webb alumnus. Dr. Sethi is now a distinguished trauma surgeon, educator, and author. Recently, Dr. Sethi visited The Webb School campus, where he took time to chat with the Class of 2026.

Webb's 2026 Commencement will be on the Upper Field, beginning at 11 a.m., on Saturday, May 23, in Bell Buckle.

Crossword

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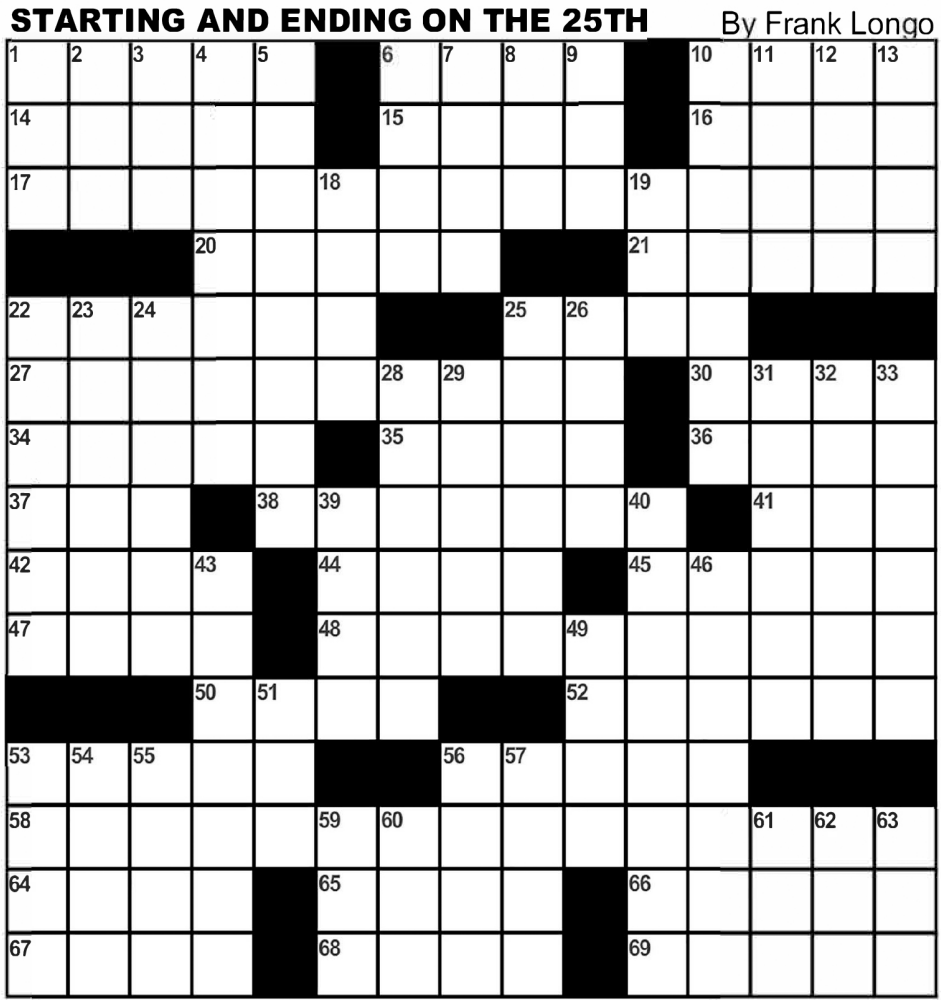

CLUES ACROSS

1) Hummus holders
6) Significant times
10) "Hold on a second"
14) Stage curtain fabric
15) Western wine valley
16) Really liking
17) 2016, per Chinese calendars
20) They don't just talk
21) Elated looks
22) Social levels
25) Pupil's place
27) Congregation of teens for a cause
30) "Chiquitita" singing group
34) Mumbai money
35) Banjoist Fleck
36) Use reverse stitches
37) Europe's Ryder Cup rival
38) Lottery or raffle
41) Maglie of the mound
42) Beneficial thing
44) Speller's clarifying words
45) Offer a viewpoint
47) Ward of "The Fugitive"
48) "And how!"
50) Give the boot to
52) MLB team that switched leagues in 2013
53) Borden's bovine
56) Cocoons' contents
58) 1999 hit for Britney Spears
64) Muddy up
65) Do a lutz or axel, say
66) Make a new offer
67) Major addition?
68) Not so much
69) Idyllic places

CLUES DOWN

1) Mind-related, in combinations
2) Luge surface
3) Refrain syllable
4) Broadcast time, in TV Guide
5) Used sandpaper on
6) ___'acte
7) Bleachers cries
8) Big galoot
9) "Casablanca" pianist
10) Red apple variety
11) "Puppy Love" crooner Paul
12) Tabloid twosome
13) Playpen pile
18) Coward's emotion
19) Ryukyu wrap
22) IHOP choices
23) Dishevel, as hair
24) "Drag Race" host
25) "Fighting" football squad
26) Tatum's acting father
28) Humiliates
29) Clark's partner in exploration
31) More tied up
32) "On the Waterfront" star
33) Where pin boys once worked
39) Sunbathers catch them
40) Church burial ground, old-style
43) Lazed about
46) Fizzled (out)
49) Mane region
51) On top of, in odes
53) Jane of fiction
54) Heist haul
55) Business exec, slangily
56) Blowgun ammo
57) Diamond officials, for short
59) Feverish or queasy
60) Notch shape
61) Prez on a five
62) Dry California wine, for short
63) Punt or FG dist. units

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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 13

Location: 117 Blue Ribbon Pkwy; Seller, Linda Sue Melson Gray Estate, Christopher Lewis Gray; Buyer, Kinsey Turnham, Jack Turnham; Price, $304,000 (Deed).

Location: 105 Atlantic Ave; Seller, Ariane Amber Tarabori, Alyssa Gonzalez; Buyer, Monty Kent Young, Nathan Jackson Young, Sarah Joy Young; Price, $320,000 (Deed).

Location: 222 Idle Dr; Seller, DFH Crescent LLC; Buyer, Kayla Dee Woodard, Adam Nathan Woodard; Price, $377,285 (Deed).

Seller, Lucinda Comer; Buyer, Alexander Mitchell, Emily Dillahay; Price, $432,500 (Deed).

Location: 312 Cottonwood Dr; Seller, Opendoor Property Trust 1; Buyer, Jonathan Cook, Cassidy Cook; Price, $263,050 (Deed).

Location: 743 Amos Gamble Rd; Seller, Cutler Blythe Fair; Buyer, Blythe Aynn Cutler Fair Revocable Trust, Cutler Blythe Aynn Fair; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 551 White Rd; Seller, James K Gardner; Buyer, Coco Family Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 205 Graydon St; Seller, Justin C Reese, Kristen S Reese, Kristen S Brothers; Buyer, Landon Baines, Alayna Reed; Price, $335,000 (Deed).

Seller, Rodney Bowling, Chanel Donegan, J and M Development LLC; Buyer, J W Peebles, Sharon Peebles; Price, $650,000 (Deed).

Location: 101 Anderson Creek Rd; Seller, Scott F Lambert, Lisa C Lambert, Haden Hurst; Buyer, Alvin James Rupe, Betty Jo Rupe, Shea Cathleen Robison; Price, $560,000 (Deed).

Location: Temple Ford Rd; Seller, Holly Liddell Sanders Estate, Robert A Sanders, Holly Liddell; Buyer, Robert A Sanders; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: Temple Ford Rd; Seller, Holly Liddell Sanders Estate, Robert A Sanders, Holly Liddell; Buyer, Roberts A Sanders; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: Henderson Rd; Seller, Michelle Calvert, Jessie Calbert, Hannah Calvert, Olivia Calvert; Buyer, Tammy Schlottman, Jason Schlottman; Price, $375,000 (Deed).

File date: May 14

Seller, Andrew Curl, Delaney Curl, Joey Curl; Buyer, Andrew Curl, Delaney Curl; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 1317 Halls Mill Rd; Seller, Sylvia Kliros ; Buyer, David Ylensky, Dawn M St Onge; Price, $499,900 (Deed).

Location: 1590 Horse Mountain Rd; Seller, Ammon M Kling; Buyer, Ammon M Kling Priscilly Kling; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 104 Cook Lane; Seller, Rafael Solano, Brooklyn Solano; Buyer, Rafael Solano; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: May 15

Location: 1805 Halls Mill Rd; Seller, James L McGee, Sherrie L McGee; Buyer, Donald Fleming McGee; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 655 Rattlesnake Lodge Rd; Seller, Tonya L Davis, Tonya L Chester, Robert Jason Davis; Buyer, Tonya L Davis, Robert Jason Davis; Price, $10 (QD).

Location: 309 Christopher Court; Seller, James L Hee, Natalie A Hee, Barbara A Vaughn; Buyer, James L Hee, Natalie A Hee; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 221 Idle Dr; Seller, DFH Crescent LLC; Buyer, Hunter Jordan Goff, Hanna Elaine Goff; Price, $349,990 (Deed).

Seller, Joseph F Hopper, Carol J Hopper; Buyer, Robert Hopper, Anna Hopper; Price, $350,000 (Deed).

Seller, Dorothy Cole; Buyer, Tracy S Mucher; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Old Pencil Hill Rd; Seller, Joe F Leverette, Carla Anderson, Kent Leverette, Carissa Morton; Buyer, Josh Shelton, Carrie Shelton; Price, $103,000 (Deed).

Location: Fairfield Pike; Seller, Dorothy H Allison; Buyer, Kayla B Hawkins, Timothy E Hawkins Jr; Price, $320,000 (Deed).

File date: May 18

Location: 300 Hummingbird Lane; Seller, Matthew Reed, Jaley Vincent, Jaley Reed; Buyer, Justin Reese, Kristen Reese; Price, $480,000 (Deed).

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

Location: 13 East Main St; Seller, Jason Wood; Buyer, Double W Properties LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 4270 Hwy 41 A N; Seller, Elaine B Steele; Buyer, Kimberly Danette Wales, Hugh Wales; Price, $363,500 (Deed).

Location: 802 S Brittain St; Seller, Anthonay Kaszubowski Oswald, Meredith Joi Oswald; Buyer, Edward B Craig, Lucy D Craig, Edward B and Lucy D Craig Joint Revocable Living Trust; Price, $380,000 (Deed).

Location: Highway 231; Seller, Richard T Smith; Buyer, Richard T Smith, Kathleen S Smith; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: 1111 Winners Circle; Seller, Graham Hall, Grace Hall; Buyer, Gage Cates; Price, $317,000 (Deed).

Location: 837 Frank Martin Rd; Seller, Justin Frazor, Rebecca Glowacky; Buyer, Derek Stanley; Price, $28,,754 (Deed).

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Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Alderman will meet Tuesday May 26, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. for a special called meeting to discuss amended 2025-2026 budget and anticipated budget 2026-2027 and budget ordinance 1st reading.

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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.

Parcel ID: 089G-G-007.00

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 524 HIGHLAND CT, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

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

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. This sale is subject to purchaser's tendering to Rubin Lublin, LLC, anti-money laundering information as required pursuant to the FinCEN Real Estate Report Rule. Failure to provide information, could result in rescission of the sale. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
STATE OF TENNESSEE, Bedford COUNTY

WHEREAS, Cheryl Ann Nash, as borrower(s), executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, Lender, and Nationwide Trustee Services, Inc, Trustee(s), which was dated 6/24/2019, and recorded on 7/2/2019, as Instrument No. 19004487 in Book TD934 Page 478, securing the payment of a Note in the amount of $168,471.00 as Re-recorded, to correct the notary acknowledgment, on 08/13/2019 as Instrument No. 19005692 Book TD938, Page 360, as modified by that Loan Modification Agreement recorded on 01/17/2023 as Instrument No. 23000353, Book TD1075, Page 323, in Bedford County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust; Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Vylla Solutions – Tennessee, LLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Vylla Solutions – Tennessee, LLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on 6/9/2026, at or about 10:00 AM at the usual and customary location at the At the South door of the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square E, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, to wit:

Land situated in Bedford County, Tennessee:

BEING ALL OF LOT NO. 1 COURTNEY COURT SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN BY PLAT AND SURVEY OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET B, ENVELOPE 12, OF THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF SAID LOT.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO DONALD NASH (DECEASED AS OF AUGUST 14, 2018) AND CHERYL ANN NASH FROM JAMES BROWN JR AND WENDY BROWN BY WARRANTY DEED RECORDED NOVEMBER 20, 2017 IN BOOK D341, PAGE 62, ROD FOR BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Tax Parcel ID: 59/5.07
Address/Description: 2530 MIDLAND RD, ROYAL, TN 37160
Current Owner(s): Cheryl Ann Nash
Other Interested Party(ies): Secretary of Veterans Affairs an Officer of the United States

If the Internal Revenue Service and/or U.S. Department of Treasury is listed as Other Interested Party above, then the notice required under 26. U.S.C. 7425(b) was timely provided and the sale of the land advertised will be subject to the right of the U.S. to redeem the land as provided in 26 U.S.C. 7425(d)(1). If the Tennessee Department of Revenue and/or the Tennessee Department of Labor and Work Force Development is listed as Other Interested Party above, then the notice required under TCA 67-1-1433(b) was timely provided and for each lien identified, the sale of the land advertised will be subject to the right of The State of Tennessee to redeem the land as provided for in TCA 65-1-1420.

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

The right is reserved to adjourn/postpone the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain, by verbal announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above; if the postponement is for five (5) days or more, the postponement announcement will also be posted on website of www.foreclosure-postings.com

Except to the extent that the Substitute Trustee may bind and obligate Mortgagors to warrant title the Property under the terms of the Deed of Trust, conveyance of the Property shall be made without any representations or warranties whatsoever, express or implied. All sales are "as is", "where is'.

The entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of certified funds. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser. This property is being sold with express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by lender or Substitute Trustee.

This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Please be advised that the trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee's sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a Substitute trustee's deed will be issued for covered transfers. The Buyer may be required to pay charges associated with the gathering and reporting of information to FinCEN. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at:
https://www.federalregister.gov
documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers and
https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#D_5

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Margaret Lovell Brandon Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on May 11, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Margaret Lovell Brandon, 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 11th day of May, 2026.
/s/ Lisa Kaye Brandon, Executrix
/s/ Tamra L. Smith, Attorney
/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (5212tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Shelby Jean Fisher, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on May 7, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Shelby Jean Fisher, who died 04/08/2026, 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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(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 7th day of May, 2026.
/s/ Phillip Fisher, Administrator
/s/ Jeff Yoes, Attorney
/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (5212tp)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Shelbyville Municipal Planning Commission will meet in Regular Session on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the Shelbyville Building, Codes and Planning Department, 100 N. Cannon Blvd. Shelbyville, TN.

Full Agendas will be posted on the City of Shelbyville Website 48 hours prior to the meetings: www.shelbyvilletn.org

There will be a 15-minute Public Comment session at the beginning of each meeting with a limit of 3 minutes each. Subject matter is limited to items on the Agenda. Speakers must sign up in person with the City Recorder 15 minutes prior to the start of each meeting.

Please call City Hall with any questions or concerns.
Lisa Smith, City Recorder

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SHELBYVILLE POWER,
WATER, AND SEWER BOARD
WILL MEET

May 26, 2026, AT 5:00 PM
AT THE SHELBYVILLE POWER
SYSTEM OFFICE,
308 SOUTH MAIN STREET.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO
ATTEND ANY AND ALL MEETINGS.

ANYONE DESIRING TO COMMENT TO
THE BOARD ON MATTERS GERMANE TO
THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA SHALL
CONTACT JASON REESE BY NOON ON
THE DAY BEFORE THE MEETING.

SHELBYVILLE POWER, WATER & SEWER BOARDS
931-684-7171

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

Sale at public auction will be on June 23, 2026, at or about 11:00 AM, local time, at the main entrance of the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by Joseph Manos II an unmarried person, to Bobo Hunt & White, as Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Renasant Bank, its successors and assigns, dated November 18, 2024, and recorded in Book TD1136, Page 835, Instrument Number 24007720, in the Register's Office for Bedford County, Tennessee ("Deed of Trust"), conducted by Padgett Law Group, having been appointed Substitute Trustee, all of record in the Bedford County Register's Office. Default in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust has been made; and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable.

Party entitled to enforce the debt: Renasant Bank

Other interested parties: None

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

Legal Description: Lying and being in the Sixth (6th) Civil District of Bedford County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

Being all of Lot No. 1 on the Plan of Thomas Brandon Subdivision, as shown by plat and survey of record 1n Plat Cabinet B, Page 141, of record in the Register`s Office for Bedford County, Tennessee, to which plat reference is hereby made for a more complete and accurate description of said lot.

Being the same property conveyed to Joseph Manos, II, an unmarried person, by Warranty Deed from Erika S. Noone and Rion T. Noone, wife and husband, dated November 20, 2024, of record in Deed Book 393, Page 738, Register`s Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

Street Address: The street address of the property is believed to be 2519 Midland Road, Shelbyville, TN 37160, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property. In the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

Map/Parcel Number: 059 005.00 000

Current owner(s) of Record: Joseph Dale Manos, II

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

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

The right is reserved to postpone or adjourn the sale to another specified time certain or to another date, time, and location certain, without further newspaper publication upon announcement by posting with the third-party internet posting company and announced on the date, time, and location of sale set forth above or any subsequent postponed or adjourned date, time, and location of sale; provided, however if the sale is postponed or adjourned for less than five (5) days after the original sale, announcement by internet posting is not required.

The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN"), a bureau of the U.S. Department of Treasury, now requires the collection, certification and reporting of certain information relating to non-financed transfers of real property to legal entities and/or trusts, which such information the successful bidder(s) shall be expected to provide to the auctioneer at the time of the subject sale. Interested bidders with questions regarding the necessary information to be provided are hereby directed, generally, to FinCEN's website and, more specifically to the FinCEN Real Estate Report located in the forms bank thereof. If you purchase a property at the foreclosure sale, the entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of a certified check made payable to or endorsed to Padgett Law Group. No personal checks will be accepted. To this end, you must bring sufficient funds to outbid the lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser at the time the foreclosure deed is delivered.

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

This Notice of Sale has been posted by Capital City Posting and can be viewed online at CapitalCityPostings.com.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Jane Mehnet Stierwalt, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on May 11, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Jane Mehnet Stierwalt, who died 04/20/2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and Non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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

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

This the 11th day of May, 2026.
/s/ Andrew Z. Stierwalt, Administrator
/s/ Joe M. Lambert Jr., Attorney
/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (5212tp)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Shelbyville Historic Zoning Commission (HZC) will meet on 05/26/2026 in a Regular Scheduled meeting at 5:30 PM, Shelbyville City Council Room, Planning & Codes Building, 100 N. Cannon Blvd., Shelbyville, TN. AGENDA: 1.) Call to Order; 2.) Roll Call; 3.) Approval of Agenda; 4.) Approval of Minutes from previous meeting; 5.) CONSTITUENT'S COMMENTS; 6.) OLD BUSINESS, None; 7.) NEW BUSINESS: A. Mac Construction, LLC., owner, JS Construction, Contractor, are requesting an After-the-Fact approval of Certificate of Appropriateness for remodel that includes window replacement, new deck, wall covering replacement, new roofing, and new drive and parking for historic property constructed on or around 1900. The approximately 0.68 (+/-) acre parcel is currently zoned R-3, Medium Density Residential, and previously in use as a nonconforming apartment building; 8.) STAFF REPORT. A. Project Updates including Downtown Improvement Grant, GIS Updates, Schedule for Design Standards Update, other Staff Projects. OTHER BUSINESS. Stevie Malenowski, TN Historical Commission and Certified Local Government Coordinator in to observe and review CLG files; 10.) ADJOURN.

Shelbyville Times-Gazette
Sports

'Boro Bound! Elite Pitching Sends Cascade Back to State

BY NOAH MADDOX
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BELL BUCKLE, Tenn. – After shutting out the two-time defending state runners-up Huntingdon Mustangs (22-11, 6-0) in game one of the sectional series, the Cascade Champions (24-7, 5-3) punched their ticket to Murfreesboro for the first time since 2015 with a 2-0 win after 11 hard-fought, excruciatingly intense innings of baseball between two state-finalist worthy teams.

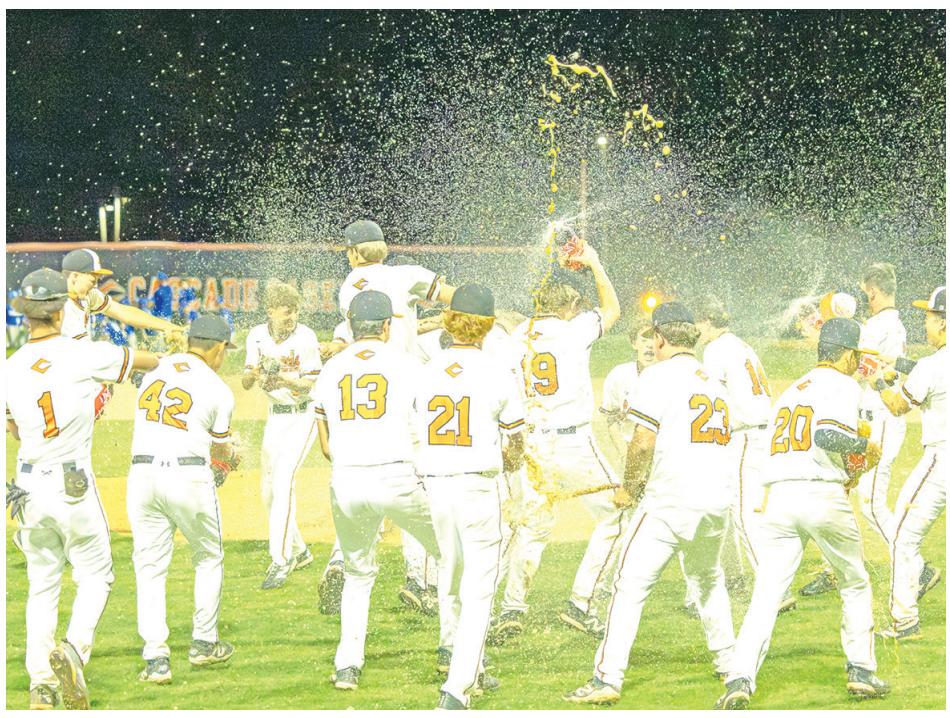
"That was a state title game right there," Cascade Head Coach Travis Sheffield said postgame," "But these are the coolest bunch of kids I've ever been around. They just always seem to be even-keel. There's no moment too big. I think they've probably seen every scenario by now, but they are just cool cats. The difference this year is we have baseball players. All they know is grind hard and play baseball. They have a lot of innings under their belt. Sophomores playing like seniors, seniors playing like next-level guys, they've all matured all season long, and there is no moment too big for them."

The pitching for both teams was exceptional, and both starters saw their outing extended into extra innings. Huntingdon's Owen Krueziger left it all out there for the visiting Mustangs in an admirable duel against the Class AA Mr. Baseball favorite, Jayden Hathcock. Krueziger pitched 9.0 shutout innings, giving up just five hits and one walk while striking out seven batters on 116 pitches.

"Kudos to [Owen Krueziger] man, that dude was dealing," Sheffield said, "He changed speeds, he threw the ball where he wanted to throw it, and near the end of the game, he's out there barely able to move because of his back. He was giving everything he had. You could see the passion that he had. Kudos to that guy."

On the Cascade side, Jayden Hathcock pitched arguably the greatest outing of his career – a no-hit masterpiece across 8.0 innings with 15 strikeouts and just two walks administered on 119 pitches before handing the ball over to Wickey Parker.

"This is his best outing because those dudes [Huntingdon] have hoisted a silver ball each of the last two years, and those guys know how to play baseball," Sheffield said about his shining star pitcher, "I know what Hathcock has done all year long, a lot of the reaction from the outside can be focused on his opponents, but to do it against those guys on this stage to take us to State, what else can you say? That is the epitome of Mr. Baseball. He won the game for us last night with the 2-run homer, then he comes out here tonight with his arm and pitches eight no-hit innings with 15 strikeouts. If that ain't Mr. Baseball, I don't know what is. He is the best dude in the state, hands down. He's shown it night in, night out."



Cascade celebrates after punching its ticket to the State Tournament for the first time under Travis Sheffield. *Photo courtesy of Austin Holland.*

Well after both starters had exited from the game, Cascade's Wickey Parker worked what seemed to be an uneventful two-out walk against the Mustangs reliever, Kenton Smith, in the top of the eleventh inning. However, when Hathcock battled back to work a walk of his own, Parker advanced to scoring position, and suddenly the Cascade crowd could feel something special brewing in the air. Or, perhaps they were pleading for something special to happen out of desperation. Either way, Xykaiah Dixon, the hometown kid, came through with the biggest hit of his young career with a chopper on a two-strike fastball that found its way into center field to score the eventual game-winning run from second.

"Xykaiah [Dixon] got a fastball to hit," said Sheffield, "I can't say enough about Xykaiah either. He's been our unsung hero. He got another stolen base tonight and he's at 21, 22 stolen bases for the year. He plays excellent in left field, and for the local boy to get that hit...I mean he grew up here, his parents went to Cascade, all of his brothers went to Cascade, for him to get that hit, it's amazing."

Smith balked home the second run of the inning from third base, and the Champions took a 2-0 lead into the home half.

Finally, in rapid-fire fashion, Wickey Parker set down the Mustangs in order in the bottom of the inning to punch the Champions' ticket to Murfreesboro. Parker entered in the bottom of the ninth, and perhaps drawing back on the 10-inning classic at Loretto where he came in to throw 4.1 innings of shutout baseball to pick up the win, the lefty came through again for Cascade. Parker pitched the final 3.0 innings, this time trying to prevent Huntingdon from walking the game off, and he struck out five batters while giving up just two hits and walking none to ignite an incredibly carbonated celebration on the field.

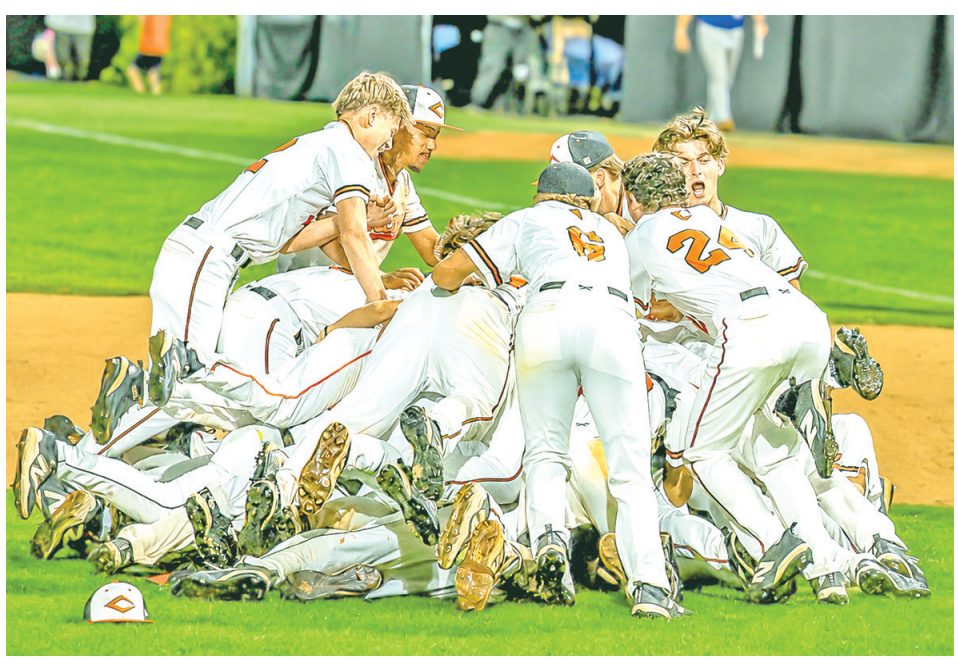
However, Parker's outing was not stress-free on the basepaths. In the bottom of the tenth inning, the Mustangs singled with one out before an error allowed runners to settle at the corners with just a single out. Caleb Ezell struck out, then Parker induced an inning-ending ground-out against the Mustangs leadoff man, Hayes Eubanks, to escape the jam as the hometown crowd erupted into a thunderous roar that was probably heard outside of the Bell Buckle Cafe.

"I think that's the passing of the torch, so to speak," said Sheffield, "Wickey [Parker] finishing this game in front of his family, his hometown fans, people that have rooted for him in baseball since he was five years old and probably younger, the Parker name rings loud in Wartrace and Bell Buckle, and for him to finish this game after Hathcock did what he did, we absolutely just witnessed the passing of the Bell Buckle torch."

Sheffield also took a moment to shout out the tremendous support the program felt across the two electric nights against Huntingdon.

"Bell Buckle, Wartrace, even Tullahoma, just the support that we keep getting from not just the family of the players, but the community itself, I looked over there and I'm like, man, this is big time baseball," he said, "If we can get that level of support out there next week, we'll lift the gold ball, I promise you that. Having that kind of support, it just bleeds out onto the players. The support is phenomenal."

At the plate, Cascade tallied six total hits. Caleb Crouch went 2-for-5, Parker was 1-for-3 with two walks, Dixon finished 1-for-5 with the game-winning RBI. Elijah Wesenberg went 1-for-4 with a double, and Daymien Maldonado finished 1-for-4.



Cascade dogpiles near first base after the game-ending ground-out in the bottom of the 11th inning on Thursday. *Photo courtesy of Austin Holland.*

Viqueens Out-Slug Stewart County to Clinch Third State Trip in Four Years

BY NOAH MADDOX
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UNIONVILLE, Tenn. – After being upset at home by Cheatham County, the Community Viqueens (30-8, 7-0) made no mistake this time, out-slugging Stewart County (15-14, 3-2) in an eventual 15-4 run-rule win in five innings to punch their ticket back to the 2026 TSSAA Class AA Softball State Tournament.

"It [Getting back to State] means everything," Viqueens Head Coach Cam Farrell said postgame, "I don't know if people understand what a gauntlet that this is. It kills your nerves, one game you're facing elimination, one game you're moving on, and the girls have to be ready to go. It's also hard to reign in and make sure everyone's attitudes are straight because we've been working out together since August. To get back and have them still energized and focused on the ultimate goal is great."

The Viqueens picked up their 30th win of the season in the process, tallying 15 hits in just 4.1+ innings compared to the Rebels' five. Community also committed zero errors compared to Stewart County's three.

After neither team scored in the first inning, Community put up a five-spot in the bottom of the second to grab control of the contest. Haylee Webb opened the inning with a leadoff double, Annie Prince reached safely on a dropped pop-fly by the shortstop, and then Kailani Allen roped a 2-RBI double to the wall in left field. Alana Tate walked and stole second, and then a wild pitch allowed Allen to slide home safely and take a 3-0 lead. Anna Haskins delivered an RBI-single back up the middle to score Tate, and then Kamryn Farrell slapped an RBI-double to score Haskins and take a 5-0 lead.

After a scoreless third inning, Emma Borden got the Rebels on the scoreboard with a solo home run to left-center field in the top of the fourth, but the Viqueens would respond almost immediately in the home half.

Alana Tate singled, Hayden Moore singled on a bunt to flip the lineup over, and then Haskins worked a walk to load the bases. Farrell drove home Tate on an RBI-groundout to take a 6-1 lead, and then Gracie Daniel delivered a hard-hit 2-RBI double that split the gap in left-center field to grow the lead to 8-1. Mattie Maxey followed that up with an RBI-double of her own to give Annie Prince a 9-1 lead to work with when she trotted back out to the circle for the top of the fifth inning.

Stewart County would plate three more runs of their own when Neely Cook launched a 3-run home run to trim the lead to 9-4, but the Community bats were ready to do more damage in the bottom of the fifth.

Kailani Allen led off with a single, Tate reached on a bunt-single that resulted in runners reaching second and third, and then a throwing error on a Moore grounder allowed Tate to score the first of six runs in the inning. Moore headed to second, Haskins singled, and then Farrell singled home Moore for another run. Gracie Daniel delivered an RBI-double to take a 12-4 lead, and then Mattie Maxey delivered the final blow with a no-doubt 3-run home run over the left-field wall to trigger the run-rule in walk-off fashion, 15-4.

"I told them before the game that last time we were hosting sub-state, we got lit up," Farrell said, "I knew that they [Stewart County] could hit. They got four kids that can really hit the ball, and I told them coming in that we were going to have to score at least seven runs to win. Annie [Prince] worked some different pitches because we knew the umpire behind the plate doesn't like anything up, and she did well. They got a couple good hits, but that's a good hitting team. We kept the one I was really scared of at bay, No. 10 [Cara Bucciarelli]. I'm proud of them. My emotions are everywhere, but I'm just so proud of them."



The Community Viqueens after clinched their spot in the Class AA Softball State Tournament. *Photo courtesy of Austin Holland.*

Now, the Viqueens will head back to Murfreesboro for the second-consecutive season. Last-season came to a close in the semifinals against the eventual State Champions, Liberty Creek. The Lady Wolves are now in Class 3A, and the Viqueens have their collective eye on the gold ball this time.

"Everybody just needs to do their job," Farrell said, "We can't be dependent on one pitcher, we have to play defense, and we've got to hit. If they just continue to do what they've been doing for one game at a time, we'll be alright."

At the plate for the Viqueens, Anna Haskins led off going 3-for-3 with an RBI and a walk, Farrell was 2-for-4 with three RBIs and a double, and Daniel finished 2-for-4 with three RBIs and two doubles. Mattie Maxey was 2-for-4 with four RBis, a double, and a home run. Haylee Webb went 1-for-2 with a double and was hit by a pitch, Allen was 2-for-3 with two RBIs and a double, Tate went 2-for-2 with a walk, and Moore finished 1-for-3.

In the circle, Annie Prince went the complete 5.0 innings, giving up four earned runs on five hits and two walks with seven strikeouts on 71 pitches to pick up the win.

Golden Eagles Punch Program's First State Ticket Against Hendersonville



Shelbyville Central dogpiles after sweeping Hendersonville in the sub-state round on Friday afternoon.
Photo courtesy of Amy Todd - SCHS Baseball Facebook.

SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – Brody Thomas pitched a complete-game shutout, Caden Peacock broke the game open with a bases-clearing double, and the Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (31-9, 5-3) handled Hendersonville (24-19, 6-2) with relative ease in a 6-0 win to punch the program's first-ever ticket to next week's State Tournament on Friday afternoon.

"Where we were five years ago, and where we've come…those groups that have laid the foundation for what we were able to do today, that's what I'm thinking of," Shelbyville Central Head Coach Chase Jones said postgame, "This bunch, what a special group this is, and all the young men that I've been fortunate enough to coach in this program that laid the foundation so that we can have a day like we did today."

In Jones' first season in 2022, the Golden Eagles finished just 4-28 overall with a 2-10 record in district play. In 2026, without a single senior on the entire roster, the Golden Eagles are heading to the TSSAA Class 4A State Tournament for the first time in program history with a District 6-4A Championship, a Region 3-4A Championship, and a 31-9 record overall in what has been a truly remarkable turnaround.

"There were probably a lot of people that weren't sure they made the right hire when I got here," Jones admitted, "but we were very young at that time, and we got the culture right. Those young men bought in, and every year, they've added to the culture and the makeup of this locker room. Everyone that's been involved in this program contributed to today."

Following Thursday night's 11-inning marathon, the Golden Eagles turned to Brody Thomas on the mound. Thomas responded with perhaps his best outing of the entire season, allowing just three hits and no runs with two walks and five strikeouts on 92 pitches in a complete 7.0 innings of work. He allowed Hendersonville runners to reach scoring position just three times all game, and he pitched with a tight 2-0 lead until the bottom of the seventh.

"We wouldn't be here without the performances from Brody [Thomas] that he's had the past two outings," said Jones, "The thing is, you can say that about a lot of kids in our lineup. So many kids have stepped up in big moments, but Brody pitched his tail off today. He held Hendersonville at bay pretty much the entire day, and after we put the two-spot up in the first inning, we were never really in any danger after that. In this kind of game, that's huge."

Since the Golden Eagles were the home team in Game One, the Commandos were batting second for Game Two. Nonetheless, Shelbyville Central once again got off to a strong start in the first inning that began with a Stephen Bobo leadoff walk. Blake Bone singled on a perfectly-placed bunt, then Caden Peacock worked a walk to load the bases, and then with one out Thomas was eventually hit by a pitch from starter Joe Mosley to drive in Bobo from third to take a 1-0 lead. Then, Elijah Westbrooks came up clutch with an RBI-single on a line drive into center field to give the Golden Eagles a 2-0 advantage.

However, the hosts would leave the bases loaded, sending Thomas to the mound with a two-run lead. Thomas got the first two outs quickly, but then a throwing error on a Jakob Murphy infield chopper from the pitcher allowed Murphy to take second base with two outs. Thomas walked Houston Bogle, but he then induced an inning-ending groundout from Tyler Johns to end the threat.

Hendersonville brought on Ford Proctor in relief, and Proctor was able to steady the Commandos' ship until the seventh inning. Proctor held the volatile Golden Eagles' lineup in check, posting zeros to match the dominance of Thomas for much of the afternoon.

In the bottom of the third, Thomas worked around a two-out walk and a single to strand runners on first and second, and then he did it again in the fifth. This time, after a two-out double from Mosley, Caden Peacock fired a laser to second and backpick the Commandos' stud sophomore to abruptly end the inning. Thomas would not allow Hendersonville to threaten again.

"He was locating, specifically his off-speed," Jones said about his pitcher, "He spiked his breaking ball a couple times, but he was able to locate it for strikes today. He pounded the strike zone. He gets so geared up and locked in on the mound where he's almost like a wild man out there, but it works for him and he absolutely kept the pressure on Hendersonville all day by pounding the strike zone."

Finally, in the top of the seventh, the Golden Eagles were able to put the game to bed. Braxton Vari opened the inning with a leadoff single, then Stephen Bobo roped a one-out double into left, putting runners on second and third with Bone stepping to the plate.

Bone worked a walk to load the bases and pass the baton to Caden Peacock, and Peacock promptly delivered by smoking a bases-clearing double down the left-field line to take an insurmountable 5-0 lead. Westbrooks singled home the sixth and final run of the game with another RBI-single to give Thomas a 6-0 cushion with just three outs remaining.

"Thinking back to the end of last year and the offseason before this season, we've had a lot of conversations about Caden [Peacock] about needing to grow into a leader on this team," Jones said about his star catcher, "He's always had the raw ability – heck, he's the best catcher I've ever coached – but he's grown into a man this year and an absolute leader in our dugout. When you talk about guys we wouldn't be here without, you can go through the whole roster, but he is absolutely one of those guys. What he does in the dugout to make sure the kids stay involved and stay up for every pitch over the course of a game, I can't be more proud of him and the growth that he has had throughout the course of the spring."

Thomas set down the Commandos in order to slam the door shut and officially punch the Golden Eagles ticket to Murfreesboro. With the win, Chase Jones has now led a third baseball program to the State Tournament, and he has enough experience to offer advice to his young team.

"It flies. The State Tournament flies by," Jones emphasized, "When the State Tournament comes, a lot of people think you can slow down and enjoy it, but that's not how it works. When I was at Grundy [County], we played in Smyrna one year, got through with game one after a rain delay at 1:30 a.m. and got beat in extra innings before having to turn around and play an elimination game at 9:00 later that morning. All of a sudden, Wednesday morning at noon, our season was over. We have got to get back locked in after today because when Tuesday comes, you're diving head first into the deep end and we've got to be ready for it."

At the plate for the Golden Eagles, Stephen Bobo led off going 1-for-3 with a double and a walk, Blake Bone went 1-for-3 with a walk, and Caden Peacock finished 1-for-3 with three RBIs, a double, and a walk. Case Davis was 1-for-3 with a walk, Elijah Westbrooks went 2-for-4 with two RBIs, and Braxton Vari finished 1-for-3. In total, the hosts finished with seven hits and one error to Hendersonville's three hits and zero errors.

Cascade Soccer Secures Program's First State Tournament Berth in Win Over Hickman Co.

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BELL BUCKLE, Tenn. – After making a bit of history on Thursday by winning the program's first Region Championship, the Cascade Champions (8-7, 3-3) made an even bigger piece of history on Saturday night with a 3-0 win over Hickman County (10-6-1, 4-2) to punch the program's first-ever ticket to the TSSAA State Tournament.

"It's unreal. If we're real honest, it's not quite real yet," longtime Cascade Head Coach Zack Spears said postgame, "We told the boys pregame that there are no bad teams at this stage, so we all have a swinging chance in every game. That was a tough team, and it was great to win, but it's not real yet. It'll sink in at some point, but we are just so excited. Looking at that 0-6 team that started the year, I don't think anybody was saying that team would make a run to state. I'm just so proud of them because they didn't back down. They fought all the way through, and it's why we get this. It's beautiful."

This year's Cascade squad did start 0-6, but they have won eight of the last night games, including five in a row in the postseason to clinch a spot in Murfreesboro.

On Thursday, the Champions fell behind in the first ten minutes of play and were forced to overcome a one-goal deficit to win the region. On Saturday, Andrew Dowell ensured that Cascade would have the lead instead. In the 11th minute, the hosts' right back pounced on a bouncing ball in the penalty area off of a corner kick delivery from Caleb Draine, finding a way to get the final touch on a ball that slowly but surely nestled into the back of the net for the early 1-0 advantage.

Spears' squad doubled their advantage in the 20th minute after Briston Moore's cross was spilled by the Bulldogs' goalkeeper, Joseph McCauley. McCauley's error allowed Lando Martin to be Johnny-on-the-spot and tap in the game's second goal to put the hosts ahead, 2-0, with roughly one hour remaining.

As the first half ticked on and approached halftime, the Cascade defense became a major story. Coming into Saturday, Brayden Armstrong was leading Hickman County with 22 goals on the season as the Bulldogs' starting forward, but he struggled to just get touches against the center back pairing of Trenton Giel and Caleb Smith. Giel and Smith set a few offside traps on the Bulldogs' star forward, and the sophomore grew more and more frustrated as the game progressed deep into the second half.

"He [Armstrong] is very good, and he's built solid," Spears said, "It's a good thing my two in the back are wiry but strong, they don't get pushed around, and they communicate extremely well with each other. They're almost telepathic."

As the game hung in the balance and the Bulldogs began to force the issue a bit more in the second half, Briston Moore was shown a yellow card in the 46th minute. Then, in the 54th minute, Draine was also booked, creating some nervy moments in the Champions' midfield. Nonetheless, Cascade held on, and when both Moore and Draine returned, the Champions would find their third and final goal of the night.

In the 65th minute, Slade Austin found some space outside the top of the box, and the sophomore midfielder decided to try his chance at goal. Austin's long-range effort was perfectly placed into the bottom-left corner, getting past McCauley due to its placement, and to Austin's surprise.

"We knew we needed that third goal," Spears admitted, "That 2-0 score is so scary because all it takes is one goal and the momentum completely flips. We knew we had the chances, we just needed to get that one in, and when Slade scored that, it became a much easier game for us and we really focused on defending."



The 2026 Cascade Champions (pictured) became the first team in program history to advance to the TSSAA State Tournament.
Photo courtesy of David Smith

That third goal was enough to provide the hometown crowd a major sigh of relief heading into the final 15 minutes, and Cascade closed out the fourth clean sheet in five postseason games as the final whistle blew, sparking jubilant celebrations on both sides of the Champions' sideline.

"I think it's the heart," Spears said about why this is the team to finally break through to the State Tournament, "We've had teams with exceptional talent in the past, but this is the most 'team' team that we've maybe ever had. They are all team-oriented, and everybody matters. You almost can't gameplan for us in a way because you never know who's going to get the goal. Andrew Dowell hasn't scored all year, and he goes up and gets the first goal tonight. You don't know who it's going to be from one game to the next, but every game somebody steps up, and our boys in the back have been as solid as you could possibly hope for."

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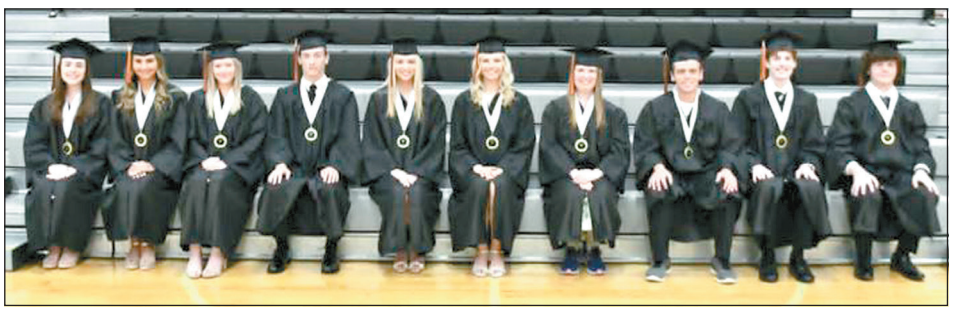

















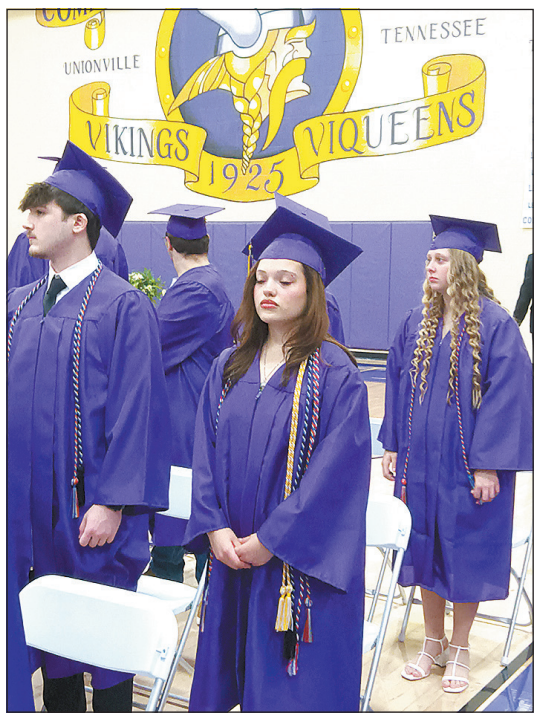



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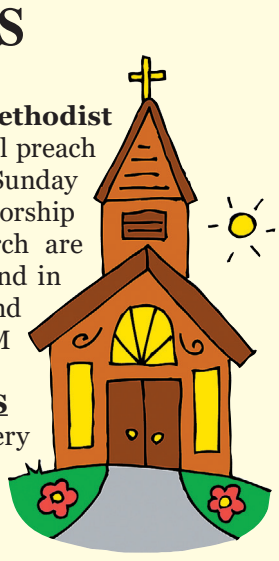

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