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Viqueens wallop Marion County to secure school's first State Championship

SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – Annie Prince struck out 15 batters, Community's offense exploded for 10 runs, and the Viqueens (34-8, 8-0) won the TSSAA Class 2A Softball State Championship on Saturday afternoon with a 10-1 win over Marion County at Shelbyville Central High School.

"I can't even put into words what this means, really," Community Viqueens' Head Coach Cam Farrell said postgame. "I'm kind of numb right now. I'm just proud of the girls. We've been getting after it since August, and they've worked so hard. They dealt with everything, just played ball, and got after it. I'm impressed with them and pleased for them because it ain't easy. What's hitting me right now is that it's a hard road. Anybody that gets to this point and wins it all, they definitely deserve that respect because it's a lot to get through."

With the win, the Viqueens' softball program secures its first-ever State Championship since it began in the mid-1980's. More recently, Community was playing in its third State Tournament in four seasons, but this time, the Purple & Gold left with the gold trophy. This is also Community's first-ever State Championship in the school's 101-year history. *Continued on page 9A. . .*



Community Viqueens are State Softball Champs!

Photo by Austin Holland

Community High Softball Team members, back, from left, Hayden Moore, Kinley Niehaus, Taylor Harris, Arleigh Smith, Aliana Leverette, Addison Prince, Victoria Wells, Kenadi Neely, Brooklyn Yoes, Gracie Daniel, Ryliegh Lassiter, Lexi Smith, Mattie Maxey, and Kamryn Farrell. Front, from left, Alana Clark, Anna Haskins, Kailani Allen, Haylee Webb, Annie Prince, Alana Tate, and Kenzie Tucker.

Local Vietnam Veteran Ronnie Segroves takes Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.

By Dawn Hankins

When Ronnie Segroves and son, Jeff, stepped off the Honor Flight on May 6, in Washington, D.C., huge crowds were there to cheer them. For a Vietnam Veteran like Ronnie, that means a lot.

You see, the Vietnam veterans of the 1960s will tell you how they didn't get that kind of applause from many fellow Americans, when they returned home from war.

For that, this was his favorite part of the Honor Flight trip, Ronnie says.

It was pouring down rain in the Nation's Capital that glorious day but that didn't hinder the dad and son from having the time of their lives.

Honor Flight is a nation-wide program that takes eligible World War II, Korean War and Vietnam veterans on a free trip to see their war memorials in the nation's capital.

World War II veterans get top priority followed by Korean War veterans. Terminally ill veterans from those wars who are well enough to fly with a doctor's approval go to the front of the line.

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Ronnie was in the U.S. Army in artillery. He served in Vietnam 1967-1968, and was stationed in Tay Ninh.

Spouses do not typically make the Honor Flight, according to Ronnie's wife, Jeweline. So, their son, Jeff, an area law enforcement officer, was allowed to go as a "guardian."

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Southern Middle Tennessee Veterans are picked up on a bus or van with American Legion Riders, police and sheriff's department escorts. The bus usually starts in Winchester with pickups in Tullahoma, Manchester and Murfreesboro. Veterans from other areas meet the group at

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Submitted Photos

Ronnie Segroves served his country during the Vietnam War. He was chosen recently to take an Honor Flight



Shelbyville Veteran Ronnie Segroves sits reverently in front of the Three Soldiers (also titled Three Servicemen) which is a bronze statue by Frederick Hart. Unveiled on Veterans Day, November 11, 1984, on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., it is part of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. This tour was part of Ronnie's recent Honor Flight.

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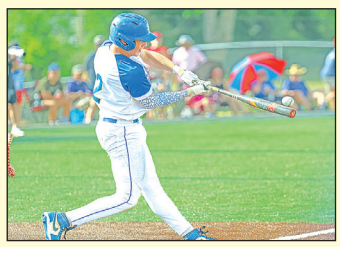

Golden Eagle's baseball

Historic season comes to a close at the program's first-ever TSSAA State Tournament appearance.

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the Nashville Airport.

Members of the Patriot Guard Riders greet the veterans at the Nashville Airport with an American flag arch when they arrive around 5 a.m. and when they return usually around 9:30 p.m. The group flies out of Nashville on Southwest Airlines, the official airline of Honor Flight, to Reagan National airport and back from Reagan or Baltimore Washington airport the same day.

During the day the veterans get to spend time at the World War II Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial and The Vietnam War Memorial. They also usually drive by the Air Force Memorial, the Marine Corps Iwo Jima Memorial and the Pentagon.

The afternoon concludes with the solemn changing of the guard ceremony at the tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. This is usually followed by supper in the base dining hall at Fort Meade, Maryland or Fort Myer, Virginia.

Being he is the son of a Veteran and a dedicated law enforcement officer, Jeff notes it was quite touching for him to see all the dedicated monuments in Washington, D.C. aside his father. But most of all, it was touching to see his dad's face as he looked at those names on the memorial.

Because he was able to return home from Vietnam, Ronnie was able to marry, see his son and daughter born, as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He's lived a great life, but this was likely the icing on the cake, as it is for many, many Veterans across the country.

Just to be appreciated, most say that's what counts.

The Honor Flight of Middle Tennessee is a Tennessee 501c3 non-profit cooperation. It was originally formed as the Southern Middle Tennessee Honor Flight in 2008 with Milton Schafer of Winchester as its chairman. The name was changed in 2013 to reflect the larger area it covered and it was granted 501c3 status in 2014.

Since 2009 the group has made two flights per year for approximately 50 veterans and their guardians on each flight. Veterans pay nothing for the trip, all airfare, meals and incidentals are covered by donations. Each veteran gets a distinctive Honor Flight of Middle Tennessee ball cap and polo shirt. They also get a backpack donated by Tennova Harton Hospital in Tullahoma. Guardians pay their own way.



Ever the patriot, Ronnie Segroves has always attended local Veteran events.



Ronnie Segroves proudly braved the rain on May 6 to see all the sights associated with his Honor Flight. Ronnie's son, Jeff, was his escort for the May 6 trip.

At least one doctor and one nurse accompany each flight. A member of the board of directors who is a nurse, contacts each veteran and their families before each flight to make sure it is safe for the veteran to fly. Wheelchairs are loaned to Honor Flight by Middle Tennessee Respiratory, in Decherd.

The Honor Flight program depends on much-needed support and donations to make these flights possible. It cost approximately $20,000, to put on each flight.

Fundraising is underway for the next flight, as the group will have to spend $13,000-$14,000 in advanced payment for airfare and buses to reserve the date 3-4 months before the flight.

Contact honorflightmidtn.org for information on this Veteran's program.

Linda Yockey seeks re-election of 5th District Commission Seat

Linda Bomar Yockey is a candidate for re-election for one of the two 5th District Bedford County Board of Commission seats. The district is composed of the Flat Creek and Normandy precincts.

Yockey currently serves on the Finance Committee of the Commission and on various other boards of the county including the Bedford County Planning Commission. Her community involvement includes being a Farm Bureau Director, Raus Community Club Board member, a member of the DAR, Shelbyville Woman's Club member, and a member of First Christian Church.

She is a graduate of Shelbyville Central High School and holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry and physics and a master's degree in education. Yockey retired from the school system after having served a long tenure at Cascade High School and the last eight years as a science teacher and Graduation Coach at Shelbyville Central High School.

She has two children, Nichole and Josh (Jennifer), and one granddaughter, Everly. Living currently in the Raus Community, she operates a small cow/calf operation.

"I am most proud of the progressive mindset of the County Commission and the accomplishments we have made over the past several years. Projects that Mayor Ray started such as the jail and judicial center and moving the constitutional offices into the Annex have been completed. Other projects completed the last several years include the renovation of the interior of the courthouse and the county's portion of the square which are something all citizens can be proud of. The Annex, courthouse renovation, and the purchase of the old Social Security building for Archives have all been done at no cost to the taxpayer. A new Juvenile Detention Center, a new Surplus Building and Morgue, and a new 9-1-1 Building will be ready for occupancy this summer."

'I had the honor of being on the steering committees for Broadband Expansion across the county, the establishment of the new TCAT building and the beginnings of the MTSU Aerospace Center. I also served on a team designating Scenic Highways/Blue Ribbon Parkways across the 5th District. This team's mission was to protect the rural integrity of our county and to keep our countryside beautiful and free from clutter."

Her priorities for the next term will be to continue to push for "no more portables" at our schools, to work with the Highway Department for continued road improvements and plastic and glass recycling at the Normandy Convenience Center (Tollgate already has), support Tax Relief for the elderly, work with the Planning Commission for managed growth, support all our county departments in their needs, and preserve the rural aesthetics of our county and the Duck River.

"It has been an honor to serve on the Commission to represent the people of the 5th District. This district is one of the largest per square miles in the county and is composed of diverse communities including not only Flat Creek and Normandy but Haley, Himesville and Tollgate area, Raus, Singleton, and the Riverbend Country Club area. I make every effort to attend the various functions within these communities so that the constituents can speak to me personally . The 5th District is fortunate to still have these communities that do have regular meetings and that are very interested in their local politics."



Linda Yockey

"If elected, I will continue to represent the 5th District and will be open to listen to all concerns and questions the constituents may have."

Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church holds decoration and cemetery marker dedication

Mt Lebanon Methodist Church and Cemetery held its annual Cemetery Decoration Day on Saturday, May 9. Included in the celebration was the dedication of a memorial marker denoting the historical significance of the church and cemetery.

The Cemetery Board and the Bedford County Historical Society secured the memorial marker in conjunction with the Society's historical site identification efforts.

The program began in the church auditorium at 2 p.m., with church leader Kim Neeley welcoming guests and giving details of the agenda for the meeting.

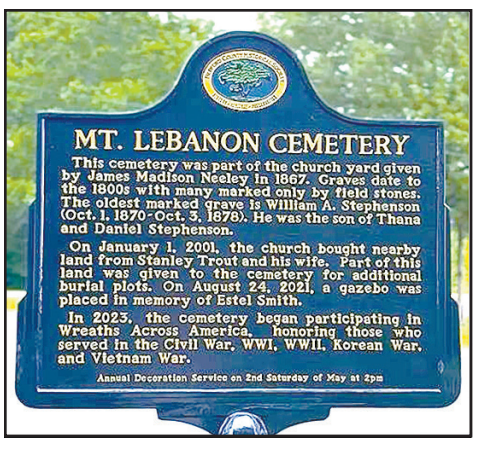
Freida Barnett presented the history of the church and cemetery, citing many of the ancestors of current church and community members, including Neeleys, Cooks, Paschals and others.

Then, Historical Society President Al Simmons brought the Decoration Day message entitled, "Remembrance – Our Hope." He emphasized the importance of maintaining family cemeteries to ensure family roots, values, and heritage are passed from generation to generation. He noted that tending cemeteries is a very real way of saying that today's people take very seriously the values and responsibilities inherited from those who have gone before us. Cemeteries are one of the "glues" that hold a community and a society together. The hope for today's and future generations lies in learning from the past, carrying those values forward, and then passing them to our descendants.

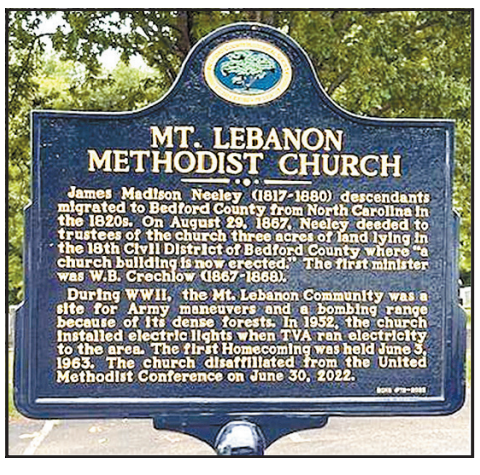
After the presentation, the attendees met in the church courtyard where Simmons dedicated and presented the historical marker to the church and cemetery. He noted that the church had taken the remembrance of their ancestors and their church to another level with the memorial marker, indicating their belief and hope in the hereafter when we will all be united with our families - past, present, and future.

The Cemetery Board then unveiled the marker for the attendees.

Nicholas Higgs concluded the ceremony with the playing of "Taps."









THE ISSUE

Finance stays on task, handing the Commission a fiscal note for the senior property tax freeze

Finance report shows it could prove costly

By Dawn Hankins
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Finance Committee members, from left, Tammy Garrett, Mark Clanton, Tony Smith, Janice Brothers, Finance Director Robert Daniel, Mayor Chad Graham, Linda Yockey and Scott Johnson. School Superintendent Garrrett, attending her last finance meeting, made the motion to send Daniel's fiscal note estimate for the senior property tax program on to the full Commission.

Commissioner Anita Epperson has worked to obtain several different comments from area counties on their implemented senior property tax freeze programs. But BC Finance already had a fiscal note laid out Tuesday, as instructed by the Commission, and never publicly discussed Epperson's report.

Having received a copy of the report earlier this week, Bedford County Trustee Tonya Davis said some of the Counties contacted are much larger than Bedford. So, comparing those cost estimates and comments are a bit irrelevant to the budgetary needs of this County, Davis advised.

But she still made it clear she's in support of helping seniors. Her office currently administers the state's tax relief program, which is slightly different in administration than the proposed freeze.

The Finance Committee chose to stay with the task it had been given via last Commission vote. That was for Daniel to come up with a fiscal note plan and return that report to the Commission by its June meeting.

The fiscal note that unanimously passed the Finance Committee on Tuesday is based on having to hire two new County employees (with full benefits.) County officials have said these employees will be necessary to deal with the extra administrative work that will be required in the Property Assessors and Trustee offices.

Daniel said the cost estimates do not include any operational costs such as computer purchases or vehicles that might be needed.

Daniel calculated these two, full-time, salaries to cost the County $115,899, the first year.

Daniel also calculated longevity, that is, what will the two new employees cost the County 10 years down the road. Given 3% annual raises for that 10-year period, the extra employees will cost the County by year 10 an estimated $171,000.

Daniel said he figured in increases in insurance benefits, which was at 10% this year.

The approved fiscal note, as drafted by Daniel, will now go to the June 9 full Commission meeting.

Finance Committee member Tammy Garrett, attending her last committee meeting as she's retiring next week, said it's her understanding some people are still a bit confused as to who qualifies. She said some believe all over 65 will qualify, which is not true.

According to the state comptroller's office, In Tennessee, the Senior Property Tax Freeze is a state program that allows homeowners aged 65 or older (as of December 31 of the tax year) to lock in their property tax amount for their principal residence, even if tax rates or assessments rise.

There is a state-set annual income limit which municipalities can lower.

For Bedford County's 2026 Senior Property Tax Freeze, the two income level options are $43,780 and $63,470, with proponents, here, lowering the level to $43,780 for the first year. This was merely for calculation purchases and has not been voted upon by the full Commission.

How the Cap Applies

The cap is combined annual income from all sources for all owners of the property (including spouse.)

The freeze applies only to the principal residence in a participating county or city.

The base tax amount is set in the year you first qualify and remains fixed unless the property is sold, sold and replaced, or significantly improved.

The discussions by Finance got so thick into the what ifs on Tuesday, it was hard for those proponents of the tax freeze to get a word in edge-wise. Councilman Josh Blevins said a few words, noting the City is still considering the tax freeze. Commissioner Eric Maddox who first started the talks this last year, remained silent on Tuesday.

Commissioner John Boutwell brought up per pupil spending which he said needs to be improved by the County and needs to be considered. Other Commissioners were in attendance and were involved in discussions, including Mark Thomas and Keith Davis.

Daniel's report further estimated that given administrative costs over that 10-year period, the Senior Property Tax Freeze may well cost the County well over a $1 million, if approved, within the next decade.

Superintendent Garrett ended her tenure with the Finance Committee by making the first motion to send Daniel's report on to the full Commission.

Just how many seniors will be impacted through the senior property tax freeze?

See t-g.com and next week's print edition for more on the Senior Tax Freeze discussion.

BEDFORD BRIEFS





BEDFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Presents the Poplin Memorial History Awards

Bedford County Historical Society recently presented the Poplin Memorial History Awards annually at each of the county's three public high schools in memory of the late Richard Poplin, long-time county historian, writer for the Shelbyville Times-Gazette, and charter member of the Historical Society.

The award is based on five criteria: (1) scholarship in history & related courses, (2) leadership in extracurricular school activities, (3) community citizenship, (4) overall academics, and (5) recommendation by the high school Guidance Department.

The $1000-awards are funded by contributions from Society members.

The Society has announced the following 2026 (5) honorees:

• Cascade High School's honoree is Alayna Cruze, daughter of Courtney Cruze of Shelbyville. Besides her outstanding academic achievement in numerous Honors courses in the sciences, English, mathematics, and history, Alayna participated in a variety of extracurricular school activities, including the National Honor Society, elementary school tutoring, and Angel Tree. Her community citizenship and service included the Cooper Steel Reading Program, volunteering in Assisted Living Outreach and local food distribution, and serving in various capacities at Fair Haven Baptist Church. Alayna is planning to attend Tennessee Tech and become an elementary school teacher.

• Dylan Newton, son of Phillip Newton of Shelbyville, is the honoree at Shelbyville Central High School. Dylan excelled in multiple history and government courses as well as other advanced placement courses in mathematics, the sciences, and languages. He participated in numerous school activities, including Boys' State, the National Honor Society, and school band. He volunteered in an array of community service projects, including marching band for public parades in nearby towns, the Toy Sanctuary for Kids, and the Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen. Dylan is planning to attend MTSU and pursue a career in mechatronics.

• Community High School's honoree is Lucas Pendergrast, son of Lucas and Tiffany Pendergrast, Jr. of Unionville. Lucas excelled in several Honors and dual-enrollment classes in government, history, and civics, as well as mathematics, the sciences, and social studies. His extracurricular school activities included the Key Club, National Honor Society and NHS tutor for summer school learners, and football tutor and game drone operator. He volunteered for several community projects, including Greenhouse Ministries, Red Cross Blood Donation aid, Salvation Army Toy Drive, and Hurricane Helen Relief service. Dylan plans to attend MTSU and become a history teacher.

Al Simmons is president of the Bedford County Historical Society.

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Dear Patients:

It is with a full and grateful heart that I share an important transition in my life and practice.

After 46 years in medicine, including the past 16 years serving the Shelbyville community, I have made the decision to retire from medical practice. It has been my distinct honor and privilege to be your doctor. The relationships we have built over the years mean more to me than I can fully express. You have entrusted me with your care, and in return, I have been blessed by your kindness, loyalty, and friendship.

This is a poignant moment for me, as I truly enjoy medicine, and all of you have been such wonderful patients and friends. While it is not easy to step away, I am encouraged knowing that you will continue to receive excellent care.

I am pleased to share that a new physician will be taking over the practice to work alongside office staff. Her name is Dr. Logan Hardin, and she is bright, kind, and exceptionally capable. I have every confidence that she will provide you with outstanding medical care and continue the standard of compassion and excellence you deserve. After the transition, Dr. Hardin's office will retain custody of your medical records. If, however, at any time her office will honor your written request to send your records to another physician or entity of your choice.

The planned date of transition is June 22, 2026. I will remain in the office for three weeks during this transition period to help ensure a smooth and seamless handoff.

For those of you who have appointments scheduled after June, or for anyone who would like an opportunity to connect, I will be hosting two informal open-house gatherings at the office at 5:00-6:00 PM. The first will be on June 23, where it will be just you and me-a chance to visit and say goodbye. The second will be on June 30, when you can join us in welcoming Dr. Hardin.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of your lives. It has been one of the greatest privileges of my life to care for you.

With sincere gratitude and warmest regards,

Dr. Chris Marasco

Volunteer Garden Report

By Ann Spencer

Volunteer Garden Club's May meeting was held at the Farm Bureau with Aurelia Swann presiding.

Aleitha Kimbro gave the devotion and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Mary Alexander and Pat Shavers were hostesses.

Judy Smith gave the treasurer's report. Liz Southern read the minutes.

June Gilmore, Judy Smith, Ann Spencer and Aurelia Swann attended the District 11 Spring Meeting in Brentwood.

The design for the month was a functional table for two. June Cortner from Franklin County club was guest speaker. She critiqued table designs from space to light. She was very complimentary.

The June meeting will be rightfully hosted by the Club's own, June Gilmore.

The July meeting will be a field trip to Lynfield Gardens in Bell Buckle. Cost is $35 each and fees should be paid to Judy Smith.

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FEATURES FROM THE BIBLE

TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

Moses: Food and Water
Exodus

Sweet Water
The Israelites, escaping from the life of slavery in Egypt, made it through the Red Sea to safety by following God's leadership as he spoke through Moses. The Egyptian army that followed after them was swallowed up by the water.

At Marah the people began to grumble because of the bitterness of the water. Moses cried to the Lord and the Lord showed him a piece of wood which he threw into the water and the water became sweet. Exodus 15:22.

Manna and Quail Given for Food
In the wilderness of sin, the whole community of Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron. They complained that it would have been better to have died in Egypt than there in the desert. They remembered the pots of meat they had to eat back in Egypt and here in the desert they were hungry.

In response to their grumblings, God sent bread from heaven which they would gather daily and eat in the mornings. It was called manna. A portion of this manna was saved so future generations would know how the Lord had provided for His people.

God sent quail for them to eat in the evenings.



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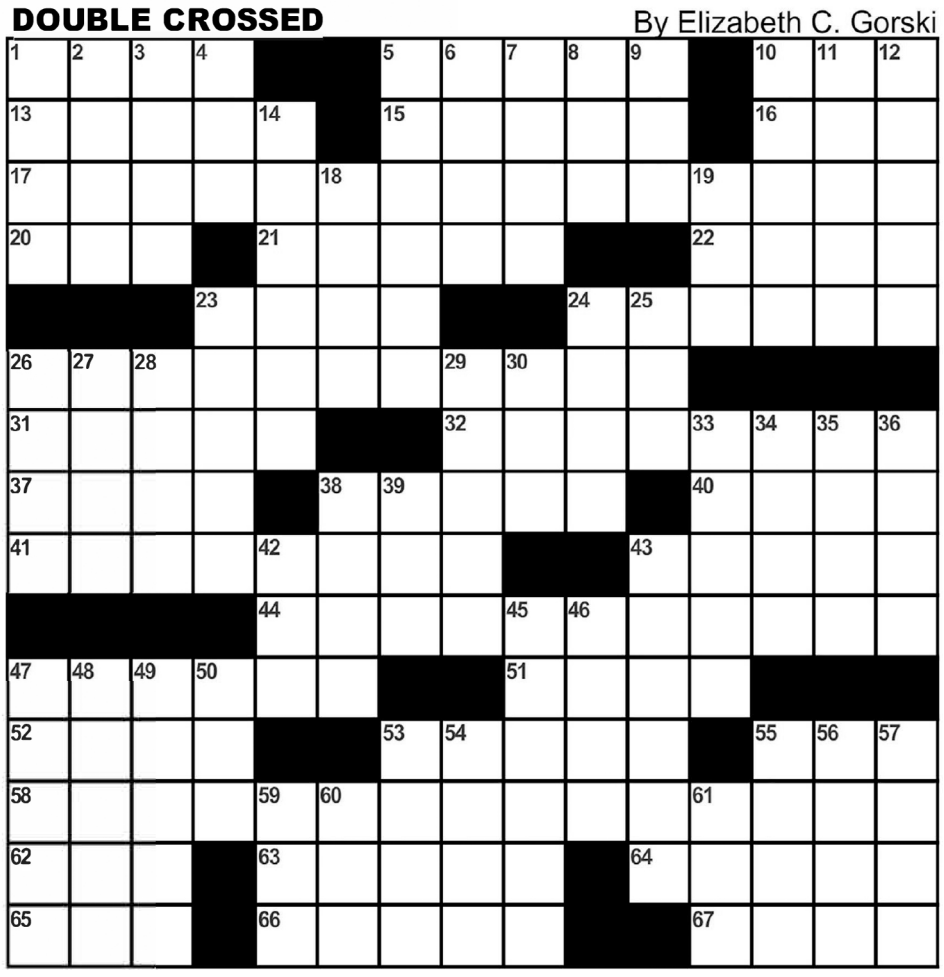
1) In___ land (spaced)
5) Millan, "the Dog Whisperer"
10) Wall St. whiz
13) Perp's cover story
15) All together
16) Heckler's hoot
17) Hinged Andersen products
20) Zener cards test for it
21) Wards (off)
22) Spot for a roast
23) He sang of Alice
24) Beanery patrons
26) NBC drama starring Martin Sheen
31) Beer belly, say
32) Hosp. triage worker
37) Pulitzer winner James
38) Uses serrated shears
40) Actress Downey
41) Sharpton's title
43) More tender
44) Port or sauternes, e.g.
47) Focused at work
51) Laundry unit
52) Brilliant stroke
53) Hawaii's "Pineapple Island"
55) AOL, e.g.
58) Sweepstakes payouts
62) Play for a sap
63) Palin's 2008 counterpart
64) In a way, slangily
65) Visibly embarrassed
66) Low man at the Met
67) Place that's for the birds?

CLUES DOWN

1) Add kick to, as punch
2) "Sigh!"
3) Talk like Daffy Duck
4) Rushmore prez
5) Defeatist's word
6) Cornerstone abbr.
7) Sty dwellers
8) Singer Difranco
9) Latest "Star Wars" villain Kylo
10) Higher-ranking than
11) Crew team member
12) They serve under cap'ns
14) Escapee's cry
18) Wriggly swimmers
19) Braille bit
23) "Bummer!"
24) Pulls the plug on
25) In the past
26) Skier's ride
27) Ginormous
28) Everest fig.
29) Makes one's way
30) Grate on
33) Get too close to
34) "Crucify" singer Amos
35) Gathering clouds, say
36) Hard to find
38) Sneak a look
39) Helpful connections
42) Country rtes.
43) Deck treatments
45) Current event around Christmas?
46) Parti-colored horse
47) Take place
48) Lariat loop
49) Brought into pitch
50) Well-chosen
53) Old Ford models
54) Leaves slack-jawed
55) Memo opener
56) Boot camp barkers (Abbr.)
57) HS junior's exam
59) Flow back
60) "Chandelier" singer/songwriter
61) Charged bit

DOUBLE CROSSED By Elizabeth C. Gorski



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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 19

Location: 510 Cortner Hollow Rd; Seller, Philip D Bryant, Heather Bryant; Buyer, Bryaant Living Trust, Philip Dale Bryant, Heather Baker Bryant; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 318 Wild Creek Rd; Seller, Kayla Hawkins, Timothy Hawkins Jr; Buyer, Steven David Aragon; Price, $345,000 (Deed).

Location: 244 Republic St; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Joshua Taylor, Fawn Briggs; Price, $314,990 (Deed).

Location: 230 Republic St; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, FRorest Durard, Melissa Durard; Price, $308,990 (Deed).

Location: 1677 Madison St; Seller, Lois A Stephenson; Buyer, Lisa A Stephenson; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 210 Sunset St; Seller, Andrew B Gossett, Katherine Stotler; Buyer, Daniel Kevin Carson Jr; Price, $300,000 (Deed).

File date: May 20

Location: Lazy Branch Rd; Seller, James Floyd Brewer Sr, Sylvia Jean Brewer; Buyer, Brewer Family Irrevocable Trust, James Floyd Brewer Sr, Sylvia Jean Brewer; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 511 Burnt Hill Rd; Seller, Jeff Michael Smialek, Dilyse Louise Diaz, Jeffrey Smialek; Buyer, Debra Wandless; Price, $700,000 (Deed).

Location: 118 Matt Dr; Seller, Malcolm Rose III, Jaime Rose; Buyer, Matthew Farris Holley; Price, $550,000 (Deed).

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

Seller, Larry Skeeters; Buyer, Gerardo Mullins, Victoria Mullins; Price, $229,500 (Deed).

Location: Longview Rd; Seller, Jason C Barber; Buyer, Natalie Carter Dennis, Chad Dennis; Price, $56,000 (Deed).

Seller, Joshua Corey Hand, Chrystal D Hand; Buyer, Olaf Jimenez, Ashley Jimenez; Price, $429,900 (Deed).

File date: May 21

Location: 1205 Glenoaks Rd; Seller, Lisa Anne Deberardinis; Buyer, Casey James Hastings; Price, $278,500 (Deed).

Location: 502 Shadow Dr; Seller, Cathryn Armistead, Mitzi Hooper Special Needs Trust; Buyer, Music City Holdings LLC; Price, $201,500 (Deed).

Location: 502 Shadow Dr; Seller, Music City Holdings LLC; Buyer, Hurst Properties LLC; Price, $217,000 (Deed).

Location: 225 Ledbetter Rd; Seller, Diana L Buchanan; Buyer, Purple Buchanan Family Trust; Price, $ (Deed).

Location: 361 Highway 231 S; Seller, Richard John Traxler, Nan Traxler; Buyer, Ken Holtzinger, Tammy Holtzinger; Price, $137,663.82 (Deed).

File date: May 22

Location: 3328 Sims Rd; Seller, Matthew David Sandusky, Stephanie Lynn Sandusky; Buyer, Mid America Farm Credit FLCA; Price, $0 (Deed).

Seller, Larry Walters, Kathleen Walters; Buyer, Larry Skeeters; Price, $250,000 (Deed).

Location: 107 Nutmeg Dr; Seller, Wilford William Childers; Buyer, Joseph Fulton; Price, $35,200 (Deed).

Seller, Donna M Pierce, Donna M Lankford; Buyer, Donna M Lankford, Richard A Lankford; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Coop Road; Seller, Terry R Ensey; Buyer, Jason Edward Mitchell, Jennifer L Mitchell; Price, $160,000 (Deed).

Seller, Josue Morales Velazquez, Fabian Juarez Lopez; Buyer, Diana Izabel Mata Martinez, Virginia Janet Mata Martinez; Price, $185,000 (Deed).

Location: Longview Rd; Seller, John B Barber; Buyer, Carl Brent Stacy; Price, $125,000 (Deed).

Location: 132 Stonefield Circle; Seller, Austin Tyler McBride, Tabitha McBride; Buyer, Ryan Dye, Kylie Dye; Price, $255,000 (Deed).

Obituaries

Mabel Sue Cates



Mabel Sue Cates, 84, of Shelbyville, died May 19, 2026 after an extended illness surrounded by her loving family.

Funeral Services were held 2:00 P.M. Saturday, May 23rd, at Hillcrest Funeral Home with Joshua Houston officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin at 12:00 P.M.

She was a native of Bedford County, a member of Fairlane Church of Christ and the Shelbyville Women's Club.

Sue was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard Brooks Faulkner Sr. and Ruth Alton Williams Faulkner, her husband of 63 years James Lynn Cates and a sister, Mary Catherine Talley.

She is survived by her children, Cathy Demonbreum (Tim) of Unionville, Donna Parsons of Athens, Ala., Brenda Dunning (Bruce) of Nashville, sister, Frances Hayes and brother, Leonard Brooks Faulkner Jr. (Vickie) of Shelbyville, grandchildren, Matthew (Kathryn) Parsons, Joshua Parsons (Brooke), Caleb Parsons (Jessica), Sarah Margaret Sain (Clint), Kelby Demonbreum (Janie), Blair Lovvorn (Daniel), Jamie Frame (Jadon) and fifteen great grandchildren.

Sue had a special gift for making people feel cared for and welcomed. She was known to the many children she kept as "Mrs. Sue."

She deeply loved her three daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren who will forever cherish her love. She was lovingly known as "Mema." She also held many dear friendships throughout her life and treasured the special friends and neighbors who brought her joy, laughter and companionships. She looked forward each month having lunch with her classmates and her siblings. Her memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Findley Paul Mahaffey



Findley Paul Mahaffey, 88, of Wartrace, passed away May 23, 2026, surrounded by his family and loved ones.

Funeral services were held 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, May 26, at Hillcrest Funeral Home Jeff Collet officiating. Burial will follow at Hollywood Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 12:00 P.M.

Findley was born March 23, 1938 to Arthur Herman and Nelle Margaret Mahaffey. He had eight brothers and sisters with two surviving, Donna (Art) Sharp of Texas and Robert (Paulette) Mahaffey of Indiana.

Findley married, had two daughters, Margaret Molencupp and Paula (Paul) Johnson which blessed him with five amazing grandchildren, Christopher, Charlene, Jonny, Jeramy and Isabella who then gave him nine great grandchildren.

Findley lived a hard but happy life. He worked at his family's garbage company in Blackoak, Indiana. He worked as a heavy equipment operator in Chicago, Illinois before he and his wife won the Illinois State Lotto in 1983.

He retired from his job, took his family on a summer vacation from Chicago to Mexico and all over the United States. After which he bought his own semi-truck and drove over the road for himself for the next couple of years.

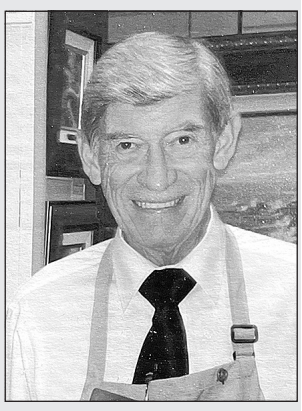
Findley then married his late wife, Nell Powell and moved to Tennessee where he gained step-children and grandchildren one of whom became like his son, Brent Walker (Laura) of Wartrace.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, working on his tractors and working on his farm. He especially loved his buffalo, cows, horses, mule, ostriches, emus and other numerous animals.

Findley lived his life to the fullest. He made his dreams come true by his hard work and dedication. He never stopped until he got what he wanted or needed. Many people knew Findley's friendship. He gave to all he could and never knew a stranger. He was always quick to tell a joke and shake someone's hand. Although we will miss him with every breath, he is now able to rest with his Nell and family that are waiting for him in Heaven.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Harold Clardy Smith



Harold Clardy Smith, 88, of Bell Buckle TN.. died Wednesday, May 20, 2026. A Graveside Memorial Service will be held 3:00 P.M. Sunday, May 31st, at Hillcrest Memorial

Gardens with the Rev. Abe Zimmerman officiating.

He was born November 28, 1937, in Elkmont, Alabama. He was a former Highlight Artist for Thomas Kincaid Company, a member of First United Methodist Church of Shelbyville, a member of Shelbyville Benevolent Lodge No. 122 and a Veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Forrest Bedford Smith and Winnie Clardy Smith and a brother, Forrest Bedford Smith Jr.

Harold is survived by his wife, Patricia Ann Hickerson Smith; his children, Brian Keith Smith (Pamela) of Pensacola, Fla., Christopher Michael Smith (Leann) of Bell Buckle, TN., a brother, Gene Allen Smith of Smyrna, TN., grandchildren, Michael Smith, Kaitlin Coggin (Lewis),

Elijah Smith, Riley Smith and several great grandchildren.

The family would like to thank Aveanna Hospice of Murfreesboro for helping assist with their loving husband and father.

Per his request he will be cremated.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Death Notices

Laura Elizabeth "Beth" Trout Meadows

Laura Elizabeth "Beth" Trout Meadows, age 86, of Brentwood, TN passed away on Sunday, May 24, 2026. She was a daughter of the late Jasper Herman Trout and Elizabeth Adelle Barnes Trout. Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill is in charge of arrangements.

Gerald Burkett Montgomery

Gerald Burkett Montgomery, age 80, of Rutherford County passed away Sunday, May 24, 2026. He was son of the late Carl Edward and Rosa Elizabeth Fields Montgomery. He was a businessman and a veteran of the Army Reserves. Wife, Barbara Ann Redmond Montgomery, survives. Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill is in charge of arrangements.

Janice Raye Cobb Trostel

Janice Raye Cobb Trostel, age 65, passed away Wednesday, May 20,2026, in Memphis, TN. Born in Huntsville, Ala., she was the daughter of the late Ray Cobb and Billie Jean Denton Cobb.She is survived by her husband Richard Wilson Trostel of Belfast. Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill is in charge of arrangements.

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, New Doors Development Group, LLC executed Deed of Trust dated October 30, 2024 in favor of Jacob Alsup, Trustee, to secure a Promissory Note payable to the order of KEM Investments, LLC, D/B/A Real-Flex in the original amount of $795,000.00 which Promissory Note is more fully described in Book TD1135, page 223, in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, to which reference is hereby made (the "Deed of Trust"), and to secure payment of other indebtedness then existing or to arise thereafter; and

WHEREAS, R. Houston Akin of Davidson County has been appointed Trustee by KEM Investments, LLC, D/B/A Real-Flex, the owner and holder of the Indebtedness by instrument of record at Book TD1192, page 180, Register's Office for Bedford County, Tennessee, with authority to act under the powers given the Trustee under the Deed of Trust and be applicable law; and

WHEREAS, defaults under the Indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust have occurred; and

WHEREAS, the owner and holder of said Indebtedness has demanded that the real property be advertised and sold in satisfaction of said Indebtedness and the cost of said foreclosure, in accordance with the terms, conditions and provisions of the loan documents and the Deed of Trust

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the Substitute Trustee, pursuant to the power, duty and authority vested in and imposed upon the Trustee in said Deed of Trust and under applicable law, will on Monday, June 22, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. o'clock, prevailing time, at the entrance to the Bedford County Courthouse, Shelbyville, Tennessee offer for sale to the highest and best bidder for cash and free from all rights and equity of redemption, statutory right of redemption or otherwise, homestead, dower, elective share and all other rights of exemption of every kind as waived in said Deed of Trust, certain property described as follows, to-wit:

Being all of Tract No. 6 of the Amos C. Smith Testamentary Family Trust survey plat which is of record at Plat Cabinet H1, Envelope 14, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, to which reference is hereby made for a more detailed description of said tract.

Being the same property conveyed to New Doors Development Group, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company by Warranty Deed from Srinidhi, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company, dated October 30, 2024 and recorded in Book D393 page 384—Register's Office for Bedford County, Tennessee.

The address of the property is, upon best information and knowledge, believed to be 0 Amos Smith Rd., Shelbyville, TN, 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.

This property is sold AS IS, WHERE IS AND WITH ALL FAULTS, and without any representations or warranties of any kind whatsoever, whether express or implied. Without limiting the foregoing, THE PROPERTY IS TO BE SOLD WITHOUT ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MECHANTABILITY, CONDITION OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE OR PURPOSE.

Other interested parties:

None

The right is reserved to (i) delay the sale to another time certain or adjourn the day of the sale to another day and time, without further publication and in accordance with law, upon announcement of said delay or adjournment on the day and time and place of the sale set forth above; (ii) sell the Property at the time fixed by the last postponement or to give new notice of sale; (iii) sell the Property in such lots, parcels, segments, or separate estates as the Substitute Trustee may choose; (iv) sell part of the Property and delay, adjourn, cancel, or postpone the sale of the remaining part of the Property; (v) sell the Property in whole and then to sell the Property in parts and to consummate the sale in whichever manner produces the highest sale price; (vi) to sell to the next highest bidder in the event any higher bidder does not comply with the terms of the sale.

The Substitute Trustee will make no covenant of seisin, marketability of title or warranty of title, express or implied, and will sell and convey the subject real estate by Trustee's Deed as Substitute Trustee only and not otherwise.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded Plat or Plan; any unpaid taxes and assessments (plus penalties, interest and costs) which exists as a lien against the said Property; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; any rights of redemption, equity, statutory or otherwise, not otherwise waived in the Deed of Trust, including rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state of federal; and any and all prior deeds of trusts, 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. This sale is also subject to any matter that an inspection and accurate survey of the property might disclose.

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

This Notice of Sale can be viewed online at www.foreclosurestn.com.

Dated this 18th day of May, 2026.

R. Houston Akin, Trustee
611 Woodland Street
Nashville, TN 37206
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Insertion Dates: May 28, June 4, and 11, 2026.

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

WHEREAS, Keith Hale, a single man and Heather Leverette, a single woman (now known as Heather Leverette Hale, a married woman), as borrower(s), executed a Deed of Trust to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Lender, and David R. Wilson, Trustee(s), which was dated 7/1/2003, and recorded on 7/2/2003, in Book TD515 Page 327, securing the payment of a Note in the amount of $79,500.00 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 6/18/2026, at or about 12:00 PM at the usual and customary location at the Main Entrance of the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 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: MAP 68 PARCEL 87.03 LYING AND BEING IN CIVIL DISTRICT 6 OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE:

BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE CENTER OF TROUPE ROAD AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE ANDREW LANE PROPERTY, SAID POINT BEING 30.17 FEET WEST FROM A METAL PIPE ON THE EAST MARGIN OF TROUPE ROAD, AND BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE HEREIN

DESCRIBED TRACT AND RUNNING THENCE WITH THE CENTER OF THE ROAD NORTH 4° 14 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST 279.31 FEET TO A P.K. NAIL; THENCE LEAVING THE ROAD WITH THE CENTER OF A PROPOSED ROAD NORTH 89° 59 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, PASSING A STEEL PIN ON THE MARGIN OF TROUPE ROAD AT 20.00 FEET, CONTINUING ON THE SAME COURSE 584.55 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT; THENCE WITH SAID CURVE (RADIUS: 103.00 FEET) ALONG ITS ARC 79.37 FEET TO A STEEL PIN; THENCE SOUTH 44° 11 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 127.20 FEET TO A STEEL PIN; THENCE SOUTH 1° 24 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST 235.62 FEET TO A STEEL PIN IN FENCE IN LANE'S NORTH LINE; THENCE NORTH 88° 36 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST, PASSING A METAL PIPE ON THE WEST MARGIN OF TROUPE ROAD AT 749.83 FEET, CONTINUING ON THE SAME COURSE 30.17 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 5.10 ACRES, ACCORDING TO A SURVEY BY REX NORTHCUTT, T. R. L. S. # 77, WHOSE ADDRESS IS 117 HICKORY DRIVE, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160, DATED JULY 10, 1992.

LESS AND EXCEPT ALL THAT PORTION WHICH LIES IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF TROUPE ROAD.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO KEITH HALE AND WIFE, HEATHER LEVERETTE HALE, BY WARRANTY DEED FROM MICHAEL J. BROWN, OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 256, PAGE 543, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Tax Parcel ID: 068 08703 000000
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Current Owner(s): Keith Hale and wife, Heather Leverette Hale
Other Interested Party(ies): Harpeth Financial Services LLC DBA Advance Financial

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 OF LIEN SALE

AZURE 4 ASSETS INC
5113 Mt. View Road
Antioch, TN 37013

Notice is hereby given that the following vehicles will be sold at public auction to satisfy towing and storage charges. The sale will take place **on or after Friday, June 19, 2026**, at **12:00PM** at the above-listed address.

2016 Hyundai Elantra 5NPDH4AE8GH793136
Bartolo Ramirez Atlantic Acceptance Corp.

2020 Mercedes-Benz GLA250 WDCTG4EBLJ688463
Trakesha T. Foster Westlake Financial Services

2016 Volkswagen Jetta 3VW267AJ4GM363302
Araceli Almazan Westlake Financial

2018 Ford F-150 1FTEW1EG2JFA33659
Energy One Federal Credit Union

2015 Lincoln MKC 5LMCJ2A97FUJ01243
Jud Thigpen Westlake Financial Services

2019 BMW X3 5UXTR7C58KLF34188
Crystal J. Douglas Westlake Financial

2019 Ford F-15 XL 1FTFX1E53KKE83071
Erica Zuart Westlake Financial

2019 Ford T-250 Van 1FTYR2DG9KKB55567
Kunta Mandela Hector Westlake Financial Services

All Vehicles will be sold AS IS

City of Shelbyville Mayor & City Council Special Called Meeting

Special Called Meeting: **June 2, 2026**
Time: **5:30 PM**
Place: **Council Chambers, Building Codes & Planning Building**
100 N. Cannon Blvd.
Shelbyville, TN 37160

Citizen Comments:

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Adopt the Agenda

Consideration of a motion to allow City Attorney to read captions only on Ordinances and Resolutions.

IV. Ordinances – First Readings

A. An Ordinance of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee, Adopting the Certified Tax Rate as Calculated by the State Board of Equalization.

B. An Ordinance of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee, Adopting the Annual Budget and Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026, and Ending June 30, 2027.

C. An Ordinance to Make Final Amendments to the Adopted Budget Ordinance (As Amended) of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee Various Funds, For the Fiscal Year 2025-2026, the Period Ending June 30, 2026.

V. Resolutions

A. A Resolution to Authorize Appropriations for Non-Profit Organizations for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

B. A Resolution of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee Authorizing a Grant Application to the Tennessee Housing Development Agency for Home Grant Funds.

VI. Announcements
VII. Adjourn

Classifieds

SERVICES

QUALITY LAWN CARE
931-536-2656

SERVICES

HUGE YARD SALE
Saturday 5/30
7AM-2PM
202 Blue Ribbon Pkwy
Smoker, home decor, vintage to new, booth inventory, clothes, anything and everything

NOTICES

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monthly Commissioner Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 2026
@ 7:00 P.M.
Bedford County Historic Courthouse
1 Public Square, 2nd Floor Courtroom
Shelbyville, TN 37160

Meeting agenda can be found at www.bedfordcountytn.gov.

Public Comment Procedure: State law provides for a period of public comment at local government meetings to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on matters that are germane to items on the agenda. Any person interested to speak should:

1. Record name and address on a sign-up sheet that will be provided, prior to the meeting being called to order.
2. When called upon, address comments to the Chairperson in a respectful manner.
3. Limit remarks to three minutes for items(s) germane to the agenda.

Persons with a disability who wish to request special accommodation to participate in the public meeting should notify April Steadman one business day prior to the meeting by calling (931) 684-7944 or email your request to april.steadman@bedfordcountytn.gov to discuss accommodations. Every reasonable effort will be made to meet your need.

Abandoned Vehicles
2018 Chevy
1G1ZB5ST1JF272683
2003 Nissan
1N4AL11D73C304759
Will be sold at auction or disposed of for scrap on June 7, 2026 at 4:00pm if not claimed by owner and all wrecker and storage fees paid in full.
At Creson Recycling
2534 Lewisburg Hwy.
Fayetteville, TN 37334
(931)433-5290

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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:

(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 7th day of May, 2026.

/s/ Phillip Fisher, Administrator

/s/ Jeff Yoes, Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (5212tp)

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 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

(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/ Andrew Z. Stierwalt, Administrator

/s/ Joe M. Lambert Jr., Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (5212tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Paulette D Lanier, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on May 14, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Paulette D Lanier, 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:

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

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

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

This the 14th day of May, 2026.

/s/ Travis F Lanier, Executor

/s/ Ralph McBride Jr., Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (5282tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Charles Edward Scivally, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on May 18, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Charles Edward Scivally, who died 01/10/2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and Non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 18th day of May, 2026.

/s/ Kelly Cornelius, Executrix

/s/ Trisha L Henegar, Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (5282tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Janice F Harris Buttz, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on May 19, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Janice F Harris Buttz, who died 03/30/2026, 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 19th day of May, 2026.

/s/ KelBenjamin J McCurry, Executor

/s/ Trisha L Henegar, Attorney

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (5282tp)

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.

Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
rlselaw.com/property-listing
Tel: (877) 813-0992
Fax: (470) 508-9401

A copy of this notice is being published at www.BetterChoiceNotices.com

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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26-003054

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

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Golden Eagles' Historic Season Comes to a Close at State With Losses to Ravenwood, Oak Ridge

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – In the program's first-ever TSSAA State Tournament game, the Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (31-10, 5-3) struggled to slow down the No. 4 ranked Ravenwood Raptors (32-9, 9-3), falling 13-2 after six innings at Siegel.

Kaleb Maillet got the start for the Golden Eagles, and he managed to hold the Raptors scoreless in three of the first four innings. However, a grand slam that punctuated a six-run fifth finally knocked Maillet from the game, ending his afternoon with 4.2 innings pitched, 10 runs on 11 hits and one walk with three strikeouts on 77 pitches.

Ashton Whorley came on in relief for the final out of the inning, giving up one hit on 13 pitches to do so. Cameron Burke got the first two outs in the sixth with one coming via strikeout, but the Raptors would tag the Golden Eagles' freshman for three earned runs on three hits. Elijah Westbrooks would record the final out of the inning via strikeout.

Ravenwood's Michael Holt capped off a four-run second inning with a three-run home run to take a 4-0 lead, but the Golden Eagles would find a way to trim the lead in half one inning later. In the bottom of the third, Shelbyville Central used small ball to load the bases for Caden Peacock. Peacock then delivered a bases-loaded 2-RBI single to draw within two runs, 4-2, but Shelbyville Central was unable to tack on any more runs, and the threat came to a close.

After the Raptors' six-spot in the fifth, they would tack on three more in the top of the sixth to reach run-rule territory. Ravenwood would finish the day with 16 hits and 13 runs while Shelbyville Central managed just seven hits and two runs.

At the plate for Shelbyville Central, Stephen Bobo led off going 2-for-3, Blake Bone went 1-for-3, and Peacock finished 1-for-3 with two RBIs. Burke was 1-for-1, and Miles McCullough finished 2-for-2 with a double.

In the second game of the tournament, Shelbyville Central saw its record-breaking 2026 campaign come to an end against Oak Ridge, 6-1, on Wednesday morning.

"It was a good year," Shelbyville Central Head Coach Chase Jones said postgame, "I'm proud of our kids. They locked into the process all year, we just came up short this week, but this is down to the last eight. This is the best of the best, and there is little room for mistakes. We didn't play our best yesterday, and the pitcher we faced today was pretty effective. The good news is, now we have something to go back and look at to lock into the process even more heading into next season. There's no guarantee that we get back to this point, so we're going to have to do everything that we can next year to get back. This year, we played loose. There were no expectations coming in, and we weren't caught up in results, and we can't get caught up in results next season either. We'll need to lock into the process starting in our summer workouts and get ourselves in a position to hopefully get back here and be able to compete next year for a state title."

On the mound, Oak Ridge threw its two-time defending Class AAAA Mr. Baseball winner, Michael Teasley, and he was exceptional for the Wildcats. The Tennessee Volunteers commit pitched 6.2 innings, giving up one unearned run on four hits and two walks while striking out 13 batters on 117 pitches. He worked around two fielding errors, and two separate jams where the bases were loaded.

For Shelbyville Central, Brody Thomas got the start, pitching 3.0 innings and giving up six runs – four earned – on five hits and one walk with four strikeouts on 57 pitches. Stephen Bobo came on in relief, pitching the final 3.0 innings and giving up zero runs, three hits, and zero walks while striking out six on 62 pitches.

Shelbyville Central actually took a 1-0 lead in the top of the third inning. Bobo hustled out an infield single with one out, and then after an error by the first baseman on a pickoff attempt, the Golden Eagles' centerfielder managed to reach third base safely. This allowed Blake Bone to single on an infield hit to Teasley and drive home Bobo from third for the one-run advantage.

Unfortunately for the Golden Eagles, Oak Ridge would respond with a six-run explosion in the bottom part of the inning. A leadoff single from Dirige, an error at third on a bunt from Brooks Poteet allowed both runners to be safe, and then a single from Warren East on another bunt loaded the bases with nobody out.



Shelbyville Central's Caden Peacock (2) delivers a 2-RBI single in the bottom of the third inning in the loss to Ravenwood. *Photo courtesy of Austin Holland.*

Parker Free flied out to Bobo to drive home Dirige from third, and then Teasley slapped a 2-RBI single into center to take a 3-1 lead. Joseph Webb was hit by a pitch, then Jaiden Cheverton singled home another run. After a passed ball scored Webb, Cheverton came home to score the Wildcats' sixth run of the inning on an RBI-single from Kipton Feagan.

The Golden Eagles threatened to get back in the game by loading the bases in the top of the fourth inning, but Teasley – who was touching 93 MPH while consistently sitting around 90 MPH on his fastball – struck out Miles McCullough to end what turned out to be the final true threat by Shelbyville Central.

"This team was special because of how they bought into the process and the 'win this pitch' mentality," Jones said about his group, "It was something like 20 ball games over the course of this year that we came from behind to win, and that's just an example of what their grit and what their heart is. They played their tails off all year, stayed locked in to every pitch, and kept themselves in most ball games to be able to win most of them at the end. We came up a little short here, and I am disappointed to lose, but I'm not disappointed in the kids, or where we are at, or where we are going. I'm very excited about the future of our program. We've just got to get better. We not only want to come to the Spring Fling, we want to win the thing, and there's no guarantee that we'll get back here next year, but if we get back to this spot, we want to be able to compete and win it."

At the plate for the Golden Eagles, Stephen Bobo led off going 3-for-4, Bone went 1-for-4 with an RBI, and Case Davis finished 1-for-3.

Shelbyville Central finishes the 2026 season as the District 6-AAAA Champions, the Region 3-AAAA Champions, and the first team in program history to make it all the way to the State Tournament. The Golden Eagles graduate zero seniors from this year's team, and are poised to be a dangerous squad that could make a lot more noise come 2027.

After Winning State Opener, Cascade Bats Go Cold in Season-Ending Losses to White House Heritage, Westview

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – After defeating Westview to open the Class AA State Tournament, the Cascade Champions (25-9, 5-3) saw their season come to a close with back-to-back shutout losses against White House Heritage (26-9, 5-1) and Westview (24-11, 8-0) on a rainy Wednesday night at Riverdale.

In the 1-0 game, Cascade's Caleb Crouch pitched admirably, but unfortunately for his offense, the Champions could not muster up a single run against Westview's Mr. Baseball Finalist, Tristan Cayce, in a 1-0 defeat. Cayce pitched 7.0 shutout innings, giving up just four hits and three walks with 10 strikeouts on 105 pitches.

"He [Cayce] dealt," Cascade Head Coach Travis Sheffield said postgame, "He just attacked, and went right at us. All three Mr. Baseball finalists were out here today, and all three of them showed why they were finalists. He did nothing that we didn't expect. Losing a 1-0 game, I don't have anyone to blame but myself. Every time we don't score a run, I go home and I don't sleep for about three days."

Crouch pitched 6.0 innings, and he pitched the first five innings scoreless before the Patriots managed to get an RBI-base hit in the bottom of the sixth to take a 1-0 lead. Crouch gave up just one earned run on six hits and two walks while striking out four batters on 89 pitches.

At the plate for Cascade in the first game, Jordan Childress led off going 2-for-4 with a double, Wickey Parker went 1-for-2 with a double, and Daymien Maldonado finished 1-for-3.

With the loss, Cascade was forced to hang around at Riverdale and take on Westview in a rematch for an elimination game. The Champions defeated the Chargers, 5-2, to open the Tournament, but this time, Westview's Graham Simpson shoved on the mound in what turned into a 9-0 Westview win. Simpson got the start and pitched 7.0 shutout innings, giving up just four hits and one walk with nine strikeouts on 100 pitches despite his start being interrupted by more than an hour-long weather delay.

"1-0 through five, we had 12 straight scoreless innings at that time," Sheffield said about his team's offense, "We just couldn't get a hit with runners in scoring position. There were a number of times that we just couldn't make it happen. That's just baseball sometimes. Today was not our day."

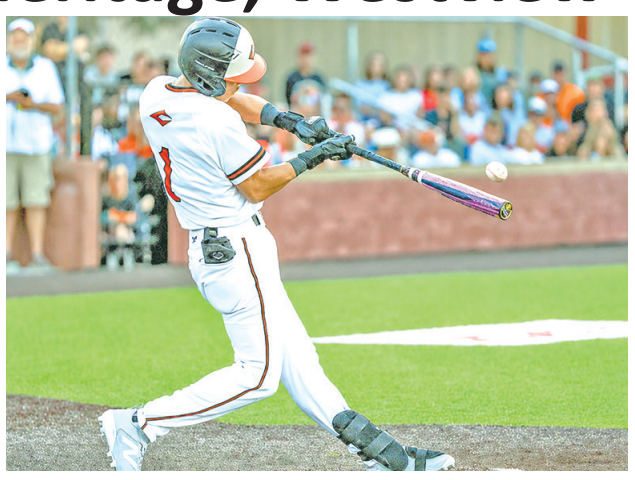
Wickey Parker got the start for Cascade, and Parker pitched extremely well through four innings before the rain began to come down heavily. However, in the bottom of the fifth, Sheffield was forced to pull him in a downpour. During the pitching change, TSSAA officials finally realized that the heavy rain was a safety issue and paused the game, despite having witnessed Daymien Maldonado be unable to hold onto his bat handle in the top-half of the inning. On a swinging strike, Maldonado's bat went flying into the netting behind him, narrowly missing Jordan Childress in the on-deck circle. The game should have been paused then due to obvious safety concerns, but nonetheless TSSAA attempted to continue powering through until about 20 minutes later.

However, the damage had already been done. Preceding the irresponsibly late call to pause the game, Westview managed to plate four runs all thanks to Cascade mishaps in the rain. First, Parker was practically unable to throw his breaking ball, so he was limited to just fastballs. First, Wes Hatler worked a leadoff walk, and then Easton Wyatt laid down a sacrifice-bunt in an attempt to move the runner to second. Not only did Hatler advance to second, but Thomas Demartelaere's throw to first sailed 10 feet wide of the bag due the downpour, allowing Hatler to advance to third with nobody out. Then, Christopher Damron singled and drove in a run to short, followed by Colin Haskins driving home Wyatt on another RBI-single to take a 3-0 lead. After Simpson popped out to shortstop, Poston Essary singled to right to drive home two more runs and take a 5-0 lead before the game was finally paused.

Parker's line would finish as 4.1 innings pitched with six earned runs on four hits and four walks while striking out eight batters on 91 pitches.

After the delay, Cascade gave up one more run on a fielder's choice before the Chargers plated three more in the bottom of the sixth to reach the final margin of victory.

At the plate for the Champions, Wickey Parker went 1-for-3, Jayden Hathcock was 1-for-3, and Xykaiah Dixon finished 2-for-3.



Jordan Childress (1) went a combined 4-for-10 (.400) with three doubles and three RBIs in three state tournament games. *Photo by Austin Holland.*

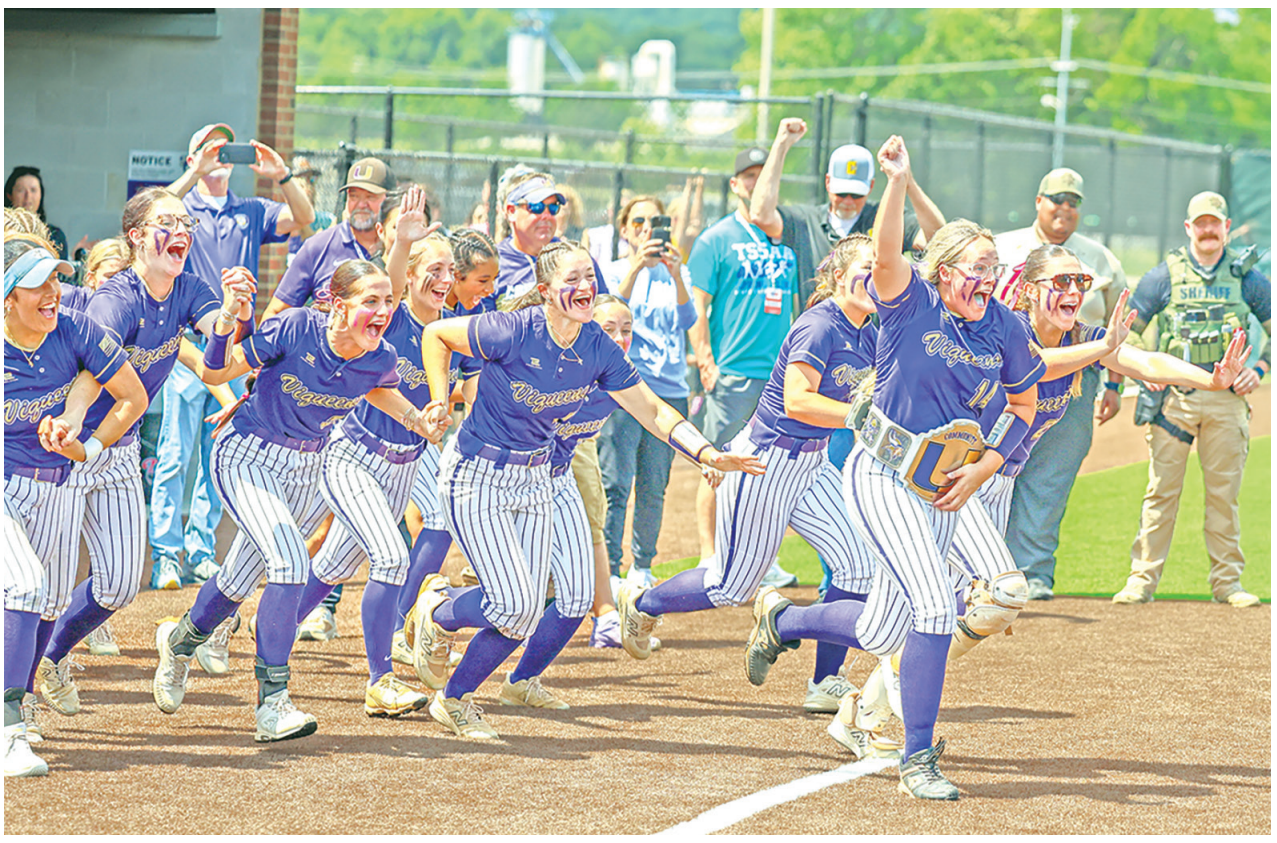
Afterwards, Travis Sheffield thanked the four departing seniors – Elijah Wesenberg, Thomas Demartelaere, Jordan Childress, and Mr. Baseball Finalist Jayden Hathcock – for raising the standard around Cascade Baseball back to what it once was roughly a decade ago.

"The legacy that this senior class leaves behind...they raised the bar higher than it was when they came in," he said, "Not to fast-forward too fast, the guys coming back, the bar has been raised moving forward."

Sheffield took the job before the 2023 season, and he led the Champions to a surprise district title behind the arm of then-freshman Jayden Hathcock en route to a sub-state appearance. This year, Cascade returned to the state tournament for the first time since 2015 and for just the fifth time in program history after winning both District 9-AA, Region 5-AA, and sweeping a state sectional series against the back-to-back State Runners-Up in Huntingdon.

"When we got reclassified this year, I told myself, man, TSSAA/TBCA threw us into a gauntlet of a district," Sheffield admitted, "But after having conversations with the boys and looking at everything, they bought into the concept of we didn't change districts, instead those other powerhouse schools came into our district. Once those boys bought into that, there was no turning back."

Cascade 25-9 overall.



The Community Viqueens celebrate being announced as the the 2026 TSSAA Class 2A State Champions. *Photo by Austin Holland.*

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Community finished as the District 9-AA Runners-Up to Summertown after finishing the regular season unbeaten in district play. The Viqueens exacted revenge on the Lady Eagles in the Region 5-AA Championship game at Summertown as part of what turned into a seven-game winning streak to close the season.

In the seventh and final win of that streak, the Viqueens ran away from Marion County, who had defeated Summertown in Friday's semifinal. Annie Prince ended her career with her best run of games in perhaps her entire time at Community, starting and pitching four complete games while giving up just a single earned run in 28.0 innings and striking out a mind-blowing 54 batters in the process, including 15 in back-to-back games to close out her career with the Viqueens.



Viqueens Head Coach Cam Farrell on Saturday.
Photo courtesy of Austin Holland.

"She [Annie Prince] doesn't stop working," Farrell said, "She pitched every game we played this week, she had double-digit strikeouts in every game we played, I mean, Annie is Annie. Chat State is getting an absolute gem. And I'll tell you another thing, Annie has taught me what I need to do for these other pitchers to be great. She works every single day. She'll take breaks on Sundays, but it's every single day, and her parents don't make excuses for her. She called her own pitches this game again, and that right there lets you know what kind of kid she is and what kind of athlete she is. Also, how much trust she has earned because I'm not that coach. I'm always calling pitches, but that's how much I trust her and it's because of her work ethic."

Prince prefers to call her own pitches, and she called them extremely effectively against the Lady Warriors.

"I can see where a hitter is at in the box – whether they are on the plate or if they're not – and sometimes my coach can't see where they are at as well," Prince explained, "I just feel like I'm in control of the game and it's better."



Community's Annie Prince (14) pitched all 28 innings of Community's four wins at the state tournament, and she gave up just one earned run on six hits and four walks while striking out 15 Marion County batters on Saturday. Over her four starts, she gave up just one earned run on 12 hits with 54 strikeouts.
Photo courtesy of Austin Holland.

The Viqueens senior ace didn't just pitch brilliantly – she did so while also accomplishing the ultimate goal of winning a state championship.

"This means a lot. I've always wanted to get this far, and it just means a lot to win it," Prince said postgame, "They weren't swinging at the riseball, and I couldn't get the riseball call, so I had to throw a bunch of curveballs and a bunch of screwballs and a bunch of dropballs and changeups. I can throw them all, they just aren't my pitch, but it worked out."

Prince finished her high school career with a line of 7.0 innings pitched, one earned run on six hits and four walks, and 15 strikeouts.

Marion County did find a way to score a two-out run in the bottom of the first inning thanks to a bloop single leading to an RBI-single from Lily Nixon, but that lead did not last for very long.

In the top of the second, the Viqueens put together a crooked number, batting around and plating six runs in the process to take a commanding 6-1 lead that they never looked back from. It started with a Prince leadoff-single, and then with one out, Alana Tate laid down a perfectly placed bunt-single on the first-base line that she was able to hustle out. Then, Hayden Moore's bunt prompted a throwing error by the pitcher, Bryann Thomasson, that allowed the first two runs to score as well as Moore getting around to third base with just one out.

Anna Haskins kept the rally going with an RBI-single into left field, Kamryn Farrell was hit by a pitch, and then Gracie Daniel smacked an RBI single into left field to give the Viqueens a 4-0 lead. With Farrell on third, Haylee Webb – the hero of the District 9-AA Tournament – came through with a 2-RBI double into the left-center field gap to grow the advantage to 6-1 heading into the home half.

"The girls that came before them, they kind of showed these girls what they needed to do," Farrell said about his offense, "Carlie Blanton and Taylor Wessner last year, those girls kind of paved the way and showed us what we need to do. We got to the state last year, and of course we had it rough with Liberty Creek and Alcoa, but those girls weathered that storm. Then, this team had the mindset of 'we've been there and we've seen it all so let's take care of business.'"

With Prince in the circle, she began to hit her spots, striking out two of the first three batters en route to a scoreless second inning. Then, in the top of the third, Kailani Allen launched her fourth home run of the season over the right-center field wall to extend the lead to 7-1.

Neither team scored again until the top of the sixth when Community found three more insurance runs for its ace. Haskins led off with an infield single before Daniel drove her home on an RBI-double. Daniel took third base on a passed ball which allowed Mattie Maxey's groundout to score Daniel from third for the Viqueens eighth run of the contest. Webb followed that up with another double, and she came home to score after an errant throw from the catcher, Lily Nixon, sailed into left field for a 10-1 lead with just six outs remaining.

Marion County managed to work two runners on with nobody out in hopes of one final push, but Prince struck out the next three batters to end the threat and strand the runners. In the seventh, Prince struck out two of the three batters following a leadoff single from Albany Harris to secure the win, including a game-ending strikeout of Emma McCallie that prompted the dogpile celebration in the circle.

"They just all want to win," said Farrell, "You can coach kids that are just here to get a uniform and hang out a little bit or you can coach kids that want to win, and they wanted to win so badly. When you get a group of kids that want to win, you don't have to do much, and those kids wanted to win more than they wanted to do anything else. They also get along. They may not always tolerate each other, but if one of 'em was broken down or needed to be taken care of, they were there to take care of each other."

At the plate for Community, Haskins led off going 2-for-4, Daniel went 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs, and Maxey finished 1-for-4 with an RBI. Webb was 3-for-4 with two RBIs and a double, Prince went 1-for-4, Kailani Allen was 1-for-4 with a home run, and Alana Tate finished 2-for-4.

For Marion County, Bryanna Thomasson lasted 2.2 total innings in the circle, coming back to pitch the seventh after being relieved and moving to first base in the second inning. Thomasson gave up six runs – two earned – on six hits with one strikeout. Emma McCallie came on in relief, giving up four earned runs on six hits and one home run in 4.1 innings.

At the plate for the Warriors, Albany Harris went 1-for-3 with a walk, Brylee Thomasson was 1-for-3 with a walk, McCallie was 2-for-4, and Lily Nixon finished 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Throughout the entire season, the Viqueens worked through not just a tough district slate with Summertown, Chapel Hill, and Cascade, but they also took their lumps in a brutal non-conference that included a trip down to Gulf Shores to play against other successful schools earlier in the year.

"That schedule was everything," Farrell said, "If we didn't have the schedule that we did, there's no way we could finish and face a pitcher like the one even at Unicoi earlier this week. The thing is, even when we went to Alabama and played, we faced great pitching down there, we faced great hitting down there, and we learned kind of how to survive it. We were able to learn what it takes when you face a team with nine hitters from top to bottom in the lineup. When you go through that, and every game is a battle and war, and you're not worried about how pretty does my record look on the front end, then we get to this point and it's like, take care of business because we've already seen it all."

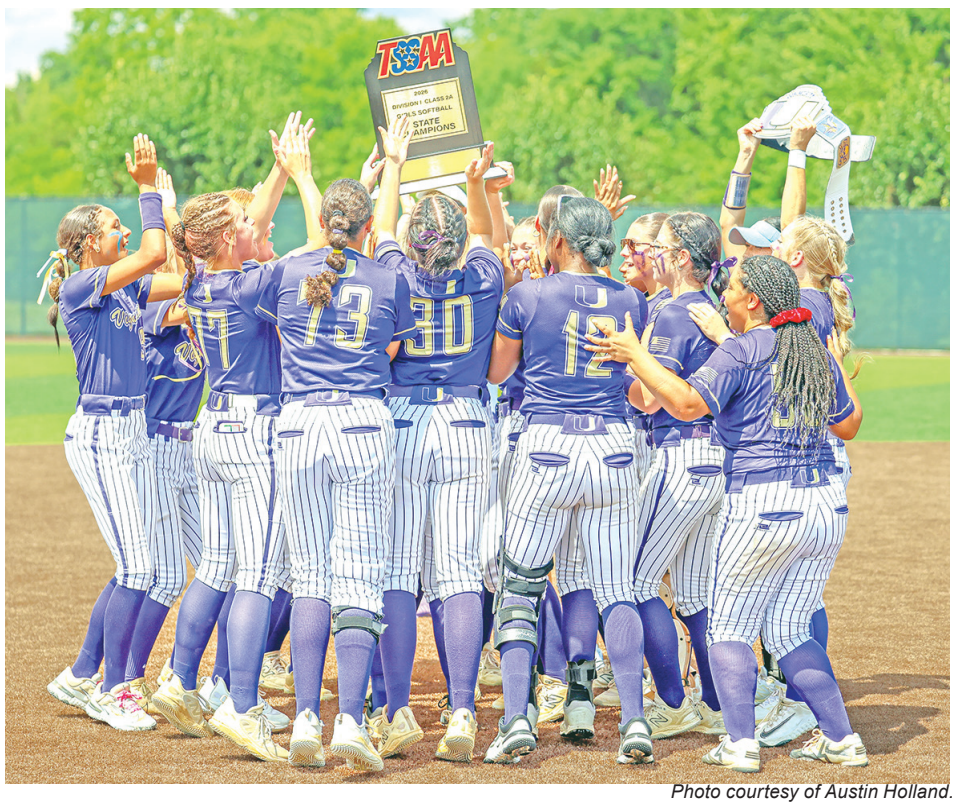

Photo courtesy of Austin Holland.

For the seven seniors – Alana Clark, Kailani Allen, Anna Haskins, Haylee Webb, Alana Tate, Kenzie Tucker, and Annie Prince – their careers come to an end with 109 wins over four years, and they leave behind the highest possible standard for the program.



Gracie Daniel (4) went a combined 7-for13 (.539) at the state tournament with six RBIs, a double, and two crucial home runs that came against Unicoi on Wednesday and Thursday. She was 2-for-3 with two RBIs and a double on Saturday. *Photo courtesy of Austin Holland.*

Community finishes 2026 with a 34-8 record overall. The Viqueens go down in the record book as District 9-AA Runners-Up, Region 5-AA Champions, and TSSAA Class 2A State Champions.

If you want to read more about the Viqueens state tournament run from last week, including nail-biting wins over Unicoi County, you can find comprehensive coverage online at:

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There's just something about orchids

Town and Country Garden Club hosts expert Ed Merkle

Photos by Rene Francis

Town and Country Garden Club met May 20, at Riverbend County Club. The program was given by Ed Merkle, an "Orchid Expert " from Nashville.

The guest has thousands of exotic orchids from around the world. His program was very interesting and educational, club members report.

Hostesses: Mary Howard, Linda Williams and Pat Johnson.



Nancy Fayard, Pat Johnson, Linda Williams, Carroll O'Brien, Charmagne Farrar, and Nina Lambert



Nancy Reak, Sara Wood, Rebecca Parker, Ed Merkle, Mary Pickhardt



Ed Merle, orchid expert



Member arrangements and specimens

Large arrangement:
Blue- Nancy Fayard
Medium arrangement:
Blue- Nancy's Reak,
Red- Rene Francis
Small arrangement:
Blue- Carroll O'Brien
Specimen:
Blue- Carroll O'Brien,
Red- Rebecca Parker

School board sends fiscal budget for next school year to Finance

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During Thursday evening's school board meeting, Superintendent Tammy Garrett presented her final budget request for Bedford County. The Finance Committee approved Tuesday and the County Commission will put the final approvals next month.

Garrett has requested the following expenditures: a 5% raise each for certified teachers and classified staff and increases for those qualified under STEP. Athletic supplements will increase by 5%.

She asked that the middle school athletic director salary increase by $1,000. Garrett requested a high school wrestling coach, noting interest has increased in that sport.

She said there's $10,000 included for athletic trainer supplies. As well, there is an increase in background checks, due to new federal requirements, and this has created more expense.

Garrett said the 2026-2027 budget will absorb some debt service dollars as follows: $2 million for TCAT renovations; (old TCAT facility on Madison where Central Office moving); $2 million for computers; $700,000 for buses; $1 million in "other capital projects."

She said she's been involved in work sessions on the budget since January between supervisors, principals and the school board. She said she believes this is the best the budget is going to get for next school year.

Garrett said she and new Superintendent Harwell and human resources have worked on fund balance figures, since some board members inquired last month.

"We feel in this year's budget, we have a minimum, and we were very conservative in our numbers, of $2.5 [million.] If you remember last time, Mr. Daniel calculated about $400,000. We feel, at minimum, we will have about $2.5 to roll over, after the audit."

"What we're asking is no new money from the Commission," advised Garrett. "We feel next year; we can operate on what we have before you tonight."



Bedford County Communications Photo

Schools Superintendent Tammy Garrett will retire after 5 years of service on June 1. Tim Harwell has been appointed to replace her on June 2. Schools are now out of session and students will return on Aug. 3, for an abbreviated day.

Following quick approval, school board member Shanna Boyette asked if the $2.5 rollover would go to the amount in excess of 3%.

Garrett said correct and added that Finance Director Daniel said he'd be comfortable with the 3% on top of the mandated 3% that the school system is required by law to keep in case of an emergency.

County Finance Director Robert Daniel did not comment on the estimated fund balance.

Under Tennessee law, school systems must keep at least 3% of their budgeted annual operating expenses in an unexpended fund balance.

According to Tennessee Code § 49-3-352, any unexpended education funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year are carried forward into the next year's fund balance. This balance can be used to offset shortfalls in budgeted revenue or, with board and county legislative approval, to cover unforeseen increases in operating expenses.

The statutory requirement is that any accumulated fund balance in excess of 3% of the budgeted annual operating expenses for the current fiscal year may be budgeted and expended for any education purpose, but only after being recommended by the school board and approved by the county legislative body.

BCBE Chair Michael Cook said he's assured that Superintendent Garrett will leave the system in the best possible financial shape possible. He advised Harwell that he's inheriting a very tight budget year-one that will have to be managed closely.

Superintendent Garrett gives final message to community

By Dawn Hankins

Following a well-attended reception in her honor, Bedford County Schools Superintendent Tammy Garrett gave an emotional farewell last Thursday evening to the community.

Garrett plans to retire when her contract ends June 1. Tim Harwell, who has served the last 5 years as assistant superintendent, has been appointed by Bedford County Board of Education to replace Garrett.

Current Cascade High Principal Sandy Sorrells has been appointed, according to the school, as assistant superintendent.

From the improvement of graduation rates to completing school construction, Garrett has no doubt been there, as the County requested. From dealing with unexpected COVID-19 in her first term here to school shut downs, she's been constant in her mission to protect students.

Board member comments expressed how Garrett has served this community well and that parting is tough. Board member Barton Williams said he's learned a lot about education while working aside Garrett.

Garrett said in her message that serving as superintendent of Bedford County schools has been one of the greatest honors of her life.

"Public education is the strongest when communities rally around children. Bedford County has demonstrated that commitment, time and time again."

When it came to addressing the students, Garrett became emotional.

"You've always been the 'why' behind this work."

Garrett asked all to "continue to fight for public education.

"Public education changes lives, as it did for me," said Dr. G., as she's become affectionately known. "Fight to the end for public education as I promise I will do, every day, through my retirement."

She thanked the board for giving her the privilege to serve and fulfill her "dream."

"It has truly been an honor and BCS will always hold a special place in my heart," shared the superintendent.

Garrett's record speaks for itself. She's been a key advocate for and implementer of several important education-related measures and policy initiatives.

Response to Statewide Teacher Salary Minimum Law

Garrett has addressed the impact of HB 0329, signed by Gov. Bill Lee in 2023, which requires counties to raise teacher salaries to a minimum of $50,000 by the 2026–2027 school year. She has discussed the budgetary implications of this law for Bedford County, noting the need for significant salary increases to meet the new minimum.

4. School Facility and Capacity Planning

Garrett has presented a 5-year/10-year school plan to the Bedford County Board of Education, which includes a proposed new high school at the Liberty site. This plan is part of long-term capacity planning to address future student growth.

Garrett has been a leading voice in shaping and implementing education policy at the county and state level, focusing on facility expansion, CTE growth, compliance with state salary laws, long-term school planning, and emergency education operations. Her work has directly influenced how Bedford County Schools respond to state mandates and funding opportunities.



CROSSES FOR THE FALLEN

Submitted Photo

Gene Williams placed crosses in memory of fallen Bedford County service members on Memorial Day. He and Mary Ruth Simmons are shown honoring the fallen unknown soldier.



MEMORIAL DAY AT CITY CEMETERY

The special Memorial Day observance at Willow Mount Cemetery Monday was observed with the playing of "Taps" at 3:00 p.m. Nico Higgs performed on his bugle and a moment of silence was observed for Memorial Day.

