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TN Soybean Festival Lineup Announcement

31st ANNUAL TENNESSEE SOYBEAN FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES HEADLINING ACTS

The Award-Winning Tennessee Soybean Festival (TSF), announced its official MainStage entertainment for the 31st Annual tourism event. The TSF is thrilled to have Shaggy on Saturday, September 7th, with supporting acts Sophie Grey and Burning Las Vegas; Sammy Kershaw with supporting act Shaylen on Friday, September 6th; and EagleManiacs on Thursday, September 5th.

We are happy to announce that concert access is fully open to the public this year. There is an opportunity to purchase a unique limited availability Soybean Experience Pass or a Front of Stage Access Pass online at tnsoybeanfestival.org.

The TSF is privileged to collaborate with some of the world's most renowned entertainment brands. Brad Thompson, TSF Board Officer, said, "The festival is honored to collaborate with good partners whose contributions enhance our mutual values and add to the 'wow' of our festival experience...we fully expect these acts to bring the 'wow.'"

Thompson further stated, "The soybean is a very diverse crop and that is reflected through what we try to accomplish through the diversity of the festival—offering something for everyone."

For a complete schedule of events and to purchase tickets visit the TSF website (tnsoybeanfestival.org).

About Shaggy, Saturday 09/07 <https://www.shaggyonline.com/bio>.

About Sammy Kershaw, Friday 09/06 <https://www.sammykershaw.com/bio/>.

About EagleManiacs, Thursday 09/05 <https://www.eaglemaniacsnashville.com/band>.

ABOUT THE TENNESSEE SOYBEAN FESTIVAL

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Weakley County Financial Management Discusses Waiver Request from Trane

Shannon Taylor Editor

The HVAC project at Weakley County Schools, specifically Dresden Elementary and Westview High School, aimed at upgrading the HVAC systems in County School buildings, hit a snag last month when the supplier, Trane, failed to meet USDA grant requirements that at least 55% of the parts be American made. Despite initial assurances, Trane did not provide the necessary documentation to prove compliance.

To avoid delays, the State Comptroller's Office agreed to either force Trane to obtain



Members of the Weakley County Financial Management Committee discussed the issues concerning the school's HVAC projects and issues with Trane. From left to right: County Commissioner James Westbrook, Director of Schools Jeff Cupples and Pro Tem Mayor Dennis Doster.

the required certification or to switch the financing method. The new plan ensures the county won't spend more than it would have with the USDA grant.

County officials, including the bond counsel, the Comptroller's Office, and County Attorney Allison Whitlege, worked together to finalize the process.

Trane agreed to reimburse the county or adjust fees if there were extra expenses beyond what would have been paid under the USDA grant.

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From L to R: John Robert Freeman, Dale Hutcherson and Danny Powers. Photo Courtesy of UTM.

Weakley County Mayor Forum Q & A

Shannon Taylor Editor

The University of Tennessee at Martin and The Weakley County Chamber of Commerce held a Weakley County Mayor Forum in Watkins Auditorium on Thursday June 11 to introduce the candidates and ask community submitted questions from each candidate.

Bud Grimes with the Office of University Relations, moderated the event, asking a total of 10 questions and giving each candidate 90 seconds to respond. The event was attended by numerous members of the community, filling up the auditorium. The introductions, questions, responses and closing remarks

of each candidate are listed below:

Introductions:

John Robert Freeman, Republican Candidate:

I'm the owner and operator of Freeman Cattle Company here in Martin, and an employee of the Weakley Farmers Co-op. I'm a seventh generation Weakley Countian and a lifelong resident of this county. I graduated from both Westview High School and UT Martin. I have served the last seven years as the Republican Chairman of the County Election Commission, and for the last two years as the County Commissioner for District 4.

Dale Hutcherson: Independent Candidate:

I'm a Christian, I'm a conservative, and I'm a Republican who's been forced to run as an Independent. I believe in servant leadership. That's what this county needs. The county mayor job consists of three main components. A chief marketer for this county, someone who's willing to go and put their best foot forward for each of you. Someone who's a resource for our commissioners, our employees, our department heads, our citizens. And, someone who's willing to be an advocate. I've been an attorney for the past six going on seven years. I've served as a firefighter for over a decade and a half at the Dresden

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Salary Raises for Weakley County Library Moves Forward to FWM Committee

Shannon Taylor Editor

Weakley County Library Director Candy McAdams requested an additional \$5,000 in funds to put into salaries for this fiscal year.

Finance Director John Liggitt stated that there was a very good reason that this wasn't brought up during the budget meetings previously.

"The reason we didn't is we never got word from DRIS and they were up in the air whether or not they were going to approve that and by the time they did approve it, we were already basically finished with the budget or were far enough in we didn't want to go back. So I advised her to wait until we knew for sure," Liggitt stated.

McAdams will be retiring March 1, 2025 and the library has started to put together a job description and is currently making plans to start taking applications to find a replacement.

"In order to get somebody who is well-qualified, and we know we will not get somebody with a master's in library design because the job just doesn't pay enough, but we're hoping to get somebody at least with a degree and someone with some library

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Book Discussion—The Big Read 2024

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The book selected for the 13th year of The Big Read is A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles. Recently

adapted into a critically acclaimed television series (A Gentleman in Moscow starring Ewan McGregor), the novel tells the story of a man who has been sentenced to spend the rest of his life under house arrest in a luxury hotel in 1920s Russia.

Copies of the book can be checked out at area libraries. Additionally, you can read

the e-book or listen to the audiobook through the Libby app, available through your smart phone.

The Big Read, which is held in July each year, is open to everyone. Whether it will be your thirteenth time attending or your first, you are welcome.

Ann Marie Norrid, Greenfield native and member of

the Board of Trustees for the Ned R. McWherter Weakley County Library, will lead the discussion about this book. Norrid works for the Weakley County Finance Department and enjoys reviewing books on her Instagram account @annmariereads.

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Local News



Representatives from Tennessee Farm Bureau, Tennessee Farmer's Cooperative, and Farm Credit Mid-America/Rural 1st donated a total of \$2,700 to the Weakley County Backpack Program to provide backpack meals for hungry kids in Weakley County. Funds were raised through Shooting Hunger sporting clays shoots. Since 2015, Shooting Hunger events have provided more than two million meals to hungry Tennesseans. Pictured from left to right are Bryant Rhodes-Agency Manager, Colin Johnson-Chairman of the Weakley County Backpack Program, Jay Yeargin-President of the Weakley County Board of Directors, Ty Smithson-Farm Credit and Gary Hall-Representative of Weakley County Coop. For more information visit www.shootinghunger.com.

BOOK

From 1A



The library, located in Dresden Salary Raises for Weakley County Library Moves Forward to FWM Committee

Other books that have been featured in past years are *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrick Bachman, *My Antonia* by Willa Cather, *The Shoemaker's Wife* by Andriana Trigiani, *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese, *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson, *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein, *The Best Cook in the World* by Rick Bragg, and *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson. The West Tennessee version of the Big Read is sponsored by the Ned R. McWherter Weakley County library and was inspired in part by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Big Read. They have the stated mission of "broadening our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book." The organizers of the 2024 Big Read promise to facilitate a valuable discussion of this beloved book.

SALARY

From 1A

administrative experience. The notice will go out all over the state and whoever applies will be who they'll be interviewing," McAdams stated. McAdams wanting the extra \$5,000 in order to get the director's salary up to par to bring in potential candidates that are qualified, able to work with county commissioners and carry on the idea that Governor Ned McWherter had for the library as a community place. The anticipated sal-

ary for the Director will be \$48,521 with \$2,000 of that \$5,000 going directly towards that amount, and the rest to other library staff employees. The board agreed to

move forward in Finance, Ways and Means with the request. The FWM committee will meet Wednesday, July 17 at 9 a.m. at the Weakley County Courthouse.

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tunity for food, fun and fellowship, all in celebration of Weakley County's cash crop- the soybean. The event pays tribute to the soybean farmer yet includes something for everyone. We hope you will make plans to join us for the 31st Annual Tennessee Soybean Festival, September 3-7, 2024. Passes may be purchased through www.tn-soybeanfestival.org

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FINANCIAL

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At the County Financial Management meeting held Thursday, June 11, Weakley County Director of Finance, John Liggett stated that the waiver request had been filed and everyone signed off on it. "So the USDA, their team that reviews these waivers has given them an initial look and had some additional information they were wanting. The initial response from that team was probably that that waiver was not going to be successful on the basis that it was filed. It was filed for availability of parts and components in the U.S.," Liggett explained. "The team indicated that they have reviewed a similar request recently and that that request was denied because they were able to find parts and components that would make it down," Liggett said. "The better way to request that waiver is for the public interest. Just the fact that, you know, we've got children that are going to be without heat and air once school starts back if they don't get this waiver request approved," Liggett stressed.

Liggett stated that contact should be made early next week to go through the process and discuss things to see what other information was needed. While the County waits on the response regarding the waiver, Director of Schools Jeff Cupples said that work on the schools HVAC is still moving forward but has experienced approximately 8,000 man-hours lost and the delays were significant enough for the project to not be completed before the 2024/25 school year starts. "When school starts back on August 7th, what they're doing with that system is, right now the chiller system is offline because it went down during testing. So once they get closer to August 1st, wherever they are in the rooms, they'll re-weld that chiller system, and Trane has taken on the responsibility of getting that system repaired and back up to try to get it going long enough until they can complete the project at that campus," Cupples stated. "In the meantime, the greater concern, you know, the boiler system is in bad shape in Westview as well, and so as this thing goes on and the season changes in the winter, the bigger concern is not so much air as it is just heat," Cupples said.

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Opinion/Editorial

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Elysia Duke

I attended the Weakley County Mayor Forum and I feel that there is one topic that needs more emphasis.

Weakley County has limited resources for disabled individuals to achieve self-sufficiency, especially in employment. Northwest Tennessee Human Resource Agency has started declining new employment trips two years ago due to driver shortages. I am unsure of the current status for employment trips, but they are still in need of more drivers as it is marked in all of their vans. I have had to use them for medical trips the last few times and would not pick me up when I call to inform them that I am ready over an hour before the scheduled pickup time. It has gotten more difficult for me to go to medical appointments.

One resource that Weakley County, as well as the rest of Northwest Tennessee, lacks is driver's education for adults. High schools can only teach driver's education to enrolled students. I have seen articles online that some schools in Tennessee do not have the funding to teach driver's education. Earning a driver's license is a step to self-sufficiency towards employment and independence. I have no family sup-

port and will not ask friends to teach me due to liability regulations. I will have to soon book a hotel for two weeks in one of the big cities to go to driving school to get everyday training until a point where I can pass my road test.

It is important to create more jobs for disabled individuals. Many people with physical disabilities are unable to stand behind a cash register for eight hours at a retail or fast-food establishment. There should be more jobs with reasonable accommodations such as working administrative or research tasks at a desk.

I do not want to have to depend on family and friends to take me places much longer. I need to get out to go places, including medical appointments and employment, when I need to. It is hard to accomplish such goals without driver's education.

I agree with some of the candidates that the younger generation would leave Weakley County due to the lack of high-paying jobs. It is important to bring more jobs to Weakley County not because of higher pay, but because disabled individuals want to contribute to the economy.

Sincerely,
Elysia Duke
Martin, TN



A Power Higher Than Politics

Daniel Richardson
Publisher

Saturday's attempted assassination of Donald Trump prompted immediate and much warranted discussion about political violence. Political tension and divisiveness in America is only getting thicker as election day draws near.

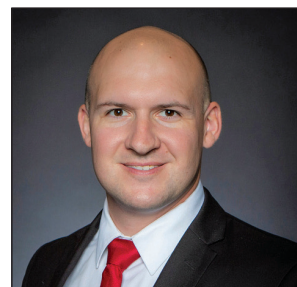
I think this brings up a good opportunity to consider how unique a country we are, where most major political actors will outright condemn political violence, even if it seems to be working on behalf of their party. Throughout most of history, political violence has been the norm, not the exception. Political regimes through history show us a long train of one regime, dynasty, family, etc. that overpowered their predecessors through violence and force and held on to their power with an iron grip until it was forcibly taken away from them. And, if you're in a society without a foundation based on something greater than political divisions, this only makes sense. How could it be any different?

If your preferred political party and system of government is the measure by which all other things are measured against, why wouldn't you be willing to go to the extremes of violence to protect it against whatever threatens it? Similarly, our humane treatment of noncombatants and prisoners of war in war reflects a higher moral standard. Throughout most of human history, the victorious group either massacred or enslaved the con-

quered people, who in this case were sometimes happy to serve as slaves since it is the only alternative to execution. Prisoners of war were tortured without hesitation, especially if there was a chance that they might have useful information to give up. And, once again, if your tribe or national identity is the highest power in your life, this behavior only makes sense.

The only odd situation in which people can live together in some level of peace and harmony, despite disagreeing on who the leader should be and many other things, is to have a common respect for something greater than politics. Yes, even greater than democracy.

I'm referring to God and the Biblical principles our nation was founded on. Our founders laid the groundwork for this nation based on the principles of Democracy and equal treatment under the law, with specific limitations placed on governmental power primarily as a means to enforce religious liberty. This was not to give people freedom from God, but freedom for God – to pursue a just relationship with him based on the principles given in the Old and New Testaments. While some Founding Fathers were devout Christians, others identified as Deists. Both groups, however, valued the moral teachings of the Bible. They believed in a divine creator as the only possible means of our existence here and sought to serve him by learning and respecting his laws as are evident in nature. Thomas Jefferson believed that the natural laws of God



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could only be found in nature, and therefore despised the gravitation of the American economy and population into urbanized areas as the early cities grew. One can indeed learn a lot about our Creator by observing and studying his creation. The only way to understand his will for us, however, is through his Word. And while some of America's founders did not claim to be Christians, they studied and understood the teachings of the Old and New Testaments more than many of us Christians do today. And these teachings provided the basis for their behavior and worldview.

Some revolutionaries were concerned about potentially violating God's instructions in Romans 13 when revolting against the crown. Others, like Jefferson, found comfort in the belief that there are certain "unalienable" rights that are given to men by God, and should not be tampered with by man. Among these, you'll remember, are "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Jefferson continued to say in the Declaration of Independence that "in order to protect these rights, governments are instituted among men.

According to this logic, Great Britain had given up its right to govern

since it was not doing what God created governments to do. This idea can essentially be summed up in this phrase: the role of government is to protect the weak from the strong, who would unjustly exert their power over the weak if given the opportunity. From here we could easily launch into a discussion about the abortion debate in America (not necessarily whether it is right or wrong, but should our government enact laws prohibiting the killings). But I've nearly used up my available space so that discussion will have to wait.

To wrap up this discussion, I'll simply say that while it is tragic that some in our country have resorted to political violence, we should be grateful that this sort of thing doesn't happen more often. There really isn't much the Secret Service or anyone else could do if someone or an organized group of people in America decided to harm a president, former president, congressman, etc. The fact that we don't hear of political violence every day is a testament to the fact that our nation and culture are founded on the solid ground of Biblical philosophies regarding the sanctity or human life, the role of government, and many other concepts. Our society, like an ungrateful teenager or the Biblical example of the Prodigal Son, turns away from this foundation towards its own demise.

Lets take a moment to be thankful for the wonderful country we live in, even if all is not quite as it should be.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I understand that some people have been displaying the American flag upside down. I do hope that on July 4th they saw fit to fly it properly in honor of those who sacrificed their lives in battle so that our flag could fly over the "land of the free and the home of the brave."

And what is their reason for flying the flag upside down? To protest the massive fraud in the last presidential election. What fraud?

The Republican Party went to court more than 60 times claiming massive fraud in the 2020 election. They lost every claim. Why? Because they presented no evidence to back their claims.

In addition, Trump

instructed his White House staff to find massive fraud. They found none. He hired a firm to find massive fraud. It found none.

Recounts were held in the swing states. In some states, two recounts were held. No evidence of massive fraud turned up. And a former White House staffer testified in a congressional investigation that Trump told her he knew he had lost the election, but he just couldn't bear to admit it.

Donald Trump continues to cast out the big lie of a stolen election. And some people keep swallowing it hook, line, and sinker.

Lynda Hamblen
Union City, TN

Family and Community Education Club Holds July Meeting

JoAnne Gill

The Family and Community Education Club recently met in the lovely country home of Mary Elizabeth Bell with 5 members present. President Bell welcomed Betty Bequette, JoAnne Gill, Jerry

Seamons, Sue Stewart and guest, Theresa Wafford by reading the Thought for the Day, "The beauty of all things lies in your ability appreciate others."

Bell gave the devotion using Revelation 15:12 and led the group in prayer. The group recited the Pledge to the Flag, read the Club Collect, and sung the song "Faith of our Fathers". They also told how many items brought for the MyPlate/YourPlate donation for Santa's Village (29 items), and how many back-to-school items brought for donation to We Care (75 items).

The minutes of the

June meeting was read by Secretary, JoAnne Gill, with no corrections. Treasurer, Betty Bequette gave the treasurer's report. No corrections were noted.

President Bell told that the Weakley County Council will meet July 11 at 1:00 at the Farm Bureau Building in Dresden. The Western Region Mini Conference will be held in the Montgomery County Extension Office in Clarksville, TN. All County,

Region, and TAFCE/NAFCE dues are due September 1.

Bell also told him to remember the August Roll call to tell what language they would like to be magically could fluent in.

JoAnne Gill gave the Leader Report on "Tips for Staying Hydrated. Some of the tips were:

(1) Choose foods with high water content to boost hydration such as watermelon, tomatoes, celery, soups or broths.

(2) Carry a refillable water bottle with you wherever you go. (3) Avoid alcohol intake. (4) Jazz up your water with slices of lemon, apple, cucumber or berries. (5) Build hydration into your daily routine. Such as consuming a glass of water when you wake up, after every meal or after exercising.

President Bell adjourned the meeting by reading the closing thought, "America means opportunity,

freedom and power."- Ralph Waldo Emerson.

The group enjoyed the game of Bingo with guest Theresa Wofford winning the cover card prize.

Hostess Bell served delicious Chocolate Cake with ice cream, various condiments and drink of choice, while they enjoyed pleasant conversation.

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I WAIT

By Cory Sawyers

with hope and excitement.

It's a beautiful part of growing up - the waiting, the anticipation. When I asked my middle son, Gordon, about his wedding day this Saturday, he replied, "WE FINALLY MADE IT!" Growing up, you have to wait to see Santa. Wait for the parade to begin. Wait for the younger ones. Wait until we get to Mamaw and Papaw's house. Wait to drive, for graduation, for your wedding day. But in all those moments, the joy of anticipation made the wait worth it, filling us

Psalm 130 is the eleventh of fifteen "Songs of Ascent," psalms sung on the way to the temple in Jerusalem for worship. In it, the unknown psalmist is crying out to the Lord (v.1). He is confessing his sin and reminding himself (and others) of what the Lord has done - reminders of why they are on their way to worship Him. He cries out for mercy (1-2), forgiveness (3-4), hope (5-6), and confidence (7-8).

It's in that third section we find Psalm 130:5.

Twice in this verse, the psalmist uses the word "wait." The Hebrew word here means "to wait, look for, hope, expect." It can also be used to mean "to collect." In other words, it isn't just waiting. It is waiting with an expectation to receive something desired. This is the essence of Biblical "hope," a powerful concept that fills us with reassurance and confidence.

If the Lord kept a record of our sins (v.3), who could stand? The answer is "no one." But the psalmist assures us we don't have to

tremble in dread. We can wait, hope, desire, and expect the Lord to restore us and forgive us. This is the comforting truth of God's forgiveness, a testament to His love and mercy.

I cannot justify myself, and I cannot solve my sin problem. However, I do not have to face the future with dread. A merciful God forgives. One day, because of his grace, I can expect to hear "enter into rest" rather than the record of my sins—because Jesus has washed them away. That day we are waiting for will be better

than all the Christmases combined!

Today, confess your wrongs to the Lord, trust in Him, and find confidence in His love. And look forward to being with Him because of His grace! I love you, and God does, too!

Corey Sawyers is the preaching minister for the Martin Church of Christ and an adjunct instructor for Bear Valley Bible Institute. He is Melody's husband and Daddy to Garrett (& Bailey), Gordon (& Lauren), and Gan-



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non. Congratulations to Gordon and Lauren, and thank you to all who have celebrated and honored them!

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Obituaries

Charles "Rick" Richard Chandler

1952 - 2024

Charles (Rick) Chandler, born June 12, 1952, to the late Van and Charlene Chandler of Martin and grandparents Elma and Glennie Thedford. As we mourn the loss of our dear loved one Rick, after years of sickness and disability, may we remember all the love and memories he gave us all. He left this earth on July 11, 2024, at Henry County Medical Center. He leaves behind his partner and love of many years Diane, her daughter Tracie (John) Moss of Martin, grandchildren Hannah Moss, Brigitte (Kyle) Reaves, and great grandchildren Bella and Piper Reaves. Also Mathew (MaKella) Moss and great grandchildren Ellie and Claire. He also leaves one son Jonathan (Jen) Chandler of Colorado and one granddaughter Addison Chandler. He was also preceded in death by one brother Van Jr. Chandler of Martin. He also leaves behind one niece and nephew Holly Chandler of Martin and Chris Chandler of GA. Also other family Michael and Stephen Arnold, Bryan and family and the Alexanders and Richners of Arkansas and many cousins in other states whom he loved dearly. He will be dearly missed and remembered forever. Rest in Peace "dear one."

A memorial visitation will be held at Bowlin Funeral Home on Thursday, July 18, 2024 beginning at 4:00pm until 6:00pm.

Patsy Ruth Hunt

1930 ~ 2024

Patsy Ruth Hunt, age 93, of Gleason, TN passed away on July 10, 2024 at Hillview Community Living Center in Dresden, TN. She will have a funeral service Tuesday July 16, 2024 at 1pm at Williams Funeral Home of Gleason. Burial will follow in Rushing Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will begin Tuesday morning at 10am and will go until time of her funeral service. Mrs. Hunt is survived by her three children, Bobby (Bonnie) Hunt of McEwen, TN, Roger Allen Hunt of Celina, TN, and Debbie Hunt Simmons of Dresden, TN. She leaves behind 14 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, and 8 great-great grandchildren. Mrs. Hunt was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Earl Hunt, three children, Billy Earl Hunt, Doris Ann Hunt Moses, and Gloria Jean Hunt Rice, and parents, George and Amelia Hamilton.

Glenda Sue Thompson

1941 ~ 2024 (age 82)

Services for Glenda Sue Thompson age 82 of Paris, TN, were held Friday June 28 at Williams Funeral Home in Greenfield. Burial followed in Pleasant Green Cemetery in Atwood, TN. Glenda is survived by her husband Mark Thompson of Paris, TN, son Mark Thompson Jr. of Sarasota, FL, and daughters Wendy Blakley of Paducah, KY, and Marcia Combs of Murray, KY. Mrs. Thompson also leaves behind brother Larry Long of Counce, TN, three grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her father Delmer Lee Long, and mother Velderine Griffin.

Dan Blake

1944 - 2024

Mr. Dan Richard Blake, 79 of Martin passed away on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at West Tennessee Volunteer Hospital.

Funeral service was held Friday, June 28 at Central Baptist Church in Martin with Rev. Kylan Mann officiating. Burial followed in East Side Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Zachary Pyles, Landon McDearmon, Luke McDearmon, Beau Blake, Bruce Holley and Kyle Holley.

Mr. Blake is survived by his wife of 60 years, Linda Rose Morris Blake; his son, David Richard (Karissa) Blake of Martin; two daughters, Dreama Blake (Brent) Dolan of Bruceton, TN and Amanda Beth (John) McDearmon of Auburntown, TN; five grandchildren, Zachary Blake Pyles, Kaitlin Montanna (Kyle) Holley, Landon Lee McDearmon, Luke Michael McDearmon and Beau Jarod Blake.

Dan was an avid wood crafter. He made beautiful pieces of furniture for his children, grandchildren, church family; even building his own casket. They will always cherish their furniture made by daddy's (granddaddy's) hands.

He was retired from Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company as an industrial electrician. He was a faithful member of Central Baptist Church in Martin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul Fredrick Blake and Mary Lou McDurmon Blake; two brothers, Paul Dennis Blake and Burt Leroy Blake.

In lieu of flowers memorials requested to the Central Baptist Church Building Fund.

Cheryl June Tillman

1953 - 2024

Cheryl June Tillman, age 70 of Gleason, passed away Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at The Waters of McKenzie. Services were held Friday, June 28th at Bowlin Funeral Home. Burial followed in New Valley Cemetery in Gleason. Bro. Alan Trull will officiate the service. Cheryl was born to the late Marvin Watson and Betty Lou Shaunessy in Chicago, IL. She is survived by her husband Tolbert Wayne Tillman, Jr.; sons Johnny Hughes, Robert (Cherity) Harrison, Billy Matthew Harrison, and Blake (Megan) Harrison; brothers Richard (Mary) Lou Watson, Ronnie Watson, and James Watson; sisters Karen Layton, Faye (Bob) Warren, Barbara Ward, and Diana (Bill) Hargrove; siter-in-law Betty Watson; grandchildren Jessica Herndon, Mandy Mercer, Holly Mercer, Garrett Pettingill, Cole Harrison, Leah Harrison, Colin Harrison, Kaelyn Stebbins, Landon Harrison, Grayson Harrison, and Debban Harrison; and great grandchildren Weston Herndon, Willow Herndon, and Riley Herndon. Cheryl is preceded in death by her daughter Amanda Owen Mercer; brothers Marvin Watson, Jr., Roger Watson, and Michael Watson; and sister-in-law Kathleen Watson.

Paula Ann (Moore) Warren

1943 ~ 2024

Graveside service for Paula Ann Warren age 80

formerly of Sharon, TN, will be held Thursday July 11th at 11 a.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in Sharon, TN. Paula was a strong, independent women who trusted the Lord and raised two daughters. She passed peacefully surrounded by family. Mrs. Warren is survived by her daughter Michelle Alexander (John Paul) of Milan, sisters Betty Sue Moore Edwards, and Brenda Moore Mathis (Danny), brothers Charles Moore (Betty Jane) and Thomas Moore. She also leaves behind two grandchildren Karlie Alexander and Katie Alexander. She was preceded in death by her father Paul Moore and mother Ruby Nell Brock, and daughter Cynthia Ann Baker.

Patty Clarissa Tyson

1960 - 2024

Mrs. Patty Clarissa Tyson, age 63, of Martin, TN, died Thursday, 06/27/2024, at the VanAyer Manor Healthcare and Rehab.

Memorial services will be held at a later date; Murphy Funeral Home is in charge of cremation arrangements.

Mrs. Tyson was a Baptist by faith, she was a retire caregiver for the elderly.

Mrs. Tyson is survived by two daughters, Hollie (Jeb) Waite, Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and Heather (Cory) Cheeseman, Trenton, Ohio; three grandchildren, Ellie Waite, Owen Cheeseman, and Emma Cheeseman; and a brother, Calvin Meacham, Union City, TN.

Mrs. Tyson was preceded in death by her parents, Ronald and Patsy Meacham.

Jack Freeman

1939 - 2024

Mr. Jack Huston Freeman age 84 of Martin died Saturday, July 6, 2024, at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky.

Funeral service will be Monday, July 8, 2024, 12:00 Noon at Murphy Funeral Home with Bro. Danny Cash officiating. Burial will follow in Hatler's Chapel Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday beginning at 10:00 A.M. until service time at 12:00 Noon.

Mr. Freeman is survived by his wife of 67 years, Edna Davis Freeman; his daughter and son-in-law, Pamela Kay and Phillip Filtz all of Martin.

Mr. Freeman attended Martin High School. He had a love for music and played the trumpet in the high school band. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and had to leave due to a medical discharge so he moved to Chicago, IL where he met the love of his life and future wife, Edna. He was self-employed and retired as a masonry contractor after 42 years. He was a faithful member of the Martin Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cleo and Bethel Cresser Freeman; one sister, Mary Lou Schrader; two brothers, James Ralph Freeman and Gerald Ray Freeman.

Linda Carpenter

1943 - 2024

Mrs. Linda Scates Carpenter age 81 of Martin died Monday, July 8, 2024, at The Arbors in Union City, Tennessee.

Funeral service will be Saturday, July 13, 2024, 12:00 Noon at First Baptist Church with Dr. Mike Sams officiating. Burial will follow in East Side Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday, July 12, 2024, from 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. at First Baptist Church, or after 11:00 A.M. Saturday until service time at 12:00 Noon.

Pallbearers will be Danny Carpenter, Danny Knapp, Phil Gordon, Rusty Anderson, Brett Evans and Wendell Cates..

Mrs. Carpenter is survived by her husband, Jerry Carpenter; her son, Scott (Stephanie) Carpenter all of Martin; her daughter, Dana (Troy) Hargrove of Manchester, TN; four grandchildren, Brett Evans, Brooke Evans, Cameron Carpenter and Ellie Kate Carpenter.

She was retired from The University of Tennessee at Martin as a secretary for the Admissions and Records office. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Martin.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond Scates and Ruell Fuqua Scates; one sister, June Wilson and her nephew, David Wilson.

Tracy Lynn Sharp

1965 - 2024

Tracy Lynn Sharp was full of laughter and kindness. She made the world a better place through word and deed and encouraged others to do the same by her example. She was a compassionate soul who advocated for the marginalized and the oppressed. She left us on 6/26/2024 at the age of 58. She peacefully passed away at Alive Hospice in Nashville, TN. leaving Stephanie Sturgis, her partner for 30 years, her father and Stepmother Tim and Nancy Sharp, sister Timi (Craig) Woodward, nieces Asa (Dillon) Davis and Charley (Kourtney) Sawyer and great niece Ellie Sawyer. She is preceded in death by her mother, Jacqueline Sharp. In addition, Tracy left behind a multitude of friends that she cherished and considered family too. She had not only family by blood, but her family by choice. At a young age, Tracy could take over a room with her grace and energy. She went to school to pursue a life in radio, initially as a disc jockey and then as an award - winning news reporter. She later took her ability to track down and write a story to local newspapers. One of her proudest achievements was starting her own magazine, Our Town, that broke barriers and spotlighted the best of her community. Tracy also spent time advocating for victims of domestic violence. She worked in Nashville at a domestic violence shelter and later, in Weakley County, she helped establish a shelter for battered women. Following her career in news, Tracy went to work with local, state, and even presidential campaigns as a campaign manager and social media manager. With her Out Of The Blue daily news round - up provided a valuable resource for those trying to keep up with politics in Tennessee and nationally. Her skills as a writer and communicator were unparalleled. With her blog Newscoma, she reminded people all across Tennessee the value of living a life in a small town. Her

stories about the citizens of her home in Weakley County that she lovingly referred to as Hoots, short for Hooterville, shined a spotlight on her communitiy. Tracy leaves this world a better place fighting the good fight, as she used to say, and loving those she encountered along the way. Once she met someone, they were friends for life, We ask, in lieu of flowers or gifts, that people send donations to Alive Hospice Facility, 1718 Patterson St., Nashville, TN 37203 or contact them by phone at 1-615-250-1333. She requested no services. Just honor her memory by carrying out acts of kindness and love and keep looking for Bigfoot.

Charlene Kay Ferrell

1950 - 2024

Charlene Kay Ferrell, 73 of Dresden, passed away Thursday, June 27, 2024 at her home, Graveside services will be held Monday, July 1, 2024 at 1 pm at Sunset Cemetery in Dresden, The family will receive friends Monday at Bowlin Funeral Home from 10 am until 12:45 pm. Charlene was born December 2, 1950 in Cincinnati, OH to the late Charles and Betty (Mattox) Hoskins. She is survived by her son, Chad (Barbara) Ferrell, her daughter, Tamara (Adam) Harrison, her grandchildren, Taylor, Parker, Tymber Ferrell and Charley Kate Harrison. She was preceded in death by her brother, Chuck Hoskins and her sister Linda Hoskins.

Danny Gale Jones

1950 - 2024

Danny Gale Jones, age 73 of Dresden, passed away Saturday morning, June 29, 2024, at his home. He was born August 21, 1950, in Martin, TN, to the late Alonzo and Ruth Eveline (Wright) Jones. Danny met the love of his life, Shirley (Stephens) Jones, in January 1971 while they were both attending University of TN at Knoxville. They married on August 22, 1971, in Knoxville, TN, and were happily married for 52 years. He is survived by his wife Shirley and their two daughters Jennifer (Scott) Akin and Cynthia (Tim) Evans. He has four grandchildren Dravin (Kylie) Irvine, Jadon Jones, Jacob Akin and Zachary Akin. He was a captain in the US Army, an active member of West Union Baptist Church, and a life-long participant in various and multiple community and Christian volunteer projects. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at Bowlin Funeral Home from 4pm until 7pm and again on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, from 10am until service time at 11am at West Union Baptist Church. Pastor Terry Griffin will officiate the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Weakley County Baptist Association Disaster Relief at 195 Hunt Street Dresden, TN 38225 or online at wcbatoday.com

Glenn Allan King

1952 - 2024

Glenn Allan King, age 71 of Palmersville, passed away Sunday, June 30, 2024 at his home. A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 13, 2024 at 2 pm at the McConnell Baptist Church in Martin, TN. Glenn was born on December 14, 1952 in Woodriver, IL to the late Lois T. and Hellen Dozier King. He is survived by a son Glenn Allan King Jr., sister Lois Hehr King, grand children David Blake and Aaron Mathew King, nieces Heather Hehr, Mary Elizabeth Barrett, Pheobe Barrett, and Emily Barrett, nephew David Bubba Barrett, and was preceded in death by a brother David Victor King.

Sherry Ann Chapell Stephens

1959 - 2024

Sherry Ann Chapell Stephens, 64 of Dresden, passed away Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at her home. A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, July 6, 2024 at 4 pm at Bowlin Funeral Home. The family will receive friends Saturday from 2 pm until service time at 4 pm. Sherry was born in Union City, TN on October 12, 1959 to the late William Ray Chapell and her surviving mother Dolores Johnson Chapell. Besides her mother, she is survived by significant other Gary Webb, sister Michelle Chapell, nieces Dagan (Brian) Wilkey, and Danica Cissell, nephew Dain Cissell, great nieces MyKayla Smith-Wilkey and Karma Wilkey, and great nephews Bryton Wilkey and Kross Cissell. the family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Mergememphis.org that she volunteered for and cared deeply about.

Linda Gene Griffin

1947 - 2024

Linda Gene Griffin, age 76 of Dresden, passed away Wednesday, July 3, 2024, at her home. Her wishes were to be cremated. Linda was born to the late Basil Melton and Valeeda Ford in Martin, TN. She is survived by her husband Narvin Griffin; daughter Cindy Alexander; sons Joe Denton and Michael Griffin; grandchildren Blaike Smith, Stow Alexander, Morgan Decowski, Piper Denton, Eli Denton, Joshua Griffin, and Amanda Griffin; and 8 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her stepson Scott Griffin, brother Butch Melton, and sister Anita Roleson.

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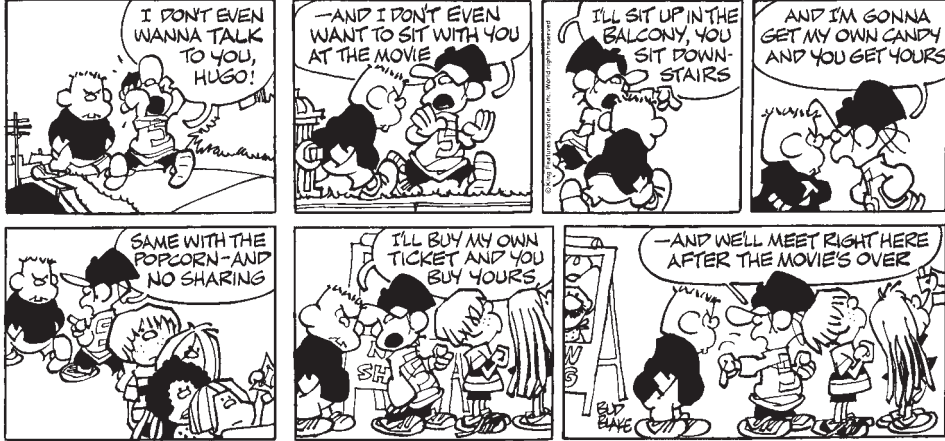
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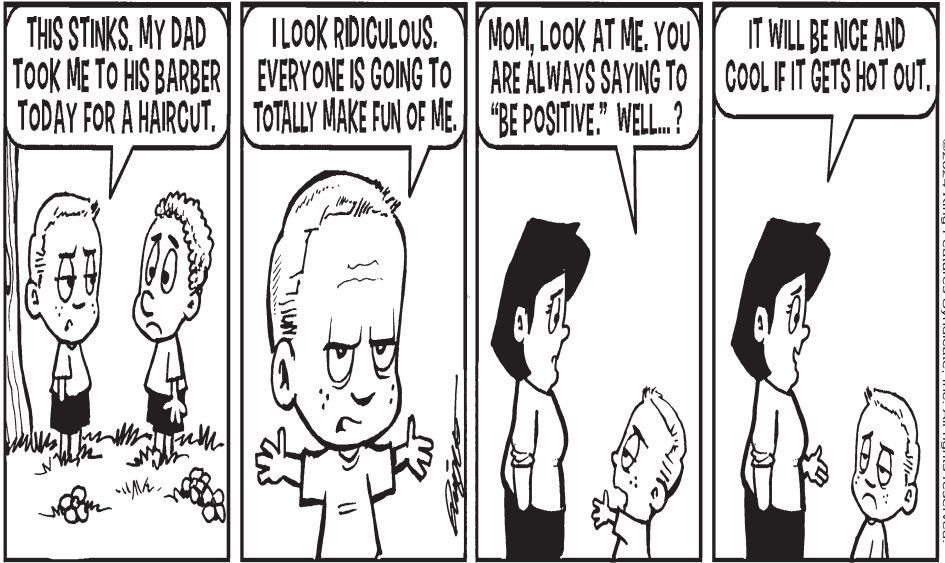

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DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

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♥NEO
PWTE
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DWIRNA
♥EWSNI
♥IREM

Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Pie shell	___ S ___	Olive oil vessel	___ E ___
2. Robust	___ O ___	Kite cord	___ I ___
3. Seem to be	___ R ___	Court room request	___ L ___
4. Vernacular	L ___	Granny's parlor game	B ___
5. Face cosmetic	___ W ___	Contemplate	___ N ___
6. Subsequently	___ F ___	Modify	___ L ___
7. Closing moment	___ E ___	Last class exams	___ S ___
8. Empty space	___ A ___	Eye movement	___ I ___
9. Take second place	___ L ___	Tranquility	___ E ___
10. Inn's guest	___ D ___	Forest worker	___ G ___

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- Balm target
- Baseball's Ty
- Get wind of
- Have bills
- "Beetle Bailey" dog
- Sax range
- Pasadena arena
- Texter's "As I see it"
- Complete
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- Harvard rival
- Baseball's Hodges
- Singer Scaggs
- Avid
- Proverbs
- eBay offer
- Haw preceder
- Draw forth
- Corporate symbol
- Brisk tempos
- Sacred bird of Egypt
- Yarn
- loss
- Shade

DOWN

- Traditional tales
- Victor's cry
- Nuisance
- Hooded snakes
- Some Oklahoma natives
- Texter's "Incidentally"
- Waist-length jackets
- Part of Hispaniola
- Stately tree
- Sports fig.
- Aussie hopper
- Octet count
- "Terriff!"
- Booty
- Perry's creator
- Color worker
- Long story
- Footnote abbr.
- Arizona river
- Shriner's cha-peau
- Optimistic
- "Get what I'm sayin'?"
- Garden buzzer
- Actress Brennan
- Specter
- Ball VIP
- Grouch
- Speck
- Russian ruler
- Ignited
- Kimono sash
- Martini liquor
- Young bloke

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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	7		6	8	
3		2			4
	4		7	2	
	2	9			1
5			8	6	
	3		2		4
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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See This Week's Answers In Next Week's Edition

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5. Beetle
6. Sax range
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10. Newt
11. Ozone, for one
12. Elevated
13. Weary sounds
14. Watch chain
15. Sardonic
16. Slightly
17. In medias —
18. Harvard rival
19. Baseball's Hodges
20. Singer Scaggs
21. Avid
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29. Yarn
30. — loss
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STICKELLERS

by Terry Stickels

This alphametic is dedicated to peaceful summer days to come ...

Remember: No word can begin with zero.

BROOK
+ TROUT
RELAX

Let: A = 9
B = 1
E = 7
K = 6

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: D equals F

MIPO MUTGZ RUT NPGG P
QEUTX UD NJEOPCY HKPGG
DGPODCHI OIPO HOPEO P
NUKXPYR OUQJOIJE?
NU-DGUTYZJEH.

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SCRAMBLERS

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Local News

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From 1A

Fire Department. I'm six generations deep here in Weakley County.

Danny Powers, Independent Candidate:

A lot of you may know me at Powers Farms. I've done excavation work, fencing, fabrication, Baptist Hospital Union City, also had volunteer work for Meals on Wheels.. But something's got to be changed. And it's not going to be easy. I'm going to have to work with all the county commissioners. If they work with me, we'll turn this thing around.

Question 1: What are the top three issues facing Weakley County and how would you address those issues? Hutcherson:

I'd say the big three right now that we're facing as far as infrastructure needs are transportation. I'd say another major need is housing and housing infrastructure. The last, third component I'd say that's most important, is quality of life amenities.

Powers:

We've got a tax problem. We've got a school issue. And first thing, we need to make sure that we have fire, equipment, and ambulance services. Safety comes first. I don't care what anybody says. If you have a problem, you have to call the police station or fire station.

Freeman:

Our biggest three issues all come from the fact that Weakley County has grown stagnant. We have to grow this county, but we have to start investing in our infrastructure. The second problem is our cash crunch. We are not in any trouble by any means, but right now we can't afford to fix the roads like they need to be fixed. We can't afford to fund all the schools like they need to be funded. We have to grow our tax base. We have to keep our population here to grow our tax base.

Question 2: Tennessee continues to rank near the bottom in per-student expenditure for public education, yet we've seen bills in the legislature that could divert millions of dollars for school choice. What is your position on school choice or vouchers? Powers:

The vouchers are another issue that we're going to have to have. Some of the vouchers and things we're going to have is going to create a problem. If you have some of the vouchers out and there's not students in the school, you're going to start cutting teachers. And if you start cutting teachers out, that makes another problem.

Freeman:

Ladies and gentlemen, I don't oppose vouchers. Right now, there is 370 school-age students in our county who do not go to our public education system for whatever reason. Their parents have chosen a different path for them. At 370 students, that's \$2.5 million of our taxpayer money that the state is holding back. We need to start looking for alternatives. If we can't get that \$2.5 million into our school system, let's at least bring it into our economy. That would be a huge economic boom by these parents getting that voucher and starting to invest in their kids' education.

Hutcherson:

I am anti-vouchers. What I would say about vouchers is that it's absolutely a program meant to take away and constrict

public schools. We do not need that. Weakley County is uniquely situated with great people, and our people are our greatest asset. And those people have been raised through the school system by great teachers. There is absolutely zero reason in my mind to take away from that.

Question 3: One of the major issues in the county is the need to make teacher pay in Weakley County competitive with other area schools. Some of our best educators have moved to other counties for better pay. How will you solve the teacher retention issue with a limited budget? Freeman:

So as a county commissioner I have been pro teacher pay increases. The biggest problem we have right now is the unfunded mandate by the state. As a county, we have to start bringing in more money. We have to grow. We have to start increasing our tax base. We have the money on hand to increase the teacher salaries ourselves. That way, our teachers are the most competitively paid in the state.

Hutcherson:

First thing I'd do is advocate to the legislature that we certainly don't want a program put in place that is going to take away money, take away tax dollars that should be going to our public school system and our public educators. There is a direct correlation between local sales tax and our public school system. I would highly encourage each and every one of you and everyone watching out there to continue to shop local because it has a direct impact on the dollars and the funding that goes into our public schools.

Powers:

Well, the first thing I'd like to do is have some more business here in Weakley County. If you have businesses, you have individuals. If you have individuals, you're paying taxes. The more taxes we have, the more money we have.

Question 4: The county mayor holds the ability to break a tie vote within the Weakley County Commission. Hypothetically, if school consolidation came up for a vote in the Weakley County Commission and the vote was tied, how would you vote? Hutcherson:

I would absolutely vote against consolidation. I'm a firm believer in our community schools. Study after study after study shows that the student to teacher ratio is one of the most paramount elements when it comes to student success.

Powers:

You're talking about consolidating schools? Well, you Union City's got it but we're not in Union City- this is Weakley County, Tennessee. I think we do a better job on this thing, and I think we're doing a good job. And if people want to consolidate, you're talking the wrong guy. I don't want to consolidate schools.

Freeman:

Consolidation is not for Weakley County. We have freedom of choice of school. We have freedom of education in Weakley County because you can send your kid to whatever school you want to send them to. As parents, we have to decide what is best for our kids and pick the school system that we feel they will flourish the best in.

Question 5: According to the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the most recent unemployment rate in Weakley County was 2.9% with 15,065 people in the workforce and 440 unemployed. Additionally, the workforce participation rate for May 2024 was 55.6%, the second highest in northwest Tennessee. If you plan to bring more jobs to Weakley County, what strategies would you use to attract the workforce? Powers:

Well, the first thing you've got to have is business. You've got to have something to do. If you've got a good place to come to work, the people will be here and they will work. And guess what they do? They pay taxes. Makes the schools better. And everybody will feel better about it. Everybody will get along better. But you've got to have an industry.

Freeman:

We've already talked about how in the last 12 years we've lost 2,000 people. That's the next generation, they're leaving. To retain those young people, we have to bring in better paying jobs. We have to invest in not only new business and industries, but we also need to invest in the existing businesses that want to expand.

Hutcherson:

The way to expand on that is to implement and spend funding on infrastructure. That includes the transportation that I mentioned earlier. That includes making sure that we have our viable option for housing. I'd also say to expand on that, to attract in our retail space, to continue to grow that retail space so that families have plenty to do. I will absolutely go and recruit and recruit and recruit until we find the right jobs and industries that fit our citizens.

Question 6: Chancellor Yancy Freeman has set an enrollment goal of 10,000 students at UT Martin by 2030. How would you support this growth? Freeman:

First of all, UT Martin is one of the key study industries of our county. This is a great resource that not every rural county has. Now, the biggest problem we have right now is the housing shortage. We have to start working on increasing. We have to start working on building more houses, more residential areas for these students. And to do that, we need to lean in to our existing technical and STEM education. A highly skilled workforce is a better paid workforce and for us to be able to meet the needs of the college to build new houses, we have to invest in our kids' education.

Hutcherson:

I want him to know that he has a partner in Weakley County, someone that's willing to do that and serve as not only a resource, but someone that's willing to go and not only recruit students, but recruit industry to come to Weakley County. Making sure we have homegrown growth right here in Weakley County. Keeping our children here. Making sure our high school students see UTM as a viable option.

Powers:

You've not only got education here, but you'll drum up more business. And people, I'm under business 100%. I want to

be with business. Because if you've got business, you pay taxes. Then you've got people coming that got jobs. And if you've got a good enough job, they're going to pay good money. And they want to keep their employees, and they want to do good things for them. And then once you have all the jobs, you have tax revenue. You have tax revenue, you can expand more on everything that you want to.

Question 7: If elected county mayor, what do you hope to accomplish in your first 100 days? Hutcherson:

I'm extremely familiar with the concept of how a team works. And I know after that experience what it takes to build a team. So what I'd say my first goal is, is to make sure that the county commissioners know that they have a resource in me. Someone that I can trust. Someone that they can come to, someone that they can consult with, someone that they can look to find them an answer when they need to make decisions on behalf of their constituents. I want to serve each and every one of you. Further, as I mentioned earlier, I'd like to have a meeting with Chancellor Freeman and various other industry leaders to see what direction our county needs to go when it comes to our economic development.

Powers:

The first thing you're going to have to do is meet with all the county commissioners. The mayor has responsibilities. He cannot work without the county commissioners. And that leads you in the right direction. They've got special tips that they can give you. And they've got knowledge, and we can use that. We've got knowledge and if we work together, you can pull an awful heavy load. But you've got to work together. You can't pull against each other. The only goal we need to have is for Weakley County to be successful, be number one. It's everybody. Every citizen in Weakley County needs to understand we're all in this together.

Freeman:

I want to go to every major industry in this county and I want to let them know who I am and that I have an open-door policy for every business in this county. We have to grow this county. And I want to find out who are their suppliers so I can work down that chain and go to their suppliers to see if they are willing to move the county. Not only that, I want to go to Blue Oval. With that Blue Oval moving in, there are going to be feeder industries that are looking for other areas besides Memphis to move to. If you have a mayor who is growth forward, who is willing to go forward and talk to people and ask the question, what do you need to come to Weakley County?

Question 8: As county mayor, how do you plan to represent all municipalities to make sure Weakley County succeeds? Powers:

Well, the first thing you want to do is what I've been doing to start with. You want to go out to each one of the counties and communities and talk to people. You'd be surprised at the knowledge that I've learned from people and told me the concerns that they have for the county. And all the concerns, if they're a citizen, that's my problem as well as it is theirs. And if you'll do

that, it'll make Weakley County a whole lot better, and stronger, and everybody will work together, and we can make Weakley County number one again.

Freeman:

I have an open-door policy. Whatever the problem is, we'll figure out a solution. My phone number is not secret. It will never change. I'm always there. I'm always reachable by phone. In order to serve everybody in the community, you have to be willing to answer the phone. You have to be willing to sit down and have that conversation and make yourself available to them. And as the next county mayor, that's what I intend to do.

Hutcherson:

During this campaign, I've had the chance to meet with each and every mayor from each and every city. They simply want someone who's going to serve in this office as a resource. Someone who's going to listen to their needs. All I can tell you is in this office, my job is to listen to them. My job is to make sure that they have everything they need to succeed from the county's perspective. What I can tell you I'll do is I'll listen and I'll listen and I'll listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth for a reason.

Question 9: Why are you running for Weakley County Mayor? Freeman:

I'm running for county mayor because of two very important people right here-my daughters Ellie and Caroline. Right now, our county has nothing to keep the next generation. My oldest daughter is 14, and she will be the first to tell you that when she goes to college, she's gone. That's the problem we're facing as a county. That next generation is moving. I feel like I am the kind of person who can get ahead of this problem. And I'm willing to stand there and fight this problem. I want to reach out, grow our businesses, grow our economy, and make Weakley County the type of area that our next generations aren't leaving, but we're attracting the next generation from other places.

Hutcherson:

I love this place. Weakley County, there's no place like it. I would argue that we definitely do have something here. We have something that I hope my three-year-old daughter will want to come home to if she leaves. I'm running for Weakley County Mayor because I believe in servant leadership. And I believe in politics today. We don't see enough of that. I want you to know you're going to have a servant leader in me. Someone who's willing to listen. Someone who's willing to market. And someone who's willing to advocate on your behalf. It's good to walk in humility. And I can assure you I'll do better than that.

Powers:

I'm not going to back down on nothing. People know me. I'm not going to back down. I'm what's best for Weakley County. I'm going to support Weakley County. I want to find out what's wrong. Let's solve the problem. Like I said, we can work together. We can solve anything.

Question 10: If there was one thing you do as county mayor and not have to worry about the cost, what would it be? Hutcherson:

I'd make sure that Weakley County Schools

are able to do more with more. We have seen what we can do with less. Weakley has some very special people out of each and every community school that we have. There's no place like Weakley County. So once we fund that, if I had all the money in the world, we would see this community thrive. Not only today, but for generations to come. That's what I want to do.

Powers:

Probably the first thing I'm going to try to do is for all the people out in the county, I'd like to see some kind of sirens up there for tornadoes. Safety is the most important thing you can get. Safety is first. Public safety is number one. If you've got a safe county, people will come. So that's what I'm going to do. I'll take my money and give it to them.

Freeman:

The number one economic driving force in any county is education. Our school system has done a marvelous job with less and less. If I was able to fully fund something and not worry about the cost-it's a no brainer-it goes to education. We've seen what they can do on a shoestring budget-let's see how great it is for our students if we can give them everything.

Closing Statements:

Powers:

I want to see Weakley County grow. I can make it grow, and talk to people, and navigate through it. But we've got to work through this thing, and I think that I can make Weakley County strong.

Freeman:

As county mayor, we have to have that same mentality, that the decisions we make don't just affect ourselves and our families, but also affect the families of everybody that works in the county government, and everybody in the county. If y'all vote for me as your next county mayor, you're not alone. You're going to get somebody who's willing to stand up for everybody in this county, but it's also willing to understand that I don't know everything. But I will go with you and find that person who knows that answer, and together we'll learn something new.

Hutcherson:

In the early part of my career, as an attorney, I had the chance to live everywhere from Los Angeles to New York, and a few places in between. I learned a lot. But I'm going to tell you something. The greatest takeaway I had from that experience was how much I appreciated this place. I will never take Weakley County for granted. Weakley County deserves the absolute best. I talked earlier about being a servant leader. And the best type of leadership is exhibited through the faith that I have in a Christian. It's someone who is a servant leader. You will absolutely have that in me. I've mentioned it before and you're going to hear it until I'm blue in the face. I seek to serve you. I believe in the Constitution as our framers wrote it. Anyone and everyone that serves in the public office, including this public office, is to serve at the consent of the government, not the other way around. I'm here to be your marketer. I'm here to be your resource. And I'm here to be your advocate.

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 Cornelius Montreze - Probation Violation – Booked – Guilty Plea – As Charged
 Jason Neal Fortner – Reckless Endangerment – Deadly Weapon Involved – Dismissed – No Cost
 Abigail Hope Bolding - Reckless Endangerment – Deadly Weapon Involved – Dismissed – No Cost
 Sean Malachai Jackson – Aggravated Child Abuse/Neglect/Endangerment (8 & Under) X2– Dismissed – No Cost, Aggravated Assault – Guilty Plea – As Charged
 David Ryan South – Probation Violation – Booked – Guilty Plea – As Charged
 James Anthony Sullivan – Domestic Assault – 3rd or Subsq – Priors X2 – Guilty Plea – As Charged, Poss Unlaw Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities – Guilty Plea – As Charged

Anna Marie Alexander - Theft of Property - \$10,000 – \$60,000 – Judicial Diversion – Theft of Property – \$1,000 – \$2,500
 James Austin Foust – Contra – Intoxicant/Drugs into Penal Facility – Guilty Plea – As Charged, Simple Poss/Casual Exchange – Guilty Plea – As Charged, Poss Unlaw Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities – Guilty Plea – As Charged, Meth – Possess or Casual Exchange – Guilty Plea – As Charged

GENERAL SESSIONS

Weakley County General Sessions July 8 – July 12

Alyssa Lavena Ann Duncan – Driving While License Suspended – Dismissed Cost to Defendant
 Brent Lafayette Tripp – Probation Violation – Booked – Guilty as Charged
 Demetra Dawn Clements – Worthless Checks – Up to \$1000 – Deferred – Diversion, Simple Poss/Casual Exchange X2 – Guilty as Charged, Poss Unlaw Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities – Guilty as Charged
 James Everett Travis – Theft of Merchandise - \$1000 – \$2,500 – Guilty Plea – Lesser Charge – Theft of Merchandise – Shoplifting, Theft of Merchandise – Shoplifting X3 – Dismissed, Failure to Appear - Dismissed
 James Matthew Nasenstein – Reckless Driving – Dismissed, Vandalism (Up to \$1,000) – Dismissed, DUI: First Offense – Dismissed
 Braydon Matthew Neblett – Evading Arrest – Dismissed, DUI: First Offense – Guilty as Charged – Underage Driving While Impaired
 Michelle Lynn Gregory Smith – Theft of Merchandise – Shoplifting – Guilty as Charged
 Brent Edward Bowers – Poss Unlaw Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities – Dismissed, DUI: First Offense – Dismissed, Meth – MFG, DELIVER, SELL, POSS with INTENT – Guilty Plea – Lesser Charge – Simple Poss/Casual Exchange
 Nicholas Obrian Edwards – Driving While License Suspended – Guilty Plea – Lesser Charge – Driving without License, Failure to Appear – Dismissed, Failure to Appear – Guilty as Charged, Resist Stop, Arrest, Search (No Weapon) – Dismissed, Evading Arrest – Guilty as Charged, Probation Violation – Booked – Guilty as Charged
 Stephen Kyle Goodlett – DUI: Second Offense – Guilty Plea – Lesser Charge – DUI: First Offense
 Alisha Ann Gibbons Biggers – Failure to Appear X2– Guilty as Charged, Probation Violation – Not Booked – Guilty as Charged
 Montrell Deshane Turner Jr. – DUI: First Offense – Dismissed
 Macayla Eula Renee Fisher – DUI: First Offense – Guilty as Charged
 Jaheim Samir Ceasar – DUI: First Offense – Guilty as Charged
 Shelley Christian Wright – Simple Poss/Casual Exchange – Judicial Diversion
 Catherine Gail Baggett Calhoun – Simple Poss/Casual Exchange – Guilty as Charged, Failure to Appear - Dis-

missed
 Malichi Jefferson Davis – Meth – Possess or Casual Exchange – Guilty as Charged
 Michael Howard Legons – Simple Poss/Casual Exchange – Dismissed, Simple Poss/Casual Exchange – Bound Over, Poss Unlaw Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities – Bound Over, Meth – Mfg, Deliver, Sell, Poss with Intent – Bound Over
 Robert Dean Sweatt II – Simple Poss/Casual Exchange – Guilty as Charged, Failure to Appear – Guilty as Charged
 Kendrick DeWayne Wharton – Domestic Assault – Guilty as Charged, Failure to Appear – Guilty as Charged, Aggravated Assault – Dismissed, False Imprisonment – Dismissed, Interference with Emergency Calls – Dismissed, Domestic Assault – Guilty as Charged, Vandalism (Up to \$1000) – Guilty as Charged
 Jenine Suzanne Olinger – Simple Poss/Casual Exchange – Guilty as Charged, Probation Violation – Not Booked – Guilty as Charged
 Cody Lee Boane – Meth – Possess or Casual Exchange – Guilty as Charged, Resist Stop, Arrest, Search (No Weapon) – Guilty as Charged, Evading Arrest Guilty as Charged
 Essie Paul Paris – Domestic Assault – Other
 Robert Lynn Callins Jr. – Aggravated Assault – Guilty as Charged – Assault – Bodily Injury, Aggravated Assault – Guilty Plea – Lesser Charge – Assault – Bodily Injury
 Lisa Faye Boane – Criminal Trespass – Dismissed, Vandalism (Up to \$1000) – Dismissed
 Deven Dale Barner – Simple Poss/Casual Exchange – Guilty as Charged
 Sierra Montana Terry – Theft of Merchandise – Shoplifting – Guilty as Charged, Criminal Trespass – Guilty as Charged, Probation Violation – Booked – Guilty as Charged
 Thomas Lynn Edmiston – Poss/Sell/Barter/Give Away Legend Drug – Dismissed, Simple Poss/Casual Exchange – Guilty as Charged, Poss Unlaw Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities – Guilty as Charged, Schedule VI Drugs: Mfg, Del, Sell, Poss – Guilty Plea – Lesser Charge – Simple Poss/Casual Exchange
 Anthony Shamari Weir – Simple Poss/Casual Exchange – Judicial Diversion
 Phillip Young Roberts – Evading Arrest Flight – Vehicle – Bound Over, Simple Poss/Casual Exchange – Bound Over
 David Adam Brewer – Theft of Merchandise – Shoplifting X2 – Guilty as Charged, Probation Violation – Not Booked – Guilty as Charged
 Kenneth Scott Carey – Possession of a Handgun

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WEEKLY GAS UPDATE

Average gasoline prices in Tennessee have fallen 6.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.08/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 3,821 stations in Tennessee. Prices in Tennessee are 6.2 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand unchanged compared to a year ago. The national average price of diesel has risen 2.3 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.83 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Tennessee was priced at \$2.59/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.19/g, a difference of \$1.60/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.59/g while the highest was \$4.19/g, a difference of \$1.60/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 2.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.49/g today. The national average is up 5.2 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 5.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in Tennessee and the national average going back ten years:

July 15, 2023: \$3.08/g (U.S. Average: \$3.54/g)
 July 15, 2022: \$4.14/g (U.S. Average: \$4.55/g)
 July 15, 2021: \$2.86/g (U.S. Average: \$3.16/g)
 July 15, 2020: \$1.91/g (U.S. Average: \$2.20/g)
 July 15, 2019: \$2.52/g (U.S. Average: \$2.79/g)
 July 15, 2018: \$2.60/g (U.S. Average: \$2.87/g)
 July 15, 2017: \$2.01/g (U.S. Average: \$2.24/g)
 July 15, 2016: \$1.98/g (U.S. Average: \$2.21/g)
 July 15, 2015: \$2.49/g (U.S. Average: \$2.78/g)
 July 15, 2014: \$3.38/g (U.S. Average: \$3.60/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:
 Chattanooga- \$3.01/g, down 11.9 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.13/g.

Nashville- \$3.13/g, down 12.6 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.26/g.

Huntsville- \$3.18/g, up 4.6 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.14/g.

"Much like last summer, the nation's average price of gasoline has remained somewhat stuck in the mid-\$3 per gallon range with a mixed bag of prices: small declines in some states and modest increases in others as we wait for what could be the next major trend," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "Hurricane Beryl had no major impact on prices, but some drivers in Texas had trouble finding gasoline due to power outages, a situation that continues to improve. For now, we'll continue to see small price fluctuations as we await news of any hurricane-fueled refinery disruptions or other supply challenges as we head into the busiest weeks of the summer travel season."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy's averages, graphs, maps and historical pricing data covering the U.S. and Canada is available 24/7 at <http://prices.GasBuddy.com>.

SOURCE GasBuddy

JAIL REPORT

Weakley County Jail Report July 8 – July 14
 Britney Taylor Abercrombie of Trenton was charged with Failure to Appear and Intro Drugs into County Jail on July 10
 Sean Rodrick Adams of McKenzie was charged with Failure to Appear on July 12
 Debra Kay Bradberry of Dresden was charged with Criminal Trespassing on July 11
 Holly Renae Brown of Sharon was charged with Public Intoxication on July 14
 Nicholas Marcellous Butler of Columbia was charged with Violation of Probation on July 11
 Casey Ryan Chesser of Gleason was charged with Capias/Bench Warrant (Circuit) on July 12
 Gavin Reese Davis of Martin was charged with Driving on Rev/Susp License on July 10
 Johnny Lee Donnell of Greenfield was charged with Contempt of Court on July 13
 Charles Daniel Dunning of McKenzie was charged with Failure to Appear on July 11
 John David Forrest of McKenzie was charged with Poss of Firearm by a Felon, Poss of Meth for Distrib, Mfg, Del, Sale, Possession of Firearm During a Felony X5, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon X6, and Simple Possession on July 10
 Billy Harold Garrison of Union City was charged with Violation of Probation (Circuit) on July 13
 Gary Wayne Hill of Martin was charged with Evading Arrest, Failure to Appear, Possession of Drug Para (Meth Related), and Violation of Probation on July 10
 Randy Lee Hobbs of Sharon was charged with Failure to Appear on July 9
 Freda Jean Holmes of Martin was charged with DUI: 1st Offense on July 9
 Christopher Earnest Hones of Huntingdon was charged with Failure to Appear on July 13
 Jesse Shannon James of Greenfield was charged with Simple Assault on July 12
 Brittany Leann King of Gleason was charged with Poss of Meth for Distrib, Mfg, Del, Sale and Simple Possession on July 14
 Keandre D'Shawn Moss of Union City was charged with Failure to Appear on July 11
 Austin Pete Nobles of Martin was charged with Public Intoxication and Resisting Stop, Frisk, Halt, Arrest on July 14
 Jimmy Wayne Nunnery of Sharon was charged with Failure to Appear on July 11
 Brian Eugene Pollock of Union City was charged with Failure to Appear on July 8
 Victoria Michelle Quillen of Martin was charged with Fugitive from Justice on July 13
 David Lemont Simpson of Union City was charged with

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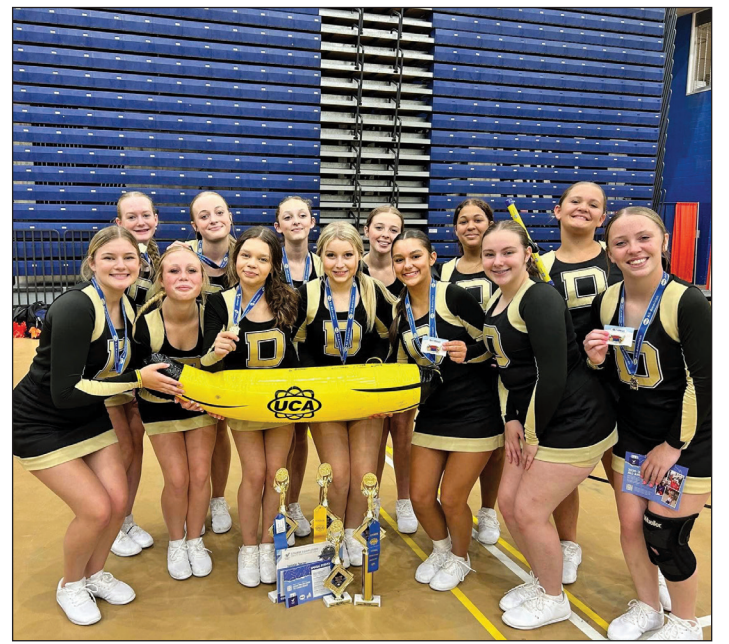
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WEAKLEY COUNTY EARLY & ABSENTEE VOTING REPORT										
State Primary & County General Elections										
August 1, 2024										
DATE	BALLOTS			PROVISIONAL BALLOTS			DAILY			
	REP	DEM	GEN	REP	DEM	GEN	REP	DEM	GEN	TOTAL
7/12/24	339	33	13	0	0	0	339	33	13	385
7/13/24	121	15	6	0	0	0	121	15	6	142
7/15/24	135	22	1	0	0	0	135	22	1	158
7/16/24							0	0	0	0
7/17/24							0	0	0	0
7/18/24							0	0	0	0
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7/25/24							0	0	0	0
7/26/24							0	0	0	0
7/30/22							0	0	0	0
NURSING HOME	47	24	2				47	24	2	73
BY-MAIL	30	11	2				30	11	2	43
TOTAL	672	105	24	0	0	0	672	105	24	801
Percentage							83.90%	13.11%	3.00%	
Voter Turnout	4.27%			UNOFFICIAL						



Dresden High School cheerleaders had a successful week at UCA cheer camp. They have been working on new cheers, chants and routines to showcase this season. After camp competitions they are bringing home 2nd place in sideline competition, 3rd place in cheer competition, 2nd place in overall spirit routine, and 1st place in their camp routine. On top of the team awards, 8 individual cheerleaders made All-American: Kynlee Dean, Ashlynn Alford, Jaylynn Kirby, Jayden Guy, Briley Smith, Liddia Foster, Britney Bell, and Anabelle Spence! Liddia Foster and Jaylynn Kirby were chosen for the Pin It Forward Award meaning they stood out to staff and fellow campers as to why America needs cheerleaders. Each night they brought home a spirit stick as a team, Liddia Foster won the jump off competition, and they are bringing home the camp banana- showing overall energy, enthusiasm, kindness and respect for all those around them this week.



JAIL REPORT

From 9A

Mfg/Del/Sell/Poss Controlled Substance on July 14
 Layla Abdul Hakeem Sullivan of Martin was charged with Driving on Rev/Susp License, Possession of Drug Para (Meth Related) and Possession of Schedule V on July 8

Brian Oneal Thomas Sr. of Ripley was charged with Violation Order of Protection Contempt on July 8
 Hunter William Todd of Dresden was charged with Fraud to Obtain Food Stamps on July 8
 Antron Demon Tyus of

Humboldt was charged with Failure to Appear and Violation of Probation on July 8
 Christopher William Wallsmith of Fulton, KY was charged with Evading Arrest and Failure to Appear on July 13

GENERAL SESSIONS

From 9A

While Under the Influence - Dismissed, DUI: First Offense - Guilty as Charged
 Kasen Stylez Cozart - Criminal Impersonation - Dismissed
 Joshua Ellis Crabtree - Aggravated Assault - Guilty Plea - Lesser Charge - Assault - Bodily Injury
 Alicia Brooke Nichols Hoag - Simple Poss/Casual Exchange - Guilty as Charged, Poss Unlaw Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities - Guilty as Charged, Driving while License Revoked - Guilty as Charged, Schedule I Drugs: Mfg, Del, Sell, Poss - Guilty Plea - Lesser Charge - Simple Poss/Casual Exchange
 Gary Donald Jackson - Criminal Trespass X2 - Guilty as Charged
 Randy Eugene Crocker - Probation Violation - Not Booked - Guilty as Charged
 Joe Edward Patterson Jr. - Probation Violation - Booked - Guilty as Charged
 Amanda Drew Brennan Breeden - Probation Violation - Booked - Guilty as Charged
 Jamie Lynn Walker - Failure to Appear - Dismissed, Probation Violation - Not Booked - Dismissed
 Preston Ray Odle - Failure to Appear - Dismissed, Probation Violation - Booked -

Dismissed
 Brandon Paul Westphal - Failure to Appear - Dismissed, Probation Violation - Booked - Dismissed
 William Lynn Ballew - Failure to Appear - Dismissed, Probation Violation - Booked - Dismissed
 Cassie Rachel Harrison - Failure to Appear - Dismissed, Probation Violation - Booked - Dismissed
 Robert C Johnson - Simple Poss/Casual Exchange - Dismissed Cost to Defendant
 Misty Dawn Hugueley - Probation Violation - Booked - Dismissed
 Melvin Michael Harrison - Driving While License Suspended - Guilty Plea - Lesser Charge - Driving Without License, Failure to Appear - Dismissed
 Scharlene Thomas Jones - Failure to Appear - Dismissed, Fugitive From Justice - MISC - Dismissed
 Dustin James Murphy - Driving While License Revoked - Guilty Plea - Lesser Charge - Driving Without License
 William C Scott - Driving While License Revoked Due to DUI Conviction - Guilty as Charged
 Eric Deon Denton - Driving While License Revoked - Guilty Plea - Lesser Charge - Driving Without License

Brittany Renee Wortham - Driving While License Suspended - Dismissed Cost to Defendant
 Pierre V McKinney - Driving While License Suspended - Guilty Plea - Lesser Charge - Driving Without License
 Myra Jenice Quillen - Driving While License Suspended - Dismissed Cost to Defendant
 Aliyah Marie Box - Driving While License Suspended - Dismissed Cost to Defendant, Failure to Appear - Dismissed
 Antuwan Dewayne Powell - Driving While License Suspended - Guilty Plea - Lesser Charge - Driving Without License
 Joshua Case - Driving While License Suspended - Guilty as Charged
 John William McAlister - Driving While License Suspended - Dismissed Cost to Defendant
 Keith D Jackson - Driving While License Suspended - Dismissed Cost to Defendant
 Tiffany Lee Totty Faris Babcock - Driving While License Revoked - Guilty Plea - Lesser Charge - Driving Without License
 Brittany Renee Wortham - Driving While License Suspended - Dismissed Cost to Defendant

Palmersville Historical Society to Meet

Palmersville Historical Society will be meeting Friday night July 26th at 7:00 at their building in downtown Palmersville. The program will be presented by Dr. Hugh Berryman. He will be speaking about recent discoveries in Helms Deep Cave located in Perry County, TN. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy light refreshments after the program.

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