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Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report Released in **Martin Plane** Crash

On June 25, 2024, at about 8:20 central daylight time, an Air Tractor, Inc. AT-502A, N325RA, was substantially damaged when it was involved in an accident near Martin, Tennessee. The commercial pilot was fatally injured. The $air\bar{plane}$ was operated as a Title 14? Code of Federal Regulations Part 137 aerial application flight.

A witness who was outside about 900 ft and nearly due north of the accident site reported seeing the airplane flying in a southerly direction about 15 to 20 ft above the height of the treetops and was not spraying. The witness reported that the engine sounded normal, then when the flight was near his position, he heard a sound or loud noise like something was dragging, and then about 2 to 3 seconds later heard a loud noise consistent with impact. He called 911 to report the accident then went to the accident site and provided information to the 911 operator.

The airplane came to rest inverted in a heavily wooded area. The angle of the observed tree strikes was consistent with a steep descent through the tree canopy. Examination of the inverted airplane revealed the right wingtip was separated and not located at the accident site. The wingtip was subsequently located on the ground about 605 ft north-northeast from the wreckage. Additionally, a spray nozzle was also located on the ground about 22 ft from the separated wingtip. Further, flakes of white paint consistent with the main color of the airplane were located on the ground about 143 ft north-northeast from the wingtip location, or about 748 ft from the main wreckage loca-

Further examination of the wooded area north-northeast of the main wreckage revealed a freshly broken tree trunk and tree limbs. The tree trunk fracture was estimated to be 60 to 90 ft above ground level. The tree was located among trees at the south edge of one field that wasintended to be sprayed, or about 750 ft north-northeast from the main wreckage. A portion of the fractured tree was about 4 inches in diameter.

Examination of the right wing revealed a semi-circular indentation in the leading edge about 12 inches inboard of the wing rib with eye bolt, or middle aileron hinge compression rib. The impression was about 4 inches in diameter which closely matched the diameter of a recovered portion from the impacted tree. The forward spar was deformed aft in the area of the tree contact, and damage to the wing skin was noted in that area. Post accident examination of the roll, pitch, yaw, flaps, flap droop, and interconnect aileron/rudder systems revealed no evidence of preimpact failure or malfunction.

Components that contained non-volatile memory were recovered and retained for further examination.



Sharon Discusses Flooding Issues, Bulk Trash Price and Purchasing Fuel Tank

Shannon Taylor

Editor

During public comment at the Sharon July 8 board meeting, one resident, Tonya, pointed out her road was flooded from one end to the other. The resident stated that her culvert was broken off on one side by a city mower and that it was completely blocked with brick and mud. Mayor Donna Stricklin stated that

something had to be done all over town. "At one time we were going to get the County involved but we bought that lit-

tle ditcher, but work needs to be done on so many streets here in town because I believe the water is eating our roads up,"

Stricklin stated.

Some of the problem areas included the cemetery, Carla and Don Edwards home, North Martin by Alderman Joe Jones home and Tonya's home.

Water and Sewer Director Greg Evans stated that Jones' culvert needed to be dug out and that Jones would need to purchase the culvert and the city would put it in.

'So, do I have to hire somebody to come fix my culvert that has been messed up by the city?" Tonya stated.

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The city of Sharon board of mayor and aldermen discussed flooding, bulk trash and purchasing a diesel tank at their monthly board meeting. From left to right: Alderman Stewart Broussard, Alderman Monroe Ary, Mayor Donna Stricklin, City Recorder Regina Lewis, Alderman Joe Jones and Alderwoman Wanda Hamlin.



Group shot of all the company employers, employees and VIP attendees standing in front of Parker Hannifin in Greenfield holding their plaque of excellence.



Barry Lassiter (left) is presented the Governor's Award of Excellence for Parker Hannifin.

Greenfield's Parker Hannifin Receives Governor's Award of Excellence Greenfield is the only Weakley County recipient of the award in past five years

Shannon Taylor Editor

Parker Hannifin in Greenfield was one of three companies in the state of Tennessee to receive the Governor's Award of Excellence for Workplace Safety and Health on Tuesday, June 9.

David Blessman (VPP Manager of TOSHA) and Garrett Rea (TO-

SHA Assistant Administrator) presented the award to employers and employees which recognizes Tennessee employers and employees meeting the minimum number of hours with no serious workplace injuries causing an employee to miss a day of work or that would restrict their normal job activities. The number of hours varies based on the

size of the company.

Employees at Parker Hannifin worked over 500,000 hours without losing time or restricting their workday.

According to the Tennessee Department of Labor, Parker Hannifin in Greenfield is the only recipient of this award in Weakley County in the last five years.

TOSHA presents approximate-

ly 16 Governor's Awards to Tennessee manufacturing and construction companies per year.

"You're making sure that you come in and go home the same way. And it's just not one person. It's not one safety director or one corporate safety director. It's each and every one of you. You

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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



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

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

Danny Powers, Independent Candi-

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

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31st Annual Tennessee Soybean Festival Announces Headlining Acts

The Award-Winning Ten-Soybean Festival nessee (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/.

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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

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:**

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

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 mentioned earlier. That individuals. If you have includes making sure that individuals, you're paying taxes. The more taxes we have, the more money we

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

Hutcherson:

I would absolutely vote consolidation. against 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 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 Citythis is Weakley County, Tennessee. I think we do a better job on this thing, and I think we're doing to lean in to our existing talking the wrong guy. I don't want to consolidate schools.

Freeman:

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

Ouestion 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 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 citi-

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 most paramount elements 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 a good job. And if people technical and STEM edwant to consolidate, you're ucation. 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

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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 what's wrong. Let's solve to represent all munic**ipalities to make sure** can work together. We can Weakley County suc-

ceeds? 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 countv. 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 policv. 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

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 Weaklev 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 the problem. Like I said, we 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 Weaklev 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.

Please be sure to read the candidates statements in their entirety and view a slideshow of photos on dresdenenterprise.com and martinpost.news.

Opinion

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 individuals disabled 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 fastfood 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



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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 week 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

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.

FROM 1A

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

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

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AWARD

should be proud of yourself and the efforts you've made in taking care of each other. What an honor. This right here is a team effort.," Blessman

The company could have gone to Nashville to pick up the award, however Barry Lassiter, Value Stream Manager for Parker Hannifin asked them to bring it to Greenfield.

"You guys are the ones that earned it. We appreciate your efforts. We appreciate you looking out for each other each and every day," Lassiter

"It's really important to take care of each other and keep a safe working environment. It er, Parker Sporlan Division); is a bog award with only three Frank Wilson (Business Unit in the West Tennessee region Manager, Parker Sporlan Di-

awarded this this year so you should be proud of yourselves," Senator John Stevens

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"I want to thank each and every one of you for doing the great job of representing Greenfield in the way you do. We appreciate you so much. I know we don't express it every day, but we do appreciate every one of y'all and we appreciate this great honor that vou have bestowed for Parker Hannifin," Greenfield Mayor Cindy McAdams said.

VIP Guests attending Parker Hannifin to help them celebrate included the following:

Brett Huls (General Manag-

vision); Forrest Beasley (Divisional Human Resource Manager, Parker Sporlan Division); Tim Schweizer (Divisional EHS Manager, Parker Sporlan Division); Mayor Cindy McAdams; Senator John Stevens; Representative Tandy Darby; Senator Paul Bailey (Chairman: Senate Commerce & Labor Committee); Brandy Lassiter (Research Analyst: Senate Commerce & Labor Committee); Monte Belew (Senior Advisor for Congressman David Kustoff); Mike & Nancy Biggs (Mike was former Mayor and Greenfield Board Member); Janna Hellums (Northwest TN Regional Director, Department of Economic & Community Development); Tessa Kyle (Northwest

TN Business Development Consultant, Department of Economic & Community Development); Justin Crice (CEO, Weakley County Chamber & Joint Economic Development Corporation); Barbara Virgin (Executive Director: Weakley County Chamber of Commerce); Angie Lassiter (Administrative Assistant, Weakley County Chamber & Economic Development Board).

The plaque of excellence will be displayed inside the company. For a slideshow of photos from the event please go to dresdenenterprise.com or martinpost.news. For video clips of the event please see our Facebook pages.

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FROM 1A

Faith

I WAIT

By Cory Sawyers

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 FINAL-Wait for the younger ones. Wait until we get to Mamaw and Papaw's house. Wait to drive, for graduation, for your tion made the wait worth it, filling us with hope and excitement.

of fifteen "Songs of Ascent," 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 him-Lord has done - reminders of why they are on their way to hope (5-6), and confidence (7-

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 LY MADE IT!" Growing up, an expectation to receive you have to wait to see Santa. something desired. This is Wait for the parade to begin. the essence of Biblical "hope," a powerful concept that fills us with reassurance and confidence.

If the Lord kept a record wedding day. But in all those of our sins (v.3), who could moments, the joy of anticipa- stand? The answer is "no one." But the psalmist assures us we don't have to tremble in dread. We can wait, hope, Psalm 130 is the eleventh desire, and expect the Lord to restore us and forgive us. psalms sung on the way to 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 Bear Valley Bible Institute. self (and others) of what the to face the future with dread. A merciful God forgives. One day, because of his grace, I worship Him. He cries out for can expect to hear "enter into non. Congratulations to Gormercy (1-2), forgiveness (3-4), rest" rather than the record of my sins-because Jesus has you to all who have celebratwashed them away. That day It's in that third section we we are waiting for will be bet-



COREY SAWYERS

ter 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 He is Melody's husband and Daddy to Garrett (& Bailey), Gordon (& Lauren), and Gandon and Lauren, and thank ed and honored them!

ISSUES

"Oh, so you're saying we messed July 9 board meeting.

your culvert up?" Stricklin asked. Tonya stated that she used to

have a video of the incident and Jones confirmed that approximately four years ago a city employee ran over it with a mower.

Stricklin said that if Tonya purchased the culvert, the city would install it.

As far as the cemetery flooding problem, Evans stated that water had been seeping from the center for years. Ditching it might fix the problem because it had never been ditched according to Evans.

The city agreed to start working on the bad spots in town that didn't involve anyone's personal

he noted that there was a lot of bulk trash on the curbs in town and that something would need to be done soon.

Stricklin stated that they could send letters to residents stating that they could come to city hall and pay a \$25 fee per item to have the bulk trash carried off but that it would have to be paid before removal.

purchase of a diesel tank at their city hall.

Mayor Donna Stricklin stated that each department must keep a log of the fuel they are receiving.

'Because we're not going to have this other stuff we had last year. It's going to be documented and your department's going to pay for what you use," Stricklin stated.

Stricklin stated that no guesswork or percentages would be allowed when obtaining fuel with the fuel cards.

The diesel tank in the city was discussed for purchase with Fire and Police Chief Gary Eddings stating that it would be worth the purchase.

"We could buy the tank, but we During Evans' monthly report need a new gauge pump, nozzle, and turnkey," Eddings stated.

The approximate cost would be \$1250 with the city taking ownership of the tank to provide diesel and the city could keep up with how many gallons of diesel they pump and not have to go elsewhere to obtain the fuel.

The board voted unanimously to purchase the diesel tank.

The next regularly scheduled The City of Sharon discussed city board meeting will be on the fuel cards received and the Monday August 12 at 6:30 p.m. at



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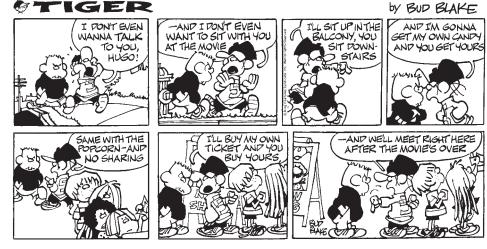
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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

AASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.							
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by Linda Thistle

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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

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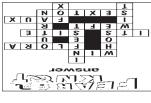


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Answers – **Kind** Crossword –

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Margie, Margin	.8	Gaggle, Giggle	.ε
Dairy, Daily		Chase, Chose	2.
Carry, Curry	.8	Ріауег, Ртауег	Ţ,





King Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Balm target Baseball's Ty
- 8 Get wind of 12 Have bills 13 "Beetle
- Bailey" dog
- 14 Sax range 15 Pasadena arena
- 17 Texter's "As I
- see it" 18 Complete
- 19 Newt 21 Ozone, for one
- 22 Elevated 26 Weary
- sounds
- 29 Watch chain 30 Sardonic
- 31 Slightly 32 In medias -
- 33 Harvard rival 34 Baseball's
- Hodges 35 Singer
- Scaggs 36 Avid
- 37 Proverbs 39 eBay offer
- 40 Haw preceder
- 45 Corporate
- 48 Brisk tempos
- 50 Sacred bird
- 52 loss

den

55 Rail

DOWN

- 41 Draw forth
 - symbol
- of Egypt
- 51 Yarn
- 53 Shade
- Traditional tales 2 Victor's cry

54 Genesis gar-

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- 3 Nuisance Hooded
- snakes
- 5 Some
- Oklahoma
- natives
- Texter's

- iackets
- 7 Waist-length
- "Incidentally"

- 27 Footnote abbr.
- - 28 Arizona river

26 Long story

- 29 Shriner's cha-

25 Color worker

- - peau

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32 Optimistic

sayin'?"

Brennan

44 Russian ruler

46 Kimono sash

47 Martini liquor

49 Young bloke

36 Actress

38 Specter

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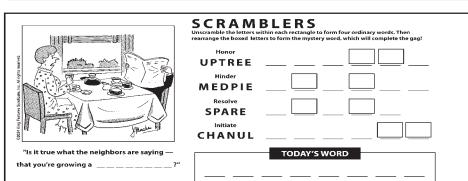
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> **BROOK TROUT** RELAX

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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"But seriously ..."

they're yakking it up. nonstop, I would say det together and talk When shaggy Tibetan beasts

CryptoQuip

IU. Globe, Glove Bread, Break Gaggle, Giggle 8. Margie, Margir 7. Dairy, Daily Chase, Chose

Even Exchange

Ріауег, Ргауег

6. Carry, Curry

SILENT

Today's Word 3. Terse; 4. Sprite

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1. Aligns; 2. Angel;

SCRAMBLERS

Records

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Weakley Property Transfers July 8 – July 12

Hannah Hunt to Lindy M Johnson, District 14

Mark Jenkins to Sandra and George Dale, District 23

Houston and Camille Persinger to James Stokes, District

George and Mary Clark to Josh and Gina McAllister, Dis-

Lacey and Charles Taylor to Brittanie and Hannah Uchtman, District 7

Terry and Laura Woodruff to Dakota Sherill, District 7

Becky Maness to Amber Pierce, District 9

Carol Dehart and Carol Maness to Allison McCain, District 9

Lynn and Matthew Vincent to Kristina and William Jackson, 6973 Family Trust, Dis-

New Life Real Estate to Tina Bills, Mill Street, Martin, TN

Evan and April Laster to Virgina and Trace Overton and Janis Anderson, District 2

Timothy Sterling to Rhonda Hatton and Thomas Schoenhofen, District 23

Jerry and Elizabeth Kesterson, Elizabeth Tompkins to Alexander Parham and Melinda Dortch, District 2

Marlowe Peters to Jeanie and Felice Lepore, District 7

Ludwig Vukmanovich Jr. to Montgomery Rental LLC, District 2

Mary Stacey Hedrick Trustee, Hendrick Joint Trust to Elisabeth and Jerry Kesterson, District 3

Blaine Burlison to David Blaikie and Rebecca West, Mt Vernon Road, Sharon, TN

Sue and Luke Cochran to Jeffery and Audrey Hampton and Robert and Christie Grooms, District 22

MARRIAGE

Weakley County June 2024 **Marriage Licenses**

Harold Keith Arnold to Nancy Jo Dellinger Simmons – June 4

Jonathen Brenin Blakley to Mia Faith Shelburne – June 8 Bradley Keith Brackett to Joeanna Lynn Hitsman June 26

Robert Taylor Bryant to **Brooke Amber White Walters** - June 15

Billy Dan Burnham to Tina Lynn Williams Nugent – June 15

Dakota Wayne Conrad to Mary Kathryn Bradford -June 8

John Francis Depaola to Fave Smith Greene – June 30 Toby Christopher Garland

to Krystal Robin Norwood Larence - June 24 Joshua Aaron Grant to

Alexis Krystyne Beam – June

William Franklin Hart to Vickie Kaye Betts Fortner -June 8

Larry Keith Johnson to Melissa Gail Kirby Johnson -July 7

Garrick Andrell Jones to Laquita Kenyetta Broome-West – June 22

Steven Michael Lieferman Jr. to Kimberly Sue Bowman

Fox – June 11 Gordan Andrew Sawyers

to Lauren Elizabeth Kelly -June 18

Michael David Streb to Tiffani Michele King Ozier – July

Rebecca Kay Tims to William Kelly Bynum – June 29 Ashley Nicole Urban to Dennis Walker Kingan – June

Kenneth Wayne West to Tianna Sherice Weatherspoon - June 29

General Plumbing Repairs - Drain Cleaning

General Sessions

eral Sessions July 8 – July 12

Alyssa Lavena Ann Duncan – Driving While License Suspended - Dismissed Fisher - DUI: First Cost to Defendant

Brent Lafayette Tripp Probation Violation - Booked - Guilty as Charged

Demetra Dawn Cle-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 – Dis- Dismissed, missed, Failure to Appear - Dismissed

senstein – Reckless nalia Uses & Activities Driving – Dismissed, Vandalism (Up to \$1,000) - Dismissed, with Intent - Bound DUI: First Offense -Dismissed

Braydon 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

ers – Poss Unlaw Drug False Paraphernalia Uses & POSS with INTENT – Guilty Plea – Lesser Charge - Simple Poss/ Casual Exchange

wards - Driving While Guilty as Charged, Pro-License Suspended – Guilty Plea - Lesser Booked - Guilty as Casual Exchange Charge – Driving without License, Failure to Appear - Dismissed, Meth - Possess or Ca- nalia Uses & Activities Failure to Appear – Guilty as Charged, Resist Stop, Arrest, Search (No Weapon) – Dismissed, Evading Arrest - Guilty as Charged, Probation Violation Charged

lett – DUI: Second Of- Assault – Guilty as – Guilty as Charged fense – Guilty Plea – First Offense

Alisha Ann Gibbons Biggers – Failure to Appear X2– Guilty as

Guilty as Charged

Montrell Turner Jr. – DUI: First Offense – Dismissed

Charged

Jaheim Samir Ceasar - DUI: First Offense -Guilty as Charged

Shelley Christian ments - Worthless Wright - Simple Poss/ Casual Exchange – Judicial Diversion

> Catherine Gail Baggett Calhoun – Simple Poss/Casual Exchange - Guilty as Charged, Failure to Appear - Dismissed

> Malichi Jefferson Davis – Meth – Possess or Casual Exchange – Guilty as Charged

gons – Simple Poss/ Casual Exchange Poss/Casual Exchange

– Bound Over, Poss James Matthew Nas- Unlaw Drug Parapher-- Bound Over, Meth -Mfg, Deliver, Sell, Poss Over

> Robert Dean Sweatt Matthew 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 Brent Edward Bow- Assault - Dismissed, Imprisonment – Dismissed, Interfer-Activities – Dismissed, ence with Emergency DUI: First Offense Calls - Dismissed, Do-– Dismissed, Meth – mestic Assault – Guilty – Criminal Imperson-MFG, DELIVER, SELL, as Charged, Vandalism ation – Dismissed (Up to \$1000) – Guilty as Charged

Jenine Olinger – Simple Poss/ Nicholas Obrian Ed- Casual Exchange bation Violation - Not Charged

Cody Lee Boane sual Exchange – Guilty as Charged, Resist Stop, Arrest, Search (No Weapon) – Guilty as Charged, Evading Arrest Guilty as Charged

– Booked – Guilty as mestic Assault – Other Robert Lynn Call-

Stephen Kyle Good- ins Jr. - Aggravated - Criminal Trespass X2 Charged - Assault vated Assault - Guilty - Not Booked - Guilty

Weakley County Gen- Charged, Probation Vi- Plea - Lesser Chargeolation - Not Booked - Assault - Bodily Injury

Lisa Faye Boane Deshane Criminal Trespass -Dismissed, Vandalism (Up to \$1000) - Dis-Macayla Eula Renee missed

Deven Dale Barner Offense - Guilty as - 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 Edmis-

ton - Poss/Sell/Barter/ Give Away Legend Drug - Dismissed, Simple Poss/Casual Exchange - Guilty as Charged, Poss Unlaw Drug Paraphernalia Uses Michael Howard Le- Activities - Guilty as Charged, Schedule VI Drugs: Mfg, Del, Sell, Simple 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 While Under the Influence – Dismissed, DUI: First Offense Guilty as Charged

Kasen Stylez Cozart

Joshua Ellis Crabtree Aggravated Assault Suzanne – Guilty Plea – Lesser Charge - Assault -**Bodily Injury**

Alicia Brooke Nichols Hoag - Simple Poss/ Guilty as Charged, Poss Unlaw Drug Parapher-- Guilty as Charged, Driving while License Revoked - Guilty as Charged, Schedule I Drugs: Mfg, Del, Sell, Poss – Guilty Plea Essie Paul Paris – Do- Lesser Charge – Simple Poss/Casual Exchange

Gary Donald Jackson

Randy Eugene Crock-Lesser Charge - DUI: Bodily Injury, Aggra- er - Probation Violation

> See GENERAL SESSIONS. Page 8A

CIRCUIT DISPOSITIONS

Weakley County Circuit Dispositions July 8 – July

Taja Lamont Allen – Probation Violation X2 – Booked – Guilty Plea – As Charged

Jr. - Probation Violation Cost Booked – Guilty Plea – As Charged, Failure to son – Aggravated Child Appear - Dismissed - No Abuse/Neglect/Endan-

Jamie Wayne Osteen - Probation Violation – Booked – Guilty Plea – As Charged

Cornelius Probation Violation -Booked – Guilty Plea – As Charged

> Gas Piping - Gas Leak Detection

Reckless Endangerment Charged, Poss Unlaw Deadly Weapon Involved – Dismissed – No Cost

Abigail Hope Bolding -Deadly Weapon In-William Dale Morgan volved – Dismissed – No

Sean Malachai Jackgerment (8 & Under) X2-Dismissed – No Cost, Aggravated Assault – Guilty Plea – As Charged

David Ryan South -Montreze Probation Violation -Booked – Guilty Plea – As Charged

van - Domestic Assault Exchange - Guilty Plea -– 3rd or Subsq – Priors As Charged

Jason Neal Fortner - X2 - Guilty Plea - As Drug Paraphernalia Uses & Activities - Guilty Plea – As Charged

Anna Marie Alexan-Reckless Endangerment der - 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, James Anthony Sulli- Meth - Possess or Casual

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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

Weakley County Jail Re- of McKenzie was charged port 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

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

Driving on Rev/Susp License on July 10 Contempt of Court on July

Charles Daniel Dunning

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 Martin was charged with DUI: 1st Offense on July 9

Christopher Earnest Johnny Lee Donnell of Hones of Huntingdon was Greenfield was charged with charged with Failure to Appear on July 13

Jesse Shannon James of Greenfield was charged with

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Embracing Big Opportunities takes Gremmels from Huntingdon to Montana

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Go big or go home. Better yet, head to Montana, which is the next stop for Huntingdon, Tennessee, native Dawson Gremmels, who embraced big opportunities while a student at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He received two degrees in May 2023 when he graduated with a double major in marketing and economics and a major in finance. This past May he received his Master of Business Administration – his third UT Martin degree – and now sets his sights on a full-time student success position at the University of Montana in Missoula. Bringing the best out in people to accomplish goals is a passion, which will serve him well in his first professional position and beyond.

Gremmels' UT Martin journey began in fall 2020 when he arrived on campus as a first-year student. He never expected to attend college close to home, but the business school, the university community and the quad's beauty sealed his decision to attend college 45 minutes from home. He was also impressed by his Summer Orientation and Registration and Peer Enabling Program leader who inspired him to get involved in student life. He didn't know that he was just beginning to "think big" as he immersed himself early in campus life.

Government tion), but then ended up joining Greek Life my second year," he said. "I Phi Chi Theta, a more business fraternity, my connected with new people and assisted other students through SOAR and PEP involvement.

described Gremmels SGA as "my main passion," and he served students in different leadership roles both during and after the COVID pandemic. He was academic affairs committee chair ness, marketing and othduring 2020-21, SGA vice president during the pandemic aftermath the next year and was elected SGA president as the post-COVID new normal settled in for 2022-23. Amid the challenges, he learned much about campus operations and leadership during those years. One positive that emerged was better use of technology during the pandemic, which he said continues to benefit the university.

"There's been a lot more virtual access for students, and that was something that they needed because of the COVID and all of a sudden because of the challenges it brought," he said. "There were some great resources that were able to be utilized from he didn't even know beonline that have made things way more efficient and now professors are doing well with it, a lot of staff are doing well with it, and now students I think are finally adapting people and learning and to a new normal.

While academics and well," he said. "I was in freshman student leadership roles council SGA (Student kept him busy before, in the

Associa- during and after the pandemic, Gremmels took advantage of opportunities in both undergradugot more involved with ate and graduate school to work big-time sporting events from behind the second year, too." He also scenes at two Super Bowls and two motor-racing events. Super Bowls 57 and 58 took him to Glendale, Arizona, and Las Vegas, Nevada, respectively, while NASCAR- race experience was possible instate at the Bristol Motor Speedway and Nashville Super Speedway. Gremmels joined sport busier students as part of the Sport Business Program directed by Dr. Dexter Davis, professor of sport business.

Gremmels visited large cities and exciting sports venues and saw many celebrities through these trips, but the magnitude of the events stood out, especially the Super Bowls. "I've never seen something so complex being put together. ... And I just think that's really cool, really cool to see, and you don't really truly appreciate it until you actually get there into the experience," he said.

Never forgetting people and relationships, he'll also remember his fellow students – many of whom forehand - who connected to make the trips beneficial and fun learning experiences for all involved. "I think one of the best things is the group of working with others so

Gremmels' experience



FROM SUPER BOWL TO MONTANA - Dawson Gremmels of Huntingdon has earned three UT Martin degrees since 2020 and began a full-time position in June at the University of Montana in Missoula. He's pictured at the May 2023 commencement where he was both a graduate and speaker in his role then as SGA president. He's also pictured in 2024 at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he worked the Super Bowl as part of a UT Martin College of Business and Global Affairs Sport Business Program trip.

and a graduate-assistant position in Skyhawk Athletics. His duties ranged from administrative work and concession sales to marketing UT Martin ing with students to help sports events. Among his game responsibilities was organizing in-game promotions and selecting students to compete for prizes during game timeouts and halftimes. Seeing a student make a full-court golf putt during a home basketball game promotion was a highlight.

His pursuit of big opportunities has taken Gremmels from Tennessee to position that he started in June with the University of Montana. He had never been there having landsport-business ed the position through help with the transition.

world translated well to virtual and phone interhis master's degree work views. It seems a perfect fit for someone who relishes building teams and seeing others excel to accomplish goals.

"I'll basically be workgrow them academically and in their professional life, helping connect them with different businesses around the community, as well as helping make sure their academic success and student success on campus grows," he said.

Missoula is 27 hours away, a bit farther away than the distance between Huntingdon and Martin, but Gremmels Big Sky Country and an has prepared for his own academic career-manager new normal both professionally and personally. His love for the outdoors and the new adventures in this distant setting will

"I felt that drive to go and make a mark somewhere else," he said of the move. "And I wanted to find some place that reminded me of UTM that also I could help build, and this team I'm with is very new to their positions, so I get to help add to their team as well as add to their community, which is very strong already."

Gremmels' advice to people for success is to never stop changing or growing.

"If you're constantly wanting to see growth, you don't stop changing, you don't stop growing, you don't stop listening to people's ideas," he said. "And that's something also I would a hundred percent say: don't stop listening to others. Don't stop learning."

FROM 7A

GENERAL SESSIONS

as Charged

Joe Edward Patterson Booked - Dismissed Jr. – Probation Violation – Booked – Guilty as Charged

Breeden – Probation Vioas Charged

Jamie Lynn Walk- 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 Vioaltion – 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

JAIL REPORT

Probation Violation –

Melvin Michael Harrison – Driving While Li- Driving While License cense Suspended – Guilty Amanda Drew Brennan Plea – Lesser Charge – Driving Without License, missed

Scharlene er – Failure to Appear Jones – Failure to Appear Dismissed, Fugitive From Justice – MISD -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 Wortham – Driving While license Revoked – Guilty License Suspended – Dismissed Cost to Defendant Driving Without License

Pierre V McKinney -Driving While License Wortham – Driving While Misty Dawn Hugueley Suspended - Guilty Plea License Suspended - Dis-

- Lesser Charge - Driving missed Cost to Defendant Without License

Myra Jenice Quillen -Suspended – Dismissed Cost to Defendant

Alivah Marie Boxlation – Booked – Guilty Failure to Appear – Dis- Driving While License Suspended – Dismissed Thomas Cost to Defendant, Failure to Appear - Dismissed

Dewayne Antuwan 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 Farris Renee Babcock - Driving While Plea – Lesser Charge –

Brittany



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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 July 11

Austin Pete Nobles of Martin was charged with Public Intoxication and Resisting Stop, Frisk, Halt, Arrest on July 14

Jimmy Wayne Nunnery Failure to Appear on July 11 Brian Eugene Pollock of

Union City was charged with Failure to Appear on July 8

Victoria Michelle Quillen tion Contempt on July 8 of Martin was charged with Fugitive from Justice on July 13

David Lemont Simpson with Failure to Appear on of Union City was charged Controlled Substance on Failure to Appear and Viola-July 14

Layla Abdul Hakeem Sullivan of Martin was charged Wallsmith of Fulton, KY with Driving on Rev/Susp License, Possession of Drug Arrest and Failure to Apof Sharon was charged with Para (Meth Related) and pear on July 13 Possession of Schedule V on

Brian Oneal Thomas Sr. of Ripley was charged with Violation Order of Protec-

Hunter William Todd of Dresden was charged with Fraud to Obtain Food Stamps on July 8 Antron Demon Tyus of

Mfg/Del/Sell/Poss Humboldt was charged with tion of Probation on July 8 Christopher William

was charged with Evading

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