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Early Voting In Special Primary Election Begins Wednesday, Sept. 17th



The Wayne County Election Commission will conduct early voting beginning today, Wednesday, September 17, 2025, for the October 7, 2025, Special Primary Election. The special election is being held to fill the unexpired term of U.S. Representative Mark Green, who announced his retirement in June of this year.

Rep. Green stated he was offered a private sector opportunity "that was too exciting to pass up." The move came just more than a year after Green announced he would not run again in 2024, but changed his mind when fellow Republicans implored him to stick around.

Rep. Green served as the Freshman Class President in the 116th Congress following his election in 2018. At the beginning of the 118th Congress, Rep. Green was selected as Chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, becoming the only member of Congress to be selected at the start of their third term to chair a major legislative committee in the 21st century.

Early voting is taking place at the Election Commission office in the Wayne County Administrative Building (former courthouse) on the square in Waynesboro beginning today, Wednesday, September 17, and continuing through Thursday.

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Equipment from Elitte Septic Tank Service, Inc. could be seen at the wastewater treatment plant in Waynesboro last week. The company was there to drain and clean the sewage basin at the plant, and to repair a malfunctioning piece of equipment.

Mechanical Issue Repaired At Waynesboro Sewer Plant

Ever since Waynesboro's current wastewater treatment plant went online in 2014, it seems to have had its fair share of mechanical issues, along with a frequent and lingering odor that residents and visitors complain about on a regular basis. The plant was state-of-the-art when it was built; it replaced a very outdated facility that had reached peak capacity. When the new plant was built, the old plant was under a moratorium from the state which ordered that no new sewer hook-ups could be run into the facility. The new plant was designed to treat up to one million gallons of wastewater per day, whereas the old plant could only treat 500,000 gallons per day.

Waynesboro city officials say

they recently became aware of a mechanical issue at the wastewater treatment plant involving a rotating "arm" in the sewage basin containing the sludge created from solid waste. Although layers of sludge are removed periodically from the basin, which does help the odor problem for awhile, the rotating "arm" is supposed to keep the sludge dispersed within the basin. When the issue was discovered, a bid notice was issued by the City of Waynesboro with specifications to pump down the sludge to the lowest point in the basin, pump the sludge and water into two dewatering boxes and drain back to the headworks, remove all debris from the basin, and repair any diffusers and parts.

Only one bid was submitted

and was subsequently awarded to Elitte Septic Tank & Grease Trap Service, Inc. in the amount of \$46,865. Last week, Elitte Service, Inc. came to Waynesboro and completed the scope of work at the wastewater treatment plant that was specified in the bid. Elitte will haul in approximately 35,000 gallons of seed sludge to the plant as well.

"All operational equipment within the plant itself has been replaced," stated one Waynesboro city official. "Basically, the plant is getting a new start."

City officials went on to say that this "cleaning out" of the sewage basin will most certainly help with the odor problems, and the sludge will continue to be drained periodically as it builds back up in the basin.

Wayne Co. Community Outreach Seeking Vendors For October Event



Wayne County Community Outreach, Inc. raises money to assist residents after tornadoes, house fires and flooding. They are a non-profit organization with no paid employees, only volunteers.

Wayne County Community Outreach, Inc. is calling for non-food vendors to join their 3rd Annual Event on October 4, 2025, in downtown Clifton, TN. The event boasts a BBQ cookout, silent auction, car and motorcycle show, and entertainment provided by Crooked

Creek Band. A 10x10 outside vendor booth space is available for a fee. Booths with the same merchandise will be limited; this will allow vendors more selling opportunities.

There may also be a need for a bouncy house and/or other children's activities. Ideas are welcome!

All events will be outside except for the silent auction.

For more information, call John or Sherry McDonald at 931-722-8353 or email mac4@tds.net.

VanFleet, Eaton New Chair And Vice Chair Of School Board

The Wayne County School Board met in regular session on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at the Central Office at 5:30 p.m. All board members were in attendance, including Chairman Charity Horton, Drew Turman, Deborah Brown, Sherman Martin, Camryn Eaton, Mark Staggs, and Amanda VanFleet. Dr. Ricky Inman, Director of Schools, was present as well.

Chairman Horton opened the meeting with a call to order. After roll call was completed and a quorum was declared, she opened the floor for nominations to elect a Chair and Vice Chair. Deborah Brown nominated Amanda VanFleet, and Mark Staggs seconded. Deborah Brown then made a motion to cease nominations, and Mark Staggs seconded. Amanda VanFleet was elected to the position of Board Chairman, and she then took over leadership of the meeting.

Chairman VanFleet then asked for nominations for a Vice Chair. Deborah Brown nominated Camryn Eaton, and Mark Staggs seconded. Deborah Brown made a motion to cease nominations, and Mark Staggs seconded. Camryn Eaton was named Vice Chairman of the Board.

Chairman VanFleet next asked for consideration of the consent items. After a motion from Sherman Martin and a second from Drew Turman, the adoption of the agenda, the August meeting minutes, and the August ledger of accounts were all approved.

Policy review was the first item of new business on the agenda. Dr. Inman said this was a review of policy Section 5 Personnel 5.114-5.309. He had no recommended changes to the policies, and they were approved by the board.

Next under new business was a presentation by the Ayers Foundation. Charles Long shared the role of the Ayers Foundation in Wayne County Schools and distributed a sheet with data dem-



Amanda VanFleet

onstrating the success of Wayne County students in the Ayers Foundation initiatives. All three high schools finished at the top of the state with 100% of FAFSA applications completed. Several audience members expressed appreciation for the work of the Ayers Foundation.

Chairman VanFleet next rec-



Camryn Eaton

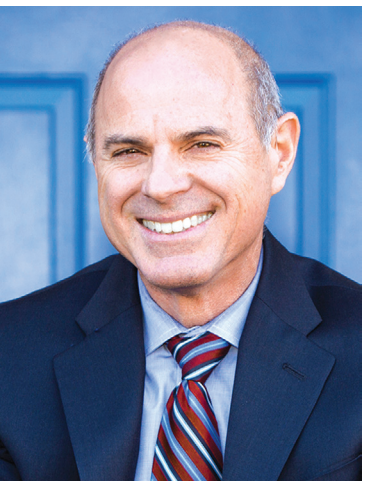
ognized and welcomed Jessica Durbin, student representative from Wayne County Virtual School.

Surplus items were next on the agenda. Dr. Inman asked that the listed equipment items from Wayne County Technology Center be declared as surplus.

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Gino Bulso Announces Candidacy For U.S. Congress

Paid Announcement



Gino Bulso is a proven conservative leader, trusted by Ten-

nessee families to fight for their values and freedoms, put America First, and support President Trump's agenda. For over 25 years, he and his wife Kathy have called Williamson County home, raising their five children in a community built on faith, family, and tradition. As a State Representative, Gino has never backed down from a fight, whether it's against radical leftist ideology, government overreach, or reckless spending.

In the state legislature, Gino has led the charge in supporting President Trump's America First agenda. He championed

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WEATHER

Fri Sep 19	Sat Sep 20	Sun Sep 21
10%	30%	30%
92°	90°	88°
65°	65°	65°



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SEPTEMBER SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH



September is Suicide Prevention Month, a time to remember that one of the most powerful things we can do when we sense a loved one is in crisis is to simply ask the question.

Research shows that asking someone if they are thinking about suicide DOES NOT put the idea in their head. In fact, it can be a lifeline. By asking directly, you open the door for honesty and connection. Think about it, it is far better to ask and offer support than to stay silent and find yourself in a position where you didn't get the chance to ask.

We all have the power to step in. You don't need the perfect words, you just need courage,

compassion, and a willingness to listen without judgment. When someone feels seen and heard, it can ease their pain and remind them feelings are fleeting, and don't always tell the truth. The truth is every life is valuable and worth fighting for.

This month, we encourage you connect on a deeper level with the people around you. If you find yourself in the position, break the silence, ask the question! And most importantly, listen without judgment.

If you or someone you know are experiencing a mental health crisis, call or text 988 or visit 988lifeline.org. Your life is worth fighting for.

Sports News



#27 Daylan VanFleet around the end as #23 Brayson Harris and #26 Avery Vaughn block.

Houston County Stuns WCHS Wildcats, 39 - 14

The Houston County Fighting Irish streaked for 371 yards and 5 rushing touchdowns to stun the Wayne County High School Wildcats, 39 - 14, in football action Friday night.

The Irish scored their first touchdown with 8:35 left on the first quarter clock on a 19-yard pass play, and never looked back. The Wildcats managed only one first down in the second half and saw Houston County control the clock on a 17-play drive, to take the win. The 'Cats are now 1 - 3 on the year, and begin region action Friday as they travel to Bruceton/Hollowrock Central.

The Wildcats opened the game on offense, managing 4 yards, and being forced to punt. Four plays later, the Irish had traveled 56 yards, scoring a touchdown on the 19-yard pass. They kicked the PAT to make the score 7 - 0. The 'Cats got 30 yards on 9 plays on the next series, but turned the ball over on downs. Three plays later, the Irish got loose on a 56-yard touchdown run. The PAT was no good, making the score 13 - 0 with 1:27 left in the first quarter. The Wildcats managed only 17 yards on their next series and were forced to punt. The Irish took possession again and scored on a 43-yard run. With the PAT completed, the score was 20 - 0 with 6:30 left before the half.

The Wildcats managed a score on the next series as Case Butler carried it in from 2 yards away. He also added the 2-point conversion to make the score 20 - 8. Houston County wasted no time, scoring again less than a minute and a half later on a 49-yard run. The conversion attempt failed, making the score 26 - 8 at the half.

In the second half, the 'Cats forced a three-play and punt series to get the ball at their own 31. This time they put together a 7-play drive, scoring from 3 yards away. Cayden Castleman scored the touchdown. The conversion was no good, to make the score 26 - 14. Houston County scored quickly again, two minutes later, making the score 32 - 14. The Wildcats were forced to punt with 37 seconds left in the third period. The Fighting Irish went 17 plays that took over 10 minutes to score the final touchdown of the game, this time from one yard away. They hit the PAT, making the final score 39 - 14.

Sophomore runner Avery Vaughn led the 'Cats in rushing with 125 yards on 5 carries. Case Butler had 55 yards on 9 carries with a touchdown and a 2-point conversion. He was 3 of 8 passing for 23 yards. Daylan VanFleet had 4 carries for 14 yards and a pass reception for 27 yards. Cayden Castleman rushed 2 times for 5 yards



#56 Keyton Green and #22 Cayden Castleman team up on the tackle.



#14 Case Butler escapes the tackler.



#44 Weston Todd with the lead block for the Wildcat ball carrier.



#35 Daniel Pike on the kick return.

and a touchdown. Raymond Overby had 2 carries for 5 yards, and Ethan Dinges had one carry for no gain. Daniel Pike had one reception for a loss of two yards, and Brayson Harris had one catch for 3 yards. The Wildcats managed 187 yards rushing on 33 attempts.

The Wildcats were led on defense by Davey Ullman with 6 tackles and 8 assists. Cayden Castleman had 3 tackles and 4 assists, while Keyton Green had 1 tackle and 5 assists. Jaxon Bryant had 4 tackles and an assist, and Case Butler had 3 tackles and 2 assists. Roby Brown had 3 tackles and an assist. Brayson Harris had 2 tackles, an

assist, and a tackle for a loss. Caden Weaver and Briar Hampton each had a tackle, an assist, and tackle for a loss. Jacan Floyd and Kayden Mitchell each had 2 tackles, and Kamden Ray had a tackle and an assist. Kaleb Gross, Preston Gough, Daniel Pike, Braylen Martin, Ethan Dinges, and Raymond Overby each had a tackle. Kolby Ray had one assist. The Fighting Irish finished with 390 yards of total offense.

Travel to Bruceton Friday and cheer the 'Cats on for a big region win. Game time is 7:00 p.m. "GO WILDCATS!"

---Submitted by Susan Galian

Collinwood Bass Team Begins New Season



It was a HUGE day on Beech River/Kentucky Lake on September 6 for the CHS Bass Team! For the first time ever, all ten teams weighed in a fish! That is a big deal in the

fishing world.

It was so good to see all the Collinwood anglers cheering one another on as they took the stage to weigh those fish. A great season has certainly start-

ed with a bang!

One Collinwood team, Maddie Brown and Cristian Risner, finished 5th in the High School division with a weight of 13.83 lbs. (Continued On Page 6)

CHS Trojans Fall To Franklin Christian

The Collinwood High School Trojans battled hard Friday night, September 12, but came up just short in a heartbreaking loss to Franklin Christian Academy. Despite leading much of the way and showcasing a balanced attack on the ground and through the air, the Trojans couldn't hold off a late surge by the Falcons, who rallied in the closing minutes to move ahead and secure the win.

Collinwood's offense moved the ball consistently behind a steady running game complemented by timely passing.

Bennett Rich carried the load on the ground with 68 yards on 16 attempts, while Peyton Gerber delivered the big play, breaking free for a 38-yard run and finishing with 57 yards on 6 carries. Brody Holt added 48 yards on 9 carries, and Cole Risner chipped in 39 yards on the ground plus a 24-yard reception.

Luke Holt was efficient, completing 2 of 2 passes for 50 yards, including a 26-yard strike, while also contributing 28 yards rushing.

The Trojan defense turned in gritty performances throughout the night. Luke Holt led the way with 4 tackles and 4 assists. Ryan Karcher and Stetson Holt combined for 8 stops, while Peyton Gerber, Cole Risner, and Gentry Hart each contributed key tackles on the night.

Collinwood also capitalized on turnovers, with Luke Holt and Cole Risner recovering fumbles to give the Trojans extra possessions.

Hunter Montgomery was perfect on the night, knocking through both of his extra-point attempts. Peyton Gerber added a 17-yard kickoff return, and Jonathan Rozinski handled kickoff duties with three deep kicks.

Despite Collinwood's steady play, Franklin Christian's late surge swung the momentum. The Falcons strung together a final drive in the closing minutes that pushed them ahead. The Trojans moved the ball the length of the field, with just seconds to go, that allowed them to set up for a field goal, but

a blocked attempt by the Falcons kept the Trojans from putting up the points (Continued On Page 6)

WMS Wildcats Defeat Zion Christian, 22 - 12

The Waynesboro Middle School Wildcats defeated Zion Christian on Thursday by a score of 22 - 12. The WMS 'Cats are now 5 - 1.

---Submitted by Susan Galian



#5 Jordan Cuellar & #78 Cameron Odle block for the runner.



#1 Casen Holt defending the Eagle receiver.



#21 Max Parker Dixon and #3 Silas Beckham in pass coverage.



#28 Ty Skipworth and #3 Silas Beckham go out for a pass.

First Baptist Church Clifton

Homecoming & REVIVAL

Speaker: Mr. Paul Baker

Sun Sept. 21st (Service begins @ 10:30 with meal to follow)

Sunday Night:
Dr. Kerry Franks

Monday Night:
Anthony Muston

Tuesday Night:
Jacob Kitchens

Wednesday Night:
Dr. Jamison Edwards

(Sept 21st-24th)
(6:00 pm)

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...School Board

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Charity Horton made a motion to surplus the items, and Camryn Eaton seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Non-faculty coaches were next on the agenda. Dr. Inman requested that the list of coaches from Collinwood Middle School and Frank Hughes School be approved pending satisfactory background checks. Sherman Martin made a motion to approve the coaches, and Mark Staggs seconded. The coaches were unanimously approved.

Budget amendments were next. Dr. Inman asked for board approval of line-item budget amendments, moving a total of \$160,000 from one line in the budget to another. Mark Staggs made a motion to approve the amendments, and Drew Turman seconded the motion. The budget amend-

ments were unanimously approved on roll call vote.

In other business, Charity Horton expressed her appreciation for everyone's confidence in her and the support she received during her tenure as Board Chair.

Cindy Davis, Wayne County Schools Supervisor of Instruction, congratulated Wayne County High School on their Level 5 TCAP Composite. Dr. Inman also noted that there were several teachers across the district with Level 5 composites.

Ryan Franks, Principal of Wayne County High School, thanked the board for their efforts on the completion of building projects across the district. He specifically noted the great job on the press box and stadium renovations at WCHS.

Before the close of the meeting, Student Representative Jessica Durbin gave a summary of activi-

ties at the Wayne County Virtual School.

With no further business to come before the board, Sherman Martin made a motion to adjourn. Mark Staggs seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

...Election

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day, October 2. The hours are Monday through Friday, 8am-4pm, and Saturday, 8am-12 noon. Those who choose not to participate in early voting for the primary may vote at their assigned precinct the day of the primary, Tuesday, October 7, 2025.

Anyone voting in person during early voting or on Election Day must present a photo ID issued by the federal or Tennessee state government. These IDs may be current or expired. College student IDs and photo IDs issued by cities, counties, and other states will NOT be accepted.

If you wish to vote absentee by mail, you must meet certain legal requirements. A voter who wishes to vote absentee by mail must request an application for an absentee ballot. Requests for absentee ballots may be made in person at the Wayne County Election Commission office or by mail, and must be received no later than September 27, 2025. The request must include ALL the following information: name of the registered voter, voter's legal residence (911 address) in Wayne County, voter's social security number, address to mail the ballot to (if different from residence ad-

dress), election(s) the voter wishes to vote in (which Primary), legal reason the voter wishes to vote absentee by mail, and voter's signature.

Candidates on the ballot in the Republican Primary are Jody Barrett, Gino Bulso, Stuart Cooper, Adolph Agbeko Dagan, Mason Foley, Jason D. Knight, Joe Leurs, Stewart Parks, Lee Reeves, Matt Van Epps, and Tres Wittum.

Candidates in the Democratic Primary are Aftyn Behn, Darden Hunter Copeland, Vincent Dixie, and Bo Mitchell.

For more information about early voting and other election information, contact the Wayne County Election Commission at 931-722-3517 or visit GoVoteTN.gov.

...Bulso

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the TRUMP Act to end taxpayer-funded benefits for illegal immigrants, sponsored a ban on sanctuary cities, and blocked Chinese Communist Party-linked entities from buying Tennessee farmland. He defended girls' sports from woke gender ideology, safeguarded medical freedom during the COVID era, and stood strong for constitutional carry and Second Amendment rights.

Now, Gino is taking that same fearless leadership to Washington. He's running for Congress to secure our border, cut wasteful spending, protect parental rights, and restore American greatness alongside President Trump. Gino Bulso will get results for Tennes-

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September 2025 Meeting Dates:

***September 22, 2025**

Solid Waste Meeting - 6:00 PM

***September 29, 2025**

Capital Improvements Committee
6:00 PM

Please plan to attend the above meetings.

Fish Fry
Cypress Inn Volunteer Fire Department
Saturday, September 20th
3-6 P.M.
All Proceeds Go To The Cypress In Volunteer Fire Dept.
Everyone is Invited. Curbside Service Available 931-724-4110

Invitation to Bid

The Wayne County Board of Education will accept bids on the following items until 2:00 PM on October 1, 2025.

Outdoor Digital EMC Sign

162" x 108" minimum; 48" minimum EMC, double sided; LED illuminated topper and panel with school logo/name; welded frame, aluminum cladding; vinyl school address applied to skirt; digitally printed/laminated vinyl graphics; concrete foundation.

The Wayne County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bids should be sealed, clearly labeled, and submitted to Wayne County Board of Education, 419 South Main Street, P.O. Box 658, Waynesboro, TN 38485. A standard bid sheet is not required. Please submit pictures, specifications, and a description of the items offered for sale. Posted September 17, 2025.

Amanda Van Fleet, Chairperson
Dr. Ricky Inman, Director of Schools
Sept. 17, 24-(ojb)

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR WAYNE COUNTY, TENNESSEE
AT WAYNESBORO

No. 2025-CV-6989

RANDALL CONWAY, Plaintiff

VS.

LIBBY E. EDWARDS STEPHENS OR HER HEIRS, THOMAS HARTWELL BATTLE OR HIS HEIRS, HEIRS OF THOMAS HASSELL BATTLE AND WIFE, ESTHER MAE BROWN BATTLE, HEIRS OF ESTHER JEANNE BATTLE EDWARDS AND HUSBAND, JAMES R. EDWARDS HEIRS OF GRANVILLE L. EDWARDS, HEIRS OF CHARLES JACK BATTLE, HEIRS OF JOSEPH LEE BATTLE AND WIFE, HELEN RUTH DUNCAN BATTLE, HEIRS OF JOSEPH LEE BATTLE, JR. HEIRS OF NELLAMAEBATTLE, DAVID HIGGINS, AND STEPHEN CONWAY, Defendants

The above captioned matter came to be heard on the 22nd day of August, 2025 before the Honorable, Julie Heffington, Judge sitting as Chancellor of the Chancery Court for Wayne County, Tennessee, upon a Motion for Service by Publication filed in this matter; statements of counsel for the Plaintiff, and upon the entire record in this cause, from all of which it duly appears, and the Court hereby finds, determines, declares and adjudicates as follows, to wit:

1. That it appears to the Court that the Plaintiff has performed extensive internet searches to obtain a current and valid address for the personal service of process upon the above named Defendants in accordance with the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure and the Laws of the State of Tennessee, but such searches have been unsuccessful in obtaining a current and valid address for said Defendants.

2. That it appears to the Court that the address, location and whereabouts of said Defendants are unknown and cannot be ascertained by diligent search or inquiry.

3. That it appears to the Court that said Defendants shall be, and are, hereby summoned and required to serve their Answer to the Complaint, upon W. Andrew Yarbrough, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 456, Waynesboro, TN 38485, Attorney for Plaintiff, on or before the 17th day of October, 2025, said date being more than thirty (30) days after the fourth publication of this Order.

4. That a copy of the Complaint of the Plaintiff can be obtained from the above-reference Court; and if said Defendants fail to file an Answer or otherwise responsibly plead within the designated time, the Plaintiff will apply for a judgment against said Defendants by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint, and this Motion for Default will be heard on the 24th

of October, 2025 at 9:00 am., or soon thereafter as the docket allows, and said Defendants shall appear on that day in the Chancery Courtroom in the Wayne County Justice Center in Waynesboro, Tennessee, and defend, or otherwise the Complaint will be taken for confessed and a default judgment will be entered against said Defendants.

5. That said Defendants shall be provided the substituted service of publication of this Order as proved by law.

6. That this Order, serving as Notice, be published in the Wayne County News, being a publication of weekly circulation in Wayne County, Tennessee, wherein the subject matter real property is located, for four (4) consecutive weeks. ALL OF WHICH IS SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED, on this 22nd day of August, 2025.

JULIE HEFFINGTON, JUDGE SITTING AS CHANCELLOR

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NOTICE
The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned by last registered owner and will be sold by Wilson Wrecker Service after September 24, 2025. For more information call Mike at 931-722-8214

2006 Toyota	VIN#5TBET34196S510914
2002 Ford	VIN#1FAEP55S52A46851
2005 Ford	VIN#1FTYR10UX5PA50338

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

As Required by TCA §30-2-306
Case Number 91CH1-2025-PR-722

Estate of **Orbie C. Berry**, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on September 8 of 2025 Letters Testamentary (or of Administration as the case may be) in respect of the estate of **Orbie C. Berry**, who died 6/1/2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Wayne County Chancery Court of Wayne County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
Date: 4/10/2025

Mary Susan Morgan, Executor, Administrator,
Personal Representative
Chassity Berlin, Attorney
Jamie Ann White, Clerk & Master

Sept. 17, 24-(P)

PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND TENNESSEE VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025 AT THE HARDIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

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OBITUARIES

Larry Keeton Thompson



Mr. Larry Keeton Thompson was born March 9, 1944, at his home in Wayne County, TN, to his parents, the late Mr. John Thompson and Mrs. Marjorie White Thompson. Larry spent his childhood surrounded by the beauty of nature and learning a great appreciation for the wondrous environment God has created, a love

for the outdoors that would last a lifetime. In his young adult years, he met his wife, Mrs. Carol Joyce Staggs, and the two would forever intertwine their hearts, families, and lives on August 7, 1970, choosing Wayne County as their forever home, raising their family in the admonition of the Lord as Mr. Larry was of the Baptist faith. He was a hard worker and excellent provider for his family in various capacities such as a dump truck driver, farmer, and construction worker until his retirement. In his leisure moments, he could be found coon hunting, deer hunting, rabbit hunting and raising coon dogs, but he held no other moments in his life closer to his heart than the time he spent with his children and especially his grandchildren.

Mr. Larry Keeton Thompson passed from this life on September 15, 2025, in Waynesboro, making his stay on this earth some 81 years, 6 months and 6 days.

Those left to honor his memory include his wife of 55 years, Carol Joyce Thompson; son, Charlie Lee Thompson (Donna Mae); brother, Dwight Thompson (Brenda), all of Waynesboro, TN; grandchildren, Jaggar Gauge Thompson (Katie) and Dustin Henderson (Kassie); great-grandchildren, Morgan Henderson and Hannah Henderson; great-great-grandchild, Baylor Haddock; as well as a host of other family members, friends and loved ones.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his sister, Johnnie Sue Whitsett, and grandson, Tyler Haddock.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 2:00 pm at Bates-Love Funeral and Cremation Chapel. Burial will follow in the Walker Cemetery.

Visitation with the family will be on Wednesday from 11:00 am till 2:00 pm service time, all at the Bates-Love Funeral and Cremation, LLC Chapel in Waynesboro, TN.

Ashpy William Orndoff, Jr.

We gather here to honor and celebrate the life of Ashpy William Orndoff, Jr., who passed away on September 10, 2025, at the age of 85. He was born on August 31, 1940, to the late Ashpy William, Sr. and Ruth Estelle Legas Orndoff.



Ashpy honorably served in the United States Navy from 1962 to 1966 during the Vietnam War, making his mark aboard the SS Saratoga. His commitment to his country was a testament to his strength and dedication.

In the embrace of marriage, Ashpy found joy with Dinah Jean Orndoff, and together they created a loving home filled with warmth. His professional life, marked by his role as a clerk for USPS in Columbia, TN, was followed by his spirited decision to work at Long John Silver's in Lawrenceburg, TN. Even in retirement, Ashpy exemplified an active lifestyle, always looking for ways to contribute and stay engaged.

An enthusiastic member of T.O.P.S., Ashpy took great pride in fostering a community where he could inspire others. Outside of work, he found solace in the great outdoors—tending to his farm with his beloved goats, nurturing his garden, woodworking, and in his younger days, enjoying the thrill of hunting and fishing.

Ashpy leaves behind a legacy of kindness, dedication, and a spirit that inspired all who knew him. His memory will forever be cherished in the hearts of family and friends. As we bid farewell, let us remember Ashpy's vibrant spirit and the countless ways he brightened our lives.

He is survived by his wife, Dinah Jean Orndoff of Waynesboro, TN; son, Ashpy Orndoff III and wife Christina of Ormond Beach, FL; daughters, Katherine Orndoff-Stein of Waynesboro, TN, and Jacqueline Sterling of Ocean City, MD; grandchildren, Cody Orndoff, Allie Orndoff, and Juana Ramirez; and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2025, from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm service time at Shackelford Funeral Directors in Waynesboro, TN.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 2:00 pm at Shackelford Funeral Directors in Waynesboro, TN.

Private family burial will be held at Memorial Gardens of Wayne County in Waynesboro, TN at a later time.

Explain It: Why Do We Yawn When We Are Tired?

Explain it...like I'm 5 years old

Yawning is something we all do, especially when we feel tired. It's that big open-mouthed stretch that seems to happen just when we need to wake up. The simplest explanation for yawning is that it helps us take in more oxygen and release carbon dioxide. When we are tired, our breathing tends to slow down, and yawning gives our body a little boost. It can also be a signal to our brain that it's time to relax or sleep.

Think of yawning like a reset button for your body. Just as a computer might slow down when it has too many programs running, our bodies can feel sluggish when we're tired. Yawning helps clear out the sluggishness and gets us ready for what's next.

Explain it...with LEGO

Imagine your body as a large Lego city. Each building represents a different part of your body, and each Lego piece stands for a specific function. When you're well-rested, everything is in place, and the city runs smoothly. But when you're tired, some buildings start to crumble, and the roads get bumpy, making it hard for people to move around.

Now, think of yawning as a special Lego crane. This crane can lift and rearrange the pieces to fix the city. When you yawn, it's like the crane scooping up extra oxygen from the air and delivering it to the tired parts of the city. This helps clear out the old, stale air (carbon dioxide) that has been stuck in the buildings.

Also, when one Lego figure yawns, it's like a signal to other figures nearby that they might need to yawn too. They all start using their cranes, synchronizing their work and making sure the city stays vibrant and functional.

Explain it...like I'm in college

When we yawn, it's not just about inhaling deeply; it involves a series of physiological changes. Research suggests that yawning increases oxygen intake, dilates the lungs, and helps regulate brain temperature. When we are tired, our brain can start to feel sluggish, which might be why we yawn more often in those moments.

Additionally, yawning could serve a social function. In many species, including humans, yawning can be contagious. Seeing someone yawn can trigger your own yawn, indicating a shared state of alertness or fatigue among individuals. This social aspect may have roots in our evolutionary past, helping groups synchronize their rest periods.

So, yawning serves multiple purposes: it refreshes our body, cools our brain, and fosters social bonding. Think of it as a multi-tool for your body that helps you stay sharp and connected with those around you.

Explain it...like I'm an expert

From a neurophysiological standpoint, yawning is a complex behavior mediated by several brain regions, including the hypothalamus, which regulates sleep-wake cycles and arousal states. The act of yawning can be initiated by various stimuli—fatigue, boredom, or even seeing someone else yawn.

Mechanistically, the deep inhalation associated with yawning increases the volume of air entering the lungs, which may facilitate gas exchange and optimize oxygen delivery to the brain. Furthermore, yawning has been shown to activate the parasympathetic nervous system, leading to a decrease in heart rate and promoting a state of relaxation.

Interestingly, studies suggest that yawning may also have thermoregulatory functions. By cooling the brain, yawning could enhance cognitive performance when transitioning from sleepiness to alertness. The social contagion aspect of yawning may indicate an evolutionary adaptation for maintaining group cohesion in social animals, aligning behavioral states within a group.

Thus, yawning can be seen as a multifaceted response with physiological, psychological, and social dimensions, intricately tied to our neurobiological functioning.

Homecoming At Bethel Grove Is September 21

Bethel Grove Church in Florence, AL, will be celebrating Homecoming on Sunday, September 21. Service will begin at 10am. Special singing will be provided by Weston Hinson.

For more information, call Pastor Gerald Montgomery at 256-577-0691.

Fall Revival Coming Up At Revival Center Church In Clifton

Revival Center Church in Clifton will be holding their Fall Revival on September 18, 19, and 21.

On Thursday night, September 18, the speaker will be Bro. Brant Sanders. Speaker on Friday night, September 19, will be Bro. Brent Holt. Services will begin at 7:00 p.m. each of those nights.

Special speakers on Sunday, September 21, will be Bro. Marvin and Sis. Vernell Morrow. Service on Sunday will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Pastor Shayne Riley and the congregation invite everyone to attend. The church is located at 1055 Linden Highway in Clifton, TN.

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Stink Bugs Are On The Move - Why They Invade Homes Every Fall

As temperatures begin to drop and leaves start changing, American homeowners face an unwelcome seasonal visitor: the brown marmorated stink bug. These shield-shaped pests are on the move across the country, seeking warm places to overwinter, and that often means invading homes in large numbers.



"Fall is prime time for stink bug invasions," said Dr. Jim Fredericks, Senior Vice President of Public Affairs for the National Pest Management Association (NPMA). "This is the season when they sneak indoors for shelter, and our homes seem like a great place to hunker down. What makes them particularly challenging is that they often arrive in large numbers, and true to their name, they release a foul odor when disturbed or crushed."

Homes provide the perfect combination of warmth and protection these pests need to survive the cooler months. They typically enter structures through small cracks and crevices around siding, utility pipes, window and door frames, behind chimneys, underneath wood fascia boards, and around foundation areas.

While stink bugs don't pose direct health risks to humans, they can quickly become an unpleasant nuisance indoors and a serious threat to gardens and agricultural crops outdoors.

Tips to prevent stink bugs from entering your home include:

- Seal openings with caulk
- Check screens on windows and doors for holes
- Keep exterior lighting to a minimum
- Eliminate moisture buildup around the home
- Keep branches and shrubbery well-trimmed

Stink bugs can be confused with other occasional invaders, and improper treatment can actually make the problem worse. Preventive measures can go a long way toward reducing the risk of an infestation. However, if you find large numbers of stink bugs in your home, contact a licensed pest control professional for assistance.

For more information about stink bugs and seasonal pest prevention tips, visit PestWorld.org.

Singing At Abrams Chapel Church Is September 19

Abrams Chapel at Gillis Mills will have their regular 3rd Friday night singing on September 19, with snacks at 6:00 and singing at 7:00.

The church is located at 445 Gillis Road, Savannah, TN. Everyone is welcome!

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On September 5, 2025, the Waynesboro American Legion Post 130 sponsored a Poker Run motorcycle ride. Proceeds from the event were donated to a local charity, the Angel Tree Foundation. The Poker Run was very successful, thanks to the generosity of several individuals and several Wayne County businesses. Last Tuesday night at the Post 130 Hall, a check for \$1,330.00 was presented by Jeremy Berry and Ron Pulley to Amy VanFleet with the Angel Tree Foundation.

The Wayne County American Legion Post 130 would like to thank all those who took part in the Poker Run, and a big thank you to the following contributing businesses: Piggly Wiggly, Prime Physical Therapy, Vicious Cycle, Family Diner, United Country/Terry Realty (Allen Terry and Brandi Bundrant), Little Star Market, Wayne County Rock, Bundrant Car Care, Self's Market, Tractor Supply, Jean's Floral and Gifts, Barlow Car Care, Ace Hardware, All Pro Painting, and Subway.

The first annual Poker Run brought in an amazing \$1,330.00. Anyone who would like to contribute or become involved, please contact Jeremy Berry at 931-332-1960.



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Philippians 4:13

FEATURES FROM THE BIBLE
TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE
Moses flees Egypt, Hears God
Exodus

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

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

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Sunday Night Services 6 P.M.
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Medical Center for its commitment to providing high-quality CPR," said Paul S. Chan, MD, MSc, volunteer chair of the American Heart Association Resuscitation System of Care Advisory Group. "Effective CPR can be the difference between life and death; during a cardiac arrest, every second and every compression count."

Each year, more than 300,000 adults and children experience an in-hospital cardiac arrest. Survival from cardiac arrest largely depends on timely medical emergency team response and effective CPR. The ability to consistently perform high-quality CPR is crucial for improving cardiac arrest outcomes; the difference between CPR and high-quality CPR is survival.

Maury Regional Medical Center's nationally recognized cardiac program offers a wide array of preventative and interventional cardiac services. The center's two state-of-the-art catheterization laboratories feature advanced technologies utilized by cardiologists and clinical care teams performing diagnostic testing and interventional, pacemaker and peripheral vascular procedures. As a certified comprehensive cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation program, Maury Regional also supports the recovery of patients who have experienced a heart attack, cardiac surgery or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Cardiac care at Maury Regional is led by 15 board-certified cardiologists on

the medical staff who are associated with Vanderbilt Heart-Columbia and Ascension Saint Thomas Heart Columbia.

To learn more about the heart services offered at MRMC, visit MauryRegional.com/Heart.

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needed to win the game.

Though the result stings, Collinwood showed balance on offense, hustle on defense, and steady play in special teams. The Trojans will aim to build on those positives as they prepare for their next match-up against Loretto High School on Friday, September 19.---Submitted by Cana Keating

...Bass Team
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Maddie also took home Big Fish of the tournament with a weight of 6.11 lbs.

Jr. High: Charlie Prince & Bentley Davis, 2 fish (3.86 lbs.); Reece Brewer & Hatten Morrow, 1 fish (2.39 lbs.); Wyatt James & Jase Martin, 4 fish (5.93 lbs.); Oakley McClain & Lake McClain, 4 fish (5.33 lbs.); Owen Bromley & River Ray, 1 fish (1.33 lbs.).

High School: Hunter Montgomery & Kelyn Davis, 1 fish (1.99 lbs.); Cole Davis & Gage Mathis, 1 fish (2.51 lbs.); Maddie Brown & Cristian Risner, 5 fish (13.83 lbs.); Patch Craig & Tate Linville, 1 fish (2.58 lbs.); Carson Rumbaugh & Geny Hart, 2 fish (5.23 lbs.)

Maury Regional Receives Award For CPR Quality Achievement



Maury Regional Medical Center has received the American Heart Association's Target: Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Quality Achievement Award for its commitment to treating in-hospital cardiac arrest, ultimately helping to improve survival rates.

The Target: CPR Award was developed to recognize hospitals who monitor CPR quality during in-hospital cardiac arrest events. These hospitals strive to save more lives by ensuring consistency with the most up-to-date, research-based guidelines from the American Heart Association.

"We are honored to receive this recognition from such a prestigious organization as the American Heart Association. This award reflects our team members' unwavering commitment to delivering seamless,

evidence-based care in critical moments," said Maury Regional Health CEO Martin Chaney, MD. "By closely monitoring CPR performance and following proven guidelines, we are able to optimize the outcomes for our patients when every second counts."

Sites who are recognized as Target: CPR leaders are committed to improving care for patients suffering from cardiac arrest by capturing data on compression rate, depth and fraction (time spent performing compressions), along with other CPR metrics. Awarded hospitals have collected and entered the data for at least half of their in-hospital cardiac arrest cases requiring CPR.

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Frank Hughes Graduate Serves With U.S. Navy Patrol Squadron

By Alvin Plexico, Navy Office of Community Outreach

Petty Officer 1st Class Kassie Vickery, a native of Olivehill, Tennessee, serves the U.S. Navy assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 26. Vickery graduated from Frank Hughes High School in 2008.

“Growing up in a small town, where everyone knows your name, taught me early on to take pride in everything I do,” Vickery said. “You learn to work hard, stay humble and help out without being asked. The grit I learned back home has been a solid foundation in my Navy career.”

Vickery joined the Navy 14 years ago. Today, Vickery serves as an aviation structural mechanic.

“I joined the Navy because I needed a fresh start,” Vickery said. “I wanted to make something of myself and prove to myself that I was capable of more. The Navy gave me an opportunity and a purpose I didn’t know I needed.”

Members of VP-26 fly and maintain the U.S. Navy’s P-8A Poseidon multi-mission maritime aircraft. Designed to secure the U.S. Navy’s future in long-range maritime patrol capability, the P-8A has transformed how the Navy’s maritime patrol and reconnaissance force will train, operate and deploy, according to Navy



officials. P-8A aircraft deploy around the globe to monitor the world’s oceans wherever they are needed.

“The hard work and dedication of our sailors have been the driving force behind our squadron’s success, enabling us to remain mission-effective and ready at all times,” said VP-26 commanding officer, Cmdr. Taylor Barros. “Their relentless commitment has shaped a forward-leaning team that consistently meets challenges head-on and excels in every operational environment.”

The U.S. Navy is celebrating its 250th birthday this year.

According to Navy officials, “America is a maritime nation and for 250 years, America’s Warfighting Navy has sailed the globe in defense of freedom.”

With 90% of global commerce traveling by sea

and access to the internet relying on the security of undersea fiber-optic cables, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity of the United States is directly linked to recruiting and retaining talented people from across the rich fabric of America.

Vickery has many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during military service.

“One of the things I’m most proud of is watching younger sailors around me grow into solid leaders,” Vickery said. “Being part of that process, whether through mentoring, supporting or just listening, makes the long days worth it. It’s like watching someone find their voice and realizing they belong. I’m honored to be part of their story.”

Vickery serves a Navy that operates far forward, around the world and around the clock, promoting the nation’s prosperity and security.

“Serving in the Navy helped me find a purpose in chaos, show up when it’s hard and stand for something bigger than myself,” Vickery said. “It’s taught me humility, patience and resilience. It’s also given me a second family I didn’t know I needed.”

One Shot Of RSV Vaccine Effective Against Hospitalization In Older Adults

One shot of an RSV vaccine protects adults ages 60 or older from RSV-associated hospitalization and critical illness during two consecutive RSV seasons, according to a study published in JAMA recently by the IVY Network research group.

RSV causes substantial seasonal illness during fall and winter in the U.S., with an estimated 100,000-



150,000 hospitalizations and 4,000-8,000 deaths occurring annually among adults 60 or older.

The results reinforce the recommendations for RSV vaccines in older adults and lay the groundwork

Community Events

FISH FRY IS SEPT. 20 AT CYPRESS INN VFD

The Cypress Inn VFD will have a fish fry on Saturday, September 20, from 3 till 6 p.m. Take-out and curbside service will be available. Everyone is encouraged to support the Fire Department.

SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 130 TO MEET SEPT. 23

The Sons of American Legion Waynesboro Post 130 will meet on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at the Legion Hall in Waynesboro at 6:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the group is encouraged to attend.

SCTDD OFFERING APPLICATION ASSISTANCE WITH SNAP

South Central Tennessee Development District (SCTDD) is now offering application assistance with “SNAP,” formerly known as the Food Stamp Program, for adults 60 and over or individuals with a disability. If you know someone 60 and over or an individual with a disability, they may qualify for the SNAP program. Applicants 60 and over or an individual with a disability can now call SCTDD SNAP Coordinator Bonnie Walker at 931-379-2955 for free and confidential application assistance.

VETERANS’ SERVICE SEEKING DRIVERS

The Wayne County Veterans’ Service Office is seeking volunteers to drive the vehicle that transports local veterans to important medical and VA appointments. You do not have to be a veteran to volunteer to be a driver. For more information, call Veterans’ Service Officer Ronald Pulley at 931-722-9219.

LEARN TO RECOGNIZE SIGNS OF DRUG ABUSE

Abuse of addictive pharmaceutical drugs is on the rise. Learn to recognize the signs of drug abuse and get your loved ones help if they are at risk. Call Narconon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all types of drugs. 800-431-1754 or Prescription-abuse.org. Narconon can help you take steps to overcome addiction in your family.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

There are open meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous held at the First United Methodist Church in Waynesboro every Tuesday from 6-7 p.m. and every Saturday from 7-8 p.m. The meetings are non-smoking.

LIVING FREE MEETS EVERY SATURDAY

Have you ever lost your job, your house, your freedom, or a loved one? Then you know the grief that follows. Come to group with us and learn how to start over fresh! New book, “Handling Loss and Grief,” begins Sat., Sept. 6. Come Saturday mornings at 10am at 713B Hwy 99, Waynesboro, in the Barlow shopping center. For more information, call Jeff (352) 620-4429, Linda (931) 722-2186 or Cheryl (561) 312-1728. Aug. 20, 27, Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24-(P)

WAYNE CO. DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO MEET

The Wayne County Democratic Party will be meeting at 6pm on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at Dad’s Pizzeria in Waynesboro.

BREAKFAST ON THE CREEK

Eagle Creek Fire Hall and Community Center, located at 2632 Clifton Turnpike, Waynesboro, TN, will be hosting “Breakfast on the Creek” on Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 7am until 10am. They will be offering scrambled eggs, homemade biscuits, sausage and bacon from Hitman Smoked Products, homemade sausage, chocolate gravy, and potatoes & onions, along with coffee, orange juice, water, Coke, or Sprite. All proceeds go the Station 8 Eagle Creek Fire Hall and Community Center. Sept. 17, 24-(obj)

WAYNE COUNTY CIVITAN MEETS 2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAY

The Wayne County Civitan meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 12 noon at Dad’s Pizzeria, 705 Highway 99, Waynesboro. For more information, contact Marla Beavers, President, at 931-722-8110 or email mjbeavers58@yahoo.com.

WAYNE COUNTY ARREST REPORT

The arrests are taken directly from the Wayne Co. Sheriff’s Office website and are considered public record.

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Ashley Marie Spivey
Total Bond: \$75,000
Unlawful Carrying or
Possession of a Weapon X2

for understanding how long a single dose of the vaccine may be effective, according to Wesley Self, MD, MPH, principal investigator for the IVY Network and Senior Vice President for Clinical Research at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

“These results clearly demonstrate that the RSV vaccines prevent hospitalizations and critical illness due to RSV infection among older Americans,” Self said. “It is exciting to see the public health benefits of this new vaccination program.”

Investigators used data from a multicenter hospital network known as the IVY Network (The Investigating Respiratory Viruses in the Acutely Ill Network) to assess RSV vaccine effectiveness. They used a test-negative, case-control study design among 6,958 persons 60 years or older who had been hospitalized with acute respiratory illness at one of 26 hospitals in 20 US states during two RSV seasons from October 1, 2023–March 31, 2024 and October 1, 2024–April 30, 2025.

Overall, vaccination reduced the risk of RSV hospitalization by 58% during two RSV seasons, including 69% in the first year after vaccination and 48% in the second year after vaccination.

“Our data show that the beneficial effects of RSV vaccines appear to wane over time,” Self said. “Redosing the vaccine at some interval after the initial dose could be a strategy to maintain protection over longer periods of time. It will be important to continue to closely monitor vaccine effectiveness over time to understand how long the benefit lasts after a single dose and if repeat dosing should be considered.”

Current RSV vaccine recommendations are for all adults aged 75 years and older and those aged 50-74 years who are at an increased risk of severe RSV.

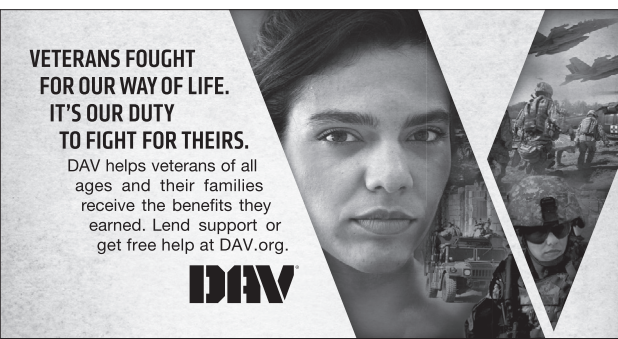
Aaron Harder Named To SNHU President’s List

Aaron Harder of Waynesboro has been named to Southern New Hampshire University’s (SNHU) Summer 2025 President’s List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution

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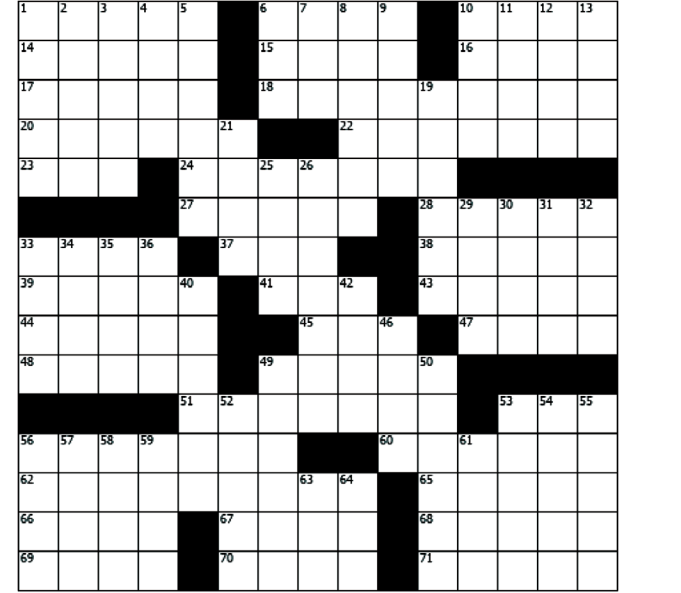
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 - Possessed
 - Side by side
 - Memorize
 - Archie Bunker’s wife
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 - Knight’s title
 - Cowboys’ contest
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Wayne County 4-H Hosts Upcoming Car & Truck Show and Chick Chain & Country Ham Sale

The annual Wayne County 4-H Car & Truck Show will take place on Saturday, September 20, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Wayne County Ag Center, located at 849 McCall Drive, Collinwood, TN.

Participants can register their vehicles for \$25 for the first entry and \$10 for each additional vehicle. Judging begins at 10:00 a.m., with winners announced at 1:00 p.m. Admission is free to the public, making it a great family-friendly event.

Awards will be given in the Top 25, along with special honors including Ladies Choice, Best of Show Car, Best of Show Truck, County Mayor Award, Sheriff's Award, and Sponsors Award.

A 4-H concession stand will be open beginning at 10:00 a.m., and vendors are welcome with a \$25 booth fee (call 722-3229 for details). **NO FOOD VENDORS**

This event promises classic cars, trucks, and a great community atmosphere—all while supporting the Wayne County 4-H program.

Chick Chain & Country Ham Show and Sale – September 27th

Just one week later, Wayne County 4-H will host the Chick Chain & Country Ham Show and Sale on Saturday, September 27, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

This unique event will feature Red Sex Link and Black Sex Link pullets, along with country hams and bacon raised and prepared by 4-H members. These items will be available for purchase, and all proceeds go directly back to the 4-H youth who worked hard to raise and prepare them.

The Chick Chain and Ham Project teach youth responsibility, dedication, and hands-on skills in animal husbandry and food preservation. By supporting this sale, the community directly invests in the growth and success of local youth.



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Snacks Can Provide Healthy Nutritional Benefits

Snacks are often viewed negatively because they can provide extra calories to a diet. However, when planned correctly, snacks can have positive nutritional benefits.

When you hear the word snack, many things come to mind. To some people a snack is a sweet indulgence. Others hear the word snack and think of a salty or savory treat between meals. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics defines snacks as foods and caloric beverages consumed between regular meals. Snacks are often viewed negatively because they can provide extra calories to a diet. However, when planned correctly, snacks can have positive nutritional benefits.

The first step in selecting snacks is to use the MyPlate food groups. MyPlate can serve as a guide to choose healthy foods while helping you avoid sources of empty calories and added sugar. Healthy snacks usually include foods from two or more food groups. It is important to keep a supply of healthy foods in the kitchen. This will make it easier to choose a nutritious snack. When shopping for snack food, avoid adding foods high in added sugar, salt and fat to the grocery cart. Instead, the American Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics recommends you have on hand whole fruits, washed and cut-up raw vegetables, low-fat or fat-free yogurt and milk, low-sodium cottage cheese, low-fat cheese, string cheese, lean deli meats, hummus or salsa, frozen fruit juice bars, whole grain crackers, pita bread, dried fruits, nuts and nut butters.

Most children cannot get enough nutrients from three meals a day. Snacks can help young children get the nutrients needed to grow. According to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, active teens may need the extra calories and nutrients that snacks supply. For adults, snacks can give an extra supply of energy to relieve afternoon hunger.

Colorful vegetables make an appealing low-fat snack that is easy to prepare. Simply cut raw vegetables into bite-size portions and serve plain or with a low-fat dip or cottage cheese. A variety of vegetables can be served as snacks including broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, celery, cucumbers, mushrooms, radishes, summer squash and bell peppers. To avoid the danger of choking, steam or microwave any hard vegetables before you serve them to toddlers and cut them into small pieces.

Water, 100% fruit juice, or milk are great snack beverages. But don't overdo the juice, even if it is 100% juice. When possible, serve whole fruit and water instead of juice.

To control calories, look for healthy alternatives to high fat, high calorie snacks. For example, instead of potato chips, choose rice cakes or pretzels. Have a low-fat granola bar instead of cookies or have fruit-flavored water instead of soda.

Snacks should not replace meals, so keep portion sizes reasonable. To keep portion sizes in check, put your snack on a plate or dish instead of eating from the package. This will also help you know how much you have consumed. Many snack foods also come in single-serve containers that help with portion control. Or, you can portion out your snacks beforehand.

People eat snacks for a variety of reasons. Some eat snacks because they are hungry. Some people eat snacks when they are bored, tired, or stressed. Snacking because of boredom or for emotional reasons can lead to weight gain. Before you take a bite, rate your hunger and avoid mindless eating.

Final Concert Event For "Celebrate The Music"



The Erwins will be the guest singers for the final "Celebrate the Music" concert event for 2025.

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The concert is scheduled for Saturday, September 20, at 6 P.M., so mark your calendar and make plans to attend this special evening.

The event will be held at New Life Baptist Church, located at 2699 Buffalo Road in Lawrenceburg. Come expecting to receive a blessing.

This 2025 concert season was planned by area churches that joined together to present these "Celebrate the Music" events.

This event is sponsored by Collinwood Freewill Baptist Church, Shawnettee Church, Millrock Freewill Baptist Church, Cornerstone Church, McGlamery Church, Burns Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, Piney Grove Freewill Baptist Church, Scotts Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, Staline Baptist Church, Collinwood Methodist Church, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Jones Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, Williams Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, Murphy's Chapel, New Life Baptist, Fairview Freewill Baptist Church, and Whites Creek Freewill Baptist Church, along with Peoples Bank and Wayne County Bank.

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Why Power Walking Is The Ultimate Cardio

The term “power walking” might make you think of days past, but let’s just say it - it’s so back. Walking in general is beyond popular right now because this low-impact exercise has a bunch of benefits—both mental and physical. And while walking is great for you in general, some walking speeds and styles are more beneficial for your health than others. One way to power up your next walk? You guessed it: Turn your walk into a power walk. Here’s how.



to propel yourself forward and keeping your core engaged. “It should really be a full-body exercise,” Richardson says. (If you feel like your movement is a little dramatic or exaggerated, you’re probably doing a power walk right.)

Since you’ll be walking pretty fast, it’s important to keep an eye on your posture. You shouldn’t be leaning forward, says Rothstein. Instead, keep your head over your chest and shoulders, careful not to round at your spine or hinge at your hips. In terms of your stride, you’re going to want to take more, rather than longer steps.

Where you walk also matters, both experts agree. Incorporating hills and inclined terrain is ideal and will make sure you’re really able to keep your power walk challenging, they say. And, if you’re not quite able to go as fast as you want to yet, try incorporating intervals to your walk to build up to a sustained faster pace.

Power walking form tips:

- Bend and swing arms for momentum
- Engage core
- Maintain a tall posture
- Take smaller steps versus long strides

Any aerobic exercise, power walking included, should start with a warm-up to slowly transition your heart into exercise mode, says Richardson. With power walking, that just means walking at a slower pace at first. When venturing on your own power walk, anywhere

from three to five minutes at a slower pace will suffice.

If you’re someone who is already active, try sustaining your power walk for 30 to 40 minutes to make sure you’re getting full cardiorespiratory benefits, and if you’re a beginner, good news: You’ll see benefits with as few as 10 minutes, says Richardson.

Each week you can increase your walks by 10 minutes, with the goal of hitting the CDC-recommended 150 minutes of moderate to intense exercise per week.

Sample Power Walk Routine For Beginners:

- Warm-up (five minutes): Before you start power walking, it’s important to do a warm-up, says Richardson. All that entails is walking at your natural, slower pace before kicking it up a gear.
- Power walk (10 minutes): Now that your body is moving and blood is flowing, increase your pace to your maximum walking pace, making sure you engage arms and core and ideally varying your incline.
- Cooldown (five minutes): Return to your natural walking pace.

Power walking gives you all of the benefits of walking like boosting your mood, conditioning your heart, and strengthening your muscles, but turned up a notch. This is because power walking increases the intensity of a walk and therefore demands more of your heart and body, says Rothstein.

A more intense walk taxes your cardiorespiratory system more, turns over more oxygen, and burns more calories. It also should help improve blood pressure and blood glucose levels, says Richardson. All in all, a power walk is a more efficient way to get the benefits of walking.

Olivia Luppino, Women’s Health

and villains out of law enforcement, Republicans will continue to fight for tough-on-crime policies that keep criminals off the street.

In Washington, D.C., and blue cities across the country, left-wing officials have implemented cashless bail policies that put the lives of police and law-abiding citizens at risk. Just last year, an 18-year-old was released from jail in Memphis without bond after he was charged with two counts of auto theft, unlawful possession of a weapon, and two counts of vandalism. He then participated in the shooting death of a Memphis Police Department officer.

To prevent such tragedies from ever happening again, I recently introduced two pieces of legislation backed by the Trump administration to crack down on cashless bail.

The Ending Cashless Bail in Our Nation’s Capital Act would require Washington, D.C., to use the highest level of cash bail necessary for dangerous offenders as a condition of pretrial release and ensure anyone charged with violent crimes like murder, rape, carjacking, sexual abuse of a minor, and robbery stay behind bars while awaiting trial. The Keep Violent Criminals Off Our Streets Act, meanwhile, would ban the award of certain federal funds to states and localities across the country that limit the use of cash bail.

With these bills, Congress has an incredible opportunity to support President Trump’s efforts to restore law and order across the country. We should waste no time in sending them to his desk.



Trump’s Crime Crackdown Has Been a Huge Success. Here’s How Congress Can Support It.

Car thefts down 36 percent. Robberies down 62 percent. Burglaries down 48 percent. Violent crime down 49 percent. Homicide down 57 percent. The numbers don’t lie: President Trump’s crackdown on crime in Washington, D.C., has been a resounding success.

By deploying National Guardsmen to our nation’s capital, the President has empowered law enforcement to track down and apprehend criminals across the city. In the last month, there have been more than 1,700 arrests in D.C., including members of MS-13 and Tren de Aragua. At the same time, authorities have rescued five missing children and cleared out dozens of homeless encampments that served as crime havens.

While President Trump works to lower crime in our nation’s capital, he’s also offered help to other cities in dire need of support. In recent weeks, I have worked with FBI Director Patel and Attorney General Bondi to surge resources to Memphis, where federal law enforcement have apprehended gang members who have plagued the city with violent crime.

All Americans should celebrate this success. But even as blue-city residents call for federal assistance

to help lower crime in their communities, many Democrats have doubled down on their soft-on-crime agendas.

In D.C., the city’s attorney general sued the Trump administration to remove National Guardsmen from the city. After President Trump floated the possibility of deploying the National Guard to Chicago, which has led the nation in homicides for more than a decade, Democrat Mayor Brandon Johnson signed an executive order to obstruct cooperation with federal law enforcement. Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker (D.) has similarly threatened to sue the Trump administration over a potential deployment.

In fact, when a reporter asked Pritzker about the 58 Chicagoans who were shot over Labor Day weekend, including 8 fatally, the Democrat governor offered the reprehensible excuse that “big cities have crime.”

Unlike Democrats, Republicans are fighting for Americans who deserve safe neighborhoods that are free of violent crime. No American wants a gang to move into their community. They don’t want drug dealers, human traffickers, sex traffickers, pedophiles, and predators moving into their neighborhood. And they are demanding action from their elected leaders to reduce crime and ensure that their families can enjoy a wonderful quality of life.

While Democrats make heroes out of villains



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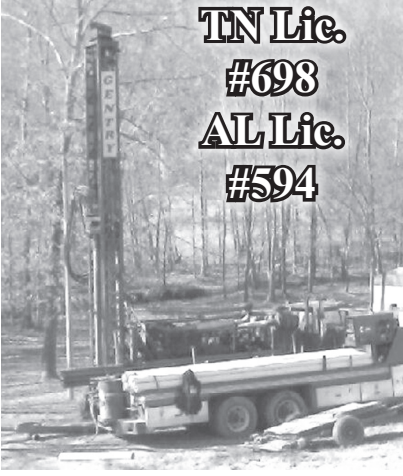
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Sen. Hagerty discusses Trump's maximum pressure on Russia, U.S. strike on Venezuelan drug vessel, China's role in global instability

Last week, United States Senator Bill Hagerty (R-TN), a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and former U.S. Ambassador to Japan, joined Varney & Co. on Fox Business to discuss President Donald Trump's maximum pressure campaign on Russia, military action against Venezuelan drug cartels, and the need to hold China accountable for aiding Putin. See below for a partial transcript,

Hagerty on Trump's pressure campaign against Russia and China: "Let's not mistake a photo op in Beijing for a change in world order. The United States actually has treaty alliances with NATO and countries like Japan that are deep and strong. What you see here is a relationship of convenience. Kim Jong Un joining Vladimir Putin and the Iranians—this is a gang of thugs that have come together under the

guise of a celebration there in Beijing. It underscores that Xi Jinping is desperate to reach out, to bring any type of friends alongside right now, because Russia is finding itself increasingly isolated—the same for Iran. What you've got is a situation where President Trump is imposing maximum pressure. And with respect to Russia, President Trump is certainly very disappointed, but he has imposed tariffs again on India. Now, the United States is under President Trump's leadership in a position to actually expand its energy production to supplant Russia in Europe. And the Indians need to stop refining Russian crude oil and supplying that to Europe so that we can actually get the maximum pressure campaign to take effect on Russia and bring the Ukrainian War to an end."

Hagerty on Trump's military strike against Venezuelan drug cartels: "In my home state of Tennessee, we're losing 3,000 lives of young people a year to drug overdose. President Trump is trying to stop this, which is something Joe Biden was wholly unwilling to do. This carnage has to come to an end. President Trump has put in incredible tariffs on China, Mexico, and Canada. He's trying to deal with Venezuela. Now that the Mexican border or the land border has been resealed, they're using international waters. That's why he came to stop them. Tren de Aragua is operating in my state and probably most states across the nation, again,

running drugs that are killing our kids. This is a war on America. President Trump is bringing it to an end, and I applaud it."

Hagerty on Trump pressing Putin to make a deal: "I don't think [a peace deal] is lost. What you're seeing is President Trump gaining more and more resolve to impose more and more pressure on Vladimir Putin. The tariffs in India demonstrate how serious President Trump is. India needs to stop refining Russian crude oil and sending it to Europe. We need to supplant them. We need to put more economic pressure on Putin, and the two leaders need to come to the table to make a deal. I expect to see more pressure coming from President Trump. This disappointment will manifest itself again in a maximum pressure campaign where President Trump has many more levers to push."

Hagerty on China's role in aiding Russia: "As long as China continues to help Russia, it makes it more difficult. I think China needs to get that message as well. There are many issues between the United States and China, but this is certainly one of them. China, North Korea, and Iran have all come to the aid of Russia in this, and every one of them is receiving their own levels of pressure. Iran is in terrible shape. North Korea—more to come there. And China, that's the key. The more pressure we can put on China, the more its likely to bring President Putin to a more reasonable place."

“Forever Chemicals” Over The Limit In 14 TN Water Systems, Including Clifton

Some drinking water in Tennessee contained long-lasting chemicals linked with harmful effects above federal limits when sampled recently, according to data from the Environmental Protection Agency.

USA TODAY recently published a map of public drinking water systems that submitted test results to the EPA for “forever chemicals.” Fourteen water systems had levels over the limits set by the EPA, including the City of Clifton.

The chemicals at issue are per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS. These human-made substances were dubbed “forever chemicals” in a Washington Post article in 2018 because of how long they take to break down.

These chemicals — desirable for their non-stick, stain-resistant and heat-resistant properties — are in countless products in our homes, offices, schools and cars, from non-stick cookware to clothing. As a result, they have seeped into our soil, wildlife, food, water systems and nearly all of our bodies, according to the EPA.

Studies have shown exposure to PFAS may be linked to harmful health effects, but research is still ongoing, the EPA says. Heightened exposure to PFAS could lead to reproductive issues, developmental delays and increased risks of some cancers, the EPA says.

Forever chemicals were



found in samples from public water systems all over the Volunteer State, but some utilities had levels above limits set by the EPA.

The following water systems were found to have “forever chemicals” above the legal limit. Some agencies did not list a specific sampling location.

- Clifton Water Department: 3.6 times the limit
- Erwin Utilities Authority: 1.7 times the limit at Howard Brown (Railroad Well) Water Treatment Plant
- Savannah Valley Utility District (Georgetown, Tennessee): 8 times the limit at Carson Spring Well Water Plant
- Hillsville Utility District (Manchester, Tennessee): 2.2 times the limit at Highway 41 sampling location
- Manchester Water Department: 1.1 times the limit at Duck River UC Connection
- Shelbyville Water System: 1.5 times the limit
- Ardmore Water System: 2.8 times the limit
- Harvest-Monrovia Water System: 1.1 times the limit at Mt. Zion Water Treatment Plant

- Camden Water Department: 4 times the limit at Camden Treatment Plant.
- Parsons Water Department: 2.7 times the limit
- Savannah Utility Department (Savannah, Tennessee): 2.8 times the limit
- First Utility District of Hardin County (Counce, Tennessee): 4.1 times the limit
- Trenton Water System: 6 times the limit
- Jackson Water System: 3.8 times the limit at South Plant

Not all water filters remove PFAS, but EPA identifies three types of water filters that do. These sorts of filters range from about \$20-1,000, depending on several different factors, including whether they are pitcher filters, attach to faucets, or filter water for your entire home, the EPA says.

Here are those filter types and a short description, in the EPA’s words:

- Charcoal (granular activated carbon, or GAC): These filters use carbon to trap chemicals as water passes through them.
- Reverse osmosis (RO) systems: Reverse osmosis is a process that forces water through an extremely thin barrier that separates chemicals from the water.
- Ion exchange resins: Resins are tiny beads that act like powerful magnets that attract and hold the contaminated materials from passing through the water system.

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and careers in a variety of STEM fields. Complementary Wi-Fi and lounge areas will also be available throughout the event.

The event will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Waymon L. Hickman building on the Columbia Campus. There is a \$20 registration fee, with limited financial assistance opportunities available via the scholarship application made possible thanks to lead sponsor, the Tennessee Valley Authority. Seating is limited.

“We are looking forward to this year’s event which will bring back many of our favorite science activities and workstations and add some new ones!” Badeau said. “I’m personally excited to see the return of the game design event (that was very well received in our last event) and a new activity related to cloud chambers.”

STEM Within Reach is made possible through the volunteer effort of Columbia State’s faculty and staff, the donations

of community partners like the Tennessee Valley Authority, and volunteer community presenters like the Columbia Police Department and Columbia Fire & Rescue.

For full details and to register for the event or apply for scholarship funds, please visit www.ColumbiaState.edu/stem-within-reach.

For more information on Stem Within Reach, please email stemwithinreach@ColumbiaState.edu.

Peak Times For Beautiful Fall Foliage Colors In Tennessee

The annual autumnal leaf show is almost here, and the stage is set for a vibrant display in some of the most popular foliage sightseeing destinations.

Weather conditions leading up to fall have a big role in how colorful the displays become, and when leaves reach peak vibrancy. “I do think that there could be times where we see the fall foliage bright, but it may be a short window in some places because of weather factors,” AccuWeather Long-Range Expert Paul Pastelok explained.

What creates vibrant colors? A brilliant fall display depends on three key factors:

- A healthy growing season: Steady rainfall in spring and early summer helps trees enter autumn with less stress.
- Cool nights and sunny days: Chilly evenings without frost help trap sugars in leaves, which fuel the reds and purples. Warm, humid nights do the opposite.
- Minimal disruption: Drought, wind, torrential rain, insects or early frost can cut the season short or result in duller colors.

Two of the most popular areas to view and photograph fall foliage are expected to have great conditions in 2025. “The aspens in Colorado should be great viewing in the early fall from September through mid-October, but leaves may drop earlier than usual due to dry weather,” Pastelok said.

It should also be a good year for foliage across much of the Plains and into the Midwest. “An early frost is possible across the Dakotas and Minnesota but probably not hard enough to spoil foliage completely,” Pastelok added. “But some leaves will fall early with help of wind following stronger cold fronts, especially in October.”

New England is also famous for its foliage, and it’s shaping up to have vibrant displays thanks to plenty of rain in spring and throughout much of the summer.

As long as a flash-drought doesn’t sap the soil of moisture before autumn, “the fall foliage season should be good to excellent,” according to Pastelok.

A good showing of foliage is also predicted in the eastern areas of North Carolina and South Carolina.



Brilliant fall colors at the Sunken Trace site near Collinwood, Tennessee in 2024.



Glenrock Branch parking area, 2024.

The biggest concern in this region will be wind from a tropical storm or hurricane, which will knock the leaves off of trees before they reach peak colors.

While parts of the East are on track for a strong season, other areas may not be as lucky, with more typical or even lackluster colors expected this year across most of the Appalachians.

“Insect and fungus damage may have or can occur across southwestern Pennsylvania, western Maryland and Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee extending to Mississippi and Alabama from the heavy rain late spring into summer,” Pastelok explained. “This can lead to duller colors and early droppage of leaves.”

Long-range experts use hundreds of photos taken during several fall foliage seasons to estimate the timing of peak fall colors on the Natchez Trace Parkway. “This year, fall colors are arriving about a week earlier than the usual dates,” said one expert on NatchezTraceTravel.com. “This could be caused to several cold nights so far and not much rain over the last month.”

The 100 miles of the Parkway from the southwest corner of Nashville to the Alabama state line south of Collinwood, TN is typically at or near peak foliage colors from October 24 through November 9. For the 2025 fall foliage season along the Natchez Trace Parkway in Tennessee, expect peak colors to begin in mid-to-late October and last through No-

vember, with the northern section of the parkway seeing colors change about a week or two before the southern sections.

In middle to late October, the maple, hickory, oak and other hardwood trees begin to change colors and visitors have the opportunity to view the brilliant fall foliage along the Natchez Trace Parkway. Each fall, as sunlight decreases, it signals the plant to stop producing chlorophyll. The best conditions to create fall color are when the autumn days are mild and sunny, and the evenings are cool and crisp, but not freezing. Ideal foliage is sparked by a warm, wet spring, a typical summer, and sunny autumn days with cool nights.

Warmer weather and longer growing seasons are starting to reshape the rhythm of autumn. “Fall foliage is the result of a delicate balance of temperature, moisture, and sunlight changes. With climate change shifting or disrupting those patterns, we are increasingly seeing variability in both the timing and vibrancy of the season,” AccuWeather Climate Expert and Senior Meteorologist Brett Anderson explained. “Warm autumn nights are especially impactful.”

The result is less consistency year to year, with more regions seeing duller colors, shorter seasons, or earlier leaf drop. “Warming planet could allow more migration of pests farther north, destroying certain trees,” Pastelok added.

Columbia State To Host STEM Within Reach Event

Columbia State Community College will host a STEM Within Reach event in an effort to promote and encourage young people’s knowledge and access to science, technology, engineering and math careers, on October 25 at the Columbia Campus.

“STEM Within Reach is more than just a science outreach event – it’s an ongoing passion project of Columbia State faculty and staff who love science,” said Ryan Badeau, Columbia State educational services coordinator for the Williamson Campus and associate professor of physics. “STEM Within Reach is a full-day Saturday event, held every other year at the Columbia Campus, with the goal of bringing novel hands-on science activities and experiences to middle school boys and girls right here in Middle Tennessee. We believe in inspiring upcoming students to not only learn more about the natural world, but also how they can use that knowledge to pursue future careers that benefit themselves, their families and communities.”

STEM Within Reach is a one-day STEM forum open to all 6th, 7th and 8th graders that will offer interactive, hands-on activities as well as encourage early student success in STEM, provide awareness of STEM careers available in Tennessee and promote the scientific and technological understanding of such fields.

The workshops at STEM Within Reach are designed to teach middle school students about the different opportunities in STEM-related careers as they begin to think about their futures.

Stations will be set up around campus for the students to observe and participate while Colum-



2023 STEM Within Reach attendees dissect cow eyeballs.



2023 STEM Within Reach attendees conduct a flame test.



2023 STEM Within Reach attendees learn to operate remote-controlled drones.

bia State faculty and guest presenters guide them through an interactive, hands-on experience.

Topics include animal science, astronomy, biology, chemistry, engineering, math, technology and more.

“Our last event was held in October 2023, and included stations that explored drone flight, chemistry flame tests, an introduction to Python and game development, cow eyeball dissection, live animals and agricultural

science and more,” said Bobbie West, Columbia State associate professor of engineering and physics. “We partnered with the Columbia Police Department and Columbia Fire & Rescue to showcase how they use technology in keeping our communities safe. We also had a guest workshop sponsored by Ultium Cells on the science behind batteries.”

Parents and teachers are invited to a tour with information on how their children can pursue resources

Neurosurgeon Joins Maury Regional Medical Staff

Ali Shirzadi, MD, a specialist in neurologic surgery, has joined the medical staff at Maury Regional Medical Center. He is associated with the NeuroSpine Institute.

Dr. Shirzadi received his medical degree from Texas Tech University Health Science Center in Lubbock, Texas. He completed a residency as well as a fellowship (Minimal-

ly Invasive & Complex Spine) at Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, California.

Dr. Shirzadi’s office will be located at 1222 Trotwood Avenue, Suite 302, Columbia, TN 38401. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 931.490.7193 or visit MauryRegional.com.



Society News

WCHS Class Of 1970 55th Reunion



The Wayne County High School Class of 1970 celebrated their 55th Reunion on August 16th, 2025. Everyone had a great time reuniting and reminiscing.

Those present were: Front Row – Elmer Richerson, Bobby Martin, Debby Gallaher Taylor, Pam Baer Barnes, Ann Edwards Galbreath, Molly Stanfield Davidson, Patsy Downey Cook, Wanda Holt Keaton, Pam Hodges, Danny Thompson, Bill Gipson. Second Row – Regina Andrews Frederick, Sandra Staggs Pate, Gayle Yeiser Donaldson, Mary Lou Pulley Bryant, Barbara Rich Staggs, Judy Kilburn McDonald. Third Row – Jimmy Griggs, Kenneth Kelley, Buddy Pevahouse, Rickey Kelley, Steve Byrd, Lewis Pulley. Also present: Diane Nutt Hill, Debbie Bradley, and Johnny Kilpatrick.

SCTWA Holds 2025 Graduation Ceremony



Graduates of the South Central Tennessee Workforce Alliance Adult Education Program participated in the 2025 commencement ceremony on August 21. The program allows participants to earn a high school equivalency diploma at no cost.

A special ceremony was held August 21 to honor this year's graduates of the South Central Tennessee Workforce Alliance Adult Education Program.

The commencement ceremony was held at Lawrenceburg First Baptist Church to honor graduates from Lawrence, Giles, Lewis, Perry, and Wayne Counties. A total of 109 students graduated from the five-county area during the past year.

The ceremony was led by Assistant District Co-

ordinator Ron Stepp. Alex Beene, Assistant Administrator for the Adult Education Division of the Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development, was the guest speaker.

The program is grant-based, providing adult learners an opportunity to earn their high school equivalency diploma at no cost. The program has seen considerable success in the past couple of years, with the highest number of adult graduates in the state.

Each graduate is a true success story. Students overcome all types of barriers, attending classes while holding down jobs and taking care of family obligations. Many have succeeded despite physical limitations or other daunting obstacles.

Anyone in Wayne County interested in obtaining a high school equivalency diploma is encouraged to contact SCTWA at 931-205-0132.

Old National Bank, Kid's Place To Host Snack Drive

Old National Bank, partnering with Kid's Place – A Child Advocacy Center, will be hosting a Snack Drive during "Better Together Days," September 17 and 18, 2025. Donations will be accepted at Wayne and Lawrence County Old National Bank branches.



Kid's Place
A Child Advocacy Center

A wish list has been established for items to be donated. The wish list includes individually wrapped snacks, individually wrapped chips, bottled water, and non-perishable foods. Other items on the wish list for Kid's Place that would be greatly appreciated are shampoo/conditioner, paper towels, and large trash bags. All donations are appreciated!

Calling All Quilters

Quilts are needed for the 1st Annual Quilt Show at the Wayne County Museum on October 3rd and 4th, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

The theme for this year's event is "Vintage Quilts of Wayne County." Anyone interested may submit a



quilt between Monday, September 29th and Thursday, October 2nd to be displayed during the show.

Admission to the quilt show is free. For more information, call 931-722-2256 or 931-722-1071.

Application Period Announced For Early Season WMA Waterfowl Quota Hunt

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency has announced the application period for the 2025 Early Season Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Waterfowl Hunt will be open from Sept. 24 through Oct. 14.

Applications can be made online at gooutdoorstennessee.com, the TWRA mobile app, TWRA regional offices, or any TWRA license agent. Mailed applications will not be accepted. Applicants must be at least 16 years old. Detailed application instructions, WMA locations, and general waterfowl quota hunt information are available on the TWRA Quota Hunts webpage. The deadline for applications is Oct. 14 at 11:59 p.m. (CDT).

A person may only submit one application, which



can include up to 48 unique hunt choices; hunt choices may not be repeated. Qualifying parties must have at least four members, with a maximum of eight.

Successful applicants will receive an email with instructions to log in and must claim their permit by Oct. 27 at 11:59 CDT. Each party member must claim their own permit. Permits will be available to print after the permit has been claimed. Individuals in the party who fail to claim their permit forfeit

their individual permit but may still hunt with a permit holder in attendance at the blind. If no one in a successfully drawn party claims their permit, the party forfeits that site, and the site will be allocated through an in-person leftover drawing.

The leftover drawings will be held on Monday, Nov. 10, at 6 p.m. local time. The drawing locations are listed on page 85 of the 2025-26 Tennessee Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping Guide.

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is responsible for protecting, managing, and conserving fish and wildlife species for the benefit of Tennesseans and visitors. The Agency also maintains public safety through law enforcement and safety education on waterways.

Photo of the Week



This week's featured photo was taken by Shannon West, an "amateur" photographer from Collinwood who is known for her "professional" photography skills. She recently captured this glorious photo of the setting sun over Trojan Field at Pat Brewer Stadium in Collinwood. While the grass in the stadium is green to match the Trojan color, this beautiful sunset showcases the pink hues that set off that green field just perfectly.

Thank you to Shannon for the spectacular photo!

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