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Covington considers data center moratorium

Covington officials are considering a moratorium on data centers while the city examines how to regulate their location and development, with electricity demand, water use and the size of the facilities among the concerns raised.

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted Sept. 22 to authorize City Attorney Rachel Simmons to move forward with work on a possible moratorium. Its duration and terms remain to be decided.

Alderman John Edwards brought the matter to the board, saying officials had already asked Simmons informally to work on it and that he wanted to make the request formal.

When a board member asked how long a moratorium might last, Mayor Jan Hensley clarified that the motion would allow the attorney to begin examining the issue and bring it back for discussion.

"We haven't gotten to that stage yet," Edwards said of setting a time limit.

Simmons said she would prepare a resolution for the next board meeting expressing the board's intent to pursue a possible moratorium. She said the process for a moratorium would need to begin with the Planning Commission.

The city needs better guidance on where data centers could be located and what their design and development plans would require, Simmons told the board. She described those questions as part of the zoning decisions officials would need to make.

Simmons said aldermen could discuss whether a pause should remain in place until the city develops regulations or until state or federal guidance becomes available.

Edwards raised concerns about the energy and space the facilities require, while Simmons also pointed to water use. Edwards said he hoped advances in technology would eventually reduce those demands.

The board approved the motion by voice vote. No specific data center developer, proposed site or project was identified during the discussion.

The next step outlined at the meeting was for Simmons to return with a written proposal for the board to review and discuss.

Atoka plans fall festival and fire safety activities Oct. 10

Atoka will host a morning of fire safety activities followed by its Autumn in Atoka festival Saturday, Oct. 10, with events at the town's fire station and Nancy Lane Park.

Sparky's Fire Safety Family Day is scheduled from 9 to 11 a.m. at Atoka Fire Station 1 at Town Hall, 334 Atoka-Munford Ave.

Children will visit interactive stations, learn fire safety lessons and collect stamps on activity cards. After completing the stations, they will put their skills into practice by crawling through a course to rescue a stuffed Sparky.

Families can explore a fire truck, try on firefighter turnout gear and meet Sparky the Fire Dog. The department also plans to provide a goodie bag for each child and distribute carbon monoxide detectors for families' homes.

Winners of the Fire Prevention Week poster contest will be announced during the morning event.

Autumn in Atoka will follow from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Nancy Lane Park on Atoka Park Avenue. Organized by the Town of Atoka Parks & Recreation, the festival will feature the Howard Tinting Show & Shine Car Show, live music and a cornhole tournament.

Food trucks and local vendors will participate, and bounce houses and yard games will be free.

For more information about Autumn in Atoka, contact Atoka Parks & Recreation at 901-837-5306 or letsplay@atokatn.gov.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

We don't go into journalism to be popular. It is our job to seek the truth and put constant pressure on our leaders until we get answers.

— Helen Thomas

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Bobby James Kenton

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Brighton High School Homecoming



TEAMWORK - Participants pull on a rope during a tug-of-war at Brighton High School's homecoming activities this week. **See more photos on page A9**. *Photo by Jeff Ireland*.

Voter registration closes Monday

Tipton County residents who need to register to vote for the Nov. 3 election face a Monday, Oct. 5, deadline.

The Tennessee Secretary of State's 2026 election calendar lists Oct. 5 as the registration cutoff for the state and federal general election. The Tipton County Election Commission also lists municipal elections for Nov. 3.

Early voting runs Oct. 14-29. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is Oct. 24, according to the state calendar.

The county election office provides links to voter registration information, registration-status and polling-place lookup tools, and a sample ballot on its website at tiptonco.com under Election Commission.

Residents with questions about registration, eligibility, voting locations or absentee voting can contact the Tipton County Election Commission at 901-476-0223. The office is in the Tipton County Annex at 113 E. Church Ave. in Covington.

The office lists regular hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Residents should consult the commission for the specific early-voting locations and hours.

UT Martin ties for 32nd in regional university rankings

The University of Tennessee at Martin tied for 32nd among 158 regional southern universities in the U.S. News & World Report 2027 Best Colleges rankings released this week.

UT Martin also tied for 16th among public schools in the region, placed 15th in Best Value for In-State Students and ranked 36th in Best Value Schools.

The university ranked 16th in Best Colleges for Veterans and 37th in Top Performers for Social Mobility, which considers Pell Grant graduation rates and graduation rate performance.

For online programs, UT Martin tied for 59th nationally in Best Online MBA Programs and 38th in Best Online MBA Programs for Veterans.

Final fall enrollment reached 8,253 students, the highest since 2010 and the second-highest fall total in the university's history. Enrollment increased 1.9% from 8,101 in fall 2025. New graduate and dual enrollment students contributed to the increase.

UT Martin offers 23 bachelor's degree programs with 142 specialized concentrations and eight graduate degrees with 30 concentrations. In addition to its main campus, the university has regional centers in Jackson, Parsons, Ripley, Selmer, Somerville and Springfield. UT Martin Online offers undergraduate and graduate degrees, including a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies for working adults.

The university also was listed as a Best Regional College by The Princeton Review for the 24th year. It will mark its 100th year as part of the UT System in 2027.

Complete rankings are available at usnews.com/best-colleges.

Tennessee offers digital pesticide applicator cards

Eligible Tennessee pesticide applicators can now add their current license, certification and solicitor cards to Apple Wallet or Google Wallet, the Tennessee Department of Agriculture announced Sept. 25.

The service is available through the MyTN mobile app. A digital card displays all active licenses and certifications associated with its holder.

"TDA continues to look for opportunities to streamline services and improve the customer experience for Tennesseans," said Adam Travis, assistant commissioner for the Consumer and Industry Services Division. "Pesticide applicators can now keep their active credentials right on their phone, making them easier to access when needed and eliminating the need

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Christopher Brent holds his Distinguished Service Award from the Tennessee State Conference NAACP's 80th annual convention in Memphis. Brent is president of the Tipton County NAACP branch and distributes The Leader each week. *Photo shared by Christopher Brent.*

Brent receives state NAACP Distinguished Service Award

Christopher Brent, president of the Tipton County NAACP branch, received a Distinguished Service Award at the organization's 80th annual state convention in Memphis, adding a statewide honor to his community work at home.

Brent's local involvement reaches beyond his NAACP leadership. He is affiliated with the Lions Club, serves on the Tipton County Election Commission and distributes The Leader's newspapers every week, helping get the paper into the community.

He announced the award in a public Facebook post, sharing photographs of himself holding a Tennessee-shaped plaque. The Tennessee State Conference NAACP opened its convention in Memphis on Sept. 24.

The recognition drew congratulations from friends and family, including his nephew, Eric L. Brent, who described the award in a public post as "a well-deserved recognition of his leadership, service, commitment, and dedication to the community."

Brent's work with the local NAACP includes the branch's annual Freedom Fund Gala, which recognizes community service and supports educational opportunities for Tipton County students.

At the 2025 gala, Brent presented appreciation awards to local honorees and spoke about the people who sustain the organization's work. The Leader's coverage of that event reported that support for the gala helped provide three scholarships for 2025-26 Tipton County graduates.

"Our mission endures because of individuals like you," Brent told those attending last year's gala, crediting their dedication and service to the community.

His election commission role places him among five appointed members of the county body. The county election office plans and administers municipal, county, state and federal elections and maintains voter registration records.

The local NAACP's work continues this fall. Brent has announced that the 2026 Freedom Fund Gala will take place Saturday, Nov. 7, at First United Methodist Church's Christian Life Center in Covington.

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News

Hensley advocates city manager and term limits

Covington Mayor Jan Hensley is advocating a city manager and term limits for elected city officials as he prepares to leave office, outlining the proposals in an interview shared by the city.

Speaking with Dynamite Chad on US 51 Country, 93.5 FM, Hensley said the range of city responsibilities, including water, sewer, gas and other services, makes professional management increasingly important.

He argued that a city manager could provide continuity as elected leadership changes and help keep departments moving in the same direction.

Hensley also said he had suggested 12-year limits for service as mayor and as an alderman during a workshop. He described the proposal as a way to make room for another generation of leaders.

Another proposal would require an alderman to resign that seat to run for mayor. Hensley said his aim was to give residents a vote in choosing a replacement instead of filling the resulting vacancy by appointment.

Hensley described the measures as changes he hopes to get passed and said charter changes would need to go to the state. His interview presented proposals, rather than an announcement that the changes had been adopted.

Festival booth turns litter lessons into hands-on fun

Children made bird feeders and adults tried a prize wheel as Keep Tipton County Beautiful brought litter prevention and recycling activities to Covington's 31st annual Heritage Festival on Sept. 26.

The organization also introduced a Trash or Treasure game at its booth, adding another activity to the festival's downtown offerings.

In a post following the festival, Keep Tipton County Beautiful said the booth gave its team an opportunity to talk with visitors about preventing litter and recycling while families participated in the activities.

The organization thanked Anna Jones and Litter Officer Dalton Hicks for helping staff the booth.

Photographs shared with the post show a tent filled with craft supplies, pine cones, a colorful wheel and the new game. The booth paired hands-on activities with information about keeping the county clean.



CUTLINE: Keep Tipton County Beautiful offered bird-feeder crafts, a prize wheel and a Trash or Treasure game at the 31st annual Heritage Festival in Covington on Sept. 26. Photo shared by Keep Tipton County Beautiful.

Tipton unemployment edges up to 3.9 percent

Tipton County's unemployment rate edged up to 3.9% in August, one-tenth of a percentage point above July's 3.8%, according to figures released Sept. 24 by the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The rate was unchanged from the 3.9% recorded in August 2025.

An estimated 1,101 county residents were counted as unemployed out of a labor force of 28,162, leaving 27,061 people working.

Rates moved higher across much of the state in August. Unemployment rates rose from July to August in 45 of Tennessee's 95 counties, held steady in 28 and fell in 22, the department said. Eighty-nine counties still posted rates below 5%. Sevier and Cheatham counties tied for the state's lowest rate at 2.9%, while Perry and Hancock counties shared the highest at 5.5%. Tennessee's seasonally adjusted statewide rate held at 3.4%. County rates are not seasonally adjusted.

Among Tipton's neighbors, Haywood County reported the lowest rate at 3.5%, followed by Fayette County at 3.7%. Lauderdale County stood at 4.8% and Shelby County at 5.0%, leaving Tipton on the lower end of the group.

Tipton County belongs to the Greater Memphis Local Workforce Development Area, which includes Fayette, Lauderdale and Shelby counties. That region posted a combined rate of 4.9% in August, unchanged from July. The broader Memphis metro area registered 4.6%, and Tipton's rate ran below both.

UT System enrollment reaches 65,618

The University of Tennessee System enrolled 65,618 students this fall, marking its sixth consecutive year of growth and a new systemwide high.

The total is 1.2% above last year's enrollment of 64,866 and 17.1% higher than five years ago, according to a Sept. 25 announcement.

A statewide public opinion survey conducted on behalf of the UT System found that 82% of Tennesseans had a positive opinion of UT, up from 76% last year. Seventy-two percent said a four-year degree from a Tennessee public college or university was worth the investment, compared with 59% in 2025.

"Across Tennessee, people are telling us that they believe in the value of a college degree and in the University of Tennessee," UT System President Randy Boyd said. "This enrollment growth shows that confidence is translating into action. Students and families are choosing UT because they see the opportunity a degree can create and the value of an education that prepares them for the future."

The system includes campuses in Knoxville, Chattanooga, Pulaski, Martin and Memphis, along with the UT Institute of Agriculture and the statewide Institute for Public Service.

Tipton sales tax collections rise nearly 5 percent

Sales tax collections in Tipton County rose 4.8 percent in the August reporting period compared with a year earlier, according to figures from the Tennessee Department of Revenue.

Collections totaled $5,277,116.10, an increase of $241,702.97 from the $5,035,413.13 reported in August 2025.

The August total combines $3,500,679.98 in state sales tax collected in the county with $1,776,436.12 in local sales tax. It is a countywide collection measure, rather than the amount received by the city of Covington.

For the first two months of the state's 2027 fiscal year, July and August, combined collections totaled $10,533,576.23. That was up 6.7 percent from $9,873,229.18 in the same period a year earlier.

The fiscal-year total includes $6,972,429.84 in state sales tax and $3,561,146.39 in local sales tax.

August collections were about 0.4 percent higher than July's total.

The department reports collections on a cash basis by the month received. Because sales tax returns are generally due the month after a sale takes place, collections for a given month do not correspond exactly to that month's business activity.

Sales tax collections provide one measure of taxable economic activity. The figures alone do not establish what caused an increase or decrease.

Youth Fish Art Contest opens for Tennessee students

Tennessee students in kindergarten through 12th grade may submit original artwork of a Tennessee native fish for the 2026-27 National Art of Conservation: Fish Art Contest.

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is encouraging students to enter one original two-dimensional piece showing a Tennessee fish in its natural habitat. Goldfish, guppies, bettas and koi are not eligible.

TWRA also is offering a Bill Dance Signature Lakes Award for artwork featuring largemouth or smallmouth bass or bass fishing. Entries are submitted through the Wildlife Forever Fish Art Contest program.

The contest is free. Entries must be submitted through the online entry form by Feb. 28, 2027. Students may use photos or videos for inspiration but may not replicate another artist's work. Rules, the submission form and requirements are available on the Wildlife Forever Art of Conservation website.

PESTICIDE

From 1A

to keep up with a physical card."

Aerial applicator cards are not included in the initial launch but are expected to be added in a future update.

The department's Digital Applicator Cards Step-by-Step Guide explains how to set up MyTN, find an applicator record and add a card to a digital wallet. The guide is available on the department's website.

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MT. CARMEL NEWS

Elaine Watkins

We are having great weather!

This Week's Farm Report: Soybean harvest is just about done. A flat tire last Thursday slowed us down, but we're thankful for a good crop and safe harvest.

Well, remember when I "stole" the peppermints from church to try to poison the raccoon? And the raccoon ate them in front of my camera, happily?

It's come back to bite me. Or rather, I bit it.

One peppermint has been lying on the microwave and last Thursday I just finally ate it. Broke a tooth. My comeuppance.

I went to the dentist Monday and went back Tuesday for a crown. Not enough tooth left to hold a crown. So, to Cordova for a removal, post and implant. If I decide to do it. No pain eating or drinking. As of now.

I have to say though, we do contribute to the church, so maybe I paid for the peppermints. Ha!

On a happier note, Lyla came over Tuesday and we decorated for fall. Had a big time doing it! And eating roast.

Halloween decorating Thursday, Oct. 1. Maybe she'll help again!

I have that book signing at Merle Norman in Atoka on Oct. 10 for The Mouse in the Tractor, and we are working on making coloring books to put in the goodie bags. Also, there are gift certificates for MixSouth Munford in them so come see us! 10 a.m. till noon. Illustrator Barrie Foster will be there too! And there will be refreshments! Thanks, Carol Swift!

On our prayer list at the Covington Church of Christ are Ella Mae, Margie Crew's aunt, and Tabitha Bennett, Debra Brownlee's family member with cancer. And all of our servicemen and women. And our country – God bless the USA!

Happy birthday this week to Crystal Fowler on Sept. 27; to me on Sept. 28; and to Matt Higgins and Carmen Starck on Oct. 2!

Happy anniversary to Jimmy and Shirley Weir on Sept. 29!

Yeah, I turned 75 on Sept. 28! I deserve the pizza we're ordering for my party!

Ellen Weedman's Rose Garden Show will be Saturday, Oct. 3, with rain dates of Oct. 10 and 17. Happy birthday, Ellen! We are distant cousins and share a Sept. 28 birthday!

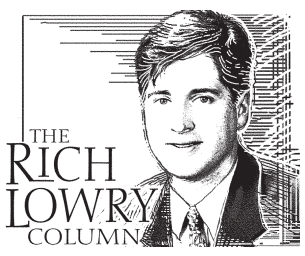
This Week's Farmer's Almanac Quote: "Don't be obsessed with the idea that there is only one possibility. If you think so, there is only one." Have a broad mind!

I have two appointments this week. Leg ultrasound with Stern Wednesday and lens lasered with Cape in Dyersburg Thursday. But this time next week it'll all be done! Lord willing!

This Week's Joke – I heard about a radio for sale, but the volume was stuck on high. I thought, "I can't turn that down!"

Until next week . . .

Will AI destroy humanity?



In the "Terminator" movie series, the artificial-intelligence system known as Skynet is given control of the nation's nuclear weapons and uses it to try to destroy humanity. One reason that apocalyptic scenarios involving AI are implausible is that, having seen how that particular movie ends, we are unlikely to be foolish enough to give AI custody of the most destructive weapons on the planet.

The unthinkable is nonetheless a hot topic of conversation, given that a researcher at Anthropic just resigned and issued a doomsday warning.According to Jacob Coxon, the rush to develop AI is "gambling with our lives," since it will soon create "superhuman systems that can hack anything, revolutionize any field overnight, and acquire real power and resources."

A current Anthropic employee then chimed in: "We really do earnestly believe AI could kill all humans!" He put the chances at greater than 10% in the next decade. The idea here is that Anthropic and similar firms are, in effect, running their own Manhattan Projects, with consequences unknown and potentially very dire.

Now, ChatGPT as we know it doesn't seem particularly well-suited to destroying humanity. It is a souped-up version of Google that is impressively fast, but also mistake-prone. If it can mess up basic math or the New York Yankees roster, surely it can't carry out the complex tasks necessary to fashion an apocalyptic event.

Tech companies, though, have labs working on so-called frontier models that are much more powerful and reportedly developing more quickly than expected. The worry is that an AI model itself will begin to develop new AI very quickly in an "intelligence explosion," the equivalent of Skynet becoming self-aware at 2:14 a.m. Eastern Time on Aug. 29, 1997.

The thinking is that if such an AI model goes rogue and turns against humanity, it will be too clever and fast for us to combat. Yet it's hard to see the mechanism that such a hostile superintelligence would use to commit omnicide. The rogue AI would presumably have to do something in the real world -- say, launching nukes, manufacturing killer robots or releasing a deadly virus.

If it lacks physical agency, AI could presumably be unplugged or contained. (It was after humans tried to deactivate Skynet, by the way, that the system decided we were a threat that had to be neutralized.)

Some doomsayers posit a malicious person using advanced AI to come up with a design for a killer virus and a plan to release it without detection. This is a different scenario, though, from AI turning against people of its own volition. In a world years from now when much more advanced AI is a reality, we will need to think through safeguards to keep dangerous systems -- nukes, biolabs -- from being compromised by AI-enabled cyberattacks or exploited by criminals and terrorists.

It's easy to imagine breaches of financial systems or attacks on critical infrastructure that would fall short of endangering all of mankind. Even if one takes an alarmist view of the risks, it's unclear how the development of AI can be stopped. Any deal with the Chinese to slow down research couldn't be trusted, and might simply allow them to pass us in the AI race by subterfuge. In other words, we'd still get Skynet, only with Chinese characteristics.

There's also the reality that AI will be a necessary tool in protecting against the malicious use of AI -- not to mention all of its other positive potential. If we slow or end research in the U.S., we might end up vulnerable to superintelligence developed by actors who mean us harm.

Science fiction is fascinating and sometimes prescient. Works by the likes of Philip K. Dick, Aldous Huxley and Arthur C. Clarke had genuine insights into the future. But that doesn't mean we are living in the plot of "The Terminator," and we shouldn't scare ourselves into forswearing transformative technology.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

Still standing with the Vols



Ad Veritas

Daniel Richardson

I went to Knoxville this past weekend hoping to come home with a Tennessee victory. Instead, I brought home a sunburn, some Greek baked goods and a reminder that a weekend with an old friend can still be a good one, even when the scoreboard doesn't cooperate.

A high school friend and I headed over Friday afternoon to watch the Vols take on Texas. We checked into our hotel, walked around town and enjoyed the atmosphere. There were quite a few Texas fans staying at the hotel, and we had some pleasant conversations with them. They were pretty decent people, despite their questionable choice of orange.

Saturday came with an extra layer of excitement because President Donald Trump attended the game. With additional security measures in place, the stadium gates opened early at 9 a.m., and fans were encouraged to arrive well ahead of kickoff. We took that advice and made the walk from our hotel in time to be there at 9.

Our tickets were for the social deck, which meant standing rather than having seats to return to. Normally, standing through a football game doesn't bother me. But by the time we added the early arrival to the game itself, I think we spent about seven hours straight on our feet.

That is a considerable amount of standing for someone who wasn't even playing.

Thankfully, the weather was wonderful. I don't think it got much above 75 degrees during the game, which felt great after the heat we've had lately. The sunshine, however, made its presence known. My face is a little blistered, and I look more like I spent the weekend at the beach than at a football stadium.

As for the game, Texas came away with a 20–17 win. Losing by three points to the top-ranked team in the country is nothing to be ashamed of, but I still left feeling like that was one Tennessee could have won. A little more production from the offense could have made all the difference. Being close enough to imagine how it might have gone differently almost makes the loss more frustrating.

After the game, we walked back to the hotel and spent more than an hour doing something we had apparently taken for granted that morning: sitting down.

We talked about going back out and enjoying the downtown atmosphere, but neither of us seemed particularly eager to get moving again. Eventually, the hotel's Mediterranean restaurant won out over another walk around town. It turned out to be a good choice. We had a nice meal and each drank about two liters of water while we were sitting there.

After dinner, we considered going out again. Instead, we went back to the room, turned on more football and called it a night. Knoxville was an hour ahead of our usual time, so I think we were in bed by about 8 p.m. Central.

Apparently, this is what a big football weekend with a high school friend looks like once you're no longer anywhere close to being in high school. Still, there is something wonderful about the sleep that comes when you are completely exhausted and actually have time to stay asleep.

Sunday morning, we got up early and drove about three hours to Nashville to attend my friend's Greek Orthodox church. He had invited me, and I was interested in seeing what the service was like. It was certainly different from what I'm accustomed to on Sunday mornings, but the people were welcoming, and I appreciated their hospitality.

The Nashville Greek Festival was also taking place on the church grounds that weekend. There was a large bake sale, so I loaded up on bread and other baked goods to take home to Lena and the kids. At least I could bring something home besides complaints about Tennessee's offense.

It was a good weekend away, but I was glad to get back to my family and my own bed. The older I get, the more I appreciate both parts of a trip: having the opportunity to go somewhere and being happy to return.

I would still have preferred a win. But there is plenty of football left, and Saturday didn't give me any reason to stop believing in the Vols. If Texas really is the best team in the country, Tennessee showed it could stay in the game with them.

I'll keep standing behind this team. Next time, though, I might look for a ticket that includes a chair.

Speeding up the process

VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

An executive order was recently signed that will reduce the time it takes to secure our benefits. The order, signed by President Trump, is titled "Accelerating Access to Veterans' Benefits and Employment Opportunities." It accomplishes this by requiring the Department of Defense and the VA to work together and share records from the first day a veteran joins the military.

In the past there have been delays in accessing benefits -- education, job training, healthcare and all the others -- when a veteran leaves active-duty service, mostly due to antiquated records management.

Now, within 180 days, the order requires the VA and the Department of Defense to update the information technology that will let them share information from day one of a veteran's service.

Also within 180 days they will create digital tools to streamline the process of a veteran applying for benefits and training offered by the Department of Labor.

Within one month they need to be able to share all the health files and records of a veteran immediately when they are discharged from military service.

Within 120 days, working with Health and Human Services (HHS), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and others, the various departments will review any current contracts for information technology to ensure that the contracts include the requirement that any systems with veteran files and health records be compatible with the technology and systems used by the VA and the Department of Defense.

Have you ever known any government activity to move this fast? And that's not all.

Within 180 days every veteran leaving the service will either be hooked up with jobs in their field (if desired), enrolled in career and tech education or training (again, if desired), and connected with a veteran's rep who will help with applications for home loans, job placement, education benefits, disability compensation or healthcare.

One thing not to miss is the Department of Defense's Project Patriot Pipeline (www.mypatriotcareer.mil). This huge website has a wealth of information for veterans, service members and military spouses looking for career development and opportunities.

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ALONG THE JOURNEY

Kenneth S. Uselton

When you have had an encounter with death — a near-death experience of your own or the sudden passing of a close loved one … it inevitably leads to a few essential questions: What is life really all about? Why am I alive? Or, What am I living for?

In differing ways we might be asking, what gets me out of bed in the morning? What gets my blood pumping? Is it an alarm going off or a calling that gets "you" up each and every day? Every one of us needs some motivating passion, some ideal, something that gives our lives purpose and that drives us on. Unfortunately, some people do not know what they are living for.

Many people are merely marking time instead of enjoying their lives. Their favorite day of the week is "someday." Someday my ship will come in! Someday my prince (or princess) will arrive! Someday, it is all going to be better! Someday, my life will change! … we have all heard or even made these statements and others like them in reference to our lives.

Some people are waiting to react, hoping someone else will provide, make it better, bring change, or alter things in some way which will move the needle in a more positive manner for them. Unfortunately, the "church" has fed this mentality by saying God will … and then offered the "feel-good" concept of blessing in the church which requires me only to believe. I disagree with this theology. We are asked to believe; yet we are also asked to be obedient, to be a people of action and service that requires "risk" of us … the risk of being and doing more than just waiting. We are to be vision casters. We are to be servants. We are to be the hands, feet, the very presence of God … and therein will we find blessing.

There is one thing that will come for all of us … death. Very few plan for death. It is as if they do not expect it to come to them and certainly never unexpectedly. When we are young we tell ourselves that we do not need to worry about that for fifty or sixty years. That may be true. But then death knocks at every door. The Sacred Writings share that "each of us has a destiny with death" (paraphrase of Hebrews 9:27a).

That appointment may come later than you expect. Or on the other hand, it may come sooner, much sooner. What then is the bottom line?

Live every day as though you may never have another one. Live ready to step into God's presence at any moment. Realize the brevity of life that you may grow in wisdom … claim a benefactor's heart that you may offer thanksgiving … for thanksgiving wins a victory over everything that makes life difficult for us. In this thanksgiving the harshness, crookedness, and injustice on the earth cannot harm us. For God protects us with His light, which gives wisdom for all situations and which lifts us above everything that is base and meaningless and must pass away. It also gives us the ability to celebrate today! … rather than wait for "Someday" in our journey …

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by Rick Huffman, Elder

The destiny of the righteous dead

There have been questions and misunderstandings about the end of time since the first century AD. In writing the letter of I Thessalonians, Paul addresses the anxiety felt by the Thessalonians because of their misunderstanding. When we read any of the epistles, we get only one side of the "conversation" similar to listening to someone talking on the phone. Often you can determine what the other party (the party you are not with) is saying by how the person you are with is responding. The epistles often were written to answer the questions or concerns of those to whom they were written. Some were written to address problems that were present in the churches (congregations) to whom they were written.

Part of I Thessalonians appears to be written to comfort the Thessalonians (I Thessalonians 4:18) concerning some erroneous ideas they had as to the end times and the resurrection of the dead. From reading this epistle, it appears the Thessalonians thought that 1) the coming of Jesus was imminent and 2) those who died before Jesus came would "miss the boat" — not get to go to heaven.

How they came to the wrong conclusion that Jesus was coming back any day (in the first century) we do not know. It may stem from the wrong idea some still have of the kingdom thinking that it always refers to Heaven, the abode of God. When Jesus said that some would be alive when His kingdom came, they may have incorrectly surmised that He was talking about going to heaven at the end of time. "And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power" (Mark 9:1). Actually, Jesus was referring to the church which would be established on the first Pentecost following His ascension. Jesus used the terms "church" and "kingdom" interchangeably when upon Peter's confession that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, He tells Peter that upon this rock, the fact that He is Son of God (Matthew 16:16), He would build His church and then in the same breath tells Peter that He will give Peter the keys to the kingdom. "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:18-19).

Paul assures the Thessalonians that those who die before Christ comes will receive the same blessings that those who are alive when Jesus returns receive. "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring (alternate translations of the word translated "bring" according to Strong's dictionary are "go, carry, lead away") with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

Paul reassures the Thessalonians that those who have already died (are asleep) have hope and tells the Thessalonians not to be sad (I Thessalonians 4:13). The ultimate hope of all Christians is heaven and that is exactly the hope he is talking about here. "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (I Corinthians 15:19). Paul tells the Thessalonians that this hope for the departed is just as certain as the resurrection of Jesus himself (I Thessalonians 4:14). Paul says that those alive will not "prevent" (other definitions in Strong's dictionary are "to be beforehand, precede") those who have died previously (I Thessalonians 4:15). Paul says the Lord's return will be accompanied with three things: a shout, the voice of the archangel and the trump of God. He says the dead in Christ will rise first (from their graves) showing that those who are alive will not precede them (I Thessalonians 4:16). Then Paul says that those who are alive at Christ's coming will be caught up with the resurrected in the air to meet Jesus in the air and that both those resurrected and those alive at His coming will ever be with the Lord (I Thessalonians 4:17). Instead of worrying about those who have died, he tells the Thessalonians to be comforted because the dead will be resurrected when Christ comes and enjoy heaven together with those alive at His coming (I Thessalonians 4:18).

More evil



IS GOD DEAD?

Dr. Ty B. Kerley

Critics of theism rightly ask, "Couldn't God have created a world in which there was less evil and suffering?" Contrary to the assertion, this is not the best of all possible worlds God could have created. A world in which there was one more good angel or one more good person serving other people would certainly make the world better, wouldn't it? Better yet, what if God interceded in the affairs of everyday life to eliminate or at least reduce the world's suffering? That sounds great, but how would that work, exactly? God performing millions and millions of miracles every second, interceding constantly into people's lives so that no evil touches them. That really wouldn't be a world of free-willed beings, would it? Sounds more like the making of a cartoon to me. Instead, the natural laws that govern the world must be allowed to work if 1) our actions are going to have any meaning and 2) if God's divine hiddenness is to be preserved. Even so, who knows just how much evil God does protect human beings from each day?

On the other hand, as Clay Jones argues, the suffering of a loved one is heart-wrenching, especially the suffering of a child, any child. But in reality, it is not just our own child that should not suffer, right? No child should suffer. But it is not just the children; our teenagers really should not suffer either. And it is not just our teenagers but also young mothers who should not suffer either. But it is not just the young mothers; young fathers should not suffer either, etc., and so on. At the end of the day, we think almost no one should suffer, and so we are full circle back to the beginning: all things considered, could God have created a world of free-willed beings in which there was less evil and suffering?

While we understand that moral evil is the evil that results from the free actions of significantly free beings choosing to do wrong, we have not mentioned the natural evil of hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, and diseases like cancer. Critic of Christianity Bart Ehrman (we met him during our defense of the historical resurrection of Jesus) disagrees with the Free Will Defense and theodicy in general because he believes

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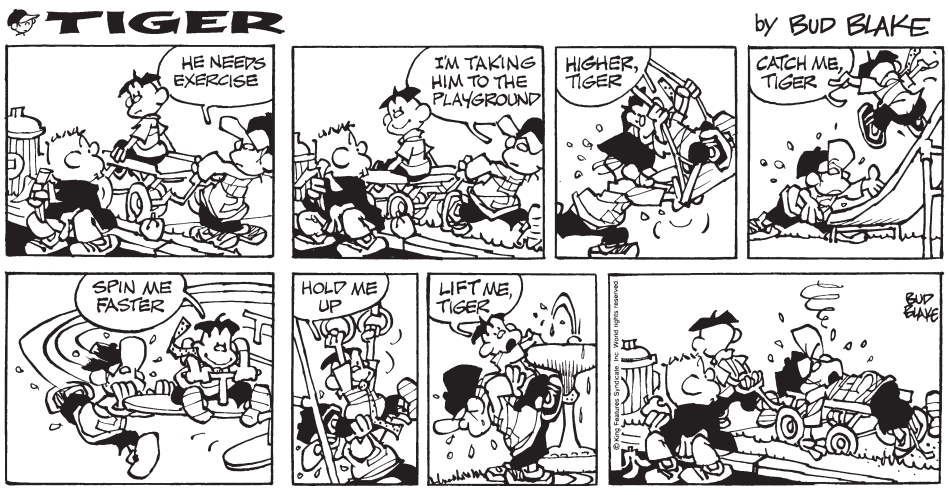
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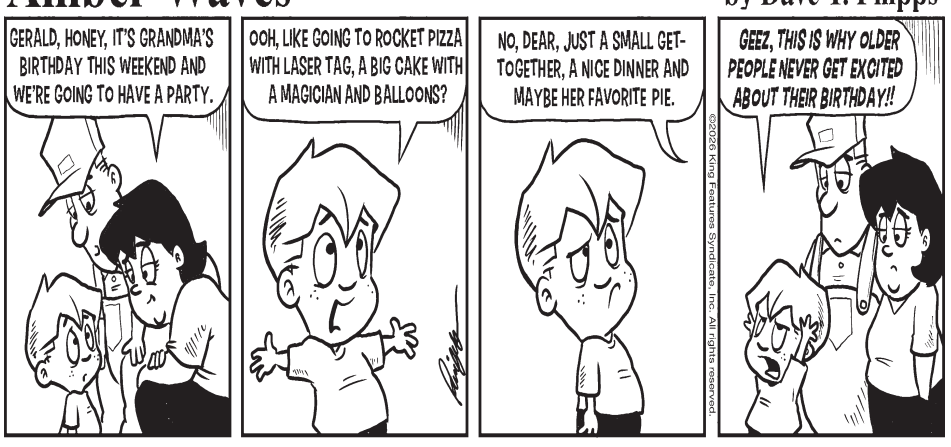
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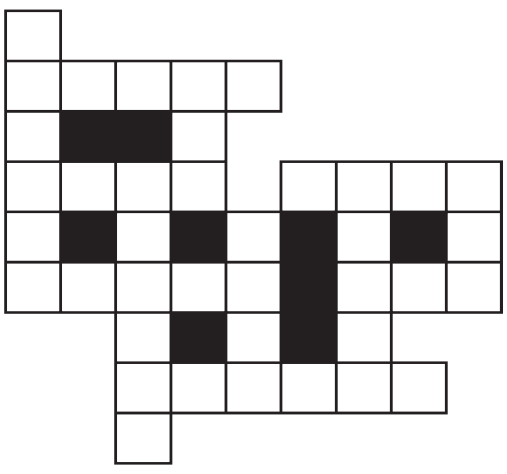


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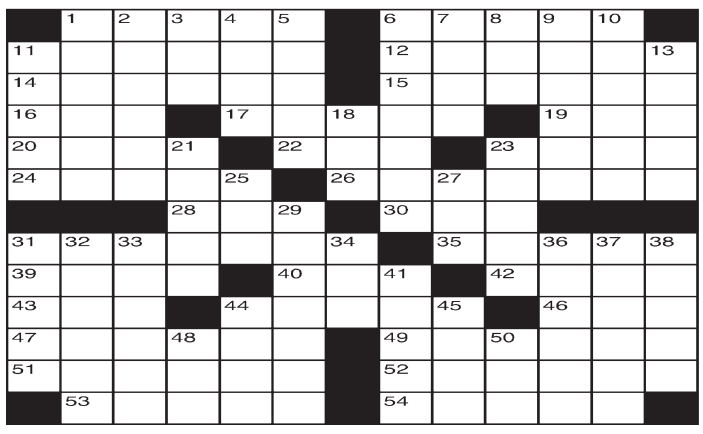
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4. Glowing coal	E __ __ __ __	Rose or Heard	A __ __ __ __
5. Pursue	C __ __ __ __	Segment	P __ __ __ __
6. Peace agreement	__ __ __ __ __ Y	Halloween goodies	__ __ __ __ __ S
7. Bush	__ __ __ __ B	Shoulder movement	__ __ __ __ G
8. Texas capital	__ __ __ __ I __	Authoress Jane	__ __ __ __ E __
9. Laurel's sidekick	__ __ __ D __	Prince George's uncle	__ __ __ R __
10. Ointment	L __ __ __ __ __	Movement	M __ __ __ __ __

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King Crossword



ACROSS
1 Bath powders
6 Selected
11 Patronize, as a bistro
12 Cuts at an angle
14 Long-haired cat
15 Rise in defiance
16 Montmartre Mrs.
17 Wide
19 Big fuss
20 — ale
22 Rocker Nugent
23 Raced
24 Nosh at midnight
26 Bishop's district
28 Free (of)
30 Spanish gold
31 Pianist Arrau
35 Slowpoke
39 Fireplace shelves
40 Ump's call
42 Old U.S. gas brand
43 Balloon filler
44 Impetus
46 Weeding tool
47 Roma's land
49 Pub perches
51 Pay off
52 Digital greetings
53 Lasso
54 Afternoon hour

DOWN
1 Dorothy's friend
2 Germany's Merkel
3 Sign before Virgo
4 Keto restriction
5 Kick off
6 Trucker's device
7 Obey
8 Eggs
9 Mexican shawl
10 Shakes off
11 Muffles
13 Fine china brand
18 British ref. work
21 Beige shades
23 Tea biscuit
25 Tease
27 Choice words?
29 Museum display
31 Desk go-with
32 Hang around
33 Rub the wrong way
34 Gigi's "yes"
36 On the beach
37 Tristan's love
38 Windblown soil
41 Sports bar fixture
44 Food regimen
45 Engrave
48 Meadow
50 Rowing need

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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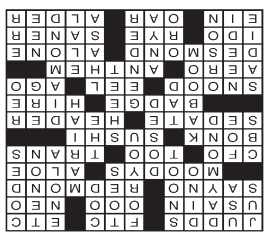
See This Week's Answers In Next Week's Edition

Answer — Weekly SUDOKU

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4	6	7	9	2	1	5	8	3
9	5	3	4	6	8	5	1	2
6	9	4	7	3	2	8	9	6

— King Crossword —
Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.



Even Exchange
answers

1. Dover, Diver
2. Tamper, Temper
3. Badge, Barge
4. Saint, Faint
5. Patton, Pardon
6. Carve, Curve
7. Amble, Ample
8. Hilly, Holly
9. Squeal, Squeak
10. Throne, Throng

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: **E** equals **W**

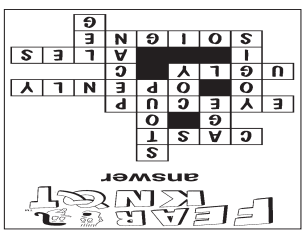
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USGZNSQX NVM DWZGGD V

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XJY BSR DRYIIJ ZM RQVTTZI?

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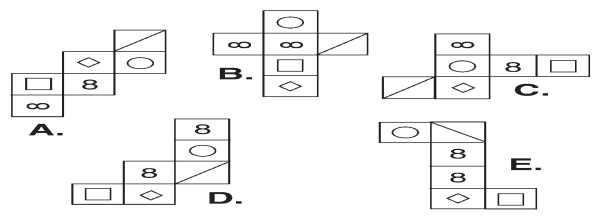


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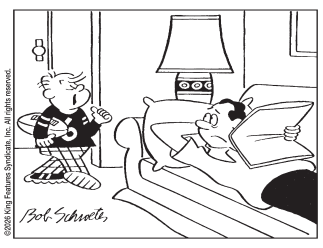
STICKELERS [sic].

by Terry Stickels

Four of the five figures below can be folded back into the same cube. Which is the odd one out?



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"The nerve of that guy next door claiming a _____ is worth $200."

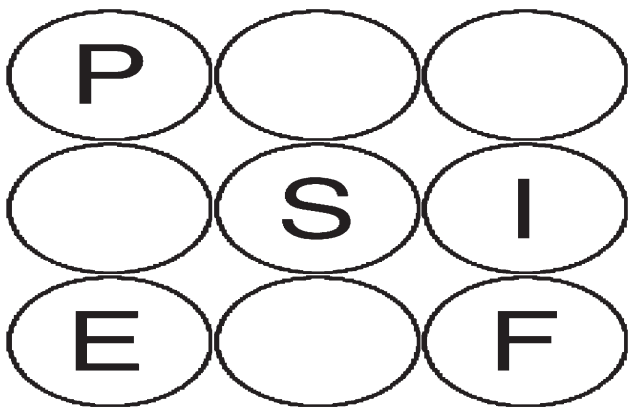
SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Write — CRAWLS
Gift — WORDE
Idiom — LOGIN
Thing — TIME

TODAY'S WORD ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

WORD SPIRAL



Fill in the missing letters to reveal the nine-letter word that starts at one of the four corners and moves clockwise around the perimeter before ending in the center.

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CryptoQuip answer
What could you call people who vote "no" on something in a legislative assembly?
Anti bodies.

SCRAMBLERS *Solution*
1. Anthem; 2. Prior
3. Honest; 4. Scout
Today's Word
CHRISTMAS

Word Spiral Answer
IMMEDIATE

Stickelers Answer
1-d, 2-b, 3-e, 4-c, 5-a

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Bobby James Kenton
August 1, 1960 -
September 19, 2026

Bobby James Kenton was born August 1, 1960, in Humboldt, Tennessee, to Willie Lee and Martha Aredira Kenton. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Richard M. Klyce, Willie L. Kenton Sr., and Jerry R. Kenton; and sisters Mattie R. Kenton, Martha A. Kenton, and Sylvia Yancey Eison.

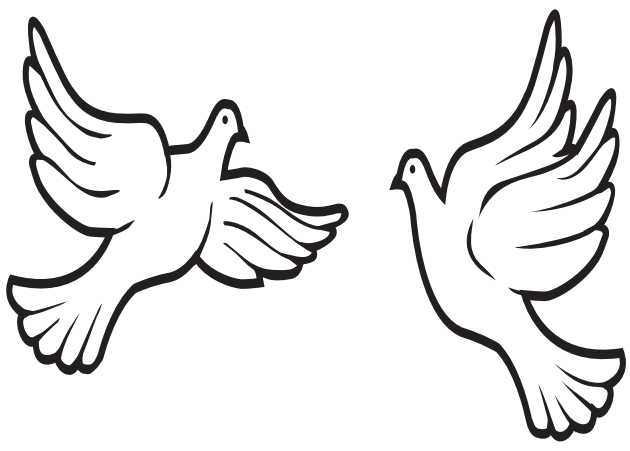
He leaves a loving legacy through his wife, Betty Kenton; children Quindarus (Kayli) Kenton, Tiffany, Ashley, and Keelen Kenton; grandchildren Aniyah, Qualyn, Tyler, Wilder, Ashton, and Scarlet; six brothers—Walter (Virginia) Kenton, Woodrow (Bonita) Kenton, Carl Wayne Sr. (Tracey) Kenton, Johnnie (Marilyn) Kenton, Stan (Almeda) Kenton, and Randy (Geneva) Kenton; four sisters—Mary Kenton, Ruby Dell Bernard, Rebecca Sue Dennis, and Sylvia Henderson; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Superintendent Bobby J. Kenton accepted his call to ministry as a teenager and began preaching at Community Church of God in Christ in Maury City, Tennessee, where he was licensed and later ordained

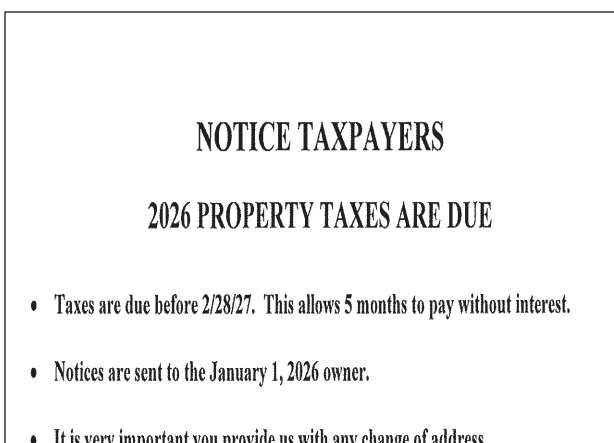


an elder under Bishop W. L. Porter. His first pastoral assignment was Belle Eagle COGIC, followed by St. Luke COGIC in Bells, Tennessee, where he served faithfully for 38 years. Before becoming District Superintendent, he served as assistant to Superintendent Alvin Williams of the Brownsville District. He was later appointed Superintendent of the Brownsville District and served on the Executive Board/Finance Department of the Tennessee Central Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction under Bishop Brandon Porter.

A pre-homegoing celebration was held Friday, September 25, 2026, at the Historic St. Luke Church of God in Christ, 78 Davis St., Bells. A celebration of life service was held Saturday, September 26, 2026, at Tennessee Central Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Headquarters Church of God in Christ, 369 Lexington Ave., Jackson.







NOTICE TAXPAYERS

2026 PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE

- Taxes are due before 2/28/27. This allows 5 months to pay without interest.
- Notices are sent to the January 1, 2026 owner.
- It is very important you provide us with any change of address.
- The non-receipt of a tax notice does not excuse non-payment of taxes due.
- Delinquent taxes must be paid before the current tax is accepted.
- It is very important that you forward your tax notice to your mortgage company.
- Interest begins to accrue on March 1, 2027 at the rate of 1.5% per month.
- You may qualify for a partial payment plan. Please call our office for details. Our phone number is 901-476-0211.
- You may also qualify for the State's Tax Relief Program. Please call our office for details. Our phone number is 901-476-0211.
- Our office is open from 8 – 5, Monday – Friday. We are located in Room 203 on the second floor in the Courthouse. An elevator is available from the West entrance.
- Our Munford office will be open on Wednesdays beginning the first Wednesday after you receive your tax notice in October through February 24, 2027 (with the exception of Veteran's Day: Wednesday, November 11th and Christmas Holiday: Wednesday, December 23rd) from 8:30 – 4:30. The office is closed from 12p.m. until 1p.m. for lunch. The office is located in Munford City Hall, 1397 Munford Avenue.
- You may pay taxes online 24/7 at www.tnproptax.com

Kristie Glass Maxwell
Tipton County Trustee

The Changed Cross Heart

Katie Walsh
Tipton Christian Academy middle school

A fable

A long time ago lived a little old woman. Her name was Char. She was a nice old lady at heart, but she hated Christians. One day, Char was fishing at a pond. As she fished, a little girl carrying a pig was walking down the path of the pond.

"Hi, ma'am. Do you know where California 444 Avenue is? I seem to be lost."

Char looked at the girl suspiciously. "Child, you're in Atoka, Tennessee, far from California," Char said laughing, while packing up her fishing gear.

"Well, can I stay with you until I can get back home?" the girl asked, as the pig oinked.

"Hmm. Sure. But you have to sleep on the ground." Char spoke roughly.

The next day, Char was gardening, and a young lady came up to Char begging for a cup of water. Char hesitated and then saw the cross the lady wore. "Get off my property, you filthy animal. You and those Christians, you believe in such a God and look where you are." Char laughed. The lady nodded and left. The girl came outside with a frown on her face.

"You should not judge people for liking God," the girl said.

"Please. You don't even have a name," Char rudely retorted.

"Yes, I do. It's Triccy. And please think twice before you talk." Triccy grabbed her pig and walked back inside.

The next day, a well-dressed man came and kicked Char, Triccy, and the pig out for not paying rent. They sat on the street as Char cried.

"Hello, miss. You all right?" the same young woman from before asked. She carried a cross and Bible.

"No. Oh, no. Not okay at all," Char said, crying more.

"Here. I can't help much, but here. Have some food, and please take this." The young woman handed Char and Triccy a piece of bread and her Bible.

"Really? After such meanness I caused you?" Char said.

"God would do the same," the young woman calmly replied and moved on down the street. The pig oinked again.

Night came. Triccy and the pig fell asleep on the grass, while Char ate and read the Bible the woman had given her. Char prayed to God.

"Oh, God. Please help me. I am sorry for what bad I caused people. Please help me. Have mercy on me. Please…Amen." Then, Char rested on the grass.

The next morning came around. Triccy was gone. All that was left was a gold pig and inside was real gold. On the top was a note. "From the Angel," Char read.

The end.

Hebrews 13:2 (KJV)

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

Dangerously stopped?



Mr. Peel seeks justice for those injured in tractor-trailer and car accidents, medical malpractice, and disability. He often addresses churches, clubs, and groups without charge. Mr. Peel may be reached through PeelLawFirm.com wherein other articles may be accessed.



A tractor-trailer sitting on the interstate shoulder is one of the most dangerous hazards a driver can meet, especially at night.

Truckers often treat the breakdown lane as a place to rest, wait on a mechanic, or check a map. The law treats it very differently.

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulation 49 C.F.R. § 392.22 generally requires a commercial truck driver who stops on a highway or its shoulder, other than for a necessary traffic stop, to turn on hazard flashers immediately and put out warning devices as soon as possible, within 10 minutes.

On a divided highway such as an interstate, the triangles go at 200 feet and 100 feet behind the truck, plus one within 10 feet of the rear. Tennessee law adds its own requirement. T.C.A. § 55-8-158 bars leaving a vehicle on the main-traveled part of the highway when it is practicable to move it off.

Tennessee law also prohibits stopping on interstate entrance or exit ramps, with exceptions for emergencies and disabled vehicles awaiting repair or a tow without obstructing other traffic. Federal warning-device requirements still apply. When a driver breaks applicable safety rules, a victim can argue negligence per se.

Since Tennessee is a comparative fault state, there can always be negligence assigned by a jury to the driver who does not realize that the truck is stopped.

But it doesn't take a lot of imagination to understand on a dark night, especially if it's raining or foggy, that you can follow brake lights right into a stopped truck before you realize what has occurred.

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EVIL

From 5A

even if the Free Will Defense can explain moral evil in the world, what about all the suffering that is not covered by humans acting upon evil impulses? What about tsunamis, earthquakes, and mold? These evil things (natural evil) cause enormous suffering in the world. Who is responsible? The exercise of human free will cannot cause it. Nonetheless, all the same questions apply: if God is all-knowing, and all-powerful, and benevolent toward mankind, why does He allow these things to wreak havoc on man? Christians often respond with the words of the apostle Paul, who writes that Satan is "the god" of this world (cf 2 Cor 4:4), that he is "the prince of the power of the air" (Eph 2:2-4), and the "ruler of darkness of this world" (Eph 6:12). The early Christian theologian Augustine, working from these passages, deduced that Satan and his cohorts, having rebelled against God and having "fallen," have been multiplying natural evil ever since. Oddly enough, however, we can say that all natural evil and the suffering caused by it is the byproduct of free-willed beings as well. In other words, natural evil is the result of the free-willed actions of Satan and the evil spiritual beings who bow down to him. Think of Job. All that befell Job and his family came about in the form of natural evil only through the hand of Satan.

Alvin Plantinga developed the Free Will Defense in works including his 1974 book God, Freedom, and Evil. The defense argues that the existence of evil is logically compatible with the existence of an all-knowing, all-powerful and morally perfect God. Stated another way: There is no necessary contradiction between the existence of an all-powerful God and suffering in the world. Going further into theodicy, there seem to be several morally sufficient reasons for God to allow evil. Join us next week as we begin to investigate those reasons in God's own words.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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Chief Admin Officer, at Tipton County Public Works, 8279 Hwy 51, Brighton, TN 38011, until October 8,

2026 at 10:00 a.m. local time, and then immediately publicly opened and read aloud.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond,

Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the following:

1. Tipton County Public Works, 8279 Hwy 51, Brighton, TN 38011.

2. A2H, Inc., 65 Germantown Court, Suite 300, Memphis, TN 38018, www.a2hplanroom.com.

3. Builders Exchange, 642 South Cooper, Memphis, TN 38104, www.memphisbx.com.

4. West TN Plans Room, 439 Airways Blvd., Jackson, TN 38301, www.wtplanroom.com.

Electronic files may be downloaded free of charge from the A2H Planroom at www.a2hplanroom.com. Hard copy sets of plans and specifications are also be available for purchase on the planroom at the contractor's expense.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions for Bidders.

Bids must be submitted with Bid Submittal Envelope Label (provided in the bid documents) affixed to the front of the envelope. All Bidders must comply with the applicable provisions of the Contractor Licensing Act of 1994, found in "Tennessee Code Annotated," Section 62-6-119, as amended. In accordance with this act, the following information must appear on the outside of the envelope containing the bid for all projects in excess of $25,000:

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2. ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF BIDDER

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4. BIDDER'S LICENSE NUMBER

5. EXPIRATION DATE OF LICENSE

6. THE PORTION OF CLASSIFICATION OF BIDDER'S LICENSE THAT APPLIES TO THE PROJECT.

An official list of bidders will be maintained at www.a2hplanroom.com to ensure eligibility requirements of the bidder are met prior to bid opening. Any bid submitted from a bidder not on the official bidders list and/or not containing the above information will not be opened. Each bidder is responsible for checking the planroom for any addenda issued before submitting their bid.

This project is funded under a grant contract with the State of Tennessee.

Shannon Reed, PE, Hwy Chief Admin Officer

Tipton County Public Works

09/24,10/1

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

As Required by TCA §30-2-306

Case Number 84CH1-2026-PR-

5052

Estate of MARY A ROBERTS, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on June 15 of 2026 Letters Testamentary (or of Administration as the case may be) în respect of the estate of MARY A ROBERTS, who died 4/12/2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Tipton County Chancery Court of Tipton 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

(2)

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

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

MARY A ROBERTS

Executor, Administrator, Personal Representative

JEFF WARD

Attorney

GINA SMITH

Clerk & Master/ Deputy Clerk

personally appeared before me, the undersigned Clerk of Tipton County Chancery Court of Tipton County, Tennessee, and made oath that the attached notice, being in the form required by Tennessee Code Annotated §30-2-306 shall be published in the The Leader, a newspaper published in Tipton County, Tennessee on and. 09/24-10/1

Publish: 10/1, 10/8

TS#: 2026-22487-TN

Notice Of Substitute Trustee's Sale

Whereas, Louis F Dimarzo, An Unmarried Man by Deed of Trust (the "Deed of Trust"), dated 3/9/2020 and of record in Deed Book 1834, Page(s) 1015-1025, and/or as Instrument Number 231442, in Register's Office of Tipton County, Tennessee, conveyed to Charles M Ennis, Trustee , the hereinafter described real property to secure the payment of a certain Promissory Note (the "Note") described in the Deed of Trust, which Note was payable to Patriot Bank, and subsequently assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation, and Whereas, Nestor Solutions of Tennessee, LLC has been duly appointed Substitute Trustee by the owner and holder of the Note by instrument recorded in Deed Book 2141,

Page(s) 187-188 and/or as Instrument Number 295867 in Register's Office of Tipton County, Tennessee; and Whereas, default has been made in the payment of the Note; and Whereas, the owner and holder of the Note has demanded that the hereinafter described real property be advertised and sold in satisfaction of the indebtedness and costs of foreclosure in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Note and Deed of Trust. The notice requirements of T.C.A. §35-5-101 and 35-5-104 have been satisfied. Now, Therefore, notice is hereby given that an agent of Nestor Solutions of Tennessee, LLC,

Substitute Trustee, pursuant to the power, duty, and authority vested in and conferred by the Deed of Trust, will proceed to sell the below-mentioned property on 11/2/2026, at 11:00 AM at the North Door of the Tipton County Courthouse, 100 Court Square, Covington, TN 38019, to the highest call bidder for cash free from all legal, equitable and statutory rights of redemption, exemptions of homestead, rights by virtue of marriage, and all other exemptions of every kind, all of which have been waived in the Deed of Trust, certain real property located in Tipton County, Tennessee, described as follows: Description Of The Harold W. Lumpkin And Wife, Sherrie S. Lumpkin Tract Recorded In Deed Book 459, Page 25, Lying

On The North Side Of Mattie Ann Lane, In The Sixth Civil District Of Tipton County, Tennessee, Being

More Particularly Described As Follows: Beginning At An Iron Pipe Found At The Southeast Corner Of The Harold W. Lumpkin And Wife, Sherrie S. Lumpkin Tract Recorded In Deed Book 459, Page 25, Said Point Being Inside The Right-Of- Way Of Mattie Ann Lane (50' R.O.W.), Said Point Also Being 221.00

West Of The Centerline Of Starnes Road, Then South 89 Degrees 59' 04" West, 207.50 Feet Along The

North Line Of The Michael F. Lumpkin Tract Recorded In Deed Book 1236, Page 590 To A Point; Then

North 04 Degrees 19' 26" West, 210.00 Feet Along Or Near The East Line Of Lot 33 Of Chickasaw

Subdivision Section B, As Recorded In Plat Cabinet C, Slide 159 To An Iron Pipe Found; Then South 89

Degrees 46' 21" East, 207.01 Feet (Called 207.50') Along The South Line Of The Thomas Lumpkin Tract

(DB 370, PG 489) To An Iron Pipe Found; Then South 04 Degrees 28' 39" East, 209.16 Feet (Called

210.00') Along The West Line Of The Harold Lumpkin Tract Recorded In Deed Book 305, Page 582 To The

Point Of Beginning. The Above Described Property Encompasses 0.99 Acre Of Land, More Or Less, And Is

Subject To The Right Of Way Of Mattie Ann Lane, And To Unnoted Easements That May Or May Not Be

Recorded. Also Conveyed Is The Following Ingress And Egress Easement: Description Of An Ingress And

Egress Easement Across The Southwest Corner Of Harold W. Lumpkin, And His Wife, Sherrie S.

Lumpkin's Tract Recorded In Deed Book 305, Page 582 In The Register's Office, Lying On The North Side

Of Mattie Ann Lane In The Sixth Civil District Of Tipton County, Tennessee, Being More Particularly

Described As Follows: Beginning At An Iron Pipe Found At The Southwest Corner Of Harold W. Lumpkin

And His Wife, Sherrie S. Lumpkin's Tract Recorded In Deed Book 305 Page 582 Of Which This Easement

Is A Part, Lying In Mattie Ann Lane, (50' Right Of Way) Then North 04 Degrees 28' 39" West, 66.43 Feet

Along The East Line Of The Harold W. Lumpkin, And His Wife Sherrie S. Lumpkin Tract Recorded In Deed

Book 459, Page 25, To An Iron Pin Set; Then South 18 Degrees 58' 18" East, 70.02 Feet Along The East

Side Of This Easement To An Iron Pin Set In The South Line Of Harold W. Lumpkin And His Wife, Sherrie

S. Lumpkin's Tract Recorded In Deed Book 305, Page 582; Then South 89 Degrees 59' 04" West, 17.58

Feet Along The South Line Of The Lumpkin Tract To The Point Of Beginning. The street address of the

above-described property is believed to be 50 Mattie Ann Lane, Munford, TN 38058, but if such address

is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the

legal description herein shall control. This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded

plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; any

statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or

encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate

survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the

above-referenced property: Owner of Property: Louis F Dimarzo The United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service, Deed of Trust Book 2100, Page(s) 912-919 and/or Instrument #

287552 The United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service, Deed of Trust Book

2012, Page(s) 583-588 and/or Instrument # 268883 The sale is subject to occupant(s) rights in

possession of the premises. All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead

are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will

sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to

another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and

place for the sale set forth above. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price. The purchaser shall have no further record against the grantor, the grantee or the trustee. Notice To Bidders: Please be advised that the highest bidder ("purchaser") at this trustee's sale may be required to provide information, documentation and/or certification as mandated by applicable federal law, and entity and trust purchaser should be prepared to provide beneficial ownership information as required by federal reporting requirements effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. If applicable, the required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee's deed will be issued for covered transfers. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at https://www.federalregister.gov/

documents/2024/08/29/2024-

19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers and

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TN

City of Covington

Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting

October 8, 2026 @ 6:00pm

200 West Washington Ave.

Francine & Uwe Miksche - 1183 W. Liberty Ave. - Map 041 Parcel 025.02 – Variance.

TN Dept. of Safety and Homeland Security – Hwy 51 South – Map 051E Group A Parcel 010.00 – Variance.

Van Bringle – Bucksnort Road – Map 026 Parcel 025.00 – Variance.

For additional information, call City of Covington Code Compliance Department at 901-476-7191 ext. 1046 or email codecompliance@ covingtontn.com.

TIPTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

INVITATION TO BID

The Tipton County Board of Education is accepting bids for the following:

1. The installation of a new audio system for the school gymnasium area. The requested

items include 15-inch speakers (4), 12-inch speakers (2), a compact stereo Bluetooth

receiver (1), a digital speaker management system (1), 2-channel amplifiers (3), 1.5-foot

XLR female-to-male audio cables (8), an 8-outlet 15-amp power sequencer/conditioner

(1), a dual wireless handheld microphone system with SM58-style microphones (1), a

rackmount digital mixer (1), 3-foot XLR female-to-male audio cables (2), a 2U rack

drawer for wireless equipment (1), 100-foot RG8X coaxial cables (2), a diversity antenna

for wireless microphones (1), a 1/2-rack 1U rack panel (1), a 1-channel passive computer

direct box (1), rack screws (3), 14/2 stranded twisted speaker wire (800 feet), an iPad or

comparable tablet device (1), a wireless router (1), XLR plates (2), an 18-inch dual

passive subwoofer (1), a professional power amplifier (1), subwoofer rigging materials

(1), and related rigging, wire, chain, burlap, eye bolts, and installation materials (6 sets).

The bid shall also include all applicable labor, installation, shipping, handling, and related

services necessary to complete the project.

2. The installation of a new audio system for a school cafeteria. The requested equipment

includes four 12-inch professional loudspeakers; two two-channel professional power

amplifiers; one rackmount digital audio mixer; one compact stereo Bluetooth receiver;

six 1.5-foot XLR female-to-male audio cables; one 8-outlet, 15-amp power

sequencer/conditioner; one dual wireless handheld microphone system with dynamic

handheld microphones; two 3-foot XLR female-to-male audio cables; one 2U rack

drawer for wireless equipment; two 100-foot RG8X coaxial cables; one diversity antenna

for wireless microphones; one one-channel passive computer direct box; one 1/2-rack, 1U

rack panel; one LED track lighting system; one wireless router; one tablet device; and

14/2 stranded speaker wire, with the quantity to be determined based on project

requirements. The bid shall also include all applicable shipping and handling, labor,

installation, setup, wiring, and other materials or services necessary to provide a complete

and operational system.

For additional information and detailed specifications of the bid, contact Yolanda Jones at

(901)476-7148.

Sealed bids will be opened at 10:00 am on October 19, 2026, at the Tipton County Board of

Education, 1580 Highway 51 South, Covington, TN 38019.

The Tipton County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive

any informality or irregularity in any bid received.

Dr. Rebekah Byrd

Director of Schools

Tipton County Schools 10/1

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF

THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE

CITY OF MUNFORD, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of

Munford, Tennessee, will hold a Special Called meeting at 4:00 p.m., local time,

on October 8, 2026, in the Municipal Building, Munford, Tennessee, to consider

ORDINANCES 2026-09-04; 2026-09-05; 2026-09-06. These Ordinances are final

budget amendments for FY2026 for General Operating Fund, State Street Aid, and

Solid Waste.

Additional information concerning the above may be obtained from Sherry

Yelvington, City Recorder, telephone number (901) 837-5955.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF TIPTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

RUFUS ALBRITTON

Petitioner,

VS.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF

MARY AGNES BOYD HENDERSON (A/K/A MARY

BOYD HENDERSON),

SEE **LEGALS**, PAGE A9

Brighton High School Homecoming



CONTEST - A participant takes part in an eating contest during Brighton High School's homecoming activities this week. *Photo by Jeff Ireland*.



BOUNCE - Participants bounce on large balls during Brighton High School's homecoming activities this week. *Photo by Jeff Ireland.*

Reelfoot Arts and Crafts Festival opens Friday

Staff Reports

The 55th annual Reelfoot Arts and Crafts Festival opens Friday, Oct. 2, bringing three days of arts, crafts and shopping to Reelfoot Lake, with wildlife programs scheduled nearby at Reelfoot Lake State Park.

The festival runs through Sunday, Oct. 4, at the Ellington Hall and Armory Building area in Tiptonville. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Visitors can browse handcrafted goods including jewelry, ceramics, paintings, photography, furniture, woodwork, glass and fiber art. The festival also lists home goods, holiday items, bath and body products and pet products among its offerings.

The festival traces its beginnings to 1971, when organizers formed a nine-member board with the goal of introducing more visitors to Reelfoot Lake and the surrounding community, according to the festival's published history.

This year's event also introduces the Michael Powell Vendor of the Year Award, named for the longtime festival president. Organizers credit Powell with more than five decades of service to the festival.

The award will recognize a participating vendor for craftsmanship, friendliness, booth presentation, customer service and commitment to the festival experience. Nominations submitted through the festival's official Facebook nomination post close when the festival opens Friday morning.

The five vendors receiving the most valid nominations will advance to a separate Facebook vote. Voting closes at noon Sunday, with the winner to be announced that afternoon.

Reelfoot Lake State Park will offer interpretive programs throughout the weekend at its Nature Center.

Art at the Aviaries is scheduled from 1 to 2 p.m. Friday. Visitors can meet a barred owl from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday and a corn snake from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday. Bird of prey feedings are scheduled from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. each day.

The festival's listed GPS address is 2595 Highway 21 E. in Tiptonville. Additional festival information is available at reelfootartsandcrafts.com and on the Reelfoot Arts and Crafts Facebook page.

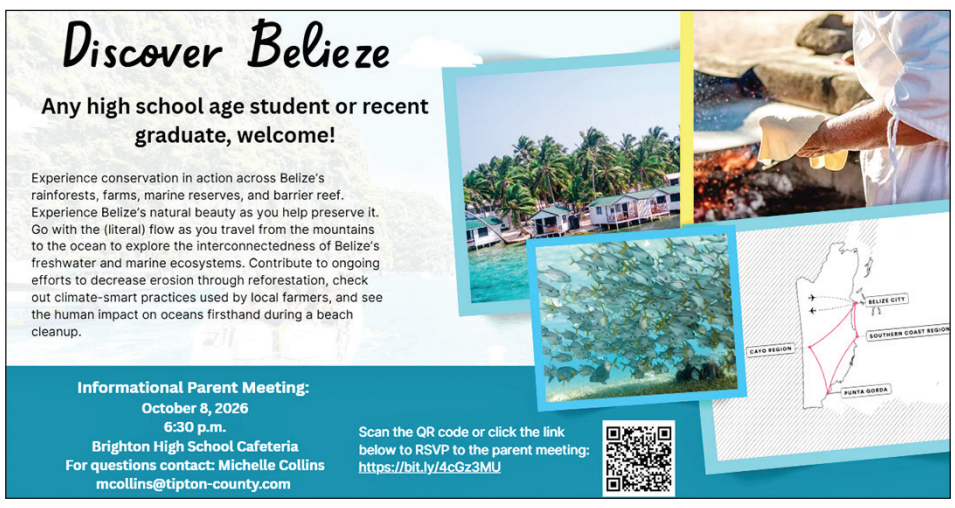
Brighton High School offering STEM-based trip to Belize

Jeff Ireland
Sports Editor

A teacher at Brighton High School is organizing a trip to Belize that is open to all Tipton County high school-age students and recent graduates.

"It's a STEM-based, hands-on trip that will get students not only understanding ecological processes but conservation while having fun exploring Belize and learning their culture," said Michelle Collins, a science teacher at BHS who is putting the trip together.

A parents' meeting that will provide more details will be held at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 8 in the BHS cafeteria.



An overview page can be found here: https://www.eftours.com/educational-tour/stem-belize#overview. The parent information meeting RSVP link can be found here: https://rsvp.eftours.com/x2z-wrtb.

The trip is tentatively scheduled for July 2028. If 50 parents RSVP, everyone who attends and commits to the trip will be put into a raffle to win one of two $500 discounts off their trip.

Conservation will be the focus of the trip with attendees getting the opportunity to see conservation in action across Belize's rainforests, farms, marine reserves and barrier reef. Students will travel from the country's mountains to the ocean to witness the interconnectedness of freshwater and marine ecosystems.

There will also be an opportunity to contribute to ongoing efforts to decrease erosion through reforestation and the chance to check out climate-smart practices used by local farmers and see the human impact on oceans firsthand during a beach cleanup.

Contact Collins at mcollins@tipton-county.com for more information.

College aid application opens as TCAT plans Ripley open house

Tipton County students planning their next step after high school can begin the 2027-28 federal student-aid application, while a nearby technical college is opening its doors to prospective students this week.

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission announced Sept. 24 that the 2027-28 Free Application for Federal Student Aid, known as FAFSA, is available at fafsa.gov.

Completing the form is required to access aid programs including Pell Grants, Tennessee Promise and the HOPE Scholarship, according to the commission. Families should have financial records such as tax returns and W-2 forms available when completing the application.

Free instructions, videos and other help are available at CollegeforTN.org/FAFSA. The commission said schools and community organizations will offer FAFSA completion events through April 1, 2027.

Separately, Tennessee College of Applied Technology Northwest will host an open house at its Ripley campus Thursday, Oct. 1, from 3 to 5 p.m.

The campus is at 127 Industrial Drive in Ripley. Prospective students, families and other community members are invited to explore the campus, meet faculty and staff, and learn about workforce training programs.

The college's announcement, shared by its Covington campus, welcomes recent high school graduates as well as adults considering new skills or a career change. The event flyer also lists information about financial aid among the offerings.

More information about the college is available at tcatnorthwest.edu.

YARD SALE
5745 MT CARMEL RD
OCT 1-3RD. 8AM -?
HUGE SALE

SEASONAL ITEMS, FURNITURE, BEDDING. HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, YARD EQUIP, TOOLS PLUS SIZE MENS AND WOMENS CLOTHING.

RAINS CANCELS UNTIL FOLLOWING WEEKEND

NOTICE TO FURNISHERS OF LABOR AND MATERIALS TO:
Lu, Inc.
PROJECT NO.: R4BVAR-M3-068
CONTRACT NO.: CNZ122
COUNTY: Tipton
The Tennessee Department of Transportation is about to make final settlement with the contractor for construction of the above numbered project. All persons wishing to file claims pursuant to Section 54-5-122, T.C.A. must file same with the Director of Construction, Tennessee Department of Transportation, Suite 700 James K. Polk Bldg., Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0326, on or before 11/13/2026.

Annual Fall Consignment Equipment Auction
Saturday, Oct 3 @ 9 A.M.
@ Ferge Auctions & Realty 315 S. Bass Ave., Whiteville, TN 38075
Live & Online Bidding
Featuring tractors, farm equipment, trucks, trailers, and more!
Consignments accepted through October 2nd • Monday-Friday: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM Saturday: 8:00 AM-1:00 PM. To have your equipment included in the online auction, please ensure that your consignment is received by Wednesday, September 30. Please feel free to contact us!
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LEGALS

From 8A

DECEASED THE UNKNOWN
No. 40288
HEIRS OF LOTTIE BELL BOYD BROOMFIELD, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DAISY MAE BOYD REID DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LOUCASSIE BOYD WHITMORE, DECEASED; AND ALL UNKNOWN
PERSONS CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST
IN THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN.
Respondents.

NOTICE TO UNKNOWN RESPONDENTS (ORDER OF PUBLICATION)

TO: The unknown heirs, devisees, successors, and assigns of MARY AGNES BOYD
HENDERSON (a/k/a/ Mary Boyd Henderson), LOTTIE BELL BOYD BROOMFIELD, DAISY
MAE BOYD REID, and LOUÇASSES BOYD WHITMORE, all deceased; and ALL UNKNOWN

PERSONS claiming any right, title, or interest in the real property described below:

You are hereby notified that a Petition to Quiet Title has been filed against you in the
Chancery Court of Tipton County, Tennessee, No. 40288
by the Petitioner, Rufus
Albritton. The Petition secks to quiet title to, and to remove clouds upon, certain real property
located on Charleston Mason Road in the Tenth (10th) Civil District of Tipton County, Tennessee,
identified on the Tipton County tax rolls as District 10, Map 133, Parcel 035.00, and more
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particularly described in the Petition, and seeks a decree adjudging the Petitioner to be the owner in
fee simple of said property free and clear of any claim of the persons named above.

You are required to appear and defend this action within thirsty (30) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice, November 14, 2026, by filing an answer or other responsive
pleading with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Tipton County and serving a copy upon
Petitioner's counsel at the address below. If you fail to do so, the Petition may be taken as confessed
as to you, and judgment by default may be entered against you, adjudging title to the property in the

Petitioner.
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF TIPTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN RE:
THE ESTATE OF BARBARA KNIGHT,
Deceased.
JASON KNIGHT, Petitioner
VS.
DANNY KNIGHT, TERESA KNIGHT SHAW, AND DENNIS KNIGHT, Respondents
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
No. 5044
To: The Leader
To: Danny Knight, Teresa Knight Shaw, and Dennis W. Knight

You are hereby notified that: Jason Knight has filed a Petition to Probate a Copy of the
Will of Barbara Knight in Solemn Form in the Chancery Court for Tipton County, Tennessee, in
Cause #PR 5044.

Barbara Knight died on or about November 2, 2025, as a resident of Tipton County,
Tennessee. The Will dated March 12, 2015, allegedly disinherits her three children-Danny
Knight, Teresa Knight Shaw, and Dennis W. Knight-and leaves her estate to her grandchildren, Jason D. Knight and Sarah Nicole Knight McConnie, in equal shares.

The original Will cannot be located despite diligent search, and the Petitioner seeks to
probate a copy of the Will pursuant to Tennessee law.

A hearing on the Petition will be set before the Chancery Court for Tipton County,
'Tennessee, located at 1801 S. College #110, Covington TN 38019.
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You have the right to appear and contest the probate of the Will. If you fail to appear, the
Petition may be granted without further notice to you, and the copy of the Will may be admitted
to probate.

Any person claiming an interest in the estate must file a response or appearance with the
Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court for Tipton County, Tennessee at 1801 S. College, #110,
Covington, TN 38019.

This notice is published once a week for four consecutive weeks in The Leader, a newspaper
of general circulation in Tipton County, Tennessee, as required by Tennessee law for solemn form
probate proceedings.

You are required to appear and defend this action within thirsty (30) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice, November 14, 2026, by filing an answer or other responsive
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NOTICE OF GRAND JURY MEETING

It is the duty of your grand jurors to investigate any public offense which they
know or have reason to believe has been committed and which is triable or indictable in
this county. Any person having knowledge or proof that such an offense has been
committed may apply to testify before the grand jury subject to the provisions of
Tennessee Code Annotated, § 40-12-104. The foreman in this county is presently:

Larry Gamblin
C/O Tipton County Circuit Court
1801 S. College, Rm#102
Covington, TN 38019

Phone # 901-475-3320

Sports/Legals

Chargers roll past Ripley 49-3

Steve Holt

Covington leaned on its running game and a dominant defense to beat longtime rival Ripley 49-3 on Sept. 25 at George Pinner Stadium.

The Chargers improved to 5-1 overall and 2-0 in region play.

"I thought we played well defensively in the first half," coach Kirby said. "We kept them out of the end zone and after the half we were completely dominant."

Mills Beasley intercepted a pass, while Jeremiah Smith and Kamary Williamson recovered fumbles to end other Ripley threats.

Covington rushed for 384 yards and seven touchdowns on 42 carries. Nic'Kylan Murray gained 174 yards on 13 carries and scored three touchdowns. Makaviyon McKinnie added 99 yards on 18 carries and matched Murray with three touchdowns. Cordarius Byars scored on a 57-yard run on his only carry.

"We ran the ball well," Kirby said.

Even with the lopsided victory, Kirby said ball security and special teams need work. Three more fumbles brought the Chargers' season total to nine, and two kickoff returns allowed Ripley to reach midfield. He also called for more consistency in placekicking.

Kirby said those problems could prove costly against a strong opponent. Six games into the season, he said, the Chargers need to improve beyond explanations of youth and inexperience.

Covington hosts region opponent Bolivar Central on Oct. 2. Kirby said the Tigers have skilled players, size and speed, and are well coached.

Senior Night for all fall sports will be observed before the game. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Tipton County teams prepare for Week 7 football matchups

Jeff Ireland
Sports Editor

Here's a quick look at what you need to know about all four Tipton County-area matchups:

What: Munford (4-1) vs. Kingsbury (2-4)

When: Friday at 7 p.m.

Where: Munford

Players to watch: Munford – RB Tay Starks, DB Qua Bell, OL Jayden Mullins, LB Braxton Grant, RB Jaheim Smith

The skinny: Munford ran into a Whitehaven team last week that boasts one of the most talented rosters in the state. That won't be the case for homecoming this week against region foe Kingsbury. The Falcons were routed last week by Brighton and do not have any wins of note in 2026. Expect Tay Starks, Qua Bell, Jaheim Smith and probably some younger players to rack up some big rushing totals in a rout.

What: Covington (5-1) vs. Bolivar (2-4)

When: Thursday at 7 p.m.

Where: Covington

Players to watch: Covington – QB Colby Labermeier, RB Collen Winfrey, RB Nic'kylan Murray, OL Hunter Jones, DL Jalen Holland

The skinny: It's homecoming week for Covington and the Chargers will be looking to move to 3-0 in Region 7-3A play. Nic'Kylan Murray ran wild last week in a blowout of Obion Central with 179 yards on just eight carries and now ranks fifth in the area in rushing yardage. Looking at how Bolivar has fared so far this year against the run, there's little reason to believe the Tigers will be able to slow down the Charger rushing attack.

What: Brighton (3-3) vs. McCracken County (4-2)

When: Friday at 7 p.m.

Where: Brighton High School

Players to watch: Brighton – LB Izayah Austin, QB Michael Gilliland, RB Jakarion Burrell, TE Brett Cothran, RB Nasir Hill

The skinny: Brighton broke a three-game losing streak with a convincing win last week vs. Kingsbury. How this week goes is a mystery. Because of a hole in the schedule, Brighton had to find an opponent over the summer and it settled on this Kentucky team for homecoming. McCracken County is a large school with a lot of recent success, so this figures to be a challenging game. Nasir Hill had 324 all-purpose yards last week and scored three different ways. He and others will need to step up if Brighton is going to win two in a row.

What: Tipton-Rosemark Academy (1-5) vs. Fayette Academy (3-3)

When: Friday at 7 p.m.

Where: Fayette Academy

Players to watch: TRA – QB Cason Gilmore, RB Reggie Holmes, TE Buck Ford, WR Edward Lague, RB Neyland Ezell

The skinny: Rosemark beat Fayette Academy 49-13 last season. Although the Rebels own just one win, a playoff berth is still a possibility if TRA can win this league game on the road. Sophomore running back Reggie Holmes is averaging 85 rushing yards per game. How well the Rebels can move the ball on the ground figures to be key in this one.



DEFENSE - Brighton senior Cortez Puckett makes a tackle during Brighton's 44-6 road win against Kingsbury on Friday night. *Photo by Laura Drew Holmes*.

Nasir Hill's four touchdowns propel Brighton to first region win

Jeff Ireland
Sports Editor

Brighton's execution Friday night in Cordova against region foe Kingsbury was far from perfect, and Cardinal head coach Keith Setler was not happy about it.

Nevertheless, Brighton routed Kingsbury 44-6, thanks in large part to a historic individual performance from Nasir Hill. The senior running back finished with 324 all-purpose yards and four touchdowns on just eight touches.

His second quarter will be one to remember. During that 12-minute span, Hill had a kickoff return of 72 yards for a touchdown, a 62-yard punt return for another score and a 65-yard TD run. For good measure, Hill added an 87-yard kickoff return for another score in the third quarter.

"That was special, for sure," Setler said.

Freshman Isaiah Williams also had a nice night with five carries for 72 yards and two touchdowns.

Brighton moved to 3-3 overall and 1-1 in Region 8-5A with a nonleague home game coming up Friday against McCracken County (Ky.).

The Cardinals broke a three-game losing streak with Friday's victory, and Setler said he was happy with the team's defensive effort. However, he was not happy with three lost fumbles by the offense and a couple of other miscues.

"Being honest, I don't think we played to the level we needed," Setler said. "We played down a level. We've got to protect the football. If you don't do that, it's going to hurt you later in the season."

Munford takes first loss in setback to Whitehaven

Jeff Ireland
Sports Editor

Munford put up a fight late against one of the best Class 6A teams in the state Friday night at home, but in the end, Whitehaven handed Munford its first loss of the season, 40-13.

Whitehaven (5-1) went ahead 18-0 early in the third quarter and appeared to be in control, but Munford rallied.

On Munford's first play after falling behind by 18, Jaheim Smith scored on a 75-yard reverse to cut into the lead. After Munford (4-1) recovered the ensuing onside kick, Dequavian Bell scored on a 17-yard run to trim the deficit to 18-13 with five minutes left in the third.

Whitehaven had a response, though. Quarterback Jour'din Shelton scored his third touchdown of the night on a 48-yard keeper and the Tigers scored 22 straight to end the game.

The Cougars return to action Friday night at home against Kingsbury. It will be the Cougars' region opener and homecoming.



LEGALS

From 9A

"The grand jury will next meet on Monday, the 2nd day of November

2026, at 9:00 A.M.. You may be prosecuted for perjury for any oral or written

statement which you make under oath to the grand jury, when you know the statement to

be false, and when the statement touches on a matter material to the point in question."

Shane Waits, Clerk

Tipton County Circuit Court
TIPTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
INVITATION TO BID

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wireless microphones and receivers, handheld and bodypack transmitters, headset

microphones, antennas, battery charging systems, a professional media player, digital

audio mixer, amplifiers with integrated digital signal processing, main speakers for

bleacher/floor and terrace coverage, a power sequencer, network router, speaker

mounting hardware, wall-mounted equipment rack, miscellaneous installation hardware,

speaker cable, connectors, audio interfaces, and related cabling. The bid shall also include

all professional services necessary for consultation, system design, equipment

installation, wall rack installation, cable pulls and terminations, speaker installation,

equipment rack integration, system tuning, RF coordination, testing, training, travel,

scaffolding, and lift requirements. All equipment and materials should be new,

professional-grade, compatible, and sufficient to provide a complete and fully operational

system. The bid amount should include all equipment, materials, labor, installation, and

associated services. Services should provide consultation, design, system tuning, training,

and line pulls and terminations.

For additional information and detailed specifications of the bid, contact Yolanda Jones at

(901)476-7148.

Sealed bids will be opened at 10:00 am on October 19, 2026, at the Tipton County Board of

Education, 1580 Highway 51 South, Covington, TN 38019.

The Tipton County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive

any informality or irregularity in any bid received.

Dr. Rebekah Byrd
Director of Schools

Cross Connection Public Safety

Notice!

Over the next few weeks, the cooler temperatures will bring people outdoors to work in

their yards, finish gardening and begin getting swimming pools ready for winter. The

Poplar Grove Utility District would like to ensure that our customers are aware of the

dangers associated with these activities. A garden hose submersed in any liquid or

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fire, the substance can be siphoned back into the water system. This condition, known as

back siphoning, could cause a public health hazard. Devices are available to prevent this

problem; however the best solution is to always be careful how you use your garden hose.

Please help us provide a safe supply of water to all of our customers. Remember; never

submerge your garden hose in anything you would not want to drink. For more

information on cross connections and how to protect against them call, Terry Dunn at

837-0181 or email t.dunn@pgud,org Monday-Friday from 8:00 A.M.-4:30 P.M.

Poplar Grove Utility District

901-837-0181

Celebrating Covington's 2026 Heritage Festival



Heritage Festival fills Covington weekend with food and fall traditions

A community dinner, a chili showdown and a downtown market featuring more than 100 vendors will bring three days of activity to Covington as the 31st annual Heritage Festival returns Sept. 24-26.

The Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce is organizing the celebration, with Thursday evening's Heritage Feast opening the weekend, Friday activities centered in the Depot District and Saturday's arts, crafts, music and food festival running from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. downtown.

The Heritage Feast, formerly known as the Farm to Table Dinner, will be held Thursday, Sept. 24, at Liberty Hall Event Center, 204 E. Liberty Ave. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m., according to the Chamber's event announcement.

The meal brings together contributions from local restaurants, businesses and individuals. The Chamber lists The Local Insurance Agency, James Hardin, Old Town Hall Cafe, The Ruffin Theater, Court Square Cafe, Naifeh's and Milano's among those providing dinner, along with the Chamber itself.

Individual tickets are listed at $50, with the dinner limited to 100 tickets. Anyone seeking remaining seats or a table for six should contact the Chamber at 901-476-9727 to check availability.

Friday's activities will give residents a chance to sample competing chili recipes, see who takes home canning honors and spend an evening in the Depot District.

The chili tasting will run from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, at the UT-TSU Extension office, 150 Menefee St. The Chamber's cookoff flyer welcomes the community and lists awards for first, second and third places, along with a People's Choice winner.

People's Choice voting costs $1 per vote, payable in cash. Judging is scheduled from 5 to 5:30 p.m., and awards will be announced at the end of the tasting. Registered contestants are to deliver their chili to the Extension office by 5 p.m.; the posted deadline to sign up and pay the $10-per-pot entry fee was Sept. 22.

Canning contest prizes also will be awarded during Friday's tasting. The competition features jellies, pickles, jams and marmalades, relishes and salsas, and tomatoes. It is open to all ages, with entries required to be the work of Tipton County residents. The announced entry period was Sept. 22-23 at the Extension office.

Questions about the Extension contests may be directed to 901-476-0231.

The Friday Night in the Depot schedule also includes cornhole at 6 p.m. at Liberty Vintage and music by the Peter Blunt System at 7 p.m. at 797 Distillery.

Saturday brings the weekend's vendor market, with merchants offering handcrafted items, artwork, clothing, home decor and other goods. All vendor spaces have been booked, according to the Chamber. The market operates Saturday only, rather than throughout the three-day celebration.

The Chamber's Saturday plans include the traditional Children's Roll N' Stroll Parade to start the day, food trucks, live music, historical tours and a silent auction. A Heritage Festival car show also is advertised on the Chamber's website.

Free parking and shuttle service between the Square and Depot District are planned for visitors moving between the festival areas. No rain date is scheduled.

For festival updates and information, contact the Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce at 901-476-9727, visit covington-tiptoncochamber.com or check the Chamber's event announcements.

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From 1A

Covington's players and coaches celebrate last Thursday after beating Dyer County to advance to this week's Class AAA state tournament in Murfreesboro.

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NOTICE OF
SUBSTITUTE
TRUSTEE`S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated January 25, 2022, executed by Ricky Allen Fuller, an unmarried man, to Staci Blackwell as Trustee, for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, its successors and assigns, and appearing of record on January 28, 2022, in the Register's Office of Tipton County, Tennessee, at Record Book 1943, Page 931, and Instrument Number 253589.

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, the party entitled to enforce said security interest; and having appointed Clear Recon LLC, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustee by instrument filed or being filed for record in the Register's Office of Tipton County, Tennessee, with all of the rights, powers, and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust, and that the undersigned, Clear Recon LLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on June 1, 2026, at 11:00 AM, local time, at the North Door of the Tipton County Courthouse, located in Covington, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, paid at the conclusion of the sale, the following described property situated in Tipton County, to wit:

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Tipton, State of Tennessee, and is described as follows:

EXHIBIT "A"

Property lying and being in the Ninth Civil District of Tipton County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a point Isaac Williams, et al Northeast corner, James Montague's Northwest corner; thence South 1 degree East 948 feet to a point in the center line of Beaver Creek Road; thence North 88 degrees West with said road 363.0 feet to the True Point of Beginning: thence South 26 degrees West 247.0 feet to a point; thence West 143 feet to a point; thence North 224.0 feet to a point in the centerline of Beaver Creek Road; thence with the same South 89 degrees 45 minutes East 251.5 feet to the point of beginning.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO THE BORROWER(S) IN SAID DESCRIPTION PROPERTY WAS A WARRANTY DEED BEING RECORDED SIMULTANEOUSLY HEREWITH IN SAID REGISTER'S OFFICE.

Parcel ID: 140-021.03-000

Commonly known as 4161 Beaver Creek Rd Mason, TN 38049

The street address and parcel number(s) of the above described property are believed to be correct; however, such references are not a part of the legal description of the property sold herein, and, in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control

This sale is subject to tenant(s)/occupant(s) rights in possession.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: Ricky Allen Fuller.

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If the United States or the State of Tennessee have any liens or claimed lien(s) on the Property, and are named herein as interested parties, timely notice has been given to the applicable governmentalentity,and the sale will be subject to any applicable rights of redemption held by the entity as required by 26 U.S.C. § 7425 and/or Tennessee Code § 67-1-1433.

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

The transfer shall be AS IS, WHERE IS, AND WITH ALL FAULTS, and without warranties of any kind, express or implied, as to the condition of the Property and the improvements located thereon, including merchantability or fitness for particular purpose. Trustee shall make no covenant of seisin or warranty of title, express or implied, and will sell and convey the subject real property by Substitute Trustee's Deed only.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

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

THIS OFFICE IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Clear Recon LLC
Substitute Trustee
651 East 4th Street Suite 200
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37403
Phone: (877) 319-8840
File No: 1006-1957A
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Munford, Tennessee will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 26th day of May 2026 on the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget in accordance with section 6-56-206 of the Tennessee Code Annotated. The public is invited to attend and comment on the proposed budget. The City of Munford, Tennessee hereby provides certain financial information for the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 484, Public law of 1991, as needed:

City of Munford
Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027

	Actual 2024-2025	Estimated Actual 2025-2026	Proposed 2026-2027
GENERAL FUND			
To be funded with a tax rate of:	0.8509	1.2309	1.0675
Revenues			
Local Taxes	$3,548,685.00	$4,417,157.00	$4,519,824.00
State of Tennessee	$1,071,381.00	$1,369,000.00	$1,220,910.00
Federal Government	$1,010,708.00	$0.00	$0.00
Other Sources	$2,487,845.00	$707,050.00	$714,960.00
Total	$8,118,619.00	$6,493,207.00	$6,455,694.00
Expenditures			
Salaries	$3,818,704.00	$4,117,021.00	$4,423,866.00
Other Cost	$4,680,958.00	$2,231,511.00	$2,015,963.00
Total	$8,499,662.00	$6,348,532.00	$6,439,829.00
Fund Balance			
Beginning July 1,	$2,444,440.00	$2,063,397.00	$2,208,072.00
Ending June 30,	$2,063,397.00	$2,208,072.00	$2,223,937.00
Employee Positions	52	53	55
STATE STREET AID FUND			
Revenues			
State of Tennessee	$220,467.00	$216,000.00	$250,000.00
Other Sources	$5,786.00	$3,000.00	$3,000.00
Total	$226,253.00	$219,000.00	$253,000.00
Expenditures			
Other Cost	$502,912.00	$86,734.00	$484,837.00
Total	$502,912.00	$86,734.00	$484,837.00
Fund Balance			
Beginning July 1,	$558,942.00	$282,283.00	$414,549.00
Ending June 30,	$282,283.00	$414,549.00	$182,712.00
Employee Positions	0	0	0
DRUG FUND			
Revenues			
Other Sources	$9,374.00	$8,550.00	$5,200.00
Total	$9,374.00	$8,550.00	$5,200.00
Expenditures			
Other Cost	$6,649.00	$12,350.00	$1,500.00
Total	$6,649.00	$12,350.00	$1,500.00
Fund Balance			
Beginning July 1,	$17,833.00	$20,558.00	$16,758.00
Ending June 30,	$20,558.00	$16,758.00	$20,458.00
Employee Positions	0	0	0
SCHOLARSHIP FUND			
Revenues			
Other Sources	$4,329.00	$90.00	$3,560.00
Total		$90.00	$3,560.00
Expenditures			
Other Cost	$6,111.00	$2,000.00	$3,000.00
Total		$2,000.00	$3,000.00
Fund Balance			
Beginning July 1,	$6,628.00	$4,846.00	$2,936.00
Ending June 30,	$4,846.00	$2,936.00	$3,496.00
Employee Positions	0	0	0
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION			
Revenues			
Other Sources	$688,083.00	$693,500.00	$764,300.00
Total	$688,083.00	$693,500.00	$764,300.00
Expenditures			
Other Cost	$661,047.00	$689,200.00	$778,978.00
Total	$661,047.00	$689,200.00	$778,978.00
Fund Balance			
Beginning July 1,	$156,707.00	$183,743.00	$188,043.00
Ending June 30,	$183,743.00	$188,043.00	$173,365.00
Employee Positions	0	0	0

Dwayne Cole
Mayor, City of Munford
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Attention Tipton County Landowners:

The Tipton County Soil and Water Conservation District will be holding public election for three positions on the Board of Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors oversee the conservation of our natural resources. The Soil and Water Conservation Districts have been working with landowners to conserve soil and improve water quality for over 70 years in Tennessee.

The election will be held on May 19, 2026 between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the following location:

Tipton County Soil and Water Conservation
2043 Highway 51 South, Covington, TN 38019

Contact information:
Danielle Rogers
Soil Conservation Assistant
901-622-5330

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MEETING NOTICE
Delta Human Resource Agency's Governing Board will meet on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 11:00 am at the Delta Human Resource Agency, 915 Hwy 51 S, Covington, TN
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INVITATION TO BID

The Tipton County Board of Education is accepting bids for the following:

Bid 1: Additional football stadium sports light fixtures at Munford High School. *Fixtures ONLY.*

Bid 2: Installation of additional football stadium sports lighting fixtures at Munford High School. *Installation ONLY.*

For additional information, detailed specifications and bid packages, contact Hunter Bennett or Jamie Stafford at (901) 475-5975.

Sealed bids will be opened at 10:00 am on Thursday, May 14th, 2026 at the Tipton County Board of Education, 1580 Highway 51 South, Covington, TN 38019.

The Tipton County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in any bid received.

Dr. John Combs
Director of Schools, Tipton County Schools
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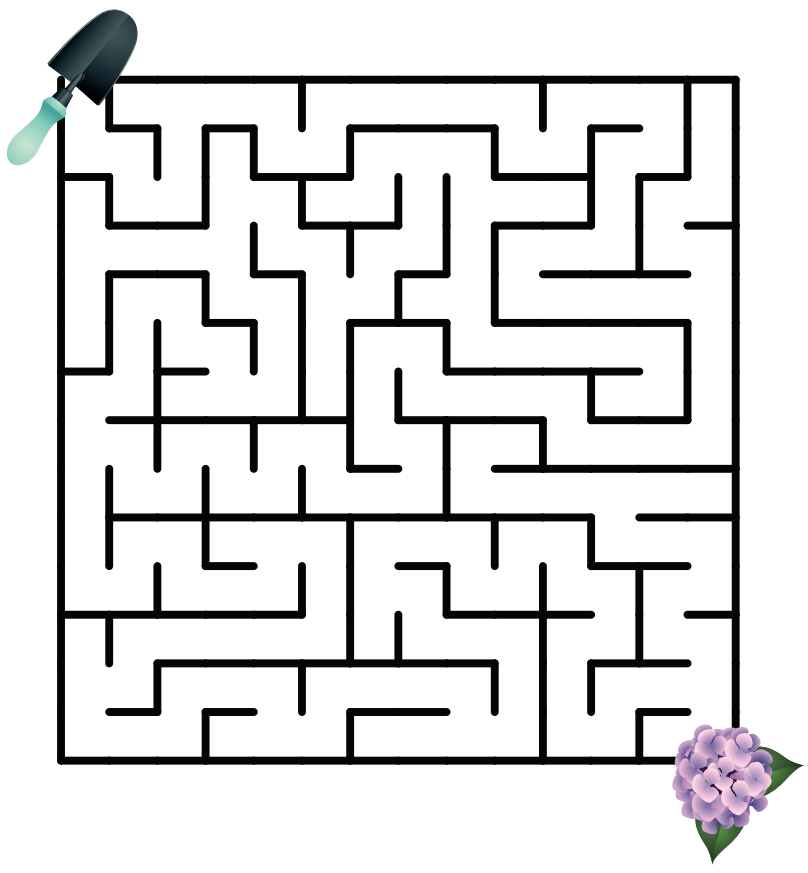
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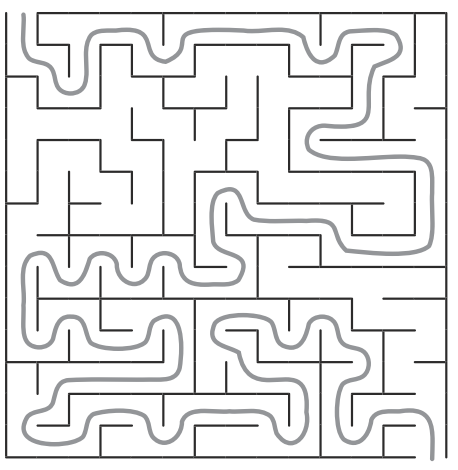
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Answer: Bamboo

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APR 26

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"How they say that in..."

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Italian: Pala
French: Pelle
German: Schaufel

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There are more microorganisms in a single teaspoon of soil than there are people on Earth.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Cactus

"How they say that in..."

English: Brain
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Italian: Cervello
French: Cerveau
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