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## 63-YEAR-OLD DIES IN CRASH

A 63-year-old Sparta woman died in a Sept. 19 crash at U.S. 70 and Tucker Reed Lane, in White County.

According to a report from Tennessee Highway Patrol, Patrick H. Flaherty, 56, was driving a 2012 Buick Lacrosse and traveling westbound on U.S. 70 (Smithville Highway) around Tucker Reed Lane. Flaherty reportedly crossed in the eastbound lane and struck a 2005 Dodge Dakota driven by 63-year-old Bridgette A. Rice who was traveling eastbound. Both vehicles came to a final rest on the roadway of U.S. 70 and Tucker Reed Lane.

Both drivers were wearing their seatbelts. Charges are pending for Flaherty.

Both drivers were transported to Saint Thomas Highlands Hospital, in Sparta. Rice succumbed to her injuries. Flaherty was flown to Vanderbilt Hospital, in Nashville.

## MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR

Jerry Lowery

### Question:

What is the date of the Lester Flatt Liberty Square Celebration?



### Answer:

The Lester Flatt Liberty Square Celebration will take place on October 12th. It is the second Saturday in October of each year. We have a strong lineup of talent coming in this year.

Blake Williams always does a great job hosting on stage. The list is as follows:

- Russell Moore and IIIRD Tyme Out
- Breaking Grass
- High Fidelity
- Tyler Carroll and Pine Ridge

There will be crafts, classic cars, food, and fun for all as we enjoy a day of bluegrass music on Liberty Square, in Sparta. Bring your lawn chairs and get ready for a great day in Sparta, Tennessee.

One more date to be reminded of is the Sparta Rotary Club Christmas Parade and the City of Sparta's Tree Lighting event. We will have a kids' zone for activities for the young and old alike as we begin celebrating this Christmas season.

The Christmas parade and tree lighting is set for Dec. 14. The parade is set for the second Saturday in

MAYOR 2A

## 'FIND COACH WHITED' was focus of gathering at WCHS

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Friends, concerned residents, and former White County High School basketball players who were coached by Roy Whited more than two decades ago gathered at the WCHS gym, on

Sept. 17, to hear updates about the search for the beloved community member who disappeared more than four months ago.

Whited was reported missing May 3, 2024. According to White County Sheriff Steve Page at the time of Whited's disappearance,

there were exhaustive searches and in-depth investigative work in an attempt to locate Whited.

Within a few days after Whited's disappearance, hundreds of volunteers searched the Lovejoy Road property where the former coach resided.

WHITED 6A



CONCERN. Former basketball players and friends share stories about Roy Whited.

## Two new police officers sworn in at city meeting

RACHEL AUBERGER  
Staff Writer

Mayor Jerry Lowery administered the oath of office to two new police officers at the Sept. 19 meeting of Sparta Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

After the swearing-in of the new officers, Michael Shank and Aaron Light, the board made quick work of approving the items on the agenda including the declaration of a number of surplus items that had been owned or seized by the city. Items came from

the police, water, electric, and street departments.

The board also approved the purchase of a new truck for the street department, recognizing that it was a budgeted item. They also approved the hiring of Eric Golden for a newly created position for water plant operator with the public works department as well as approving the abandonment of .25 acres on Oakland Drive and quitclaiming it to the adjoining property owner.

The board also approved

CITY 2A



## County prepares for new fiscal year

RACHEL AUBERGER  
Staff Writer

New annual appointments were made to the White County Board of Commissioners during its September meeting

Commissioner Derrick Hutchings was appointed as chairman for the board of commissioners for the next 12 months, while David Cranford was appointed vice-chairman. Hutchings replaces Kyle Goff who had served as chairman for the term from September 2023 through August 2024. Lanny Selby was appointed as the committee's parliamentarian. Additionally, commissioners were appointed to new committees as is customary for the county each year.

In other business, several items from both the Sher-

COUNTY 2A

## ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

BROOKLYN HOWARD  
Student reporter

Jordan Fisk, a senior at White County High School, has become a standout student, balancing rigorous academics and extracurriculars while pursuing her passion for art and literature. Her journey has been one marked by personal growth, hard work, and the desire to not only break barriers but to set an example for others.

When asked about her favorite subjects, Jordan speaks with enthusiasm about her love for English and literature.

"My mom is a reader, so I became a reader," she shared. It's no surprise that



Jordan Fisk

her early love for reading has blossomed into a passion for writing as well, an interest she's carried with her throughout high school.

ACADEMIC 2A



## Wright charged with defrauding investors

PRESS RELEASE FROM  
SECURITIES AND  
EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Approximately two weeks ago, Securities and Exchange Commission charged Cookeville resident Donald Anthony Wright and his company, Retirement Specialty Group Inc., an SEC-registered investment adviser, with defrauding several investors.

According to the SEC's complaint, Wright primarily targeted Christian clients by promoting his and Retirement Specialty Group's "faith-based" approach to investing. Between approximately June 2021 and July 2023, Wright and Retirement Specialty Group allegedly recommended and sold over \$2 million in fraudulent promissory notes to at least five advisory clients and one other investor. In recommending and selling these notes, some of which promised monthly interest of up to 20 percent, Wright allegedly misled investors concerning the nature and safety of in-

vesting in the notes. For example, Wright allegedly claimed that: the notes were secured by real estate; investments in the notes were safer and more stable than investments in the stock market; and Wright personally had invested substantial funds in the notes. According to the complaint, all of these claims were false. The complaint further alleges that, after selling the notes, Wright misappropriated most of the note proceeds for his own personal benefit and then lied to the investors about the repayment status of the notes. For example, after one of the notes defaulted, Wright allegedly fabricated an \$8.1 million wire-transfer confirmation that he gave to a client to falsely assure him that repayment of his note was forthcoming.

Wright also allegedly failed to disclose his business and financial ties with the issuers of the notes, which created conflicts of interest. Notably, the complaint claims that, on

SECURITIES 2A

## ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

BROOKLYN HOWARD  
Student reporter

CalliAnna Griggs, a dedicated student-athlete, has mastered the art of balancing both her academic and athletic responsibilities. As a senior at White County High School, CalliAnna has spent her high school years playing volleyball, a sport that has not only fueled her competitive spirit but also shaped her overall experience.

From the beginning, CalliAnna embraced the challenges of maintaining her academic standing while excelling in sports.

"As a student-athlete, the 'student' part always comes



CalliAnna Griggs

first," she explains. This mindset has helped her stay focused on her grades, as her school's policy requires athletes to perform well in

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the purchase and placement of visual surveillance cameras for the purpose of assisting law enforcement. According to the mayor, Walmart donated money to put the cameras at certain points to aid in the apprehension of people suspected of theft or damage on their prop-

erty. The mayor explained the cameras on Walmart's property could alert police as to which direction a vehicle had traveled, but they would need cameras on the city streets to assist in tracking a vehicle after it left their property.

"They won't be used for giving tickets," the mayor assured

the aldermen. "They can see a vehicle leaving the parking lot and know if it goes right or left, then we can pick that care up on another camera to see where they are going and hope to be able to apprehend them."

The cameras will come at no cost to the city. Administrator Tonya Tindle informed the

aldermen that Walmart had provided \$5,000 of the cost, with the county providing the remaining \$1,000 it would take to purchase and install the system.

Other business included the aldermen acting as the city's Beer Board to approve an on-site beer permit for Javier Ortiz for the purpose of opening a

new location at 109 W. Bockman Way to be called 1938 Social.

Before the meeting adjourned, city codes officer Mike O'Neal informed the board that Dunkin' Donuts is planning their opening for Oct. 8. He was also asked for an update on the rubble clean up from the East Bockman Way property where the

old hardware building had been demolished. O'Neal informed the board that it had become a legal issue and they needed to refer any further questions to the city's attorney.

The next scheduled meeting of Sparta's Board of Mayor and Aldermen is 5 p.m., Oct. 3, at city hall.

**COUNTY**

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iff's Office and the Solid Waste Department were listed as surplus items, including shotguns from the Sheriff's Office and trucks, trailers, and heavy equipment from Solid Waste. The commission also autho-

rized the county executive to enter into a lease agreement with Jackson Kayak to rent space at their facility located at 3300 McMinnville Highway to use for storing parts and working on the county's garbage trucks. The lease allows for the

county to have access to one office, four bays, and space outside for storage containers and trucks.

The budget committee presented five resolutions for the purpose of reappropriating funds for various departments

including the health department, highway capital projects, and the school system. All of the resolutions passed by the commissioners who were present.

Before adjourning, the full court of commissioners ap-

proved Kade Clark as a member of the planning committee as recommended by county executive Denny Wayne Robinson.

Lanny Selby, Chris Brewington, Larry Daniels, Becky Gold- en, and Thomas Margeson were

absent from the Sept. 16 board of commissioners' meeting.

The next meeting for the White County Board of Commissioners will be 6 p.m., Oct. 21, in the third-floor courtroom, at the courthouse. Committee meetings will be Oct. 7

**ACADEMIC**

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Jordan's love for both reading and writing has translated into a leadership role in the school's book club, where she serves as a co-leader.

Her involvement in the Writer's Society, which she also co-leads, reflects her creative spirit. Each week, Jordan creates or curates prompts for her fellow members to explore.

"It's really a chance for everyone to express themselves," she explained. Whether it's through literature or personal writing, her creative energy has been a guiding force during her time at

WCHS.

While Jordan has always excelled in subjects she enjoys, her academic path wasn't always clear.

"Freshman year, I didn't take any honors classes," she admitted. "I didn't think I was good enough."

That self-doubt began to fade as her teachers saw her potential and encouraged her to push her limits. One of the pivotal moments in her academic journey came when her sophomore English teacher, Mrs. Farris, convinced her to take AP English and Composition with Mrs. Swift.

"I took that class, and I excelled," Jordan said with a smile. "After that, I just kept going."

Jordan is now enrolled in several advanced classes, balancing an impressive academic load that includes AP and dual enrollment courses. This growth is a testament to her perseverance and belief in herself, even when the path seemed difficult.

A major source of motivation for Jordan has been her dream of becoming the first person in her family to graduate from college.

"My dad attempted but didn't succeed, and my grandmother didn't graduate high school," she

shared. "I want to be the first person to go to college." It's a goal that's driven her to reach for higher academic achievements and set her sights on a bright future.

Despite her packed schedule, Jordan knows when to step back and reassess her priorities.

"If I start feeling overwhelmed, I cut back on either extracurriculars or work hours," she said.

Striking a balance between school, clubs, and her personal life is key to her success. This self-awareness allows her to maintain a steady focus on her goals without feeling overburdened.

Art has been at the heart of Jordan's high school experience, guiding her career aspirations. Originally, Jordan pursued culinary studies, but her passion for art never waned. After taking an art class during her sophomore year, she shifted back to what she truly loved. Under the guidance of WCHS art teacher Mrs. Amaral, Jordan's talent has flourished.

"She [Jordan] is amazing and talented and creative and enthusiastic, and there's not a bad thing you could say about her," Mrs. Amaral said.

With her teacher's support,

Jordan has become confident in her decision to pursue a future in the arts.

"I know what I want to do, and I know where I want to go," she stated proudly.

As Jordan's time at WCHS ends, her academic accomplishments, creativity, and leadership have left a lasting impact. Whether through her involvement in clubs, her success in advanced classes, or her determination to break new ground for her family, Jordan has shown that, with hard work and passion, anything is possible.

**ATHLETE**

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the classroom to stay eligible for sports. With the support of her coaches, who have access to her grades, CalliAnna has developed a strong work ethic. She attributes much of her drive to volleyball, saying,

"Sports motivate me to try harder in school and make better grades," she said.

CalliAnna's volleyball journey has been a source of both personal growth and cherished friendships. She has played alongside many of the same teammates since middle school,

and the bond they've formed over the years is one she treasures deeply.

"It's a friendship that you'll never really find again," she says, reflecting on the camaraderie and teamwork that volleyball fosters. This sense of belonging has given CalliAnna an identity within her school community, where she is known for her volleyball skills and her close-knit group of friends.

Being part of a team sport has taught CalliAnna valuable life lessons, especially about teamwork and communication. These les-

sons, she notes, have translated into her academic life as well.

"You have to respect your teammates on the court, just like you respect your peers and teachers in school," she explains.

The discipline she's gained from volleyball has helped her maintain good grades and push herself academically, all while balancing a busy sports schedule.

Despite the pressures of both sports and school, CalliAnna has had strong support from her family, especially her father.

"He comes to all of my games and always has something to say to me afterward," she says fondly.

His encouragement has helped her through tough seasons and the stress of balancing

her commitments.

"He always reminds me that volleyball is supposed to be fun and that I play because I love it," she said.

Throughout her high school career, CalliAnna has achieved numerous milestones. As a freshman, she earned a spot on the varsity volleyball team, a position she's proudly held all four years. Her ability to maintain this level of play is one of her proudest accomplishments. Academically, CalliAnna admits that school doesn't come naturally to her, but she has consistently worked hard to maintain good grades, a testament to her perseverance and determination.

Looking ahead, CalliAnna is uncertain whether she will pur-

sue volleyball at the college level, but she's confident that her experiences as a student-athlete have prepared her for whatever the future holds. With plans to stay active through intramurals or other fitness activities, she remains committed to leading a healthy, balanced life. Although she hasn't yet settled on a major, she's considering early childhood education and is excited about the opportunities that await her after graduation.

For CalliAnna, the combination of academics and sports has provided a well-rounded high school experience, filled with personal growth, strong relationships, and valuable life lessons that will stay with her for years to come.

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at least three occasions, Wright obtained investor funds by creating and using fake promissory notes that were not issued by any company.

The SEC's complaint, filed in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, charges Wright and Retirement Specialty Group with violating Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 thereunder, and Sections 206(1) and 206(2) of the Invest-

ment Advisers Act of 1940.

Without admitting or denying the allegations in the SEC's complaint, Wright and Retirement Specialty Group each consented to the entry of an order permanently enjoining them from violating the charged provisions and authorizing the Court to determine at a later date the amount of disgorgement, prejudgment interest, and civil money penalties that each defendant shall pay. Wright also consented to a permanent officer-and-director bar and to an injunction

that permanently bars him from participating in the issuance, purchase, offer, or sale of any security, subject to certain exceptions.

The SEC's investigation, conducted by enforcement staff in the Atlanta Regional Office, was part of the Atlanta Regional Office's Atlanta Area Affinity Fraud Initiative. Yolanda Ross and Cody Turley conducted the investigation, which was supervised by Thomas Bosch and Justin Jeffries. Shawn Murnahan, supervised by M. Graham Loomis, will lead the litigation.

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•CAVANAH, HOLLY BRONWEN; illeg/poss/fraud use of card or debit card, 09.22.2024



•COCHRAN SIMPSON, SAVANNA RAE; violation of probation, 09.19.2024



•COOPER, HAYLEY HELEN; driving with license cancelled/revoked/suspended, 09.19.2024



•FARR, KAYCEE IRENE; violation of probation, 09.17.2024



•FUCHS, WHITNEY DANIELLE; attachment for child support (three counts), 09.17.2024



•GRAHAM, JAMES RAYMOND; violation of probation, 09.18.2024



•HENRY, BYRON SHAWN; failure to appear (four counts), 09.19.2024



•LOUGHMAN, BRANDON KYLE; violation of probation, 09.19.2024



•MACE, CHARLES JASON; violation of probation (amended), failure to appear (two counts), 09.21.2024



•MAHANEY, JOHN MICHAEL; reckless driving, 09.19.2024



•MARCUM, JEREMY ALAN; violation of probation, failure to appear (two counts), 09.19.2024



•MARTIN, HERMAN BRADFORD; domestic assault, 09.18.2024



•MATHENEY, DAVID WAYNE; violation of probation, 09.21.2024



•MUSTER, RANDI ANN; theft of property (shoplifting), 09.19.2024



•NELSON, CHANDLER SCOTT; failure to appear, 09.22.2024



•WAGONER, MELONIA R; violation order of protection/restraining order (two counts), assault against first responder (three counts), resist stop/frisk/halt/arrest/search, 09.21.2024

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# outlook on Agriculture



## Livestock market highlights

**By Dr. Andrew Griffith**  
**Livestock Marketing Specialist**  
**U.T. Institute of Agriculture**  
**Sept. 20, 2024**

**FED CATTLE:** Fed cattle traded \$2 to \$3 higher on a live basis compared to last week. Prices were mainly \$183 to \$184 on a live basis. Dressed trade was mainly \$290 to \$292.

The 5-area weighted average prices through Thursday were \$182.78 live, up \$2.06 compared to last week and \$288.00 dressed, down \$4.82 from a week ago. A year ago, prices were \$184.54 live and \$291.79 dressed.

Finished cattle trade was slow to develop this week as cattle feeders and packers found it difficult to come to an agreement on cattle prices. With certainty, one can say Friday afternoon was a busy time as several thousand head of cattle had to be traded to keep

cattle on the rail next week. The end of summer and beginning of fall tend to be a slower period for cattle and beef movement, which may be part of the reason for the standstill. However, the market may be headed towards an inflection point as the number of cattle on feed will decline relative to previous years.

When clarity is gained on this topic via the cattle on feed report, leverage will shift one way or the other and it is expected to go the way of the cattle feeder.

**BEEF CUTOUT:** At midday Friday, the Choice cutout was \$300.67 up \$1.11 from Thursday and down \$4.40 from a week ago. The Select cutout was \$289.59 up \$1.33 from Thursday and down \$5.21 from last week. The Choice Select spread was \$11.08 compared to \$10.27 a week ago.

The Choice cutout traded below \$300 for the first time in

over four months. The weekly average will likely still exceed \$300, but if prices move as anticipated then next week's average will be below \$300. This is important to note since there have only been 12 weeks in 2024 that the composite Choice boxed beef price traded below the stated level. No one primal is the only reason for this price decline.

However, the loin, brisket, and flank appear to be leading the charge to lower prices while the short plate and round are doing their best to contribute to lower prices. The rib and chuck also have softer prices, but they have not witnessed as drastic of a decline in prices. The chuck is likely being supported by the grind market while the rib seems to be supported most anytime during the year. Speaking of the ground beef market, the domestic beef market continues to demonstrate strong demand for

ground beef, which is supporting slaughter cow prices and lean beef imports. The question now is if interest rate cuts will spur further beef purchases.

**OUTLOOK:** Based on weekly auction market averages, steer prices were \$2 to \$6 higher compared to last week while heifer prices were \$1 to \$4 higher compared to the previous week. Slaughter cow prices were \$1 to \$2 lower compared to the previous week's weighted average price while bull prices were steady to \$1 higher compared to the prior week. Feeder cattle futures appear to be making a correction move or maybe just a retracement move. September feeder cattle futures have gained about \$8 from September 9th through the 19th. This is not to say every day during the two-week period was a positive price trading day, but the trend over the period has been positive. This price increase has contributed to an increase in price for feeder cattle in local auction markets, which is a welcome occurrence for those looking

to market the spring born calf crop. The question at this time for those looking to sell cattle in the near term is if seasonal price pressure will catch up to the calf market and push prices lower or if the overall positive sentiment in the market due to fewer cattle will support prices. Speculation does little to no good when evaluating this question. What does provide some good is some back of the feed sack math to see what a buyer can

afford to pay for animals in today's market. Assuming the purchase of a 550-pound steer to be sold as an 850 steer in late February or early March, the 850-pound steer will be worth nearly \$2000 in March. If the cost of gain is \$1 per pound and the person purchasing the animal is attempting to achieve \$200 per head profit then the 550-pound steer can be purchased for \$272 per hundredweight, which is the price a 550-pound weaned and vaccinated calf in Tennessee is bringing this week. This leaves some room for additional costs

including treatments and death loss, but that will come out of the buyers profit line. This is not rocket science or brain surgery, but it is something important for those in the business. It does not take much work, but it does take a little.

The September cattle on feed report for feedlots with a 1000 head or more capacity indicated cattle and calves on feed as of September 1, 2024, totaled 11.20 million head, up 0.6 percent compared to a year ago, with the pre-report estimate average expecting an increase of 0.7 percent. August placements in feedlots totaled 1.98 million head, down 1.4 percent from a year ago with the pre-report estimate average expecting placements down 1.5 percent. August marketing's totaled 1.82 million head down 3.6 percent from 2023 with pre-report estimates expecting marketings down 3.5 percent. Placements on feed by weight: under 700 pounds down 2.8 percent, 700 to 899 pounds down 3.0 percent, 900 pounds and over up 6.0 percent.



## White County FFA members attends inaugural TN Future Farmer Conference

White County FFA senior Griffen Burton was selected to attend Tennessee's Future Farmer Conference. The inaugural Tennessee Future Farmer Conference, sponsored by Farm Credit Mid-America, was held Sept. 3-6, 2024, at Tennessee FFA Camp Clements. The event brought together 30 aspiring agriculturalists for an immersive learning experience. The four-day conference aimed to equip students interested in production agriculture for future careers in the field.

The students selected for the conference plan to pursue careers in agricultural operations directly following graduation from high school, whether that is starting a first-generation farm, working on an existing farm, or serving as a technician or manager for an agricultural company. The conference offered a unique blend of informative sessions led by industry experts, farm and industry tours across multiple agricultural sectors, and collaborative opportunities with peers from across the state. Participants gained invaluable insights into various aspects of production agriculture, including crop and livestock production, field nursery operations, soil management, and financial planning. Selection for the con-

ference was competitive, with preference given to students already involved in production agriculture and those demonstrating a strong desire to pursue careers in the field.

The 30 selected participants represented a diverse cross-section of agricultural interests and backgrounds. Highlights of the conference included visits to a sod farm, poultry farm, row crop farms, and an agritourism operation, providing students with firsthand experience of different agricultural practices. Additionally, attendees benefited from presentations by representatives from Farm Credit Mid-America, the United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency, the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, and University of Tennessee Extension. A young farmer panel offered practical insights into the realities of agricultural entrepreneurship.

The conference culminated with a luncheon celebrating the students' promising future and Farm Credit Mid-America's belief in their career goals. This event provided a fitting conclusion to the four days of learning and networking, reinforcing the support these young agriculturalists have from industry leaders. Special guests in at-

tendance included Jason Alexander, Senior Vice President of Agricultural Lending in Tennessee at Farm Credit Mid-America; Eric Mayberry, President of the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation; and Carol McDonald, Assistant Commissioner of Policy and Legislation for the Tennessee Department of Agriculture.

"Our goal was to ensure that attendees left the conference with a well-rounded understanding and better preparedness for a future in production agriculture. Production agriculture is foundational to our society—without it, we don't eat. We're equipping these students with the knowledge and tools they need to ensure an ever-growing population is fed," said Ryan Inman, Tennessee FFA State Director.

"We're grateful for Farm Credit Mid-America's sponsorship, which made this valuable experience possible for our students. These 30 students were our first Future Farmer Conference Cohort, and we're excited to see what they accomplish."

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# outlook on Agriculture



## Crop comments

By Dr. Aaron Smith  
U.T. Institute of Agriculture  
Sept. 20, 2024

### Overview

Corn and wheat were down; soybeans and cotton were up for the week.

Current estimates indicate a very challenging winter for Tennessee corn, soybean, and cotton producers and rural economies. USDA is currently estimating Tennessee average corn, soybean, and cotton yields at 153 bu./acre, 46 bu./acre, and 1,114 lb./acre - 12 percent, 10 percent, and 11 percent lower than 2023 yields. Lower yields combined with lower prices indicate average gross revenue per acre is projected down 38 percent for corn at \$607/acre, 31 percent for soybeans at \$506/acre, and 21 percent for cotton at \$818/acre. Average gross revenue will put many producers \$100-\$300 per acre below the estimated cost of production. This could impact producers' ability to pay current debts and access financing for the 2025 crop.

Crop insurance payments will provide some financial relief for those producers that had below APH yields, however those with at or above APH yields are unlikely to trigger crop insurance indemnity payments. For example, with APH yields and

75 percent coverage, the price trigger would be \$3.50 for corn, \$8.66 for soybeans, and \$0.62 for cotton - lower than current futures market prices. For reference, the weighted average crop insurance buyup coverage (buyup coverage level weighted by insured acres) for revenue protection policies in Tennessee were 74 percent, 73 percent and 70 percent for corn, soybeans, and cotton in 2024. Bottom line is relief from crop insurance will be limited for many producers considering the size of the projected losses.

The decline in crop revenue will also be felt by agricultural input suppliers and agricultural support industries. Based on current projected prices, yields, and harvested acres Tennessee cash receipts from corn, cotton and soybeans could be down by more than \$780 million dollars compared to last year, from \$2.30 billion to \$1.52 billion. This would be a substantial hit to the economic activity of many rural communities in the state.

### Corn

Across Tennessee, average corn basis (cash price-nearby futures price) strengthened or remained unchanged at West, North-West, North-Central, and West-Central elevators and barge points and weakened at Mississippi River elevators and



barge points. Overall, basis for the week ranged from 45 under to 20 under, with an average of 34 under the December futures at elevators and barge points. Ethanol production for the week ending September 13 was 1.049 million barrels per day, down 31,000 from the previous week. Ethanol stocks were 23.785 million barrels, up 0.071 million barrels compared to last week.

Corn net sales reported by exporters for September 9-12 were net sales of 33.4 million bushels for the 2024/25 marketing year. Exports for the same period were down 31 percent compared to last week at 22.6 million bushels. Corn export sales and commitments were 24 percent of the USDA estimated total annual exports for the 2024/25 marketing year (September 1 to August 31) compared to the previous

5-year average of 30 percent. The Crop Progress report estimated corn condition at 65 percent good-to-excellent and 12 percent poor-to-very poor; corn dented at 85 percent compared to 74 percent last week, 88 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 84 percent; corn mature at 45 percent compared to 29 percent last week, 48 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 38 percent; and corn harvested at 9 percent compared to 5 percent last week, 8 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 6 percent. In Tennessee, corn condition was estimated at 45 percent good-to-excellent and 23 percent poor-to-very poor; corn dented at 97 percent compared to 93 percent last week, 97 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 97 percent; corn mature at 85 percent compared to 76 percent last week, 75 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 72 percent; and corn harvested at 36 percent compared to 31 percent last week, 22 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 24 percent. Cash prices ranged from \$3.65 to \$4.05 at elevators and barge points. December 2024 corn futures closed at \$4.01, down 12 cents since last Friday. For the week December 2024 corn futures traded between \$4.01 and \$4.15. Downside price protection could be obtained by purchasing a \$4.05 December 2024 Put Option costing 13 cents establishing a \$3.92 futures floor.

Dec/Mar and Dec/Dec future spreads were 19 and 41 cents. March 2025 corn futures closed at \$4.20, down 11 cents since last Friday. December 2025 corn futures closed at \$4.42, down 6 cents since last Friday.

### Soybeans

Across Tennessee the average soybean basis weakened or remained unchanged at West and North-Central elevators and barge points and strengthened at Northwest, West-Central, and Mississippi River elevators and barge points. Basis ranged from 75 under to 20 under the November futures contract, with an average basis at the end of the week of 44 under. Soybean net weekly sales reported by exporters were net sales of 64.2 million bushels for the 2024/25 marketing year and 0.3 million bushels

for the 2025/26 marketing year. Exports for the same period were down 4 percent compared to last week at 16.4 million bushels. Soybean export sales and commitments were 32 percent of the USDA estimated total annual exports for the 2024/25 marketing year (September 1 to August 31), compared to the previous 5-year average of 42 percent. The Crop Progress report estimated soybean condition at 64 percent good-to-excellent and 11 percent poor-to-very poor; soybeans dropping leaves at 44 percent compared to 25 percent last week, 47 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 37 percent; and soybeans harvested at 6 percent compared to 4 percent last year and a 5-year average of 3 percent. In Tennessee, soybean condition was estimated at 45 percent good-to-excellent and 23 percent poor-to-very poor; soybeans dropping leaves at 58 percent compared to 46 percent last week, 41 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 35 percent; and soybeans harvested at 22 percent compared to 11 percent last week, 8 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 6 percent. Cash soybean prices at elevators and barge points ranged from \$9.29 to \$9.89. November 2024 soybean futures closed at \$10.12, up 6 cents since last Friday. For the week November 2024 soybean futures traded between \$9.99 and \$10.22. November/December 2024 soybean-to-corn price ratio was 2.40 at the end of the week. Downside price protection could be achieved by purchasing a \$10.20 November 2024 Put Option which would cost 24 cents and set a \$9.96 futures floor.

Nov/Jan and Nov/Nov future spreads were 17 and 48 cents. January 2025 soybean futures closed at \$10.29, up 5 cents since last Friday. November 2025 soybean futures closed at \$10.60, up 2 cents since last Friday. Nov/Dec 2025 soybean-to-corn price ratio was 2.52 at the end of the week.

### Cotton

North Delta upland cotton spot price quotes for September 19 were 66.53 cents/lb. (41-4-34) and 68.53 cents/lb. (31-3-35). Adjusted World Price (AWP) increased 2.83 cents to 58.83 cents. Cotton net weekly sales reported by exporters were net sales of 106,800 bales for the 2024/25 marketing year and 10,600 bales for the 2025/26 marketing year. Exports for the same period were up 9 percent compared to last week at 130,000 bales. Upland cotton export sales were 44 percent of the USDA estimated total annual exports for the 2024/25 marketing year (August 1 to July 31), compared to the previous 5-year average of 55 percent. The Crop Progress report estimated cotton condition at 39 percent good-to-excellent and 26 percent poor-to-very poor;

cotton bolls opening at 54 percent compared to 45 percent last week, 52 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 50 percent; and cotton harvested at 10 percent compared to 8 percent last week, 9 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 8 percent. In Tennessee, cotton condition was estimated at 47 percent good-to-excellent and 26 percent poor-to-very poor; cotton bolls opening at 67 percent compared to 57 percent last week, 39 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 35 percent; and cotton harvested at 1 percent compared to 0 percent last week, 2 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 1 percent. December 2024 cotton futures closed at 73.52 cents, up 3.7 cents since last Friday. For the week December 2024 cotton futures traded between 69.58 and 74.23 cents. Downside price protection could be obtained by purchasing a 74 cent December 2024 Put Option costing 2.6 cents establishing a 71.4 cent futures floor.

Dec/Mar and Dec/May cotton futures spreads were 1.62 cents and 2.64 cents. March 2025 cotton futures closed at 75.14 cents, up 3.9 cents since last Friday. May 2025 cotton futures closed at 76.16 cents, up 3.75 cents since last Friday.

### Wheat

Wheat net weekly sales reported by exporters were net sales of 9.0 million bushels for the 2024/25 marketing year and 0.4 million bushels for the 2025/26 marketing year. Exports for the same period were up 18 percent compared to last week at 23.6 million bushels - a marketing year high. Wheat export sales were 49 percent of the USDA estimated total annual exports for the 2024/25 marketing year (June 1 to May 31), compared to the previous 5-year average of 52 percent. Wheat cash prices at elevators and barge points ranged from \$5.01 to \$5.24. December 2024 wheat futures closed at \$5.68, down 26 cents since last Friday. December wheat-to-corn price ratio was 1.42. December 2024 wheat futures traded between \$5.64 and \$5.96 this week. March 2025 wheat futures closed at \$5.87, down 25 cents since last Friday.

Dec/Mar and Dec/Jul future spreads were 19 and 35 cents. The Crop Progress report estimated winter wheat planted at 14 percent compared to 6 percent last week, 13 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 13 percent; and spring wheat harvested at 92 percent compared to 85 percent last week, 91 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 90 percent. July cash contracts ranged from \$5.63 to \$5.94. July 2025 wheat futures closed at \$6.03, down 24 cents since last Friday. Downside price protection could be obtained by purchasing a \$6.10 July 2025 Put Option costing 54 cents establishing a \$5.56 futures floor.



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## Acorns can be deadly to cattle

While out in the woods this past weekend, I discovered there seems to be a lot of acorns this year. This is always a good sign for deer hunters but not such a good thing for beef cattle producers. Acorn poisoning generally deals its most severe blow in the months of September and early October. During the fall and periods of decreased forage availability like this year, courtesy of an extensive drought, cattle may seek out acorns as a food source. All cattle will consume acorns. The poison in acorns (tannins) concentrates in the milk; therefore, fast-growing

Scott Swoape  
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calves (400-700 lbs.) on heavy milking dams will be the first animals to show signs. Some cattle may consume acorns and experience no ill effects, while others suffer severe complications. Older cattle will rarely show signs of acorn toxicity.

Early signs associated with acorn poisoning are related to gastrointestinal problems. These include poor appetite,

black or bloody diarrhea, and occasional constipation. As the disease progresses, signs of kidney failure will present themselves. Since there is no specific antidote for acorn poisoning, treatment is limited and all efforts should be made for prevention. The best practice for prevention of acorn poisoning is to keep cattle from coming into contact with the culprit. Fencing off woodlots where oaks are prevalent is the best way to prevent exposure. If you suspect acorn poisoning, remove cattle from the source and contact your veterinarian.



# outlook on Agriculture



## White County High School FFA - Breakfast at the Barn

White County High School FFA hosted 'Breakfast at the Barn,' on Sept. 21, 2024. The event included an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast and a live auction of livestock and home goods.



### WHITED

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The area that was searched has overgrowth that is waist-high and above.

Brad Walker, a member of the state championship basketball team approximately 25 years ago that was coached by Whited, addressed the crowd at the Sept. 17 gathering and explained that he wanted to ensure the public the search for Whited was still active.

Walker, who is also the pastor of First Baptist Church of Sparta,

explained funds had been raised to hire a private detective, David Andrews. Andrews, who was present at the gathering, is well-respected in the law enforcement community, in Putnam County, and has been instrumental in numerous investigations throughout his career.

"Everyone is trying to find an answer," Walker said.

Walker recognized White County Sheriff Steve Page who was also in attendance.

"We pray and we hope that

we find Coach Whited," Walker stressed.

Lynn Whited, Roy Whited's brother, spoke to the crowd and paused a couple of times as he became emotional.

Lynn, who lives in Alabama, has been driving back and forth from Sparta to Alabama, "searching every corner of this county," he said.

Walker said there were some details that he could not reveal at that time because they were part of the ongoing investigation.

He said with Andrews' keen investigative skills, they have been able to piece together some of the events of the day Roy disappeared.

"We need God, and that's what we each would want us to do," Walker said.

Mike Buck, coach and former player under Whited in another county, spoke with fondness about the man whom he said made a huge impact on his life.

"He brought people together," Buck said. "He loved others. He

inspired and motivated us."

One of the speakers, Barbara Witzigman, owner of Tri-Star Real Estate and Auction Co., talked about her close connection to Roy as member of the Tri-Star team but most importantly as a friend. She told the crowd about Roy's many selfless acts of kindness.

Matt Holman, a former WCHS basketball player, described Roy's personality.

"He showed up - he always did," Holman said. "He held us

accountable. He challenged us [to be the best we could be]. He would listen to you."

In closing, one of the speakers said, "Coach wasn't perfect - but none of us are perfect. He was admired, and he still is because of all the many lives that he touched in so many different ways."

Anyone that may have any information about Roy Whited's disappearance is urged to call the office of District Attorney General Bryant Dunaway at (931) 528-5015.

OBITUARIES

**MARTHA SUE BELL BROYLES**

Martha Sue Bell Broyles, 90, passed away Sept. 20, 2024, surrounded by her loving husband and family.

She was born in 1933, in Quebeck, Tennessee. Martha Sue married Kenneth Ray Broyles, on Dec. 20, 1952, and they enjoyed 72 years of being together.

Martha Sue graduated from White County High School, where she enjoyed being a Warrior cheerleader. She attended Tennessee Tech University, where she and Kenneth made many lifelong friends. She made the care of her family her career. She was always involved at the schools her children attended as room mother, Brownie and Girl Scout leader, and 4-H volunteer. She was also very active at West Sparta church of Christ as a Bible school and Vacation Bible School teacher, bus worker, and food preparer for the sick and get-togethers. According to her family, she was one of the best cooks in the county!

Martha Sue was very active in the Captain Sally Tompkins Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She would often wear period dress to conduct memorials at cemeteries to honor soldiers and to present educational programs at local schools. She was so proud of her Southern heritage.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph Fearon and Gladys Grissom Bell; her siblings, baby twin sister, Mary Ann; older sister, Josephine and husband A. Q. McDonald, who had resided in Cookeville; and brother, Lorie and wife Kathryn McBride Bell, who had resided in Chattanooga.

She is lovingly survived by her children, Steven Ray (Denise), of Sparta, Sherrie Beth McCulley (Robert), of Sparta, Susan Raye Harris (Howard), of Nashville, William (Bill) Fearon Broyles, of Nashville; six grandchildren, Zachary Broyles (Morgan), Hannah Broyles Marcum (Daniel), Keith McCulley, Hallie, Houston and Mattie Harris; two great-grandchildren, Sydney Marcum and Graham Broyles; brother, Louis (Ann Sparkman) Bell, of Chattanooga; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was 1 p.m., Sept. 23, 2024, at West Sparta church of Christ, with burial in Preston Heights Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Steven Broyles, Bill Broyles, Howard Harris, Robert McCulley, Zachary Broyles, Keith McCulley, and Houston Harris

Memorial donations may be made to Preston Heights Cemetery, 1605 McMinnville Highway, Sparta, Tennessee 38583.

Hunter Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



**LONNIE TERRELL "TOJO" EMERTON**  
**OCT. 7, 1962-SEPT. 18, 2024**

Lonnie Terrell Emerton, affectionately known as Tojo or Toe, age 61, of Sparta, passed away Sept. 18, 2024, in the emergency room at Saint Thomas Highlands Hospital, in Sparta.

Lonnie was born Oct. 7, 1962, in Sparta, to Tandy Cherry "Moe" and Reba Jo Parks Emerton.

He served as an employee for the City of Sparta for over 42 years. As a young child, he enjoyed watching wrestling on television, often stomping in the room like wrestler Tojo Yamamoto. Thus, his nickname Tojo was born. He loved raising animals on his farm and gardening. In his earlier years, he was an avid hunter. For more than 20 years, his Saturday nights were happily spent at the racetracks watching dirt track racing. However, his greatest joy was being papa to his grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Rufus Emerton, Sue Emerton, and Carolyn McBride.

Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Carole Emerton; daughter, Amanda Brooks and husband Warren; grandchildren, Bella Dachoute, Hannah Dachoute, Makayla Dachoute; brother, Junior Emerton; and special cousin, Jackie Emerton.

Funeral service was 3 p.m., Sept. 22, 2024, at Sparta First United Methodist Church, with burial in Emerton Family Cemetery. Bro. Hyeon Hong and Ken Wallace officiated.

Will Girdley, Jeff "Red" Parrish, Kobe Jones, Tom Kincaid, Joah Dashnaw, and Ron Pitman served as pallbearers.

Honorary pallbearers were Clay Parker, Jackie Emerton, and Willie Cason.

Hunter Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



**BRIDGETTE ANNETTE HENDERSON RICE**  
**NOV. 9, 1960-SEPT. 19, 2024**

Bridgette Annette Henderson Rice, 63, of Sparta, passed away Sept. 19, 2024, as a result of an automobile accident.

Bridgette was born Nov. 9, 1960, in Sparta.

She was a 1978 graduate of White County High School and a recent retiree of One Bank. She was an avid gardener who loved flowers and enjoyed spending her time sewing and reading. Above all, Bridgette was devoted to her family. Her greatest joy in life was being a loving wife, mother, and nana to her beloved family.

Bridgette was preceded in death by her mother, Martha Louena Cope Adcock and stepfather, Dean Adcock.

Surviving family members left to cherish her memory include her husband of 36 years, Todd Rice, of Sparta; daughter, Alyssa (Aaron) Masters, of Sparta; son, Bronson Rice, of Sparta; sister, Kim Dockery, of Sparta; father, Farrell (Barbara) Henderson, of Sparta; granddaughter, Lynnleigh Masters, of Sparta; grandson, Parker Masters, of Sparta; and nieces, Allison Dockery and Madison (Austin) Breedlove,



all of Sparta.

In honor of Bridgette's wishes, Hunter Funeral Home has been entrusted with her cremation. No public services will be planned.

Hunter Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**JAMES LAWRENCE CARTER SR.**  
**DEC. 16, 1949-SEPT. 22, 2024**

James L. Carter, 74, passed away Sept. 22, 2024, at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

He was born Dec. 16, 1949, in Drexel, Ohio, to Jerry and Henrietta Carter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jerry and Henrietta Carter.

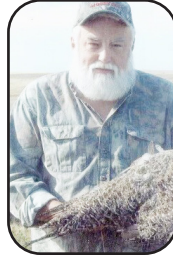
Survivors include his loving wife of 40 years, Linda Carter; daughters, Holly (Mike) Walters, Shannon (Steve) Henry, Samantha Carter; son, James Carter Jr.; grandchildren, Michael (Alexa) Jonas, Kristen Jonas, Taylor (Tyler) Burke, Eli (Chelsea) Henry, Jamie Carter, Jayden Henry, Ella Kate Wells, Wyatt Kroenert, Walker Kroenert.; great-grandchildren, Ramsey Burke, Carson Jonas; and brothers, Jerry Carter, Duane Carter, Gary Carter; and sister, Diane Williams.

Pallbearers will be Mike Walters, Steve Henry, Eli Henry, Jayden Henry, Gary Carter, and Brinn Kiser.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jeff Allison and Nathan Carter.

Funeral service will be 1 p.m., Sept. 26, 2024, at Thurman Funeral Home, with burial in Sand Springs Cemetery. Maston Jackson will officiate. The family will receive friends 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Sept. 26, at the funeral home.

Thurman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



**MARVIN SCOTT**

**JAN. 2, 1956-SEPT. 18, 2024**

Marvin Scott was born Jan. 2, 1956, in Putnam County, Tennessee, to Hollis Paul and Anna Bell Scott, of the Double Springs Community. He passed away Sept. 18, 2024, surrounded by family.

He is survived by his dedicated and loving wife of 48 years, Renita Lynne; one son, Paul and daughter-in-law, Misti Scott; two grandchildren, Jocelyn Lee Scott (special friend Ty), Mason Paul Scott, all of Sparta; one brother, James Scott (Sherry), of the Double Springs community; one sister, Kim Scott, of the Double Springs community; one brother-in-law, Ronnie Robinson, of Sparta; three sisters-in-law, Sherry Scott (James), of the Double Springs Community, Shirley Austin (John), of Cookeville, Judy Scott, of Sparta; one nephew, Andrew Scott, of the Double Springs community; three nieces, Amanda Brown (Ryan), of Nolensville, Kelsy Miller (Robert), of Cookeville, Stacie McDonald (Brandon), of Sparta; eight great-nieces and great-nephews; and special family friend, Edna Wilson.

From his wife:

"Most knew Marvin as a truck driver of tall stature, mighty strength, a loving family man, and, oh yes, a man of strong opinions.

"Marvin was all of those things and more. As a youngster, he enjoyed playing basketball. As a teenager, he sowed his share of "wild oats," including drag racing.

"Who knew this gentle giant could cook? He was actually quite a good cook. He even made our wedding cake! How many women can say that? He may have become interested in cooking while working at the Thunderbird Motel as a chef, in Cookeville. Marvin would smoke meat and enjoyed making dishes or whole dinners for his family or extended family. When it became necessary to cut sugar from his diet, he was determined to make sugar-free donuts, and he did. He found a recipe, tweaked it to meet his taste, and everyone loved them.

"In the early part of our marriage, we bought some property. We were over-the-moon happy. Not long after, Marvin was in an accident and broke his neck. He was so worried because we had tobacco out and hay down. He was overwhelmed when friends and neighbors put the hay up and then cut the tobacco and put it in the barn. He never forgot the kindness of those who helped us out in one of our most difficult times. He told the story many times over the years and tried to do the same for others as well.

"Marvin was a mechanic who liked to restore old tractors, bringing the past back to life. He liked to farm and garden, ride motorcycles, and play games. Some were made up games played while actually working, like foot races in the tobacco field. He liked to watch YouTube and learned how to make his composter. Something we had to get used to was Marvin sewing up his own cuts. His stitches weren't bad. Maybe he learned his stitching from working at Dixie Furniture.

"Over the years, he owned a trucking business and a wrecker business as well as drove a mail route for others. During his years of trucking, he made many lifelong friends that he cherished very much. Truckers are a brotherhood.

"Our son, Paul, remembers him as a hard worker, a strong disciplinarian, an invincible man, and his best friend and his hero. He doesn't understand why he turned to a marshmallow when the grandkids came. They worked together for many years and developed an uncommon closeness.

"The grandkids viewed "Big PaPa" as the man to go to when they needed something fixed or they were in trouble with Mom or Dad. Mr. Marshmallow to the rescue.

"Over the course of the years, he had many nicknames such as "Big PaPa," "Chief," "Rabbit," "Big Marv," and "Starvin Marvin." Of course, his favorite was "Big PaPa."

"Marvin had rededicated his life and was looking forward to regaining his strength so he could attend church where his nephew is pastor.



"Over 48 years of marriage, we've loved, laughed, cried, and struggled, but we did it together. Our family will miss him with a depth without measure but know that his life was full and blessed."

Arrangements are not yet finalized.

Oak Lawn Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



**JERRY LYNN SMART**

**JUNE 27, 1957-SEPT. 17, 2024**

Jerry Lynn Smart, 67, of Sparta, passed away Sept. 17, 2024, at home.

Born June 27, 1957, in Denver City, Texas, he was the son of Verlous Smart and Evelyn Perry. He was the husband of the late Gloria Nell Smart.

He was a local business owner since 2007. He was proud to serve his country as part of the U.S. Army.

In addition to his parents, Jerry was preceded in death by his wife, Gloria Nell Smart, and older brother, Gary Smart

Survivors include his children, Kirk Wayne Smart, of Lewisville, Texas, Rebecca Renee Aguilar, of Brackettville, Texas, Gloria Darlene McClain, of Waco, Texas; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandson, "Lil Man."

The family is following Jerry's wishes to be cremated. At this time, no services are planned.

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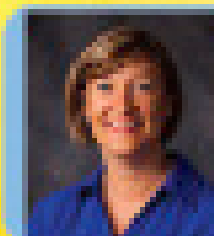
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Adonijah tries to Become King  
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Adonijah was King David's son born to Haggith. He was next in line after Absalom. King David was old and well advanced in years so Adonijah put himself forward to be king. He gained the support of Job, David's military commander and Abiathar the priest. Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah, Shimei and Rei and David's special guard refused to follow Adonijah.

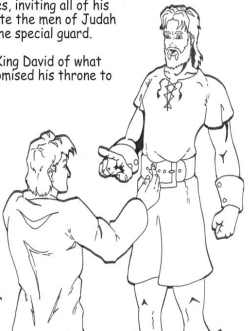
Adonijah sacrificed sheep and cattle and calves, inviting all of his brothers except Solomon. He also did not invite the men of Judah who were royal officials, Nathan, Benaiah or the special guard.

Nathan asked Bathsheba to inform the ailing King David of what was happening and to ask him if he had not promised his throne to her son, Solomon.

Their plan was that Nathan would come in immediately after Bathsheba had spoken to David and confirm what she had said.

When Nathan had completed his report to King David, David called for Bathsheba and affirmed that Solomon would succeed him as king, as he had sworn to the Lord, and that they would do it that day.

When Adonijah heard that David had made Solomon king, he was afraid and so were his guests and the guests scattered. Adonijah went and caught hold of the horns of the altar and begged that Solomon not kill him with a sword. Solomon granted his request and spared his life.



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OPINION

# With ballooning deficits, the Biden-Harris admin is steering America toward fiscal disaster



between government spending and taxpayer money collected by Washington—is tacked on to our national debt. And under the Biden-Harris administration, this deficit spending has exploded.

Last fiscal year, the federal deficit was nearly \$1.7 trillion, up more than 21 percent from \$1.4 trillion in 2022. In fiscal year 2021, meanwhile, the federal deficit reached a whopping \$2.7 trillion. Although fiscal year 2021 overlapped with the final months of the Trump administration, much of this spending occurred under President Biden, including with his \$1.9 trillion “American Rescue Plan,” which many economists identify as the driving force of this administration’s four-decade high inflation rate.

In fact, excluding the emergency COVID spending in 2020, deficit spending under the Biden-Harris administration is at its highest point in American history, rivaled only by the deficit spending during the first years of the Obama-Biden administration. Before congressio-

nal Republicans fought for and secured serious spending cuts, that administration ran annual deficits as high as \$1.4 trillion between fiscal years 2009-2012.

With deficits soaring again, our country needs a serious course correction. Yet, under their 2025 budget proposal, the Biden-Harris administration has called for \$86 trillion in spending over the next 10 years that would increase our national debt by \$18 trillion.

Instead of fiscal recklessness, our country needs fiscal responsibility—which is why I’ve introduced legislation to slash federal spending by 1 percent, 2 percent, and 5 percent for non-defense, non-homeland security, and non-veterans affairs discretionary spending. At a time when growth in government hiring is now outpacing growth in private sector hiring, Congress must also address the ballooning size of the federal government, which now employs approximately 2.2 million bureaucrats, by freezing salaries and hiring.

While there are many more steps that need to be taken to put America on a better fiscal trajectory, these moves would provide crucial savings for the American taxpayer. And if we don’t find ways to save, it’s our children and grandchildren who will be left paying the bill.

\$35.3 trillion.

This massive sum is our national debt—representing more than \$100,000 for every man, woman, and child, and nearly \$270,000 for every taxpayer.

While this number is almost impossible to comprehend, it poses one of the greatest threats to our nation’s stability, security, and survival.

To put this issue in perspective, our debt-to-GDP ratio is a staggering 121 percent—meaning our debt is more than a fifth larger than our nation’s total annual economic output. By comparison, our debt-to-GDP ratio at the end of World War II was 106 percent, the record high prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As our debt balloons, the costs of borrowing these funds will continue to rise, crowding out spending on vital services. In fact, through the first six months of fiscal year 2024, our country spent more taxpayer money servicing our debt—to the tune of \$440 billion—than on funding our military.

When faced with this reality, Tennesseans and Americans will probably wonder: How did we get on the path to fiscal disaster?

Of course, \$35.3 trillion in debt doesn’t just appear overnight. Each year, the federal deficit—the annual difference

# Hopefully we are turning a corner



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debate, sent into a state of panic over Biden’s poor performance.

Of course, being Trump supporters, this did not last long. Before the debate was even over, many of them were blaming the moderators, saying they had ganged up on him and that the debate was actually three-against-one... because they “fact-checked” him (something the Trump team tried unsuccessfully to forbid in the debate rules). “Fact-check” is a polite way of saying they corrected his blatant lies. “They didn’t fact-check Harris!” they complained. Well, Harris wasn’t spreading unsubstantiated conspiracy theories about cat-eaters, or saying ridiculous things like executing babies after they are born is perfectly legal in blue states.

Trump did a fair job of controlling himself in the Biden debate, but he went off the rails in this one. While Trump’s fans quickly got over their initial panic and returned to their standard approach of pretending that what they saw with their own eyes didn’t happen, independent and swing voters were reminded of just how unstable (and yes, weird) Donald Trump is. On the night of the debate I could feel it happening, just as we could all feel it with Biden. I found myself wondering if we

were witnessing the same sort of moment America saw when Joseph McCarthy was finally challenged on live television and asked, “At long last, sir, have you no decency?” and swiftly tumbled into irrelevancy (side note: Roy Cohn, McCarthy’s biggest defender, was later Trump’s mentor). We’re seeing the polls now, and Harris is pulling ahead - in general, and in several swing states. It is still very close, mind you, but the trend lines are favoring her. And you can feel the Republican panic (you can tell when the Republican Party is scared; they try to prevent even more people from voting).

And that is ultimately the difference between the present-day Democratic and Republican parties. Democrats do not hitch themselves with blind devotion to one person and march to their orders no matter what - they attach themselves to the good of their party, and beyond that to the good of the nation, and beyond that to the ideals the nation was founded on. Anyone who remains a Republican has attached themselves to a cult of personality - to one crass, blasphemous, autocratic con artist - no matter what, and no matter what the damage to their party, their country, and their ideals.

Here’s hoping Trumpism, like McCarthyism, is on its way to becoming a historic side note of a bad time in our country that we are all embarrassed by but which we got beyond.

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# This week in White County history

September 29-October 5



- 2014**
  - The Sparta- White County Rescue Squad and Hickory Valley Fire Department were able to locate two missing juveniles who had been stranded in Big Bottom area of White County when their vehicle had become stuck.
  - White County said goodbye to Joseph “Dude” Smith, firefighter, World War II veteran, and friend, as he passed away at the age of 88.
  - White County Middle School Warriors’ 8-6 win over Coffee County gave WCMS the regular season Central Tennessee conference title.
- 2004**
  - White County High School alumnus Bobby Price was inducted into the school’s Sports Hall of Fame. Price was part of the class of 1955.
  - A groundbreaking ceremony was held for the construction to begin on the new library.
  - A pile of bricks was about all that remained of a portion of Oldham Theater, as demolition concluded, and construction of a new welcome center prepared to kick off.
- 1994**
  - The process to build a volunteer fire department, in Quebeck, got underway. The plan was to make the department an extension of Central View

- Volunteer Fire Department.
- Strike Zone opened its batting cages on the corner of Love and Mayberry streets.
- A recent study found White County had the highest teen pregnancy rate in Tennessee.
- 1984**
  - A new statistic from Gov. Lamar Alexander’s office found a third of all White County residents never completed high school.
  - Cindy Walker was named White County Middle School homecoming queen.
  - White County commissioners approved a \$200,000 expenditure for a new National Guard armory.
- 1974**
  - Bill R. Nolen, former White County resident and state trooper in White County, was named special investigator for the office of district attorney.
  - The building that housed the old Phillips 66 service station became Trade Fair Food Market, on East Bockman Way.
  - Denise Sparkman, a signal major for the White County High School Band, was named top signal major at the First Annual Columbia Marching Band Contest.

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## Warriorette volleyball team rides winning streak

RACHEL AUBERGER  
Staff Writer

The White County Warriorette High School volleyball team had an impressive week, securing back-to-back victories that have pushed their record to 18-10.

On Sept. 16, the Warriorettes faced off against Livingston Academy, coming away with a 3-1 win. The match was a showcase of both skill and determination, with final set scores of 25-20, 25-14, 12-25, and 25-18.

Leading the charge for White County were Kylie Norvell and

CallieAnna Griggs. Norvell recorded 10 digs and three aces, while Griggs contributed significantly with 12 digs, eight kills, and two aces. Griggs has been on fire lately, having achieved five or more kills in her last six games dating back to last season. This victory not only marked a continuation of their success against Livingston Academy but also improved their season record, while Livingston now sits at 4-15.

Just a day later, on Sept. 17, the Warriorettes continued their winning streak with a

commanding 3-0 victory over Smyrna. White County asserted their dominance throughout the match winning with scores of 25-17, 25-13, and 25-15.

The team was particularly effective from the service line, racking up an impressive 16 aces in the match. This performance marked the third consecutive game where they served at least eight aces, showcasing their powerful serving capabilities.

White County has two weeks left to their regular season and four of their seven remaining games are within the district.



## White County Middle School vs. Avery Trace - playoff

Photos by Linda Richardson



## WCHS Warriorette soccer struggles in recent matches

RACHEL AUBERGER  
Staff Writer

Last week, the White County High School Warriorette soccer team faced two challenging opponents, resulting in tough losses that highlighted both their struggles and moments of growth.

On Tuesday, the Warriorettes went up against Smith High School, suffering a heavy defeat with a final score of 9-0. The team fell behind early, trailing 6-0 by halftime. Head coach Madison Mason addressed the team's

performance, noting the lack of intensity at the start of the game.

"We didn't come with the high intensity from the start of the game, and it's hard to recover from that," Mason said. She emphasized the mental barriers the team is working to overcome, stating, "We are still breaking the mental barrier of if the other team scores first, we think we have already lost."

At halftime, Mason urged her players, "You have to want it, more than I want it for you."

The Warriorettes returned to



the field, on Thursday, to take on Warren County. While they lost 4-0, Mason saw signs of improvement.

"We played better this game and my bench really adjusted because we were missing three starters at the beginning of the game," she noted. However, the slow starts continue to be a concern for the team. "We still are starting slow, and that is something we need to break," Mason added.

Despite the setbacks, Mason recognized the contributions of

her players, particularly freshman Kylie Allen, who stepped up as goalkeeper during the second half. "Shoutout to freshman Kylie Allen getting major minutes as goalkeeper in the second half," Mason said, highlighting the importance of developing younger talent amid the challenges.

As the Warriorettes regroup and prepare for the final two weeks of their season, they remain focused on improving their game and overcoming the mental hurdles that have hindered their performance.



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5	Demarious	Dowell	WR/S/P	12th
7	Isaiah	Kelso	RB/LB	12th
8	Lex	Whinfree	TE/DT	10th
9	Tucker	Pinion	QB/S	10th
10	Bryson	Hogg	WR/QB/S	10th
11	Eli	Smith	WR/S	10th
12	Wyatt	Dilts	WR/S	12th
13	Antonio	Purvis	WR/S	12th
14	Noah	Skeith	WR/CB/K	11th
15	Cole	Sims	RB/S	10th
16	Jack	Carpenter	WR/CB	10th
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21	Jojo	Dowell	RB/CB	10th
22	Marcus	Azzalini	RB/CB	11th
23	Brylee	Kelso	WR/LB	10th
24	Carter	Rich	RB/LB	11th
25	Maddox	Pratt	FB/LB	10th
26	Davion	Baird	WR/CB	11th
27	Will	Thomas	K	11th
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32	Eli	Sparkman	TE/DE	10th
33	Tristan	Wilson	FB/LB	12th
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Although cold weather isn't directly to blame when you get sick, it creates an environment that makes it easier for germs and illnesses to thrive. In fact, understanding how cooler temperatures affect your chances of getting sick may be your best approach for preventive care.

Despite the old adage that "you'll catch your death of cold," the cold itself doesn't cause illness. More accurately, the cold is more hospitable to viruses, making it easier for them to spread. While you can't control Mother Nature, you can take steps to protect your health when temperatures drop.

#### Protect Your Immune System

A weakened immune system makes it harder for your body to ward off intrusive germs. If you're otherwise

healthy, protecting your immune system can be as simple as stepping up typical healthy habits, like eating plenty of nutrient-rich produce, getting enough sleep and exercising. Managing stress and limiting alcohol consumption are also helpful in managing your body's immune response.

If your immune system is compromised by an underlying condition, it's a good idea to talk with your doctor about what you can do to add an extra layer of protection during the cooler months, including any vaccines that may help boost immunity.

#### Combat Congestion

Cool, dry conditions can wreak havoc on your nasal passages, drying them out and reducing the protective layer of mucus that helps fight infection. Sinus pressure and congestion are often some of the first warning signs you're coming down with something.

To treat your congestion symptoms, you can use a non-medicated option like Mucinex Sinus Saline Nasal Spray. This is the first-ever saline product with a nozzle that lets you switch between two spray pressures. The "gentle mist" helps clear everyday congestion and soothes the nose while the "power jet" helps clear tough nasal congestion often associated with colds. An added benefit is that the product can be used for children 2 years of age and older on the gentle mist setting and children 6 years of age and older on the power jet mode.

#### Spend Time Outdoors

People naturally spend more time indoors when temperatures drop, but there are some benefits to getting outdoors. One is the natural exposure to vitamin D. Sunlight is a natural source of this important vitamin, which plays a pivotal role

in immunity. Sunlight also triggers the body to produce serotonin, which boosts your mood, and multiple studies show a strong correlation between mental and physical health.

Fresh air and exercise are also good for your overall health, and exposure to daylight can help keep your circadian rhythms regulated, which in turn promotes better sleep. What's more, acute exposure to cold can trigger your body to produce infection-fighting cells, so you're less prone to illness.

#### Practice Good Hygiene

It may seem overly simple, but the everyday act of washing your hands can play a big role in preventing illness, especially after you spend time in public places. While out and about, you likely come in contact with many surfaces others may have touched, including door handles, shopping carts, touch screens and menus.

Washing your hands frequently can help prevent you from transferring germs to your body when you touch your eyes, mouth or nose. Also make a habit of wiping down surfaces you touch frequently, such as your keyboard and phone, with disinfectant wipes.

#### Stay Hydrated

Keeping your body well-hydrated throughout the day can help ensure all your body's systems are functioning as they should. If you're dehydrated, your body can't use the nutrients you consume properly, which affects your immunity. In addition, drinking plenty of water helps flush toxins out of the body before they can cause an infection.

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#### How to Relieve Nasal Congestion

Normally your sinuses are empty except for a thin layer of mucus. When you're exposed to irritating triggers, like bacteria, a cold or flu virus, allergies or environmental triggers like tobacco smoke and dry air, your body responds by mounting an immune response.

The delicate tissues lining your sinuses start to swell, and this, in turn, puts pressure on the underlying tissues in your face, causing painful sinus pressure.

You can relieve sinus pressure symptoms in several different ways, including:

- Using a humidifier or vaporizer.
- Taking a long, hot shower; it may have the same effect as using a humidifier if one is not available.
- Drinking plenty of fluids.
- Using a warm compress on your face; resting a warm towel over your sinuses may provide relief.
- Irrigating your sinuses. Using a neti pot; saline nasal spray, such as Mucinex Sinus Saline Nasal Spray; or syringe with salt water may help flush debris from your sinuses to relieve sinus congestion.
- Sleeping with your head elevated.

If these steps don't work, the next approach is typically over-the-counter medicine. When trying to relieve sinus pressure and nasal congestion, look for a decongestant. A decongestant can help shrink mucus membranes that have swollen in your sinuses, allowing the trapped mucus to drain.



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- CLUES ACROSS**
1. A roll of insulation
  5. Brazilian dance
  10. Something that is owed
  14. Middle Eastern chieftain
  15. South African village
  16. 6th Jewish month
  17. Sandwich shop
  18. "Air Music" composer
  19. Extinct flightless bird
  20. Exabyte
  21. 1/1000 of an inch
  22. 4th US state
  23. Boater
  27. Quarterback throws
  30. Dentist's group
  31. Honorable title (Turkish)
  32. Ursidae family
  35. Removes an apple's center
  38. To have supper
  42. Back breaking work
  43. Public promotion of a product
  44. Point midway between N and E
  45. Dull in appearance
  46. Change by reversal
  47. Attack on all sides
  49. Scientific workplaces
  50. Prickly seed covering
  52. Frozen water
  54. Move back and away from
  56. Fipple flute
  60. Bladed tool
  61. Actress Farrow
  62. 2001 Spielberg film
  63. An explosive device
  66. Explosive sounds
  68. Duffels
  70. Dwarf buffalo
  71. Seraph
  72. Scottish hillside
  73. Czar (alt.)
  74. Iraq seaport
  75. Metal food containers

- CLUES DOWN**
1. Cover with condensation
  2. Rhizopodan (alt. sp.)
  3. '\_\_\_ death do us part
  4. Denotes three
  5. Swedish krona
  6. A pleasant odor
  7. One who navigates a ship
  8. Yellow edible Indian fruit
  9. River in Upper Austria
  10. Father
  11. Ancient Tokyo
  12. Scout merit emblem
  13. Region near Troy
  24. Common piercing location
  25. Rural delivery
  26. Suggesting the horror of death
  27. One afflicted with paresis
  28. Silver
  29. A maker of saddles
  32. British thermal unit
  33. Longest division of geological time
  34. Assistance to others
  36. A lyric poem
  37. Midway between NE and E
  39. One of the Gershwins
  40. Grab
  41. One point S of due E
  48. Elastic coils of wire
  51. Newark Del. school
  53. Atomic #27
  54. Capital of Morocco
  55. Interspersed with introns
  57. Showing keen interest
  58. MN 55121
  59. Ascends
  61. Supernatural force
  64. Extinct bird of New Zealand
  65. A measure of music
  66. Founder of Babism
  67. Patti Hearst's captors
  68. London radio station
  69. Macaws

**DID YOU KNOW?** The Parkinson's Foundation reports that the right foods can optimize Parkinson's medications, helping patients ease their symptoms, maintain strong bones and preserve overall health and fitness. Constipation is a common symptom of Parkinson's disease, but the PF notes that drinking six to eight glasses of water per day and eating fiber-rich foods like brown rice, whole grains and fruit can ease constipation and certain digestive difficulties that also can be a byproduct of the disease.

**KITCHEN CONNECTION**

**7 Layer Dip**

**Made by: Momma (Meagan Wilson) and her Cutie Pies**

This 7-layer dip is super easy and a beautiful dish to entertain with. I have a big colorful platter that I put it on. It's always a hit! We are al-ways looking for a Mexican dish to eat.

- 16 ounces refried beans
- 1 (1 1/4ounce) package taco seasoning
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup guacamole
- 1 cup salsa
- 1 cup lettuce
- 1 cup Mexican blend cheese

- 4 ounces sliced olives
  - 1 cup tomatoes
1. Layer in this order.
  2. 16 oz refried beans mixed w/ 1 package taco seasoning.
  3. 1 c sour cream.
  4. 1 c guacamole.
  5. 1 c salsa.
  6. 1 c lettuce.
  7. 1 c Mexican cheese.
  8. 4 oz sliced olives.
  9. 1 c tomatoes.
- Enjoy! From our home to yours :)

*Isaiah 41:10*  
*Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.*



**HOROSCOPES**

**ARIES – MAR 21/APR 20**

Aries, a difficult problem may require you to take a step back and think about a different approach. Start fresh in a few days.

**TAURUS – APR 21/MAY 21**

A happy accident reconnects you with someone you haven't seen in quite a while, Taurus. The rekindled relationship may lead to something even more concrete over the coming weeks.

**GEMINI – MAY 22/JUN 21**

Gemini, there is so much going on right now you may feel like your head is spinning. Start dividing your tasks into a more manageable list and see if others can pitch in.

**CANCER – JUN 22/JUL 22**

Cancer, take a few days to mull over a financial situation that worries you. Is there another way you can approach it? Can you find an influx of capital to make things more manageable?

**LEO – JUL 23/AUG 23**

It is time to make a decision after working through various scenarios, Leo. Plans need to be made and it will take time to sort through all of the details. Everything will work out.

**VIRGO – AUG 24/SEPT 22**

It's time to be honest with yourself, Virgo. Are you just telling people what they want to hear or are you truly ready to make a change? You may need to prove it to others for them to trust you.

**LIBRA – SEPT 23/OCT 23**

Libra, share enjoyable experiences with others. Your travels may prove a source of inspiration for others who simply need a nudge to get out of their comfort zones.

**SCORPIO – OCT 24/NOV 22**

Carefully word your next email or text and read it over several times, Scorpio. There is a fine line between being firm and coming across as domineering. You don't want to offend.

**SAGITTARIUS – NOV 23/DEC 21**

Sagittarius, a relationship may have ended in one respect, but the connections you share may keep you tied together for some time. Find a way to be friendly and civil at all times.

**CAPRICORN – DEC 22/JAN 20**

Put others first this week, Capricorn. Set aside your own list of tasks and figure out how you can lend a helping hand to a family member or friend.

**AQUARIUS – JAN 21/FEB 18**

Sometimes you need reassurance that you are doing a good job, Aquarius. Rest assured that you are giving it all you have and that has not gone unnoticed.

**PISCES – FEB 19/MAR 20**

Pisces, it is time to make a decision about an issue with two seemingly good solutions. You've given things ample consideration, so trust your instincts.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**September 26**

**COMMODITIES-WHITE COUNTY.**

Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency will hold a commodities distribution for White County, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Sept. 26, at White County Fairgrounds. Sign-up will be available at the distribution site.

**Mon., Wed., Friday**

**FOOD PANTRY.** St. Andrew Catholic Church, 829 Valley View Dr., in Sparta, will open its food pantry 9 a.m.-noon, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

**First Monday**

**SPARTA WOMAN'S CLUB.** Sparta Woman's Club meets at noon, the first Monday of each month, at the American Legion Building, on Liberty Square, in the conference room.

**Second Monday**

**WHITE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY.**

White County Humane Society meets at 3 p.m., the second Monday of each month, at White County Public Library. New members are welcome. More information: (931) 935-8377.

**First Tuesday**

Legion. American Legion Post 99 meets at 4 p.m., the first Tuesday, of each month, at the American Legion Building, in Sparta.

**Second Tuesday**

**SUPPORT GROUP.** Together We Thrive Peer Support Group meets 6-7:30 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month, at Spencer City Park, 445 College St., in Spencer. Do not let stigma behind mental health prevent you from seeking help today. You are not alone. Contact can be made through Facebook or by email: togetherwethrive-tn@outlook.com.

**MEETING.** The White County Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m., on the second Tuesday of each month, at White County Library.

**Every Wednesday**

**PANTRY.** A grocery pantry for food items is available 11 a.m.-1 p.m., every Wednesday, for veterans who need assistance. The pantry is provided by American Legion Post 99, 5 Liberty Square. For more information, call Ron Lapierre, commander, at (931) 256-5023.

**First Thursday**

**SOUP KITCHEN.** The Seeds of Hope soup kitchen will be serving at 11 a.m., the first Thursday of every month, at 234 King St., in Sparta. For more information, call (931) 303-6695

**First Thursday**

**HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY.** White County Historical and Genealogical Society meets at 6 p.m., the first Thursday of each month, at White County Courthouse, Room 304. More information: (931) 837-4066

**WELCOME NEIGHBORS.** Welcome Neighbors Club meets the second Thursday of each month.

Location will be announced each month. More information: (931) 738-2300.

**First Saturday**

**BREAKFAST.** Eastland Volunteer Fire Department hosts a breakfast 6-10 a.m., the first Saturday of each month, October through April, at the fire hall, 221 Eastland Cemetery Rd., in Sparta. Meal includes ham, sausage, bacon, eggs, fried potatoes, sausage gravy, and biscuits. For deliveries call (931) 935-8200.

**Third Saturday**

**STITCH, SHOW AND SHARE QUILT GUILD.** Stitch, Show and Share Quilt Guild meets at 10 a.m., the third Saturday, at Sparta First United Methodist Church, 23 N. Church St. More information (931) 738-2820

**Every Sunday**

**BREAKFAST.** St Andrew Church, 829 Valley View Dr., in Sparta, invites all who are hungry to join the members for breakfast on Sunday mornings. Doors open at 8 a.m. Worship begins at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast is served after mass, at approximately 10 a.m. If someone is homebound, a friend or relative is welcome to take food to go for them.

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HEALTH

# How can I rid of this cough?

Hello again everyone! It's Beth, one of your Pharmacy Chicks. One of the most frequent questions that we get in the pharmacy, is "What can I do to make this cough go away?" We are entering "Cough and Cold" season, so let's talk about different causes of coughs and what to try to get some relief. Just remember that most times, a cough must "run its course" but there are things that you can do to feel better.

Coughing is the way the body removes foreign materials or mucus from the lungs and upper airway passages. It can also be a reaction to an irritated airway. A cough is only a symptom of something else. Coughs do have certain characteristics that you can recognize to see if a more severe problem exists. This is done by looking at other symptoms.

A productive cough produces phlegm or mucus (sputum). This mucus may have drained from the nose or sinuses down the back of the throat. Or the mucus may have come up from the lungs. Most of the time, a productive cough should not be suppressed. This cough can help clear the mucus from the lungs. If the mucus is from drainage, then an antihistamine may slow down or stop the cough by reducing the drainage that is irritating the throat. Some of the causes of a productive cough include:

- Viral illnesses - It's common to have a productive cough when you have a common cold. The coughing is triggered by the mucus that drains down the back of the throat.
- Infections - An infection of the lungs or upper airway passages can cause a cough. A productive cough may be a symptom of pneumonia, bronchitis, sinusitis, or tuberculosis.
- Chronic lung disease - A productive cough can be a sign that COPD is getting worse or that you have an infection.
- GERD - Stomach acid backing up into the esophagus can sometimes cause a cough.
- Nasal discharge - Postnasal drip draining down the back of the throat can cause a productive cough or the feeling that you constantly need to clear your throat.
- Smoking or tobacco use - Productive coughs in people that smoke or use tobacco can be a sign of lung damage or irritation

of the throat or esophagus. A nonproductive cough is a dry cough that does not produce sputum. A dry, hacking cough sometimes can happen at the end of a cold, flu, or covid. It can also occur after exposure to an irritant, like smoke, dust, or chemicals. There are other causes of a nonproductive cough. They can include:

- Viral illnesses - After a common cold or COVID, a dry cough may last several weeks longer than the other symptoms of the illness. This type of cough often gets worse at night or after exertion.
- Asthma - A chronic dry cough can be a sign of asthma. Other symptoms can include wheezing, shortness of breath, or tightness in the chest.
- Bronchospasm - Spasms in the bronchial tubes caused by irritation can cause a nonproductive cough, especially at night.
- Medicines - Some medications can cause a dry nonproductive cough, especially ACE inhibitors (lisinopril, ramipril, benazepril, fosinopril, etc.).
- Aspiration - Blockage of the airway by an inhaled object, like food or a pill, can cause a nonproductive cough.
- Irritant exposure - Exposure to dust, fumes, smoke, or chemicals in the home, outdoors, or workplace can create a nonproductive cough.

Since coughing is your body's way to remove foreign substances and mucus from the lungs and upper airways, productive coughs are useful. However, the cough can sometimes be severe enough to keep you from resting or can even impair breathing. Try the following to help you deal with that unwanted cough.

- Stay hydrated - Fluids can thin mucus and soothe an irritated throat. Honey or lemon juice in warm water or tea can help a dry, hacking cough. Don't use honey for children under the age of two due to the risk of bacteria that may be harmful to them.
- Gargle - Gargling with warm salt water can help ease a sore throat caused by coughing.
- Elevate - Prop up your head with extra pillows at night or sleep in a recliner.
- Cough drops - Cough drops, or hard candy can help to soothe an irritated throat. Just remember that they may have little effect on the process that is producing the cough and can sometimes generate additional drain-

## Pharmacy Chicks



Jennifer Latum-Cranford & Beth Kirby



Beth Kirby

age.

- Moist air - Using a vaporizer or humidifier can add moisture to the environment. This may help relieve symptoms.
- Avoid tobacco - Don't smoke or use other forms of tobacco when you have a cough. Avoid secondhand smoke as well.
- Cough medications - Expectorants (guaifenesin, Mucinex, Robitussin) help to thin mucus. They can make it easier to cough up mucus when you have a productive cough. You must also drink plenty of water. Cough suppressants (dextromethorphan, Delsym, Mucinex DM, Robitussin DM) can reduce the dry, hacking cough that keeps you awake or makes work difficult.
- Antihistamines - Stopping the drainage that causes a productive cough can often be achieved by taking an antihistamine. There are a number of these available: cetirizine (Zyrtec), loratadine (Claritin), fexofenadine (Allegra), diphenhydramine (Benadryl), and chlorpheniramine (Chlor-trimeton) to name the most common.

If you have other symptoms, such as a fever, coughing up blood, coughing up yellow or green mucus, or severe trouble breathing, then seek medical care from a healthcare professional. This combination of symptoms may indicate an infection or other condition that requires treatment.

Always remember that your pharmacist is a resource, along with your healthcare provider, for helping you understand the importance of your medications and your health conditions. You can always stop by and see me at Sparta Drug Center or Jennifer at Payless Family Pharmacy with questions. Pharmacy Chicks out!

FAITH

# The pastor leads in the things of God

In today's time, many people fail to understand the local pastor is a gift from Jesus Christ (Ephesians 4:11-12). A pastor is given to mature the people of God in the things of God. He is not called to be everyone's friend or be the relevant trendsetter. A pastor is ordained to lead people in the things of God. Pastors are supposed to be shepherds to the sheep of the church.

God gives pastors according to His heart to feed with knowledge and understanding (Jeremiah 3:15). What if a person does not have a pastor? What is that person missing from God due to not being under the pastor God has for them? Pastors can provide peace and safety to the people God places under them within the local church (Jeremiah 23:4). Every Christian benefits from having a pastor. Even pastors should have a pastor to feed them the Word of God, give wisdom, and provide safety from spiritual enemies.

David, one of the most famous shepherds of the Bible, is a great example of what happens when people submit to a captain, like the local pastor. In 1 Samuel 22, David is in the cave of Adullam (which means testimony) and 400 men go to submit to him as their captain. Each



Caleb Andrews

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person was either distressed, in debt, discontented, or a combination of each. When these men submitted to David, they became mighty men of valor with some having their names recorded in the Bible for their acts of overcoming situations within their own lives (2 Samuel 23). What if these men did not submit to a spiritual leader? Would they and their families have been saved from the issues they were in? What if the person they did submit to was not a captain but a relevant trendsetter who did not lead in the things of God? If God-ordained pastors are a gift from Jesus Christ (Ephesians 4:11), why would anyone not take their gift and mature in the things of God? Every Christian must answer for themselves.

Not only is it important to have a local pastor but to submit to the one God has ordained for each person's life. Think of the process David had to use to challenge these 400

men to push them in training, teach them to understand different subjects, and also help them grow in various areas of life. This is the true calling of a pastor. One saying of pastoring could not be more true, "If your pastor does not know your name, you do not have a pastor." A question could also be asked, "Does my pastor challenge me with the Word of God to be a better Christian?"

Many Christians will say they go to church or have a pastor but this is a religious answer to keep the false appearance of being a Christian when the truth states otherwise. Now a challenge to pastors. Be the man after God's own heart to lead the people much like David. Was David perfect? No, and neither will any pastor because they are still human. This does not give an excuse to not do the job God has called every pastor to fulfill. Be the feeder of the Word of God, the protector of God's sheep, and the captain to challenge the people of God to become mighty men and women of valor for the glory of God. Every pastor is not called to shepherd the world but to pastor the local church God has ordained him to lead.

For more information about Abundant Grace Church visit [agcsparta.org](http://agcsparta.org).

ENTERTAINMENT



## SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 7-OCTOBER 13

- MONDAY, OCTOBER 7**  
 7 p.m. - Antiques Roadshow  
 8 p.m. - Antiques Roadshow  
 9 p.m. - POV  
 10:30 p.m. - Zelensky: The Man Who Took on Putin  
 11 p.m. - Amanpour and Company
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8**  
 7 p.m. - Finding Your Roots  
 8 p.m. - Citizen Nation  
 9 p.m. - FRONTLINE  
 10 p.m. - Wish You Were Here! Adventures In Tennessee's Upper Cumberland  
 10:30 p.m. - Where Stories Live with Avery Hutchins  
 11 p.m. - Amanpour and Company

- 10 p.m. - Songs at the Center  
 10:30 p.m. - The Life of a Musician  
 11 p.m. - Amanpour and Company

- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9**  
 7 p.m. - Big Cats 24/7  
 8 p.m. - NOVA  
 9 p.m. - Secrets of the Dead  
 10 p.m. - Ancient Skies  
 11 p.m. - Amanpour and Company

- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11**  
 5 p.m. - DW News 5:30 p.m. - BBC News  
 6 p.m. - PBS NewsHour  
 7 p.m. - Washington Week with the Atlantic  
 7:30 p.m. - Firing Line with Margaret Hoover  
 8 p.m. - Voices American Historia: The Untold History of Latinos  
 9 p.m. - Next at the Kennedy Center  
 10 p.m. - Bagpipes Calling!  
 10:30 p.m. It's Your Business with Dr. Michael Aikens  
 11 p.m. - Amanpour and Company

- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10**  
 7 p.m. - It's Your Business with Dr. Michael Aikens  
 7:30 p.m. - Where Stories Live with Avery Hutchins  
 8 p.m. - Tennessee Crossroads (TBA)  
 8:30 p.m. - Tennessee Wild Side (TBA)  
 9 p.m. - The Caverns Sessions  
 9:30 p.m. - Tradfest

- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**  
 7 p.m. - Classic Gospel  
 8 p.m. - Doc Martin  
 9 p.m. - Doc Martin  
 10 p.m. - Austin City Limits  
 11 p.m. - Recorded Live at Analog  
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- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13**  
 7 p.m. - Ridley  
 8 p.m. - Moonflower Murders on Masterpiece  
 9 p.m. - Van Der Valk on Masterpiece  
 10 p.m. - Miss Friman's War  
 11 p.m. - Sisi: Austrian Empress

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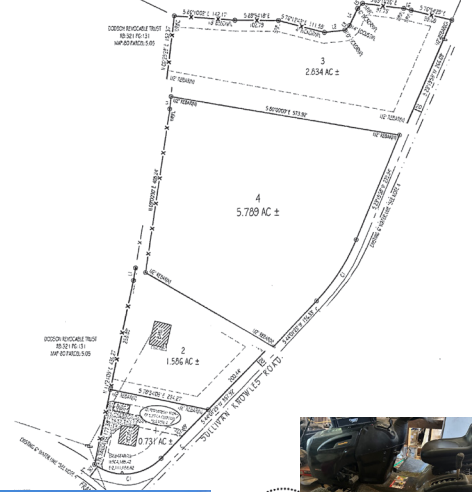
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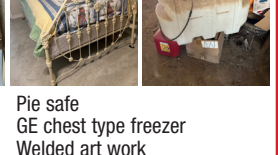
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WHITE COUNTY PROBATE COURT, SPARTA, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BOBBY D. HUTSON, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 th day of September 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect to the estate of BOBBY D. HUTSON, Deceased, who died the 16 th day of August 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court of White County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against this estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

This the 13 th day of September 2024.

William F. (Bill) Hutson, Executor

Estate of Bobby D. Hutson, Deceased  
John C. Knowles, Attorney for Estate  
Sparta, Tennessee  
Gena M. Brock, Clerk and Master

WHITE COUNTY PROBATE COURT, SPARTA, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELBERT WARREN WALLACE, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 th day of September 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect to the estate of ELBERT WARREN WALLACE, Deceased, who died the 2 nd day of August 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court of White County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against this 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:

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All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

This the 9 th day of September 2024.

David Michael (Dave) Ezzelle, Executor

Estate of Elbert Warren Wallace, Deceased  
John E. Hutson, Attorney for Estate  
Sparta, Tennessee  
Gena M. Brock, Clerk and Master

WHITE COUNTY PROBATE COURT, SPARTA, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GEORGEANN SWART, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 th day of September 2024, Letters of Administration in respect to the estate of GEORGEANN SWART, Deceased, who died the 7 th day of April 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court of White County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against this 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:

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All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

This the 4 th day of September 2024.

Sherice Parish, Administratrix

Estate of Georgeann Swart, Deceased  
Cindy Morgan, Attorney for Estate  
Sparta, Tennessee  
Gena M. Brock, Clerk and Master

WHITE COUNTY PROBATE COURT, SPARTA, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VELMA ERNESTINE MCPeAK BOYD, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 th day of September 2024, Letters of Administration in respect to the estate of VELMA ERNESTINE MCPeAK BOYD, Deceased, who died the 18 th day of September 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court of White County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against this 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:

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All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

This the 13 th day of September 2024.

Stephen J. Boyd, Administrator

Estate of Velma Ernestine McPeak Boyd, Deceased  
John C. Knowles, Attorney for Estate  
Sparta, Tennessee  
Gena M. Brock, Clerk and Master

WHITE COUNTY PROBATE COURT, SPARTA, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY ROWENA MASSA, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 th day of August 2024, Letters of Administration in respect to the estate of SHIRLEY ROWENA MASSA, Deceased, who died the 6 th day of May, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court of White County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against this estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

This the 30 th day of August 2024.

Lisa Wilmoth, Shannon McClain and Sherry Miller, Administratrix

Estate of Shirley Rowena Massa, Deceased  
Jonathan Young, Attorney for Estate  
Rickman, Tennessee  
Gena M. Brock, Clerk & Master

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR VAN BUREN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Richard Joel Harris

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of September, 2024 letters testamentary (administration)(small estate order) in respect to the Estate of Richard Joel Harris, who died September 5, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court of Van Buren 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 of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

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This 12th day of September, 2024

TerryLynn Dowdell Administrator

Estate of Richard Joel Harris  
Tina Shockley Clerk and Master  
Van Buren County Probate Court  
Spencer, TN 38585

Attorney: Macey Dawson Gurley  
111 West Bockman Way  
Sparta, TN 38583  
931-837-5060  
ATTORNEY FOR ADMINISTRATOR

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR VAN BUREN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Donald Wendell Hollingsworth

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of September, 2024 letters testamentary (administration)(small estate order) in respect to the Estate of Donald Wendell Hollingsworth, who died May 19, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court of Van Buren 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:

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This 12th day of September, 2024

Donald Keith Hollingsworth Executor

Estate of Donald Wendell Hollingsworth  
Tina Shockley Clerk and Master  
Van Buren County Probate Court  
Spencer, TN 38585

Attorney: Robert W. Newman  
309 West Main Street  
McMinnville, TN 37110  
931-473-8405  
ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTOR

**The Van Buren County Regional Planning Commission**

will have its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday October 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Van Buren County Administrative Building. The agenda will be available no later than October 4, 2024 at the Van Buren County Executive's Office. There will be a public comment period for all items on the agenda. For questions regarding this meeting, please contact Van Buren County Planner Tommy Lee by email at tlee@ucdd.org or by phone at 931-979-2170

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**The White County Regional Planning Commission**

will have a public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at the White County Courthouse for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding the following:

Review of the fire protection standards in the White County Subdivision Regulations.

The public hearing will begin at 5:00 PM in room 207. All citizens are invited to attend. The White County Regional Planning Commission will meet directly following the public hearing. Any questions or comments can be addressed to White County Planner Tommy Lee by phone: 931-979-2170 or email: tlee@ucdd.org

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**Election Commission Meeting Notice**

The White County Election Commission will meet on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Election Commission office, 2 nd Floor, Room 215, White County Courthouse, 1 E. Bockman Way, Sparta, TN 38583. The purpose of this meeting is to review/approve voter registrations, and any other pertinent business and offer time for public comment.



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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE**

Sale at public auction will be on October 15, 2024, at or about 11:00 AM, local time, at the White County Courthouse, 1 East Bockman Way, Sparta, TN 38583, pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by Darryl A Erney and Anna Erney, to Archer Land Title, Inc, as Trustee for Centex Home Equity Company, LLC dated October 20, 2004, and recorded on November 9, 2004, in Book RB169, Page 897, in the Register's Office for White County, Tennessee ("Deed of Trust"), conducted by Padgett Law Group, having been appointed Substitute Trustee, all of record in the White County Register's Office. Default in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust has been made; and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable.

Party entitled to enforce the debt: THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK as successor in interest to JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Centex Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-A

Other interested parties: Anna Erney

The hereinafter described real property located in White County will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens, and encumbrances of record:

Legal Description: A certain tract or parcel of land in White County, in the State of Tennessee, described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land in Second Civil District of White County, State of Tennessee, as follows: Beginning at a stake in a fence on the South side of the Ravenscroft Road: this point being S 66 degrees 46' E 26.2 feet from a fence corner, the Northwest corner of the original parcel of property of which this is a part; thence with the said South side of road S 66 degrees 46' E 244.4 feet and S 89 degrees 11' E 156.6 feet to a stake; thence leaving road S 5 degrees 33' W 636.4 feet to a stone corner; thence N 03 degrees 20' E 211.5 feet to an iron pin in a fence line; thence with fence S 6 degrees 24' W 535.0 feet to a stake in same; thence N 50 degrees 43' W 713.5 feet to a stake in the East right-of-way line of a 25.0 foot right-of-way, this point being S 50 degrees 43' E 30.0 feet from the West boundary line of the said original parcel of property; thence running parallel

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to and 25.0 feet East of the said original West boundary line N 6 degrees E 792.0 feet to the point of beginning, containing 10.0 acres, more or less, per a survey by James E. Davis RLS # 804, January 15, 1979. INCLUDED IN THIS CONVEYANCE BUT SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED IS THE FOLLOWING: A parcel or tract of land situated on the South side of the Ravenscroft Road in the Second Civil District, White County, Tennessee, and being the Northeastern portion of the property described in Warranty Deed Book 169, Page 311, known as the Terry Baker property and its perimeter is described specifically as follows: Beginning on pipe in a fence on the South side of the aforesaid Ravenscroft Road and this pipe being the Northwest corner of the Dickie Baker and wife, Susan Baker three acre tract, described in Warranty Deed Book 160, Page 939; thence traverse with the South margin of said road 136.90 feet to a pipe at the West edge of an earth road about two feet East of the West gate post, being a corner with the remaining Terry Baker property; thence leave the road with the new East line of Terry Baker S 04° 24' 40" W 636.4 feet to a planted road corner; thence continue with Terry Baker N 82° 12' 40" W 136.00 feet to a pipe being the Southwest corner of the Dickie Baker three acre tract; thence with the West line of Dickie Baker said three acre tract N 04° 24' 44" W 636.4 feet to the beginning. The above described perimeter containing 2.00 horizontal acres, as surveyed by Walter Deal, R.L.S. Sparta, Tennessee. BEING the same property conveyed to Darryl A. Erney by Warranty Deed from Terry Baker and wife, Joyce Baker, dated July 11, 1988 and recorded July 15, 1988 of record in Book 197, page 364, Register's Office for White County, Tennessee. The acreage indicated in this legal description is solely for the purpose of identifying said tract and is not to be construed as to insuring the quantity of land. Street Address: The street address of the property is believed to be 991 E Ravenscroft Road, Sparta, TN 38583 fka 993 East Ravenscroft Road, Sparta, TN 38583, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property. In the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control. Map/Parcel Number: 036 013.04 000 Current owner(s) of Record: Darryl A. Erney This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded Plat or Plan;

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any unpaid taxes and assessments; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; rights of redemption, equity, statutory or otherwise, not otherwise waived in the Deed of Trust, including rights of redemption of any government agency, state or federal; and any and all prior deeds of trust, liens, dues, assessments, encumbrances, defects, adverse claims and other matters that may take priority over the Deed of Trust upon which this foreclosure sale is conducted or are not extinguished by this Foreclosure Sale. PROPERTY IS SOLD WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, RELATING TO TITLE, MARKETABILITY OF TITLE, POSSESSION, QUIET ENJOYMENT OR THE LIKE AND FITNESS FOR A GENERAL OR PARTICULAR USE OR PURPOSE. The title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the sale to another time certain or to another day, time, and place certain, without further publication upon announcement on the day, time, and place of sale set forth above

or any subsequent adjourned day, time, and place of sale. If you purchase a property at the foreclosure sale, the entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of a certified check made payable to or endorsed to Padgett Law Group. No personal checks will be accepted. To this end, you must bring sufficient funds to outbid the lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser at the time the foreclosure deed is delivered. This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded by the Substitute Trustee at any time. Padgett Law Group, Substitute Trustee 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203 Tallahassee, FL 32312 (850) 422-2520 (telephone) (850) 422-2567 (facsimile) attorney@padgettlawgroup.com PLG# 17-010074-8

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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 tri-able or indictable in this county. Any person having knowledge or proof that an offense has been committed may apply to testify before the grand jury subject to the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, #40-12-105. The foreman in this county is presently: George Elrod of 114 S. Main St., Sparta, TN 38583. The grand jury will next meet on Friday, the 1 ST day of November, 2024 at the White County Justice Center, 111 Depot Street, Sparta, TN 38583 at 8:45 AM. 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.

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Project No. 1005-05 City of Sparta, Tennessee (Owner)

Separate sealed bids for the 2023 Sparta Pump Replacement be received by the City of Sparta at City Hall at 6 Liberty Square, Sparta, TN 38583 until 2 o'clock p.m., C.D.T Monday, October 28th, 2024, and then at said office 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: Hethcoat & Davis, Inc., 278 Franklin Rd., Bldg 4, Ste 200, Brentwood TN 37027 Electronic copies of the drawings and specification, provided on CD, may be obtained at the office of Hethcoat & Davis, Inc. located at 278 Franklin Rd., Ste. 200, Brentwood, TN 37027 upon payment of \$50.00 (non-refundable). The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. All bidders must be licensed General Contractors as required by the Contractor's Licensing Act of 1994 of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, and qualified for the type of construction being bid upon. Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof. (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated September 30, 2022, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded October 5, 2022, in Book No. RB518, at Page 660, in Office of the Register of Deeds for White County, Tennessee, executed by Haven L Koehler and Leif S Koehler and Donita D Koehler, conveying certain property therein described to Randal E Graham as Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for First National Bank of Tennessee, its successors and assigns; and the undersigned, Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee by PennyMac Loan Services, LLC. NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable; and that an agent of Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., as Successor Trustee, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon said Successor Trustee, by PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, will, on October 2, 2024 on or about 2:00 PM, at the White County Courthouse 1 East Bockman Way, Sparta, TN 38583, offer for sale certain property hereinafter described to the highest bidder FOR certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee. The sale is free from all exemptions, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in White County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows: SITUATED, LYING AND BEING in the FOURTH (4th) Civil District of White County, Tennessee and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin in the east margin of Old Cookeville Road, being the southern most corner of Howard (Book 207, Page 142); thence with Howard N53°34'13" E a distance of 119.58'±; to a wood fence post; thence N35°08'50" W a distance of 159.91'±; to an iron pin found being the southern most corner of Hitchcock (Book 92, Page 621); thence with common corner of Hitchcock, Michael Wilson and Derek Wilson; thence with the line of Derek Wilson S30°22'13" E a distance of 111.43'±; to a point in the line of Cloyd (RB 4, Page 882) being located N30°22'13" W a distance of 0.60'±; from an iron pin found; thence with the line of Cloyd S59°31'33" W a distance of 243.46 to an iron pin found in the east margin of the Old Cookeville Road; thence with said road N45°27'29" W a distance of 83.42'±; to the point of beginning containing 1.09 acres more or less as surveyed by Bobby J. Howard, RLS #2218, Project # CO. WH-07-0132, dated 12/28/09. Subject to the Easement Grant, recorded in Book RB100, Page 240, in the Official Records of White County, Tennessee. ALSO KNOWN AS: 1900 Old Cookeville Road, Sparta, TN 38583 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

W&A No. 360077 1 premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: HAVEN L KOEHLER LEIF S KOEHLER DONITA D KOEHLER TENANTS OF The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. 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. In the event of inclement weather, the trustee hereby announces that the sale will be postponed and that notices of said postponement for inclement weather will be mailed to interested parties of record. W&A No. 360077 DATED September 3, 2024

WILSON & ASSOCIATES, P.L.L.C., Successor Trustee8

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