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Dujuan Thomas and his great-grandfather, the late James Henry Thomas of Clinton, Ky.

Carrying on the family legacy of public service

As Election Day quickly approaches next week, we are mindful of a man who was the first African American to serve on the Clinton City Council- James Henry Thomas Sr.

Many of his family members have gone on to hold positions in government, including his daughter, former council member Yvette Thomas; his niece, Regena Thomas, who served as the 31st Secretary of State of New Jersey from 2002 to 2006; and now his great-grandson, Dujuan Thomas, who is currently a Paducah City Commissioner. In 2024, at age 26, he made history by becoming Paducah's youngest city commissioner and remains one of the youngest in the State of Kentucky to be elected city commissioner.

For Dujuan Thomas, it was his great-grandfather's willingness to step into leadership roles and his community mindfulness that inspired him to do the same.

"Knowing that my great-grandfather was the first African American to serve on the Clinton City Council gave me a sense of pride in my family's history. His willingness to step forward and serve his community during a time when opportunities for African Americans were far more limited is something I've always admired. While my decision to run for office came from my own desire to make a difference, knowing the path he helped pave certainly made that decision more meaningful. I never imagined that I would follow in his footsteps by making a little history of my own in Paducah."

Public service has been part of the Thomas family's history for generations.

"Seeing members of my family take active roles in government and their communities reinforced the importance of being involved rather than simply standing on the sidelines. I've always believed that if you want to see change, you have to be willing to participate in making it happen," Dujuan Thomas said.



Dujuan Thomas is a Paducah City Commissioner, who at age 26 made history by becoming the Paducah's youngest commissioner. His great-grandfather James Henry Thomas was the first African American to serve on the Clinton City Council.

One of his favorite memories of his great-grandfather is his laugh and smile.

"I will always cherish having the opportunity to know him and witness the history he represented. He lived to be 96 years old, and when you think about everything he experienced during his lifetime, from

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The Awaited Ride



Johnnie Sutton reunited with his 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air. (Photos courtesy Shane Whitlock)



Hudson's Towing, Clinton, Ky., driver Stanley Hudson, loaded up the car and brought it to the facility in Murray where Johnnie Sutton is staying.

By GAYE BENCINI

What a day it was for Johnnie Sutton to step back into his treasured 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air and once again get behind the wheel Saturday, Oct. 24.

The 22-year Military Retired Veteran is a resident of South Fulton, Tenn., and is the father and father-in-law of Shane and Sandy Whitlock of Hickman County.

"I'm fighting Agent Orange over my second tour of duty in Vietnam, and I'm at a facility near Murray, Ky., just waiting on the Lord to call me home," Mr. Sutton said.

But he is finding joy in the moments, and with the help of his family, he recently had a very uplifting reunion. Stanley Hudson of Hudson Towing in Clinton, Ky., pulled up to the facility bringing Sutton's vintage car for him to take another ride.

This is actually the third Chevrolet Bel Air he has owned.

"I was in service in Germany in 1957, and they came out with a program that if you had 30 days accrued leave, they would loan you 30 days more if you would enlist for six years, and they would fly you home for the 60 days," Sutton said.



Johnnie Sutton and brother David Sutton

"While I was home, I bought a demonstrator '57 that had, I think, 2200 miles on it or so. I went back to Germany and left the '57 for Mom and Dad to drive."

He married a German lady, and they came home, Ground Hog Day, 1960.

"I was home for 30 days before I had to go to Ft. Benning, Ga.," he said.

He bought his parents a car to drive and took the Bel Air to Georgia.

"About a year later, I traded it for another '57, which was a beautiful car. Supposedly it was a school teacher's car- blue bottom, ivory top, and Naugahyde interior. It was sharp. I didn't keep it long. Even though gas was as cheap as it was in Columbus, Ga., I just couldn't afford it, so I

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VOTE BRENT "FROSTY" BARCLAY CLINTON CITY COUNCIL

Hello, I'm Brent Barclay, a 65 year resident of Hickman County and have owned a home in Clinton since 1994. I am asking for your vote on Nov. 3rd. The Insurance Tax is the topic that got me involved in city government. On April 6, when the tax was first voted down, the City of Clinton had $440,000 in the bank. This tax is ***not*** needed and is a hardship to the citizens of Clinton and its businesses, plus a detriment to potential new businesses wanting to set up shop. The tax was the brainchild of a city employee, who coincidentally does not live in the city and would cost him $0 for his primary residence and 3-4 vehicles. When the tax was implemented, Jenkins , Campbell, and Dillard were on the council. Campbell has now partnered with Jenkins on signs, and all are running for city council. In my opinion, based on public record of their past votes, if elected these three may try to re-instate the tax ordinance. Clinton does not need this, and I feel this is a pivotal moment in Clinton's future. Besides the tax issue, I feel the city council needs to form a stronger pact with the Hickman County Fiscal Court. Together, we're stronger. I have been involved with several businesses over the years, and I lean to being conservative with more accountability concerning the city resources. I have already helped a man on East Jackson Street with his sewage problem that had fallen on city employees' deaf ears, and I took it to the council. I vow to help folks with reasonable concerns to facilitate solutions for all involved.

For all this and more, I ask for your vote Nov. 3rd

Thank you,
Brent "Frosty" Barclay

Frosty for CITY COUNCIL

Paid for by Brent Barclay

Frosty for CITY COUNCIL

AREA EVENTS

Clinton City Council

Clinton City Council normally meets in regular session the first Monday of the month at Clinton City Hall. (City Hall has relocated to the South Jefferson St. building) at 5 p.m. John Kelly is mayor. City Hall: 270-653-6419.

Hickman County Fiscal Court

The next regular meeting of the Hickman County Fiscal Court will be Monday, Nov. 23 at 8 a.m. in the Hickman County Judge/Executive's Office. The county judge/executive's office may be reached by calling 270-653-4369.

Hickman Co. Museum open on Wednesdays

The Hickman County Museum is open on Wednesdays from 1-4 p.m. Tours can also be arranged by calling 1-270-654-9008. If no one answers please leave a message and the call will be returned.

School Board

Hickman County Board of Education normally meets at 7:00 p.m. CST (8:00 p.m. EST) on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the Board of Education office located at 416 Waterfield Drive, Clinton, KY, to transact routine business.

Ambulance Board

The Clinton-Hickman County Ambulance Board meets the third Tuesday of each quarter at 6 p.m. at the EMS building on James Phillips Drive, Clinton, Ky.

B-Free from Addiction Meetings

Every Sunday at 5:30 p.m. First Pentecostal Church, 2501 West Main Street, Union City TN 38261
Contact us at :
573-238-5269

Mission House

in Clinton is open Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays 8 a.m. - 2:30 pm and the first Saturday of the month from 9-12.
270-653-3271

Hickman County Historical Society

Open by appointment

The Hickman County Historical Society in Clinton, Ky., is now closed for the season but is open by appointment by calling:
Tom Bugg
270-254-6387
Johnny Humphreys
270-519-2131
Vicki McIntire
270-254-6491

Hickman County Memorial Library

The Hickman County Memorial Library is open on Saturday mornings from 9:30 - 12:30. Open Tues. - Friday 2-5.

Columbus Council

Columbus City Council normally meets the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Columbus City Hall. Kay Ferguson is mayor.

Last Breakfast!

Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church
1738 ST RT 1708,
Clinton, KY.
Community Breakfast
the last Saturday of the month from 6-8 a.m. and continue through October.
EVERYONE WELCOME

River Stages Ohio at Cairo Oct. 27 13.62



Readers may remember a tale from the past entitled "Killed By A Tornado." It focuses on my great grandmother, Martha Ann Carr Bone who was killed during the 1890 tornado that struck Clinton. She was my father's maternal grandmother. Research confirmed that she and her husband, William Carrol Bone were buried in Shiloh Cemetery without a marker. It always bothered me that their grave was unmarked. Recently, I purchased a small marker from Greenfield Monument and they placed the stone this week. If you have ties to the Whitlock family or to the Bone family you may like to know that the grave is no longer unmarked. - Danny Whitlock

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IT'S ALL ABOUT COMMUNITY!



Kristia Reynolds and her uncle, Monty, were among the many Hickman Countians who drove through the Rotary Park pavilion last Thursday as part of the free produce give away open to anyone in the county. They also helped with delivery to other folks. (Photo by Sherry Allison)

By SHERRY ALLISON

Micro Grant now $2000

Great news for small business owners and non-profit organizations. The Hickman County Economic Development Authority voted unanimously to match the Micro Grant being offered by The Hickman County Chamber of Commerce. That brings the amount to be awarded at the March Annual Chamber Meeting to $2000.00! The grant can be accessed on by going to the Clinton-Hickman County Facebook page and follow the directions to click on the link. We appreciate HCEDA partnering with us to help move Hickman County in a productive direction.

Looking at Housing Opportunities

HCEDA met on Tuesday, October 20 at the First Community Bank Annex. Community Venture's President Bart Horne was invited by board member Kory Naranjo to bring a presentation to the board. Kory had taken Mr. Horne on a tour of Clinton, showing him among other sites, the lots owned by HCDEA that are open for development. Horne showed slides of a town called Millersburg where Community Ventures were able to renovate areas to improve the appearance, productivity, and tourism to the town. Because of the poor condition of some properties around Clinton, the concern here has been that these circumstances are almost insurmountable. However, Mr. Horne emphasized that in comparison to many other towns showing more extensive disrepair, we are actually in a much better position for building and growth than is apparent to the eye.

He also spoke of the need in our community for housing. That is one of the reasons for him looking at properties owned by HCEDA. At the present time, we have people working here in Hickman County that are having to drive from other towns because of the lack of affordable housing. HCEDA Executive Director Greg Pruitt expressed a desire to work with Community Ventures to see what can be done to resolve this issue. The local representative for our area is Josh Wessel.

Mission House Food Distribution

Cars lined up last Thursday for the Mission House Food Distribution at Rotary Park. Bags of potatoes, apples, oranges, carrots, and tangerines were loaded into cars by Hickman County volunteers and folks from the PADD office. Hickman County Judge Executive. Kenny Wilson reported it was a beautiful day in which to hand out the much-appreciated food and that the turnout was excellent.

Kristia Reynolds and her uncle Monty and friends made the stop and helped with delivery to other folks. WPSD Channel 6 was on site to film and report the giveaway.

Halloween Parade

The Halloween Parade is scheduled for October 31st with the line up beginning at 4:30 p.m. and beginning to circle the Courthouse Square at 6 p.m. Pre-registration is requested for parade entries. Sign up is from 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Judging will be at 5:30. Distribution of prizes will follow.

Hay Bale Decorating Contest

The winner of the Hay Bale Decorating Contest will receive Acees gift cards in the amount of $150.00. These creative entries will be judged on October 31st during the Halloween Parade activities.

Pumpkin Carving

A Pumpkin Carving and Decorating Contest is sponsored by 2 Creative Gals. This contest is free to enter. Drop off your entry at 2 Creative Gals anytime the week of Halloween. Judging of entries will take place right before the parade. Winner will receive a 2 Creative Gals gift card. Pumpkins can be picked up after the parade. Some pumpkin entries may be displayed in the planters that are positioned around the Courthouse Square if entrants give permission.

Oakhill Trunk or Treat & Fall Halloween Fest

Oakhill Country Club Trunk or Treat and Fall Halloween Fest is Saturday, Oct. 31 from 5 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Simple face painting, Costume contest, Trunk or Treating, and free hot chocolate are being offered. The first 50 kids will receive a baby pumpkin to take home with them. Kids of all ages are welcome. Prior to this event they are set to begin a coat drive. Coats can be donated inside the Pro Shop any day of the week from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Lacie Eskridge says if the Pro Shop happens to be closed or if you have questions, you can call her at 270-804-8911. Coats will be donated to the kids and people of Hickman County.

Election Day is Tuesday

Election Day, Tuesday, November 3. Remember to go place your votes and then head over to the Women's Club House for lunch. They will be serving sandwiches, drinks, and desserts from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. that day. Take time to give them support as they continue to raise funds for their Student Scholarship Program.

Arts, Crafts, Book Fair

Again, the Hickman County Chamber of Commerce continues to give a shoutout for area-wide vendors who would like to participate in the Arts, Crafts and Book Fair to be held on Saturday, November 14 at the Hickman County Elementary School. Contact deena.pittman@fcbheartland.com or you can pick up an application from Clinton Bank or First Community Bank.

The Arts, Crafts and Book Fair, runs from 8:30-3:00 p.m. Invite your friends and family to come with you to a time of shopping for Thanksgiving and Christmas while enjoying visiting with people you haven't seen in a while. Always a good time! The event sponsored by the Hickman County Chamber of Commerce, and they invite you to stop by the Chamber booth and chat a bit. In the adjoining booth, check in with KYGRRO executive director, Lindsay Bowles on the latest for Bluegrass on the Bluff details coming to Columbus Belmont Park on June 5, 2027.

Clinton Rotary Club Chicken Dinner

The Clinton Rotary Club Chick-

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All About Community

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en Dinner tickets can be purchased from any Rotarian. They are $14.00 each or two for $25.00. Pickup will be November 7 from 11:00 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Young Center.

As many of you who have participated before, know, this delicious, barbecued chicken plus sides ticket sale funds student scholarships. Be sure and seek out a Rotarian for your tickets.

Other Upcoming

Ladies Night Out and Open Houses are planned. 2 Creative Gals, Thursday, November 5, 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Giveaways! Exclusive Deals! This event goes along with their Christmas Open House that runs November 5th, 6th and 7th.

Joining 2 Creative Gals for a Christmas Open House is Heirloom Acres. Support these local businesses and get a jump on your Christmas shopping while enjoying treats and good conversation with friends.

As you choose the events you would like to attend, be sure and place them on your calendar. Of course, you won't want to miss a things.

As written earlier, there is a lot going on this fall as we begin to edge into the holiday season in our active community. After all. It's All About Community.

Times note: We greatly appreciate Sherry and her work to keep the community informed of so many happenings!

EARLY VOTING STARTS THURSDAY

2026 General Election Voting Options in Hickman County:
Oct. 29: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Oct. 30- 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Oct. 31- 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
at the Hickman County Extension Office.

Election Day is Nov. 3 from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Polling Locations:

1. Columbus-Belmont State Park Conference Center
2. Hickman County Extension Office
3. Fulgham Fire Station

Voters may vote at ANY location.

In Person Absentee Voting Oct. 21-28
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Clerk's Office.
Eligibility Requirements for Excused Voting are:

- Student who resides temporarily outside of his/her county
- Voter or voters spouse who has surgery/hospitalization scheduled during early voting & Election Day.
- Member of the armed forces or dependent
- KY voter who is a uniformed service vote confined to a military base
- In last trimaster of pregnancy
- Voter who temporarily resides outside the state but is still eligible to vote in Kentucky.
- Age, disability, or illness
- Voter who is employed and scheduled to work/ commute during all no excuse voting.

Voter ID is required.

Constitutional Amendment vote on ballot Nov. 3

Some have asked about the Constitutional Amendment on the voting ballot. The font may be too small for some to see on the sample ballot here, so here's the text:

Constitutional Amendment 1

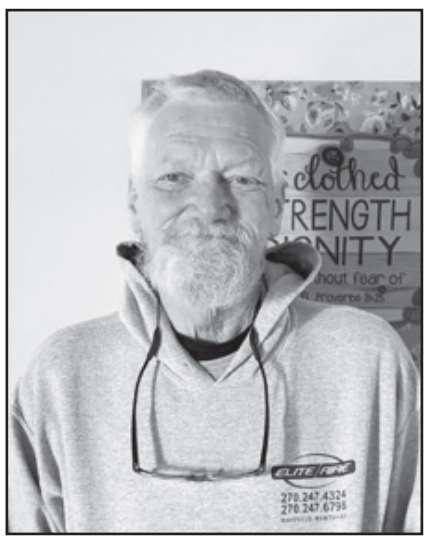
Are you in favor of limiting a Governor's ability to grant pardons or commute sentences by prohibiting him or her from granting pardons or community sentences during the time period beginning 60 days prior to the general election at which the Governor is elected, and ending when the Governor is sworn in for that term by amending the Constitution of Kentucky as stated below?

It is proposed that Section 77 of the Constitution of Kentucky be amended to read as follows:

1. The Governor shall have power to:
(a) Remit fines and forfeitures, and
(b) Commute sentences and grant reprieves and pardons, except:
1 In case of impeachment; or
2. For the period beginning sixty days prior to the date of the gubernatorial election and ending the fifth Tuesday succeeding the election.
(2) The Governor shall file with each application therefor a statement of the reasons for his or her decisions thereon, which application and statement shall always be open to public inspection
(3) In cases of treason, the Governor shall have power to grant reprieves until the end of the next session of the General Assembly, in which the power of pardoning shall be vested; but he or she shall have not power to remit the fees of the Clerk, Sheriff, or Commonwealth's Attorney in penal or criminal cases

Yes
No

Chili Fundraiser, Silent Auction for Billy Daugherty Nov. 6



Billy Daugherty

Friends and family of Billy Daugherty of Clinton, Ky., are coming together to host a fundraiser with piping hot chili, pimento cheese sandwiches and the works on Friday, Nov. 6 from 4-8 p.m. at the First Methodist Church Young Center in Clinton, Ky. A silent auction will also be held.

Daugherty was been off work since June 24 following a work truck accident. His Workman's Comp has stopped. A CT scan in the emergency room following the accident revealed two aneurysms, one below the heart, and one below the lung. He is set to have surgery Nov. 13 for open repair abdominal aorta aneurysm involving visceral vessels. The hospitals at Paducah would not do the surgery due to its risks and possible complications. It will take place at Vanderbilt in Nashville.

Billy's wife Tisa would like to stay near him during that time, but they have faced financial hardship with his being off work and said they have been told if the patient isn't a cancer patient, then financial help with lodging is not available.

If you would like to help them out, show up Friday evening, Nov. 6 at the Young Center in Clinton, Ky.

Hickman County Senior Citizens Center collecting snacks for veterans

The Hickman County Senior Citizens Center will be collecting snacks for veterans to be taken to Marion Ill. Deadline for donations is November 3. The senior center is open for drop offs Tuesday - Friday from 9-2.

PURSUANT TO KRS 424.290, "MATTERS REQUIRED TO BE PUBLISHED," THE FOLLOWING RACES AND QUESTION WILL APPEAR ON THE VOTING MACHINES AND PAPER BALLOTS IN THE PRECINCTS LISTED IN HICKMAN COUNTY FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 3, 2026.

STRAIGHT PARTY
- Republican Party
- Democratic Party
- Kentucky Party

UNITED STATES SENATOR (Vote for One)
- Andy BARR, Republican Party
- Charles BOOKER, Democratic Party
- Christopher CAMPBELL, Kentucky Party
- Write-in

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE in CONGRESS, 1st Congressional District (Vote for One)
- James R. COMER, Republican Party
- John "Drew" WILLIAMS, Democratic Party
- Write-in

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 1st Representative District (Vote for One)
- Steven Jack RUDY, Republican Party
- Write-in

COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY, 1st Judicial Circuit (Unexpired Term) (Vote for One)
- Grace E. STEWART, Republican Party
- Write-in

PROPERTY VALUATION ADMINISTRATOR (Vote for One)
- Amanda McClure BALLANTINE, Republican Party
- Write-in

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE (Vote for One)
- Kory A. NARANJO, Republican Party
- Write-in

COUNTY ATTORNEY (Vote for One)
- Leanna WILKERSON, Republican Party
- Write-in

COUNTY CLERK (Vote for One)
- Rachel MYERS, Republican Party
- Write-in

SHERIFF (Vote for One)
- Ben NATIVIDAD, Republican Party
- Eugene MORRIS, Democratic Party
- Write-in

JAILER (Vote for One)
- Bobby HOPKINS, Republican Party
- Write-in

CORONER (Vote for One)
- Paula BOAZ, Democratic Party
- Write-in

ALL PRECINCTS

COUNTY SURVEYOR (Vote for One)
- Write-in

ALL PRECINCTS

MAGISTRATE, 1st Magisterial District (Vote for One)
- Henry COLE, Republican Party
- Troy CARTER, Democratic Party
- Write-in

CONSTABLE, 1st Magisterial District (Vote for One)
- Write-in

COLUMBUS AND CLINTON #1

MAGISTRATE, 2nd Magisterial District (Vote for One)
- Curtis WEATHERFORD, Republican Party
- Write-in

CONSTABLE, 2nd Magisterial District (Vote for One)
- Write-in

CLINTON #2 AND CLINTON #3

MAGISTRATE, 3rd Magisterial District (Vote for One)
- Irvin W. STROUD, Republican Party
- Write-in

CONSTABLE, 3rd Magisterial District (Vote for One)
- Write-in

SPRINGHILL AND FULGHAM

NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL BALLOT
DISTRICT JUDGE, 1st Judicial District (Vote for One)
- Mark Stephen MEDLIN
- Write-in

ALL PRECINCTS

NONPARTISAN "SCHOOL CANDIDATES"
MEMBER BOARD of EDUCATION, 1st Educational District (Vote for One)
- Caleb DEWEESE
- Write-in

PART OF CLINTON #1 AND CLINTON #2

MEMBER BOARD of EDUCATION, 4th Educational District (Vote for One)
- Michael Klint KIMBELL
- Write-in

CLINTON #3; PART OF SPRINGHILL

NONPARTISAN CITY BALLOT
MAYOR, City of Clinton (Vote for One)
- Anthony E. HUNTER
- Mason CRIDER
- Laura POOLE
- Write-in

CITY COUNCIL, City of Clinton (Vote for up to Six)
- Wynita DILLARD
- Phyllis CAMPBELL
- Bill LICKLITER
- Rose STEVENSON
- Betty MORROW
- Jerome B. JENKINS
- Phillip McCLURE
- Brent BARCLAY
- John KELLY
- Dallas PATEY
- Write-in
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PART OF CLINTON #1, CLINTON #2, AND CLINTON #3

MAYOR, City of Columbus (Vote for One)
- Kay FERGUSON
- Write-in

CITY COUNCIL, City of Columbus (Vote for up to Six)
- Jeff JONES
- Kimberly D. FERGUSON
- John P. McAULIFFE
- Chandra SCHLEPER
- Write-in
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PART OF COLUMBUS

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1
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- YES
- NO

ALL PRECINCTS

I, James Berry, Clerk of the county aforesaid, do certify that the foregoing is a facsimile of the ballot that will appear in the various vote centers of Hickman County for the General Election to be held November 3rd, 2026. Witness my hand, this 8th Day of October 2026.

James Berry, Clerk



Lady Falcons shut out Paducah Tilghman

Hickman County advances to region tournament semifinals

PADUCAH — Continuing to excel in the postseason, Hickman County shut out Paducah Tilghman 3-0 during the quarterfinals of the 1st Region Volleyball Tournament on Monday, Oct. 26.

Fresh off winning its second straight 1st District title, Hickman County controlled the match versus Paducah Tilghman. The Lady Falcons thrived throughout the match, excelling offensively. Winning in straight sets, Hickman County defeated Paducah Tilghman 27-25, 26-24, 25-23.

Lanee Evans, Marlee Hicks, Bailey Childress, Macy Howell, Gracie Green, Kylie Meshew and Gracee Nuckols were each instrumental in Hickman County's win. Howell recorded her 500th kill in the Lady Falcons' victory.

The win allowed Hickman County to advance to the semifinals of the 1st Region Volleyball Tournament. Hickman County was set to meet Marshall County in the semifinals of the 1st Region Volleyball Tournament at press time on Tuesday, Oct. 27.



Photo courtesy of Hickman County High School Volleyball - Hickman County captured its second straight 1st District volleyball title on Tuesday, Oct. 20.

Lady Falcons capture 1st District title

CLINTON — Hickman County is still on top in the 1st District.

The Lady Falcons pulled away to defeat Carlisle County 3-1 in the 1st District Volleyball Tournament championship match on Tuesday, Oct. 20.

Productive Hickman County won 26-24, 25-21, 19-25, 25-19, claiming its second straight 1st District title.

Hickman County and Carlisle County, longtime rivals, swapped leads throughout the title match.

Lanee Evans (3 kills, 31 assists, 1 service ace, 9 digs, 2 blocks), Marlee Hicks (1 assist, 13 digs), Bailey Childress (8 kills, 1 assist, 19 digs), Macy Howell (15 kills, 2 assists, 2 service aces, 17 digs), Gracie Green (4 kills, 1 assist, 2 service aces, 2 digs, 1 block), Kylie Meshew (6 kills, 1 assist, 2 service aces, 16 digs, 1 block) and Gracee Nuckolls (4 kills, 1 service ace, 22 digs) each contributed to Hickman County's district championship-clinching win.

Head coach Melissa Sampson guided Hickman County to the 1st District volleyball title.

Both Hickman County and Carlisle County advanced to the 1st Region Volleyball Tournament in Paducah.

Three Hickman County runners qualify to compete in State Championship

Polsgrove places third in KHSAA Class 1A, Region 1 Cross Country Meet

CADIZ — Hickman County junior Lee Polsgrove placed third in the KHSAA Class 1A, Region 1 Cross Country Meet at Trigg County on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Polsgrove led Hickman County to a sixth-place finish in the KHSAA Class 1A, Region 1 Cross Country Meet Boys' Team Standings.

Multiple runners excelled for Hickman County during the region event.

Hickman County placed fourth in the KHSAA Class 1A, Region 1 Cross Country Meet Girls' Team Standings.

Polsgrove, Leeyah Peyton and Danielle Dillon from Hickman County have qualified for the KHSAA State Cross Country Championship, which will be held at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington on Saturday, Oct. 31.

Hickman County's results from the KHSAA Class 1A, Region 1 Cross Country Meet follow.

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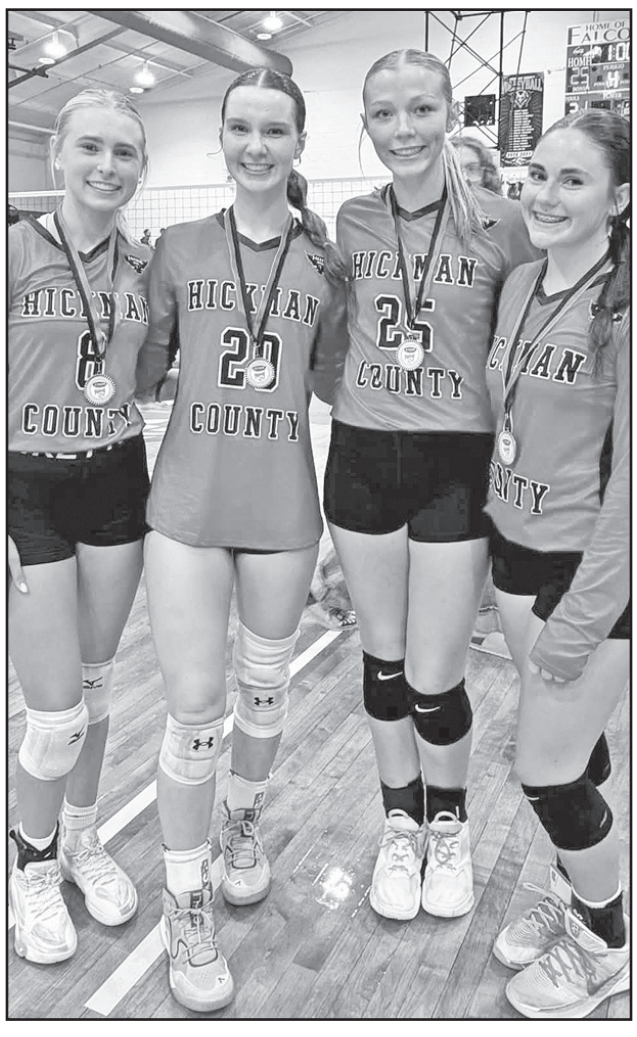
Four Hickman County players named to All-1st District Team

CLINTON — Bailey Childress, Macy Howell, Kylie Meshew and Lanee Evans from champion Hickman County were named to the All-1st District Volleyball Team.

Childress, Howell, Meshew and Evans have each excelled for Hickman County throughout the 2026 high school volleyball season. The four Hickman County student-athletes are among the top high school volleyball players in the 1st District.

Hickman County, a team on the rise, captured its second straight 1st District volleyball title.



Bailey Childress, Macy Howell, Kylie Meshew and Lanee Evans, pictured from left to right, represented champion Hickman County on the All-1st District Volleyball Team. (Photo courtesy of Hickman County High School Volleyball)





Cross Country

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Girls' 5,000 Meter Run: 14th - Leeyah Peyton, 23:49.33; 16th - Danielle Dillon, 23:58.81; 26th - Alexandria Hoff, 25:46.73; 32nd - Rae Ann Hoff, 28:41.84; 38th - Astrid Hernandez, 32:18.88; 41st - Lillian Ward, 47:17.95.

Boys' 5,000 Meter Run: 3rd - Lee Polsgrove, 18:09.19; 30th - Nyiahez Irons, 21:37.24; 38th - Brian Davis, 22:36.83; 50th - Jatavious Brown, 27:25.90; 52nd - Jesse McGary, 31:07.28.

Stewart receives college offers

CLINTON — Hickman County sophomore Keeleigh Stewart has received offers from the Blue Mountain Christian University and Bethel University softball programs.

Stewart is among the top high school softball players in the 1st Region. Excelling in the circle as a freshman pitcher during the 2026 high school softball season, Stewart compiled a 0.69 ERA. She put together a 4-1 record. Stewart logged three saves and recorded 53 strikeouts one season ago.

Set to help lead Hickman County as a sophomore, Stewart is a versatile player with a diverse skill set.

Offensively in the 2026 high school softball season, Stewart batted .362 with 21 hits, 18 RBIs, five doubles and two triples.

Stewart continues to receive recruiting interest from various college softball programs.

Frymire winter weather forecast 2026-2027 for Kentucky

A reader requested we print this as shared by Jason Lindsey, meteorologist, on his Facebook page:

The Frymire family's 2026-'27 Winter Weather Forecast is calling for a wild winter with multiple big snow events and extreme cold.

The popular winter weather forecasts are a longtime Kentucky tradition based on a Japanese elm tree and a secret formula passed down by the late Dick Frymire of Irvington.

Dick Frymire, a folklorist and prognosticator known as the "Doctor of Barnyard Science," created the forecasts and even appeared on The Tonight Show. He passed away in 2013, but his son J.L. Frymire and granddaughter Hannah

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Hickman Co. Senior Center Nov. Newsletter

November Birthdays: Monte Blumenberg- 8th; Cathy Brady- 10th; Susie Pittman- 12th; Carolyn Morgan- 13th; Mike Reilly- 20th; Barbara Guiden- 21st; Martha Workman- 21st; Frankie Jones- 23rd; Johnie McDonald- 27th.

Nov. 2- Pool with Roger Trevino from 5-9

Nov. 3- Blood Pressure Checks by Lifeline at 10:30 a.m.

Nov. 3- Bingo with Clinton Bank at 11:30 a.m.

Nov. 4- Bible Study with Sidney Spates at 9:30 a.m. Everyone welcome.

Nov. 4- RSVP with Rhoni Lowery at 9 a.m.

Nov. 5- Bible Study with Sidney Spates at 9:30 a.m. Everyone welcome.

Nov. 5- Diabetes Workshop at 11:30 a.m. with Deanna Leonard

Nov. 5- Bunco at 6 p.m.

Nov. 6- Friday Fun Day

Nov. 9- Pool with Roger Trevino from 5-9 p.m.

Nov. 9- Crochet Club at 12 noon.

Nov. 10- Bingo with ICF at 11:30 a.m.

Nov. 11- Bible Study with Sidney Spates at 9:30 a.m. Everyone welcome.

Nov. 12- Bible Study with Sidney Spates at 9:30 a.m. Everyone welcome.

Nov. 13- Bingo with Clinton Place at 11:30 a.m.

Nov. 16- Pool with Roger Trevino from 5-9 p.m.

Nov. 18- Bible Study with Sidney spates at 9:30 a.m. Everyone welcome

Nov. 18- WITS Workout with Mike Keller at 11:30 a.m.

Nov. 19- Bible Study with Sidney Spates at 9:30 a.m. Everyone welcome.

Nov. 19- Medicare Open Enrollment by Appointment

Nov. 20- Bingo with First Community Bank at 11:30 am.

Nov. 23- Pool with Roger Trevino from 5-9 p.m.

Nov. 24- Bingo with ICF at 11:30 a.m.

Nov. 25- Bible Study with Sidney Spates at 9:30 a.m. Everyone welcome

Nov. 25- Medicare Patrol at 11:30 a.m.

Nov. 30- Pool with Roger Trevino from 5-9 p.m.

Menus:

Tuesday, Nov. 3- Oven fried chicken, crumb topped Brussel sprouts, scalloped potatoes, grain white roll, sugar cookie, diced pears, 1% milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 4- Turkey & stuffing casserole, mashed potatoes, green beans, grain white roll, mixed fruit, 1% milk.

Thursday, Nov. 5- Breaded pork chops, collard greens, sweet potatoes, hot spiced apples, grain white roll, 1% milk.

Friday, Nov. 6- Chunky veg. soup, grilled chicken salad, French dressing, oatmeal cookie, grain white roll, margarine, 1% milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 10- Navy bean soup, collard greens, tropical fruit salad, chocolate chip cookies, cornbread, margarine, 1% milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 11- Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green peas, vanilla pudding, grain white roll, 1% milk.

Thursday, Nov. 12- Pork chops, green beans, sweet potatoes, apple slices, chocolate pudding., cornbread margarine, 1% milk.

Friday, Nov. 13- Pizza casserole, broccoli, grain breadsticks, banana, margarine, 1% milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 17- Beef mac casserole, corn, fresh orange, grain white roll, 1% milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 18- Herb chicken breast, sweet potatoes, broccoli and cheese, vanilla pudding apple sauce, grain white roll, margarine 1% milk.

Thursday, Nov. 19- baked potato soup, turkey sandwich, banana, oyster crackers, 1% milk.

Friday, Nov. 20- BBQ pork chops, au gratin potatoes, green peas, fried apples, margarine, grain white roll, 1% milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 24- Breaded pork chops, mashed potatoes, steamed cabbage, ambrosia salad, pepper sausage gravy, margarine, grain white roll, 1% milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 25- Pinto Beans, greens, cornbread, mandarin oranges, margarine, 1% milk.

Thursday, Nov. 26 & Friday Nov. 27- Happy Thanksgiving

Deed Transfers

10/19/2026- GROCO LLC to Grogan Properties LLC

10/19/2026- Fleming, Kenneth Scott to McWhorter, Linda.

District Court Report

The following cases were heard before the Hon. Mark Medlin in Hickman County District Court on 10/23/2026. This is not an official docket.

Devontae Alexander. Poss. of Marijuana. Pleaded guilty. 30 days, conditionally discharged two years. To have no further offenses. $200 fine. Failure of Non-Owner Operator to Maintain Req. Insurance, 1st. Pleaded guilty. 30 days, conditionally discharged two years. To have no further offenses. $400 fine, suspended. No Motorcycle Operators License. Pleaded guilty. $100 fine. Review 4/19/27.

Tammy Banks. Arraignment. Failure to Dim Headlights. Failure to Surrender Revoked Operators License. Recall FTA.

Elizabeth Barnett. Arraignment. Careless Driving. Failure of Non-Owner Operator to Maintain Req. Insurance, 1st. Recall FTA.

Terry Bass. Arraignment. Speeding 26 Mph. Over/Greater. Reckless Driving. Review 1/4/27.

Thomas Cabral. Arraignment. No/Expired Registration Plates. Dismissed. No/Expired Kentucky Registration Receipt. Dismissed. No Operators/Moped License. Pleaded guilty. $100 fine.

Tevin Clowers. Arraignment. No/Expired Registration Plates. No/Expired Kentucky Registration Receipt. Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance/Security 1st. No Operators/Moped License. Continued to 11/2/26.

Scott Clowser. Arraignment. No/Expired Registration Plates. Dismissed. No/Expired Kentucky Registration Receipt. Dismissed. Possession of Marijuana. Pleaded guilty. 30 days, conditionally discharged two years. To have no further offenses. $200 fine.

Laken Conyers. Arraignment. Speeding 22 Mph. Over Limit. Pleaded guilty. $44 fine. No Motorcycle Operators License. Pleaded guilty. $200 fine.

Brayan De Jesus Coronel Lopez. Arraignment. No Operators/Moped License. Leaving Scene of Accident/Failure to Render Aid or Assistance. Bench Warrant.

Tabitha Crittendon. Arraignment. Display of Illegal/Altered Registration Plate. Dismissed.

Joe Dickerson. Arraignment. No/Expired Registration Plates. Dismissed.

Aubrey Morgan Fletcher. Arraignment. Illegal Take/Pursue Deer/Wild Turkey. (3 counts). Pleaded guilty. $200 fine each count. Non/Resident Hunting/Trapping Without License/Permit. (two counts). Pleaded guilty. $100 fine, each count. Regulations Necessary to Implement KRS 150 Purpose. Dismissed.

Anita L. Harber. Arraignment. Disregarding Stop Sign. Failure to or Improper Signal. Pleaded not guilty. Pretrial Conference set for 11/16/26. Failure to Produce Insurance Card. Dismissed.

Jer'Von Irons. Arraignment. Careless Driving. Instructional Permit Violations. Dismissed.

Fatoumata None Magassa. Arraignment. Speed 10 Mph. Over (Limited Access). Show Cause 11/16/26.

Ramirez Lucio Marquez. Arraignment. Failure to Notify Address Change to Dept. of Transportation. Show Cause 11/2/26.

Jaclyn Kay McAuliffe. Arraignment. No/Expired Registration Plates. No/Expired Kentucky Registration Receipt. Dismissed.

Kevin Schleper. Continued First Appearance. No/Expired Registration Plates. No/Expired Kentucky Registration Receipt. Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance/Security 1st. Failure to Notify Address Change to Dept. of Transportation. Failure to Register Transfer of Motor Vehicle. Continued to 12/21/2026.

Bobby Lee Shields. Arraignment. Operating on Suspended/Revoked Operator's License. Pretrial Conference 11/16/2026.

Lara Paige Smith. Arraignment. Careless Driving. Pleaded guilty. $25 fine. Poss. Open Alcohol Beverage Container in a Motor Vehicle. Pleaded guilty. $25 fine.

Yulawnda T. Smith. Arraignment. Operating on Suspended/Revoked Operators License. Pleaded guilty. 30 days, conditionally discharged two years. To have no further offenses. 10 hours CS. Review 3/15/27.

Alexander Stueck. Arraignment. No/Expired Registration Plates. Dismissed. No/Expired Kentucky Registration Receipt. Dismissed. Operating on Suspended/Revoked Operators License. Pleaded guilty. $500 fine, suspend $400.

Deanna Marie Stump. Arraignment. Operating on Suspended/Revoked Operators License. Continued to 11/16/26.

Tia Cha Nelle Wall. Arraignment. Speeding 10 Mph. Over Limit. Show Cause 11/16/26.

Darrian T. Ward. Arraignment. Speeding 9 Mph. Over Limit. Dismissed. Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance/Security 1st. Dismissed.

Chelsea Lougue. Other Hearing. Failure to Wear Seat Belts. Dismissed.

Darrell Allen Mosely-Pettie. Other Hearing. Bench Warrant.

Franklin Stacy. Other Hearing. Continued to 1/4/27.

Thomas Ayden Cox. Review. Proof shown of CS hours.

Joshua Keeling. Review for compliance of diversion. Dismissed.

Matthew Lyman. Review. Proof shown.

Austin Payne. Review. Proof shown.

Robert L. Walker Jr. Review.

Dawn S .Bonner. Show Cause Hearing. Dismissed.

James Booker. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. Continued to 12/21/26.

Hunter Lee Crawell. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. Bench Warrant.

Scotty Jones. Show Cause Deferred/Instalment Payment. Continued to 6/21/27.

Wesley Wayne Massey. Show Cause Deferred/installment Payment. Continued to 11/16/26.

Chad Stacy. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. Continued to 3/15/27.

Parrish Jarmine Wilkins. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. Continued to 3/15/27.

Alexa Brook Cox. Pretrial Conference. Assault 4th Degree- Child Abuse- Dismissed.

David W. Ellegood Jr. Pretrial Conference. Continued to 12/21/26.

Bobby Shields. Pretrial Conference. Continued to 11/16/26.

Tamayo Zulma Albores. Preliminary Hearing. Complicity TICS, 1st Degree, 1st Offense. (.=4 gms Cocaine). Complicity TICS, 1st Degree, 1st Offense (>= 2 gms Methamphetamine). Complicity Criminal Possession Forged Instrument- 2nd Degree. Complicity Drug Paraphernalia- Buy/Possess. Wanton Endangerment- 1st Degree. Preliminary Hearing Waived. To be heard in Ballard County. ICE Detainer.

Vincente Diaz Gomez. Preliminary Hearing. Poss. Cont. Sub., 1st Degree, 1st Offense- Cocaine. Poss. of Marijuana. Probable Cause found. Bound to Grand Jury. ICE detainer.

Jehu Tomas Ortiz. Preliminary Hearing. TICS, 1st Degree, 1st Offense (>=4 gms. Cocaine). TICS, 1st Degree, 1st Offense (>=2 gms Methamphetamine). Criminal Possession forged Instrument- 2nd Degree. Drug Paraphernalia- buy/Possess. Wanton Endangerment- 1st Degree. Preliminary Hearing waived. To be heard in Ballard County. ICE Detainer.

Jehu Ortiz. Preliminary Hearing. Receiving Stolen Property. Preliminary Hearing Waived. To be heard in Ballard County. ICE detainer.

Obituary- Bart Daugherty



Bart Daugherty

Bart Daugherty, age 97, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of faith, love, and a lifetime of service to others.

Standing 6 feet 1 inch tall, he was truly a gentle giant. But it was not his stature that made him memorable; it was his patient nature, gentle spirit, and the love he so freely gave. Those closest to him never had to wonder whether they were loved. He made sure they knew.

A proud veteran of the United States Army, he went on to devote more than 30 years to teaching high school. For approximately 20 of those years, he also coached track and cross country, encouraging young people to develop perseverance, discipline, and teamwork. He coached several teammates to win individual state titles throughout his tenure. His influence extended far beyond the classroom and athletic field, as he helped shape the lives of generations of students and athletes.

His faith was an important part of his life. A longtime member of Anchor Baptist Church, he faithfully served on several committees and as an usher for many years, demonstrating his commitment to the Lord and his church family.

Above all, he will be remembered for the way he loved. As a father, he was affectionate and tenderhearted, never hesitating to tell his children he loved them. His patience and gentle nature brought comfort and reassurance, and his love was a gift his family will always treasure.

Throughout his 97 years, he touched countless lives as a soldier, teacher, coach, church member, and beloved family member. His life reminds us that a lasting legacy is built not only through accomplishments, but through faithfulness, kindness, and love.

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Not your normal Days of Our Lives Recap

Xander's done gone and shot another person. This time it was George, a seedy DiMera Pharmaceutical top man, who was fired by Johnny DiMera. He goes to get his laptop at DiMera Enterprises because it has secret sordid stuff on it, as well as his Pinterest recipes and craft ideas.

Anyway, when he gets there, Sarah Horton has it in her clutches thinking it might have info that would clear her from accusations that her stupidity led to a patient's death.

Her ex husband Xander is with her to help clear her name and score good guy points with Sarah.

They won't give up the laptop, so George whips out a gun and fires. Xander hops in front of the bullet like they do in those Bounty spills commercials to save Sarah and gets shot, so he whips out his gun and shoots George in the chest. George, bleeding, eases out of the room and EJ walks up on him in the hall and assists him, but when he realizes he didn't get the laptop, EJ drops him like a sack of rotten taters.

Xander, lying on the floor with his own gunshot wound, has really white lips as he loses blood, but he may have eaten a powdered sugar Hostess Donette before the shooting.

Paramedics race Xander into the hospital on a gurney to the emergency room, unlike when I had a kidney stone and hospital staff rolled my gurney with wheels barely moving, going *eeek, eeek, eeek* real slow, and a snail literally almost passed us.

Anyway, Officer Shawn Brady immediately shows up at DiMera mansion to question EJ for any involvement in the shooting.

EJ denies involvement and tells him he can see himself out. Shawn leaves and EJ twitches his face like a rabid rabbit.

He sees some of George's blood on the sleeve of his dress shirt. He hurriedly takes his shirt off and flings it in the burning fire in the fireplace because he's probably out of Shout stain remover, and the shirt is ruined.

Sarah sits by Xander's hospital bedside and sobs begging him not to die and leave her and confesses her love for him.

Brady Black, to whom she just told she loved him a few weeks ago, overheard her as he peeps through the crack of the door, thinking his ability to pick women stinks.

Dramatic music plays
To be continued

Clinton Place Trunk or Treat Oct. 29

Clinton Place will have their annual Trunk or Treat at the facility this Thursday, Oct. 29, from 4-5:30 p.m. Everyone welcome!

ICF having Trick or Treat Oct. 30

Clinton-Hickman County Nursing Facility (ICF) is having Trick or Treat on Friday, Oct. 30 at the facility from 3-5 p.m. Everyone welcome!

Frymire forecast

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Frymire-White have continued the annual tradition in his memory.

According to the Frymire forecast:

November 28- Sleet
Dec. 6-8- Warm, 64 degrees
Dec. 18 – One inch snow
Dec. 25- Four-inch snow
Dec. 30- Extreme cold, 10 degrees
Jan. 2- Warming trend, 30 degrees, 11-inch snow
Jan. 14- 8-inch snow
Jan. 18- Extreme cold, four degrees
Jan. 24- Six-inch snow
Jan. 26-31- Highs of 25 degrees
Feb. 3- 14-inch snow
Feb. 12- Five- inch snow
Feb. 16-24- Warm
March 8- Slushy snow, heavy, three in.
March 12- First robin
March 27- Snow into rain, 39 degrees

NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 117.383 (8), to validate the accuracy and fidelity of the vote tabulation, the Hickman County Board of Elections will conduct a hand-to-eye audit of the votes cast in one randomly selected race from ballots tabulated by one randomly selected scanner. The Secretary of State will randomly select the race and scanner to be the subject of the audit on November 4 and notify the county that same day. This audit will take place at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 5, 2026 in the Deed Room in the Hickman county Courthouse. The public may observe the audit.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR SEALED BIDS

The City of Clinton, Kentucky will accept sealed bids for an exclusive four (4) year contract for residential, commercial, and industrial solid waste collection and disposal services within the corporate limits of the City of Clinton.
Sealed bids must be received no later than 12:00 p.m. CST on Monday, November 30, 2026. Bids received after the deadline will not be considered.
Bids may be mailed or delivered to City of Clinton, 112 South Jefferson Street, Clinton, Kentucky 42031. The outside of the sealed envelope must be clearly marked "SOLID WASTE COLLECTION BID."
Bids will be publicly opened at the Clinton City Council meeting on Monday, December 7, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. CST at Clinton City Hall.
Complete specifications and required bid forms may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office at Clinton City Hall, 112 South Jefferson Street, Clinton, Kentucky 42031, or by calling 270-653-6419 ext. 4.
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City of Clinton, Kentucky
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Fiscal court approves Opioid funding request for mental health support at Hickman County Schools

By GAYE BENCINI

Hickman County Fiscal Court met in regular session Monday, Oct. 26 in the Hickman County Judge/Executive's Office. Present were Hickman County Judge/Executive Kenny Wilson, Magistrates Henry Cole, Irvin Stroud, and Kory Naranjo, Administrative Assistant Hillary Webb, County Treasurer Amy Leslie, Dept. Judge/Exec. Dawn Allen, County Attorney Jason Batts, visitors Troy Carter, Leanna Wilkerson, Ben Nativida, and Gaye Bencini.

The county received Opioid funds from the state two years ago but has had difficulty getting a project approved by the state for which they might be used, including efforts to use them at the Hickman County Ambulance Service.

Hickman County Judge/Executive Kenny Wilson said Monday an approvable project that might be considered is an Arcare (name change from Kentuckycare) employee for Hickman County Schools for mental health.

A letter to the review committee from Elizabeth Fleming, LCSW, LCADC, CCS, Vice President of Behavioral Health, Arcare, based in Paducah, states, "Arcare is seeking funding to support the expansion of mental health and substance use services within the Hickman County School District. The request would support the salary of a Qualified Behavioral Health Provider (QBHP) that would be dedicated to expanding access to behavioral health and substance use services for children, adolescents, and adults in Hickman County.

"The QBHP will serve as a critical connection between Hickman County Schools, students and families, behavioral health providers, and community resources. The position will focus on identifying individuals experiencing mental health or substance use concerns and helping them overcome barriers to timely behavioral health treatment.

The Budget for the QBHP Salary- $31,200 per year + $8,642.40 benefits= $39,842.90.

The fiscal court approved the request.

Other fiscal court business Monday included:
* Acknowledgement of receipt of FY24 Hickman County Sheriffs Settlement Audit
* Approve Treasurer allowable amount to keep in revolving funds- A. Payroll- $5,000; Retirement- $2,000.
* Approve Ordinance 2026, Payroll/Net Profit Amendment 1st Reading. This is reviewed annually and involves capping the payroll/net profit tax amount at $750 rather than $1,000.
* Approve Ordinance 2026-04 Payroll/Net Profit Amendment Summary for advertising.
* Approve cash transfers
A. Road to General- Dawn's Salary- $1,029.81
B. General to Road- WEX (gas card)- $1,817.13
C Jail to Road- WEX (gas card) $172.88

Dates to Remember:

Oct. 31- Halloween Parade- Line-up at 4:30; Parade at 6 p.m.
Nov. 3- Election Day- Office Closed
Nov. 11- Veteran's Day- Office Closed
Nov. 14- Arts & Crafts Fair- HCES 8-3
Nov. 26 & 27- Thanksgiving Holiday- Office closed
Next Meeting: Monday, Nov. 23, 8 a.m.

Carlisle County Museum & Library establishes semi-annual commemorative brick laying ceremonies

BARDWELL, KY — The Board of Directors of the Carlisle County Museum & Library is proud to announce the schedule for its upcoming commemorative brick laying ceremonies. Moving forward, community brick laying events will officially be held twice a year on two landmark weekends: the Saturday immediately following Thanksgiving and the Saturday immediately preceding Easter. Both bi-annual events will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. on-site at the museum grounds.

The inaugural event is scheduled for Saturday, November 28, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. During these ceremonies, the museum will permanently install the personalized and memorial bricks purchased by local residents, families, and organizations. These inscribed bricks will form a permanent pathway showcasing the deep heritage and foundational support of the Carlisle County community.

Restoration efforts at the historic property are ongoing, and space remains available for citizens wishing to cement their family lineage or business name into local history.

Order forms can be obtained by contacting any active library board member or by emailing a request directly to carlislecountymuseumlibrary@gmail.com. All fundraising proceeds go strictly toward facility infrastructure upgrades and community literacy programming.

Volunteers, brick purchasers, and history enthusiasts from across the region are cordially invited to attend and help pave our pathway to the grand opening.

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NRCS in Kentucky accepting applications for the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications in Kentucky for the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), which helps landowners, land trusts and other entities protect, restore, and enhance wetlands or protect working farms and ranches through conservation easements.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) delivers the largest long-term investment in NRCS conservation programs in decades, delivering over $34 billion through fiscal year 2031, including $4.05 billion for ACEP. This increase in funding ensures conservation remains rooted in agriculture, with benefits to producers, communities and natural resources.

While NRCS accepts ACEP applications year-round, Kentucky producers and landowners should apply by November 30, 2026 to be considered for funding in the current cycle. Applications received after the application date will automatically be considered during the next funding cycle. Funding is provided through a competitive process.

ACEP enrollment options include for this signup period include:

Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE) help private and Tribal landowners protect, restore, and enhance wetlands which have been previously degraded due to agricultural uses.

To learn more or apply, please visit your local NRCS Kentucky field office, or contact Brad Brown, Easement Specialist, Bradley.brown@usda.gov or 270-821-4430.

Faith & Worship

From Paradise Removed

By VAN YANDELL

Genesis 3:24 "So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."

Genesis chapter three is known as "The Fall of Man" Biblical account of mankind's fall from the grace of God. The blessings God gave to Adam and Eve were to experience a paradise and live without encumbrance forever.

Genesis 3: 3 "But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die." Many interpret "lest ye die" as meaning that before Eve partook of the forbidden fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, she and Adam were created eternal.

Thus, with the fall of man, Eve determined a future in which we would exist. Would they have reproduced had the serpent and the fruit not happened? That question is of course, up for grabs and opinions flourish.

Genesis provides us with a lot of information. But it leaves me with a few questions for which there are no definite answers. We often confuse opinions with facts.

How long had Adam lived before God made Eve from his rib? How long did they live in Eden before the serpent showed up? Why does Genesis 1: 27 indicate God created man by His spoken word (verse 3) and then Genesis 2: 7 says He made Adam from a material; the dust of the earth?

Handed down generational information teaches these things all happened in a few twenty-four hour days, but read word for word, that is likely not the case. Similar non-Biblical sustained information promote that Adam was the first and only man God created; but was he? The easy answer is sometimes wrong!

The word day in Hebrew is "yom" which can be a twenty-four day, a generation or an indefinite period of time. Some astronomers claim the universe is 13.7 billion years old which is also nonsense. Perhaps we should admit, we do not know!

Nonetheless, Adam and Eve were removed from the Garden of Eden. Genesis 3: 23 "Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground (dust) from whence he was taken."

To be removed from "my paradise" is not just disturbing; it is terrifying! But that fear could also be rationalized by understanding.

America, to many, is a paradise. To live here is to have opportunities many in our world do not have. We have freedoms few have. Many of those freedoms we take for granted but when (if) we realize millions in our world do not have those freedoms, an awakening is experienced.

The freedoms of speech, the press, religion and assembly are a few many assume are basic human rights had everywhere by everyone: not so!

This paradise allows us to work, earn, develop an expertise, save for our future and provide for our families. To capitalize is to use one's ingenuity, inventiveness, creativity, intelligence and imagination to earn capital to spend and invest in our futures. The American dream must not die!

To capitalize however, can be a two-edged sword. If it leads to greed, selfishness and love of money, it can be dangerous and destroy humanity.

America is also a beautiful land with which we are blessed. The first verse of "America the Beautiful" says volumes. "O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea."

Can this paradise be lost forever? Are the ideals of our founding fathers being circumvented and disintegrated by those not understanding how precious this paradise really is?

What is your vision of paradise? Is it witnessing a beautiful sunset or sunrise on a beach along one of America's many miles of coastline? Is it a mountain trail or walk in the woods? For some their paradise is sitting on the porch listening to the rain.

Jesus said to the believing thief on the cross (Luke 23: 43) "Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."

Not all of the world's religions teach an afterlife. The Bible teaches we are spiritual beings, becoming indwelt with God's spirit the moment we believe that Jesus Christ was crucified for the remission of sin and resurrected. Many choose not to believe. What if they are wrong?

Emblazoned above the gate to hell in Dante Alighieri's Inferno are the words, "Abandon all hope, ye who enter here."

From paradise, Adam and Eve were removed, but from the place Dante is referring, there is no removal and it certainly is no paradise..

From John Milton's "Paradise Lost," the first verse reads "Of Mans First Disobedience, and the Fruit, Of that Forbidden Tree, whose mortal taste Brought Death into the World, and all our woe, With loss of Eden, till one greater Man, Restore us, and regain the blissful Seat."

The one and only one "Greater Man that restores and regains that blissful seat" was and is Christ Jesus. He is past, present and future tense (John 1: 1-3). He is alive, ascended into Heaven to be until He returns to take up His church (1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18).

The true believer-followers of Jesus will never be removed from paradise. No man can take you from Him (John 10: 29).

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Waiting does not mean God is saying no

By Dr. WILLIAM HOLLAND

Life has its ups and downs, and no one is exempt from struggling every now and then.

We've heard that how we react to situations is based on how much spiritual peace we can maintain, and I certainly believe this is true. In order to hear God's still small voice, we need to be very close to Him.

How many have experienced the agony of trying to be patient while waiting on God to move? Some of you might be going through this today. No doubt, it's difficult to be calm when we are hurting. It seems we cannot think of anything else other than how we feel. Nonetheless, it's possible to not only use these dark times of the soul as a ladder to help us climb out of our pit of discouragement, but to actually rise to a higher level of personal peace and contentment. It's possible to learn how to transform our worries into confidence.

In the Song of Solomon chapter two, the Shulamite woman and the king are in love, and their dialogue is a beautiful expression of romance. In verse 15, she mentions how the little foxes damage the grapevines by chewing on them and eventually hinder the ability to make wine.

To make a long story short, the foxes represent attacks of frustration and anxiety, while the vines are symbolic of our relationships, especially with God. She is trying to warn her future husband about the importance of keeping their emotions in check by being aware of negative forces that will attempt to ruin their marriage. This story reminds us to remain focused on God's promises and not allow impatience and negative distractions that tempt us to let go of our faith. "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer" Romans 12:12.

We have become spoiled in an age of instant gratification, and this can unfortunately bleed over into our spiritual thinking. We have a tendency to make a decree, say a short prayer, and then expect immediate results, and when we do not have an answer by the end of the day, we move on to something else.

Let us consider: this is not always how the Lord works. Have you ever experienced a stressful trial, and as you were searching for answers, it seemed that God was silent? Maybe He was quiet for a reason, and then it could be that we were just not listening to His future plans.

Remember that Abraham and Sarah were told by God they would have a special child, but it was decades later until Issac was born. Hannah also prayed for a child, but it was years later that she gave birth to Samuel. Job had to endure suffering and wait before God responded to deliver him. Moses prayed for the Israelites, but the Lord did not respond until after a long period of wandering. Daniel interceded intensely, but his answer did not come until 21 days later. These are just a few of many instances that emphasize patience. Just because we do not see immediate miracles from our prayers does not mean that God is saying no. Heaven is not a vending machine where we just push a button and instantly receive our request.

Our heavenly Father is completely aware of our situation, and within His blueprint is for us to submit to His perfect will. Knowing Him is all about trusting Him even when it seems that no one understands or cares.

In the book of Ephesians, we are given an explanation about our spiritual armor, and if we notice, the helmet and breastplate is given to protect our mind and heart from the dangerous arrows of outside influences. The enemy of our soul loves to use words against us because he knows how much damage they can inflict. When we are confronted with negative circumstances, we are tempted to absorb and agree, which in turn triggers our response mechanism to unleash a flood of harmful reactions. Unfortunately, anger, sadness, and self-pity have ruined many people's lives because they let go of hope.

Remember, hold on a little longer as Hebrews 11:6 declares that without faith it is impossible to please God. Whatever you are waiting for today, realize that God wants the best for you. Guard and protect your conscience from the attacks of depression and despair and embrace the absolute reality of His truth. If you know what He has promised, stand strong in your faith and know it's going to happen.

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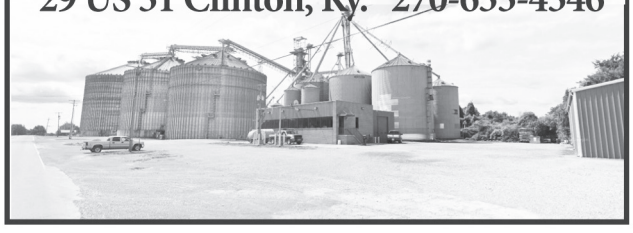

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serving in World War II to segregation and the Civil Rights Movement, and eventually seeing future generations of his family pursue opportunities that weren't always available, it's remarkable."

He continued, "I'm especially grateful that my younger brother, Braxton Thomas, had the opportunity to meet him as well. Now, having welcomed my firstborn son, Azekiel, I only wish he could have had that same opportunity. Although they will never meet, I look forward to sharing his stories and ensuring that his legacy lives on through the next generation of our family."

Dujuan Thomas said he wishes he could go back and ask his great-grandfather even more questions about his experiences and the challenges he faced.

James Henry Thomas was a WWII US Army Veteran and member of Moore's Chapel AME Church. He retired as maintenance supervisor at the former Union Carbide plant.

In Nov. 1999 Moore's Chapel AME, Clinton, Ky., dedicated their new fellowship hall to Mr. Thomas, a completed project of which he said was "a dream come true." He had spent many days and nights working on the expansion project of the church located on the corners of Depot, Angular, and Jefferson Streets in Clinton.

He was also instrumental in the beginning the Hickman County Museum.



James Henry Thomas speaking at his recognition event held at the First Methodist Church Heartfeflt Connection. (Photo courtesy Leanna Wilkerson)

In 2016, he and his brother George Thomas were recognized during a Black History program at the First United Methodist Church's Heartfelt Connection community gathering.

They were instrumental in the desegregation of Hickman County High School.

In 1963, James and George approached School Superintendent Dentis McDaniel about letting Black students attend Hickman County Schools rather than Riverview.

"They did not want their children to ride on the bus to Hickman because it wasn't real school bus," Bro. Alex Thomas, nephew of James Thomas said. "It was a makeshift school bus, and they only had lanterns, and it was a safety hazard."

Henry and George Thomas met with Superintendent Dentis McDaniel and soon afterward, the schools in Hickman County were integrated.

Mr. Thomas passed away in November of 2022.

Dujuan Thomas said, "I hope people remember him as someone who didn't just talk about making a difference but actually did something about it. His involvement in integrating Hickman County Schools, his service on the Clinton City Council, his dedication to his church, and his contributions to preserving local history all demonstrate a man who genuinely cared about his community.



Dujuan Thomas, his brother Braxton, their grandfather Joe Thomas, and great-grandfather James Henry Thomas in August 2022.

"What stands out to me is that his legacy extends far beyond being the first African-American council member. He helped create opportunities for others, and those contributions continue to have an impact today."

James Henry Thomas' impact will indeed have lasting results.

"It's an incredible honor to carry on a family legacy of public service," Dujuan Thomas said.

When he looks back at being elected to the Paducah City Commission in 2024 at just 26 years old, making him youngest commissioner in the city's history, he says he couldn't help but think how far they have come as a family.

"My great-grandfather broke a racial barrier, and generations later, I had the opportunity to break an age barrier. While our experiences and challenges were very different, I believe the common thread is a willingness to serve and a belief that leadership should never be limited by someone's background or age," he said.

"I hope his story encourages others, especially young people, to recognize that they too can make a difference in their communities. You don't have to wait for someone to give you permission to lead. Sometimes you simply have to be willing to step forward."

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His race has been run, his work is complete, and the lessons he taught and the love he gave will continue to live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

He is survived by his daughters Vivian Edwards (Shawn) and Diane Smith (Shane); two grandchildren, Cameron Edwards (Sierra) and Katelyn Edwards Bowman (Forrest), and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Barbara, of 60 years; his father David Daugherty and mother Flora Bell Day Daugherty; two sisters, Floy Embrey and Myrtle Lee Kilpatrick and two brothers, Robert and Carmen, as well as several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service celebrating his life will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2026, at Clark Legacy Funeral Home in Nicholasville at 11 am with visitation preceding it beginning at 9 am. Interment will be at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Erlanger. Pall bearers will be Ken Sagan, Jim Sawyer, Jeff Story, Lew Whalen and Barry Dennis, all former cross country runners of his.

As we remember his long and remarkable life, we are reminded of the words of Scripture:

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7 (ESV)

He will be remembered for his faith, his patience, his gentle spirit, and, above all, his love. His 97 years were a blessing to many, and his legacy will live on in the lives he touched and the family he loved so dearly

The day the world turned upside down

By BERRY CRAIG

We all had fun celebrating our nation's 250th birthday last July 4.

On that immortal date in 1776, delegates to the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence.

But it would take more than putting pen to paper for Mother Britain's querulous 13 North American colonies to win independence from His Satanic Majesty, King George III. It would require blood bought victories on battlefields from Massachusetts to Georgia.

Independence was virtually guaranteed 245 years ago two Mondays ago in a farm field near Yorktown, Va. Here on Oct. 19, 1781, Gen. Charles Lord Cornwallis surrendered his Redcoat army to Gen. George Washington and his Anglo-French forces.

The site is preserved in the Yorktown Battlefield, which is part of the Colonial National Historical Park. Melinda and I made a return visit on Oct. 8.

Strictly speaking, Cornwallis didn't surrender to Washington. Humiliated, he hid in his headquarters, a cave on the banks of the York River, claiming he was too ill to tender his sword to the leader of the American "rabble." So, he sent his deputy, Brig. Gen. Charles O'Hara, to attend to surrender in his stead.

The capitulation ceremony didn't work out as Cornwallis planned.

The British had given up after a siege that began on Sept. 29. Surrender negotiations started between emissaries from both sides on Oct. 18 and concluded in the wee hours of the 19th.

The actual surrender was set for the afternoon with the victorious American and French men-at-arms lined up to receive their defeated foes dutifully led by O'Hara.

O'Hara haughtily ignored Washington and offered his sword to the French commander, the Comte de Rochambeau. He promptly directed the Brit to Washington, who pointed him to Maj. Gen. Benjamin Lincoln, his second in command.

At this point, O'Hara might have wondered if anybody would take his sword. Lincoln did, and the deal was done.

There is a pavilion at the edge of the field that houses captured British cannons and mortars. The Americans happily carved onto the brass barrels of the ordnance, "SURRENDERED by THE CAPITULATION OF YORK-TOWN OCT. 19. 1791"

Visitors can push a button and hear a narrative of the surrender. There is also a plaque with quotes from the victors and the vanquished.

Recalled British Capt. Samuel Graham: "The garrison marched out betwixt the two lines of American and French troops, reluctantly enough, and laid down their arms. A corporal next to me shed tears, and embracing his fire lock, threw it down, saying, 'May you never get so good a master.'"

Remembered American Lt. William Feltman: "The British Army marched out and grounded their arms. In front of our line. Our whole army drew up for them to March through....The British prisoners all appeared to be much in liquor."

Besides drowning their sorrows in hooch, one of their bands supposedly played a popular song, "The World Turn'd Upside Down," an appropriate tune for the occasion:



The Moore House, where surrender negotiations took place.



The Moore House, where surrender negotiations took place.

If buttercups buzz'd
after the bee,
If boats were on land,
churches on sea,
If ponies rode men
and if grass
ate the cows,
And cats should be
chased into holes
by the mouse,
If the mamas
sold their babies
To the gypsies
for half a crown;
If summer were spring
and the other way round,
Then all the world would
be upside down.

History, the subject I taught at West Kentucky Community and Technical College for two dozen years, is replete with irony. Few are greater than where the last major battle of the Revolutionary War of Independence was fought (Britain didn't grant American independence until 1783.

The national park includes the nearby site of Jamestown, which in 1607 became Britain's first permanent settlement in North America. Jamestown and Yorktown "represent the beginning and end of English colonial America," the park website points out.

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traded it off, and I've always wanted another '57 ever since."

About five years ago, he found his current Bel Air on the Internet. It was located in Eastern Kentucky.

"My son-in-law Shane went with me, and we looked at it and had it shipped to me. I've had it ever since," he said.

Prior to becoming a resident at the facility in Murray, the last time he had driven it, he took it to McDonald's for coffee. Because the steering was unpowered, it was pretty tough to handle.

"After that incident, I got it back in the garage and decided it was time to get power steering put on it. That's been accomplished," he said. "Gaskins, out there by Crutchfield did it. He loves to work on old automobiles."

The power steering was a success. "It drives remarkably well now," Sutton said.

"It's really, really a nice car. The speedometer was replaced shortly after I bought it because a lot of old automobiles with cable drive, sometimes they would wind up and that speedometer would go crazy and scream like everything. That one got to doing that, so Sandy, my daughter, ordered me a new speedometer off the Internet."

The new speedometer works fine. "It had 90,256 miles on it when I got my hands on it," he said. Eleven hundred and some odd miles have been put on it since the new speedometer had been put on. It has yet to reach 100,000 miles.

"Stanley Hudson went over it with a fine-tooth comb and really likes it and so did Mr. Gaskins, so I think I've got a good '57."

Sadly, Sutton's family recently suffered the loss of his 70-year-old nephew in a traffic accident recently. His funeral was Sunday.

"My stepson was going to come and get me and take me to the funeral, and I had planned on having him to take me by the house in South Fulton, Tenn., and get it out and drive it. Sandy [Sutton's daughter] was sitting here on the edge of the bed when I relayed that to her, and she said, 'Daddy, you always mess up everything!'"

That's when she told him the car was coming to him, there where he was staying.

"That's what they did," he said.

"I was overjoyed knowing it was going to steer much, much better than it ever did. I drove it here on the parking lot- didn't get out on the main street."

His brother David also took him on a longer drive.

"They loaded it back up and they took it home," Sutton said.

One can only imagine the smile on his face as he sat behind that wheel again.

Thank you, Sir, for your service, and for sharing the story of the ones who came together to make a very special ride possible.

MY SORT OF MUSICAL LOVE AFFAIR

By DANNY WHITLOCK

I feel that my appreciation of music started at an early age. In Detroit, we had a console radio with a built in phonograph. My parents were aficionados of big band music like Benny Goodman and Paul Whiteman. We had 78 rpm records and my mother played them during the day when Dad was at work.

I not sure when my parents and Smith Stephens drafted me into the Fulgham Band. It was probably in the 6th or 7th grade when I was introduced to my oboe. The oboe had a double reed mouthpiece and was difficult to play and make it sound in tune and musical. I did my best and in one of our band competitions in Murray a note was made on our score sheet, "Oboe good."

Smith Stephens was a good band director and a better salesman in talking parents into purchasing instruments. In our little Fulgham Band we sported instruments usually found in a much larger ensemble. I can recall the oboe, a bassoon, French horn, baritone, and a tuba, along with several clarinets, flutes, trumpets, saxophones, drums, and a coronet. I remember the cost of my oboe…$300, which in 1955 was a lot of money. I can only speculate what Larry Walker's bassoon cost.



Fulgham Band in 1957 – I am in the back row, far right.

After Smith Stephens departed Fulgham, a new band director replaced him. Charles Markham directed our band and taught music appreciation to my class in our eighth grade year. In class one day, Mr. Markham was extolling the virtues of George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. I was excited to tell him that I had that record at home and enjoyed listening to it. Not to be outdone, James Stairs chimed in that he had a copy of Elvis' Hound Dog and enjoyed it more than the Gershwin tune. Rock and Roll was just beginning to take hold of our teenage interest. Mr. Markham was a strange person and he left after one year. I don't know, to this day, why he was forced to leave. The adults wouldn't explain or talk about it.

I stayed in the band through high school and enjoyed it for the most part. The oboe was not a marching instrument. The double reed mouthpiece was easily damaged if you stepped into a hole while marching. Instead, I was given a pair of cymbals to march with. I couldn't play the cymbals but was told to "fake it" while on parade. The wool uniforms in spring and fall were very itchy and uncomfortable. I normally wore PJ bottoms under my pants.

At Fulgham in 1957, I was also the only boy who was forced by his mother to take piano lessons. They were offered at school, but required the student to leave their classroom and miss what I felt were critical lessons being presented to non-piano lesson taking students.

I can recall my piano recital at First Baptist Church in Clinton. It was located where First Community Bank is now situated. I don't remember the title of my piano piece, but I can still play it but only with the right hand…no bass clef. I managed to whine my way out of piano lessons after that recital, a decision that I came to regret.

After high school, my music appreciation took a turn toward spectator. In high school, I was fortunate enough to attend a Brenda Lee concert at Paducah Tilghman High School. She performed from the gym floor and her fans were seated on the bleachers.



Fulgham Piano Students- Mrs. Edward Benedict- – I am the only boy and almost the shortest student.

She has been active since 1951 and at the age of 82 is still around.

The only concert I remember attending at MSC was highlighting Jackie Wilson. He was an R&B singer and had several hits back in the 1960's….look him up on Wikipedia. Although I was not an avid concert goer, I did manage to see a few of the greats. Among those were Dianna Ross and the Supremes, Wayne Newton, Crystal Gayle, Johnny Rivers, and Tony Orlando and one/half of Dawn…the other half was sick that night. I always regretted not having seen Elvis live.

In college, music was a large part of my life. I joined the Columbia Record Club, now out of business. I think I still owe them for one album. I can remember the first time I heard the Beatles. John Evans, my roommate at the time, came running into the trailer and turned on the radio. They were singing I Want to Hold Your Hand. Little did I realize the immense impact these four young Britons would have on American music.

Later in life, my musical taste leaned toward the Blues. I have an extensive collection of Blues CD's and still enjoy listening to them. I even have an iTunes account containing even more Blues music. The highlight of my fascination with Blues music came in 2000. The school's Central Office staff collectively bought a retirement gift for me. It was two tickets to a dinner theatre in Memphis at the club owned by B.B. King. He performed on stage that evening. Phyl and I were seated not twenty feet from my Blues idol. He looked at us and smiled, I smiled back.



Columbus Baptist Church enjoyed a cookout at Columbus-Belmont State Park Sunday, Oct. 25, 2026 following the morning worship service. The park snack bar will be open one more weekend! Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Grill closes at 7 p.m. (Photo by Gaye Bencini)



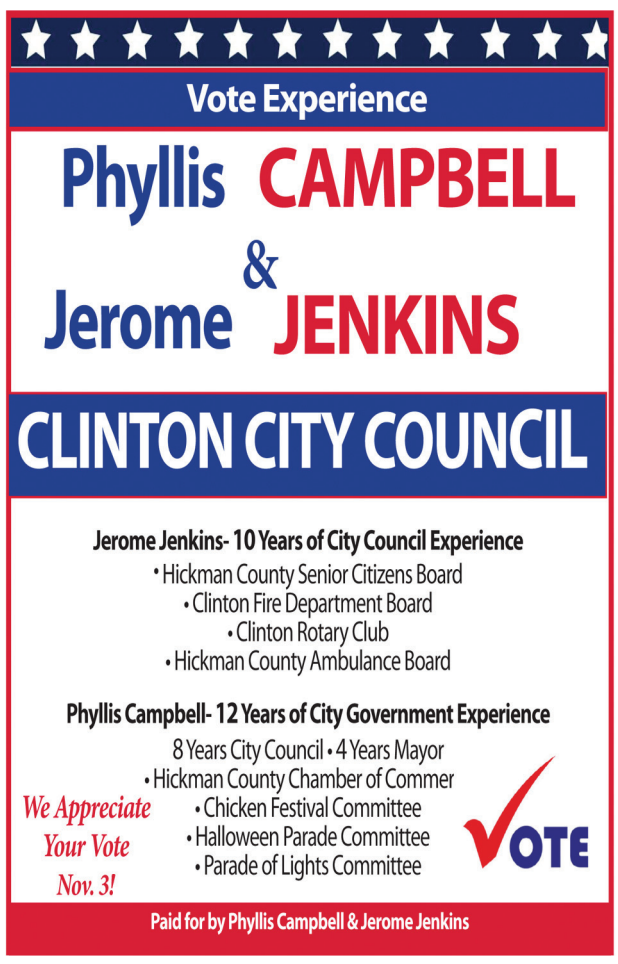


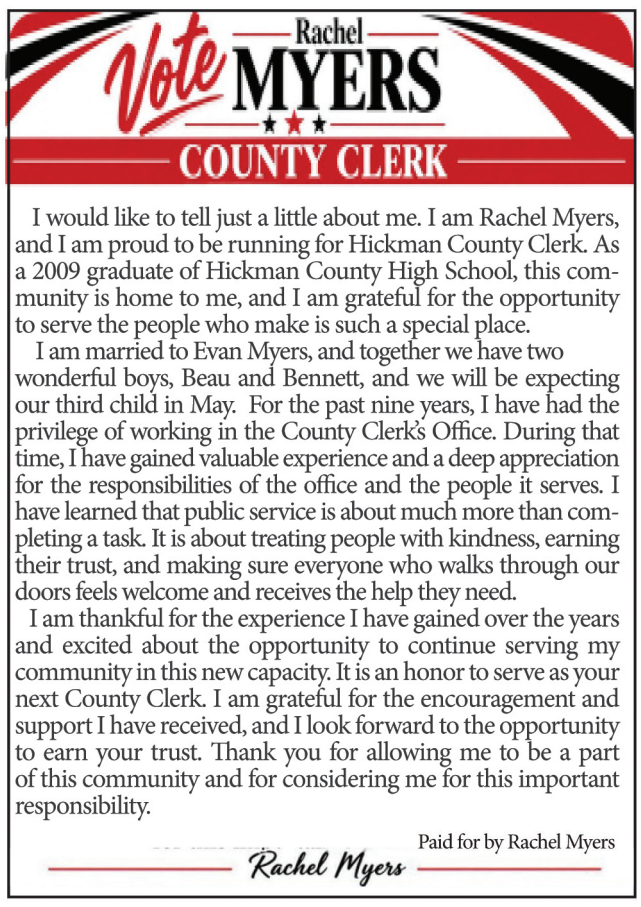
Clinton Place had a lovely day Friday evening for hayrides through town! (Photo by Gaye Bencini)











Melinda and I made our annual pilgrimage to the Pelican Festival at Reelfoot Lake State Park on Saturday. We didn't see as many of the big birds this time and were disappointed that low water prevented the usual pontoon boat excursions from the state park. But I managed these shots from terra firma. Of course, the cornmeal fried catfish, hushpuppies, onion rings, French fries, white beans, vinegar coleslaw and homemade tartar sauce at Boyette's was top notch as always. The festival continued on Sunday. (Photos by Berry Craig)





The campaign trail is coming to an end,
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John Dudek shared this photo of the hay bales display at Clinton -Hickman County Nursing Facility (ICF). Watch for Chamber photos of all the bale entries and the winning entry next week!

Pictured Right, Dolly Parton!

It was Dolly Day at Hickman County Schools Tuesday, and Annette Smith was dressed for the part!



Above, scaffolding surrounds the Shelter A pavilion chimney as the take down begins at Columbus Park.

