

Investigation into child’s death reopened

The death of seven year-old Revelin Meador in 2020 has come under scrutiny as the Allen County Scottsville Crime Task Force announced this weekend they had reopened their investigation.

Revelin, who died on August 1, 2020, lived on Celsor Road in Fountain Run in an area that falls in the Allen County jurisdiction.

“Following the recovery and analysis of newly secured information.

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Local school board member dies at 66

Bobby Nelson Gentry, 66, the District 2



Board of Education member died on Sunday, October 4, 2026, at his residence.

A graduate of Tompkinsville High School Class of 1978 and well-known Dale Hollow fishing guide, Bobby served his community as the Monroe County School Board

representative for the past twelve years.

He and his wife of 26 years, also operated the Mt. Hermon Community Center.

Information on his background, arrangements and services can be found of page A-4 of this week’s issue.

Battle at the Net



Monroe County High School Senior Rylee Lyons goes up hard against Clay County defenders during the Senior Night battle against Clay County (Tenn.) High School Lady Bulldogs.

Photo by David Jackson
Monroe Moments

Governmental meetings held for September

GAMALIEL CITY COMMISSION

The Gamaliel City Commission met on Tuesday, Sept. 14, and approved a three year-contract with UDS Consulting, which assisted in the FEMA clean up. The contract would cost the City nothing unless another disaster occurs but would just maintain the relationship and direct contact if that need arises.

Commissioner Grayson Pare recommended entering into the con-

tract and the group agreed.

John Phelps with UDS noted that all the necessary paperwork and the City was just waiting for the funding to be received from the federal government.

The group also took action to re-approve tax rates after they were incorrectly given to them without the homestead exemptions removed. A special called meeting was held the following night to approve the

second reading.

The City completed a heavy-trash pick-up with dumpsters located at the Fire Department. The first dumpster alone removed over 30 tons of trash, Mayor Bob Greer noted.

Commissioner Jeff Gearlds noted that every sewer customer received a notification concerning the clean up of properties identified under the nuisance

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FOUNTAIN RUN COMMISSION

The September 14 meeting of the Fountain Run Commission was held and the group learned that the document concerning the donation of the former clinic building from the Medical Center at Bowling Green had not been received.

Mayor Michele Houchens noted that the donation would give the City an opportunity to be able to solicit other opportunities

for the property.

She added that there has already been interest in the property.

Commissioners approved a motion for Houchens to execute the document when it is received and approved by City Attorney Richard Jackson.

City Clerk Wanda Anderson noted that she had requested a refund from Verizon as she and Houchens had reviewed the bill

and had found that five phones had been attached and being charged to the account.

Houchens noted that they had all been removed with the exception of the phone for City Police Chief Harold Brown.

The work to develop a budget will be ongoing and hopefully be ready for approval in October, Houchens

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MONROE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Monroe County School Board met in session on Sept. 4 at the Monroe County High School, highlighting the programs, activities and achievements of the school’s staff and students.

The Board approved the new tax rates

which were lower (although it will show more revenue due to the increased assessments).

The motor vehicle/utility tax remained the same as previous years.

The working budget for 2026-2027 was reviewed and approved

with a \$19 million revenue/expenditures.

In other items of business, the Board:

- reviewed the performing arts center and ATC project change orders to be able to be put

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MONROE FISCAL COURT

The Monroe County Fiscal Court met on Sept. 17 with an overview of the state road funds and projects for the year, as well as the update on the storm shelter projects for all areas.

In other items of business, the Court:

- approved hiring

Eddie Hopkins and Daniel Spence as transport officers;

- approve resolution on flex funds;
- appointed Keri Jo Eaton and Saralu White to the library board;
- re-appointed Gary York, Darren Cleary, Lori Brown, Geoff Pare, Tony High, Kerry

Williams and Carter Walden to the IDEA board;

- approved to surplus two out-of-service cruisers and advertise for bids; and
- approved road advisory project for E. Bushong Road to cut trees and boom mow all roads.

TOMPKINSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

The Tompkinsville City Commission met in regular session on Sept. 24.

In departmental reviews, Amy Jewell presented quotes to upgrade the Carmen Street sewer lift station with two pumps,

so they can rotate and have a pump operational if one goes down. One pump would be around \$20,000 and an additional pump would be around \$13,000. However, Jewell noted that she had located some parts that could

be used in the project to save some additional funds. The Commission approved the updating of the station, and the vendor would allow the City to pay in three installments.

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