

Local church gets new name, cosmetic improvements

The former Seventh-Day Adventist Church at 1219 W. Laurel in Independence is getting new life —thanks to The Hub church, which is taking advantage of the old church's space for additional ministries. Currently, The Hub occupies a former Dollar General Store location at 3176 W. Main. However, it has limited space for small-group meetings or events other than its 200-seat sanctuary. The former Seventh-Day Adventist Church, which includes its 1900-era sanctuary and a 1992-era fellowship hall and office, recently became available. The Hub pastor Brian Norvell said The Hub members are now putting cosmetic improvements on the church sanctuary and cleaning up the fellowship hall for The Hub's use. The Hub will continue to use its West Main Street site for worship services, but smaller events will be held at the Laurel Street location, which will go by the name "The Hub Chapel."

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County commission urged to cut taxes

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INDEPENDENCE — A rural Coffeyville taxpayer on Monday protested Montgomery County commissioners' plan to raise property taxes rates as reflected in the coun-

Arnold Hollingsworth, who resides two miles south of Coffeyville, said the volume of property taxes being paid by local taxpayers were "becoming oppressive."

ty's 2026 budget plan.

He pointed to the recent publication of the Montgomery County Delinquent Property Tax List, which was printed in the Montgomery consecutive weeks, that showed a growing number of taxpayers who are late in paying their property taxes. As a result of those de-

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linquent property taxes, the burden falls on the regularly-paying taxpayers to make up the difference.

Combine that burden with the prospects of a property tax hike in 2026, then taxpayers are hit with the potential for a snowball effect: fewer people left to pay the taxes that are needed to maintain services and programs.

"That's a situation that is going to have to be dealt with here," Hollandsworth told the commission, while pointing to his copy of the delinquent property tax list. "It's not a maybe. It's here. It's real."

Hollandsworth urged commissioners to lower prospects of a tax hike in 2026. According to notices that have been mailed to all county taxpayers recently, the commission is projecting a 2026 budget showing a 10.0 percent increase in its tax rate. The projected tax rate will be 45.903 mills, which is an increase from the 41.712 mills that is now being assessed in 2025.

The county commissioners

will conduct a public hearing at 9 a.m., Monday, Sept. 15 to hear citizens' concerns and questions about the proposed 2026 budget plan.

Fire district budget OKd

On the subject of property taxes, county commissioners on Monday approved the Montgomery County Rural Fire District #1 budget for 2026.

The fire district involves seven stations that cover the bulk of Montgomery County except for Louisburg Township which has its own township fire department.

The fire district's 2026 budget calls for a tax rate of 2.731 mills, which is a decrease from the 2.847 mills that is being assessed in the current 2025 budget cycle (the 2026 budget year begins Jan. 1).

The tax rate fell below

the Revenue Neutral Rate of 2.739 mills, said county administrator Jonathan Booe. The fire district's 2026

budget calls for maximum expenditures of \$1,159,992 and a tax levy of \$672,455. For the sake of com-

parison, the fire district's 2025 budget will operate on maximum expenditures of \$1,067,139 and a tax levy of \$674,611.

The fire district budget was able to lower its tax rate while increasing expenses by virtue of a higher taxable valuation. The fire district's valuation rose by almost \$10 million — from \$236.9 million to \$246.3 million. In theory, a higher taxable valuation yields a lower tax rate (which is measured in mills).

Cherryvale City Council will decide fate of budget hike

CHERRYVALE — The Cherryvale City Council will undertake a decision whether to raise its property tax hike on local property owners in order to fund the 2026 city budget.

As reported in the Aug. 21 issue of the Montgomery County, the City of Cherryvale is proposing a 2026 budget that calls for a nearly 9 percent increase to the city's tax collection on local properties.

Under the proposed budget, the Cherryvale City Council is seeking a maximum tax rate, which is expressed in terms of mills, of 53.074 mills — which is an increase from the 48.703 mills now assessed in the 2025 budget cycle (budget years begin on Jan. 1 and end on Dec. 31).

That is a difference of 4.371 mills, which translates to an increase of 8.9 percent.

Actual budgetary spending authority for the City of Cherryvale is projected to increase from \$3,917,908 to \$5,482,929.

The ad valorem tax levy,

The ad valorem tax levy, which is the total amount of property taxes needed for the budget, will increase by about \$70,000 — from \$476,926 to \$546,616.

The public has a chance to ask questions or express opinions about the proposed spending plan at a public hearing at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 2 at Cherryvale City Hall.

After the hearing, the council will then vote whether to adopt the 2026 spending plan. It can either adopt a plan reflecting a tax rate of 53.074 mills or less. However, it cannot raise that tax rate above the 53.074-mill level

A summary of the City of Cherryvale's proposed 2026 budget was printed in the Aug. 21 issue of the Montgomery County Chronicle.

TCC's annual car show set for Sept. 13

TYRO — Chrome will glisten on the streets of Tyro when Tyro Christian Church hosts its 22nd Annual Free Car Show on Saturday, Sept. 13.

It is one of the largest car shows in this area and is all free of charge to participants and the viewing public.

Hundreds of cars typically congregate on the streets and parking lots at Tyro Christian Church, where car buffs have an opportunity to get a first-hand look at several hundred classic automobiles.

Registration will begin in front of the Tyro Christian Church at 8 a.m. and end at 11 a.m. Trophy presentation will be at 3 p.m.

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The top three cars will receive trophies in 29 different classes. Specialty trophies include Best of Show, Best Paint, Best Interior, Best Engine, Early and Late Models, Best Original, and Early and Late Models, Best Modified.

Each entry has a picture taken upon their arrival and the first 250 registered cars or trucks will receive a free picture plaque. The first 150 entries will receive a canvas travel tote in honor of the car show's 22nd year celebration.

The theme of this year's show is "Mamory Lane"

"Memory Lane."

Door prizes will include a large tool cabinet, battery operated air compres-

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sor along with many other prizes.

Tyro Christian Community School will offer breakfast starting at the opening of the show with free coffee until 10 a.m. Lunch will also be on sale starting at 11 a.m.

Oldies but goodies 50's and 60's music will provide entertainment throughout the event. The public is invited to view the entries.

For more information, contact Wayne Moon at 620-251-2646 or 620-515-1968, Linda Moon 620-515-2646 or Tyro Christian Church at 620-289-4433.

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GRAND TOTAL TOTAL AS OF JULY 31, 2025

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