

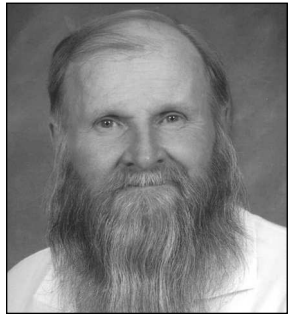
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OBITUARY

Denver Carroll Morrison

Died: Oct. 10, 2017

Denver Carroll Morrison, 66, passed away Tuesday evening at his home.



He retired from Mahle in Morristown.

Mr. Morrison was a member of Bradburn Hill United Methodist Church.

He was a son of the late Hubert and Arnell Rader Morrison and was preceded in death by two sisters: Alma Jones and Teresa Morrison.

Survivors include two sons and one daughter-in-law: Curtis and Amanda Morrison, and Derek Morrison; a very special granddaughter: Madison Grace Morrison; a sister, who was his special caregiver: Helen Gentry; two brothers and sisters-in-law: Dave and Judy Morrison, and Oscar and Diane Morrison, all of Greeneville; several nieces and nephews; and the mother of his children: Sheila Wilkes.

The family will receive friends from 4-6 p.m. Friday at Doughty-Stevens Funeral Home with the funeral service following at 6 p.m. in the chapel. The Rev. Gail Jenkins will officiate.

Family and friends are asked to gather at 10 a.m. Saturday at Doughty-Stevens to go in procession to Bradburn Hill Cemetery for the 10:30 a.m. committal service.

Pallbearers will be Chris Morrison, Mike Harmon, John Poore, Allen Morrison, Buddy Capps and Christian Derry.

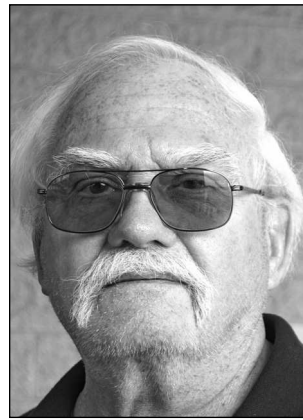
Honorary pallbearers will be Randy Taylor and his church family.

The family expressed their greatest appreciation to Smoky Mountain Home Health & Hospice for their care during his illness.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bradburn Hill United Methodist Church.



Jada Short



Bob Clark



James Tias



Karen Waddell

TOURISM

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marketing.

Greeneville Mayor David Crum said he's not surprised by the county's ranking.

"Why would someone not want to come here and visit?" Crum asked.

While he would also like to tap into more tournaments and capitalize on other existing attractions like the Volunteer Speedway in Bulls Gap, he noted the wide variety of tourism options within the county and indicated that there is plenty of room for growth.

"I like to bike ride," he said. "We've got the linear trail at Tusculum. I wish we could link that up a little bit more, similar to like what the Tweetsie and the Creeper trails are."

Crum is hopeful that proposed developments at Interstate 81's exit 23 in Mosheim could bring more motels and restaurants to support expansion in tourism.

A random sampling of people on the street Wednesday revealed that most Greene County residents support efforts to increase tourism in the county.

According to Lisa Cuel, who lives outside the county, Greeneville's offerings for arts and entertainment is another draw for tourists. Cuel said she and her husband drove two hours to Greeneville to attend a Brandon Heath concert at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

"We'll definitely be coming back every time we can," Cuel said.

James Tias is strongly in favor of promoting tourism in Greene County.

"You've got to have tourism," Tias said. "It's important because it helps the economy big time."

Jada Short would like to see more emphasis on outdoor resources.

"I think that it's not necessarily the monetary thing that would be most beneficial," Short said. "It's just letting people share in the beauty that Greene County has to offer them."

"It's hard to get people away from pigeon Forge and places like that. It's more heavily promoted. I'd like to see our tourism committee here in Greene County promote our Iris Festival a little bit more nationally and places like Viking Mountain, Paint Creek and Horse Creek."

Karen Waddell says tourism is important but is concerned about how it is split between the town and county.

"I think it's very important," Waddell said. "It's a significant amount of money to be saving in taxes, if it's going between Greeneville and Greene County. Unfortunately, there's a city and a county tax so I believe it should be split. I'm with the county school system. I believe very strongly it should be umbrellaed under one."

Bob Clark thinks tourism in the county is being hindered by litter.

"Of course (tourism is important)," Clark said. "It's huge. I'll tell you how to make it bigger. Pick up the trash and the litter. Do you know how many people come to visit us and say, 'Why is it so crappy here?' Just over the weekend, we had people at our house and they said, 'What's with all the trash?'"

Scott Solomon said that although he doesn't think the \$275 savings in local and state taxes is "overly significant," he believes tourism is important and would like to see the county capitalize on more natural resources like the National Forest and the Nolichucky River.

"I'd like to see more," Solomon said. "The more people come to visit, the more money they spend, the more tax revenue is brought in."

Knight noted that revenue from tourism can be generated with lower overhead costs than other revenue from other industries.

"I think what's really good about tourism is it's taking the dollars from people outside our community but helping our community," Knight said. "It's easy because they just go through and we give them entertainment but we don't have to give them services like we have to give our citizens."

Overall, the tourism industry in Northeast Tennessee supported nearly 7,000 jobs and generated more than \$800 million to the region from domestic travel in 2016, according to a news release from the Northeast Tennessee Tourism Association.

Carter, Greene, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi and Washington counties all had increases in overall economic impact from tourism compared to previous years, which the association said has a synergistic effect on the economies of each one.

"Each county in our region contributes to tourism and because of that, local residents see tax savings," Executive Director of Northeast Tennessee Tourism Association Alicia Phelps said in the release.

"Not only do we see the benefits of tourism through tax savings, but the industry also creates jobs. Last year, our region saw a 17.6 percent increase in payroll, as well as 12.6 percent increase in jobs created by tourism."

TWITTER

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vendors that the statement could be perceived as "inflammatory" and evoke a negative reaction. The decision kept Blackburn from paying to promote the video on Twitter but it didn't prevent individual users from posting it or linking to other social media platforms.

"After reconsidering the ad in the context of the entire message, we believe that there is room to refine our policies around these issues," Twitter said in a statement.

Blackburn was quick to see political gain in the short-lived ban, posting on Twitter about "standing up to Silicon Valley."

"It's a real shame that this censorship happened in the first place," said Blackburn spokeswoman Andrea Bozek.

Blackburn was the chair of a Republican-run House panel created to investigate Planned Parenthood and the world of fetal tissue research that urged Congress to halt federal payments to the women's health organization. Democrats contended that the GOP probe, concluded earlier this year, had unearthed no wrongdoing and wasted taxpayers' money in an abusive investigation.

The panel was created after anti-abortion activists released secretly recorded videos in 2015 showing Planned Parenthood officials discussing how they sometimes provide fetal tissue to researchers. The practice is legal if no profit is made, which was the point of contention in the controversy.

Fetal tissue research has backing among some scientists for its value in studying the chromosomal disorder Down syndrome, eye disease and other problems.

But Blackburn's committee report said fetal tissue "makes a vanishingly small contribution to clinical and research efforts, if it contributes at all," and recommended curbing federal grants for such research.

Transparency Advocates Push For Public Records Policy Change

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Open records advocates are pushing for Tennessee agencies to allow citizens to take cellphone photographs of public records.

In January, The Tennessee Office of Open Records Counsel issued a model policy that forbade requestors from making copies of records with personal equipment, following the adoption of a state law requiring government offices to establish written public records policies.

State Sen. Mike Bell, R-Riceville, told The Tennessean the restrictions, adopted by the Wildlife Resource Agency and Department of Transportation, put an undue burden on requestors.

Bell asked the two departments to review their policies Sept. 20 and petitioned the Office of Open Records Counsel to draft new language.

State Comptroller Justin Wilson said the counsel believes the language is appropriate.

Bell said he might sponsor a bill addressing the issue.

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BAILEYTON

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appearing to be out of scale with the needs of the area.

Tweed also listed reasons the planning commission could issue a denial of the request. Those include the area being stable, no substantial reason why the property cannot be used with its current zoning and the request could be used for any business including one that sales alcohol, among others.

"One concern that previous planning commissions have always had is they are always concerned about the conversion from the use of ... storage units to somebody getting a rezoning and putting in a beer joint," County Attorney Roger Woolsey told the commission. "But of course the county also has rules in place that you cannot sell beer within 300 foot of a residence."

Some neighbors have already voiced concern about the proposed project. Tweed said the county had received a couple of calls from neighbors but did not get into the specifics of the call.

Commissioners had a few questions about the proposed usage of the property. Those included how the line of sight was for pulling in and out of the property and whether any site plans were available. Once those questions were



SUN PHOTO BY NICK SHEPHERD

Greene County Building Official Tim Tweed (standing) discusses rezoning a property on Baileytown Road with Greene County Mayor David Crum (left), Greene County Attorney Roger Woolsey (right) and members of the Greene County Planning Commission.

answered, the commission approved the rezoning with no opposition.

In other business:

- The commission gave final approval to the Debusk Volunteer Fire Department's Addition Plot located on a 0.75 acre lot

located adjacent to Debusk Road.

- Approved a plan for signage, fencing and buffering requirements for a proposed day care at 1016 John Bird Road.
- The commission approved minor subdivi-

sions including surveying portions of Stanley and Scotty Ridley Property, portions of the Kimberly Leatherwood Property and surveying a portion of the Elizabeth Arnold et al property.

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