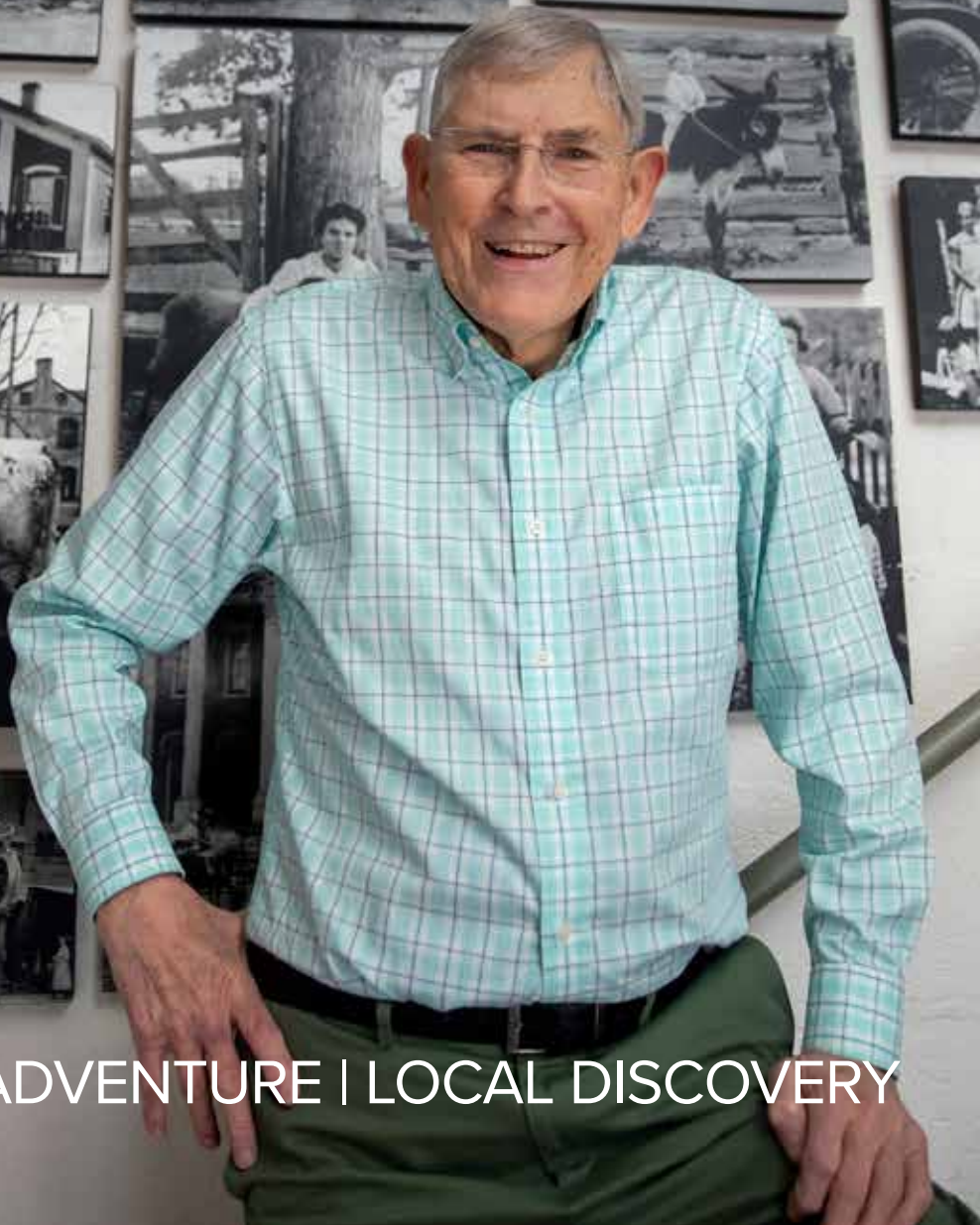


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Free Shred Day has become a signature event for DeBerry Insurance Agency, attracting hundreds of people each year. Last year's event brought the total amount of paper collected to 25 tons. This year's event could bring that number to 30 tons. All the paper collected is recycled, which keeps it out of landfills and saves more trees from being used to make new paper.

"We host our Free Shred Day event around Earth Day each year," said Chris DeBerry, Owner of DeBerry Insurance Agency. "This event is a give-back effort for our community as well as the environment."

The event also falls around tax season, a time when many people clean out files and paperwork.

"As insurance agents, we recognize how important it is to safely

discard identifying papers," said Eric DeBerry, Owner of DeBerry Insurance Agency. "Identity theft is a growing problem. Shredding identifying papers is one way to help prevent it."

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GARDEN TALK SERIES RETURNS TO LIBRARY

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The award-winning Williamson County Master Gardeners' Garden Talk series has returned to the Williamson County Public Library. This year, their speakers bureau and Williamson County Horticulture Extension Agent Taylor Reeder will present eight monthly programs covering everything from gardening for pollinators, growing bulbs, edible landscapes, and companion planting.

The Garden Talk series, presented at the library by the Williamson County Master Gardeners Association (WCMGA) since 2016, offers research-based horticultural education while promoting environmental stewardship. WCMGA operates as part of the UT/TSU Williamson County Extension Office and is an umbrella of the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture. The programs are designed for seasoned gardeners and beginners alike and combine informative presentations with hands-on demonstrations. In 2020, the series was awarded the Search for Excellence Award by the Tennessee

Extension Master Gardeners as the state's best educational gardening program of the year.

All programs are on Mondays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The first two programs are virtual via Zoom. The remaining six programs are in-person in the Library's Meeting Room on the first floor, with an option to join virtually. All programs are free to anyone who would like to attend. For more information or to register, call the Reference Department at 615-595-1243 or go to the library's website at bit.ly/WCPLtnGardenTalks

The Williamson County Public Library System's Main Library is in downtown Franklin at 1314 Columbia Avenue. Branches are in Fairview, Bethesda, College Grove, Nolensville, and Leiper's Fork. For more information about library programs or services, call **(615) 595-1243** or visit wcpltn.org.

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Rick Warrick is well known for his deep love of local history and a passion for bringing it to life. He serves as Williamson County Historian, but his dedication to honoring and preserving the area's history began long before he took on the official title.

Warrick is currently working on his 30th book highlighting the history of Williamson County. The latest is called "Burwood and Surrounding Communities," and like most of his books, this one will be chock full of old photographs.

"I try to crank out at least two books a year," he says. "This one is taking some time because I've got more than 500 photographs."

He's found photographs appeal to nearly everyone, whether they're avid readers or not.

"A lot of people may not like to read, but they love looking at old photographs," he explains. "And I've been fortunate to have a lot of people willing to share their photographs."

Pictures help tell stories, and Warrick says it's those stories that allow people to connect to things or events that took place long ago.

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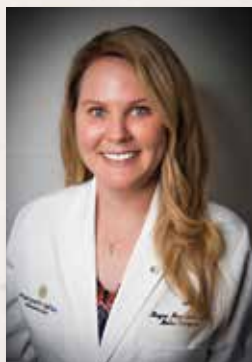
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It's something he figured out when he and his wife, Elaine, moved to Williamson County, and he began teaching high school history.

"In 1971, I began teaching in Leiper's Fork at Hillsboro School, which was a high school then," he recalls. "I had two classes of American history with juniors and two classes of students for eighth-grade social studies. And the textbooks were so bad, I had to start making my own."

He began focusing on local history and noticed what types of things resonated with kids and what didn't.

"Basic facts like dates and things leave kids cold. So, I've always found history is best learned and enjoyed through a narrative, through

stories. Because that's what history is really all about, telling a story from the past people can relate to."

Warrick is revered for his encyclopedic knowledge of Williamson County history. He's served as president of the Williamson County Historical Society, editor of the Williamson County Historical Society's annual journal, and on a number of boards, including the Heritage Foundation and many others.

His many books began with a desire to highlight a specific time or place of local interest. Three of his books have centered on the Civil War.

"I did one on the female experience in Franklin during the Civil

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Rick Warrick works from an office in the old jail on Bridge Street (the current home of the Heritage Foundation).

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War through letters, memoirs, diaries, and things like that. Another one on the reunions the Confederates had after the war. And I did one on the soldiers who fought in the Civil War through their letters and memoirs.”

He says what made the book on those who fought in the Civil War especially interesting was a collection of letters that gave a complete picture of what one local family went through from both the husband and wife’s perspective. The husband had sent his wife’s letters home, so Warrick had access to his letters and hers.

“You don’t usually get that in war, you usually only get one side. In this case, you’ve got the whole story.”

Warrick, who works from an office in the old jail on Bridge Street (the current home of the Heritage Foundation), says he’s always learning something new about Williamson County’s past.

“I’m amazed at what’s still out there that I haven’t discovered. Almost every day, someone comes in with a letter or an old photograph, or they have a story I haven’t heard before. This county has such a wonderful history.”

Warrick, who turns 77 in May, is determined to continue doing what he’s done for decades, preserving as much history as possible.



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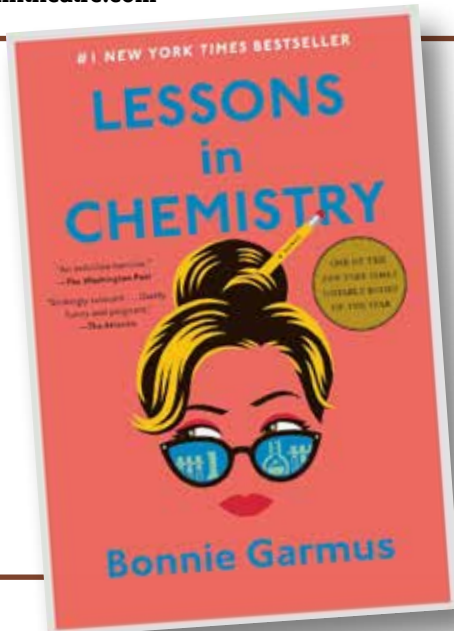
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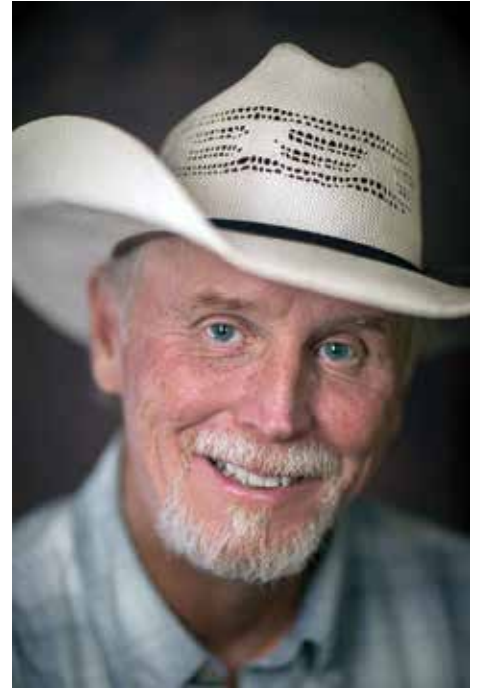
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TOPPING:

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CUSTARD:

6 LARGE EGG YOLKS
6 TABLESPOONS SUGAR
1 1/2 CUPS HALF-AND-HALF
2 TEASPOONS VANILLA



DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 375 F. Grease and flour 9-inch round springform pan.

To make cake: In large bowl, sift flour with cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg and ginger. Using fork, cut butter until mixture resembles crumbs. Add sugar and apples; mix well. Stir in eggs and half-and-half until mixture reaches thick, dough-like batter. Pour batter into prepared pan.

To make topping: In bowl, mix butter, flour and sugar to create crumbled mixture. Sprinkle on top of batter in pan. Bake 1 hour. Check with toothpick to make sure middle is completely done. If not, bake 5-10 minutes. Let cool on rack.

To make custard: Whisk egg yolks and sugar. In saucepan, bring half-and-half to boil. Add one spoonful half-and-half at a time to egg mixture, whisking while adding. Once whisked together, return to saucepan and stir over medium heat until thickened, about 4 minutes. Remove from heat and whisk in vanilla.

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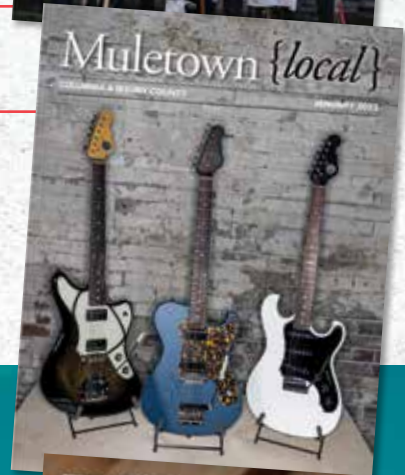
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