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Annual Sales Tax Holiday Happening July 25-27

NASHVILLE - Get ready to save! The State of Tennessee's annual sales tax holiday weekend will take place Friday, July 25 through Sunday, July 27.

During this holiday, Tennesseans can save nearly 10 percent on qualifying clothing, school supplies, and computers. Clothing and school supplies priced at $100 or less will be tax-free, and computers priced at $1500 or less will also be tax-free. Qualifying items may be purchased online and in stores.

"Tennessee's strong track record of fiscal stewardship has allowed our state to cut taxes and put dollars back in the pocket of hardworking Tennesseans," said Gov. Bill Lee. "I encourage every family to take advantage of back-to-school savings, and thank the General Assembly for their partnership to provide direct financial relief for taxpayers."

"Tennessee's sales tax holiday is the one time each year when these items can be bought without paying any sales tax," Revenue Commissioner David Gerregano said. "We encourage Tennesseans to take advantage of the savings."

Visit http://www.tntaxholiday.com for more information about the sales tax holiday, including a list of qualifying items. If you have questions, you can also call 615-253-0600 or email revenue.support@tn.gov .

The Department of Revenue is responsible for the administration of state tax laws and motor vehicle title and registration laws, and the collection of taxes and fees associated with those laws. The Department collects about 87 percent of total state revenue. During the 2024 fiscal year, it collected nearly $22.2 billion in state taxes and fees and more than $4.7 billion in taxes and fees for local governments. To learn more about the Department, visit www.tn.gov/revenue.

Tax-free weekend comment from Mayor Chad Graham

"I have always made education one of the cornerstones of my administration, and I think it is critical to the progress and quality of life of any community. I applaud the State of Tennessee for continuing to offer this tax-free weekend as a way for families to get ready to send their kids back to school. It's great not only for families themselves, but it also helps those who might want to buy school supplies to give to various backpack drives, Stuff The School Bus drives, or other charitable efforts.

"With its history in pencil manufacturing, Shelbyville produces, packages and distributes many of the school supplies that will be purchased across Tennessee and across the U.S., and so it's more than appropriate for us to celebrate this tax-free weekend.

"I want to wish nothing but the best for Bedford County's students as they prepare for another year of learning."



BC Adopt a Teacher campaign has kicked off *And it's bigger than ever!*

BEDFORD COUNTY ADOPT A TEACHER

By Dawn Hankins
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What began as a mission to ease the financial burden on our dedicated teachers has grown into a movement of community care and inclusivity, according to Adopt a Teacher campaign founder Tina Corley.

For the last 5 years, the BC Adopt a Teacher campaign has raised $622,000 worth of school supplies.

Tina continues to host live, weekly, Facebook events where she provides a promotional plug for the donor and draws for winners.

"This year, we're proud to expand our reach beyond the classroom. We invited educational assistants, school counselors, nurses, and cafeteria staff to share their wish lists too—because it takes a whole team to support our students. In addition to gathering supplies, we also invite local businesses to provide giveaways to teachers and support staff."

Tina says the group has had over 50 local businesses take part in this summer's campaign.

These live events have become a crowd favorite.

"When you join, you hear the latest campaign updates, and you might even win something! One of the requirements for an educator to win is they must like and follow the donor's business Facebook page. As a result, these small businesses are growing their customer reach. This concept has proven to be a win-win for teachers and local businesses, alike."

Wondering how you can help?

First, the Facebook group by searching for Bedford County, TN - Adopt a Teacher. Once there, you can begin to scroll to see pictures of the thousands of classroom gifts that have poured in, and you will also find countless wish lists inviting you to shop for items that are sure to enrich the public-school experience of students across our community.

Tina further advises how shopping is "simple and impactful."

Click on an Amazon wish list

Choose the item(s) you'd like to give

Add to cart and proceed to checkout

Select the educator's shipping address

Done! You've just made a difference in only minutes!

Yes, the item ships directly to the educator! It's so easy!

With items starting as low as $5, your gift—no matter the size—adds up to something BIG when

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Tina Corley - Founder

'I had a little idea back in 2020; His was much bigger. Matthew 17:20.'

Tina Corley, founder of Bedford County Adopt a Teacher campaign

BCS BEDFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS

Dear Bedford County Schools Families,

As we prepare to welcome students and staff back for the 2025–2026 school year, I want to take a moment to share my excitement and gratitude. We are looking forward to a great year filled with opportunities for learning, growth and continued success across all of our schools.

I'm proud to report that our preliminary academic data from last year shows strong progress. In particular, we made significant gains in high school English and 3rd grade English Language Arts, two key areas that build a foundation for lifelong learning. In fact, almost all of our schools saw growth across multiple subjects. These results reflect the dedication of our teachers, the hard work of our students, the ongoing support of families, and continued commitment of our community partners and the overall community.



This year also brings exciting new developments in our facilities. We are thrilled to open new school wings at both Thomas Magnet School and Liberty School, which will allow us to better serve our growing student populations and enhance learning spaces for everyone. In addition, many of our athletic facilities across the district have received much-needed upgrades, which will benefit our student-athletes and create more opportunities for community engagement and school pride.

Our teams are busy preparing for the first day of school for students, which is Friday, August 1, 2025. You can see the full calendar at https://www.bedfordk12tn.com/DistrictCalendars/. While you're visiting the website, be sure to check out the school Supply Lists under the RESOURCES tab, which are published for every school; you can conveniently shop online or head to the stores for tax-free weekend July 25-27. And I'd love to meet you at Start Strong Family Night, Thursday, August 7 from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. at Harris Middle School where we will be joined by many of our business and community partners with fun giveaways to help students kickoff the school year right!

As always, our commitment remains centered on providing a safe, supportive and high-quality educational experience for every student in Bedford County. We are ready to build on our progress and make this year our best one yet.

Thank you for your continued partnership. Together let's make 2025–2026 a fantastic school year!

Warmest regards,
Dr. Tammy Garrett
Superintendent of Bedford County Schools

The Webb School names 14th Head of School: Polly A. Parker

The Webb School in Bell Buckle recently announced Polly A. Parker, Ph.D., as its next Head of School - the 14th such appointment in The Webb School's 154-year history, and the first female to hold this office.

The Search Committee unanimously recommended Parker to the Board of Trustees, citing her extensive experience, collaborative vision, and proven leadership in independent and boarding school education. The Board also voted unanimously to appoint Parker, who officially filled her role this summer.

"Webb is in an exciting season filled with opportunities and challenges as we chart the next chapter in our 154-year history," shared Chase Spurlock, Co-Chair of the Search Committee. "The Search Committee and Board of Trustees recognize the importance of finding a new Head of School who can build upon Webb's accomplishments and growth over the last several years, honor what makes Webb unique, and confidently lead the school into the future. We believe we have found that person in Dr. Polly Parker. We look forward to the vision, enthusiasm, and expertise she will bring as she leads this historic institution."

"The Webb Board of Trustees enthusiastically welcomes Dr. Parker as our next Head of School," shared Farrar Vaughan, Chair of the Board of Trustees. "She has the experience, leadership, community-building, and problem-solv-

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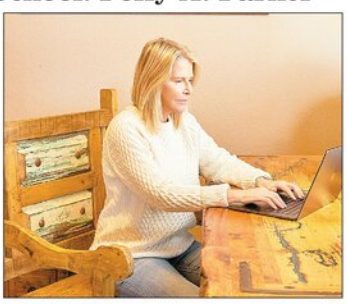

Polly A. Parker, Ph.D., has had a busy summer, getting ready for the role of head of school at The Webb School in Bell Buckle.

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combined with the kindness of others. Together, we are making a difference.

"While the campaign provides much needed supplies to every public school in Bedford County, that's not even the best part!" Tina says with a big smile. "Our group has created a culture of kindness and joy that is simply undeniable. I hope that you will join us today!"

Search "Bedford County, TN - Adopt a Teacher" on Facebook and if you have questions, please contact the founder and sole admin – Tina Corley- with questions at ttinacorley@gmail.com. Tina can also help you in finding a wish list should you need assistance. There are plenty of our educators still in great need of a helping hand.

Below are Facebook comments local teachers shared for this T-G story. For more, see the Bedford County Adopt a Teacher Facebook page!

Reagan Steenbergen

My classroom would not be the fun, cozy, comfortable, safe, enjoyable, and efficient learning environment it is without this campaign! Thank you is simply not enough!

Jeannie Harrah Keating

Teachers have always found a way to purchase the extras (and essentials) for their classroom. This campaign definitely helps, but more than the material aspect, it shows us that the community is behind us. It shows us we are not alone. It encourages us beyond measure. When we use a donated item, we pause and realize how loved and supported we are and that gives us what we need to keep going.

Debbie Holland Sudduth

Bedford County, TN - Adopt a Teacher is an interface (created by organizational genius and sweetheart Tina Baker Corley) that allows our community to pour into the lives of our greatest resource - our future - our children. Businesses generously provide blessings and as teachers we do our best to return to them a pool of workers with the educational and social foundation they need to be good employees. Friends and family donate and in return they have future neighbors, coworkers and service providers of the highest caliber because children have not just what they need to survive but to thrive and have the best educational experience possible. This organization is more than just a way to get supplies into classrooms; it is a way to bring all of Bedford County into a team effort of public education.

Phillip McConnell

The impact of Bedford County, TN - Adopt a Teacher and everything put into it by Tina Baker Corley will be felt for years to come. Kindergarten students got a better start, seniors got a better send off, and everyone in between is better because of Tina and BCAAT.

Christi Lux

"As a principal, I've seen firsthand the impact the Bedford County Adopt a Teacher Campaign has on our schools. It's a true blessing—not just for teachers, but for students, support staff, and the entire school community. When classroom needs are met through generous donations, it lifts a huge weight off our educators and creates a more positive, focused learning environment. It's heartwarming to see our local businesses and community members come together in such a powerful way to show that they value and support public education."

Tyler Ashton Hinds

The adopt a teacher program is absolutely amazing. It helps provide our children with the extra learning tools, activities, and supplies they need for a safe, fun environment. But, let me tell you about my experience lately. I reached out because a teacher at Community Elementary needed help. Not for her classroom but for her own bills and living expenses. Her husband is currently out of work for medical issues, she has kids at home she is taking care of, and she took on another summer job to try and make ends meet. Something so many teachers know and have to experience is how to budget for the summer or take on part time jobs. This teacher not only helped catch my daughter up in school, she took her and saw her for her. My daughter struggled because she is a Momma's girl and I was hospitalized for so long numerous times thru out her 2nd grade year. If you ask my daughter today, who is going into the 4th grade, who she fully adores and loves to death her answer will be Mrs. Jessi Welsh Street. One of the best ways I could of ever showed gratitude was to share that in Mrs. Streets time of need this group showed out. Helping teachers is amazing but giving them more than classroom supplies is beyond words of gratification. Bless each and every teacher because sometimes they step up and are there for our kids more than we can be.

Claudia Spivey House

This amazing campaign allows me to offer SO many more resources and hands on activities to my students without having to dip into my own wallet, but even more important than that is the caring and support that both my students and myself feel from our communities! When I let my students keep many of the stress reducer items we discuss in class, they are always so amazed and so grateful when I tell them that people in our community care so much about their education that they provide them with these items to keep!

Gwen Dehne

It takes a village to raise children! Bedford County, Tn - Adopt a Teacher, with the hard work and AMAZING dedication of Tina Baker Corley, allows the entire village to pull together so that the children can have the help they need to build their futures, through their school years!!

This campaign is a chance for those who are not teachers but want to show the teachers, custodians, bus drivers , SRO officers, and so many others, how much we appreciate all they put into our children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and so many others by donating to them to help them get all they need to do the best job possible! What a blessing to be able to donate to so many and show what community and God's love can do in helping others achieve their goals. Thank you Tina Baker Corley for everything you pour into this campaign!

Gayle Gragg Lamb

This campaign allows teachers to have items that make learning fun. Most of these items are not included in basic budgets. If not received during this campaign, most teachers would either have to purchase the items themselves or do without. This campaign is truly a blessing. It's a wonderful way for the community to get involved, helping classrooms of their choice. It's a WIN/WIN!

A Shelbyville main-stay: Corner Cleaners

Corner Cleaners has been Shelbyville and the surrounding area's trusted dry cleaner since 2001. Serving Bedford County, Wartrace, Tullahoma, and beyond, Suzy and team offer top-notch dry cleaning, laundry service, tuxedo rentals, and more.

"Our dedicated team ensures your garments are impeccably cleaned and pressed. Whether you need your everyday wear refreshed or a special outfit ready for a big event, Corner Cleaners has you covered," said Suzy Cartwright, owner.

One customer posted "We had the best experience with Corner Cleaners for my son's prom tux! The tux was absolutely on point—sharp, stylish, and fit perfectly. Everyone there is so sweet, kind, and incredibly easy to work with. They made the whole process stress-free from start to finish. Highly recommend!"

And most of all, it's owned and operated by locals-those who've supported schools for many years.

Corner Cleaners, 1200 North Main St., can help with everything from jerseys to tuxedos this school year. Call 931-684-9688.



Fatal accident report: 25-year-old father, husband, dies in 82 South accident

On July 4, a 25-year-old Moore County man died at Vanderbilt Hospital, following a head-on collision at Highway 82 South and Old Center Church Road.

According to the Tennessee Highway Patrol, the 25-year-old was travelling south with his wife, and their 11-month-old infant son, in a 2021 VW Atlas when a 16-year-old, traveling north in a pickup truck, crossed the center line and hit the family head on. The accident is recorded as occurring at 11:50 a.m. in Bedford County.

The mother and son suffered injuries. The juvenile driver also sustained injuries.

THP reports the couple were wearing their seat belts and the infant was in the proper child restraint seat. No charges have been filed.

The juvenile, according to THP, was not wearing a seatbelt. Charges for the juvenile are pending investigation.

Family said Monday that the mother and son suffered broken bones but are recovering.

Relatives note that the couple had just finished building a home. Services were held in Moore County last weekend for the father. See the obituary by the family on page 8 today.



School Supply Lists - Bedford County Schools: **https://www.bedfordk12tn.com/apps/supplies**

Look for lists on our T-G website at T-G.com

Bedford County Schools
2025 - 2026

In-Service Day
Administrative Day
School In Session
No School
Abbreviated Day
Staff Development
Parent Teacher Conference

July 2025

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July 21, 22, 23 - New Teacher Induction
July 24,25,28,29,30 Inservice Days (No School)
July31 - Administrative Day (No School)
August 1 - Semester 1 Begins
August 1 - 1st Day for Students/Abbreviated Day
Aug. 25 - Sept 1 Horse Show (No School)
September 26 - Inservice Day (No School)
October 23 - Parent/Teacher Conference (No School)
October 24 & 27 - Fall Break (No School)
November 24 - 28 Thanksgiving Break (No School)
December 19 - Abbreviated Day
Dec 22 - Jan 2 Winter Break (No School)
January 5 - Semester 2 Begins
January 5 - Staff Development Day (No School)
January 19 - MLK Day (No School)
February 6 - Staff Development (No School)
February 16 - President's Day (No School)
Feb 17-20 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 6 - Staff Development (No School)
March 30 - April 3 Spring Break (No School)
May 5 - Staff Development/Election Day (No School)
May 22 - Abbreviated Day/Report Cards
May 25 - Memorial Day (No School)
May 26 - Administrative Day (No School)

End of Nine Weeks
October 10
December 19
March 5
May 22

Mid-Nine Weeks
September 12
November 14
February 5
April 17

Report Card Dates
October 22
January 14
March 18
May 22

January 2026

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AN ISSUE-GONE!

Northern Bedford County residents say "bye-bye" to potential slaughterhouse

By Dawn Hankins

Back in June, residents of Highway 41A North spoke to the Rules and Legislative Committee about a potential animal slaughter house near their properties. Tuesday night, they were sure to have breathed a sigh of relief when Deputy Chief Nikia Elliott reported that as far as he knows, the barn in question has been shut down and animals removed.

Elliott gave this update during the Rules and Legislative Committee meeting. He said the USDA had become involved in this situation, given the number of animals that were apparently being slaughtered on the premises. The process is also a codes issue.

The residents had reported seeing dead animals on the property; they presented videos and photos to the Commissioners.

Some residents believed the owners of the property were dumping carcasses. They said they didn't believe it was fair for property owners paying taxes on $700,000 homes to have to deal with dead animal runoff.

Some of the residents talked about under nourished goats and bloated, dead cows on the property.

Commissioner Linda Yockey stated Tuesday night, for the record, that such establishments out in the County are in codes violation. County Planning Director Chris White said that month that anyone running a for profit slaughterhouse must be zoned industrial and currently the property in question is zoned agriculture.

The owners are of Nashville, according to a previous report filed online by the criminal division of TN Ag. The report is available at tn.gov.

In other committee news:

See a special digital report on T-G.com about a resolution which came before the Rules and Legislative Committee Tuesday night in regard to animal control.

A question has been raised: Should everyone in Bedford County be responsible, or fined, for not getting their animals spayed and neutered? Some think so. Some do not.

Inspiring education leaders raise the bar of excellence

Bedford County Board of Education recognized two outstanding education leaders during its regular meeting Tuesday night.

The meeting was changed this month due to some board members attending TSBA Law conference on Thursday, the original meeting night.

Honored were Patrick Hasty, Cascade Middle principal and Lori Sexton, BC CTE director. The two educators have respectfully been named 2025-26 Tennessee Principal of the Year and Supervisor of the Year semi-finalists.

They were chosen from a highly competitive pool of applicants representing all Centers of Regional Excellence (CORE) areas across the state.

Hasty and Sexton will now move into the second phase of the application process; they will be evaluated by a state-wide scoring panel. From this group, nine regional finalists in each category will be selected to advance to the interview round later this year.





State Rep. Pat Marsh announces new Tennessee Arts Commission grants

Speaker Pro Tempore Pat Marsh, representing District 62, has released a list of grant award recipients from the Tennessee Arts Commission for Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026) in his district. This is the first of a series of grants that will be made throughout FY2026.



These include: The Bedford County Arts Council, Carriage House Players, Tennessee Oldtime Music and Dance Association, Tennessee Tourism Investment Project, Inc., and the Town of Wartrace.

"I am very pleased to announce these annual grants that support Tennessee's communities and schools through the arts" said Rep. Marsh. "These investments enhance quality of life, strengthen our economy, boost tourism, and help ensure a well-rounded education for our children across the state, including in Bedford and Moore County."

"Tennessee is fortunate to be a state where few can rival the breadth and depth of its arts and culture. Tennessee boasts a unique array of artistic and cultural assets," said Anne B. Pope, Executive Director for the Tennessee Arts Commission. Arts and culture are vital tools for attracting and retaining businesses and help build stronger communities by enhancing the distinctive character of Tennessee places."

The Commission anticipates awarding approximately 1,000 grants in both rural and urban communities in all 95 counties of the state during the year, totaling up to $12.3 million dollars in 18 Annual and Rolling Grant categories. These funds have a direct impact on communities across Tennessee, in both urban and rural areas.

The Commission's allocations process involves a review by citizen advisory panels with expertise in various arts disciplines and a review by the full Commission. Other grant opportunities are offered throughout the year for qualifying organizations including grants for Arts Build Communities and Student Ticket Subsidy. Additional information on grant programs offered by the Commission is available at tnartscommission.org.

Tennessee's nonprofit arts and culture industry generates $1.4 billion in annual economic activity, supports over 23,400 full-time equivalent jobs, and strengthens quality of life, economic vitality, tourism, and arts learning for people of all ages. The Tennessee Arts Commission is the state arts agency whose mission is to cultivate the arts for the benefit of all Tennesseans and their communities.

Wound Care 101

Catherine D. Smith, APRN

Catherine is an Advance Practice Registered Nurse at Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital in Shelbyville



Minor injuries such as cuts and scrapes are common and can happen from doing everyday activities. While most can be treated at home with basic first aid, it is important to understand how to care for them properly to avoid infection, minimize scarring and recognize when it is time to call your doctor.

Wound care is a critical service used to treat common wounds such as pressure sores and skin ulcers, or other wounds that occur from non-common injuries or procedures. Comprehensive wound care refers to diagnosing the type of wound, considering factors that affect healing such as underlying health conditions and applying appropriate treatments to promote timely healing and prevent infection.

When caring for a wound at home the first step is to wash your hands thoroughly before treating the affected area to prevent bacteria transfer that can cause infection and wear gloves when possible. Begin caring for the wound by applying pressure with a sterile cloth until bleeding has stopped. Most minor wounds should stop bleeding after a few minutes once the blood begins to clot. Then, rinse the wound bed with cool water to remove dirt and use mild soap to clean the wound to ensure the area is clean before proceeding.

It is a common misconception that hydrogen peroxide or rubbing alcohol should be used to clean wounds. In fact, they can actually damage healthy tissue and delay healing which is why healthcare providers recommend avoiding these harsh antiseptics. Instead, once the wound is disinfected with mild soap and water, you can cover the wound with a clean sterile bandage. Antibiotic cream is only recommended for wounds that show signs of infection and overuse can lead to allergies to the medication making it less effective when you do need it. It is important to keep the wound clean and dry and change the bandage daily or whenever it becomes soiled. Wounds heal best when they are kept covered and slightly moist rather than left open to "air them out" because this dries the tissue and slows the healing process.

It is essential to understand the degree of severity of a wound to determine if you should seek medical attention. You should contact your doctor if the wound is deep, won't stop bleeding after several minutes of applied pressure or bone or muscle is exposed. It may not seem like a big deal, but if you have a puncture wound of any kind from a dirty or rusty object or an animal bite it may require a tetanus shot or IV antibiotics to avoid infection. Lastly, burns that are larger than the size of your hand or wounds that show any signs of infection such as blistering, heat, swelling or red streaks should be evaluated by a medical provider as soon as possible.

People with chronic conditions such as diabetes, poor circulation or immune suppression are more prone to developing chronic wounds and experience compromised healing. Chronic wounds are injuries that do not heal in a timely manner which is generally 50% of the way healed within four weeks. Chronic wounds may persist for weeks or even months. Specialized wound care is essential in these cases and may be necessary to avoid complications such as serious infection and in extreme cases amputation should it be left untreated for an extended period of time.

Keeping a well-stocked first aid kit at home and in your car is a simple step that can make a big difference when accidents happen to ensure you have bandages, gloves and antiseptic wipes readily available when caring for minor injuries. Being aware of the signs and symptoms above will help you determine if you require additional medical assistance to heal properly and recover safely.



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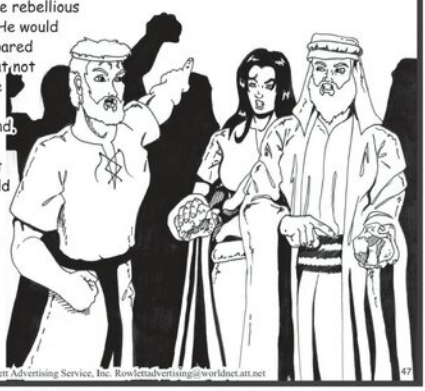
FEATURES FROM THE BIBLE

TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

Rebellion on the Journey
Numbers 14

The ten spies who talked against the Israelites taking the land God was leading them to had much support. All of the people grumbled against Moses and Aaron and talked of stoning them.

The Lord wanted to destroy the rebellious people but Moses prayed that He would forgive them and He did and spared them. But he also declared that not one of them would ever see the promised land. Only a new generation would enter that land.



All ten of the spies who did not believe that the Israelites could take the land died of a plague.

Joshua and Caleb, the two who encouraged Moses that they could take the land, survived and were permitted to enter the land "flowing with milk and honey."

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Historic step for the Webb School of Bell Buckle

"Big Foot" giving campaign earns two unprecedented CASE Circle of Excellence Awards

BELLBUCKLE,TENN. – For the first time in the school's 155-year history, Webb—this July—won two Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Circle of Excellence Awards in recognition of the Alumni & Development Office's "Big Foot" Webb Fund engagement campaign.

"The Circle of Excellence Awards shine a spotlight on the extraordinary creativity, passion and innovation demonstrated by advancement professionals at institutions around the world," said CASE President and CEO Sue Cunningham.

This year's Circle of Excellence Awards drew entries from 640 colleges, universities and schools across 33 countries, with 4,460 submissions competing across 93 categories in the fields of alumni relations, communications, development, marketing and allied areas. Of the 477 total awards given, only 38 were earned by independent schools, like Webb, making this dual recognition particularly noteworthy. The Webb School received silver in the Videos on a Shoestring (Fundraising) category for its video titled "Breaking News: Big Foot Sightings," and a bronze award in the Fundraising Annual/Regular Giving Campaigns (Less Than 10 Staff) category for "The Big Foot 100" campaign.

CASE judges praised the campaign's creativity, noting the "clever play on [The Webb School's] mascot," describing it as "playful and imaginative" with "colorful, curiosity-sparking materials." In addition, they highlighted how the campaign engaged the entire school community and demonstrated "clear, consistent communications and a strong team dynamic."

"We're incredibly proud of this recognition from CASE," said Director of Alumni & Development Jonathon Hawkins. "This campaign represents the creativity and dedication of our entire team, and it's gratifying to see how our playful approach to engagement resonated not just with our alumni, but now with our peers in the advancement profession."

"The Big Foot 100," which engaged constituents through social media, email, text, video and mail, exceeded expectations as 157 alumni donors, including 102 new individuals, contributed $90,000 in gifts and pledges to The Webb School throughout the month-long campaign. Prompting a significant increase in alumni donor participation, the campaign's success extended well into the 2025 fiscal year as well, with alumni giving participation running 3% ahead of the prior year in its entirety. A true team effort honoring several school traditions, including the Foot mascot, the Wilderness Instruction and Leadership Development (W.I.L.D.) program and the annual Senior Blazer Day, the campaign was produced entirely in-house.

"I am so proud of the ways in which our tremendously unique and supportive community rallied around this campaign," said Assistant Director of Alumni & Development Kristen Linton Alsup '00.

"These awards not only celebrate outstanding achievements but also underscore how essential this work is to strengthen educational communities and positively shape lives and society," added CASE President Cunningham.

Founded in 1870 by renowned educator Sawney Webb, The Webb School is the South's oldest continuously operating coed, independent college preparatory school for boarding, day and international students in grades 6–12. Located in Bell Buckle, Tenn., Webb is committed to academic excellence, integrity and the development of character in students.

2025 Fine Arts Scholarship awarded to Cascade Grad Ella Jefferson

Each year, the Carol and Jonathan Price Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship is awarded to at least one deserving Bedford County high school senior by Bedford County Arts Council. This year's recipient is Cascade High graduate Angela "Ella" Jefferson.

Jefferson plans to attend the University of Tennessee-Knoxville this fall as a music performance major in clarinet. In addition, she will be a part of the Pride of the Southland Marching Band, and plans on minoring in business and photography.

The $1,000 scholarship awarded to Ella will help her continue her passion for the arts. "I love music and the arts," Ella said as she was awarded the scholarship check by The Fly's President Jody Barnes-Turner and Vice President Jennifer Dawn Smith.

"During difficult times in my life, music has been there to help me through. The arts have always provided a place where I most feel at home. I hope to share that with others in the future."

The Carol and Jonathan Price Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship was created in 2020 to honor the memories of the founder of the Bedford County Arts Council, Carol Price, and her son Jonathan-both enthusiastic supporters of local arts.

Seniors from any high school in Bedford County (public, private and homeschool) may apply to receive the scholarship at https://www.flyartscenter.com/scholarship. Deadline to apply is March 15.



Bedford County Arts Council (The Fly Arts Center) President Jody Barnes-Turner (right) and Vice President Jennifer Dawn Smith (left) recently presented scholarship recipient Ella Jefferson with a check for $1,000 for her continuing education.

BEDFORD COUNTY

CTE IS GROWING

CTE in Bedford County is growing and continues to give students unique, hand-on learning opportunities.

So what's new?

A new audio/visual production program of study will be launched at Shelbyville Central High School, led by Neal Gordan. This program will allow students to learn both audio and video production. They will operate a student-led radio station and create promotional, hype, and other videos.

Students at Cascade High School have the opportunity to learn more about Cybersecurity through the new program being launched this fall under the guidance of Andrew Vanderpool.

Across all middle schools, students will explore a variety of career fields through hands-on learning in Future Ready Labs.

Career exposure is vital for student success. Through these learning experiences, students experience what they like and what they don't. Future Ready Labs help students find their niche and passion which should lead them on the path to a meaningful career.

Office of the Sheriff
Bedford County Tennessee
Activity Report for the month of June, 2025
Sheriff Austin Swing

Total Miles: 59,438
Total Citations: 34
Total Warrants Served: 695
Total Arrests Made: 192
Total Inmates Currently in Holding: Jail: 376
Total Persons Processed Through: Jail: 327
10-27 (Burglary): 1
10-42 (Alarms): 28
10-43 (Investigations, etc): 309
10-44 (Stolen Vehicle): 1
10-45 (Auto Acc. No Injury): 55
10-46 (Auto Acc. W/Injury): 12
10-49 (Drunk Driver): 1
10-56 (Prowler): 3
(Child Abuse): 2
(Assault/Agg. Assault): 11
10-64 (Motorist Assist): 62
10-72 (Fire): 13
10-86 (Domestic): 2
10-14 (Escort - No Arrest): 21
10-15 (Transport In Custody): 34
10-81 (Traffic Stop): 286
911 (Hang-up & Other): 69
Other: 117
Total: 636







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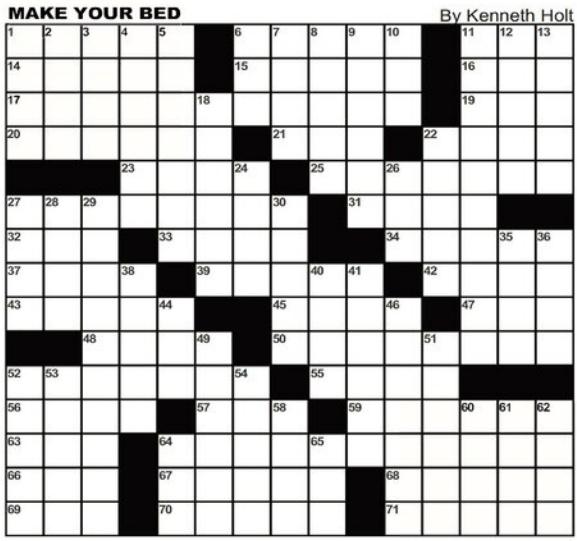
By Kenneth Holt



CLUES ACROSS

1) Prefix meaning "large"
6) Odd-numbered page
11) Beaver's work
14) Like some bodies on a beach
15) Dog-___ (well-worn, as pages)
16) Lennon's love
17) Magazine layout
19) African antelope
20) Zen enlightenment
21) Bird bill
22) Storklike critter
23) CD-___ (computer inserts)
25) CIA town
27) Sickeningly suave
31) Fancy party
32) Barracks address
33) Barber's motion
34) May, for one
37) Hosiery annoyance
39) Ringo with the beat
42) Creole vegetable
43) Leveled
45) Carpe ___
47) Suffix for "velvet"
48) Canine cry
50) Ushered
52) Not peaceful
55) Nut with caffeine
56) Mock turtle, for one
57) As___ instructions
59) Summaries
63) "Gimme___!" (start of an Iowa State cheer)
64) Accountant's tool
66) Come together
67) Director Marshall
68) In a nutshell
69) Suffix for 41-Down
70) Mountain crest
71) Fore-and-aft-rigged vessel

CLUES DOWN

1) Swabs a floor
2) Eastern pooh-bah (Var.)
3) Coagulate
4) Comeback
5) Aromatic
6) Weightlifter's lift
7) Make, as money
8) Angler's basket
9) Steeped thing on a string
10) Unpaired
11) Pooch warmer
12) "Tomorrow" musical
13) Terribly timid
18) Neil and Carly
22) Hardly a summer house
24) It must be followed
26) War zone during LBJ's presidency
27) Moscow's land, once (Abbr.)
28) Pinta's sailing companion
29) Bee product?
30) Hand shovel
35) Forest growth
36) Full house, e.g.
38) "Forward," when commanding a horse
40) Game of world conquest
41) Guinness Book entry
44) 551, in stone
46) Annoys continually or chronically
49) Effervescent "Dr"
51) "Friends" female
52) Grammar topic
53) July 7, e.g.
54) Coat with a metal alloy
58) Cost of living?
60) Sleek, for short
61) 100 centavos
62) Resign (with "down")
64) You may get into hot water here
65) Nautical "yes"

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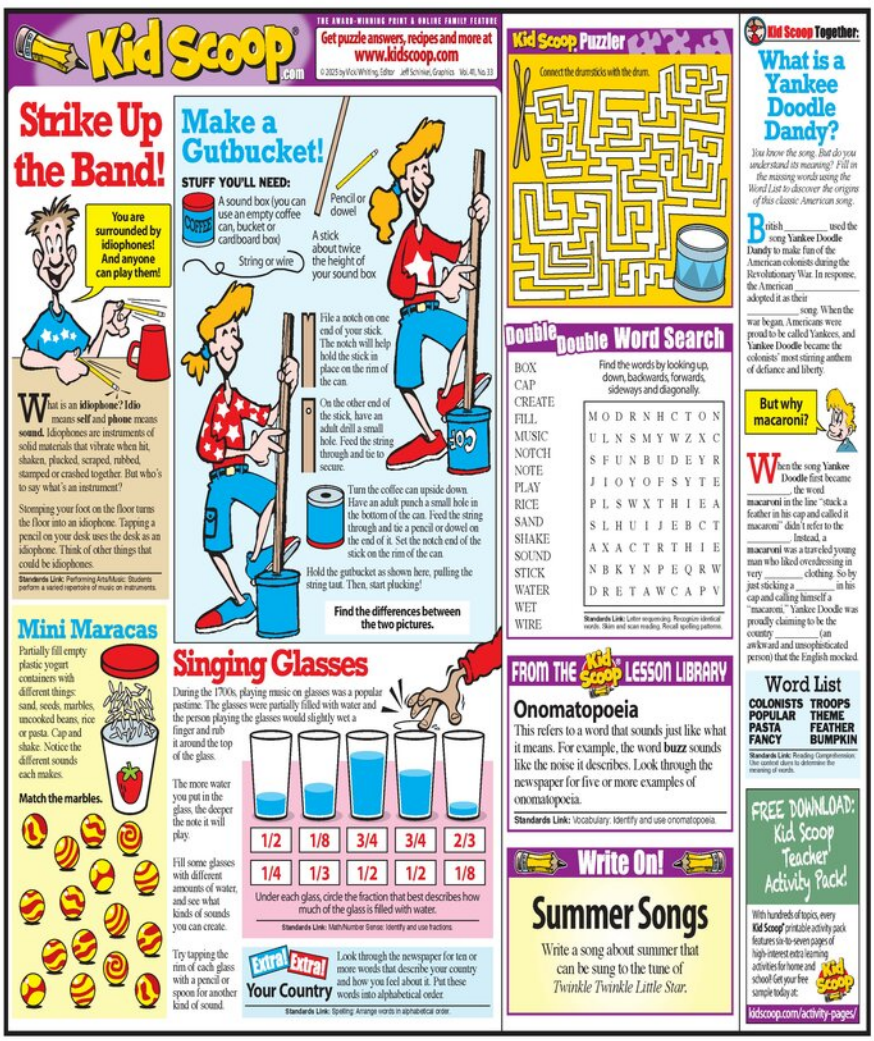

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, Cousin Enterprises LLC executed a Deed of Trust to Momentum Title, LLC, Trustee for the benefit of New Silver Lending, LLC, on April 1, 2022 and recorded on April 6, 2022 in Book TD1048, Page 918, Instrument No. 22002973 in the Office of the Register of Bedford County, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust CWS Investments, Inc. (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, McMichael Taylor Gray LLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on August 7, 2025, at 12:00 PM at 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160 at the Bedford County Courthouse, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Bedford County, TN:

Being Lot No. 170, Covered Bridge Estates Subdivision, Section XII, a Plat of which is of record in Plat Cabinet "A2", Envelope 299, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, to which said plan reference is hereby made for a more complete and accurate legal description thereof.

Being the same property conveyed to Randall Cousin and Delicia Cousin, husband and wife, by warranty deed from Ethan Graves, unmarried, of record in Book D370, Page 503, in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, dated December 22, 2021 and recorded on December 29, 2021.

Being the same property conveyed to Cousin Enterprises, LLC, a Tennessee Limited Liability Company, by quitclaim deed from Randall Cousin and Delicia Cousin, husband and wife, dated April 1, 2022, of record in Book D372, Page 876, in the Register's Office for Bedford County, Tennessee.

Street Address: 286 Emily Lane aka 0 Emily Lane, Lot 170, Bell Buckle, TN 37020

Parcel Number: 020LA 002.00 000

Current Owner: Cousin Enterprises LLC, a Tennessee Limited Liability Company

Other Interested Party(ies): Electrical Masters, The Law Office of W. Thomas Bible, Jr.

NOW, THEREFORE, in compliance with Tennessee Code § 35-5-104(a), a true and correct copy of this Notice is displayed online and available for public viewing at www.anchorposting.com.

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This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; any deed of trust; and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust. The undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded by the Substitute Trustee at any time.

This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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NOTICE

ISABEL CALLES CANSECO

The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a Petition to Declare Child Dependent and Neglected as to Erick Elias Calles Xum. It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby **ORDERED** to serve upon Stephen Marsh, Attorney for the Tennessee Department of Children Services, 200 Athens Way, 2nd Floor, Suite A, Nashville, TN 37243, 615-838-8129, an Answer to the Petition to Declare Child Dependent and Neglected filed by the Tennessee Department of Children's Services, within thirty (30) days of the last day of publication of this notice, and pursuant to Rule 39(e)(1) of the Tenn. R. Juv. P. you must also appear in the Juvenile Court of Jackson County, Tennessee at Gainesboro, Tennessee on the 2nd day of September, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., for the Hearing on the Petition to Declare Child Dependent and Neglected by the State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services. If you fail to do so, a default judgment will be taken against you pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-1-117(n) and Rule 55 of the Tenn. R. of Civ. P. for the relief demanded in the Petition. You may view and obtain a copy of the Petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents at the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office, Gainesboro, Tennessee. (734lc)

John R. Walker
vs Angelica Walker

Docket No. 14348

In this cause it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, therefore the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon **ANGELICA WALKER.** It is ordered that said Defendant enter HER appearance herein within thirty (30) days after July 31, 2025, same being the date of the last publication of this notice to be held at Bedford County Circuit Court at 108 North Creek Drive, Shelbyville, TN 37160 and defend or default will be taken on August 31, 2025. It is therefore ordered that a copy of the Order be published for four (4) consecutive weeks succession in the Shelbyville Times-Gazette, a newspaper published in Shelbyville, Tennessee, July 10, 2025; July 17, 2025; July 24, 2025; and July 31, 2025.

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NOTICE

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The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a Petition to Declare Child Dependent and Neglected as to Elmer Nehemiah Majia Lorenzo. It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby **ORDERED** to serve upon Elizabeth Spurbeck, Attorney for the Tennessee Department of Children Services, 1500 College Park Drive, Columbia, TN 38401 931-309-5947, an Answer to the Petition to Declare Child Dependent and Neglected filed by the Tennessee Department of Children's Services, within thirty (30) days of the last day of publication of this notice, and pursuant to Rule 39(e)(1) of the Tenn. R. Juv. P. you must also appear in the Juvenile Court of Bedford County, Tennessee at Shelbyville, Tennessee on the 22nd day of September, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., for the Hearing on the Petition to Declare Child Dependent and Neglected by the State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services. If you fail to do so, a default judgment will be taken against you pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-1-117(n) and Rule 55 of the Tenn. R. of Civ. P. for the relief demanded in the Petition. You may view and obtain a copy of the Petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents at the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office, Shelbyville, Tennessee. (7174lc)

Bedford County property transfers

The following property sales were recently recorded in the Bedford County Register of Deeds office.

File date: July 8

Location: 110 Horseshoe Dr; Seller, Southeast Construction Group LLC; Buyer, Timothy Joseph Collier, Sarah Collier; Price, $399,999 (Deed).

Location: 104 Chevelle Court; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Oelando Cumba Flores, Norma Iris Clores Hernandez; Price, $317,990 (Deed).

Location: 307 Adams Rd; Seller, Robert Washburn, Joann Washburn; Buyer, Robert Washburn; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 223 Ledbetter Rd; Seller, Rufino Gomez, Margarita Rodriguez; Buyer, Yetliza Gomez; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: July 9

Location: 103 Bush Circle; Seller, Lynn Kinnison; Buyer, Kristofer Throneberry, Megan Throneberry; Price, $390,000 (Deed).

Location: 104 Avalon Dr; Seller, Purchasing Fund 20211 LLC; Buyer, Arianna Warrington; Price, $270,000 (Deed).

Location: 120 Deery St; Seller, Rose Marie Young; Buyer, Christopher Perry; Price, $1,300,000 (Deed).

Seller, Clint Alexander, James Clinton Alexander Jr; Buyer, Marian Wynne McDonald, Marian Wynne Alexander; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: July 10

Location: 6530 Hwy 64 E; Seller, Larry Bradley Denicola, Lisa Ann Daugherty Denicola; Buyer, Malcolm Franklin Rose III, Jaime Welsh Rose; Price, $850,000 (Deed).

File date: July 11

Location: Carlisle Ave; Seller, Carrie Lynn Gammill; Buyer, Michael Todd Gammill; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Carlisle Ave; Seller, Carrie Lynn Gammill; Buyer, Michael T Gammill; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 1021 Madison St; Seller, Fathi Alshinnawi; Buyer, Tasniem Shinawi; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Sandra Carroll Smith; Buyer, Sandra Carroll Smith Revocable Trust, Sandra Carroll Smith, Carrie Smith Crocker; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: 321 Deer Point Rd; Seller, Justin T Pendergrast; Buyer, Denise R Sutton; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 321 Deer Point Rd; Seller, Denise R Sutton, Denise R Pendergrast; Buyer, Matthew Reed; Price, $30,000 (Deed).

File date: July 14

Location: Old Nashville Dirt Road; Seller, Harold E Biggers Sr, Harold E Biggers; Buyer, Sheri M Disney; Price, $232,000 (Deed).

Location: 303 Shapard Dr; Seller, Joseph Irrera; Buyer, Rhonda Irrera; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Halls Mill Road; Seller, Michael Kucharski; Buyer, Gerald Pendergrast, Rita Pendergrast; Price, $225,000 (Deed).

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

THIS SUNDAY AT FUMC-S

This Sunday at **First United Methodist Church Shelbyville**, Pastor Abe Zimmerman will preach "Be the Exception: Part 2" from Titus 3:1-11. This letter of Paul speaks directly into a specific cultural moment for the believers on Crete. Come and see how this letter challenges them and us to live differently from our surrounding culture. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 a.m., followed by the worship service at 10 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church are available during worship. For those unable to attend in person, FUMC-S offers a livestream on Facebook and YouTube, and a broadcast on WLIJ 98.7 FM and AM 1580.

QUARTERLY RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

First Presbyterian Church-Shelbyville (600 N. Brittain Street) will host the quarterly Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, July 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Due to a blood supply shortage, a special appeal has been issued for Type O blood. If you have that type or know folks who do, please consider donating yourself and pass the word to others. Regardless of your blood type, please join in giving a pint For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org and go to the Shelbyville Community FPC.

PARKER

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ing skills needed to lead Webb in the coming years."

Parker's distinguished career includes strengthening boarding schools, fostering inclusive communities, and promoting student-centered programming. Her leadership philosophy is rooted in collaboration, transparency, and continuous improvement. With extensive experience in financial management, fundraising, and strategic planning, she is well-equipped to address Webb's current needs while honoring its traditions and values as the Webb community looks ahead to the future.

"The Webb School has a storied legacy of academic excellence and character-based education," shared Parker. "I am deeply honored to become part of Webb's rich history and to serve as its first female Head of School. As I take on the privilege of leading this institution, I am deeply committed to embracing, cherishing, and nurturing the vibrant spirit that defines Webb."

Outgoing Head of School, Ken Cheeseman, said, "My hope has always been that Webb would find a leader to help this amazing school thrive in the years to come. We are truly blessed to have someone with this caliber of experience, character, business savvy, and leadership ability ready to take the reins. I have been thoroughly impressed with Dr. Parker in all my interactions with her, and I am truly excited for this next chapter in her life and the next chapter in Webb's history."

Cheeseman and Parker will collaborate throughout much of the first half of 2025 to ensure continuity in the transfer of leadership.

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The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the following: Hussey Gay Bell – Nashville, LLC; 4117 Hillsboro Pike, Suite 206; Nashville, Tennessee 37215

Copies may be obtained at the office of Hussey Gay Bell – Nashville, LLC located at 4117 Hillsboro Pike, Suite 206; Nashville, Tennessee 37215, upon payment of $50.00 for each DIGITAL set and $100.00 for each PAPER set (non-refundable).

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The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. Each bidder must deposit his bid security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract. These include Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246. Further, Title VI Minority bidders are encouraged to bid.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Dated: 07/07/25
/s/ Brian Ross, Mayor

Shelbyville Times-Gazette

Obituaries

Death Notices

James Liggett

James Liggett, age 93, of Lewisburg, passed away July 11, 2025 in Lewisburg. Mr. Liggett was born November 9, 1931, in Bedford County to the late John Myrtle Liggett and Lottie Mae Conner Liggett. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Ima Faye Liggett, who passed in 2011.

Mr. Liggett is survived by his son, Wayne (Teresa) Liggett of Murfreesboro; a daughter, Sandra (Tom) Weaver of Petersburg.

Services in care of Lawrence Funeral Home 203 S. Horton Pkwy Chapel Hill, TN.

Alfred Burton "Burt" English

Alfred Burton "Burt" English, affectionately known to his loved ones as "Poppy," departed this life on July 10, 2025, at the age of 82. He was a former City judge and served many years as a local attorney.

Born on September 15, 1942, Burt was graduate of Shelbyville Central High School, Class of 1960. He is survived and remembered by his sons, Kevin (Shelley Medlin) English and Michael (Kimberly Snyder.)

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Bryan Kevin Nerren Sr.

Bryan Nerren Sr., a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and faithful servant of God, entered his eternal home on July 12, 2025, in Shelbyville. He was 64. For 26 years, he faithfully pastored the International House of Prayer in Shelbyville.

Throughout his life, Bryan founded the Asian Children's Education Fellowship, served as president for Bedford County Rotary Club and Bedford County Ministerial Association.

He is survived by his wife, Rhonda, and children, Kevin (Heather) and Laura.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Mattie Bell Cobb Wisdom

Mattie Bell Cobb Wisdom, 84, of Shelbyville, entered The Kingdom of Heaven July 9, 2025. She was born April 17, 1941, in Awalt, TN. to Herman and Addie Bell Bailey Cobb. In 1959, Mattie married Douglas Wilson Wisdom Sr. Together they raised five children, Douglas (Tamara) Wisdom Jr., Latricia (Tim) Lokey, Deana (Ronnie) Smith, David (Judy) Wisdom and Renee (Jimmy Dodson) Dillon.

Mattie was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Henry Lee Hargrove, Jr.,

Henry Lee Hargrove Jr., age 84, of the Wheel community of Bedford County, passed away June 21, 2025, in Lynchburg. Mr. Hargrove was born May 1, 1941, in Chapel Hill, TN to the late Henry Lee Hargrove Sr. and Ethel Louise Ragsdale Hargrove.

Mr. Hargrove was retired after 21 years from Textron Aerostructures/AVCO in Nashville, TN. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Sandra Yoes Hargrove; sons, Tad (Kim) Hargrove of Lewisburg and Tye (Brandi) Hargrove of Hendersonville; daughters, Kathy Hargrove Curtis of Chapel Hill, Lisa (Toby) Yoes Hobbs of Shelbyville, and Laura (Bill) Yoes Gordon of Shelbyville

Services in care of Lawrence Funeral Home 203 S. Horton Pkwy Chapel Hill, TN. 37034.

Obituaries

Stephen Austin Lynch



Stephen Austin Lynch, age 25, of the Petersburg area of Moore County, passed away unexpectedly on July 4, 2025, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He was born on August 5, 1999, in Fayetteville to Christopher Lynch and Clarissa McPeak Randolph.

Stephen was a 2017 class graduate of Moore County High School, where he played football, and he was currently employed by Cooper Steel as a welder.

He attended County Line Baptist Church.

Stephen enjoyed being outdoors and playing cornhole with his friends. But of all he treasured the time he spent with his wife and son.

Stephen is preceded in death by his grandfather, Dwight McPeak and great-grandparents, Henry and Alice Lynch, and Leonard and Bernice Burks.

He is survived by his wife, Emily Lynch; son, Henry Leighton Lynch; parents, Chris and Brenda Lynch and Clarissa and Johnny Randolph; grandparents, Emma Simmons, Jimmy Lynch Sr. and Pasty McPeak; sister, Jani (Zach) Bobo; brother, J.D. Randolph; father and mother–in–law, Paul and Nell Green. He is also survived by brothers and sisters-in-law, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visitation was held on Sunday, July 13, 2025, from 5:00pm – 8:00pm at Jennings-Moore-Cortner Funeral Home and then again on Monday, July 14, 2025, from 11:00am – 2:00pm with funeral service following at 2:00pm. Interment followed at County Line Cemetery with Travis Thronebery, Ryan Green, Dustin Ward, Justin Youngblood, John M. Crick, Zach Bobo, Brad Helton and J.D Randolph all serving as pallbearers. Zachary Millsaps, Hunter Trott and Benjie Trott served as honorary pallbearers.

Jennings-Moore-Cortner Funeral Home 181 Majors Blvd, Lynchburg, TN 37352. (931)759-4552. www.jenningsmoorecortner.com

Darlene Faulk



Darlene Faulk, age 84 of LaFayette, GA and was formerly of Murfreesboro, passed away Tuesday July 8, 2025. She was a native Coffee County, and was preceded in death by her parents, Edward Sons and Fannie Maurine Coffey Sons; brother, Roger Dale Sons, and her husband James R. Faulk.

Mrs. Faulk was a member of Mt Pleasant Baptist Church in Rockvale and retired from General Electric in Murfreesboro. She had worked for the Pencil factory in Shelbyville and sold Tupperware, and Avon Cosmetics. Mrs. Faulk was also a Cub Scout Leader in Rutherford County.

She is survived by her children, Evertte Devon Faulk and wife Lori, Leasa Hunter and husband Eric; grandchildren, Kayla Faulk, and Jamison Faulk; great-grandchildren, Kimora, Kalia, Sara Anne, Hayden Cole.

Visitation will be Sunday July 13, 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, at Woodfin Memorial Chapel. Funeral service will be Monday, July 14, 12 Noon at Woodfin Memorial Chapel. The Rev. Bobby Maxwell will officiate. Interment to follow in Roselawn Memorial Gardens. www.woodfinchapel.com

Bobbie Frank Porter



Bobbie Frank Porter, age 82, of Brentwood, TN, passed on June 18, 2025. She was born in Shelbyville, TN on January 28, 1943, to Dorthy and Robert L. Cates. Bobbie graduated from Central High, Shelbyville High School. After high school, she obtained her cosmetology certificate and began her lifelong career in hair styling. She worked for some of the best salons in the area before founding her own business—Bobbie's Beauty Box—which became one of South Nashville's most popular salons, known for booking appointments every 15 minutes. She was a hairstylist and owned her salon for a total of 24 years.

Bobbie met the love of her life, James Robert Porter, at the Triune 66 service station, and they were married on December 18, 1963, at the Triune Methodist Church.

Together, they raised two children, Robert Porter (Katy Porter) and Pamela Farrell (Scott Farrell), and were blessed with five grandchildren: Andrew (Hannah Farrell), Grace Farrell, Jenna Worth (McKenzie Worth), Annie Porter, and Sam Porter. Known as "Nana," Bobbie was deeply devoted to her family, creating lasting memories through travel, storytelling, and shared laughter. The family often enjoyed weekends and holidays boating and camping at local lakes.

Bobbie served as a Sunday school teacher and youth leader alongside her husband at Tusculum Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and later joined Brentwood United Methodist Church. Despite the demands of running a busy salon, she always made time to support her children in their activities and sports. After retiring, Bobbie developed a passion for golf, often playing as many as 36 holes in a day at Brentwood Country Club as she worked to master the game. She also traveled extensively with her husband, Jim.

Bobbie was a loyal friend known for her honesty—those who knew her knew to expect the truth if they asked for her opinion. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who knew her.

Visitation will be held on June 30 at 2:00 PM, followed by the funeral service at 3:00 PM, both at Brentwood United Methodist Church. Burial will follow services at Triune Methodist Church, 7906 Nolensville Road.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be designated to: St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Center for Youth Minister Training (Brentwood United Methodist Church), or Brentwood United Methodist Church South Africa Outreach.



BRIGHT SUNSHINY DAY AT THE LIBRARY

Library Photo

Shelbyville Garden Club presented a program for Shelbyville Bedford County Library recently at the Fly. Barbara "Babs" Chicoine, pictured, and others, taught the children a little bit about gardening, read a children's book, and helped them plant snapdragons in cups.

COOPER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Cooper Christian Academy kicks off new school year

Cooper Christian Academy is kicking off the 2025–26 school year with excitement and growth. The K–3rd grade school is now expanding to include 4th grade, offering more families the opportunity to experience its strong blend of academic excellence and Christian values.

Steve Bowers, head of school, said, "Each year, we've seen God's faithfulness as we grow, and adding 4th grade is another step forward in serving families in our community. CCA class sizes will never exceed 15 students in a classroom or more than 30 in a grade level.

Classes begin August 5, and with small class sizes, a nurturing environment, and a commitment to Christ-centered education, Cooper Christian Academy continues to build a strong foundation for the future—both academically and spiritually. The school also recently qualified for the Tennessee Education Freedom Scholarship program, offering financial support to eligible families.

Cooper Christian Academy will be moving to its new 12-acre, State-of-the-Art campus location next fall (2026).

For more information, visit www.ccacubs.org.

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2025 Bedford County Fall Sports Schedules

BY NOAH MADDOX
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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – This week, we are running schedules for the upcoming 2025 fall season. Shelbyville Central, Cascade, and Community are all featured; however, complete schedules at Shelbyville Central for Girl's Soccer, Volleyball, and Golf are currently unavailable at the time of print. We will provide those once they are made available.

FOOTBALL

CASCADE CHAMPIONS

8/22 Week 1: vs Cheatham County
8/29 Week 2: @ Moore County
9/5 Week 3: @ Summertown
9/11 Week 4: vs Eagleville
9/19 Week 5: @ Sequatchie County
9/26 Week 6: BYE
10/3 Week 7: vs Giles County
10/10 Week 8: @ Chapel Hill
10/17 Week 9: vs Watertown
10/24 Week 10: @ Marion County
10/31 Week 11: vs Community

COMMUNITY VIKINGS

8/22 Week 1: vs Moore County
8/29 Week 2: @ Eagleville
9/5 Week 3: vs Huntland
9/11 Week 4: @ Cannon County
9/19 Week 5: vs Richland
9/26 Week 6: @ Watertown
10/3 Week 7: vs Chapel Hill
10/10 Week 8: vs Giles County
10/17 Week 9: vs Sequatchie County
10/24 Week 10: BYE
10/31 Week 11: @ Cascade

SHELBYVILLE CENTRAL

8/22 Week 1: @ Tullahoma
8/29 Week 2: @ Marshall County
9/5 Week 3: @ Franklin
9/11 Week 4: vs Independence
9/19 Week 5: @ Brentwood
9/26 Week 6: @ Summit
10/3 Week 7: BYE
10/9 Week 8: @ Clarksville
10/17 Week 9: vs Ravenwood
10/24 Week 10: Hendersonville
10/30 Week 11: vs Coffee County

GIRL'S SOCCER

CASCADE

8/19 6:00 @ Cannon County
8/21 6:30 vs Chapel Hill
9/4 6:00 @ Community
9/5-7 TBD Smoky Mountain Cup
9/11 6:00 @ Fayetteville
9/16 7:00 vs Huntland
9/18 6:00 vs Coffee County
9/23 6:00 vs Community
9/25 6:30 vs Fayetteville
9/30 6:00 @ Huntland
10/2 6:00 @ Chapel Hill
10/13-17 District 9-AA Tournament

COMMUNITY

8/14 6:00 @ Richland
8/19 6:00 vs Webb
8/21 6:00 @ Fayetteville
9/4 6:00 vs Cascade
9/9 6:00 vs Huntland
9/11 6:00 @ Chapel Hill
9/18 6:00 vs Huntland
9/23 5:00 @ Cascade
9/25 6:00 vs Chapel Hill
9/30 6:00 vs Middle TN Golden Eagles
10/2 6:00 vs Fayetteville
10/13-17 District 9-AA Tournament

SHELBYVILLE CENTRAL

(Not Available)

VOLLEYBALL

CASCADE

8/19 6:00 vs Battle Creek
8/21 6:00 vs Chapel Hill
9/3 6:00 @ Giles County
9/4 6:00 vs Marshall County
9/5 6:00 vs Murfreesboro Central Magnet
9/9 6:00 @ Spring Hill
9/11 6:00 @ Battle Creek
9/16 6:00 @ Chapel Hill
9/18 6:00 vs Giles County
9/23 6:00 @ Murfreesboro Central Magnet
9/25 6:00 @ Community
9/30 6:00 @ Marshall County
10/1 6:00 vs Community
10/2 6:00 vs Spring Hill
10/6-7 District 8-AA Tournament

SHELBYVILLE CENTRAL

(Not Available)

GOLF

CASCADE

8/6 3:30 @ Riverbend vs SCHS & Warren County
8/7 3:30 @ Henry Horton vs Chapel Hill & Fayetteville
8/12 4:00 @ Bear Trace vs Moore County & Huntland
8/18 4:00 @ Hillcrest vs Richland & Giles County
9/8 3:30 @ Riverbend vs Chapel Hill & Moore County
9/11 3:30 @ Henry Horton vs Chapel Hill
9/17 3:30 @ Henry Horton vs Fayetteville
9/22 District Tournament @ Henry Horton
9/30 Region Tournament @ Henry Horton
10/9-10 State Championships @ Sevierville

COMMUNITY

8/5 3:30 @ Saddle Creek vs Marshall County
8/7 3:30 @ Cedar Crest vs Cannon County
8/19 3:30 @ Lewisburg Rec vs Cornersville
8/21 3:30 @ Henry Horton vs Chapel Hill
9/9 3:30 @ Bear Trace vs Moore County
9/11 3:30 @ Henry Horton vs Chapel Hill
9/15 3:30 @ Hillcrest vs Giles County
9/22 District 9-A Tournament @ Henry Horton
9/30 Region 5-A Tournament @ Ross Creek

SHELBYVILLE CENTRAL

(Not Available)

MTSU Men's Basketball releases 2025-26 Conference USA slate

MT ATHLETICS

DALLAS, Texas. – The Middle Tennessee men's basketball team will play 19 games in its 2025-26 Conference USA schedule, as announced by the league office Friday afternoon. Ten contests will be played at the Murphy Center, with the other nine fixtures on the road.

The Blue Raiders are set to tip off their conference campaign with a three-game homestand, kicking off Dec. 16 against Kennesaw State. The first full week of league games will see Louisiana Tech travel to Murfreesboro on Jan. 2 and Sam Houston come to the Glass House Jan. 4.

The first conference road trip of the season sees Middle Tennessee travel out west to face off against UTEP on Jan. 8 and New Mexico State on Jan. 10. The opening road stand closes with a venture to Ruston, La. to take on LA Tech Jan. 14. Returning home that Saturday, the Blue Raiders will go head-to-head with conference newcomer Missouri State in the Glass House on Jan. 17.

MTSU hits the road for one final time in January with a road trip to Jax State on Jan. 22. The month closes out with another homestand, first welcoming Liberty to Murfreesboro on Jan. 28 before a rivalry contest against Western Kentucky Jan. 31. Opening the month of February is a matchup with FIU at home on Feb. 4.

For the first time as conference mates, the Blue Raiders will travel to take on Delaware on Feb. 7 before heading south for a fixture at Kennesaw State on Feb. 12 and a road rematch at WKU on Feb. 14. MTSU will head to the state of Texas for one final time in the regular season to go head-to-head at Sam Houston on Feb. 18.

February closes out with one final homestand featuring a contest against Delaware on Feb. 21 and against UTEP on Feb. 26. The final regular season game in the Glass House sees New Mexico State come in on Feb. 28. Wrapping up the regular season is one final road trip, traveling to FIU on March 5 and finally Missouri State on March 7.

The 2026 Conference USA Championships will be held in Huntsville, Ala. from March 10-14.



Courtesy of MT Athletics.

CUSA Announces MTSU Women's Basketball Schedule

MT ATHLETICS

DALLAS, Texas. – Middle Tennessee's 18-game Conference USA slate will feature nine home games and nine away contests, announced by the league office Friday.

The back-to-back-to-back CUSA regular season champions will tip off their CUSA campaign on the road, traveling to Kennesaw State on Jan. 2 and Jax State on Jan. 4. MTSU will return to the Murphy Center for its home conference opener against NM State on Jan. 8, followed by a matchup with UTEP on Jan. 10.

Middle Tennessee hits the road again the following week, visiting LA Tech on Jan. 15 and Sam Houston on Jan. 17. The Blue Raiders then host Liberty on Jan. 22 and welcome CUSA newcomer Delaware on Jan. 24. A rivalry showdown with WKU on Jan. 31 will close out the month in Murfreesboro.

February begins with back-to-back road trips to CUSA newcomer Missouri State on Feb. 5 and FIU on Feb. 7. MTSU returns home to face Jax State on Feb. 12 and Kennesaw State on Feb. 14 before a road rematch with WKU on Feb. 21.

The Blue Raiders will then travel to Liberty on Feb. 26 and Delaware on Feb. 28 and conclude the regular season with a pair of home contests against FIU on Mar. 5 and Missouri State on Mar. 7.

The 2026 CUSA Women's Basketball Championship is scheduled for March 11-15 at Propst Arena in Huntsville, Alabama.

Full 2025-26 Conference Schedule:

Jan. 2, 2026 - at Kennesaw State
Jan. 4, 2026 - at Jax State
Jan. 8, 2026 - NM State
Jan. 10, 2026 - UTEP
Jan. 15, 2026 - at LA Tech
Jan. 17, 2026 - at Sam Houston
Jan. 22, 2026 - Liberty
Jan. 24, 2026 - Delaware
Jan. 31, 2026 - WKU
Feb. 5, 2026 - at Missouri State
Feb. 7, 2026 - at FIU
Feb. 12, 2026 - Jax State
Feb. 14, 2026 - Kennesaw State
Feb. 21, 2026 - at WKU
Feb. 26, 2026 - at Liberty
Feb. 28, 2026 - at Delaware
Mar. 5, 2026 - FIU
Mar. 7, 2026 - Missouri State



Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

"When someone gets down and everybody is needed, everybody comes together" – Viqueens' HC Cam Farrell Leads 14U Dirt Dobbers to Runner-Up Finish at USSSA Nationals

BY NOAH MADDOX
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GULF SHORES, Ala. – After losing just their third game of the USSSA Gulf Coast National Championships, Cam Farrell's Dirt Dobbers knew they had a long road ahead of them to simply make it to the Championship round. Despite putting themselves in the loser's bracket early on, the Dobbers – a 14U travel softball team made up primarily of players from Community and Shelbyville Central with a few sprinkled in from surrounding counties – rallied to win seven consecutive games and climb into the Final where they would eventually fall to a team from North Texas, Xplosion X, by one run, 5-4, to finish 9-2.

"I didn't have to give a bunch of pick-me-up speeches, they were just on it and took it one game at a time," Farrell said. "Everybody did their job, and we hit. We scored nearly 100 runs in the 11 games and allowed only about 30."

"They just got on it and they got determined."

Two members of the Dirt Dobbers won prestigious awards following the conclusion of the tournament. The first, Janiya Leslie – an upcoming Sophomore at Shelbyville Central – won Defensive Player of the Tournament starting in center field. Leslie finished with a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage and recorded 18 put outs on 20 chances with two double plays.

"She's always the fastest one in the tournament, and she's a no-fly zone," Farrell explained, "She turned two double plays from the outfield, she's thrown people out at first from centerfield, I mean, she's just that kid. She's an athlete, and she was one of the ones that was like 'we're going to win this and get this done.' Her energy...I mean when she's not in, she's laughing and she's goofy and cutting up, she's got a parent who wants her to be great, and when you add all that up it makes for a great kid."

Farrell also feels like her growth in travel will translate onto the field at SCHS in the spring, especially with the addition of a certain member on the coaching staff.

"Kailey Snell [new Ast. Coach at SCHS] has tons of energy and like Janiya, she plays fast. When her and Janiya get together and Snell is able to teach and build her up offensively, I think Janiya's confidence will shoot up and then the same energy she has in travel will translate to school ball."

Meanwhile, Hayden Moore – an upcoming Freshman at Community – won Offensive Player of the Tournament after batting leadoff and starting in right field. Moore finished with an unimaginable .727 batting average with 15 RBIs, 11 stolen bases, and 17 runs scored.

"She [Moore] is a lefty, and she can soft-slap, she can burn an outfield, she's ringing a fence, there's just no way to play her," said Farrell, "If you scoot up, she's gonna burn you. If you back up, she'll put it right in front of you. She can scoot, and she's great with that bat. She knows how to find a ball, she's very smart, and she gets us going. You have to have a good leadoff hitter – it's like throwing gas on a fire."

Since Moore will be a Viqueen in the spring, Farrell got an early glimpse of what she might be able to bring to the table at the high school level, and it's safe to say that he's looking forward to it.

"I'm excited [for Moore at Community] and it's two parts," he said, "Either she's going to come in there and get straight to it, or she's going to work and push somebody so hard that it's gonna make them get straight to it. It's a win-win. Defensively, she's a great outfielder, and then she has a great bat. I know she'll come ready because she's trying to figure out how to get better all the time. I tell kids this all the time, going to lessons one day a week don't mean a hill of beans. You have to do stuff on your own without a parent telling you, and she's that kid. She does stuff on her own and experiments which lets me know that she's a go-getter."

Now that the tournament is over, Farrell gave himself some time to reflect on how the summer as a whole has gone, and he says that he has fully enjoyed the time spent with the team and considers the community built among the parents and kids alike extremely important.

"Those kids just love each other," he said, "The kids at Community beg me to schedule the other schools during the season so they can see each other. I look for good kids with good attitudes that can be coached. It's a long hot summer to be dealing with folks where you have to worry about if they're gonna get along, and I don't have to do that with these kids. I could care less about what high school they go to because I want to see them in college and see them doing well and getting an education and then being productive in society. I feel like as a coach, that's my job."

"We unfortunately had a parent suffer a medical emergency the night we were supposed to leave for Gulf Shores, and this is a parent that does everything for me. She could have easily kept her kid home, but she let her go with one of the assistant coaches, and they stayed in the house down there that they had already paid for the entire time. The team got together and made sure the kid had sunscreen and everything she needed and everything went along great. Thankfully the parent was able to recover and get a lot better and even helped out with some things on GameChanger from home. When something goes down and everybody is needed, everybody comes together man. It's just a family."

The summer season of travel will officially conclude once school begins in early August, but Farrell is proud of how this group has grown together.

Here is the full list of all of the players with their schools:

Kamryn Farrell, Community High – .464 BA, .500 OBP, 7 RBI, 11 runs

Hayden Moore, Community High – .727 BA, 15 RBI, 17 runs

Ryleigh Lassiter, Community High – .444 BA, .467 OBP, 9 RBI, 6 runs

Taylor Harris, Community High

Janiya Leslie, Shelbyville Central – .429 BA, .556 OBP, 3 RBI, 10 runs

Kenley Patton, Shelbyville Central

Remi Cook, Eagleville High School

Allie Faye Haynes, Chapel Hill – .407 BA, .484 OBP, 10 RBI, 5 runs

Sydney Calderaro, Chapel Hill – .429 BA, .484 OBP, 9 RBI, 7 runs

Reagan Stephens, Summertown High – .400 BA, .500 OBP, 7 RBI, 8 runs

Kira Wix, Riverdale High

Karli Vanpelt, Lawerence County High



The 14U Dirt Dobbers posing with their second-place trophy at the USSSA Nationals with HC Cam Farrell (center, back).
Submitted Photo.



The 14U Dirt Dobbers finished 9-2 overall after winning 7 consecutive games to climb out of the loser's bracket and reach the Finals in Gulf Shores.
Submitted Photo.

MTSU Men's Basketball signs guard James Dent Jr.

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – The Middle Tennessee men's basketball program has signed James Dent Jr. to its 2025-26 roster, head coach Nick McDevitt announced Wednesday. The 6-5 guard will join the team as a graduate student-athlete and comes to the Blue Raiders most recently from Northern Illinois, with additional stops at Western Illinois, John A. Logan College and Moberly Area Community College.

As a Husky during his senior year, Dent Jr. started all 31 games for the team while averaging 14.2 points, 5.4 rebounds and 3.1 assists per game. The Springfield, Ill., native shot 38.9 percent from the field, 34.6 percent from beyond the arc and 74.6 percent from the free throw line. In the season finale at Central Michigan, Dent Jr. tallied a career-best 36 points in 50 minutes of game action, including six made threes, nine rebounds and three assists. He boasted a 3.1 assist-to-turnover ratio, blocking 18 shots and grabbing 26 steals as well. Dent Jr. tallied his first DI-level double-double against Ball State with an 18-point, 10-rebound performance. He scored in double figures in 24 contests, with six games of 20+ points.

Dent Jr played his junior season at Western Illinois, registering seven starts while appearing in all 33 contests. He was second on the team in scoring, averaging 10.7 points per game. The 50 made threes were the second-most of any Leatherneck and his 26 steals ranked third on the team. Dent Jr. tallied 16 double-digit scoring games, including a stretch of eight to open the season, with three contests in 20+ range. He scored a season-best 24 points and pulled in eight boards against Southern U, coming just short of a double-double.

He began his collegiate basketball career in junior college, first at Moberly Area Community College in 2021-22. His freshman year, he averaged 7.7 points and 2.8 rebounds per contest while making 18 starts with 35 appearances. Dent Jr. then transferred to John A. Logan College for his sophomore campaign, where he joined fellow Blue Raider Sean Smith in 2022-23. Dent Jr. played in 34 contests in Illinois, averaging 11.0 points, 3.1 rebounds and 1.9 assists per game with the team. His 46.4 percent clip from the floor and 41 percent shooting from deep helped lead the program to become the 2023 NJCAA Division I National Champions.



Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

A flash back to this spring's great Connected Community 5K. Tammy Garrett, school superintendent, was among the thousands participating.



AT ELABORATE IMAGES, MARKETING IS MORE THAN ABOUT LOGOS



Did you know that Elaborate Images created the mascot for Cartwright Elementary School, Southside Elementary School, Thomas Magnet School and BCS?

"We were proud to be a presenting sponsor of this year's Connected Community 5K. Supporting this event was a no-brainer for us—helping students succeed starts with showing up for our schools and educators in visible, meaningful ways," said Marsha Howard, owner of Elaborate Images.

"We've worked with events and organizations across Middle Tennessee for years, including the Shelbyville Bedford Partnership, which the Foundation operates under—so when the opportunity came to help launch the first CC5K, we said yes without hesitation."

At Elaborate Images, marketing is more than logos and signs—it's about telling your story with purpose. The team works with businesses, schools, or nonprofits; they focus on helping them stand out and connect with the community they serve. That's exactly what the CC5K was all about: creating a memorable event that brings people together to rally behind a great cause.

"Our team handled everything from race signage to the event shirts and finishing touches that made race day feel cohesive and exciting. It's what we do best—using design, print, and branded products to turn great ideas into even greater impact."

Howard said "Today's students are tomorrow's workforce," and everyone has a stake in their success. Whether you're a business owner, parent, or community member, supporting education isn't just generous—it's strategic.

"We appreciate the Times-Gazette for spotlighting the Shelbyville Bedford Foundation and for recognizing local businesses that are trying to make a difference."



ART CLASSES AVAILABLE
Gelli Printing classes held at The Artist's Hoard, a new specialty art store next to Piggly Wiggly off Highway 41A in Shelbyville.



LOCAL FAIR RUNS THROUGH SATURDAY

Bedford County Fair continues through Saturday at Midland Road. Wednesday was senior day. Lots of ribbons have been presented for entries. Elaine Butner has participated many years and took away ribbons again this week. Congrats to all!

Art is an important part of education

Want to start off the school year in a colorful way? The Artist's Hoard is now open next to Piggly Wiggly off Highway 41A North (876 Union St.) in Shelbyville.

Owners are Heather and David Fry, who are all about education. Both are Shelbyville Central graduates and deeply rooted in the local, artistic community.

Their dream is to make the new store this area's go-to spot for high-quality art supplies, unique stationery and gifts. Workshops will also be held.

"We are a small store specializing in fine art supplies, stationery and unique gifts run by me and my husband, David. We want to provide a place for local artists to not only be able to purchase high-quality supplies but really have a community hub where they can go to connect with other artists," said Heather recently.

And they're all about working toward higher education, dreams and goals. Heather and David earned their bachelor degrees from MTSU in 2012. David later earned his master's degree from Vanderbilt. Heather earned her master's from the University of North Alabama.

Business hours for the Artist's Hoard: Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The store is closed on Sundays and Mondays.

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Chili cookoff and car show photos from last weekend

T-G Photos by Dawn Hankins

Calvin Cannon and crew really pulled off a great chili cookoff and car show on the public square last weekend. Yes, it was hot. But the aroma of chili made everyone realize it won't be long until fall is here again. It was a big competition with lots of winners! But the biggest was Bedford County for getting to host such tourism-related events. We will have more winners next week!

















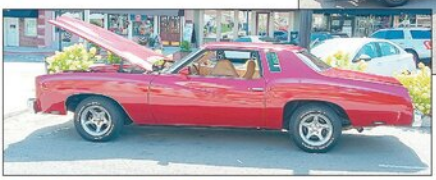




RODNEY JONES, VEGGIE COOKOFF FIRST PLACE

Submitted photo







OPEN HOUSES

WHERE, WHEN, & TIME:

• ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WILL HOST A KINDERGARTEN PARENT MEETING ON 7/31/2025 AT 5:30 PM

CARTWRIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DATE: 7/29/2025
TIME: 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

CASCADE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DATE: 7/30/2025
TIME: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

CASCADE MIDDLE SCHOOL
DATE: 7/30/2025
TIME: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

CASCADE HIGH SCHOOL
DATE: 7/30/2025
TIME: 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

COMMUNITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DATE: 7/31/2025
TIME: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

COMMUNITY MIDDLE SCHOOL
DATE: 7/31/2025
TIME: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
DATE: 7/31/2025
TIME: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

EAKIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DATE: 8/4/2025
TIME: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

EAST SIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DATE: 7/29/2025
TIME: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

HARRIS MIDDLE SCHOOL
DATE: 7/31/2025
TIME: 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

LEARNING WAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DATE: 7/31/2025
TIME: 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

LIBERTY SCHOOL
DATE: 7/31/2025
TIME: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

SHELBYVILLE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
DATE: 7/31/2025
TIME: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

SOUTHSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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TIME: 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

THOMAS MAGNET SCHOOL
DATE: 7/31/2025
TIME: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

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