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Creditors get sour with Nearest Green Distillery

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As the T-G reported last week on T-G.com, court documents were filed Monday, July 28, in the U.S. District Court-East District TN Court in Chattanooga by Farm Credit Mid America against the owners of Nearest Green Distillery, Highway 231 North.

Farm Credit has filed an emergency motion for the immediate appointment of receiver.

The action of receivership, according to the court docket, rests out of over a year of Uncle Nearest failing to fulfill its legal obligations to the creditor(s), amounting to an estimated $100 million.

Nearest Green is currently still in operation and open to the public.

The T-G has reached out to the parties involved in this case but there's been no response since press time.

An order was filed Monday night for attorneys to file a list of exhibits for a hearing late Thursday, Aug. 7. The plaintiff and the defendants of this civil case have now filed their list of witnesses and exhibits for the hearing.

In other area news publications, Nearest Green owners, Keith and Fawn Weaver, who are specifically listed on the court documents, have said they were not aware of these past due debts and the loan agreements rest at the hands of a former employee.

According to the Chattanooga court documents, there was a revolving loan, with interest, in the amount of $69,333,384.13; a term loan, with interest, in the amount of $23,259,253.65; and a RELOC Loan, with interest, in the amount of $15,653,190.44. This brings the total debt to the lender, according to the filed court documents, to $108,245,828.22.

A RELOC loan is typically a type of personal loan designed to cover the costs associated with relocating. It typically provides funds for expenses such as transportation, temporary housing and moving services.

Remedies for default, according to the court documents, provides for due and payable loans by the lender. The lender may, in the case of default, institute proceedings for the complete foreclosure of the Deeds of Trust.

The appointment of a receiver will not inhibit Uncle Nearests' ability to carry on business operations. Instead, a receiver will ensure that Uncle Nearest conducts its business operations in a prudent manner and provide transparency to the lender regarding its financial situation.

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IS THE PARTY OVER?

T-G Photo

Nearest Green Distillery on Highway 231 North held a ribbon cutting in 2021, before an estimated crowd of 10,000. State Sen. Shane Reeves, State Rep. Pat Marsh, Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham, and City and County officials were among those in attendance. Attendees were treated to self-guided tours and whiskey tastings. Multiple creditors are now taking Nearest Green to court, accusing the mega whiskey distributor of not paying its bills.

Groundbreaking held for new E-911 communications center

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During the prayer for the groundbreaking of the new E-911 Communications Center last Friday, Pastor Jimmy West thanked God for the wisdom, expertise and understanding of First Responders.

"It's a job not many can do," West prayed.

As construction begins, he asked God for safety. West, pastor of Edgemont Baptist Church here, also prayed that the project would finish under budget.

The location of the new facility will be 719 Industrial Pkwy, in Shelbyville, which across the street from Shelbyville Animal Control.

Emergency dispatch in Bedford County is operated by Bedford County Emergency Communications District (E-911), an independent agency, in partnership with the County.

E-911, which is funded by a surcharge on telephone service, pays for the technology to answer 9-1-1 calls and identify the caller's location. Bedford County Government contributes money to pay the salaries of dispatchers.

The County is borrowing construction funds by government bond, but E-911 is also contributing its own funds to the project. County officials note that bond documents were signed Tuesday at the courthouse.

E-911 Director Phillip Noel, Board Chair Curt Cobb, Vice Chair Chris White, and Board Member and BC Fire Chief, Mark Thomas, were among the speakers. Noel introduced those, rightfully, about to turn up the soil during the groundbreaking. Each was credited for many large contributions to emergency management in this County and across the state.

State Rep./Speaker Pro Tem Pat Marsh was praised as a "real champion" for his support of 911 at the state level.

Dispatchers were recognized as the "real guests of honor." Because 9-1-1 does not close, several of the dispatchers could not attend the meeting.

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T-G Photos by Dawn Hankins

E-911 Director for Bedford County, Phillip Noel, walking across the ground soon to house a new E-911 facility on Friday. He said during the ceremony how it was truly an exciting day to be a part of such a landmark event as the groundbreaking. Many have worked years, he said, to bring such a project to fruition. See more photos today on page 12.

Nearest Green reportedly behind on property taxes here

The T-G has obtained public, legal documents showing that there is potentially a large amount of past due property taxes (over $100,000) owed to Bedford County and some back taxes overdue with the City of Shelbyville as well, though these are not a part of the current Chattanooga court filing.

As of August 4, 2025, Uncle Nearest Real Estate Holdings LLC owes past-due 2024 property taxes in the amount of $135,737 to Bedford County.

As of August 4, 2025 Shelbyville Grand LLC owes past-due 2024 property taxes in the amount of $15,352 to the City of Shelbyville. (Grand LLC includes the former Times-Gazette building on East Depot, the former US Bank building and the Box Factory.) The taxes for the Box Factory are reported to have been paid in full.

There are also other creditors that have recently grown sour with Nearest Green and filed cases in public courts against the owners:

In Cook County Illinois Circuit Court:

Case Number 2024L011917 — Berlin Packaging L.L.C. [packaging and dispenser services]-vs-Uncle Nearest, Inc.

• Final judgment amount of $2,111,911.60

Case Number 2025L008731 — Berlin Packaging L.L.C.-vs-Uncle Nearest, Inc.

• Filed July 11, 2025. Alleging unpaid invoices totaling more than $219,000 plus interest and attorney fees

In Bedford County Tennessee Court:

Case Number 2CH1-2025-CV-35248 -- Packaging Corporation of America [container/packaging] vs Uncle Nearest, Inc.

• Default judgment on June 6, 2025. Balance due $84,751.97. Levy on Bank filed on July 14, 2025.

Case Number 2GS1-2025-CV-47856 -- Pratt Converting Division [recycling] Nashville LLC vs Uncle Nearest, Inc.

• Next hearing August 13, 2025

In United States District Court District of Oregon Portland Division:

Case No.: 3:25-cv-00823 -- Billups, Inc. [media specialist] vs Uncle Nearest, Inc.

• Filed May 15, 2025. Alleging unpaid invoices totaling more than $269,000 plus interest and attorney fees



BUILDING A COMMUNITY

School System Photos

Eakin Elementary principals and teachers recently took a special neighborhood book tour. Just like their students do every day, they traveled via a BC bus. They visited neighborhoods and surprised students with free books and sprinkled in a little inspiration for the new year.



THEC TSAC

2026 TN Promise application now open

The graduating class of 2026 has some big shoes to fill when it comes to TN Promise. But next spring's graduates can set a record even higher than last year by each filling out an application between today and Nov. 3.

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) saw a record-breaking number of students apply for Tennessee Promise program, with over 67,000 applicants from the Class of 2025. The Class of 2025 now holds the highest number of applicants since the inception of the Tennessee program in 2015.

Will the program set even higher records in 2026?

"Tennessee Promise has helped more than 250,000 Tennessee students access college over the past 10 years," said Dr. Steven Gentile, THEC Executive Director. "We are excited that the Class of 2026 will have the opportunity to not just benefit from this program but to break last year's application record. We and our partners remain committed to helping students take the first step toward earning a college credential."

Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) announced last week the opening of the TN Promise application for the high school graduating

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Shop local, support artists and artisans at The Fly Art Center's monthly Maker Market.

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Lady Champions soccer

Youthful Lady Champs primed to prove that trips to state are the new norm

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BEDFORD COUNTY GENERAL FUND 101
QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT
June 2025

	ESTIMATED REVENUE 2024-25	QUARTER TO DATE REVENUES	UNREALIZED REVENUES QUARTER TO DATE	PERCENT REALIZED
ESTIMATED REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES				
Local Taxes	22,197,534	24,163,894	(1,966,360)	108.86%
Licenses & Permits	477,850	483,022	(5,172)	101.08%
Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties	512,341	475,230·	37,111	92.76%
Charges for current Services	2,587,290	3,321,233	(733.943)	128.37%
Other Local Revenues	907,212	836,521	70,691	92.21%
Fees Received from County Officials	2,738,499	3,187,605	(449,106)	116.40%
State of Tennessee	4,441,267	4,164,063	277,204	93.76%
Federal Government	4,605,125	398,969	4,206,156	8.66%
Other Sources	154,078	257,193	(103,115)	166.92%
TOTAL EST. REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES	38,621,196	37,287,730	1,333,466	98.55%

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	APPROPRIATIONS 2024-25	YEAR EXPENDITURES/ ENCUMBRANCES	UNEXPENDED/ UNENCUMBERED TO DATE	PERCENT USED
EXPENDITURES (APPROPRIATIONS)				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
51100 County Commission	165,833	133,288	32,545	80.37%
51210 Board of Equalization	8,000	1,040	6,960	13.00%
51220 Beer Board	1,000	325	675	32.50%
51230 Budget and Finance Committee	3,003	2,910	93	96.91%
51240 Other Boards and Committees	0	0	0	0.00%
51300 County Mayor	386,562	33,077	55,485	85.65 %
51310 Personnel Office	105,065	102,154	2,911	97.23%
51400 County Attorney	1,250,000	862,956	387,044	69.04%
51500 Election Commission	321,638	282,843	38,795	87.94%
51600 Register of Deeds	419,323	399,163	20,160	95.19%
51720 Planning	363,846	314,342	49,504	86.39%
51760 Codes Compliance	371,947	333,762	38,184	89.73%
51760 Geographical Information Systems	71,901	66,242	5,659	92.13%
51800 County Buildings	1,686,050	1,268,524	417,526	15.24%
51910 Preservation of Records	297,032	218,045	78,987	73.41%
FINANCE				
52100 Accounting and Budgeting	951,109	743,229	207,880	78.14%
52300 Property Assessors Office	542,581	514,203	28,378	94.77%
52310 Reappraisal Program	147,481	139,023	8,458	94.27%
52400 County Trustees Office	532,687	532,666	21	100.00%
52500 County Clerk's Office	748,141	730,335	17,806	97.62%
52600 Data Processing	422,382	379,300	43,082	89.80%
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE				
53100 Circuit Court	1,001,815	948,944	52,871	94.72%
53300 General Sessions Court	301,641	296,861	4,780	98.42%
53400 Chancery Court	448,747	433,703	15,044	96.65%
53500 Juvenile Court	259,047	223,743	35,304	86.37%
53700 Judicial Commissioners	294,572	271,023	23,549	92.01%
53900 Other Administration of Justice	160,818	155,365	5,453	96.61%
53910 Probation Services	534,159	526,070	8,089	98.49%
PUBLIC SAFETY				
54110 Sheriff's Department	6,527,024	6,403,323	123,701	98.10%
54120 Special Patrols	0	0	0	0.00%
54130 Traffic Controls	43,446	41,525	1,921	95.58%
54210 Jail	5,387,373	4,780,470	606,903	88.73%
54220 Work house	0	0	0	0.00%
54240 Juvenile Services	762,826	735,646	27,180	96.4 4%
54490 Civil Defense	0	0	0	0.00%
54490 Other Emergency Management	3,135,834	2,599,686	536,148	82.90%
54610 County Coroner/Medical Examiner	68,700	63,818	4,882	92.89%
54900 Other Public Safety	897,190	763,543	133,647	85.10%
PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE				
Local Health Center	947,696	736,443	211,253	77.71%
Rabies and Animal Control	469,238	429,805	39,433	91.60%
Ambulance/Emergency Medical Services	6,102,919	5,397,144	705,775	88.44%
Other Local Health Services	296,118	296,118	0	100.00%
Regional Mental Health Center	0	0	0	0.00%
Appropriation to State	51,950	51,950	0	0.00%
General Welfare Assistance	75,070	59,343	15,728	79.05%
Sanitation Management	0	0	0	0.00%
Convenience Centers	1,969,396	1,769,028	200,368	89.83%
SOCIAL, CULTURAL and RECREATIONAL SERVICES				
Adult Activities	6,000	6,000	0	100.00%
Senior Citizens Assistance	17,000	17,000	0	100.00%
Libraries	199,435	199,435	0	100.00%
AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES				
Agriculture Extension Service	155,680	132,656	23,024	85.21%
Soil Conservation	70,000	70,000	0	100.00%
Other Agriculture & Natural Resources	113,905	95,271	18,634	83.64%
OTHER OPERATIONS				
Tourism	20,569	20,569	0	100.00%
Other Economic & Community Development	110,000	100,000	10,000	90.91%
Veterans' Services	132,425	115,351	17,074	87.11%
Other Charges	605,161	580,161	25,000	95.87%
Contributions to:Other Agencies	185,000	184,299	701	99.62%
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0.00%
COVID-19 Grant #4	270,540	3,230	267,311	1.19%
COVID-19 Grant #5	0	0	0	0.00%
58836 American Rescue Plan Act	3,986,045	233,011	3,753,034	0.00%
Miscellaneous	1,475,108	775,554	699,554	52.58%
91140 Public Health and Welfare	0	0	0	0.00%
91190 Other General Government Projects	236,7.11	20,241	216,470	0.00%
99100 Transfers to Other Funds	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES (APPROPRIATIONS)	46,114,740	36,891,756	9,222,984	80.00%

NEAREST GREEN

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Farm Credit Services is asking that the receiver be appointed immediately to serve as a general receiver, with all powers and duties as specifically ordered by the Court and as set forth in the Proposed Receivership Order.

The lender has pleaded with Court, via applicable law, and has respectfully requested the emergency consideration at its earliest available hearing or submission time and immediate granting of this motion to avoid the imminent risk of concealment, dissipation, loss, or diversion of Uncle Nearest assets, properties, facilities, insurance, and accounts.

The T-G will continue to follow the developments of the Chattanooga court case. Shelbyville Now is also covering the developments. You may follow both media groups also on Facebook.

THEC

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class of 2026. Students can now apply at CollegeforTN.org/tnpromise.

Remember: The deadline to apply is Monday, Nov. 3, 2025.

TN Promise, one of the state's landmark college access initiatives, provides high school graduates the opportunity to attend college tuition-free. Students may use the scholarship at any of the state's 13 community colleges, 23 Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology (TCATs), or other eligible institution offering an associate degree program.

This year's application will also serve as the entry point for Tennessee's Direct Admissions Pilot Program, a new initiative that automatically accepts eligible high school seniors into in-state public and private universities, as well as the state's community and technical colleges (TCAT), using existing academic data.

In partnership with tnAchieves and The Ayers Foundation Trust, TN Promise supports students not only financially, but with built-in mentoring and support to help them navigate the transition from high school to college.

For more information and to apply, visit: CollegeforTN.org/tnpromise.



STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARSH HONORED AT E-911 CEREMONY

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

State Rep. Pat Marsh was a guest during the E-911 groundbreaking on Friday here.

Don't set boundaries when it comes to love and seniors

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On Wednesday afternoon, I attended a meeting in regard to the local Senior Citizens Center. What are we going to do about the location, etc.?

I'll let you know how the senior meeting goes via T-G.com and in next week's article.

This got me to thinking about what we do about our seniors in general. For the most part, we tend to forget about them.

I'm hoping this City meeting with those involved in the senior center will be productive. There are thoughts that the center was put in a bad location off J.G. Helton Drive.

Perhaps.

But the real issue these days is taking care of our seniors. That means calling, visiting and talking with them. Being a volunteer!

We get so busy these days, we forget. I have aging parents and I try to make contact with them throughout the week and on weekends. It's the right, and biblical, thing to do.

Even if your parents are deceased, there are plenty in this community to go around. Some are veterans, others retired factory workers and farmers.

They all need our support. Thankfully, there are programs like senior assistance (for those who qualify) for property tax relief and other great things that have come along to help those on fixed incomes.

Don't be afraid to ask a senior if he or she has grocery money, etc. They may quip I'm fine but at least you asked, right?

Take a pie to an elderly neighbor. Or just sit on the front porch with them or in the tomato garden for a few minutes.

It helps our seniors feel needed. Perhaps it's a way to help the world in general.

Jennie Allen, a Christian blogger and speaker is right. In her YouTube video about "casseroles" and the lack thereof these days, she says we've set such boundaries (I don't want to impose, etc.) we don't know how to love each other anymore.

Show some kindness this week to a senior. It will make your day. I promise.



JAIL INTAKE

BEDFORD COUNTY CORRECTIONS 7-31—8-1

Kobe Ryan Arnold, shoplifting
Liam Noel Brennan, theft of property
Claudia Castro Mendez, no driver's license exhibited on demand, speeding
Eric Chism, failure to appear
Tiffany Shane Harris, driving on suspended license, speeding
Quinton Deon Hiles, criminal trespassing
Crystal Marie Jones, filing false report
Charles Ray Mallard, possession schedule II, simple possession, violation of probation
Rendell J. Moore, Woodbury, violation of probation
Osmel Fermin Perez-Torriente, light law, no driver's license exhibited on demand
Mateo Primero, domestic assault
Terrie Lynn Shelton, failure to appear
Steven Jacobs Skeeters, cruelty to animals, vaccination of animals



SHARING A LITTLE KINDNESS

Bedford County Government Photo

On Thursday, July 10, at the historic Bedford County Courthouse, leaders of the The No Opportunities Wasted (N.O.W) Foundation and its Daffodil Initiative gathered to receive a proclamation signed by County Mayor Chad Graham proclaiming "Brighten Our Community Day."

N.O.W. is a Tennessee-based nonprofit, founded in 2024, dedicated to fostering kindness in the local community. The group offers food and clothing assistance, mental health resources and educational programs, including workshops on financial literacy and job skills. Its founders and leaders are Angelia L James and Tiffany Dandy.



Paige Beech: 'A true shining light in County government'

Bedford County Government

Assessor of Property Ronda Clanton calls her chief deputy, Paige Beech, "a true shining light in county government."

The process of tax assessment is strictly regulated by the state, and Clanton and her staff have to work within the state's parameters when deciding what value to place on a property. But because the assessment has a direct bearing on the owner's property tax bill, sometimes people call, or show up at, the assessor's office unhappy about their assessments. Beech, with her sunny personality, has a way of turning that around, by explaining the situation to the owner and making sure the owner understands what's been done, and working with the property owner when there is some change that can be made.

"It all just seems to work out," she said. Clanton calls Beech "a fantastic problem solver."

Among Beech's many responsibilities are employee records and timesheets for the office, entering new properties into the computer system, scheduling site visits with property owners, and doing purchasing for the office. She works with applications from owners who want to put their property under Greenbelt status.

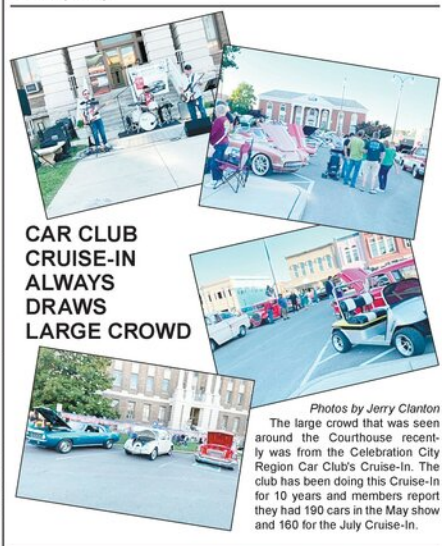
"Paige has a personality that people are drawn to," said Clanton, "which is a tremendous asset."

Beech, a Bedford County native, worked for years in customer service with Jostens, but when her department's functions were transferred to another location, she went to work for a local medical office. She heard by word of mouth about an opening in the assessor's office and decided to apply; she'd never met Clanton.

"I love my job," said Beech. She praised her co-workers, calling them a tight-knit team, and praised Clanton's leadership of the office.

When not on the job, Beech enjoys spending time with her grandchildren. She's an active member of The Experience Church, whose faith is important to her.

The Property Assessor's office is located on the third floor of Bedford County Courthouse Annex, on the west side of the Shelbyville square. For more information, call 931-684-6390 or go to https://www.bedfordcountytn.gov/government/property_assessor/index.php



CAR CLUB CRUISE-IN ALWAYS DRAWS LARGE CROWD

Photos by Jerry Clanton

The large crowd that was seen around the Courthouse recently was from the Celebration City Region Car Club's Cruise-In. The club has been doing this Cruise-In for 10 years and members report they had 190 cars in the May show and 160 for the July Cruise-In.

WANTED

8mm film of Shelbyville area for use in a Free Video Project being produced for The Fly Museum
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TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

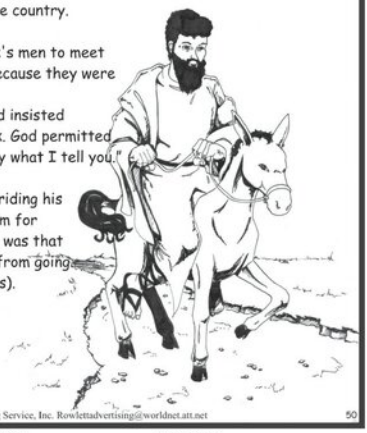
Balak, Balaam, a Talking Donkey and An Angel of the Lord

Numbers 22

Balak was a king of Moab and feared the approaching Israelites. He sent for the prophet, Balaam, asking him to put a curse on the Israelites so that he would be able to defeat them in battle and drive them out of the country.

God warned Balaam not to go with Balak's men to meet Balak and not to curse the Israelites because they were a blessed people. Balaam obeyed God.
A second group of Balak's men came and insisted that Balaam go with them to meet Balak. God permitted Balaam to go but warned him to, "do only what I tell you."

Balaam went with the Moabite princes, riding his donkey. But the Lord was angry with him for choosing to go with them. God's choice was that Balaam not go but He did not keep him from going.
(Continued next week: The Donkey Talks).



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Business Spotlight

HERBAL HISTORIES AND 'HOW TO'S' AT BRIAR ROSE HERBS & TEAS

Bell Buckle's own wellness journey shop

Briar Rose Herbs & Teas currently offers herbal classes for all learning levels. Lessons include vocabulary, herbal history, and HOW-TO's when making herbal blends. Students have handouts of the class and recipes they will take home. Classes are scheduled, the first Tuesday of the month at Bell Buckle Coffee Shop class fee $10 and second Saturday at Shelbyville Rec Center class fee $15. You can find more class information on Briar Rose Herbs & Teas Facebook page.

Briar Rose Herbs & Teas has available for you to explore hand-crafted products such as; loose herbs, unique tea blends for medicinal use, extracts, balms, and salves to elevate your wellness journey.

Products are available at the Welcome Corner in Bell Buckle, Wartrace Emporium in Wartrace, and Pilates & Wellness in Chapel Hill.



Submitted Photos

Following a visit to Briar Rose Herbs & Teas in Bell Buckle, everyone comes out healthier and feeling more joyful due to the wellness in their cup. Herbal classes are available.









Shop Local, Support Artists & Artisans

Beginning in April 2025, The Fly Arts Center has hosted monthly Maker Markets on the first Friday of each month (with the exception of July and December). The main goal of the Maker Market is to provide a platform for local artists and artisans to showcase their creative talents, while providing revenue opportunities and a chance to connect with the community.

In addition, the markets are planned in hopes of creating a place where residents and visitors can come together with local artists to enjoy and purchase quality, handmade items.

Each artist/artisan vendor who desires to sell at the Maker Market must submit an application. All submissions will be juried by a committee from images submitted with the application. Certain criteria such as creativity and originality, popular and/or aesthetic appeal and technical skill will be used in determining acceptance.

The Fly Center reserves the right to decline approval based on limited space and/or based on over-representation of one or more type of item already confirmed to be available at the Maker Market. If this occurs, you will be placed on a vendor waiting list.

All vendor fees must be paid at the time of application acceptance. Members of The Fly Arts Center receive a vendor fee discount. We also offer discounts when vendors commit to attend multiple dates.

Admission to shop the Maker Market and parking is always free.

Upcoming Maker Market Dates

- Friday, September 5th - 4pm to 8pm (Vendor Deadline: 8/25/25)
- Friday, October 3rd - 4pm to 8pm (Vendor Deadline: 9/22/25)
- Friday, November 7th - 4pm to 8pm (Vendor Deadline: 10/27/25)
- SPECIAL SHOP SMALL SATURDAY HOLIDAY MAKER MARKET Saturday, November 29th - 10am to 4pm (Vendor Deadline: 11/17/25)



LATE SUMMER TOUR BY STUDENTS

Bedford County Government Photo

Students from the East Side Elementary summer program recently toured the historic courthouse with Carol Roberts, County archivist.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

First United Methodist Church - Shelbyville

This Sunday, at First United Methodist Church Shelbyville, Pastor Abe Zimmerman will preach, "Sorry: Part 1" from Acts 10:34-43. The pastor is launching a new series on a very important part of Christianity - forgiveness. The church will explore the importance of forgiveness in the life of the believer. 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.

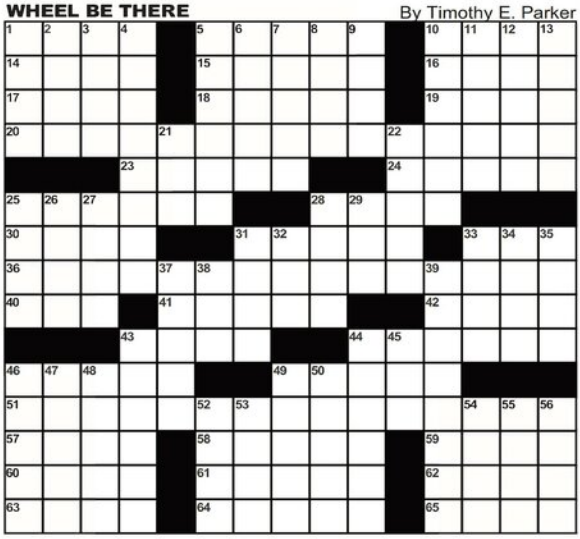




Crossword

WHEEL BE THERE

By Timothy E. Parker



CLUES ACROSS

1) It's drawn with a rifle?
5) "Snow White" fruit
10) Batman has one
14) "To Sir With Love" singer
15) Like a crossword
16) Brainy product
17) Eye part or flower
18) Give birth to a cow
19) Sardine cans
20) Three types of wheels
23) Damsons and greengages
24) Misplaces
25) Engulfed in fire
28) Part of the leg
30) Extended family
31) Printer's purchase
33) Type of high school rally
36) Three types of wheels
40) ___ out a living (scrape by)
41) Mine exits
42) "Not to mention ... "
43) Full of anticipation
44) Type of gun
46) Dictation taker, briefly
49) It's down in the mouth
51) Three types of wheels
57) Under the covers
58) Guy in the family
59) Gin flavor
60) America's national flower
61) Drawn-out fight
62) Duke's counterpart
63) Braille markings
64) Expensive violin, for short
65) Goblet part

CLUES DOWN

1) Radar screen image
2) It replaced the lira
3) Finished hang-gliding
4) Sweepers' utensils
5) Pile up, as interest
6) Liquid part of blood (var.)
7) Fleshy fruit parts
8) Jeans purveyor Strauss
9) Adam's address
10) Large, lemonlike fruit
11) "See ya!"
12) Pasta choice
13) Some bridge seats
21) "A Nightmare on___ Street"
22) Make playful romantic overtures
25) Persistent pain
26) Verbal abuse
27) Unsatisfactory, as excuses
28) Hydrotherapeutic hangouts
29) " ... and sat down beside___"
31) Goody-two-shoes
32) Make a move
33) Alternative to a caplet
34) "What___ could go wrong?"
35) A good one will thicken
37) Append
38) Shogun's capital
39) Ill feelings?
43) Battery terminals
44) Put through a blender
45) North Pole peon
46) Grassy area
47) Strictly verboten
48) Give off, as perspiration
49) Worrier's malady
50) Europe's longest river
52) Proclaim profanely
53) "Get___!" (boss's order)
54) Like useless tires
55) Ripped
56) Ship's steering mechanism

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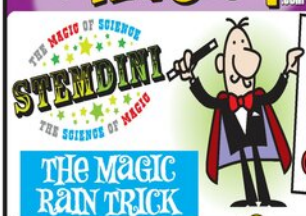
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The Magic Rain Trick

This trick takes a little practice. Do it a few times until you can do it well. Then, perform it for your friends and family!

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:





Prepare your props

Place the glass upside down on the plastic lid. Trace around the glass to make a circle, drawing a little tab as shown. Cut just outside the circle to make it a little bit larger than the mouth of the glass. Be sure to cut out the tab.

1. Perform the trick

Place your pitcher and glass on a table. Hide the plastic circle in the hand you won't use to pour.



2. Pour water from the pitcher into the glass, until it begins to overflow. Say **"I can tip this glass of water over my head and keep it from pouring out."**



3. Put down the pitcher and cover the mouth of the glass with the hand hiding the plastic circle. Secretly place the circle over the mouth of the glass, covering the entire top.



4. Pick up the glass with your other hand and turn it over quickly, but gently. Slowly remove the hand holding the top of the glass. If done right, the circle will stick to the glass and the water won't spill out.



5. Lift the glass over your head and say **"Magic tricks are hot work. I think I'll cool off."** Then gently push on the tab. The plastic circle will come off and the water will fall on you!



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step directions with accuracy.

The Science Behind the Trick:

Air pressure is all around us. The plastic lid sticks to the surface of the water and is pressed by air pressure. Even when the glass is turned over, air pressure will hold the plastic lid in place.

Extra! Extra! Water Planet

North Pole Expedition

You have $1,000 to spend on things for a trip to the North Pole. Look through today's newspaper and "buy" what you'll need. Can you spend exactly $1,000 without going over?

Standards Link: Mathematics: Number Sense: Students estimate and solve problems using money amounts.

97% of the world's water is in oceans. The remaining 3% is fresh water. That 3% of fresh water divides into 77% contained in icecaps and glaciers, 22% in groundwater aquifers (drinking water) and 1% in lakes and streams.



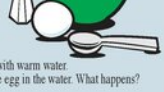
Float an Egg

Question: How can you make an egg float in a bowl of water?

Hypothesis*: _____

*Note: a hypothesis means a thoughtful guess.

GET:
- a large bowl
- warm water
- an egg
- salt
- spoon



DO:

1. Fill your bowl with warm water.
2. Gently place the egg in the water. What happens?

_____

1. Remove the egg and stir at least one cup of salt into the water. Stir until you can't see any grains of salt.
2. The water will look cloudy. Place the egg in the salty water. What happens?

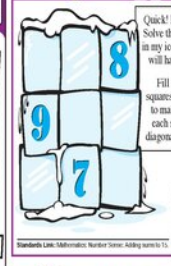
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An Egg-splanation

Did the egg float? Adding salt to water makes it heavier. In salty water the amount of water the egg displaces weighs more than the egg and the egg floats.

Standards Link: Science/Investigation: Conduct simple experiments.

Kid Scoop Puzzler



Quick! Before it melts! Solve the puzzle frozen in my ice cubes and you will have good luck!

Fill in the blank squares with numbers to make the sum of each side and each diagonal add up to 15.

Standards Link: Mathematics: Number Sense: Adding sums to 15.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

QUESTION
PRESSURE
PRACTICE
SCIENCE
SURFACE
MAGIC
FLOAT
WATER
TRICK
TRACE
SALT
BOWL
HIDE
HEAD
EGG

K	C	I	R	T	M	T	H	E	M
P	A	S	U	R	F	A	C	E	G
R	F	H	I	D	E	S	G	I	C
E	S	L	A	T	C	G	E	I	T
S	M	E	O	I	A	G	R	L	C
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U	I	N	O	I	T	S	E	U	Q
R	C	P	R	A	C	T	I	C	E
E	T	L	W	O	B	R	I	C	K

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

From the Kid Scoop Lesson Library

Find the Question

Read an article in today's newspaper and find a quote from a person being interviewed. What question do you think the interviewer asked?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand and interpret quotation in expository text.

Write On!

Chill! Cool Poems

Write a cool poem to chill out on a hot day.

Salty Science

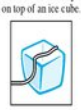
Most of the ocean doesn't freeze. Why? Salt water freezes at a lower temperature than fresh water.

GET:
- ice cubes
- thread
- salt



DO:

1. Soak your thread in some water then lay it on top of an ice cube.



2. Sprinkle a tiny bit of salt along the thread and wait about 30 seconds.



3. Lift the thread. Does the ice cube cling to the thread and get lifted as well?



Explanation: The salt melts the surface of the ice. The coldness of the ice then refreezes this water, trapping the thread and freezing it to the ice.

Standards Link: Science/Investigation: Conduct simple experiments.

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NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2012, a certain Home Equity Conversion Deed of Trust ("Reverse Mortgage") was executed by MARGIE L. JACKSON, a married woman, and EDWARD EUGENE JACKSON, as trustors in favor of Harvard Home Mortgage, Inc., as beneficiary and David L. Thurston, as trustee, and was recorded on October 16, 2012 under Clerk's Instrument Number 12006004, Book TD784, Page 159-170 in the real property records of Bedford County, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the Reverse Mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development ("Secretary") pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest in the Reverse Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated January 15, 2020, and recorded on January 31, 2020, under Clerk's Instrument Number 20000830, Book TD953, Page 250-251 in the real property records of Bedford County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Reverse Mortgage in that the Trustors are now deceased and the property is not the principal residence of at least one surviving borrower; and

WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of September 12, 2025 is $213,019.19; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of the default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Reverse Mortgage to be immediately due and payable;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in Mackie Wolf Zientz & Mann, P.C. by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of Mackie Wolf Zientz & Mann, P.C. as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded in the real property records of Bedford County, Tennessee under Book TD1157, Page 265, notice is hereby given that on September 12, 2025, on or about 11:00AM local time, all real property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:

BEGINNING at the corner of a chain-link fence at the Northeast corner of the State Garage property and Southeast of a curve in Patricia Drive and being the Southwest corner of the property herein described; thence North 3 degrees East 235 feet to a white post on the East margin of said Patricia Drive; thence South 86 degrees 30 minutes East 71 feet to a Cedar Tree; thence South 54 degrees East 112 feet to a pile of rocks on the East side of a drainage ditch; thence South 86 degrees 30 minutes East 188 feet to a dead Cedar Tree at the corner of a rock fence; thence South 4 degrees 15 minutes West 123 feet to a stake at the corner of a rock fence; thence South 76 degrees West 31 feet to a point in a rock fence; thence South 83 degrees 15 minutes West 211 feet to a Cedar Tree in a rock fence; thence due West 114 feet to the point of beginning, according to survey of Rex Northcutt, dated December 29, 1975, and containing 1.4 acres.

BEING all and the same lot of ground which by Quitclaim Deed dated January 28, 2002, and recorded among the Land Records of Bedford County, Tennessee, in Book D247, Page 284, was granted and conveyed by Dorris W. Boyce unto Margie L. Boyce nka Margie L. Jackson.

Tax Account No. 090-094.02

Commonly known as: 2104 Patricia Drive, Shelbyville, TN 37160.

Tax ID: 03-090-090-094.02-000

The sale will be held in Bedford County, Tennessee at the following location: at the South door of the Bedford County Courthouse, Shelbyville, Tennessee.

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid $213,019.19.

There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his pro rata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.

When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling $21,301.92 in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of $21,301.92 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of $500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.

If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extension of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.

There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.

Other interested Parties: ESTATE OF MARGIE L. JACKSON AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MARGIE L. JACKSON AND SECRETARY OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND ESTATE OF EDWARD EUGENE JACKSON AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF EDWARD EUGENE JACKSON.

If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. §35-5-101 have been met.

If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor or Workforce Development are listed as Interested Parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and the Sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities' right to redeem the property as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C. A. §67-1-1433.

The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed.

The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be paid in full prior to the scheduled sale is $213,019.19, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.

Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below.

Date: July 25, 2025
By Jason Nabors, Attorney at Law, Bar No. 037937
Mackie Wolf Zientz & Mann, P.C.
Foreclosure Commissioner
Park East
725 Cool Springs Blvd, Suite 140
Franklin, TN 37067
(615) 238-3630
(615) 777-4517 Fax
MWZM File: 25-000010-430-1
TN INVESTORS PAGE: HTTP://MWZMLAW.COM/TN_INVESTORS.PHP (7313tc)

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
STATE OF TENNESSEE, Bedford COUNTY

WHEREAS, BETTY BROWN, a single woman, as borrower(s), executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC , Lender, and Nationwide Trustee Services, Inc, Trustee(s), which was dated 6/5/2019, and recorded on 6/5/2019, as Instrument No. 19003774 in Book TD932 Page 223, securing the payment of a Note in the amount of $77,132.00, in Bedford County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

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; Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Vylla Solutions – Tennessee, 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, Vylla Solutions – Tennessee, LLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on 9/26/2025, at or about 11:00 AM at the usual and customary location at the Front steps of the Bedford County Courthouse, located in Shelbyville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, to wit:

Land situated in Bedford County, Tennessee:

BEING ALL OF THE BETTY BROWN SUBDIVISION, A ONE LOT SUBDIVISION CONSISTING OF 1.20 ACRES, A PLAT OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN PLAT CABINET B, ENVELOPE 170, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE TO WHICH REFERENCE IS MADE FOR A DETAILED DESCRIPTION.

Tax Parcel ID: 11-43-43-9.04-000

Address/Description: 349 ROY MOORE ROAD, UNIONVILLE, TN 37180

Current Owner(s): Leigh Ann Williams

Other Interested Party(ies): Aqua Finance, Inc.; Discover Bank; LVNV Funding LLC; and 3D Financial

If the Internal Revenue Service and/or U.S. Department of Treasury is listed as Other Interested Party above, then the notice required under 26 U.S.C. 7425(b) was timely provided and the sale of the land advertised will be subject to the right of the U.S. to redeem the land as provided in 26 U.S.C. 7425(d)(1). If the Tennessee Department of Revenue and/or the Tennessee Department of Labor and Work Force Development is listed as Other Interested Party above, then the notice required under TCA 67-1-1433(b) was timely provided and for each lien identified, the sale of the land advertised will be subject to the right of The State of Tennessee to redeem the land as provided for in TCA 65-1-1420.

The title of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

The right is reserved to adjourn/postpone the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain, by verbal announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above; if the postponement is for five (5) days or more, the postponement announcement will also be posted on website of www.foreclosure-postings.com

Except to the extent that the Substitute Trustee may bind and obligate Mortgagors to warrant title the Property under the terms of the Deed of Trust, conveyance of the Property shall be made without any representations or warranties whatsoever, express or implied. All sales are "as is", "where is".

The entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of certified funds. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser. This property is being sold with express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by lender or Substitute Trustee.

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

Vylla Solutions - Tennessee, LLC, Substitute Trustee
P.O. Box 3309
Anaheim, California 92803
Phone: (888) 313-1969
TS#: 25-35835
Publication Dates: 8/7/2025, 9/4/2025, 9/11/2025 9/18/2025
Online Posting Website and Date of Posting: www.foreclosure-postings.com
Posting begin date: 8/7/2025 Posting end date: 9/18/2025

John R. Walker
vs Angelica Walker
Bedford County Circuit Court **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 August 14, 2025, same being the date of the last publication of this notice to be held at Bedford County Circuit Court at 106 North Cherry Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160 and defend or default will be taken on September 14, 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 24, 2025; July 31, 2025, August 7, 2025, and August 14, 2025.

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:
Nashville Law Offices, PLLC
Robert J. Turner/ Jill K. Carpenter
500 Church St, Ste 210
Nashville, TN 37219, (615) 834-3476

NOTICE

LUCIA LORENZO RUIZ AND CIRILO MEJIA BOMACO

The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a Petition to Declare Child Dependent and Neglected as to Elmer Nehemiah Maja 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 931-309-5847, 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.(7174tc)

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated May 2, 2017, executed by JOSHUA W FLOWERS and SAMANTHA FLOWERS conveying certain real property therein described to KERRY WEBB, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee recorded May 4, 2017, in Deed Book TD879, Page 563; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION who is now the owner of said debt; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on September 30, 2025 at 12:00 PM At the main entrance to the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, to wit:

LAND IN THE SEVENTH (7TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND BEING LOT NO. 69 IN BLUE RIBBON ANNEX, SECTION II- B, A PLAT OF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET "A" ENVELOPE 33, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAN REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE COMPLETE DESCRIPTION.

Parcel ID: 078K-E-005.00

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 404 SHADOW DRIVE, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): JOSHUA W FLOWERS, SAMANTHA FLOWERS

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, ASCEND FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, F/K/A AEDC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, HARPETH FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC D/B/A ADVANCE FINANCIAL, SHELBYVILLE HOSPITAL CORPORATION DBA TENNOVA HEALTHCARE-SHELBYVILLE, DIXIE LINE CREDIT UNION

The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. 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. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
rlselaw.com/property-listing
Tel: (877) 813-0992
Fax: (470) 508-9401
A copy of this notice is being published at www.BetterChoiceNotices.com (877tc)

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monthly Commissioner Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 12, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M.
Bedford County Historic Courthouse
1 Public Square, 2nd Floor, Courtroom
Shelbyville, TN 37160
Meeting agenda can be found at
www.bedfordcountytn.gov.

Public Comment Procedure: State law provides for a period of public comment at local government meetings to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on matters that are germane to items on the agenda. Any person interested to speak should:

1. Record name and address on a sign-up sheet that will be provided, prior to the meeting being called to order.

2. When called upon, address comments to the Chairperson in a respectful manner.

3. Limit remarks to three minutes for items(s) germane to the Agenda.

Persons with a disability who wish to request special accommodation to participate in the public meeting should notify Suzanne Alexander one business day prior to the meeting by calling (931) 684-7944 or email your request to suzanne.alexander@bedfordcountytn.gov to discuss accommodations. Every reasonable effort will be made to meet your need.

PUBLIC NOTICE

On July 15, 2025 the Bedford County Commission's Rules and Legislative Committee unanimously recommended a Resolution to amend the Board of Building Code Appeals to the full commission for approval. This resolution updates the responsibilities of the Board of Building Code Appeals to include reviewing claims made by any person aggrieved by the decision of an official or employee responsible for the administration of the adopted International Fire Code (Resolution 25-10). The proposed Resolution 26-10 encompasses the aforementioned fire code appeals and a name change is to represent the additional code appeal duty and not just building codes.

A public hearing will occur immediately before the Bedford County Commission meeting which will begin at 7:00PM on August 12, 2025. The public hearing and commission meeting will be held in the old Courthouse, 1 Public Square, 2nd Floor Meeting Chamber, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160 for Resolution 26-10 – A Resolution to the Board of Building Code of Appeals.

Bedford County Soil and Water Conservation District

The Bedford County Soil and Water Conservation District is looking to hire a **District Soil Conservation Technician.**

Description: This position is responsible for field work activities to plan and implement conservation practices, and to assist with the daily operation of the BCSWCD. Strong organizational, interpersonal, and decision-making skills are necessary to perform job duties. Activities associated with the job include, but are not limited to:

- Inventory and evaluation of agricultural land to document resource concerns
- Assist landowners with the development of whole farm conservation plans.
- Consult with field office staff/ Area office staff to design conservation practices.
- Oversee construction and perform checkouts of planned conservation practices/systems with cooperative landowners according to established policies.
- Provide technical assistance to individuals, groups and governmental entities in a timely manner.
- Assist with educational programs to promote the conservation of natural resources.
- Respond to requests for information and service from Local, State, and Federal Governmental offices and to the public.
- Maintain rental equipment

Rate $15/Hr. (Potential Pay Increase)
Work 40 Hr. per week
Address 2013 Midland Rd Shelbyville, TN 37160
Phone (931) 684-1441 Ext.3

Application/Detailed job description can be picked up at office between 7:00-3:30 M-F

Application and Resume to be turned into office no later than 08/15/2025

Obituaries

James Dale (Jimmy) McConnell

James Dale (Jimmy) McConnell, age 78, of Shelbyville, Tennessee, passed from this life on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at his residence.

Jimmy was born on March 28, 1947, in Union City, Tennessee, to the late Odell Whitfield McConnell and Helen Modene Hammonds McConnell. He was a member of Grace Baptist Church.

Jimmy was a true legend in the Tennessee Walking Horse industry, winning his first Celebration blue at the age of 23. Throughout the next 55 years, over 200 world and world grand championships would be won under his direction. He was a great trainer, coach and was truly the master showman.



Two-Year-Old World Grand Championship with No Apology – making him the only trainer to have done this.

Jimmy made his first World Grand Championship spotlight ride aboard The Black Nightshade in 2004, followed by Master Of Jazz in 2007, Watch It Now in 2009 and Gen A'Mighty in 2018. Making Jimmy one of only a handful of trainers to have won "The Big Stake" four times.

At the 2023 Celebration, Jimmy won both the Two-Tear-Old Mare World Grand Championship with Gimme A Redneck Girl and the Blackburn and Libby and Finn McConnell. Jimmy also leaves behind the mother of his children, Gail McConnell as well as his brother Jackie and his wife Cyndi.

Jimmy shared his love of horses with his children and grandchildren and was always there to cheer them on in every stage of life. Jimmy is survived by his children and their spouses, Stacy and Knox Blackburn and Jason and Fran McConnell. He loved nothing more than his four grandchildren who adored their "Big Mac,"Alex and Evan

Visitation with the family was held on Friday, August 1, 2025, at Fair Haven Baptist Church from 11-2. Funeral services followed the visitation at 2.

A private graveside service will be held at Eastview Cemetery in Union City, Tennessee.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

Gerald Harris



Gerald Harris, age 91, of Shelbyville, TN, passed peacefully from this life on Friday, August 1, 2025, at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

A lifelong resident of Shelbyville, Gerald was born on January 20, 1934, to the late James Brady Harris and Annie V. Hinson Harris. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Gerald Thomas Harris; stepdaughter, Lisa Jeanne Adams; step grandson, Phillip Bradley Frizzell; and siblings James L. Harris, Kenneth W. Harris, Doyle E. Harris, Carl C. Harris, William Harris, Martha Baldauff, Cecil R. Harris, James E. Harris, and Donnie Gore.

Gerald attended Shelbyville Central High School before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. From 1952 to 1955, he honorably served his country as a helicopter mechanic, with stations in Santa Ana, CA, Okinawa, Japan, and Memphis, TN.

Following his service, Gerald returned to Shelbyville, where he applied his mechanical skills to a long and successful career as a business owner. He opened Andy's Texaco on Madison Street and would go on to own and operate three additional stations: Andy's 231 Shell service station, Harris Mobile, and Andy's Amoco.

Gerald was also a gifted carpenter. He built his own home by hand—including a garage and a dedicated pool room where he enjoyed watching football games with friends and family. A natural problem-solver, Gerald could build, fix, or engineer nearly anything—a talent that made him indispensable to those around him.

He had a deep appreciation for Western novels, especially those by Louis L'Amour, and enjoyed quiet moments spent reading. He also loved fishing and had a fondness for collecting river stones with unique markings.

Above all, Gerald cherished time with his grandchildren. Many joyful memories were made at Pa and Granny's country home, where laughter and love were always abundant. One of his most beloved sayings—especially among the grandkids—was "Good gracious, growing Gallatin!"

Gerald deeply loved his family and was always ready to lend a hand or offer support. Known by many as the "Clutch Man," he was the one people turned to when something needed doing—always dependable, always present.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 50 years, Vivian Dennis Harris; his children, Cynthia Diane Harris Sanders, Deborah Griggs, Benita Lahr, and Albert Leon McClaran; 11 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; and his brother, Eugene Harris.

A visitation will be held 10am-12pm Saturday, August 9, 2025, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home immediately followed by a Celebration of Life service with Tony Harris officiating at 12:00 p.m.

At a later date, Gerald's ashes will be interred at Willow Mount Cemetery.

Memorial Donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project @ www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com

Death Notices

Linda Faye Smothers

Linda Faye Smothers, age 84, of Franklin, passed away on Friday, August 1, 2025, in Franklin. She was a native of Williamson County and a daughter of the late John William Blair and Loretta Milligan Blair. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Douglas McArthur Smothers and a daughter, Pamela Denise Smothers.

Mrs. Smothers is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Cristy and Paul Garner of the Bennett Hollow community in Williamson County.

Lawrence Funeral Chapel in Chapel Hill is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Ella Brown Carpenter

Mary Ella Brown Carpenter, 84, a lifelong resident of Shelbyville, passed away July 29, 2025, at Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital in Murfreesboro.

Born on April 7, 1941, Mary was the daughter of the late Lester Clayton and Mary Magdalene Pinkston Brown.

Mary was married for 66 years to Donald Rogers Carpenter Sr., who survives.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Lee Noe

Dorothy Lee Noe, age 93, of Shelbyville, passed away Saturday, August 2, 2025.

She was born January 14, 1932, in Williamson, Virginia, to the late Fredrick Lunsford Reid and Hazel Hurley Reid. She is preceded in death by her husband, Nebert Noe.

She is survived by her daughter, Dr. Loretta Noe.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Sara Patricia Arnold

Sara Patricia Arnold, 81, of Beechgrove, died July 29, 2025.

Sara was born November 1, 1943 in Detroit, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil Gray Melton and Bessie Virginia Fowler Melton; her husband James Ray Arnold Jr.; a daughter, Mary Virginia Shelton.

Sara is survived by two daughters, Melissa (Andy) Fox of Beechgrove and Tricia Arnold of Christiana.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Billie Tipps Overcast

Billie Tipps Overcast, 85, of Shelbyville, died July 30, 2025. She and her late husband, James Harvey "Buddy" Overcast, were longtime owner/operators of Shelbyville Sports Shop.

She was born July 25,1940, in Lincoln County and preceded in death by her parents, Hugh Harold Tipps and Martha Ruth Clark Tipps; her husband of 46 years, James Harvey "Buddy" Overeast and daughter, Candy Lee Overcast.

Billie is survived by her daughter, Cindy Overcast Reagan (Ron.)

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

William Scott Jones

William Scott Jones, 58, of Normandy died August 2, 2025. He was the son of Judy Dean Floyd Jones Collins and the late Boyd Wayne Jones. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his children, Ashley Renea Jones of Shelbyville, William

Richard Jones (Caitlyn) of Columbia; step-children, Dalton Collins of Shelbyville, Krista Mendez (Johnny) of Cookeville; step-mother, Dorothy A. Medley.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Ann Wright Price

Mary Ann Wright Price of Bell Buckle died August 4, 2025 at the age of 89.

She was born July 1, 1936, in Bell Buckle and preceded in death by her parents, Robert Garland Wright, Mary Thomas Wright; her first husband, Donald Armstrong; her second husband, Tom Price.

She is survived by her children, Donna Armstrong Clanton, Lisa Armstrong (Greg Grove), David G. Armstrong (Leilah), Donald Scott Armstrong (Rebekah.)

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Bid Number: TDEC ARPA #2022-8533 (DW-PDC-1)
Bid Title: Wartrace ARPA #2022-8533 - Water System Improvements (DW-PDC-1)
Category: Public Works
Status: Bidding
WARTRACE WATER SYSTEM (PWSID TN0000730), Bedford County
ESU Project Number: DW20240197

PROJECT: WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS (DW-PDC-1)

Wartrace will be soliciting bids for Wartrace ARPA #2022-8533 - WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS (DW-PDC-1) project located in the Town of Wartrace, Tennessee. This is a Public Works project with several functions for the Town of Wartrace community. The Work includes the replacement of about 5,300 linear feet of 12-inch water main and rebuild of master meter and vault.

Separate sealed bids for the WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS (DWPDC-1) will be received by The Town of Wartrace at 29 Main Street East, PO Box 158, Wartrace, TN 37138, until 2 pm on August 14, 2025 and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. Any person with a disability requiring special accommodation must contact the Town of Wartrace no later than 7 days prior to the bid opening.

All bid documents may be examined at the following:

1) WARTRACE CITY HALL
29 MAIN ST E, PO BOX 158
WARTRACE, TN 37183
(931) 389-6144

2) HUSSEY GAY BELL, LLC
4117 HILLSBORO PIKE, STE 206
NASHVILLE, TN 37215
(615) 460-7515

3) QUEST CDN PLANROOM
www.questcdn.com

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com under Login. You may download the digital plans and contract documents for $22.00 by inputting Quest project # 9807351 in the website's Project Search page. Please contact Quest CDN at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this project information.

The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

A detailed listing of all subcontractors shall be provided by the Bidder.

In accordance with the Contract Documents, documentation that the prospective General Contractor and its subcontractors meet minimum qualifications shall be provided and submitted. Subcontractors must also not appear on Sam.gov disbarment list. Mark-ups on subcontractor work or Cost Plus Overhead will be disallowed for reimbursement.

A bid bond or certified check for five percent (5%) of the total bid amount must accompany each bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond in the amount of his bid and shall, before entering on the work of said contract, be licensed as a contractor of the Town of Wartrace.

Bid Opening Date/Time: August 14, 2025 @ 2 pm
Publication Date: 07/25/2025

The Town of Wartrace hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award. The Town of Wartrace is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Any contract that uses federal funds to pay for construction work is a "federally assisted construction contract" and must include the equal opportunity clause found in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, unless otherwise stated in 41 C.F.R. Part 60. We encourage all small and minority owned firms and women's business enterprises to participate. No bidder may withdraw his bid within (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Alzheimer's Tennessee
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259-4283

ESTATE AUCTION #1
Personal Property of the P.J. Russell Estate
Saturday, August 9, 2025 at 10 a.m.
Held inside
South Fulton Municipal Complex
in the Community Room at
700 Milton Counce Drive, South Fulton TN 38257
in Obion County. Rain or Shine
75 Firearms, Pistols, Shotguns, Rifles, Plus Gun Parts, Ammunition, Bayonets, Tools, Knives & More.
Judy Barker - Attorney,
David Russell and Robert Burrow - Co-executors
Bill Gray & Son Auctioneers
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Lic: #1438

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Answer the dinner dilemma with Lasagna Rollups

(Family Features) Rescue your loved ones from a dinner rut with a simple solution that answers "what's for dinner" with an exciting, flavorful meal. These Lasagna Rollups require just one pan, making both cooking and cleanup a breeze on busy weeknights.

To mix it up even further, try adding spinach or mushrooms, swapping out ricotta for cottage cheese or any number of personal preferences.

Find more weeknight meal ideas by visiting Culinary.net.

Lasagna Rollups

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Servings: 4-6 (1 rollup per serving)

- 8 lasagna noodles
- 1 pound hamburger meat
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon onion powder
- 15 ounces ricotta cheese
- 1 teaspoon rosemary (optional)



- 1 jar marinara sauce
- 2 cups mozzarella cheese, divided

1. In pot, boil noodles according to package instructions. Drain under cold water and set aside.
2. In same pot, brown hamburger meat then add garlic powder and onion powder. Mix in ricotta cheese; rosemary, if desired; marinara sauce; and 1 cup mozzarella cheese.
3. Heat oven to 350 F.
4. Line baking dish with layer of hamburger sauce. Line cooled noodles on cutting board or parchment paper. Add hamburger sauce to each noodle and roll. Place lasagna rollups, seam sides down, in dish. Cover with remaining hamburger sauce and sprinkle with remaining mozzarella cheese.
5. Bake 20 minutes.



Caramel Apple Wraps

Family Features

- 3 large apples, any kind
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 cup fat-free vanilla Greek yogurt
- 1/3 cup creamy peanut butter, or almond butter
- 8-10 fajita-sized tortillas
- caramel sundae syrup

1. Wash and dice apples. In medium bowl, mix sugar and cinnamon. Add diced apples to sugar mixture. Toss apples to coat.
2. In small bowl, stir together yogurt and peanut butter until smooth.
3. Layout tortillas and spread 2 tablespoons yogurt mixture on each. Spoon small amount of apple mixture at one end of each tortilla. Start from end with apples and roll tortillas.
4. Drizzle with caramel syrup.



A GREAT WEEK TO CELEBRATE

SPD Photo

This week, City Court Clerk Lilia Torres marks 16 years of service with Shelbyville Police Department.



HEALTHY FOOD, HAPPY KIDS, SUCCESSFUL FUTURE

Thanks to Bedford County School System's participation in the Community Eligibility Provision, every student, pre-k through 12, can enjoy breakfast and lunch meals at no cost. There are also a la carte items available for purchase.





GREAT GATHERING OF SCHOOL COUNSELORS AND SOCIAL WORKERS

Photos by Carol Garrette

Bedford County School System's social and emotional learning and mental health team joined together during the back-to-school kick off. They all note they're looking forward to a meaningful year filled with care, connection and impact.



WHEEL BE THERE By Timothy E. Parker

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Main Takeaway From MTSU Football Media Day: The Offense Will Be Explosive

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – The Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders are headed into Year 2 of the Derek Mason era, and with it being the final season for fifth-year senior Nicholas Vattiato at QB, Mason knew he had to utilize the portal to build a competitor around his star quarterback as quickly as possible.

"We had some stars a year ago – Omari Kelly and Holden Willis – but we're more dynamic this year. We have more speed, more depth, we're longer, and we knew we had to give Nick weapons. These guys are long. You can talk about Kason Stokes, you can talk about Nahzae Cox, you can talk about Myles [Butler] being the lone returner, but AJ Jones from Arizona, Amorion Walker from Michigan, I mean we went out and got dudes. That room, whether we're talking about the portal or high school talent, is unbelievable. Nick's just been having fun all summer throwing to a cast of characters where it doesn't matter who's out there because somebody makes plays."

Kason Stokes, a 6'2, 191 lb RS. freshman transfer from UCF, ran a 10.87 in the 100-meter dash as a junior in high school. Amorion Walker, a redshirt junior transfer from Michigan who appeared in four games last season and caught three passes for 34 yards, is 6'4 and a former defensive back. The 6'2 Myles Butler returns for his senior season after playing in all 12 games with 30 receptions for 366 yards and 3 TDs. AJ Jones, a 6'3 junior transfer from Arizona, was a three-star recruit out of high school, but is hoping the change in scenery leads to a breakout season. For his career, he has just five receptions for 27 yards. Nahzae Cox, a 6'3 juco transfer from Fresno City, had 23 catches for 562 yards and 5 TDs in his second season in California, proving to be an explosive big-play threat down the field.

The Blue Raiders also revamped the running back room, as well as working to improve the offensive line. Early on, Mason is confident that this year, MTSU will be able to control the ground game more consistently than a season ago when they ranked 129th out of 134 FBS teams averaging just 89 rushing yards per game. In terms of scoring average, MTSU ranked 127th with 26.77 points per game.

"If I had to put a number on it, I'd say our goal is 35 points per game," said MTSU's second-year offensive coordinator, Bodie Reeder.

The coaching staff is extremely excited about the explosive big-play threat that the 2025 Blue Raiders' offense presents, and that will only help the MTSU defense's psyche compared to a season ago.

MTSU opens the 2025 campaign at home against Austin Peay on Saturday, August 30th at 6:00 p.m.



Derek Mason (pictured) speaks to the media following Tuesday's practice. MTSU finished 4-8 in his first season at the helm. *Photo by Noah Maddox.*

Blue Raiders mourn the loss of Hall of Fame Member Robert Gregg Cunnyngham

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Former Middle Tennessee baseball player and Blue Raider Hall of Famer, Robert Gregg Cunnyngham, 78, passed away on August 4.

Born on May 19, 1947, in Chattanooga, Cunnyngham was a right-handed submarine pitcher. Cunnyngham started and relieved for the Blue Raiders from 1966 through 1968. He was all-conference in both 1967 and 1968, earning Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year and All-Region honors in '68. He was 9-0 in 1968 as he led MTSU to its' first-ever OVC baseball championship. His career stats are astonishing, compiling a 17-3 won-lost record and an earned run average of an unbelievable 1.55, giving up only 32 earned runs in 186 innings.

Seven of his wins were shutouts and he pitched 13 complete games, striking out 186 while walking only 90. With his record of 9-0 in 1968, Cunnyngham led the blue Raiders to a 23-9 record overall and a berth in the college division Mideast Regional. He won two games in the regional as the Raiders came up one game short of the World Series. He was, perhaps, as dominating a pitcher in the OVC as the Raiders have ever had.

Cunnyngham played professionally for two years with the Philadelphia Phillies and two years with the Cleveland Indians.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, Aug. 9, from 1-4 p.m. at Wilson Funeral Home, 443 Boynton Drive, Ringgold. A funeral service will follow on Sunday, Aug. 10, at 2 p.m. at the same location.

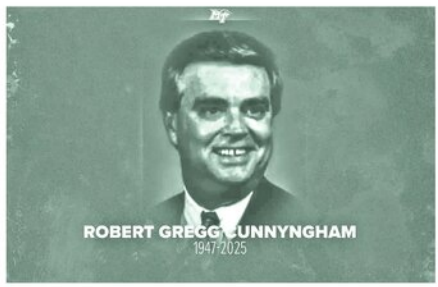


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Blue Raiders Earn GCAA Academic Team Honor

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Middle Tennessee men's golf has been recognized as a recipient of the 2024-25 PLATFORM Golf Team Academic Award, the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) announced Tuesday.

"I'm really proud of our guys for the way they take care of business in the classroom," said Head Coach Mark McEntie. "They continue to set a high standard for what it means to be a Blue Raider, and this recognition is a direct result of the hard work they put in day in and day out."

The Blue Raiders posted a 3.527 cumulative team GPA during the academic year, earning President's Special Recognition status—reserved for programs with a team GPA of 3.5 or higher.

The honor highlights the Blue Raiders' continued commitment to academic excellence, complementing their competitive success on the course.



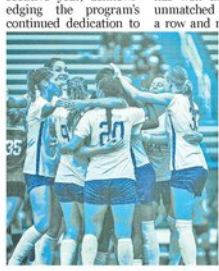
MTSU soccer earns 24th straight academic award

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – The Middle Tennessee women's soccer team has received the United Soccer Coaches College Team Academic Award for the 24th consecutive year, acknowledging the program's continued dedication to academic excellence.

The Blue Raiders posted a 3.69 cumulative team GPA for the 2024–25 academic year to maintain the award streak that started in 2001. Middle Tennessee has won the award an unmatched 24 years in a row and ranks among the top women's college soccer programs for consecutive honors.

The Blue Raiders were one of 414 women's teams nationwide to earn the award. Additionally, 311 men's teams received the honor, which recognizes programs with a team GPA of 3.0 or higher.





Youthful Lady Champs Primed to Prove That Trips to State Are The New Norm

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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – As the 2010s moved into the 2020s, the Cascade Lady Champions soccer program attempted annually to bust down the door of the TSSAA State Tournament for the first time, continuously coming up one game short in the state sectional round. Now, under head coach Wendy Williams, the Lady Champs are coming off their second-consecutive state tournament berth, solidifying themselves as a premier force to be reckoned with in Class A. Despite this assertion, Williams is approaching this season as she would any other.

"I think we're approaching the season the same way we did last year: no expectation. We want to be strong in our season, and then see where the season takes us," Williams explained. "We don't talk about state, we don't set that as our goal. Of course, it's always the end goal, but we are not putting that pressure on the new players. We labeled last year as a rebuilding year because we lost seven seniors the year before, and then we were able to be successful last year. I think we're gonna see some success this year too, but it's way too early for me to contemplate on if we will make it. We play for each game and take it one step at a time. I don't feel like there's pressure because each year is a new year."

Over the past two seasons, Cascade has gone 23-6-1 overall with a pair of D9-A and R5-A Championships to go along with a pair of State Tournament appearances. This season, Williams says the team has welcomed 10 new players to the fold, including six freshmen. Two sophomores – twins Makayla and Makenzie Fisher – are first-year players, and both are working out at goalkeeper.

"They've never played soccer before, but I'm proud of where they are," Williams said. The Fisher twins play basketball and softball, but are giving soccer a go this season.

One of the biggest question marks coming into the 2025 campaign has been how will Cascade replace three seniors along the backline, along with Sophie Ray who cleaned everything up right in front of the defense? After graduating Kelsey Shatley, Ella Thompson, and Dallas Bird out of the back-four, a freshman, a sophomore, and a junior have stepped up to fill in those positions for the Lady Champs.

"We actually feel pretty good about our backline again this year," Williams emphasized. "It's a freshman, a sophomore, and a junior, but none of them have played defense before. However, they have looked really good in the preseason so far and have come out strong. We didn't lose anything defensively by putting them back there, and they've proven themselves already."



Cascade HC Wendy Williams (pictured) has led the Lady Champs to a 23-6-1 record over the past two seasons, along with back-to-back District 9-A and Region 5-A titles as well as consecutive State Tournament Appearances for the first time in program history. *Photo by David Smith.*



Sophomore Kaylee Martin (9) returns as the third-leading goal scorer from a year ago, finishing with eight goals and two assists in her freshman campaign. *Photo by David Smith.*

One key returner, Claire Smithson – has taken over the No. 6 position right in front of the defense, much like Sophie Ray from the past two seasons.

"Of course, Claire [Smithson] is in that holding mid position, and she's just steady and consistent and right in front of the backline. I think that gives them confidence because she's always everywhere too... she's kind of taken over Sophie's position. She can read the field well," Williams said.

With Smithson in the midfield is junior Brinlee Collett, and then sophomore Olivia Winnett assumes the attacking midfield duties. Winnett bagged nine goals and two assists in her freshman season despite missing some time in the postseason, and Williams has high praise of her star No. 10.

"Olivia Winnett is irreplaceable in that attacking midfield position. She makes great passes, she has great movement, and she has an incredible understanding of the field," said Williams. "Our box-to-box midfielders we do have to rotate because they do a lot of running, but Brinlee Collett has stepped up as a junior this year. She has played very well within the triangle in the middle. We used a freshman against Riverdale some – Alayna Ormiston – in the middle...we have several that are strong enough in the middle that can feed the ball out that are going to contribute to our success this year."



Sophomore Olivia Winnett (15) is the second-highest returning goal scorer from a year ago after finding the back of the net nine times to go along with a pair of assists in her No. 10 position. *Photo by David Smith.*

"The good thing is that we have a great middle school program. Michael Martin runs it in a very similar format to what we expect, so a lot of times, it's not a seamless transition because there is a gap between the physicality and speed from middle school to high school, but he does look for possession and tries to instill those things so when they come to us, they're used to that. I think we have seen that out of our freshmen, like they understand what kind of ball we play and what our gameplan is. We worked on getting adjusted to the speed of the game all summer. It's one thing to tell them that, it's another for them to get in a game and be like 'oh, there they go,' so it's hard before you actually do it."

In the attack, senior Ella McGeary is on the wing along with sophomore Kaylee Martin, and of course fellow sophomore and leading returning goalscorer, Lexi Comstock, spearheads the attack up top. Comstock found the back of the net 11 times in her freshman season, none more exhilarating than her 75th minute winner in the District 9-A Championship game against Huntland last October.

Martin was no slouch herself, finishing third on the team with eight goals last year to go along with a pair of assists. Her biggest weapon is her low crosses with whip from the wing. McGeary also returns with three goals and one assist from a season ago.

Overall, Williams has just two seniors on the roster in McGeary and Kaydence Bynum, meaning that leadership is having to come from younger players organically.

"I've been proud of the sophomores' leadership already," said Williams. "They came out strong last year on the field, and they've really come out strong as leaders this year. They want to have success and they want to work hard. We're seeing them step into a new role; they're not the youngest, so they can set the tone for practice and guide things."

To go along with that theme of youth production, Williams also has a few freshmen that could show out and have an impact akin to some of the freshmen from a year ago.

"We have several freshmen who will step up and do great things, but I would say one standout in particular we had in the Riverdale scrimmage was Kenzie Bledsoe," Williams said. "She stepped into the centerback position and killed it. This was asking her to step outside her comfort zone a bit because she played up top all through middle school and she has really taken it and run with it. She's fast, she's physical, I think we're going to see great things out of her."

Despite all the class realignment going on in so many sports around the state, the Lady Champions' district and region remained unchanged for 2025. District 9-A still contains Cascade, Chapel Hill, Huntland, Community, and Fayetteville, while Region 5-A is once again comprised of Richland, Culleoka, Loretto, and Battle Creek.

With the program now in less uncharted waters than the beginning of the previous two campaigns, Williams says that both trips to the State Tournament have taught her and her team valuable information.

"I think it's so interesting how you gain something from every one of them. The first year against Kingston we learned. We had not been there before and experienced that, so we learned from it and moved forward. Being at that point in the season with a small roster, you're also worn down from the long season when we don't have the numbers that some of these other schools have, so it's hard to stay at that same high level once you get to that point," she said.

Because of how last season ended against CSAS, it's pretty clear that Williams intends to work more players into the fold and onto the field throughout the season. Not only to build up the team's depth, but also to preserve the main contributors from the inevitable wear and tear that comes from a long and physically demanding season.

On top of that, Williams has also scheduled Cascade to participate in September's Smoky Mountain Cup in East Tennessee in an attempt to play more quality competition farther into the season and closer to when a potential state tournament run might occur.

Williams also feels that the returning players who managed to get a taste of success from a season ago have used that taste as fuel to try and make it back to maybe even win the whole thing this year.

"I feel like they all came in with the mentality of being ready to work," Williams concluded. "I think this group has a really good work ethic, and they just come ready to push themselves. That's what we ask for them every day. Our motto has been 'get comfortable with being uncomfortable' because we want them to push themselves outside of their comfort zone, and I think they've stepped up to it."

Cascade opens its regular season on August 19th at Cannon County.

E-911

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A special guest for the groundbreaking was Mike Mahn, general counsel for the 911 board across the state or as he was referred to Friday, "The Godfather of 911 in TN." He was credited for having spent more than 40 years fighting for legislative initiatives for public safety.

Former state representative Cobb was recognized for several key initiatives across the state regarding public safety, including Jessica's Law and the Meth-Free TN Act. He was elected to the E-911 board in 2011 and would serve on as chair soon thereafter.

Vice Chair White was recognized for a meritorious former law enforcement career. He now serves as director of planning for Bedford County and has been a member of the E-911 board since 2011.

Scott Johnson was recognized for serving 23 years in the U.S. Air Force and his service during 9/11. Upon returning home to Bedford County, he served as the director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency-a job he kept for 17 years before retiring in 2021. He now serves as a reserve Bedford County Sheriff's Deputy and a County Commissioner. He joined the E-911 board in 2006.

Bedford County Fire Department Chief Mark Thomas' career goes way back in public safety, having first began his career as a local firefighter in 1981. He has served for several years now as an E-911 board member.

Ted Cox, EMS director since 2014 and a current E-911 board member, was recognized for dedicating decades of his life to emergency work in Tennessee. Cox was recently named advocacy coordinator for Tennessee by the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT.)

In this role, Cox will reach out to NAEMT members in the Volunteer State to encourage their participation in NAEMT's advocacy efforts, update them on the status of national legislation, coordinate visits to the offices of U.S. Senators and Representatives to educate them about EMS-related issues, build relations with the state EMS office and state associations, and coordinate Tennessee's involvement in NAEMT's national advocacy campaigns.



Emergency responders, members of community, await new E-911 building

Several in the community gathered for the groundbreaking on the new E-911 Communications Center which will be located across the street on Industrial from the animal shelter.





Jared Featherstone was recognized as having been on the E-911 board since 2023. He also serves Jr's House and the Leadership Bedford Board.

Mike Henry was announced as first beginning his career in public safety in 2000 in Florida; he became a certified law enforcement officer in 2003. He moved to Tennessee and served with Bedford County Sheriff's Department. He's been since 2022, a dedicated member of the E-911 board.

E-911 presented challenge coins to its employees and stakeholders prior to the groundbreaking. Challenge coins are a cherished tradition among emergency medical services (EMS) professionals, symbolizing their commitment, courage, and dedication to life-saving care.











REX'S EXES OPENS THIS WEEKEND AT THE FLY!

The Fly Community Theatre is bringing local audiences back to Sweet Gum, TX with their upcoming production of the Jones Hope Wooten's Rex's Exes August 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17. The play is a sequel to The Red Velvet Cake War, which The Fly staged during their 2024 season, and features many of the same characters.

Many of the actors from The Fly's The Red Velvet Cake War production will be reprising their roles in this southern fried comedy that continues the laugh out loud lives of the Verdeen cousins — Gaynelle, Peaches and Jimmie Wyvette. Linda Wyant is also returning to direct.

Even though the play is a sequel, audiences unfamiliar with The Red Velvet Cake War will still be able to watch, understand and laugh along at the hilarious hi-jinks of the Verdeen family.

