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THE ISSUE

Is the local Senior Citizens Center moving?

Will the Center be able to grow along with the City?

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During a recent meeting with City officials, Shelbyville Bedford County Senior Citizens Board Director, Sonia Miller, explained some of what's gone against the attendance at the Center over the last 5 years.

"COVID really did a number. We lost a lot of people. So, we've struggled. We have regulars that come on a daily basis."

Another hit on attendance, she advised, is that the Senior Center has to "compete" with senior programs now offered by Shelbyville Recreation Center. The Rec. Center is a colorful and youthful place to be, according to Miller, so what's not to like.

> *'What we do is so much more than y'all hear.'*
> **Sonia Miller, Senior Citizens Center Director**

Though she assured there are still a lot of what she calls the regulars taking advantage of what the Center has to offer the community, some have not returned.

More than fun and games, the Senior Center is a place where seniors can access free tax help and Medicare assistance, food assistance and more. Miller said it's really the service senior for local senior citizens.

The director said with great emotion, "What we do is so much more than y'all hear."

"We have so many partners we work with that make what we do important. I just feel like we need to do whatever we can to help the seniors now and help the seniors in the future . . . so they know this is a place they can go to get the services they need."

For these and other reasons, Miller told the ad hoc committee, which included Board Member, Tonya Davis, that she would like to see a new facility built, potentially off Colloredo Boulevard. There are some vacant

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A group of City officials met with Shelbyville Bedford County Senior Citizens Center Board members recently to discuss future goals.

Shelbyville's own Henry Feldhaus receives prestigious TML Bob Kirk Award

By DAWN HANKINS AND TML REPORTS

Henry Feldhaus was recognized at the recent City Council study session for his latest Tennessee Municipal League (TML) Award. With his familiar smile, Feldhaus said first and foremost the greatest thing was that family was there to share in this accomplishment.

In recognition of his dedication to public service, Feldhaus was awarded the Bob Kirk Local Government Leadership Award on Tuesday, Aug. 5, during the 85th Annual Conference of the Tennessee Municipal League (TML) held at the Chattanooga Convention Center.

The honor really is outstanding-for Feldhaus and the City of Shelbyville. The award is named for Dyersburg City Alderman and TML Past President Bob Kirk who served his city for nearly 51 years as an elected official.

The Bob Kirk Local Government Leadership Award is presented to a council member, alderman, or commissioner who is at least in their second term of service to their municipality and has shown themselves to be an outstanding public servant to both their municipality and their community.

Feldhaus told the T-G Tuesday, "It was an honor to be chosen out of all the city elected officials in Tennessee. First, I want to thank my family and especially my wife, Jenni, for supporting me and allowing me to serve the citizens of Shelbyville for the past 47 years. Also, while I may have championed many efforts to improve our community with great investments and quality of life

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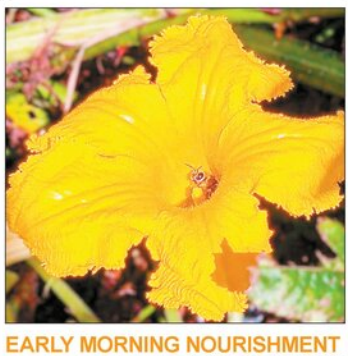
TML Photo

Shelbyville City Councilman Henry Feldhaus recently attended the 85th Conference of the Tennessee Municipal League (TML) with his family. He was awarded the TML Bob Kirk Award for faithful, long-time service.



EARLY MORNING NOURISHMENT

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

This little bee gets some late summer nectar from a uniquely grown pumpkin blossom. Pumpkin season is just around the corner. See pumpkin story and recipe inside.

CASA Bedford County celebrates 25 years of service to families in need

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In honor of 25 years of service to Bedford County and for the community's support, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) celebrated with a special luncheon on Tuesday at First Baptist Church.

Invited guests included everyone from government/court dignitaries to supportive businesspeople. Those filling the fellowship hall of the church listened attentively as Wanda Strayhorn, CASA director, opened the program.

Mayor Chad Graham provided the invocation. The Call to Action was given by FBC Pastor Jeff Rasnick. Telling about the paralytic and the four friends from The Gospel of Mark, Rasnick advised that CASA children have needs and it takes a village, and friends, to give them the support needed for a better way.

Strayhorn said during her talk, "This program is necessary to the children of this County, to this community, to the court and Department of Children's Services."



From left, CASA's Wanda Strayhorn, Lynn Farrar and Annemarie Rainwater, also a former CASA client. Annemarie grew up in foster care before being adopted after a life changing experience with her CASA. Currently, Annemarie is on DCS staff and serves on the TN CASA Board of Directors.

Wanda herself has served CASA for decades. She told emotional stories about the people who pull the program together and weave it in love each day. She expressed her deep emotion for those working for children's services.

"Some of our volunteers work all day and they're not able to get off for work. They work in the evenings and on the weekends . . . . But they said 'thank you' for supporting this."

Mayors Chad Graham and Randy Carroll had really busy schedules on Tuesday but made it to a portion of the event. State Rep. Pat Marsh, Judge Muriel Robinson, retired, and some County Commissioners and

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MAKING A WAY FOR STRONG FAMILIES

School System Photo

Bedford County School System recently held its annual Start Strong Family Night event at Harris Middle School. The event, school officials note, was filled with teamwork and community spirit.

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improvements, I was not successful by myself. I thank the fellow elected officials who supported the visions."

TML presenters discussed Feldhaus' long-standing career with the City of Shelbyville. He ran opposed in the last City election, which likely demonstrates his Ward's faith in his service and ability as councilman.

"Since 1981, Councilman Feldhaus has been a fixture in Shelbyville municipal government, advocating for the development of parks and recreation facilities, revitalizing the City's riverside district, and bringing new industry and educational opportunities to the community."

Feldhaus' service to Shelbyville initially began in 1978, when he was appointed to the Shelbyville Airport Authority. Over the course of 27 years, Feldhaus, a licensed pilot himself, has served as a councilman representing Ward 1, Shelbyville's vice mayor and mayor.

Feldhaus was first elected to City Council in 1981, serving until he was elected mayor from 1987 to 1995. Feldhaus returned to elected office as the Ward 1 Councilman in 2012.

He also has served on virtually every board and committee associated with the City of Shelbyville in the past 45 years. His civic involvement has also included serving as past president of the Shelbyville Rotary Club, as a founding member of Leadership Bedford, and as a member of the Shelbyville-Bedford County Library Board and Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce.

TML also recognized Feldhaus as a key proponent of parks and recreation opportunities, helping to create the City's H.V. Griffin Park and the 142-acre Shelbyville Recreation Center that boasts multiple gyms, craft rooms, indoor and outdoor pools, and numerous other amenities for active and passive recreation activities.

He is also a major driver in the Riverview District project, which is planned to revitalize the area between Shelbyville's Historic Square and the Duck River. TML noted that the City purchased blighted and dilapidated properties in the southwest corner of the square for retail redevelopment, seeing the buildings through an RFP process for redevelopment.

"New developers, investing in excess of $3 million, have created an upscale steakhouse, mercantile stores, and short-term rentals. The City has also facilitated underground utilities with period decorative lighting, increased public parking, string lights to provide atmosphere, a landscaping plan for beautification, seating areas, and a staging area for concerts and special events."

Feldhaus also enlisted support from local leaders, MTSU, and state officials as well as a TDOT Transportation Alternative Program grant to finance the current Riverwalk and Duck River Overlook. The $2.7 million ongoing project will connect downtown, the Fly Arts Center, and open the park area bordering the Duck River for numerous opportunities for recreation and entertainment.

Drawing on his relationships in aviation, Feldhaus was instrumental in relocating the MTSU Aerospace Campus and flight training program (set to open in a couple years) to the Shelbyville Municipal Airport. The program is part of a larger expansion of the airport, including a new 50,000-square-foot building and a 28,000-square-foot hangar. Several aircraft have also been relocated to the airport as it continues to grow.

Other economic and community development initiatives in which Feldhaus has taken a leadership role, TML stated, include the creation of the 231 North Business Park that has "landed more than $100 million in major industrial investment in the City."

Perhaps the most notable achievement to date in Councilmember Feldhaus' storied career, TML also credited Feldhaus' recent knowledge of the local optional sales tax situation and lawsuit with Bedford County. TML credited him for his persistence to correct an oversight going for decades. Through his "expert testimony," TML stated that the City received a favorable court ruling for the sales tax agreement.

Now in appeals court, if the original ruling for the previous agreement to terminate is upheld, the City should start receiving in 2027, an additional $2 million annually in local option sales tax revenues.

But again, Councilman Feldhaus, despite all his political/governmental success, is all about family. He's the eldest of six children of the late Mary Jo Feldhaus, who was a local educator, and the late Dr. Henry Feldhaus, who was a decorated POW and a local family physician.

Henry graduated from The University of Tennessee in business administration, majoring in industrial management in 1976. He later received his MBA from Middle Tennessee State University in 1999, graduating first in his class and was inducted into the coveted Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society.

He is married to Jenni, who is a CPA and certified financial planner; they currently own and operate Feldhaus Investor Services. Henry and Jenni have three children - Dr. Jennifer Feldhaus, Dr. LauraAnne Feldhaus Stewart and Henry Feldhaus IV and 3 grandchildren.

SENIOR CENTER

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properties there (owned by a local lawyer and doctor) but those owners had not been contacted as of this meeting.

Miller was given a chance to explain what the needs of the Senior Center are at this time. "I feel like if we had a new facility, somewhere, and really thought this out, with the help of the City . . . .

She added, "Cooper Steel, at the last meeting, alluded to some financial assistance along the way. That may have changed since that meeting. I think [then] the Senior Center can get back to where it used to be."

City Manager Collins advised those in the meeting that to date, the City has not been given the official nod to re-approach Cooper Steel about their previous offer for the City property.

City Attorney Ginger Shofner said first off, the Senior Citizen Board needs a strategic plan going forward. Those City officials present, including Shofner, offered suggestions to help the process along.

While speculative at the time of the meeting, the group discussed how there may be some property available off Coloredo, which is right off North Main Street. But no discussions have been held with current owners as of Wednesday regarding potential purchase. "If we go into a random building somewhere, that is old, the center will die," said Miller. "I just feel like it will be the end of the senior center. But if you build something new . . . they'll want to come."

The director said she has researched some other new city senior centers. She said while a lot of dollars could be involved with a new facility here, she's known to be successful at applying for grants at the center.

The City of Shelbyville and Bedford County Government each support the nonprofit with donations out of yearly budgets. A 501c3, the nonprofit is meant to operate as self-sustaining throughout the year.

However, the City of Shelbyville still owns the current property on J.G. Helton Drive, near Shelbyville Central High School. There was some indication at this meeting that perhaps the City could bow out of any future Senior Center building responsibilities, should the properties be sold to Cooper Steel.

It was discussed during the recent meeting that the City has taken liberty to obtain appraisals for the lot on which the Senior Center sits and the vacant corner lot nearby, also owned by the City.

Currently, there is an agreement that the Center takes care of the inside of the building (cleaning, purchases for senior needs) while the City takes care of the outside or structural portion of the building. A new HVAC was recently ordered and installed by the City.

City Manager Scott Collins asked Miller where the board wanted to go from the meeting, given the City really has limited action when it comes to Senior Citizen Center matters.

As for financial help from the City, those Council members present on Wednesday indicated that there are several much-needed capital projects already ahead of this senior center proposal. One of those is a proposed public safety building which would house police and fire stations.

So how did this idea for a potential move from J.G. Helton Drive (near Shelbyville Central High School) come about in the first place?

During the meeting it was reported that Cooper Steel had expressed an interest in purchasing the Senior Center property, which belongs to the City, over a year ago. The first offer was on the corner lot then the entire property, according to City Manager Collins.

It was discussed Wednesday that a purchase of the property might be ideal and could potentially give the seniors a fresh start with a new location, etc. But most Wednesday said they didn't want to be presumptive.

A big kicker is that a brand new possible 10,000 square feet building with ample parking could carry a price tag of at least a million, one local realtor present estimated. That is for a structure not land, which would have a separate price tag.

With that, Miller and Senior Center Board Member Tonya Davis were charged with meeting with their board and providing more information about potential funding requests and the ideal property of choice.

City Manager Collins was going to re-approach Cooper Steel and see if the offer is even still on the table. Last Thursday, Collins told the T-G that Cooper Steel is indeed still interested in purchasing the City property.

After more planning, a submission could be made to the full City Council about the Center's request(s), those in attendance agreed. There was no quorum of Council members at this meeting therefore no vote or action was taken.

Council members present were Betsy Noel, Josh Blevins and Marilyn Ewing. Absent were William Christie, Bobby Turnbow and Henry Feldhaus. Mayor Randy Carroll was also unable to attend.

What's up with the planned Riverview District Overlook?

Engineering firm updates City Council at study session Part I

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Whitney Summers, vice president/business development manager-East Region at Neel-Schaffer, Inc. updated Shelbyville City Council last Tuesday about the progress being made by her firm regarding the City's proposed Riverview District Overlook.

It's an overlook that is planned to enhance tourism by providing concerts and recreational activities for the community.

As a refresher, a TAP federal grant for which the City applied through TDOT was awarded in July 2021. The contract was signed soon after. The engineers have been working on the project since.

"We've had some challenges along the way that have led to a lot of really great discussions . . . changes in the project."

The overlook plan was moved from its initial location near the old bank building. It's been moved down closer to the Fly, which Summers said was a great thing.

"You will have a great view of the river, dam . . . it's going to be spectacular."

She said a potential archeological site, which can be scary, was found. But she said environmental scientists have visited and all is well.

"There's some pretty gnarly utilities out there that have been out there for many, many years."

The engineers worked that out as well, according to Summers.

"What we've accomplished . . . approved environmental document with TDOT. That's a big feat and was signed June of this year."

The plans review with TDOT has been worked out as well, she advised. "Our next big milestone is getting to the right-of-way phase. That means the acquisition phase of this project."

She said some property will have to be acquired and because of the Riverwalk, some slope and easement/drainage issues are going to have to be addressed.

South to North starts what she refers to as the "Trail Head" and hugs the Riverbank as close as possible. It will be expensive to get off flat ground, she advised.

There will be a 10-foot-wide multi-use path (walking or bikes) planned. "The overlook itself is really awesome. It's going to be beautiful. I'm really excited about it. We're trying to pull some of the historic significance of Shelbyville into that overlook."

She described it as "open air" and "very beautiful.

She said some evasive vegetation on the Riverbank that will have to be removed-something the City public works is excited about. She said what is planted out there will be beautiful, landscaped and City staff are working with them on that aspect.

"It will be well-lit. There will be some historical [plaques] along the Riverwalk. We're trying to decide what those will be. There's so much history here-so many stories to tell."

See T-G. com and next week's print T-G edition for more on this story.

HISTORIC CITY CONTINUES TO GROW
CITY SETS GEARS FOR MORE TOURISM

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

The City of Shelbyville has its quiet moments but for the most part, it's really busy and growing. Projects like the Riverview Overlook and refreshed facilities and new businesses are geared toward increasing tourism dollars.



STRONG STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

School System Photo

Bedford County School System recently held its annual Start Strong Family Night event at Harris Middle School.

When managing billions, be a 'Dolly'

By Dawn Hankins

How does a billion-dollar industry/business get into such hot water financially? When thinking about the turn of events in the spirits industry here this week, I thought about the advice that Dolly Parton has long given about managing your own business.

As a judge said recently, most businesses manage to pay their bills when they have this much money. That is, if they really have that much money according to Uncle Sam.

First and foremost, Dolly emphasizes the importance of authenticity and diversification. Dolly rarely blames anyone else-at least not in public.

Dolly believes that staying true to your values and unique personality can build trust and set you apart from your competition. She implements at risk management strategies. Oh, so important as we all know from recent events.

Dolly highlights giving-philanthropy as not just part of her business but as her person.

Parton's approach to business management is rooted in her belief in leading with values, engaging your community and being fair and honest in your dealings.

She has successfully implemented these principles in her various business ventures, including her theme park, Dollywood and her books. Her business philosophy has long been a testament to her success and her ability to navigate the complexities of managing a business while maintaining her personal integrity and passion.

Basically, Dolly's managing her business with a splash of sunshine public relations. She doesn't get all into herself as CEO because she's too busy giving a lot of the money she makes to those in need.

I just give from my heart," she said in a speech while accepting the Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy in 2022. "I never know what I'm going to do or why I'm gonna do it. I just see a need and if I can fill it, then I will." (source: Business Insider.)

Dolly says rely on higher wisdom, look your best and don't boss anybody around.

Sounds like sound advice to me.

While a lot of media outlets await the local hearing outcome for Nearest Green, one thing is likely true. Not depending on "higher wisdom," as Dolly suggests, could backfire in the long run.

Only time and a judge's solid opinion will tell.



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

It was a short, 10 minute, August meeting of the Bedford County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday night. Sixteen of the 18 Commissioners present approved Resolution 25-10. A public hearing and public comment moment was held with no comments from the public. On July 15, 2025, 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. The Quarterly Financial Report was filed. Commissioner Scott Johnson announced the 87th annual TWHNC begins Aug. 20 and runs through Aug. 31. Mayor Chad Graham announced that County offices will be closed Sept. 1 for the Labor Day holiday. He advised Commissioners they have one year left before their terms expire.

Commissioner Adam Thomas led the prayer before the meeting.







NORMANDY IS GETTING COMPLIMENTS ON ITS MEMORIAL WALKWAY

The Town of Normandy's Memorial Walkway is really coming together. The Town continues to accept brick orders which are not just for those loved ones passed. Place bricks in honor or in memory of someone. The next brick memorial walkway deadline is Aug. 15-orders to be installed around Sept. 1, weather permitting. Contact Rhonda at Normandy.tn.city.recorder@gmail.com or stop by Town Hall. Office hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



People Around Town

Scott Johnson follows in father's footsteps by serving TWHNC Board, community

Lt. Col. Ret. Scott Johnson has had a full career-one which involves the military, homeland security and 9/11. But even past retirement, he continues to serve as a County Commissioner as well as a member of the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Board.

"Dad [Virgil Johnson] was on the Celebration Board of Directors for about 10 years to include serving as board chairman. Prior to that, he was a Celebration Association member for many years (board members are selected from the Association membership when there is a board vacancy.)"

Virgil Johnson passed away in 2023. His children and grandchildren, who affectionately called him "Bumpa," joked he was the busiest retired person they knew. He served two terms as a Bedford County Commissioner and was a key leader in the successful effort to bring an Industrial Development/Commerce Business Park to Bedford County.

As most people know, Scott's Dad was very active in the community, not only because of his job as the Jostens plant manager, but with participation in local civic groups, church, youth sports leagues, Chamber of Commerce, etc.

"Dad fully realized that as a leader committed to making our community a better place to live, work, and raise a family, that the Celebration was one of the most positive economic impactful and community dedicated organizations doing that for our community. So, when asked, he jumped at the chance to get involved at the Celebration and subsequently volunteered thousands of hours to the Celebration. He even served temporarily as the interim CEO."

Scott notes that his dad never owned walking horses, but we did have a cattle farm on Unionville Highway where they had quarter horses to work cattle and trail ride. Scott also owned trail horses for several years after returning home to Bedford County, but never any walking horses.

"Of course, my example for Celebration involvement was my father as well as my wife's family. The Tunes were leaders with the Celebration when it was created in 1939, and since. Alice's grandfather, Clyde Tune, was one of five or so original civic club members who started this tremendous tradition."

Alice's father, Bill Tune, was the CEO of the Celebration and late brother-in-law, Mark Farrar, Sr, was the head ringmaster for many years. Nephew Mark Farrar, Jr, is the evening TWHNC show announcer and CEO of the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association.

"Although I was on the Celebration Association for many years, I never anticipated being asked to serve on the Board of Directors. When notified by board member Pat Marsh that the board requested that I serve, I was surprised, humbled, and honored. I not only knew how important the Celebration was for both my family and my wife's family, but more importantly to this community."

He added, "Serving alongside the very talented and civic-minded board members as well as with the exceptional Celebration and SHOW staffs is truly an honor as we all strive to constantly improve the Celebration and our community. I know my father felt the same."



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FEATURES FROM THE BIBLE

TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

The Talking Donkey
Numbers 22

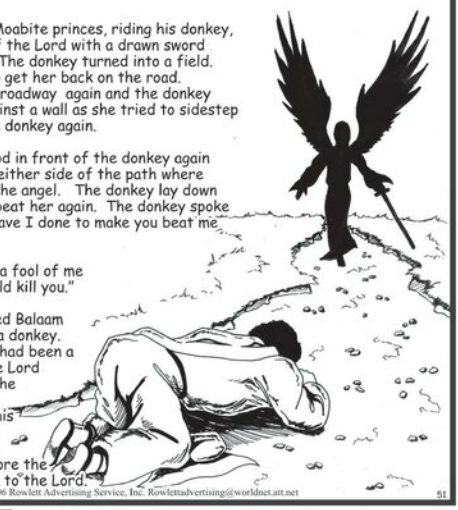
As Balaam went with the Moabite princes, riding his donkey, the donkey saw an angel of the Lord with a drawn sword standing in the roadway. The donkey turned into a field. Balaam beat the donkey to get her back on the road. The angel appeared in the roadway again and the donkey crushed Balaam's foot against a wall as she tried to sidestep the angel. Balaam beat the donkey again.

The angel of the Lord stood in front of the donkey again and there was no room on either side of the path where the donkey could pass by the angel. The donkey lay down under Balaam and Balaam beat her again. The donkey spoke and asked Balaam, "what have I done to make you beat me three times?"

Balaam replied, "you made a fool of me and if I had a sword I would kill you."

The donkey then questioned Balaam about her faithfulness as a donkey. Balaam admitted that she had been a faithful donkey. Then the Lord opened Balaam's eyes and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road with his sword drawn.

Balaam fell face down before the Lord and confessed his sin to the Lord.



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Bedford County Sheriff's Office employees congratulated recently for reaching service milestones included: Lt. Kevin Roddy, Sgt. Jeff Goodrich, Sgt. Morissa D'andrea and Deputy Austin Woodside. Each received years of service commendations from Sheriff Austin Swing. Roddy has served 20 years, and Goodrich, D'andrea and Woodside, each respectively 5 years.

Office of the Sheriff Bedford County Tennessee

Activity Report for the month of July, 2025

Total Miles: _____
Total Citations: 57
Total Warrants Served: 730
Total Arrests Made: 242
Total Inmates Currently in Holding: Jail: 363
Total Persons Processed Through: Jail: 347
10-27 (Burglary): 3
10-42 (Alarms): 24
10-43 (Investigations, etc): 334
10-44 (Stolen Vehicle): 1
10-45 (Auto Acc. No Injury): 44
10-46 (Auto Acc. W/Injury): 12
10-49 (Drunk Driver): 4
10-56 (Prowler): 3
(Child Abuse): 3
(Assault/Agg. Assault): 5
10-64 (Motorist Assist): 67
10-72 (Fire): 2
10-86 (Domestic): 214
10-14 (Escort - No Arrest): 17
10-15 (Transport In Custody): 44
10-81 (Traffic Stop): 394
911 (Hang-up & Other): 89
Other: 73
Total: 786

Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: July 29

Location: 805 Winners Circle South; Seller, Leticia M Burnley; Buyer, Mercedes Leon Badilla; Price, $218,500 (Deed).

Location: 1105 Normandy Rd; Seller, Donnelle M Steagall, Donnelle M Stegall; Buyer, Zachary Harrison Stevens; Price, $400,000 (Deed).

Location: 908 Shelbyview Dr; Seller, Matthew Chance Bolden; Buyer, Matthew Chance Bolden, Jessica Yerkey; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 206 Hillview Ave; Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, Katelynn Leeann Gonzales, Jesse Thomas Gonzales; Price, $361,595 (Deed).

Location: 204 Hillview Ave; Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, Haylie Dial, Charles L Dial; Price, $348,620 (Deed).

Seller, Ricky Warwick, Kathy Warwick; Buyer, Michael Dewayne Warwick, Kathy Warwick; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: July 30

Location: 319 Shipman Creek Rd; Seller, Johnny L Hambrick; Buyer, Kurt Hambrick; Price, $69,659 (Deed).

Location: 102 Brookfield Dr; Seller, Kathy M Scheidler; Buyer, Earl W Scheidler; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 508 Burns Rd; Seller, Teresa Anne Janes; Buyer, Michael Robert Janes; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 116 Millet St; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Wacky Willow LLC; Price, $340,990 (Deed).

Location: Sunlite Rd; Seller, Terra Vesta Hillbilly LLC; Buyer, 111 Eaton Dr Lp; Price, $1,550,000 (Deed).

Location: Knight Campground Rd; Seller, Richard M Wilhelm Kristen B Wilhelm; Buyer, Johnie Paul Edwards, Melba J Edwards, Johnie Paul and Melba J Edwards Trust; Price, $237,946.50 (Deed).

File date: July 31

Location: North Main St; Seller, State of Tennessee; Buyer, Curl Properties LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Juniper St; Seller, State of Tennessee; Buyer, Curl Properties LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 162 Coop Rd; Seller, Jean Brockman Cassels, Jean Brockman Prokos Cassels, Craig S Hood; Buyer, Colby Obrien, Alexis Obrien; Price, $175,100 (Deed).

Seller, William H Kingree III, Kelly K Kingree; Buyer, Horace D McClenney III, Susan Mclenney; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Highway 64; Seller, Curtis Jones; Buyer, Donald W Floyd; Price, $10,000 (QD).

File date: August 1

Location: Dixon Rd; Seller, Richard M Wilhelm, Kristen B Wilhelm; Buyer, Steve Cothran; Price, $155,116.50 (Deed).

Location: Potts Rd; Seller, Roy Douglas Wheeler Jr; Buyer, Brenda Del Wheeler; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 107 Comanche Place; Seller, Gloria Throneberry; Buyer, Kylie Wilson; Price, $233,000 (Deed).

Location: 184 Warner Bridge Rd; Seller, Robert G Schar, Naomi C Schar; Buyer, Alfredo Mares Alzarez, Monserrath Rojas Ramerriz; Price, $50,000 (Deed).

Location: 799 Liberty Pike; Seller, Ann Still Floyd; Buyer, R Dale Floyd; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 2368 Hwy 41A N; Seller, Cynthia R Hickerson, James Leon Robinson, Pamela L Giles; Buyer, Dawn Renee Phillips; Price, $50,000 (Deed).

Location: Knight Campground Rd; Seller, Richard M Wilhelm, Kristen B Wilhelm; Buyer, Hunter Chase Hayes; Price, $332,618 (Deed).

Location: Knight Campground Rd; Seller, Hunter Chase Hayes; Buyer, Hunter Chase Hayes, Peyton Hayes; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Highway 64; Seller, Shelby Leigh Campbell; Buyer, Weaver Land and Cattle Company LLC; Price, $75,000 (Deed).

Seller, Lesa W Bellenfant, Joann Wells Estate; Buyer, Stephanie Suzanne Bobo; Price, $390,000 (Deed).

File date: August 4

Location: 967 Horse Mountain Rd; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Nobelynn Norris; Price, $279,990 (Deed).

Location: Knight Campground Rd; Seller, Richard M Wilhelm, Kristen B Wilhelm; Buyer, Read W Turner, Judy Turner; Price, $166,595 (Deed).

Location: 350 Ernest Campbell Rd; Seller, Randy S Campbell, Tanner Luke Campbell; Buyer, Randy S Campbell, Gwendalyn Elaine Marx, Tanner Luke Campbell; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Old Nashville Dirt Rd; Seller, Living Stones Community Church; Buyer, Old Nashville Dirt Rd LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 111 Central Ave; Seller, Wendy Cinto Domingo, Cinto Basilio Maximo Cinto; Buyer, Wendy Cinto Domingo, Cinto Basilio Maximo Cinto, Amos Eliseo Perez; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 967 Horse Mountain Rd; Seller, Black Diamond Construction LLC; Buyer, C Kelly Wilson; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Sandy Shumate; Buyer, Tammy B Carpenter, Rodney K Carpenter; Price, $400,000 (Deed).

File date: August 5

Location: 1702 Madison St; Seller, Ahmad Hussam El Assuli, Ala Hussam El Assuli; Buyer, Ala Hussam El Assuli, Hussam El Assuli; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 1700 Wildwood Drive; Seller, Jacklyn Capers, Jessica Nichole Johnson; Buyer, Nathan Randolph; Price, $250,000 (Deed).

Location: East Puncheon Camp Road; Seller, Ashley E Notgrass, Taylor Notgrass; Buyer, Kenneth C Carpenter, Lenora J Carpenter; Price, $205,000 (Deed).

Seller, Mike Turner; Buyer, Joseph Michael Tramonti, Hannah Alyssa Tramonti; Price, $182,000 (Deed).

Seller, Isaac Reincke, Alainie Reincke, Alainie Thomas; Buyer, Wayne Michael Harmon, Kristen Nichole Harman; Price, $310,000 (Deed).

File date: August 6

Location: 3848 Highway 41 A; Seller, Donald L Boyce, Aubrey Lee Moulder (Molder); Buyer, Jorge Gonzalez Vargas; Price, $310,000 (Deed).

Location: 104 Meadowbrook Dr; Seller, JC Builders LLC; Buyer, Adam Blake Batey, Haylie Batey; Price, $319,900 (Deed).

Location: 1529 Green Lane; Seller, Curl Properties LLC; Buyer, Rosalea Broome Blair; Price, $245,000 (Deed).

Location: 104 Spelt St; Seller, Abraham Aguirre Perez, Claudia Sofia Alcantara Garcia; Buyer, Rusty L Ivie; Price, $425,000 (Deed).

File date: August 7

Location: 417 Belmont Ave; Seller, Mark Salgueiro, Gloria Salgueiro; Buyer, Built and Blessed LLC; Price, $440,000 (Deed).

Location: 506 Rock St; Seller, Debra Whitaker; Buyer, Debra Whitaker, Candace Nicole Denton, Jeremy P Denton; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 108 South Wood Lane; Seller, Theresa Ann Liget; Buyer, Kelly Carver McKillip, Jacob D McKillip; Price, $333000 (Deed).

Location: North Main St; Seller, Stephen D Stimpson; Buyer, Andrea Anderson; Price, $250,000 (Deed).

Location: 1 Highway 64 E; Seller, Ruben Diaz Carranza, Claudia Diaz; Buyer, James Edward Durbin, Brenda Fay Durbin; Price, $215,000 (Deed).

Location: Thompson Creek Rd; Seller, Jeremiah Dickerson, Jamie Dickerson; Buyer, Lascassas Property Group LLC; Price, $80,000 (Deed).

Location: 106 Horn Lake; Seller, Larry Eugene Presley Estate, Christopher Michael Presley, Cynthia Lynn Presley, Lawrence Bradley Presley, David Granville Presley; Buyer, Madison Olivia McBride; Price, $254,000 (Deed).

Seller, Boyd Melton; Buyer, Kaine White Conley, Sydney Melton; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: August 8

Location: 206 Moreland Ave; Seller, Joseph E Stephens, Sondra Stephens; Buyer, Golden Oaks Home Buyers LLC; Price, $130,000 (Deed).

Seller, Kevin A Caldwell; Buyer, Gary Michael Moss II; Price, $255,000 (Deed).

Location: 206 Moreland Ave; Seller, Golden Oaks Home Buyers LLC; Buyer, Music City Holdings LLC; Price, $140,000 (Deed).

Location: 1700 Wildwood Drive; Seller, Nathan Randolph; Buyer, Nathan Randolph, Odalis Lizet Randolph Grijalva; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 206 Moreland Ave; Seller, Music City Holdings LLC; Buyer, Martin Investments LLC; Price, $150,000 (Deed).

Seller, Thelma Trice; Buyer, Richard Kincade, Stephanie Kincade; Price, $91,500 (Deed).

File date: August 11

Location: 201 Cottonwood Dr; Seller, Jean Pedone Jones, William Jones; Buyer, Wilma Pedones Jones Revocable Living Trust Agreement; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Mildred E Jones, James W Jones, James W Jones Revocable Living Trust; Buyer, Greg Jones, Alisha Jones; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Center St; Seller, Wayne Neese; Buyer, Merced Dominguez De Leon, Alicia Grijalva Grajales; Price, $50,000 (QD).

Location: 135 Bruce Meadows Dr; Seller, Bruce Meadows Partnership; Buyer, Henley Homes and Construction LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 135 Bruce Meadows Dr; Seller, Henley Homes and Construction LLC; Buyer, Nathaniel Ellsworth, Samantha Ellsworth; Price, $680,000 (Deed).

Location: 763 Thompson Creek Rd; Seller, Jeremiah Dickerson, Jamie Dickerson; Buyer, Lascassas Property Group LLC; Price, $649,900 (Deed).

Location: Dixon Road; Seller, Richard M Wilhelm, Kristen) B Wilhelm; Buyer, Michael R Waldrum, Dolores Waldrum; Price, $263,078.75 (Deed).

Seller, Scott E Leonard, Kim Leonard; Buyer, Robert J Reed, Sudie S Reed; Price, $460,000 (Deed).

Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, Emmaline J Smith; Price, $322,000 (Deed).

Seller, Craig Steven Cooper; Buyer, Craig Steven Cooper, Cooper Family Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: East Depot St; Seller, Amerikhan LLC; Buyer, Bahzad Abdulla; Price, $80,850 (Deed).

Location: 901 East Depot St; Seller, Amerikhan LLC; Buyer, Bahzad Abdullah; Price, $145,200 (Deed).

Location: 967 Horse Mountain Rd; Seller, Black Diamond Construction LLC; Buyer, Elizabeth F Smith; Price, $315,000 (Deed).

Location: 201 Triple Crown Ct; Seller, Yousif Ahmed; Buyer, Yousif Ahmed, Fatima Barakat; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 617 Tines Dr; Seller, Trevor Scott Conrad, Callie Suzan Conrad; Buyer, Jackson Grant; Price, $307,400 (Deed).

Location: Dixon Rd; Seller, Richard M Wilhelm Kristen) B Wilhelm; Buyer, Tanner Horn; Price, $116,655 (Deed).

Location: Main St; Seller, Harold W Swartz Jr; Buyer, Harold W Swartz Jr, Deborah Swartz; Price, $0 (QD).

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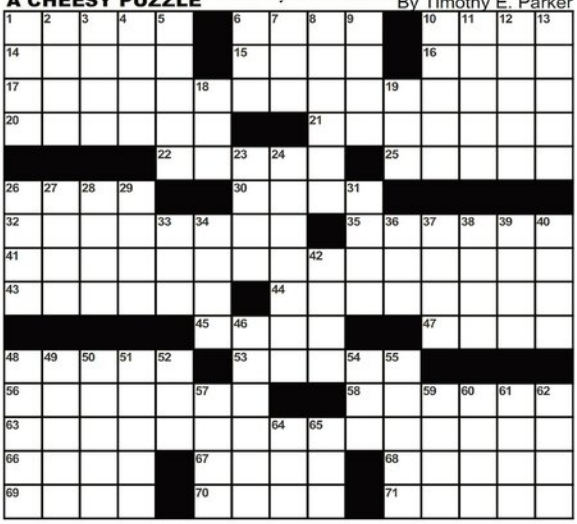
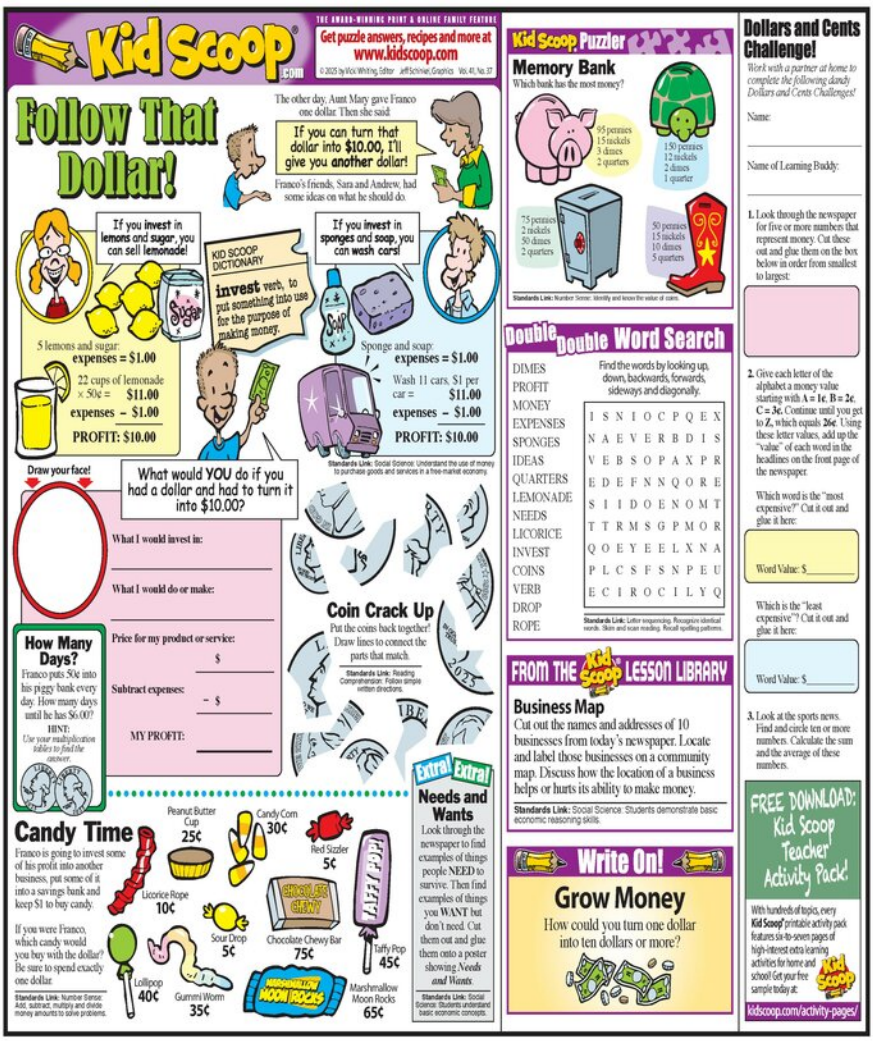


CLUES ACROSS

1) Sparkly headgear
6) City map
10) Acknowledges applause
14) Pugilist
15) "No___ luck!"
16) By mouth
17) Three types of cheese
20) Congregation leader
21) Built, as a house
22) Civil Rights gp. since 1909
25) Game with kings and queens
26) Off-white hue
30)___-tat-tat
32) Frees
35) "___ Know?" (trivia heading)
41) Three types of cheese
43) Mexican nap
44) Wrote, as a novel
45) Bachelor homes of old
47) "Why are ___ hard on ourselves?"
48) Woodworking grooves
53) Recovery prog.
56) Snobbish quality
58) Worst, needwise
63) Three types of cheese
66) Hathaway or Archer of Hollywood
67) Film projector need
68) Feeling of boredom
69) Use a branding iron
70) Catchall abbr.
71) Gridiron opponents

CLUES DOWN

1) Baker's meas.
2) Corn Belt state
3) X or Y line
4) It is what's left
5) Heated felony?
6) "___ Love You" (Beatles tune)
7) Carry laboriously
8) Receive willingly
9) Odin's thunderous son
10) Mess up
11) Publicly hold forth
12) Many are minimum at McDonald's
13) Goes downhill in the winter
18) Women's undergarment
19) Sleuth, in potboilers
23) Plane surface
24) Fall like Niagara's waters
26) "The Lord of the Rings" soldiers
27) First name in the "Frasier" cast
28) Opposite of a weather
29) Expansive pastures
31) Just___ on the map
33) Quantity (Abbr.)
34) ___, Crackle and Pop
36) "Sort of" ending
37) Arab ship with a triangular sail
38) Easily handled, as a ship
39) Mined rocks
40) Sweeping hairstyle
42) " Be quiet!"
46) Band on a sleeve
48) French Impressionist Edgar
49) Companionless
50) "Candle in the Wind" princess
51) Weasel kin
52) Card in a mobile phone
54) Do the math, in a way
55) Fancy bathroom fixture
57) Dehydrated, as land
59) Ancient alphabet character
60) Europe's largest lava-spewer
61) Undesirable thing on ponds
62) What you're looking at
64) Lipton product
65) 90-degree angle



NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S FORECLOSURE SALE
POSTPONED TO AUGUST 28, 2025

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, McMichael Taylor Gray LLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on August 28, 2025, at 12:00 PM, postponed from August 7, 2025, at 12:00 PM at 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160 at the Bedford County Courthouse, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Bedford County, TN:

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

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

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

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

Parcel Number: 020LA 002.00 000

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

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

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

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

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

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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 (the "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 29 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 of redemption 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 do not exist at the time of sending of the 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)

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 Creek Drive, 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 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. 62 IN BLUE RIBBON ANNEX, SECTION II-B, A PLAT OF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET "A" ENVELOPE 53, 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
rlsalaw.com/property-listing
Tel: (877) 813-0992
Fax: (470) 508-9401
A copy of this notice is being published at www.BetterChoiceNotices.com (873tc)

BEDFORD BRIEFS

LET 'EM WALK ON!

The 87th Annual Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration, set for August 20–30, 2025, in Shelbyville, will feature more than 1,300 horses comprising 2,456 entries. While this marks a slight decline of 80 entries — approximately 3% — from last year, organizers say interest remains strong. The community is encouraged to attend.

COUNTY MEETINGS

• August 19: Rules and Legislative Committee, Public Safety Committee, and Courthouse and County Property Committee, 5 p.m., historic Bedford County Courthouse.

• August 26: Financial Management Committee, 4:15 p.m., Bedford County Business Complex, 200 Dover Street, Suite 110.

• August 26: Planning Commission, 7 p.m., historic Bedford County Courthouse.

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Sept. 1: County and City offices closed for Labor Day. County convenience centers closed for Labor Day holiday.

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Obituaries

Mary Ella Brown Carpenter



Mary Ella Brown Carpenter, 84, a lifelong resident of Shelbyville, Tennessee, passed away July 29, 2025, at Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital in Murfreesboro. The family will accept visitors and guests on Saturday, August 2, 2025, from 10:00 AM until the service at 12:00 noon, which will be held at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Interment will follow at Willow Mount Cemetery in Shelbyville, Brother Jimmy Gray will be officiating.

Born on April 7, 1941, Mary was the daughter of the late Lester Clayton and Mary Magdalene Pinkston Brown. She graduated from Shelbyville Central High School and was a long-time member of El Bethel Baptist Church in Shelbyville.

Mary was married to her devoted husband, Donald Rogers Carpenter Sr., for 66 years. They loved camping and traveling across the United States together. She enjoyed painting, crafts, growing flowers, and watching the numerous and varied birds on their property.

Mary was preceded in death by her brother Samuel Clayton Brown and brother William Henry ("W.H.") Brown.

She is survived by her husband, Donald Rogers Carpenter, Sr.; sister; Betty Anna Brown Spence (Bobby); children Cathy Nichols (Nicky), Don Carpenter, Jr. (Kaye), Carol Martin (Rocky); grandchildren, Clark Nichols, Hannah Rempe (Logan), Austin Carpenter (Megan), Kateland Hall (Ryan), Drew Martin (Jordan), Matt Martin, Greg Martin; and great-grandchildren. Lily Martin and Willow Carpenter.

Mary will be remembered for her strong Christian faith, devotion to family, listening ear, and kindness to all.

Feldhaus Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Phillip Ronald Phillips



Phillip Ronald Phillips 11, 44, of Manchester, died August 9, 2025.

A memorial service will be held 3:00 p.m. Friday, August 15th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home with the Rev. Jordan Bay and Steve Lynn officiating. Visitation will begin at 1:00 P.M.

He was born February 4, 1981 in Shelbyville; a HR Corporate Recruiter and he attended the Experience Community Church of Tullahoma. He was known for sharing his big smile and pleasing personality.

He is survived by his father, Phil Phillips (Oksana), his mother, Pamela Joy Greschel Phillips; two daughters, Aubyrne Phillips and Amethyst Phillips; sisters, Angelica Phillips (Carlos), Stephanie Pape (Graham), Tiffany Phillips; brother, Alexander Phillips and several nieces and nephews.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Death Notices

Monika Prince

Monika Prince, 62, of Petersburg, passed away Wednesday Aug 6, 2025, at St. Thomas with her family by her side. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Nicole Prince and her parents, Joseph and Waltraud Gagne.

She is survived by her spouse, Timmy Claxton; three sons, Jeremy Prince, Bruce Prince and Jason Prince; one daughter, Amy Claxton; two stepdaughters, Laquitta Claxton and Melissa Claxton.

Gowen-Smith Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Billy Colen Stafford

Billy Colen Stafford, age 63, of Shelbyville, died August 11, 2025. He was the son of the late Charles Leonard Stafford and Dorothy Paulene Dorton Stafford.

Billy is survived by his children, Charles Houston Stafford (Diana), Leann Ryan ("T.J.") of Lewisburg; his sister, Cathy Diane Hurt; brother, Paul Howard Stafford (Jamie) of Shelbyville.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Samuel Tyrone Petersen

Samuel Tyrone "Sam" Petersen, age 85, of the Pottsville community, father of Daniel (Christi) Duvall of the Wheel community, passed away Saturday, August 9, 2025.

Sam was born May 5, 1940 in Nashville, TN to the late Floyd Petersen and Helen Hedrix Silsby.

Additional survivors include his wife of 18 years, Deborah Petersen of the Pottsville community; children, Debra (Mike) Mason of Estill Springs, TN, Tammy (Chris) Hill of Lewisburg, TN, Dana (Bo) Collins of Chapel Hill, TN, Karen (Harry) Brown of Lewisburg, TN, Kevin (Shannon) Duvall of Rally Hill, TN.

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

SPD IDENTIFIES HUMAN REMAINS FOUND OFF SOUTH CANNON BOULEVARD



Shelbyville Police Department is continuing to investigate after human remains were found in a wooded area off South Cannon Boulevard in July. The remains have been identified as Thomas Wayne Garner Jr. DOB is 05/17/1972. He is originally from Pulaski.

The SPD is seeking the public's help and is therefore running this photo on Facebook of Mr. Garner. Anyone having had contact with him any time after January, 2025, or any additional info that can assist in this investigation, please contact Det. Brandi Merlo at 931-684-5811.

Is God Dead: Just a Mind Game?

By Ty B. Kerley, DMin.

The Bible skeptic Michael, whom we have been engaged with for many weeks, asks a very important question: "Isn't all religion just a mind game?" After all, the German philosopher Karl Marx famously said religion is the opium of the people. It is the sign of the oppressed creature, the heart of the heartless world, and the soul of the soulless condition." No doubt, critics of religion have long argued that it is a mind game we play with ourselves to soothe a fearful soul in a hostile world. Survival of the fittest selects those with the best coping mechanisms, right? No doubt, as soon as prehistoric man evolved enough to realize that everyone dies, his mind evolved to find a resolution. Just so happened that religion fit the bill.

Darwin himself considered there to be "an evolutionary derivation of mind and morality" as a product of natural selection. In other words, Darwin thought belief in God was just a mind game.

Very well then, let us begin once again from the common ground of modern science (twenty-first-century science, that is.)

Two neuro-physicians, Andrew Newburg and Eugene D'Aquili, conducted extensive research studying the relationship between human consciousness and "the persistent, particularly human longing to connect with something larger than ourselves." It seems Newburg and D'Aquili were asking the same question our Bible skeptic, Michael, had asked: "Is belief in God just a mind game?" The studies involved observing subjects steeped in the art of religious meditation and prayer, from Tibetan monks to Franciscan nuns. When the subjects would reach a maximum level of spiritual consciousness, they would be injected through an IV line with a radioactive solution. Then, their brain was scanned using a SPECT camera. The resulting images showed "unusual activity" in a highly specialized portion of the brain responsible for sorting out what is you from everything that is not you.

For Newburg and D'Aquili, it became evident that the altered mental states of their subjects brought about by intense religious meditation or prayer were not the result of "emotional mistakes or simply wishful thinking, but were instead associated with observable neurological events." And while this brain activity was unusual, it was not outside normal brain function.

Newburg writes: "In other words, mystical experience is biologically, observably, and scientifically real." In fact, Newburg and D'Aquili are convinced that spiritual experience at its foundational level is "intimately interwoven with human biology."

One could argue that this is precisely what Darwin predicted: the human mind has evolved the capacity to create a mythical, spiritual reality for itself. That is, "it is all just a mind game." However, Newburg points out how the brain and mind experience reality, suggesting "a very different view." Simply, if God is not dead, then how else would human beings perceive Him except as a neurologically generated image of reality? Newburg writes, "There is no other way for God to get into your head except through the brain's neural pathways. This is true whether one experiences God through meditation, prayer, or reading Scripture. Quite simply, the reality of God as Spirit cannot exist in any other place but in the human mind. All experiences are "made real" to the mind similarly through natural cognitive function. And that holds for all men.

It is said that myth-making is also a "normal cognitive function" of the mind. Remember, Darwin believes that the existence of God is just a mind game—that the mind, as a coping mechanism, has created the myth of a dying hero rising to the heavens to save mankind. "Fair enough," I say. But why are the "myths" (religious beliefs) from all the world's cultures so consistently and spectacularly similar? Scholars are quite clear: "In every human culture, across the span of time, the same mythological motifs are consistently repeated: virgin births, world-cleansing floods, lands of the dead, expulsion from paradise, men swallowed into the bellies of whales, dead and resurrected heroes . . ."

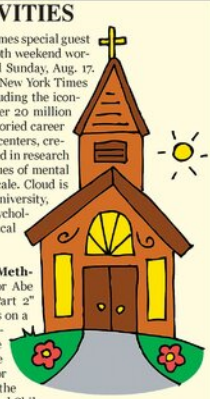
The psychologist Carl Jung, indeed not a Christian himself, thought all religious myths expressed a singular basic form modified through time and by cultures. A great example can be seen in The Tower of Babel, the Samarian ziggurats, Mayan pyramids, and step-shaped Buddhist temples. Sure enough, according to Newburg, evidence suggests that the deepest origins of religion are based upon spiritual experiences and that religion endures because the functioning of the brain continues to provide consistent experiences that believers interpret "as assurances that God exists." But this assurance goes deeper than that. "It anchors religious belief in something more potent than intellect or reason: it makes God a reality that ideas can't undo, and that never grows obsolete." In a spiritual sense, it would seem that we humans are all of one mind.

From a Christian worldview, this makes complete and perfect sense. If man has a common origin, and there was a primordial pair—our first parents—everything began in a central location. At some point in the very distant past, there was only one language, only one race, only one family, and only "one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all" (Eph 4:6). Why wouldn't all people's religious beliefs share a very similar core? Even still, is it all just a mind game? Join us next week as we conclude our look at Why God Won't Go Away.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

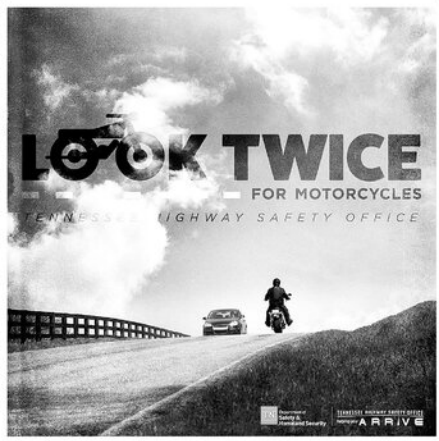
(Ty B. Kerley, DMin., is an ordained minister who teaches Christian apologetics and relief preaches in Southern Oklahoma. Dr. Kerley and his wife, Vicki, are members of the Waurika church of Christ and live in Ardmore, OK. You can contact him at dr.kerley@isGoddead.com.)

CHURCH ACTIVITIES



World Outreach Church welcomes special guest speaker, Dr. Henry Cloud, during both weekend worship services Saturday, Aug. 16, and Sunday, Aug. 17. Cloud is a clinical psychologist and New York Times bestselling author of 46 books, including the iconic ***Boundaries***, which has sold over 20 million copies worldwide. Throughout his storied career as a clinician, he started treatment centers, created breakthrough new models rooted in research and has been a leading voice on issues of mental health and leadership on a global scale. Cloud is a graduate of Southern Methodist University, earning a bachelor of science in psychology. He completed his Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Biola University.

This Sunday, at **First United Methodist Church Shelbyville**, Pastor Abe Zimmerman will preach "Sorry: Part 2" from Psalm 32. The current series is 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.



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Business Spotlight

Food Lion Feeds Provides More than 28 Million Meals to Combat Child Hunger

Summers Without Hunger campaign delivers more than 64 million meals in two years

SALISBURY, N.C., Aug. 07, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- With school out and many children facing food insecurity, Food Lion customers and participating vendors helped provide more than 28 million meals* through the Summers Without Hunger initiative. Food Lion customers supported the annual campaign by purchasing specially designed reusable bags for $2 between June 18 and July 15. Ten Food Lion suppliers generously matched the proceeds of all specially designed reusable bags purchased by customers: Campbell's, JM Smuckers, Frito-Lay, Utz, General Mills, Kellanova, Kraft Heinz, Unilever, Mondelez and PepsiCo, thus doubling the impact.

Food Lion Feeds, Food Lion's hunger-relief platform, coordinated the campaign with a goal to reduce food insecurity in the company's 10-state operating footprint. Since the campaign began in 2019, customers have helped provide more than 100 million meals*. The Summers Without Hunger campaign benefited the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation, which will fund grants for childhood hunger programs.

"We are incredibly grateful to our customers and participating vendors for standing with us in the movement to end hunger," said Kevin Durkee, Manager, Food Lion Feeds, Food Lion. "Together, we've made a meaningful difference for children facing hunger this summer, ensuring they receive vital nourishment. Their continued support is vital to our commitment to reducing hunger in the towns and cities we serve."

Since 2014, Food Lion Feeds has helped provide more than 1.5 billion meals** to individuals and families. For more information on Food Lion Feeds' commitment to ending hunger, visit foodlion.com/feeds.

**Investments are converted to a meal equivalent based on various meal equivalent formulas.*

***Food Lion Feeds helps address food insecurity by providing product, financial and equipment donations; disaster relief and recovery efforts; investing in capital campaign support for feeding agencies; and volunteer hours by associates. These investments are converted to a meal equivalent based on various meal equivalent formulas*

United Way's Stuff the Bus provides students with school supplies for 14th year

The back-to-school excitement is well underway, but the impact of United Way's 14th Annual Stuff the Bus has just begun.

James Evans, chief communications officer of Rutherford County Schools, shared with donors and volunteers, "These aren't just pencils, scissors, and backpacks to the students that receive them. These supplies instill hope and confidence in students that need it most. Those are things that will never be taken away from them and will guide them through the rest of their school years and beyond."

After eight weeks of community-wide collection drives, nearly 56,000 school supplies were donated and 2,000 fully packed backpacks were distributed across the seven-county service area. In addition to backpacks, thousands of school and teacher supplies were provided to continue to support educators year-round in ten school districts.

In 2024, families spent an average of $140 on school supplies. For many families, it's an impossible choice between purchasing necessary school supplies, groceries, or gas to get where they need to go. United Way of South Central Tennessee is committed to helping alleviate the burden of these decisions, with Stuff the Bus being one way help families in our community thrive.

This year's Stuff the Bus sponsors include Ascension St. Thomas Rutherford, First Baptist Murfreesboro, Ingram Content Group, Middle Tennessee Electric, Pinnacle Financial Partners, Publix Supermarkets & Supermarkets Charities, Regions Bank, Andy Womack – State Farm Insurance, Volunteer Bank, Ascend Federal Credit Union, Rachel and Billy Bruce, City of Murfreesboro – Water Resources, Redstone Federal Credit Union, SmartBank, and Wilson Bank & Trust.



For more information about how you can support the United Way's initiatives please visit yourlocaluw.org.



School System Photos

United Way's Stuff the Bus stopped by the Bedford County School System Central Office recently and delivered many boxes of supplies and backpacks-each filled with handwritten notes of encouragement.



LOCAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CELEBRATES 200 YEARS OF SERVICE

Church Photo

The 200th anniversary of Crowell's Chapel Lutheran Church, located in the Halls Mill community, will be celebrated Sept. 14 at 10 a.m. There will be a meal on the grounds after services and memorabilia will be on display.

Ever raised Tree Pumpkins?





By Dawn Hankins
dawn@richardsonmediagroup.net

O.K. Let's get into it. I'm ready for pumpkin season.

Much to my surprise, I have a small, ghost/white pumpkin patch this year. It is odd, because it is from pumpkins we bought at a local patch and then tossed out to the fence line last year for deer, etc. at the end of the season.

This year, I have pumpkin vines growing out of a tree and a bush. No joke. Yes, one hit the ground early, so I've tried to secure the vines, etc., so we might salvage some. We are proud of a fairly large one.

We had plenty of rain this season and the little seeds prospered.

I haven't ever raised ghost pumpkins before. So, it's a treat.

Speaking of treats, Pumpkin Pancakes are good anytime. Pumpkin is really good for you. Give these a try for breakfast or anytime!

Pumpkin Pancakes

Ingredients

- 1 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 1⁄2 cup canned pumpkin
- 1⁄2 cup vanilla yogurt
- 1 1⁄2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1⁄2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1⁄2 teaspoon pumpkin spice mix
- 2 tablespoons of melted butter

Instructions

1. In a medium mixing bowl, whisk together milk, eggs, pumpkin, and yogurt until smooth. Gradually whisk in flour until just moist. Add sugars, baking powder and spices. Whisk in melted butter.
2. Lightly coat a griddle or skillet with cooking spray and heat on medium. Using a quarter-cup measure, pour batter onto hot griddle. Cook until bubbles appear on the edges of the pancakes. Remove from pan, set aside and keep warm. Repeat with remaining batter.
3. Serve warm topped with butter, maple syrup or whipped cream if desired.

A CHEESY PUZZLE

By Timothy E. Parker

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Blue Raiders Announce 2025-26 Non-Conference Slate

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Highlighted by a pair of home games against Southeastern Conference opponents and a trip to Destin, Florida, to compete in the Emerald Coast Classic, the Middle Tennessee women's basketball team announced its complete 2025-26 non-conference schedule Monday morning.

"We don't shy away from anybody," said Head Coach Rick Insell. "If you want to be the best, you've got to play the best—and that's how we've always scheduled. Our non-conference slate is built to challenge us, prepare us, and make sure we're ready when it matters most."

The Blue Raiders will open the 2025-26 season at home on Nov. 3 against Tennessee State before heading out on a three-game road swing. MTSU will face Saint Louis on Nov. 6, Tennessee Tech on Nov. 11 and former Conference USA rival Rice on Nov. 15.

Middle Tennessee will return to the Glass House for a highly anticipated home matchup against the Tennessee Lady Vols on Nov. 20.

The Blue Raiders will then travel to Destin, Florida, for the Emerald Coast Classic, where they'll face Providence on Nov. 24 and either Mississippi State or Alcorn State on Nov. 25.

Middle Tennessee will return to the 'Boro to host Belmont on Dec. 3 and Memphis on Dec. 7, before heading north to take on Southern Indiana on Dec. 14. The Blue Raiders will host Auburn on Dec. 16 and wrap up non-conference play at Wichita State on Dec. 20.



Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

2025-26 Middle Tennessee Women's Basketball Non-Conference Schedule:

- 10/26/25 – Fisk (exh.)
- 10/28/25 – Life (exh.)
- 11/3/25 – Tennessee State
- 11/6/25 – at Saint Louis
- 11/11/25 – at Tennessee Tech
- 11/15/25 – at Rice
- 11/20/25 – Tennessee
- 11/24/25 – vs. Providence (Emerald Coast Classic – Destin, Fla.)
- 11/25/25 – vs. Mississippi State or Alcorn State (Emerald Coast Classic – Destin, Fla.)
- 12/3/25 – Belmont
- 12/7/25 – Memphis
- 12/14/25 – at Southern Indiana
- 12/16/25 – Auburn
- 12/20/25 – at Wichita State

MTSU Soccer announces 2025 promotional schedule

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Middle Tennessee Soccer is gearing up for an exciting 2025 fall season, featuring a variety of themed match days, special giveaways, and family-friendly activities at Dean A. Hayes Track and Soccer Stadium. Admission is FREE for all home soccer matches, so fans are encouraged to bring friends and family to cheer on the Blue Raiders all season long.

Sunday, August 17 vs. Jackson State – 1:00 PM | Home Opener
Pre-Match Popsicles for the first 100 kids 12 & under.

Thursday, August 21 vs. Alabama A&M – 7:00 PM | Fall Semester Kickoff
Giveaway: Car Magnet
Student Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 24 vs. Indiana State – 1:00 PM | Mental Health Awareness (Green Game)
Blue Army Tailgate (Lightning's Legacy Members)

Sunday, August 31 vs. West Georgia – 2:00 PM | Blue Raider Soccer Camp Reunion
Giveaway: Cheer Sticks
Post-Match photo on the field for all soccer campers in attendance.

Sunday, September 7 vs. Vanderbilt – 6:00 PM | Blue Out
Giveaway: Blue Raider Soccer T-Shirt

Thursday, September 11 vs. Tennessee Tech – 7:00 PM | International Night
Take a world tour! Enjoy snacks at the marketing table representing the home countries of our international students
Student Giveaway: Pizza sponsored by the MTSU International Office.

Sunday, September 21 vs. Jacksonville State – 1:00 PM | Alumni Weekend
Blue Army Tailgate (Lightning's Legacy Members)
Kings Hammer Club Day

Sunday, October 12 vs. FIU – 12:00 PM | Kicking Cancer (Pink Game) / Blue Raider Kids Club Day
Giveaway: Soccer Drawstring Bag
Post-Match Photo on the field for all Blue Raider Kids Club Members.

Thursday, October 16 vs. New Mexico State – 7:00 PM | MVP – Most Valuable Professor
Giveaway: Middle Tennessee Soccer T-Shirt

Sunday, October 19 vs. UTEP – 1:00 PM | Senior Day
Blue Army Tailgate (Lightning's Legacy Members)

Additional Fan Experiences Throughout the Season:

Each match will feature a unique match day poster, with a limited number available at the marketing table.

New this season: a pre-match Kids Zone including a mini goal, rotating activities, and giveaways such as a poster making station, coloring pages, and more!



Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

Local youth clubs will be showcased on the field during the season. League members will take the field with the team for the National Anthem, have photo opportunities on the field, and get autographs post-game. For details, email mtmarketing@mtsu.edu.

Parents, click here to register your young Blue Raider fans to be Ball Kids Today!

Get Involved and Stay Connected:

The Blue Army is the MTSU Soccer Team's official supporters club, a spirited community of fans, alumni, families, and donors dedicated to fueling the team's success. Together, they create an electric game-day atmosphere, provide financial support to enhance the student-athlete experience, and build lasting connections between the program and its supporters. At the Raider's Row donation level, members receive two Rising Raiders memberships – a special program connecting current Blue Raider Soccer players with the Murfreesboro community. Each participant is paired with a Blue Raider player in a mentorship-style environment and participates in six soccer clinics coached by their mentor throughout the 2025-26 school year.

MTSU Cross Country releases schedule for 2025 season

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Middle Tennessee has released its 2025 cross country schedule, featuring four regular season meets before hosting the Conference USA Championship in Huntsville, Alabama.

The Blue Raiders, who finished as runner-up on both the men's and women's sides at last year's CUSA Championships, return with eyes on the title in a season that includes multiple previews of the championship course.

Middle Tennessee opens the season on Aug. 30 at the Memphis Twilight, marking the program's ninth consecutive appearance at the meet.

On Sept. 12, the Blue Raiders will head to Huntsville, Ala., for the Southern Showcase — a key opportunity to race on the championship course.

The team will then compete in the Louisville Classic on Oct. 4, followed by a trip to College Station, Texas, for the Arturo Barrios Invitational on Oct. 17, hosted by Texas A&M.

The Conference USA Championship will be held on Nov. 1 in Huntsville, with MTSU serving as host.

NCAA Regionals will follow two weeks later, also in Huntsville, marking the Blue Raiders' third visit to the course this season. The NCAA National Championship will take place in Columbia, Mo., hosted by the University of Missouri.



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"Instead of just being happy, we're out there and surviving," – Eaglettes' Volleyball Ready For Year Two Under Hampton

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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes volleyball program experienced a rocky 2024 campaign, finishing winless on the season in Kendall Hampton's first season at the helm. However, despite what the record showed, Hampton's insistence on fitness and outhustling their opponents in year one drew the attention of longtime local volleyball watchers.

"All I kept hearing from the girls and from the people in the stands and even officials...I had officials come up to me and just talk about how much they had improved from the previous year and how we were competing, and they haven't really seen that level of play from [SCHS]," Hampton said. "And so for us just to keep working, I mean, it's just a lot of encouragement from everybody watching that does know the game, you know, recognizing a lot of the strides that the kids have made even though they weren't necessarily seeing that in the record book."

Hampton welcomes back two seniors for 2025, but she says the entire team has shown a hunger to keep improving and reset the standard of what Shelbyville Central volleyball should look like moving forward. Despite not winning a single regular season match last season, the Eaglettes have worked to not just improve in the skills department, but increase their level of confidence and belief in themselves on the court.

"This year, I'm returning quite a bit of what we still played with last year," said Hampton, "So, at this point, if you look out at the court at any given time, I usually have four sophomores out there at one time. We have two seniors this year that are definitely part of the success that we're gonna have. I've got a few juniors sprinkled in there, but the bulk of the team is still that same freshman class. And so they're coming back with more confidence, more maturity. A lot of them went out and played clubball also, so they're coming back with more experience outside of what I'm even teaching them. And I think they're just really hungry to keep improving. We had a scrimmage [on Tuesday] against Fayetteville, and it's almost like I could see that light switch finally happened for them. They've always worked hard. They've always wanted to win. They've always wanted to be a good player and keep moving forward, but we still always had an issue of the belief being there. So, them understanding that they are good enough to belong and that they can compete with high level teams and that the winning culture wasn't established and so we would always keep close to every team we played, but it was really difficult for us to finish a game out. And they have really overcome that hurdle this summer, and preseason in a lot of our play days and scrimmages and finishing sets and winning, you know, three sets, pushing games to five sets if we're playing five sets, pushing games to three sets if we're playing three sets. And just a change in their overall attitude on the floor.

"Instead of just being happy, we're there and surviving," she continued. "Now we're at a place where we're actually executing and we're being consistent. And if we make a mistake, we're not dropping our heads...Now we make an error maybe twice. And then after that, they're right back to where they should be. So they're really clicking right now, and they're definitely stepping into their own. And I feel like that confidence is building with every single set they play. And, honestly, as a coach, that's the only thing I feel like they still are missing."

The Eaglettes' growth can be attributed to numerous differing factors, but one of the biggest was Hampton's focus in building the basics a season ago – planning for long-term program development rather than short-term wins and losses. Specifically, taking pride in the name on the front of your jersey and playing with a sense of pride and urgency for that name.

"So last year, it was a lot of building skill and kind of teaching the way that the pro I want the program to run and how we're gonna be as volleyball players now under Shelbyville Central High School and what it means to wear that uniform and how we carry ourselves and, and just kind of changing that culture, starting to shift there into what I want it to be for them," explained Hampton. "So this year we're coming back and I'm not having to start from scratch. They were able to get that base last year, and now we're able to build right off of that. So, whereas last year, we were just, hey, play great defense and hustle and, you know, we're just gonna keep digging and digging and digging until they make a mistake. That's kind of the philosophy where we were. We didn't have a lot of power, but we were great at running ball downs and and just balls down and out hustling the other team. And we were learning a lot. And this season, that's definitely shifted to 'we're not in survival."

"Now we're attacking...there's a system. We have an offense we're running. And those players, now that they're getting to experience things like running specialty sets or plays or attacks, you know, they're just loving every minute of it because those are fun to do. And so once we execute one, then that morale just builds, and they wanna keep doing it and keep doing it. So since that base is there, that's allowing us to do a lot of those things, and that's gonna allow us to compete at a much higher level with the teams in our district."

This season, District 9-AAA is made up of seven teams: Shelbyville Central, Lincoln County, Lawrence County, Columbia Central, Coffee County, Franklin County, and Tullahoma. The 2024 district champion – Spring Hill – moved down to Class AA after just missing the cutoff for the highest classification in the state for volleyball.

"We don't have an easy district," said Hampton. "This year, we've got seven really good teams. But I do feel like this year, those gaps are gonna close quite a bit more, and I can't wait to see how they perform against some of these teams that they've been facing year after year."

Lawrence County, Lincoln County, and Columbia Central are the preseason favorites to compete for the vacant top spot left by the Lady Raiders, but Hampton sees the opportunity for her program to take big leaps forward in her second season. Led by a trio of returning sophomores in Jada Berry – a District 9-AAA All-Tournament selection as a Middle who totaled 100 kills and 90 blocks last season – Tatiana Clark – a Libero who led the team last season with the best serve receive % at 1.32 out of 3.00 – and Kenley Patton – a Defensive Specialist as well as an Outside Hitter who led the team with 26 aces last season – the Eaglettes have a promising future ahead of them.

Hampton also brought in a few transfers to help bolster the roster for 2025. Senior Setter, Jazrea Falls from Franklin County, as well as sophomore Outside, Kaylee Stafford from Cascade, look to be solid additions for the Eaglettes this season.

"This year we have talked a lot about finding consistency," Hampton concluded, "controlling the controlables and having a 'next play mentality' . They are truly embodying this and I'm looking forward to their continued improvement."

The Eaglettes open the 2025 season on Monday against Marshall County at 6:00 p.m.



Jada Berry (25) was a District 9-AAA All-Tournament selection last season, totaling 100 kills and 90 blocks during her freshman year. *Submitted Photo.*

Middle Tennessee Soccer Welcomes Lauren Moellering as Graduate Assistant

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Middle Tennessee women's soccer announced on Thursday the addition of Lauren Moellering to its coaching staff as a graduate assistant.

Before joining the Blue Raiders, Moellering played soccer at Spring Arbor University from 2020 to 2023. During her tenure, the Cougars compiled a remarkable 72-6-8 record and achieved milestones such as winning the 2022 NAIA National Championship, making Final Four appearances in 2020 and 2023, reaching the Elite Eight in 2021, and earning three Crossroads League titles in 2021, 2023 regular season, and 2023 tournament.

Moellering was team captain in 2023 and was named the NAIA National Women's Soccer Champion of Character for her leadership. She also earned NAIA All-Academic Team and Crossroads League All-Conference Academic Team honors throughout her four years. She graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in health and Exercise Science.

A native of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Moellering is the daughter of Beverly and Tom Moellering, and she has two younger sisters, Emma and Carley. She's currently enrolled in the MTSU MBA program pursuing a master's degree in business administration.



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CASA

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local Court leaders were among those present.

Dennis Young Sr. of Dennis Young Insurance was applauded for providing what was needed to have the catered lunch of salad, chicken casserole and pecan pie.

Strayhorn continued, "To all of you who invest and believe in the CASA program and to every single person in this room today, I say your presence here today tells me, shows me, that you support CASA and believe in the work we do."

CASA is a nonprofit, she said, so that support is extremely important. She introduced the CASA Board and Staff. She said the staff works sometimes at 4 a.m. in the morning, checking on the welfare of children from suspected dysfunctional families.

"It takes a team. And our team does not have an 'I' in it. It is a group of people working together. There are five of us that do that work."

This area CASA serves Bedford, Franklin, Warren and Coffee Counties. Kaneal Alexander is board chair and Karen Porter is supervisor; her office is located in Tullahoma.

CASA volunteers interview the children and all the important people in their lives. CASA reports that 95% of CASA recommendations are implemented by juvenile court, which signifies quality, fact-based reporting.

"My hope is at the end of this luncheon, you will share the news about an organization [CASA.] Talk to someone in the grocery store, church. Tell them what CASA does. It is the voice for children who cannot speak for themselves. It's a unique organization. I stand here with pride today to introduce a lady who I am grateful to for hiring and mentoring me. It's someone I look up to."

Guest speaker for the CASA luncheon was Lynn Farrar, executive director of the Tennessee CASA Association. Out of 34 years of working as an advocate for Tennessee's children in nonprofits, Farrar has spent 25 working with CASA.

The TN CASA network oversees 31 programs that serve 60 counties, with approximately 1,500 volunteers throughout juvenile court. Strayhorn advised that at the end of the fiscal year in June, there have been 4,734 children-reported as abused and neglected-served.

"Can you imagine that? Those are the reported cases."

Strayhorn said it was with great honor she get to introduce Farrar. Many folks may remember Farrar as she was the associate director for the Center for Family Development. She was there when the office was on the corner by the popcorn square on the Shelbyville square.

"When we need resources, whatever it is, this woman will get out there and go to the Hill and fight for the CASA program," said Strayhorn.

Farrar then referred to Strayhorn as her "sister." She complimented what CASA has done for Bedford County, naming staff members who make sure children are safe and provided with things they need.

Farrar explained the foundation of funding from the state level for CASA. She thanked State Rep. Pat Marsh and State Sen. Shane Reeves. She said thanks to Gov. Bill Lee, each County with CASA will receive an extra $5,000 out of this year's budget.



She said aside of having "great shoes," which is of course important during a job interview [laughter from audience], Strayhorn brought to the table at CASA her ministry experience. She said she's also a loving person who makes "good chess squares" and has provided those for events over the years.

Farrar said this just shows how "thoughtful" and "innovative" this CASA executive director really is. She also talked about Annemarie Rainwater, who was present, who is now a social worker for CASA at the state level. She's an adoptive mom with a kindergarten student.

"Ann Marie was one of Wanda's first CASA cases. We didn't waste any time with Wanda. We threw her in the deep end the first week."

Farrar said CASA provides a "holistic picture" of the child and the situation. She explained the differences in the agencies that work with CASA, like the Department of Children's Services. She said while they may have different views of family cases, they combine their knowledge, experiences and resources to develop the next step of intervention.

"As CASA staff and volunteers, we're in a position of mentoring, empowering and equipping people to find their way to a better life. As CASA staff, we're being shepherds to the volunteers- to help them advocate for the child, which includes being shepherds to parents, helping them to find the resources . . . to protect their children."

Farrar said she's often asked if CASA is an advocate for the children or the parents. She said you can't advocate for one without advocating for the other.

Farrar said CASA believes everyone should be given a second chance. "It's a beautiful experience to be part of healing a family and restoring the home for children."

She said the key to success is having a strong board. She said they are volunteers too and they need to be well-trained and nurtured.

With that, CASA board members were given applause.

Farrar said actions produce results and that's what CASA is all about. "I believe that every action we have with a child or family can sew the seeds of love and caring . . . we may never see results."

But Farrar said that is hoped that sometime that child or adult, in the future, will know that someone cared and tried to make their lives better. She said the reality is that everyone has challenges and she recommends her boards come to her to talk about solutions.

"Running a nonprofit organization is hard work. Managing a CASA program in which children's lives are at stake, is a high calling with great responsibility but also [has] the greatest rewards."

She said the CASA volunteer is the one who will stay by the family's side through the difficult times. She explained how important monetary donations are for the program.

She further added that 20,000 children have reportedly been subject to abuse and neglect and have come to the attention of the state. She said therefore, there is much work to be done.

She said it seems like yesterday when the local CASA got started, advocating for children in Bedford County.

"Let's celebrate that and see what the next 25 years looks like," advised Farrar.

Concerned citizens may send donations to CASA Works, Inc., at 301 N. Jackson St. Tullahoma. Or call 931-455-7426 for other donation options.

Tennessee CASA provides training and technical assistance to existing CASA programs, and assists in the start-up of new CASA programs. With the support of the local judicial system and citizens, Tennessee CASA has many of the resources needed to help counties start programs.

The first local CASA agency was started in Nashville in 1984. During the following three years, Chattanooga, Memphis and Knoxville started programs. The Tennessee CASA Association began in early 1986. This is when the directors of these local CASA agencies began to meet informally to share ideas and discuss concerns. Later that year, the Tennessee Legislature appropriated the first state money for CASA programs, which helped to strengthen the CASA network across the state.

In 1988, the Tennessee Bar Foundation awarded grants to several CASA agencies in Tennessee through its IOLTA fund. The time was right to officially form a state organization, and the Tennessee Court Appointed Special Advocate Association was chartered as a 501(c)3 nonprofit membership corporation.

Today, 31 CASA programs serve 60 counties across Tennessee, from Bristol in the Northeast corner, all the way down to Memphis on the Mississippi River. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 1,439 CASA volunteers advocated for 4,734 of Tennessee's children who have been abused and neglected and provided more than 153,386 hours of volunteer service.

The Tennessee CASA Association is a member in good standing of the National CASA/GAL Association.

Each CASA program or agency professionally trains and carefully screens volunteers to become Court Appointed Special Advocates in juvenile court for children who have been abused and neglected. These volunteers advocate for the best interests of the child with the goal of securing a safe, permanent home.

Tennessee state law allows for judges to appoint CASA volunteers to "speak up" for the child's best interests. Most CASA volunteers advocate for only one child, or family of children, at a time.















