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Council hashes out big dollar projects during afternoon session

The meeting was tedious at best but decisive

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Shelbyville City Council was a bit divided on which way to proceed with one of their high priority capital outlay projects during a special called meeting Tuesday afternoon. But in the end, Council voted 4 to 2 to move ahead with business at hand.

Some Council members, specifically Betsy Noel, wanted to "quit kicking the can down the road" when it comes to potentially building a new public safety building. Noel's motion was to combine the police and fire departments in a potential project and to proceed with potential purchase of Musgrave (ball park) property off Lane Parkway.

At this point, only informal discussions had been made with the Hulan family about the Musgrave property, though potential pricing has apparently been mentioned.

Councilman Josh Blevins seconded Noel's motion to keep the SFD and SPD together in one project and pursue the Musgrave property option.

Council member William Christie had advised perhaps Council needed to discuss this public safety option further at the upcoming study session and or vote at this month's Council meeting.

But that idea was shot down as Council cannot vote at study session. Christie said then wait a couple of weeks.

That idea was ignored.

Mayor Randy Carroll, though he didn't get to vote (mayor only votes in case of a tie vote,) said during the meeting that the City has waited all these years to do many of these projects. He said like the new flood pumps, the best of the best needs to be secured for public safety also.

Long-time Councilpersons Marilyn Ewing and Henry Feldhaus said they were for seeking more land purchase options. Ewing and Feldhaus voted no to the motion.

Feldhaus stated before the vote he wanted to examine multi sites. He said he's not married to the idea of combining fire and police into one complex.

While the City might save money or space, Feldhaus said even by combining the two entities, there are still going to be separate needs, more costs, for such a complex as there will be different needs for equipment, administrative offices and restrooms.

"I'm like the mayor, I want to build it and I want to build it right. And don't want to have to be second guessing myself, like the County did, because they tried to combine a jail and courthouse . . . stick it out in East Jesus somewhere, knowing in another 20 years they're going to have to build a

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Fees, rules, may change for S.A.C.P.

Families being asked to pay fees on time



BC Communications Photo

School board officials and Thomas Magnet Principal Tracy Watson cut the ribbon for the school's new addition which is promised to provide more classroom space.

By Dawn Hankins

Bedford County Board of Education met in session last Thursday at Thomas Magnet School, discussing the financial short fall in the School Age Care Program (S.A.C.P.) The board met at Thomas, following a ribbon cutting for the new addition at the school.

A fee increase came up as an amendment at the meeting. It was discussed that the program has had thousands of dollars short fall, because some parents are not paying dues.

While school board members are trying to save the program, it was mentioned that $8,000 short falls cannot continue. SACP was designed to be structured as self-sustaining with its own revenue.

School board members said they're trying to change some of the rules in an effort not to have to close the program permanently. They said they realize how important this program is to school parents.

S.A.C.P. provides quality care for children in a safe and enriching environment. This program is offered during the hours when there may be no adult supervision in the home.

S.A.C.P. is quality care for school age children on site at their school in a safe, fun, and enriching environment. Offered are snacks, homework help, different crafts and activities, and gym or playground time.

S.A.C.P. is a 12-month program, closing on major holidays and a five-day maintenance period at the beginning of each school year. If weather permits, we open up on inclement weather days at one site. Our hours of operation are 6 am - 6 pm.

Any child who is currently attending a Bedford County School in grades K-8 may attend the after school program.

S.A.C.P. currently operates at nine Bedford County schools. On special holidays, snow days and during the summer, S.A.C.P. consolidates to one site.

Does the City have the funds for its large laundry list of projects?

City Treasurer Kay Parker opened Tuesday's special called Council meeting with a review of current large City capital and development projects. She provided cost estimates, funding sources and even some timelines for completion.

Parker advised, before diving into the spread sheets, "I'm not an expert on any of the projects, I'm just talking about numbers here."

While several projects were on the agenda to be discussed, she began with the funding for the City flood pumps.

With more people moving to cities, the demand for housing and infrastructure has led to the paving over of natural landscapes, which previously absorbed rainfall. As a result, urban areas are left with limited options for natural drainage, exacerbating flood risks. Furthermore, climate change has brought more frequent and intense storms, pushing city infrastructure to its limits. To meet these challenges, cities must adapt their flood management pumps and other flood mitigation measures to match heightened risks.

"We were fortunate that when we actually bid the flood pumps themselves, we came in $870,000 under bid which was great," said Parker.

She advised Council that only 15% of flood pump debt has been paid. There are engineer fees to be added, also.

At the present, engineers are aiming for bid opening for installation later this fall. Construction is anticipated to begin in January of 2026 and completion is scheduled for August 2026.

Parker said $2.4 million remains in the City coffers for the installation rehab or repairing and replacement. Bids will have to come in. But there is a year for budgeting more, if necessary, due to construction timelines, according to Parker.

Mayor Randy Carroll asked if this available funding was from ARP funds that had been set aside previously for this project.

Parker said this is a "switch out" of ARP dollars received during COVID. ARP was the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) of 2021- COVID-19 Financial Assistance Programs.

Technically, she told Council, that ARP money was spent on City expenses during the pandemic. But, this free allocation in turn freed up City monies to use for this project, according to Parker.

The Times-Gazette will have more information on future City projects, and cost estimates, on T-G.com on Thursday and in next week's print edition.





A DELIGHTFUL WIN AND PRESENTATION

Photo by Rubye Cole

The weather could not have been finer than it was last Friday night during the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration. This photo is from the Ruby Ewing Owner Amateur Ladies Fine Harness Class. Barbra Civils, owner, was the winner and up with Outlier. See more TWHNC pictures on page 12 today.



DOUBLE THE FUN

Family Photo

Twins and Celebration exhibitors Cheyanne Gardner and Dakoda Gardner just turned 18 last month. They competed last Saturday, like they have for many years. They are the daughters of Dickie and Misty Gardner of Wheel.

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Champs blow out Cubs

The Cascade Champions opened the 2025 campaign with a dominant 41-6 win over the Cheatham County Cubs.

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Good Neighbor Spotlight

By Dawn Hankins

Jeremy Trott says until recently, he had never met Emily Diane Daniel. In hindsight, Trott believes he was on a mission from God and Daniel believes Trott and team were an answer to prayer.

Trott, owner of Trott Co. Excavation in Shelbyville, is a local service provider through HomeAdvisor/Angi. Daniel had searched his website for septic repair.

The rest is good neighbor history.

"So, I had a lead come through when she reached out," says Trott. "Her place happened to be on our way home from the current jobsite, so my guys and I were able to check it out on the same day she contacted me."

He added, "After talking with her and seeing the sewage run on the ground, we knew she had problems and a definite need for a new tank and quite possibly a complete system."

Trott says she asked right off about costs. He told her that complete systems usually run about $8,000 or more, and septic tank replacements can run between $3 to $4,000.

"She hung her head and tears welled up as she spoke of her husband passing and her financial struggles since and how his life insurance policies fell through. She didn't even have $100 for the repair permit."

So, after he searched all kinds of grants, funding, or anything to no avail, Trott says he couldn't let it go. Was it his "businessman side" that just couldn't let it go or was it more?

"I wanted to let it go, but God kept telling me that I could help and I should help. So, after a few days, I decided that God was right. I should help. And knowing I can't afford all the expenses for supplies, I should try to raise money through GoFundMe, which I've never done before."

With an ultimate goal of $4,500, Trott, friends and neighbors raised just over $3,000 (by July) through social media contact and word of mouth. Trott's Vulcan Materials sales rep, Ashton Boals, graciously had Vulcan Materials donate a load of gravel as well.

"Turns out, as of now, all Ms. Daniel needed was the septic tank replaced. We finished the job yesterday and if no field lines are needed in the near future, the money raised more than covered those expenses. Any extra money I will be setting aside in case there are further issues with her plumbing or field lines. That money is not mine. It was given to help others out."

Trott is most appreciative to those who did reach out to help with their project.

The T-G talked with Daniel this week. She openly talked about her situation and thanked Trott's team very much for what he did.

"Seven years ago in March, I lost my husband to a heart attack," she explains. "I thought I had two insurances on him-one through work."

Needless-to-say, the insurance plan didn't pan out.

Daniel, a native of Indiana, said she worked until she was 72. She has more bills, she adds, than her social security can pay.

"My septic tank collapsed. I called this one guy and he said he wouldn't come look at it till I got a permit. I prayed about it. I knew the septic system and installing is expensive. I guess someone told Jeremy about me and I'd missed his call . . . saw the voicemail after I'd prayed. I returned his call."







Jeremy came out to look at the septic, she recalls. Yep, and he determined she would be going to need a new one. There were a lot of issues.

"I told him I didn't know how I could do it. I explained how I didn't get the insurance so I could keep up with all the repairs."

She remembers him vividly saying, "Don't worry I will figure something out."

Daniel confirms that a day later, Trott was starting a Go Fund Me for the septic system and parts and that he would do the labor for free.

"He didn't get all the money he needed but he went ahead and did it. I know God sent him to me to help me. God bless him and his workers for a great job and for the ones that contributed to the GoFundMe."

She continues to thank Trott and God for sending such a good Samaritan her way.

Have a positive good neighbor story to share? Email dawn@richardsonmediagroup.net.

Fun this weekend at the TWHNC

• **8/28-Thursday-Throwback Thursday**

Be ready to enjoy some "old time" Celebration fun, history and activities! Brush up, on your Tennessee Walking Horse knowledge, questions will be asked throughout the night.

Enjoy a "walk" down memory lane as you listen to some good 'ole oldies!

• **"Spot"light a Green Jacket**

Be on the lookout for an opportunity to honor some of our past WGC Riders as they will be wearing their coveted GREEN JACKET!

• **8/29-Friday-Red, White, and Blue Ribbon**

Wear your patriotic colors this night and join us for a fan favorite tradition as we honor our country, first responders, our military, and "Celebrate" the USA! New additions this year will be sure to make this a memorable night!

• **8/28 Thursday and 8/29 Friday Live Music After the Show**

Thursday- Rockin' Country Band

FREE Concert - Open to the Public outside Blue Ribbon Circle (following the show)

Friday -Entice Band

In the Blue Ribbon Circle (following the show)

• **8/30-Saturday-Crowning of the 2024 World Grand Champion**



COUNCIL

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new jail."

Feldhaus said he was for prioritizing a separate fire complex, mentioning how the fire department ISO ratings etc., come with more of the restrictions on properties. He said after fire, move on to the police which do not have those specific space and rating issues regarding property.

Feldhaus said also with multiple sites comes the opportunity for better price options. "I think we can buy the property and pay for it sooner than later . . . capital outlay note, and pay over 5 years. It's easy to finance. It doesn't cost an arm and a leg and a big bond issue and all that. I think the money will be there."

He stated further, "I think we had too big of a plan combining both of them. I'm hoping a City Hall situation comes along and we can take advantage of that."

Mayor Randy Carroll said the City has really made a lot of "great moves" over the last couple years.

To that, Council member Ewing said the City hasn't made "a lot of great completions." She advised that moving ahead with just the Musgrave property option for SPD and SFD is "no way to do business."

She named all the projects, at hand, that had been lightly discussed during this 2-hour meeting. She said the public safety project is being stacked on top of the following projects: The Fairfield Pike Right of Way, The River Overlook Project, Madison Street Sidewalks, Deery Street Sidewalks, Duksan access road; H.V. Griffin Park Soccer Field; airport projects.

Engineers tell Council 'don't get scared' over Riverwalk cost

Part II of II

By Dawn Hankins

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Whitney Summers, vice president/business development manager-East Region at Neel-Schaffer, Inc. updated Shelbyville City Council at its last study session about the progress being made by her firm regarding the City's proposed Riverview District Walkway/Overlook. (See part 1 in the Aug. 14 edition of the T-G.)

Yes, it's going to be expensive. But Summers advised Council members not to get scared because there are a lot of grants available for such projects, especially those aimed at enhancing tourism.

Mayor Randy Carroll asked about the City's financial burden for this project. Summers said there are some matching dollars required by the City for certain grants.

He also asked about concrete versus asphalt for the walkway. She said concrete will be much more expensive, much more, given the work that's going to have to be done.

"It will be a 10-foot path . . . probably have to put a little concrete in there to build that up. It will be asphalt."

The City has planned and worked toward this project for a few years now-an overlook and walkway to the square area that is planned to enhance tourism by providing a regional venue for concerts and recreational activities.

Summers said 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.

From a cost perspective, there's a past approved grant from 2021 (including 80/20 match by Cityt) for just over $1.3 million. That grant pays for construction, according to Summers.

After she told Council about how lovely the project is going to be and healthy for the Duck River area off the public square, she got down to some cost estimates.

Summers advised Council "not to take it to the bank yet" but informed them that the cost of this Riverview project phase is estimated now, without final material and design costs, at $2.7 million.

Some sighs could be heard in the room.

She advised her firm is already in conversation with Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) about available grants.

One federal grant she mentioned is the CMAQ or Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program which provides dedicated federal funding to state departments of transportation for projects that improve air quality and reduce congestion.

The CMAQ program improves air quality by funding transportation projects and programs that reduce air emissions from cars, trucks and buses (mobile sources) in air quality non-attainment and maintenance areas, which are the only areas eligible for CMAQ funding. Because this is a new project to enhance tourism but is also an environment type project so to speak, the City could possibly toss its hat in the ring for these dollars, based on criteria.

City Treasurer Kay Parker asked about when grant awards would be announced and awarded. She said the CMAQ request is in and dollars available are being evaluated. The TAP program has not been opened yet for 2026 applications. She told Parker the City would apply in October and hear in July.

She said there are exceptions, sometimes, for early awards.

Mayor Carroll asked if the City's looking at another year to start this project.

"Right now, we're sitting at May 2026-contractor signing contracts and the pre-construction meeting is happening."

Councilman Bobby Turnbow, 75, asked if he'd get to stroll on to Riverview before he dies of old age. He said it's been at least 4 years since this project was first discussed.

She said it's a "lengthy process" and construction is going to be about a 9-month process. Actual completion date, when people can walk, is set for 2027.

Reducing drug use through prevention: BC Chief Deputy Nikia Elliott announces 2026 candidacy for sheriff



Bedford County Chief Deputy Sheriff Nikia Elliott has officially announced his candidacy to become the next sheriff of Bedford County. With over 25 years of service in law enforcement, Elliott pledges to build upon the strong foundation established by current Sheriff Austin Swing.

Elliott's platform focuses on three key priorities:

• Reducing drug use through prevention, enforcement, and rehabilitation initiatives

• Enhancing community policing with zone-based patrols and stronger citizen engagement

• Supporting families affected by autism, inspired by his own experience as the father of a son with autism, by creating a tailored support system for Bedford County families in similar situations

"I've been blessed with the best mentors throughout my career," Elliott said. "My father, Dale Elliott, and my uncle, Steve Elliott, taught me from a young age that honesty and integrity are the most important qualities of a man and a law enforcement officer. Those values have been the foundation of everything I've done."

Elliott also recognized the impact of several respected leaders he has worked with over the years. "I appreciate the opportunities, lessons, and guidance given to me by Sheriffs David Williams, Clay Parker, Randall Boyce, and Austin Swing."

He offered special thanks to current Sheriff Swing for the trust placed in him as chief deputy. "Serving in this role has been an honor and a tremendous responsibility," Elliott said. "The experience has given me the knowledge, leadership skills, and community insight to step into the role of sheriff on day one."

A lifelong resident of Bedford County, Elliott is known for his strong conservative values and dedication to Christian principles. He believes that a safer Bedford County depends on stronger communities and compassionate, professional law enforcement.

"My wife Julie and I have been married for 22 years, and we are raising our two sons here in our wonderful community. I'm a conservative Republican. We attend Normandy Baptist Church, and I will uphold our cherished constitutional principles as your next sheriff."

Elliott began his career as a reserve deputy and worked his way up to chief deputy under Sheriff Swing. He said he believes his proven leadership and deep-rooted commitment to the County make him the common-sense choice to lead the Bedford County Sheriff's Department.

For more information about Nikia Elliott and his campaign, please visit https://electelliott4sheriff.com/.

Safer and stronger communities: John Sweeney launches 2026 campaign for sheriff



Detective Lieutenant John Sweeney has officially launched his campaign for Sheriff of Bedford County, pledging to bring integrity, transparency, and community-driven leadership to the forefront of local law enforcement.

"With a steadfast commitment to justice, fairness, and progress, I believe every member of our community deserves safety, equality, and a voice," Sweeney stated. "This campaign isn't just about enforcing laws, it's about forging partnerships and creating an inclusive environment where everyone is respected and protected."

A mission built on core values

Sweeney says his campaign is grounded in five fundamental pillars:

-Safety: Enhancing public protection through collaborative initiatives with law enforcement and community stakeholders to reduce crime and strengthen trust.

-Equality: Advocate justice for all by actively working to eliminate discrimination and ensure fair treatment across the community.

-Community Engagement: Empowering neighborhoods through civic involvement, open dialogue, and grassroots solutions to public safety.

-Community Issues: Provide resource, tools, and guidance to those who are seeking help with addiction

-Department Personal: Advocate for additional training and resources for all personnel.

A Lifelong Commitment to Service

Sweeney describes his calling as one he never expected but wholly embraced: "I didn't choose this career. Honestly, it chose me."

Sweeney began his law enforcement career as a Corrections Officer in 2011, later serving as a court/warrants Officer in 2013, and ultimately transferring to the Patrol Division were his leadership and dedication grew, culminating in his role as detective lieutenant.

About John Sweeney

An experienced law enforcement professional serving Bedford County, John Sweeney's career spans multiple roles, each marked by commitment to justice, transparency, and community partnership. From corrections to patrol to detective leadership, his journey reflects a deep-rooted passion for building trust and empowering residents.

Beyond his professional career, Sweeney is deeply rooted in the Bedford County community. He is an active member of Edgemont Baptist Church, serves as president of the Board for Life Source Family Solutions, and is also a board member of First Choice Pregnancy Center.

These roles reflect his dedication not only to public safety but also to strengthening families and supporting community-based solutions. His faith, community service, and leadership roles highlight his dedication to serving Bedford County both in and out of uniform.

John and his wife have 5 children, 4 grandchildren, a large extended family and numerous supportive siblings and parents.

"Together, they are dedicated to making our community the best place for not only their family, but for all the families in Bedford County."

Career accomplishments/ training

Graduate of Tennessee Law Enforcement Academy; Graduate of TBI State Academy; Internet Crimes Against Children Training; SWAT Training; Overdose Death & Drug Investigation Training.

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Phillip Young appointed receiver in Uncle Nearest Case



Phillip Young, a partner at the Nashville-based law firm of Thompson Burton PLLC, has been appointed as receiver for Nearest Green Distillery as part of a civil lawsuit with Farm Credit Mid America.

This appointment, made by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, is in connection with a loan default case.

Operations continue at Nearest Green on Highway 231 North.

A receivership is a court-supervised process designed to protect and preserve a company's assets and business value. The appointment of Young is a strategic and positive step to ensure the company's future health and stability.

Under the receivership, the company's day-to-day operations will continue without disruption. Production, distribution, and all business functions will proceed as usual.

"I understand that this news may raise questions, but I want to be clear that this is not a negative development for Uncle Nearest," said Phillip Young, on behalf of the company. "Uncle Nearest's primary goal remains unchanged: to continue producing the award-winning Tennessee whiskey that customers love and expect. I look forward to continuing the company's strong commitment to its community, its partners, and to honoring the legacy of Nearest Green."

"We fully support the court's appointment of Phillip Young as receiver," said Fawn and Keith Weaver, owners of Uncle Nearest, Inc. "Many people misunderstand receiverships, but in some cases they are a powerful tool for strengthening a company. That is the case here."

Phillip Young, as the court-appointed receiver, will now assume full management and operational control of the company. Young will work to resolve the outstanding financial matters and position the company for a sustainable and successful future. While Young will be responsible for the day-to-day operations, Fawn Weaver will continue to own Uncle Nearest, and both Fawn Weaver and Keith Weaver will remain deeply engaged in the stewardship of the Uncle Nearest brand.

"My role is to serve as a neutral party, appointed by the court, to manage the company's affairs in a way that benefits all stakeholders," said Phillip Young. "I am confident that working with the dedicated team at Uncle Nearest, we will ensure a smooth transition and maintain the company's reputation for excellence and quality. The receivership is intended to improve relations and stabilize the business, not to make them worse. My team and I are fully committed to this mission."



COUNCILMAN REPRESENTS SHELBYVILLE IN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Shelbyville City Councilman Josh Blevins was among those participating recently in the Naifeh Center for Effective Leadership. He is a part of the 2025 Class.

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FEATURES FROM THE BIBLE

TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE



What can one say about God that would help us to know who He is? The first verse in the bible says "In the Beginning God created...".

The bible writers used many words in an attempt to describe God. In John's gospel Jesus says, "God is Spirit." John 4:24

In the book of Exodus, God identifies himself as"I AM THAT I AM". Exodus 3:14.

Moses had asked God how he should answer the children of Israel when they asked him the name of the God who had sent him to lead them from slavery to freedom. God told Moses to say to them, "I AM hath sent me unto you."

Confusing? Maybe. Someone expressed it, "God is, while all others have been and shall be."

Creator, Spirit, THE I AM, THE ONE WHO IS! Holy, Love, Judge.

God.

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Dave Rogers continues his efforts to support and care for local veterans

Great event coming up Sept. 6

Local veteran Dave Rogers is at it again. And you know this is a good thing.

Just this week, he was supporting the Proclamation Day for September as Suicide Prevention Month.

He is busy planning ahead for the "Health, HotRods and Veteran Fair" which is planned for Sept. 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Music City KartPlex, 3225 Highway 231 North.

It's a time for "caring for veterans, their families and the community" according to Rogers.

"This fair is where veterans, their families and the community come to connect, get information, find health info, and have fun...." says Rogers.

The color guard will be presented by Rolling Thunder TN 1.

The National Anthem by: Melissa Wray, Nashville Recording Artist. Bands: Southern Klass, and Bona Fide Outlaw.

A special Quilts of Honor will be held with 5 quilts presented to some very special veterans.

Dave says, "You won't be bored, there are lots of activities, car show, jeep show, food trucks and if you want you can ride in go-karts, if that is not enough, we even have miniature donkeys!"

Dave Rogers is founder and chef of Cooking with a Veteran Inc. 501c3. http://www.cookingwithaveteran.org and http://www.facebook.com/cookingwithaveteran

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Bedford County Government Photo

Mayor Chad Graham signs a Suicide Prevention Awareness Month proclamation. Standing, from left: Tammy Anderson of Bedford County Emergency Management Agency; Les Price of the Center for Family Development; Jennifer Witham of Bedford County Health Department; Elizabeth Taylor and Aaron White, both of the Center for Family Development; and Dave Rogers of Cooking with a Veteran.

SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

County Mayor Chad Graham signed a proclamation Monday, declaring September to be Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Bedford County. Representatives of Bedford County Health Council were on hand to participate in the event and place a yard sign on the courthouse lawn promoting 9-8-8, the nationwide suicide hotline.

The statistics are concerning: 1,200 lives are lost to suicide each year in Tennessee, with an estimated 25 attempted suicides for each death.

Suicide is the 12th leading cause of death in Tennessee, the third leading cause of death among youth and young adults ages of 10 to 24, the fourth leading cause of death of adults ages 35-44, and the eighth leading cause of death for adults ages 45-54.

The Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network is a grassroots collaboration of Tennesseans and organizations working to eliminate the stigma of suicide, educate the community about the warning signs of suicide, and ultimately reduce the rate of suicide in our state.

Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: August 19

Location: Raus Hilltop Rd; Seller, Elizabeth S Moore, Elizabeth S Daughtery; Buyer, Steven L Daugherty; Price, $344,783 (Deed).

Location: 202 Hillview Ave; Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, Marta Hall; Price, $321,545 (Deed).

Location: 106 Cottonwood Dr; Seller, Juan Pascual Tomas; Buyer, Opendoor Property Trust I; Price, $274,149.30 (Deed).

Seller, Vincent Trapani; Buyer, Robert Bushnell; Price, $210,000 (Deed).

Location: Whitthorne St; Seller, Sudie S Reed; Buyer, Martha Blackmon Milligan; Price, $330,000 (Deed).

Seller, Dale Barnett; Buyer, Carl D Peas; Price, $349,000 (Deed).

Location: Dye Rd; Seller, Jeffrey R Smith; Buyer, Sourcesouthern LLC; Price, $200,000 (Deed).

Location: Cedar Grove Rd; Seller, Patrick Joseph Hankins, Sheryl Ann Hankins; Buyer, Running With Scissors LLC; Price, $315,000 (Deed).

Seller, Howard Rupard; Buyer, DCC Strategic Realty Partners LLC; Price, $75,000 (Deed).

File date: August 20

Location: Mill House Rd; Seller, Walter D Bragg, Brenda K Bragg; Buyer, James D Gevedon, Misty D Gevedon; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 220 Hickerson Rd; Seller, Walter D Bragg, Brenda K Bragg; Buyer, James D Gevedon, Misty D Gevedon; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 154 County Line Rd; Seller, Roberta Gomez Alaguer, Jose A Medina Cervantes; Buyer, Romualdo Cedillo Martinez, Paola Guadalupe Hernandez; Price, $380,000 (Deed).

Location: Joe Hart Rd; Seller, Michael H Owen; Buyer, Debbie Locke Sons; Price, $129,900 (Deed).

Location: State Route 437; Seller, Monica Elizabeth Butler; Buyer, James Lincoln Butler; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: August 21

Seller, McGuffin Hall General Partnership; Buyer, MG Bojangles Main Street LLC; Price, $2,000,000 (Deed).

Location: Union Ridge Rd; Seller, 24 Wartrace74 LLC; Buyer, David Grissett, Mary C Grissett; Price, $110,000 (Deed).

Location: 1431 New Herman Rd; Seller, James D Warren Jr, Emily Warren; Buyer, Joshua Wells, Kaitlyn Wells; Price, $200,000 (Deed).

Location: 207 Hillview Ave; Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, David Bianchi; Price, $339,670 (Deed).

Location: 35 Magnolia Lane; Seller, Brenton Carroll, Ashley Carroll; Buyer, Jonathan Handley, Holly Handley; Price, $470,000 (Deed).

Location: Bunker Hill Rd; Seller, Thomas W Lamb, Barbara Lamb; Buyer, Caleb Wood, Erin Wood; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: August 22

Location: 185 Mullins Hill Rd; Seller, Denae Nicole Rydel, Aaron Lee Smith; Buyer, Jonathan M Green, Shawn E Green; Price, $470,000 (Deed).

Location: 138 Shelbyville Mills Rd; Seller, Paul E Jones, Diana M Jones; Buyer, Leslie Fells; Price, $315,000 (Deed).

Seller, John William Parson, Robert E and Lora Irene Parsons Trust; Buyer, David S Statum, Melody Susan Statum; Price, $400,000 (Deed).

Location: 2857 Highway 64; Seller, Gail Ann Joy Blanchard, Kristie Dawn Wisterman; Buyer, Garrett Crouder, Kelley Crouder; Price, $430,000 (Deed).



CAMPBELL RECOGNIZED FOR DEDICATION

SPD Photo

Shelbyville Police Department recently recognized Detective Samuel Campbell for his 7 years of service. Campbell serves in the criminal investigations division, specializing in phone forensics.

Breaking News- Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2025



At approximately 3 p.m., on Wednesday, Shelbyville Police Department released a statement that the blue Nissan Sentra belonging to missing person Sara Padgett, 84, of Shelbyville, has been located. Padgett was reportedly last seen by friends on April 4, 2025. SPD said at press time that no further details will be released. A formal press release, according to SPD, will be provided at a later date.

Caregiver Relief Program of Bedford County

Chili Supper, Scavenger Hunt & Silent Auction

Supporting families impacted by Alzheimer's disease & other dementias

Tuesday, September 30, 2025
5-7pm
Fair Haven Baptist Church
2726 Highway 231 N, Shelbyville TN

Tickets $10, at the door or by calling 931-685-9039.
Donations accepted to participate in the scavenger hunt.

The Caregiver Relief Program Scavenger Hunt list will be released on Friday, Sept. 26, via our website and Facebook page. Printed lists will also be available at our office at 500 Elm St. Completed scavenger hunt lists must be submitted to our office before noon on September 30 or by 5:30 at the chili supper. Winners will be announced at 6. Prizes will be Wal-Mart gift Cards. You do not have to be present to win.

Silent Auction Bidding will be open until 6:30

Email us at: admin@caregiverreliefbedfordco.org or call 931-685-9039 to request a scavenger hunt list or to become a sponsor for our event.

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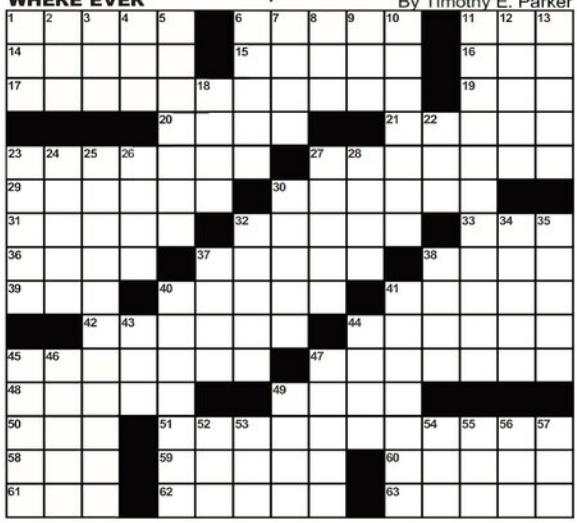

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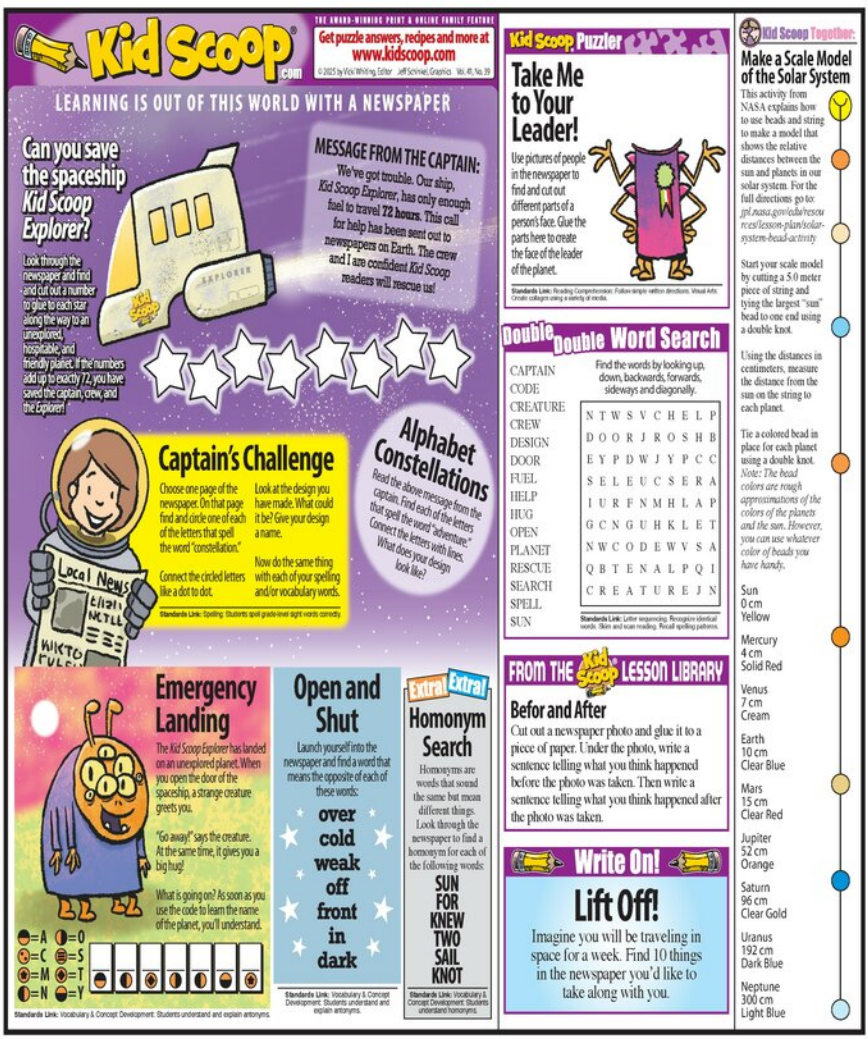
6) Inundated
11) Be competitive
14) Lift a lawyer's license
15) Large book size
16) Common connector
17) Smaller part of a larger zoned area
19) Mai __ (rum cocktail)
20) Requirement
21) Hard to make out
23) One delivering a dressingdown
27) Wall candleholders
29) Brought to mind
30) Fine cigar
31) Editor's insertion symbol
32) Cop's treat in stereotypes
33) Prefix with "natal"
36) Betting figures
37) "Dined" partner
38) Tablet-producing company
39) Formerly known as, in maiden names
40) Puts money in the bank
41) Peculiar
42) Musketeer's need
44) Combat pilot's flight
45) Cause disorder to
47) Any pest
48) Strengthened a poker pot
49) One way to make a sweater
50) 1040 reviewer, briefly
51) Doing one's job, and how!
58) Primitive dwelling
59) Flynn of old Hollywood
60) Suddenly bright stars
61) Absorbed, as a cost
62) Roll in a roller derby
63) First square of many board games

CLUES DOWN

1) Magazine revenue sources
2) Bucharest currency
3) Emulate a certain tide
4) "Awesome!" in the '90s
5) Bauble
6) Label for the skinny picture
7) Dictionary entry
8) Late boxing champion
9) "I'm quoting this exactly"
10) Cruel barracks "gag" of old
11) Where the Pope lives
12) Nonsensical
13) Cuts and pastes
18) Part of an apple
22) Andy's raggedy doll
23) Exploratory mission, for short
24) Give the slip to
25) Pennsylvania, to Maryland
26) Miniature guitars, informally
27) Loudness units
28) Yucky deposit
30) Funnel-shaped
32) Thing that courteous golfers replace
34) Like a haunted house
35) Gavel pounder's word
37) Enterprise speed unit
38) Plane-related
40) Unusable fingerprints
41) Chinese dumplings
43) "_ you nuts?"
44) Trivial tizzy
45) Russian country home
46) Contributed suggestion, e.g.
47) Approach to an article
49) Shoelace problem
52) Mork's home planet
53) Savings for a distant rainy day
54) Nursery schooler
55) Egg of old Rome
56) Tolstoy title word
57) Catcher of a clumsy acrobat



NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust (the "Deed of Trust"), dated November 14, 2023, of record at Trust Deed Book 1102, pages 417-422, Register's Office for Bedford County, Tennessee, COREY W. PROCTOR and wife, REBEKAH KAY PROCTOR, did convey unto JOE M. LAMBERT, JR., as Trustee, a certain tract of real estate hereinafter described, to secure a certain indebtedness set out in said Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, ALLEN R. BROCK and wife, PATSY J. BROCK, are the owners and holders of the note secured by said Deed of Trust hereinabove referred to; and

WHEREAS, the said real estate described in said Deed of Trust is as follows:

Lying and being in the Eighteenth (18th) Civil District of Bedford County, Tennessee, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a fence corner post on the west margin of Whitaker Road, at the southeast corner of the Lentz property and the northeast corner of the property herein described; thence following the said west margin South 12° 06' East 497.18 feet; and South 9° 55' East 95.35 feet to a fence corner post; thence leaving the said west margin and following the north margin of an old lane North 89° 44' West 121.47 feet to a fence post; and North 89° 44' West 485.87 feet to a fence corner post; thence South 89° 00' West 127.03 feet to a fence corner post; thence North 83° 04' West 234.26 feet to a fence post; thence North 79° 44' West 593.17 feet to a 5 inch cedar at a fence intersection; thence North 15° 28' East 659.06 feet to a fence corner post; thence North 15° 30' East 16.46 feet to a point in the center of Montgomery Road; thence with the center of said road South 87° 54' East 947.18 feet to a point; thence leaving the center of said road South 12° 40' East 16.82 feet to a metal pin; thence South 11° 40' East 147.13 feet to a metal pin; thence South 87° 45' East 269.64 feet to the point of beginning and containing 22.36 acres.

INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY BUT EXCLUDED FROM THIS CONVEYANCE is the following described property conveyed to Charles T. Lentz and wife, Peggy S. Lentz, by Warranty Deed from Allen R. Brock and wife, Patsy J. Brock, dated November 5, 1988, of record at Deed Book 179, page 54, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

Beginning at a point on the west margin of Whitaker Road at the northeast corner of the existing Allen R. Brock property and the southeast corner of the existing Charles T. Lentz property; thence following the said west margin South 27° 15' East 2.49 feet to a fence corner post; thence leaving the said west margin South 70° 18' West 299.92 feet to a metal pin; thence North 16° 39' West 191.40 feet to a p.k. nail in the center of Montgomery Road; thence leaving the said center South 27° 03' East 163.84 feet to a metal pin; thence North 75° 52' East 269.71 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.17 acre.

LESS AND EXCEPT the following described property conveyed to Byron G. Pendergrass and wife, Sandra J. Pendergrass, by Warranty Deed from Allen R. Brock and wife, Patsy J. Brock, dated August 11, 1989, of record at Deed Book 181, page 61, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

Beginning at a point in the center of Montgomery Road, at the northeast corner of the Tony Richardson Property and being the northwest corner of the property herein described; thence with the center of said road South 87 degrees 54 minutes East 420.00 feet to a point; thence leaving the center of said road South 2 degrees 06 minutes West 210.00 feet to a point; thence North 87 degrees 54 minutes West 469.40 feet to a point; thence North 15 degrees 28 minutes East 199.38 feet to a fence corner post; thence North 15 degrees 30 minutes East 16.46 feet to the point of beginning and containing 2.15 acres, more or less, and lying in the 18th Civil District of Bedford County, Tennessee.

Also included in this conveyance is an easement for the purpose of installing and maintaining a water line over said property and for any necessary repairs and maintenance to same, provided, however, that said water lines are at least 2 feet under ground.

FURTHER LESS AND EXCEPT the following described property conveyed to James T. McMillian by Warranty Deed from Allen R. Brock and wife, Patsy J. Brock, dated November 21, 1994, of record at Deed Book 205, page 474, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

Starting at a fence corner post on the west margin of Whitaker Road, and on the north margin of an old lane and being the southeast corner of the Allen Brock property; thence leaving west margin with the south line of said Brock property, north 89 deg. 44 min. west 121.47 feet to a fence post; thence north 89 deg. 44 min. west 338.82 feet to a point in the center of a driveway, and being the true point of beginning, and being the southeast corner of the property herein described; thence with said south line north 89 deg. 44 min. west 147.05 feet to a fence post; thence north 87 deg. 20 min. 43 sec. west 20.58 feet to a metal pin in fence at the southwest corner of the property herein described; thence leaving said south line, north 2 deg. 57 min. 09 sec. east 185.12 feet to a metal pin in fence at the northwest corner of the property herein described, thence south 86 deg. 07 min. 48 sec. east 230.86 feet to a metal pin at a fence corner post at the northeast corner of the property herein described; thence south 3 deg. 28 min. 10 sec. east 160.72 feet to a metal pin at a fence corner post; thence south 3 deg. 28 min. 10 sec. east 14.53 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.00 acre, more or less, according to a survey by Rex Northcutt, dated October 18, 1994, R.L.S. No. 77, 117 Hickory Drive, Shelbyville, TN 37160.

Being the same property conveyed to Corey W. Proctor and wife, Rebekah Kay Proctor, by Warranty Deed from Allen R. Brock and Patsy J. Brock, dated November 14, 2023, of record at Deed Book 385, page 966, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

This conveyance is subject to any and all existing easements and restrictions of record, and to those specific terms of the life estate interest reserved to Allen R. Brock and Patsy J. Brock, as outlined in the above-referenced Deed.

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was made to secure the payment of a note therein set out and contained the power to sell in the case of default in the payment of said note and interest at maturity; and

WHEREAS, the maker of said note has defaulted in the payment thereof, and the owners and holders of said note have declared the entire amount due and payable and have requested the undersigned to foreclose said Deed of Trust according to its terms in order to collect said note.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the undersigned JOE M. LAMBERT, JR., Trustee, will, in accordance with the terms set out in the Deed of Trust above referred to, on Monday, September 22, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. CDT, at the south door of the Bedford County Courthouse in Shelbyville, Tennessee, offer for sale and sell the above-described real estate at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in bar of equity of redemption and free from homestead and dower, all in accordance with the provisions of said Deed of Trust and the laws of Tennessee controlling such sales, subject, however, to all outstanding real estate taxes.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day and time certain without further publication and in accordance with law upon announcement of said adjournment on the day and time and place of sale set forth above.

The failure of any high bidder to pay the purchase price and close the sale shall, at the option of the Substitute Trustee, be cause for rejection of the bid, and if the bid is rejected, the Substitute Trustee shall have the option of making the sale to the next highest bidder who is ready, willing, and able to comply with the terms thereof. The proceeds derived from the sale of the property will be applied as provided for in said Deed of Trust. Said Deed of Trust is made a part hereof as if copied verbatim herein.

This sale of the Property shall be subject to the specific terms of the life estate interest reserved to Allen R. Brock and Patsy J. Brock, as outlined in the Deed of record at Deed Book 385, page 966, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, and any and all unpaid taxes, assessments, rights-of-way, easements, protective covenants or restrictions, liens, and other superior matters of record which may affect said property; as well as any prior liens or encumbrances as well as priority created by a fixture filing; and/or any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. If the U. S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development are listed as interested parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and the sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities' right to redeem the property, as required by 26 U. S. C. § 7425 and T. C. A. § 67-1-1433. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U. S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Deed of Trust.

The address of the above-described property is believed to be 0 & 326 Whitaker Road, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein, and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control. This property is further identified as being Map 085, Parcel 057.03 & Map 085, Parcel 057.07, on the records of the Tax Assessor of Bedford County, Tennessee.

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

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: Farm Credit Mid-America, FLCA; Chris Miller; Christopher Equipment, Inc.; Tennessee Department of Revenue; and Adams County Nursery, Inc.

This Notice of Foreclosure Sale is being published pursuant to T.C.A. 35-5-101 et seq. at www.foreclosurestn.com

This 20th day of August, 2025.
Joe M. Lambert, Jr., Trustee
Law Office of Joe M. Lambert, Jr.
100 Public Square North, Suite 3
Shelbyville, TN 37160
(931) 684-9600
(August 28, 2025 & September 4, 2025)

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 February 27, 2024, executed by Sean Patrick Martin and spouse, Frances Renee Martin, to John Owens as Trustee, for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Primis Mortgage Company, its successors and assigns, and appearing of record on March 8, 2024, in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, at Book TD1111, Page 973, and Instrument Number 24001603.

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Planet Home Lending, LLC, the party entitled to enforce said security interest; and having appointed Clear Recon LLC, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustee by instrument filed or being filed for record in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, with all of the rights, powers, and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust, and that the undersigned, Clear Recon LLC, 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 October 14, 2025, at 11:00 AM, local time, at the main entrance of the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, located in Shelbyville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, paid at the conclusion of the sale, the following described property situated in Bedford County, to wit:

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Bedford, State of Tennessee, and is described as follows:

Being all of Lot No. 80 the Plan of Final Plat, Wheatfield Subdivision, Phase 3, according to plat and survey appearing of record in Plat Book PL J2, page 455, in the Register's Office for Bedford County, Tennessee, to which

Plan reference is hereby made for a more complete description of the property.

Being the same property conveyed to Sean Patrick Martin and spouse, Frances Renee Martin, by deed from, Ole South Properties, Inc., a Tennessee Corporation, dated February 27, 2024, appearing in Book 388, page 434, in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

This conveyance is made subject to Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for Wheatfield of record in Record Book D371, page 519, as amended in Record Book D385, page 739; Subject to restrictions set out in Warranty

Deed of record in Record Book D344, page 650 and also Quitclaim Deed of record in Record Book D356, page 746; Application for Greenbelt Assessment — Agricultural of record in Record Book B13, page 115; Tennessee

Valley Authority (TVA) Easement as set out in Judgment of record in Deed Book D221, page 614; Utilities Easements of record in Deed Book D246, page 744, Deed Book D264, page 452, and in Deed Book 189, page 587; Homeowner's Association Charter of record in Book CH14, page 610;Subject to rights of others in and to the common areas and/or elements;No insurance is offered to title to that portion of the premises embraced within the bounds of any roads, streets or highways;The land has been classified as Greenbelt for assessment, levy, and collection purposes and may be subjected to substantial rollback taxes as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-5-1001; and to any and all matters shown on said plat and survey of record in Plat Book PL J2, page 455; all of said Register's Office for Bedford County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID: 079K F 01600 000659

Commonly known as 316 Durum St Shelbyville, TN 37160

The street address and parcel number(s) of the above described property are believed to be correct; however, such references are not a part of the legal description of the property sold herein, and, in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control

This sale is subject to tenant(s)/occupant(s) rights in possession.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: Sean Patrick Martin and Frances Renee Martin.

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If the United States or the State of Tennessee have any liens or claimed lien(s) on the Property, and are named herein as interested parties, timely notice has been given to the applicable governmental entity, and the sale will be subject to any applicable rights of redemption held by the entity as required by 26 U.S.C. § 7425 and/or Tennessee Code § 67-1-1433.

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

The transfer shall be AS IS, WHERE IS, AND WITH ALL FAULTS, and without warranties of any kind, express or implied, as to the condition of the Property and the improvements located thereon, including merchantability or fitness for particular purpose. Trustee shall make no covenant of seisin or warranty of title, express or implied, and will sell and convey the subject real property by Substitute Trustee's Deed only.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

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

THIS OFFICE IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Clear Recon LLC
Substitute Trustee
651 East 4th Street Suite 200
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Main Residence
Square Footage: 3200 Sqft
Bedrooms: 5
Rooms: Office, Laundry, Living, Dinning and Recreational
Bathrooms: 3 full, 1 half
Flooring: Hardwood and tile
Climate Control: Zoned Central Air / LP
Interior Features: Formal dining room, gourmet kitchen, gas fireplace, water filtration system
Exterior Features: Salt Water Pool, Outdoor Patio, Basketball Hoop, Wrap Around Front Patio, Asphalt Driveway
Parking: A two-car attached garage.
Internet: Starlink/5G, United Communications (Being Built)

Equestrian Features
Acreage: 46 acres, fully fenced and cross-fenced
Main Barn: 13 Stall Barn, Two Wash Bays, Two Grooming Areas, Two Tack Rooms, 100A Service, Water To Each Stall
Show Barn: 7 Stalls, One Wash Bay, One Tack Room, 50A Service, Water To Each Stall, Fly System.
Broodmare Barn: 3 Stalls, Turnout Area
Shop: 40x60 100A Service, Shared with Broodmare Barn, Terrace, Shop Room
Hay Barn: 40x80, Electrical
Riding Arena: 60x100
Round Pen: Sand Footing, 65ft Diameter

Barndominium
Square Footage: 925 Sqft • **Bedrooms:** 2
Bathrooms: 2 full • **Flooring:** Hardwood and tile
Climate Control: Heat Pump with Aux Electric Heat
Interior Features: Galley Kitchen, Laundry Room
Exterior Features: Front Porch
Parking: Outdoor Asphalt Parking Pad

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Classifieds

Yard Sales

Yard Sale
Aug. 28, 29 & 30
Thurs., Fri. & Sat.
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Obituaries

Denise Stinson Smith



Denise Stinson Smith, 72, died peacefully on Monday, August 18, 2025, at her home, Ravenswood Farm, in Brentwood, Tennessee. Born May 15, 1953, in Nashville, Tennessee, to the late Jean Felts Stinson and Homer Carlton Stinson, Denise grew up in West Nashville, the middle of five children and the only daughter. Denise graduated from Hillwood High School in 1971, where she was president of the National Honor Society and voted "Most Intellectual." She later attended the University of Tennessee at Nashville, becoming a registered nurse and working in the emergency room at Baptist Hospital. There she first met the man she would marry, Stephen Buford Smith, after her brother Butch was struck by a line drive on the baseball diamond and Steve rushed him in. She married Steve on March 10, 1979 and devoted herself full-time to raising their two sons.

Like so many Stinsons and Smiths, Denise loved sports all her life - only her mother spent more time in the bleachers second-guessing umpires and referees. She played tennis with dear friends at Richland and Belle Meade Country Clubs, competing well into her 60s. And she became a fervent fan of Middle Tennessee State University athletics and had a special and personal relationship with the Lady Raiders. Just a few weeks ago, the new Student-Athlete Performance Center at MTSU was named in honor of Denise and her husband, a recognition that would have slightly embarrassed and absolutely delighted her.

Denise had an inspirational curiosity. An avid reader - living up to her "Most Intellectual" superlative - she shared books, questions, and wonder with the people around her. With Steve, her boys, and her friends, she traveled the world from Stuttgart, Arkansas, to the pyramids of Giza; from Bending Lake, Ontario, to the Galápagos. Trips to New York to see Broadway shows with her sons during their Princeton years were among her happiest rituals, and she kept a soft spot for science fiction, having grown up on Star Trek. Above all, Denise practiced a quiet, instinctive selflessness. She never needed the spotlight and spent decades caring for her mother, her brothers, her sons, and her husband - she was an anchor at the center of their lives. She was a member of Trinity Methodist Church in Franklin, Tennessee.

Denise is survived by her husband of 46 years, Stephen Buford Smith; two sons, Stephen Buford Smith Jr. and Matthew Carlton Smith; and three grandchildren: Stephen Buford Smith III and Henry Blackwood Smith (sons of Stephen Jr. and his wife, Allison) and Vivian Claire Smith (daughter of Matt and his wife, Jamie). She is also survived by three of her brothers - Butch Stinson (Angela), Phil Stinson (Lisa), and Kevin Stinson (Mimi); by her brother-in-law Reese Smith III (Emily); by her sister-in-law, Frances Stinson; and by so many other loving family members. She was predeceased by her oldest brother, Terry Stinson, and by her brother-in-law, Mark Smith.

The family extends special thanks to sister-in-law Lisa Stinson, Nataliya Bulay, Olga Bulay, and Elite Caregiving Services, whose steady, loving care allowed Denise to remain at home, surrounded by family. Pallbearers will be her sons, Stephen Buford Smith Jr. and Matthew Carlton Smith; her brothers, Butch Stinson, Phil Stinson, and Kevin Stinson; Ravenswood Farm manager and friend Marty Warren; and her nephews, Reese Smith IV and Tony George. Honorary pallbearers are her tennis friends and teammates; the baseball mothers who traveled with her across the state and country to support their sons on the ball field; as well as the current and former Lady Raiders of the Middle Tennessee State University women's basketball program.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 6, 2025, at First Presbyterian Church, 4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville, Tennessee, with burial to follow at the family farm. Visitation will be Friday, September 5, 2025, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the church and for one hour prior to the memorial service. Arrangements by Williamson Memorial Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Denise Smith Memorial Scholarship in Nursing at MTSU, which will help students with financial need, particularly those contributing to the school in athletics. Gifts can be sent online at igfn.us/form/9eVHcA or by check payable to 'MTSU Foundation - Denise Smith Memorial Scholarship', delivered to Wood-Stegall Center, P.O. Box 109, Murfreesboro, TN 37132.

Linda Sue Winsett



Linda Sue Winsett, 70, of Clarksville, TN., formerly of Shelbyville, died August 18, 2025. She was born August 12, 1955 in Panama; former employee of National Pen Corporation; a member of Southside Church of Christ and a Veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Odell and Nora Marie Ford Taylor; her husband, Willie J. Winsett Jr.; and brother, David Taylor.

Linda is survived by her children, Jason O. Winsett (Karla) of Nashville, Julie Capouch (Thomas) of LaVergne; 2 grandchildren, Jason Capouch, Brandi Capouch; brother, John Taylor (Rhonda), sisters, Janie Rice and Elizabeth Wallace.

Funeral Services will be held 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 24th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home Jeff Smith officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin at 12:00 p.m.

Death Notices

William Paul "Bill" Riley

William Paul (Bill) Riley, Sr., age 74, of Nashville, TN., died August 25, 2025, in Nashville, TN. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Polly Riley.

Mr. Riley is survived by wife of 52 years Patti Pogue Riley; sons, Bill (Amy) and Jody (Misty) Riley.

Lawrence Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 203 South Horton Pkwy, Chapel Hill, TN, (931) 364-2233, is in charge of arrangements.

Shirley F. Clark

Shirley Clark, 84, of Shelbyville, passed away Friday, August 22, 2025, at her residence with her family by her side. Mrs. Clark was a loving wife (and caregiver to her husband), mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great great-grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her husband, L.J. Clark; mother Mary Mooningham Posey; sister, Clara Mai Overcast; son-in-law, Jason Lynch, and grandchild, Cody Clark Lynch.

She is survived by her sons, Jerry Clark and Randall (Rachel) Clark; daughter, Teresa Lynch.

Gowen-Smith Chapel in Shelbyville is in charge of services.

Is God Dead: Nietzsche's the Madman

In 1883, the German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche wrote these words: "Have you not heard of that Madman who lit a lantern in the bright morning hours, ran to the marketplace, and cried incessantly: 'I seek God! I seek God!'---As many of those who did not believe in God were standing around just then, he provoked much laughter. Has he got lost? asked one. Did he lose his way like a child? asked another. Or is he hiding? Is he afraid of us? Has he gone on a voyage? emigrated?---Thus they yelled and laughed.

The Madman jumped into their midst and pierced them with his eyes. 'Whither is God?' he cried; 'I will tell you. We have killed him---you and I. All of us are his murderers. But how did we do this? How could we drink up the sea? Who gave us the sponge to wipe away the entire horizon? What were we doing when we unchained this earth from its sun? Whither is it moving now? Whither are we moving? Away from all suns? Are we not plunging continually? Backward, sideward, forward, in all directions? Is there still any up or down? Are we not straying, as through an infinite nothing? Do we not feel the breath of empty space? Has it not become colder? Is not night continually closing in on us? Do we not need to light lanterns in the morning? Do we hear nothing as yet of the noise of the gravediggers who are burying God? Do we smell nothing as yet of the divine decomposition? Gods, too, decompose. God is dead. God remains dead. And we have killed him.'

'How shall we comfort ourselves, the murderers of all murderers? What was holiest and mightiest of all that the world has yet owned has bled to death under our knives: who will wipe this blood off us? What water is there for us to clean ourselves? What festivals of atonement, what sacred games shall we have to invent? Is not the greatness of this deed too great for us? Must we ourselves not become gods simply to appear worthy of it? There has never been a greater deed, and whoever is born after us---for the sake of this deed he will belong to a higher history than all history hitherto.'

Here the Madman fell silent and looked again at his listeners; and they, too, were silent and stared at him in astonishment. At last, he threw his lantern on the ground, and it broke into pieces and went out. 'I have come too early,' he said then; 'my time is not yet. This tremendous event is still on its way, still wandering; it has not yet reached the ears of men. Lightning and thunder require time; the light of the stars requires time; deeds, though done, still require time to be seen and heard. This deed is still more distant from them than most distant stars---and yet they have done it themselves.'"

Friedrich Nietzsche's The Madman reigns supreme in the grand scheme of irony. It is the story of a "madman" looking for God. However, in all her wisdom, society has "outgrown" the need for God. The irony comes in that Nietzsche's Madman is not mad after all. It turns out that the Madman is the only sane man left in a society that has gone completely mad. No one gets it; no one seems to care. The Madman realizes he is too early: they are all mad but have not yet realized it. In the meantime, a few years later, in January 1889, the real-life atheist author of The Madman, Nietzsche himself, collapsed in the streets of Turin, Italy, in January 1889; he had lost complete control of his mental faculties. But there is one more twist of irony: immediately after his collapse, Nietzsche is able to scrawl out a plea for help to his friend, the Christian theologian Franz Overbeck. Overbeck travels to Italy and safely returns Nietzsche home to his mother. He died, insane, in Germany, in 1900 with his sister Elisabeth at his side.

Who cares? You might say. Why does it even matter? Well, it matters, and it matters greatly for three important reasons. First, German soldiers under Hitler were sent off to war during World War II with field-gray editions of Nietzsche's works in their packs (Hitler loved Nietzsche). Second, Nietzsche's popularity as a philosopher continues to grow; he is widely read and studied around the world today. Finally, history matters. And history matters because it has such an inescapable hold on the future. If God is dead, then we have killed Him. Others say no, He never existed.

Nevertheless, if God never existed, then it is only because we have killed Him. Then, who is to say that by His murder, we are not ALL mad? Join us again next week as we continue to look at the human mind for evidence to help answer the question: Is God Dead?

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

(Ty B. Kerley, D Min., 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 ABOUT TO CELEBRATE 200 YEARS OF SERVICE

Submitted Photo

Crowell's Chapel Lutheran Church in the Halls Mill community will celebrate its 200th anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 14. Service is at 10 a.m. with dinner on the grounds to follow. The Rev. Kevin L. Strickland, bishop of the Southeastern Synod, ELCA, will do the honors that day. Lots of memorabilia will be available for viewing in the church basement.

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

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U.S. postal service reveals new forever stamp design honoring Former President Jimmy Carter

TENNESSEE — The U.S. Postal Service announced on August 16, that a commemorative Forever stamp will be issued honoring former President Jimmy Carter, who died Dec. 29, 2024, at the age of 100. The Postal Service plans to release the stamp for purchase on Oct. 1 in Atlanta, on what would have been former President Carter's 101st birthday.

Representatives of the Friends of Jimmy Carter, the National Park Service and the U.S. Postal Service unveiled the stamp art on August 16, at the Jimmy Carter National Historical Park in Plains. "The stamp program celebrates the best in American culture, places and people, and it is difficult to consider a more fitting honoree than former President Jimmy Carter. In his support and leadership of his beloved community, state, and nation, he lent his quiet, thoughtful and deliberate energy around causes he believed in, and most certainly in his conduct and accomplishments as a former President, Jimmy Carter truly personified the best in America. I am honored to participate in the reveal of this stamp art which fully evokes his humanity," said Peter Pastre the Postal Service's government relations and public policy vice president.

Kim Carter Fuller, executive director of the Friends of Jimmy Carter said, "The Carter family and the Friends of Jimmy Carter are honored to be able to take part in revealing the design for President Carter's Forever stamp. Together we've had the distinct privilege of a front row seat to his life and legacy, and today's reveal gives the world an opportunity to share his legacy with others on a daily basis."

From his origins in small-town Georgia, Carter came to the White House as an outsider who represented a new generation of progressive Southern politicians.

Carter was inaugurated as the 39th president on Jan. 20, 1977.

Fly Arts Center launches vibrant public art campaign

The Fly Arts Center, home of the Bedford County Arts Council, is pleased to announce its upcoming public art campaign, Champions On Parade. Champions On Parade will feature life-size fiberglass horse statues designed and painted by local artists to be placed on public display throughout Bedford County.

This program is funded in part by the Tennessee Arts Commission, and is designed to use art as a way to revitalize interest in the culture and history of Bedford County.

Champions On Parade is inspired by Chicago's 1999 Cows on Parade public art campaign. But instead of cows, Bedford County will have brightly colored and creatively decorated life-size horses on display for the public to enjoy.

The horses of Champions on Parade will be painted by Bedford County artists. Each will then be put on public display throughout our county. An online map will be made available to the public to help the members of our community and out of town visitors go on a self-guided scavenger hunt to see all of the horses on display. Each horse will offer a learning opportunity about our local history and heritage through art.

The first finished horse will be revealed on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025, during the Champions on Parade Unveiling Gala and Open House.

More horses will continue to join the parade one-by-one throughout 2025, 2026 and 2027 to go on public display throughout Bedford County.

Then in 2027, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Bedford County Arts Council and the 100th anniversary of The Fly building, the Champions on Parade horses will be auctioned off to raise money for The Fly Arts Center.

The Fly Arts Center is calling on Bedford County residents to help make Champions on Parade a success. Here's how to get involved:

ARTISTS

Bedford County, TN artists are invited to submit their designs for The Fly Arts Center's public art installation campaign, Champions on Parade. Upon approval, each artist will be paid a $1,000 stipend due at completion. Each artist's name will be included, along with the horse sponsor and horse host, on a permanent plaque on the horse statue's chest.

Apply to Design a Horse >

(https://www.flyartscenter.com/design-a-horse)

Businesses, individuals and organizations are invited to show their support for Champions on Parade by becoming horse sponsors.

Horse sponsors would provide the funds needed to cover the cost to manufacture each horse. That cost is $4,000.

You can also show their support for Champions on Parade by becoming horse hosts. Horse hosts provide a location for a horse to be displayed. Horse host display locations must have easy and open access for the public viewing. This location can be either indoor or outdoor. Host locations must be in Bedford County. High traffic areas are preferred. There is no cost to host a horse.

In exchange, the horse sponsor and host would be listed on a plaque placed permanently on the chest of each statue, along with the name of the artist responsible for painting the horse. Scannable QR codes will also be placed on statue plaques to lead viewers to more information about each horse sponsor, host and artist, and to provide more information about the horse's design and its significance to our local history and cultural heritage.

Horse sponsors may also be horse hosts, and hosts may also be sponsors.

THE FLY
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Champions ON PARADE
PUBLIC ART CAMPAIGN TO CELEBRATE THE HISTORY & CULTURE OF BEFORD COUNTY

The Fly Arts Center is located at 204 South Main St., Shelbyville. Bedford County Arts Council is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

Upcoming Calendar

TWHNC CONTINUES THROUGH SATURDAY NIGHT

The Celebration continues through Saturday night with the World Grand Champion announced. Come out and enjoy good food and support all the events of the 87th TWHNC.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CLOSED NEXT MONDAY

Local banks and government businesses will be closed Monday, Sept. 1, for the Labor Day holiday. Check ahead for business hours as some may be closed as well.

FC MONTHLY POTLUCK MEAL

Flat Creek is having its usual monthly potluck out at the community center (115 New Herman Rd) on Sept 6. The meal starts at 6:00, and guest musicians Jim Jollife and Bob "Fitz" Fitzgerald will treat with their fun music duo, A Slice of American Pie, at 7:00. Bring a dish, dessert, or drink as you and your family are welcome to join us for fellowship and good food and music.

5TH ANNUAL CORVETTE DAY SHOW

Saturday, Sept. 13, 9:00 AM to 3 p.m. Nearest Green Distillery, Highway 231 North.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Due to calendar conflicts, and lack of quorum, this week's County Financial Management Committee was postponed to 4:15 p.m. Tuesday in Room 110 of Bedford County Business Complex, 200 Dover St.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

This Sunday, at **First United Methodist Church, Shelbyville**, Pastor Abe Zimmerman will preach "Sorry: Part 4" from Luke 18:9-14. 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.



SERVING AS THE HANDS AND FEET

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Normandy Baptist recently helped out at Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen.

WHERE EVER By Timothy E. Parker

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Champs Blow Out Cubs to Open 2025 Season

BY NOAH MADDOX
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BELL BUCKLE, Tenn. – The Cascade Champions (1-0) opened the 2025 campaign with a dominant 41-6 win over the Cheatham County Cubs (0-1).

Junior wideout Corey Gooch totaled three touchdowns, Webb transfer Sam Bradley impressed in his first start, and Xykaiah Dixon snagged two interceptions – including a pick-six – in his debut for the Champions.

Bradley finished 14/19 for 151 yards and a touchdown through the air. He also ran 11 times for 50 yards and another score. Nate Zimmerman, in his debut for Cascade after transferring from Shelbyville Central, tallied 37 yards rushing on six first-half carries and one touchdown. Gooch finished with 100 total yards – 35 rushing and 65 receiving – and three touchdowns on just seven touches.

Gooch first found the end zone halfway through the first quarter, hauling in a beautifully thrown 25-yard fade from Bradley for the first touchdown of the season for Cascade to cap a 58-yard, 53-second scoring drive to take a 7-0 lead with 6:27 left.

Following a fumble recovery by Brett Heunik to stop a Cheatham County drive in its tracks on Cascade's side of the field, the Champions drove down once again for a touchdown, this time with Corey Gooch running in from 35 yards out on a jet sweep to give Cascade a 13-0 lead with 10:07 to go in the first half.

Cheatham County responded with a touchdown drive of their own, taking nearly five minutes off the clock before Gunnar Orange found the end zone from three yards out to trim the lead to 13-6 with 5:16 to go.

However, another warp-speed scoring drive from the Champions put them back ahead by 13 after Zimmerman's 13-yard touchdown run that saw him break four tackles to cross the goal line. This drive went 65 yards in 1:19, and gave Cascade a 20-6 lead going into the halftime locker room.

To open the second half, after the third 3-and-out of the game forced by the Champs' defense, Cascade's offense marched down the field once more when Bradley was flushed to his right before finding Gooch wide open on a short curl route five yards past the line-of-scrimmage. Gooch used his elite speed to reverse field into daylight and reach the end zone for another 25-yard touchdown reception to grow Cascade's lead to 27-6 with 6:32 left in the third quarter.

About five minutes later, Xykaiah Dixon added on to the scoring with a pick-six on Cheatham County's side of the field after he hauled in a deflected pass over the middle of the field to push the lead to 34-6 with 1:55 to go in the third quarter.

Bradley would score the final touchdown of the night on a 35-yard scamper with 58 seconds left in the fourth quarter for the final margin of 41-6.

Cascade travels to Moore County on Friday night with kick-off at 7 p.m. LIVE on WZNG The Zinger 100.9.



Corey Gooch (4) sprints into the end zone for his second of three TDs on Friday. He finished with 35 yards rushing and 65 yards receiving. *Photo by David Smith.*

Middle Tennessee, Indiana State Finish 2-2 Draw

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – The Middle Tennessee women's soccer team (3-0-1) played to a 2-2 draw with Indiana State (1-2-1) on Sunday afternoon in the first all-time meeting between the programs.

The Blue Raiders are unbeaten through four straight matches for the first time since the 2006 season.

At the 20:09 mark, senior forward Emma Pettersen put Middle Tennessee ahead with a goal assisted by senior forward Taijah Fraser. Indiana State answered just before halftime, as Anna Chor scored with eight seconds remaining off an assist from Brooklyn Woods.

The Sycamores took the lead in the 55th minute after earning a penalty kick, which Woods converted to make it 2-1.

In the 75th minute, freshman midfielder Mya Stenehjem tied the match at 2-2, netting her first collegiate goal on a header assisted by Pettersen off a set piece. The Blue Raiders recorded six shots on goal; two each from Pettersen and junior midfielder Hannah Murphy, and one apiece from Fraser and Stenehjem.

Coach Aston Rhoden on the team's performance:

"We played a very good first half and had a mental lapse with just 10 seconds to go, then gave up a second goal on a set piece. But the fact that the team continued to believe and continued to play, we didn't deviate from how we wanted to play that put us in a great position to win the game late."

Stenehjem on her equalizer:

"We fought hard. I mean, we grew as a team today. We honestly dominated the game, but it just came down to scoring. But we played well, we grew. That's all we can ask for."

By the numbers:

Stenehjem became the fourth Blue Raider freshman to score this season, joining Olivia Best, Alli Craig and Scottie Newton.



Photo by MT Athletics

Blue Raiders Announce 2025 Fall Men's Tennis Schedule

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Middle Tennessee men's tennis head coach Jimmy Borendame has announced the Blue Raiders' fall 2025 schedule, which includes 10 events across five states.

MTSU kicks off the campaign at home with two consecutive events, starting with the Wally Tidwell Pro-Am (Sept. 5-6) and the MTSU Invite (Sept. 12-14) at the Adams Tennis Complex.

Next, the Blue Raiders head out on the road for a series of national tournaments, including the ITA All-Americans in Tulsa, Oklahoma (September 20-28) and the ITA Ohio Valley Regional in West Lafayette, Indiana (October 9-13). They'll also host the annual Coach Bouldin Shootout (October 3-5) before wrapping up October with visits to Pitt (October 17-19) and the Rome Invitational in Georgia (October 24-26).

Championship play highlights November, starting with the ITA Sectionals in Athens, Ga. (Nov. 6-9) and the ITA Masters in San Diego, Calif. (Nov. 6-9). The fall season wraps up with the NCAA Singles & Doubles Championships (Nov. 18-23).



Photo by MT Athletics

MTSU Women's Tennis Unveils Fall 2025 Schedule

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Head coach Tayo Bailey-Duvall of Middle Tennessee women's tennis has unveiled the Blue Raiders' 2025 fall schedule.

After hosting the annual Wally Tidwell Pro-Am (Sept. 5-6), the team officially kicks off its fall season on the road at the Memphis Invite (Sept. 12-14) before traveling to South Carolina for the Wofford Fall Invite (Oct. 3-5).

Next, MTSU will host its only home tournament of the fall, the MT Fall Invite (Oct. 10-12), at the Adams Tennis Complex, drawing in teams from the region for three days of competition in Murfreesboro.

The fall season wraps up in Knoxville with the ITA Ohio Valley Regional Championships (Oct. 16-21), where the Blue Raiders will face off against top competition in the region at the University of Tennessee.



Photo by MT Athletics

Wildcats Run Away From Golden Eagles Behind Johnson's Four Total TDs

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TULLAHOMA, Tenn. – The Tullahoma Wildcats (1-0) exacted revenge on the Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (0-1) in impressive fashion, 35-14, in the "Battle of Highway 41-A" on Saturday night at Wilkins Stadium.

After Shelbyville's exhilarating 28-27 win in Tullahoma a season ago, the Wildcats ensured that the Golden Eagles could not steal the game late with a strong third quarter, outscoring the visitors 15-0 in the period after going into halftime ahead by just four points, 10-6.

"One, they're a good football team," said SCHS' Head Coach Jud Dryden, "Two, we've got guys making mistakes up front, and it's on the coaching staff to own that and make sure that they are corrected. That's what it boils down to. If you're a good football team, you take advantage of other teams' mistakes, and they got us tonight."

Shelbyville's star senior tailback, Robert Bailey, finished the night with 16 carries for 135 yards and 1 TD. He also hauled in a 16-yard receiving touchdown. Returning QB, Stephen Bobo, went 5/12 passing for 109 yards and 1 TD and 2 INTs while totaling 10 carries for 17 yards. Torrion Mathis chipped in with five carries for 60 yards with the biggest chunk of those yards coming in the final minute.

Meanwhile, Tullahoma's Marvancy Johnson put together a prolific evening with 149 yards rushing and 3 TDs on 20 carries while also making three receptions for 55 yards with another score. Lucas Reed finished 11/20 through the air for 170 yards with 1 TD and 1 INT while also tallying four carries for 29 yards on the ground. Tullahoma finished with 261 yards rushing as a team on 33 carries for an average of 7.9 YPC.

"We've got brand new guys in a lot of places, and we didn't make the plays in some places that we needed to, and we slowly started losing momentum," said Dryden.

After the Golden Eagles went 3-and-out to start the game, Tullahoma put together an 8-play, 46-yard drive that ended with a Chase Dodson 40-yard field goal to take a 3-0 lead with 5:46 left in the opening period.

On its second possession, Shelbyville flipped the field thanks to Robert Bailey finding a hole and rumbling for 35 yards to the Tullahoma 41-yard line. However, the visitors could not get another first down, and on 4th-and-7, Bobo's jump-ball was intercepted at the Wildcats 7-yard line.

After a 15-yard personal foul penalty on the Golden Eagles following the INT, Tullahoma started with the ball on its own 22. Sparked by a 49-yard catch-and-run by Alex Bobo on 3rd-and-10 as well as a 15-yard run by Johnson on 4th-and-10 in SCHS territory, the Wildcats used up 4:26 of the clock to travel 78 yards on 11 plays and extend its lead to 10-0 after a 4-yard plunge by Johnson.

Shelbyville's offense finally seemed to find some rhythm on the ground with Bailey, and the Golden Eagles found themselves with a 1st-and-goal at the Tullahoma 9-yard line. However, with Bailey on the sidelines getting a short breather after running for 63 yards total on the drive, Shelbyville only managed to gain five more yards before bringing up fourth down. Bailey trotted back to the huddle, but Tullahoma was ready for him, stuffing him in the backfield for the turnover-on-downs with 6:51 to go in the first half.

The Golden Eagles defense, after giving up another chunk run to Johnson, ended up forcing a punt that was shanked out of bounds at their own 32-yard line. However, the offense would go three-and-out, and the ensuing fourth-down snap sailed over interim punter Jackson Themm's head. Tullahoma recovered in the red zone at Shelbyville's 13-yard line, looking to blow the game wide open.

Instead, on second down, senior linebacker, Chandler Jones, made one of the most incredible interceptions you will ever see. After Johnson lost a yard on first down, Tullahoma went playaction, looking to sprint Reed to his left and lob an easy completion to Johnson for a walk-in touchdown. All of that looked like it would happen until Jones dove and made a one-handed interception using his left paw with just 1:44 left in the half..

The Golden Eagles did not waste this shot of momentum, punching in their first score of the night with a 4-play, 86-yard drive in just 1:19 thanks to a magical play from Stephen Bobo. After taking the snap and rolling right, Bobo evaded a pass-rusher and reversed field to his left, creating just enough time to find Xzayvier Jordan down the left sideline for a massive 56-yard completion to the Tullahoma 27. After Robert Bailey's 10-yard rushing touchdown two plays later, the Golden Eagles were back in the game, down just 10-6 after the XP was blocked going into halftime.

Tullahoma got the ball first to open the second half and immediately put together a 9-play, 60-yard TD drive in 3:59, punctuated by a 23-yard touchdown run by Johnson to go up 17-6 with 8:01 left in the third quarter.

Shelbyville followed that up with a three-and-out, and after a short punt, Tullahoma had the ball at the Golden Eagles' 44-yard line.

After an initial holding penalty backed up the Wildcats 10 yards, the hosts' dialed up a screen pass to Johnson, who after looking like he was going to be tackled at the line-of-scrimmage, broke multiple arm tackles and sauntered into the end zone for a 54-yard catch-and-run touchdown. After Tullahoma punched in the two-point-conversion to go up 35-6 with 5:56 to go in the third, the result was all but secured.

Shelbyville did respond with a touchdown drive of their own that took over six minutes to trim the lead to 25-14 with 11:16 to go after Bailey hauled in a 16-yard toss in the end zone from Bobo, but Tullahoma responded with another Johnson rushing touchdown to put the game out of reach, 32-14. Dodson would tack on one last field goal with four minutes to go to reach the final margin of 35-14.

Tullahoma starts the season 1-0. The Wildcats travel to Coffee County on Friday.

Shelbyville falls to 0-1. The Golden Eagles travel to Marshall County on Friday night with kickoff set for 7:00 p.m. LIVE on WLIJ 98.7 and AM 1580.



Shelbyville's offense totaled 312 yards on Saturday, but had three turnovers in the loss. *T-G Staff Photo.*



Robert Bailey (31) shoves off a Tullahoma tackler in Saturday's loss. Bailey finished with 135 yards rushing on 16 carries and 2 total TDs. *T-G Staff Photo.*

Lady Champs Open District Play With Win Over Lady Rockets

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BELL BUCKLE, Tenn. – After opening the season with a convincing 4-0 win at Cannon County on Tuesday, The Cascade Lady Champions (2-0-0, 1-0-0) got off to a fast start in District 9-A, taking down Chapel Hill (1-0-1, 0-0-1), 7-1, for a big home win on Thursday.

Junior midfielder, Brinlee Collet, found the back of the net twice for the hosts, tying her with star sophomore forward, Lexi Comstock, with three goals through the first two games. Comstock also continued her goal-scoring run to begin 2025, netting a brace as well.

Comstock actually opened the scoring against the Lady Rockets in the 9th minute after pouncing on a defensive giveaway, slotting home the first goal of the game past Karly Pfeifer to put Cascade in front 1-0.

Chapel Hill actually punched back three minutes later when senior forward, Alexandria Whiteside, was able to slip through the Lady Champs' backline and poke home the equalizer in the 12th minute to tie things up at 1-1.

Comstock nearly put Cascade back in front in the 19th minute, but her shot from the edge of the box was saved by Pfeifer.

Then, in the 30th minute, Collet scored her second goal of the season at the back post to put Cascade ahead for good, 2-1.

Olivia Winnett nearly got on the scoresheet twice in the final two minutes of the first half, but both of her shots from outside of the box hit off the crossbar and sent both teams to halftime with the Lady Champs holding on to a slim 2-1 lead.

It didn't take long for Cascade to open the scoring in the second half with Collet nabbing her brace in the 41st minute after putting the finishing touches on a wonderful ball played back across the box, extending the lead to 3-1.

Four minutes later, in the 45th minute, Cascade was fouled outside of the box, and Olivia Winnett stepped up to take the free kick from 21 yards out on the left side. After scoring once on Tuesday, Winnett scored her second goal of the young season with a gorgeous curling set piece to the back post, nestling into the top corner past the diving Pfeifer to grow the Lady Champs' lead to 4-1.

In the 47th minute, Comstock nabbed her brace after she was played in behind the high line of the Lady Rockets, using her pace to accelerate into a 1-on-1 with Pfeifer. Comstock smashed the ball past Pfeifer's right side and into the back of the net to increase the advantage to 5-1.

Neither team really threatened for the next 25 minutes or so until Ella McGeary scored her first goal of the season with a beautiful outside-of-the-box hit that looped up and over Pfeifer and into the back of the net in the 76th minute.

In the 77th minute, Kyla Pulley scored her first goal of the year and the final goal of the game after chasing down a bouncing ball in the Lady Rockets' box and poking home the Lady Champs' seventh goal of the night to reach the final score of 7-1.

Cascade returns to the pitch after the Horse Show break on September 4th with the first 'Battle of Bedford' at Community.

People Around Town
It's Celebration Time!



Golf cart decorating contest winners-the Robersons (Celebration Photo)



Fine Harness Class at the first Friday night of the TWHNC (Photo by Rubye Cole)



First Time Exhibitors at the Celebration (Photo by Shane Shiflet)

Celebrating big with berry punch

The Celebration can be the best time to try new, easy, stress-free recipes. Drink and punch recipes are especially easy to throw together (even last-minute) right before the show begins. This way, the drinks are chilled, and the food is hot and ready.

No matter if it's a big crowd or a night alone with a special someone, this Cranberry Raspberry Vanilla Punch is sure to be the star of the Celebration with its powerful berry flavor.

The end result is tangy, tart, sweet and absolutely delicious all mixed up in one large bowl. With only five ingredients, it's simple to make and even better to enjoy.

Pairing perfectly with sweets or chocolates, this punch packs the flavor for nearly any event, gathering or small family dinner.

Start with 8 cups of cranberry-raspberry juice then add cranberry ginger ale (or a nice champagne) to the mix. Next, add just a dash of vanilla for a bit of extra flavor. Stir and scoop raspberry sorbet on top for a hint of smooth sweetness.

The frozen sweetness of the sorbet combined with the bubbly ginger ale and the natural flavors of the berries give you a taste that is truly unique and special.

Add some frozen cranberries on top for garnish and another pop of that deep, red color.

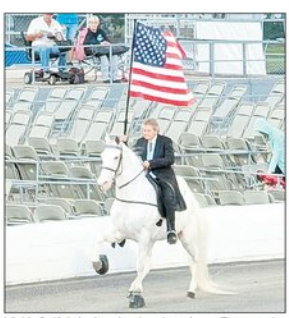
Set your punch bowl on the table next to a gorgeous bouquet of flowers and it's guaranteed the punch bowl will not be full for long.

Throughout the night, while conversations are happening and horses walk on, sip a few drops of your beverage. You're reminded instantly why you're at the Celebration. Many will tell you that in addition to an exciting horse show, they gather at the Celebration for good times with lots of laughs and even better food and drink.

Servings: 6-12

- 8 cups cranberry-raspberry juice
- 8 1/2 cups cranberry ginger ale (or good champagne)
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1 pint raspberry sorbet
- frozen cranberries, for garnish

1. In large punch bowl, add juice, ginger ale and vanilla extract. Stir until combined.
2. Add frozen cranberries and scoops of frozen sorbet.
3. Stir slightly then serve immediately.



Vicki Self bringing in the American Flag at the TWHNC (Photo by Julie Smith)



Stick horse competition at Community High School (School System Photo)

2025 Celebration Contest Winners

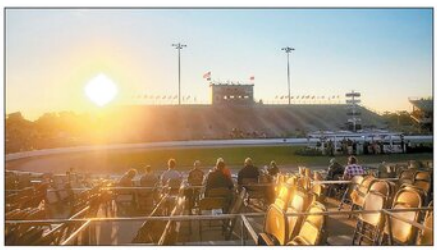
Hat Night – Cassi Slagle of Cookeville, TN
Winner of the J. Jordan Boutique Gift Certificate

Golf Cart Decorating Contest – The Roberson Family
Wes, Jess, Westyn, Houstyn, & Carter Roberson
This year's entry "The Judge Said, Let 'em Walk On!"
Winner for the 4th year in a row

Western Night
Best Cowboy - Tim Brooks
Best Cowgirl - Sophia Borg Dennis
Best Youth Cowboy - Harris Lentz Galbreath
Best Youth Cowgirl - Olivia Stembridge

All youth Cowpoke groups -
Clay and Claire Ensley
Jagger, Juke, and Judge Jenne
Conlee, Foster. and Bennett Bobo and Ford and Elliott Way
Ava Claire and Holsten Ledbetter
Sutter and Charleigh Goldman

Barn Decorating Contest
Classic Setup
1st – Dan Waddell Stables
2nd – Dry Dock Stables
Most Creative Setup
1st - 4 Glory Farm
2nd – Golden Oaks
Best of Show Setup – Circle T



Sunset at the Celebration (Photos by Cindy Vannatta)



Friday Night Lights at the Celebration

2025 Celebration Hat Night Winner



Cassi Slagle from Cookeville TN steals the show!

