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County considers naming overpass in honor of former senator Jim Tracy

By Dawn Hankins

County Rules Committee recently pushed ahead the naming of the 437 overpass in honor of Jim Tracy, former member of the Tennessee Senate for the 14th district, which includes Bedford County.

Curt Cobb, County clerk and master, and Warren Wells, Celebration CEO, recently submitted the proposal to name the Walking Horse & Eastern Overpass over State Route 437 bypass in honor of the former state senator.

The way the proposal is worded, it is a way to honor Tracy, now retired, who is credited with moving along several vital, local projects at the state level.

Commissioner Greg Vick said during the Rules meeting, "Mr. Chairman, I thank you for bringing this to our attention and putting it on our agenda. Yes, Jim Tracy has done an outstanding job for Bedford County."

Vick said given Cobb formerly served in the General Assembly with Tracy and that Wells worked with him several years ago at the state political level, this is "a fitting tribute" to the former statesman.

Cobb worked with Tracy for funding for the bypass through the state appropriations committee, securing $1 million which helped boost the project along.

Commissioner Bill Anderson mentioned Tracy's work with the USDA. That portion of his career included serving as state director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in rural development under President Donald Trump's first presidential administration.



Commissioner Anita Epperson said during the Rules meeting that while she's all for this tribute, she believed the County by-laws state that renaming a bridge is a year-long process.

Vick agreed but stated that he believed it is appropriate to suspend those rules at this time to honor the legacy of Tracy.

Commissioner Linda Yockey, who works on the County bylaws, said is the overpass renaming is completely a different object of discussion.

Vick concurred and said that Commissioner Mark Thomas checked with the state earlier to make sure the legislature didn't have plans of its own to name the state overpass. All was said to be clear for the bypass to be named in honor of Tracy.

But first, Bedford Railroad Authority will have a special called meeting on the overpass naming on Monday, Sept. 8, as such falls under its authority.

County Commission meets Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m., at Bedford County Historic

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Will the public square become an outdoor entertainment district with open container drinking?

Council discusses the possibility within Riverview District planning

By Dawn Hankins
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Should businesses on the historic public square be permitted to serve alcohol outdoors, cafe style? Could greater revenue be around the corner if the City permits something similar to Station Street in Chattanooga?

Shelbyville City Council was in discussion Tuesday night about whether local establishments on the public square should be allowed to alcohol consumption outdoors. The area discussed is primarily the on-going Riverview District on the south end of the square.

Mayor Randy Carroll said he wasn't for it-drinking on the streets-that is. He said indoors, in the businesses like Glass Hollow, is one thing but he had some pretty straight-forward comments to make about this particular aspect of the Riverview District.

Carroll said motel-hotel taxes and City fund balances have supported the Riverview District Project, especially in the way of extra parking ($600,000.) But he expressed he's just not for drinking beer, wine, etc., outside the premises, no matter how lucrative or entertaining it might be.

"I just don't go for that right now. I just don't see any way that I would go for it. I'm afraid we'll have people that are supposed to be in that little district walk right into the square where people are driving."

He said the streets by the Fly Center parking lot (hoping to board a lot of the vehicles) contain a lot of traffic as well. He said he goes to big cities and he just doesn't see that scene as right for Shelbyville. He said he's been concerned about noise from establishments with music on the square, let alone "alcohol on the street."

"I am not for it. I'm just not for it. Now, Council can vote the way it wants to when we get to that point. I am just not for it."

The mayor only votes on such issues should there be a tie vote within Council. So, if Council becomes split (3:3) about this project, the mayor may well have to cast the deciding vote.

City Attorney Ginger Shofner made two major points for Council to consider. The first



Mayor Randy Carroll

was if open container drinking were permitted in such a district, vehicle traffic would have to be restricted in that particular area. That would mean closing South Spring Street to through traffic (non-emergency vehicles), which some businesses she said are good with.

Second, to be able to consume open alcohol on premises those "premises" must be owned by those with liquor licenses.

When asked about the liability for the City for such entertainment districts, Shofner said there will be no more liability coverage needed than the City already has.

Some local open container laws might have to be changed or amended in the City. Shofner said some outside open container districts have noise

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BEDFORD BRIEFS

Flat Creek Event

Flat Creek is having its usual monthly potluck out at the community center (115 New Herman Rd) on Sept. 6th. The meal starts at 6:00, and guest musicians Jim Jollife and Bob "Fitz" Fitzgerald will provide 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.



Government Meetings

- Bedford County Commission meets in regular session 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 9.
- Shelbyville City Council meets in regular session 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 11.
- Persons wanting to make public comments should contact the respective administrative offices prior to the meetings.

Multi-County Cancer Support NeTwork-32nd Annual Walk-A-Thon

Friday, Sept. 12, 2025, 801 Dinah Shore Blvd., Old F.C.H.S. Football Stadium

6 - 10:30 P.M. Walk as a survivor ~ form a team-be a sponsor ~ quilt drawing ~ volunteer. Purchase a luminary ($10.00 each.) Donate a silent auction item. Team fundraising contest at Walk-a-thon. Team tent decorating contest. All proceeds benefit Cancer patients in Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Grundy, Lincoln, Marion, Moore and Warren Counties.

Historical Society Fall Meeting

Bedford County Historical Society will host its fall meeting on Sept. 15, in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church on the public square. The meeting will begin with a pot luck supper at 6:30 p.m., followed by a short business meeting and then the program.

The evening's program will be the return of a Society favorite - the "Show & Tell" - which took a backseat over the past 4 years due to COVID. Each attendee is asked to bring an heirloom, favorite relic, family story, or unique historical item to display to members and tell the item's historical significance. Display tables will be provided.



COURTHOUSE SUNSET LIGHT

Photo by Dianne Ratley

Bedford County Courthouse lights were in honor of the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration last week. One local resident said on Facebook that he enjoys the lights every night and they're more beautiful than a fountain.



COOL MUSIC, HOT FRIED FISH!

Photo by Marilyn Ewing

Calvin "Cold Sweat" Ewing gets the music ready for the fish fry at the Rosenwald Community Center last weekend. See more photos on page 12 today.

SAT. SEPT. 20, 2025 - 10AM
MAUPINFEST
539 COOPERTOWN RD. UNIONVILLE, TENNESSEE
ADMISSION $10, CHILDREN 6-12 $5, PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN NO CHARGE
CONTESTS, CONCERTS, DANCE WORKSHOPS, FOOD TRUCKS, CRAFT VENDORS, VINTAGE BASEBALL, PLENTIFUL SHADE
LEARN TO BUCK DANCE FROM THE MASTERS
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ROAN MOUNTAIN HILLTOPPERS, THE GLADSON FAMILY BAND, THE GALLINIPPERS, JAKE LEG STOMPERS, UNCLE SHUFFELO AND HIS HAINT HOLLOW HOOTENANNY, THOMAS MAUPIN, DANIEL ROTHWELL & OVERALL CREEK
CONTESTS AT 1 PM: OLD TIME SINGING, OLD TIME BANJO, OLD TIME FIDDLE, OLD TIME BAND, JUNIOR BUCK DANCE, ADULT BUCK DANCE, SENIOR BUCK DANCE, NATIONAL BUCK DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

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170th Homecoming

New Bethel Baptist Church will soon celebrate its 170th homecoming.

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Champs make statement in win at Moore County

Carkuff's defense was the key catalyst in the win.

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Bedford County, Shelbyville, jobless rates rise in July

Unemployment rates in both Bedford County and its county seat, Shelbyville, rose in July as seasonal factors pushed jobless figures higher across much of Tennessee.

According to new data released by the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Bedford County reported a preliminary unemployment rate of 4.4% in July, up from 4.0% in June. A year ago, the county's rate was 3.7%. The local labor force stood at 26,066 workers, with 24,914 employed and 1,152 unemployed.

The City of Shelbyville, which is reported separately in the statewide data, posted an unemployment rate of 4.4% in July, up slightly from 4.2% in June and well above the 3.4% recorded in July 2024. Shelbyville's labor force was 12,836 workers, with 12,267 employed and 569 unemployed.

By comparison, Tennessee's statewide unemployment rate—unadjusted for seasonal changes—was 4.4% in July, up from 4.0% the previous month. Rates increased in 92 of the state's 95 counties.

Among surrounding areas, Lincoln County posted a 4.4% rate, Marshall County 4.7%, and Coffee County 4.5%. Weakley County had the state's highest unemployment rate at 8.5%, while Sevier County recorded the lowest at 3.3%.

State labor officials attributed the uptick to seasonal patterns, particularly shifts in education- related employment and youth summer jobs. Unlike the statewide rate, which is adjusted to smooth out those fluctuations, county and city figures are not.

The Department of Labor also pointed to ongoing opportunities for young people through the Tennessee Youth Employment Program, which allows residents ages 14–24 to earn up to $3,500 while gaining work experience.

The state will release August unemployment data on Sept. 18 at 1:30 p.m. CDT.

COUNCIL

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regulations and strict operating hours.

Chattanooga's Station Street, which was used as an example, has an ordinance for its open container drinking. In 2017, with a vote of 8 to 1, Chattanooga City Council approved an ordinance allowing people to openly drink outdoors at establishments on Station Street.

The ordinance still allows people to drink beer, wine, etc. on Station Street. However, you have to drink from certain cups labeled Station Street and by law cannot take the drink with you once you leave the specific area.

Shofner said rules/signs need to be placed at the boundaries of the district. As well, law enforcement/security have to be involved.

"I believe that we could do this locally," said Shofner. "What we would do with the open container district, we would make changes . . . primarily under the section with beer but also miscellaneous offenses."

She said Council should be concerned that none of these changes affect the liquor licenses of local businesses or put them at risk. She suggested that Council check with the state beer board and consult with the City's own beer board.

Council members agreed.

The reviews are mixed by both Council and the general public that commented on T-G Facebook Tuesday night. Some people understand the idea behind greater revenue while others comment it would be OK if people just didn't walk around with it.

Others agreed with Mayor Carroll.

Some Council members commented on how much revenue some cities are taking in with such establishments. Councilman Henry Feldhaus stated he thinks the open container could be good. But he said he doesn't want to see people hauling in the ice chests of beer.

Feldhaus said many people have expressed to him the desire for such a social situation here. He said the Wine Walk around the square has been very successful.

"The big stick . . . the City needs, I think, to start realizing the revenue."

Feldhaus said he has copies of his own receipts, like from Chattanooga, where he recently attended the TML convention. Those such receipts bring large amounts of revenue-30% in some places. He mentioned the Winchester Square which is booming now.

This was a study session, so no vote was taken. Council meets in regular session next Thursday, Sept. 11, at 6 p.m.

TRACY

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Courthouse. An agenda is forthcoming.

Tracy has served as well in many local capacities over the years from business leadership to school board. He's been a small business owner, former teacher and coach, and former TSSAA & NCAA basketball referee.

As for his USDA work, Tracy served as senior advisor, supporting the Commissioner and all divisions within the department. While serving as USDA Rural Development director in Tennessee, he worked with rural communities to address local issues, including facilities, broadband, water, and sewer. In this role, he facilitated federal grants and low-interest loans for businesses and citizens.

He previously served as president of the Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce and was founding member of the Bedford County Economic Development and Tourism Committee, and chairman of the Tennessee Leadership Council of the National Federation of Independent Business.

For more than 20 years, Tracy owned and operated his own insurance company where he sold all lines of insurance. His higher education is from the University of Tennessee-Martin, where he earned a degree in agriculture education.

His work, though important to Bedford County, actually spanned all 95 Tennessee counties and beyond.

Among legislation sponsored by Tracy was a bill that would ban smoking in indoor public places, places owned or operated by the state, and enclosed areas of employment. The bill passed the State and Local Government Committee with five senators in favor and two against. It passed in May 2007, and took effect on October 1, 2007.

Prior to his retirement, Tracy was the assistant floor leader of the Senate Republican Caucus, chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, and a member of the Senate Education Committee and the Senate State and Local Government Committee.

Up to $120,000 in funding could bring 30 free concerts to the Riverview District

Shelbyville has officially advanced to Phase 2 of the Levitt AMP Music Series Grant, a competitive national program that funds free, family-friendly outdoor concerts across the country.

If selected, this opportunity will bring up to $120,000 over the next three years to support 30 free concerts in the Riverview District, located adjacent to the historic Shelbyville Square. The Fly Arts Center will serve as the lead nonprofit organization, joined by strong community partners including The Center for Family Development and Cooper Steel.

"This is more than concerts—it's about creating a safe, vibrant gathering place for our families, boosting local businesses, and celebrating the heart of our community," said Aaron White, Program Manager of the Levitt AMP Music Series in Shelbyville.

Community Call to Action

The winners are determined by public voting, and every vote counts. To secure Shelbyville's place in the final selection, we need widespread participation across schools, businesses, families, and neighbors.

Voting is open from September 5 at 12:00 PM CT through September 15 at 7:00 PM CT.

Text SHELBY to 877-409-5525

Vote online at levitt.org/vote

Editor's note:

While two local candidates have tossed their hats in the ring for the upcoming open sheriff's seat, Summer Leverette, local administrator of elections, said this week that there are no official candidates yet. They cannot pick up petitions until Dec. 22, 2025.

Please see the following elections calendar for next year.

Tennessee Secretary of State
Secretary of State Tre Hargett

Division of Elections
Mark Goins, Coordinator of Elections

Key Dates for the 2026 Election Cycle

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 - State and County Primary Election

Primary elections may be held for **state judicial offices and applicable county offices**, subject to the call by political parties.

Deadline to Call Primary	Monday, August 25, 2025
Deadline to Rescind Call for Primary	Friday, November 21, 2025
First Day to Pick Up Petitions	Monday, December 22, 2025
Qualifying Deadline*	Thursday, February 19, 2026, 12:00 Noon
**** This qualifying deadline applies to primary candidates, candidates nominated by caucus, and independent candidates for the offices on the May primary ballot.***	
Withdrawal Deadline	Thursday, February 26, 2026, 12:00 Noon
Voter Registration Deadline	Monday, April 6, 2026
Early Voting Period	Wednesday, April 15 – Thursday, April 30, 2026
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Saturday, April 25, 2026

Thursday, August 6, 2026 - Primary and General Election

Primary elections will be held for **Governor, U.S. Senate, U.S. House, Tennessee Senate (odd-numbered districts), Tennessee House, and Republican and Democratic State Executive Committees**. General elections will be held for **vacant state judicial offices and applicable county offices**.

First Day to Pick Up Petitions	Friday, January 9, 2026
Qualifying Deadline*	Tuesday, March 10, 2026,12:00 Noon
**** This qualifying deadline applies to primary and independent candidates for the offices on the August primary ballot.***	
Withdrawal Deadline	Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 12:00 Noon
Voter Registration Deadline	Tuesday, July 7, 2026
Early Voting	Friday, July 17 – Saturday, August 1, 2026
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Monday, July 27, 2026

Tuesday, November 3, 2026 - State and Federal General Election

All candidates (including independents) for **Governor, U.S. Senate, U.S. House, Tennessee Senate (odd-numbered districts), and Tennessee House** must follow the qualifying dates for the August election. For **municipal elections** held with the November election, the qualifying dates below apply.

First Day to Pick Up Petitions	Monday, June 22, 2026
Qualifying Deadline	Thursday, August 20, 2026, 12:00 Noon
Withdrawal Deadline	Thursday, August 27, 2026, 12:00 Noon
Voter Registration Deadline	Monday, October 5, 2026
Early Voting	Wednesday, October 14 – Thursday, October 29, 2026
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Saturday, October 24, 2026

City Treasurer Parker gives council fiscal rundown of capital projects

Fairfield Pike widening still on the list

By Dawn Hankins

City of Shelbyville Treasurer Kay Parker gave Shelbyville City Council members a fiscal rundown recently about what is owed on capital projects and what is estimated to be needed down the road for several still on the drawing board.

Parker talked at the outset of the 2-hour, afternoon meeting, strictly about numbers. All Council members-Henry Feldhaus, Marilyn Ewing, Bobby Turnbow, William Christie, Josh Blevins and Betsy Noel-were present.

Regarding the Fairfield Pike widening project of 2019, Parker, who was interim City manager and treasurer at the time the engineering contract was signed, said it is now currently in the right-of-way phase (Gresham Smith)-estimated at $1 million.

Current City Manager Scott Collins was officially hired on Aug. 30, 2022.

A plan known as Design Option #2 for widening of Fairfield Pike was approved on a 6-0 vote in the fall of 2022. The project was to include construction of curbs, gutters and sidewalks on the heavily-traveled street.

Council members at that time were: Rick Overcast, Marilyn Ewing, Henry Feldhaus, Stephanie Isaacs, William Christie and Gary Haile. Mayor Wally Cartwright was mayor.

Since that time, the new Cartwright Elementary and several housing developments have been constructed off Fairfield Pike. As well, Councilman Bobby Turnbow was elected and replaced Overcast and a new mayor, Randy Carroll, was elected in 2022, replacing Cartwright who retired.

Two new Council members, Josh Blevins and Betsy Noel, were elected in 2024, replacing Isaacs and Haile.

Treasurer Parker said Tuesday that the processing of right-of-way should be soon, with no current donations received to date.

Though several Council members were not onboard when this project began, they are now charged with finishing it. The project has been deemed from the outset as an expensive one (no shoulders on the road, right-of-way issues), but it has also been deemed very necessary due to the growth of the City of Shelbyville.

Public Works Director Buck Vallad had advised Council back in 2022 that gutters and drainage work would benefit the City in the long-run regarding maintenance costs.

According to Parker's spread sheet, estimated total cost for the Fairfield Pike widening project (based on amendment 2, plus the right-of-way costs of $1 million) now stands at $5,592,176.

The estimated cost of the project several years ago was about $4 million. Engineers stated that cost could go up over time.

There was a little thing called COVID-19 that played havoc on the expediency of such projects from about 2020 to 2022. Cities like Shelbyville were having to concentrate on a lot of operations management during the pandemic.

Luckily, state transportation is kicking in on this project.



The state portion of the Fairfield Pike project, Parker advised Council on Tuesday, is $3.5 million which leaves a local match on the part of the City of Shelbyville at $2 million. Parker said the City has already spent $85,000 local monies and is prepared to spend $200,000 local dollars out of this year's budget. The remaining cost is $1.7 million.

Webb School plans formal retirement event for 99-year-old Dorothy Elkins

After 68 years of dedicated service, The Webb School's longest-serving employee, Dorothy Powell Elkins, has retired at the glorious age of 99.

Over the course of her impactful career, Elkins, affectionately known to most as "Miss Dorothy," has worked alongside multiple heads of school and board members as a trusted executive assistant, and most recently, as an alumni research assistant.

In celebration of "Miss Dorothy's" extraordinary commitment to The Webb School, the Office of Alumni & Development recently launched the "Get with It and Give: Dorothy's Last Day" campaign, an initiative challenging the entire community to contribute 99 gifts in honor of Elkins.

A formal retirement celebration is planned for Friday, Sept. 12, from 4-6 p.m. in Webb's William Bond Library. RSVP to Alyce Allen at aallen@webbschool.com by Sept. 8.

Since joining Webb in 1957, Elkins has become a steady presence and quiet strength across the generations.

"She was the first person I met on my arrival for an interview with Henry Whiteside in the spring of 1970," recalls Webb alumnus George Johnson '74. "She's the one who makes The Webb School what it is."

Throughout her tenure, "Miss Dorothy's" impact has been recognized with numerous honors, including the CASE Support Staff Distinguished Service Award and the naming of the Dorothy Powell Elkins Student Center on The Webb School's 150-acre campus.

Webb representatives note that her legacy is defined not only by longevity

but by loyalty, grace, and an unwavering love for the school in her hometown of Bell Buckle.

A long-time resident, she shared a life of service with her late husband, James Elkins, who founded the Bell Buckle Fire Department in 1950, and served as its chief for 42 years.

So, Webb bids farewell to "Miss Dorothy," a remarkable figure within the school's 156-year history. No doubt that her retirement stands as a reminder of the profound impact one individual can have on an institution and its people.

"Miss Dorothy's commitment to The Webb School and our alumni is nothing short of inspiring," said Director of Alumni & Development Jonathon Hawkins. "She truly represents the heart of Webb, reflecting our mission with her tireless work and strong moral compass. It's been a privilege working alongside her in making Webb an even better place."





Boarding costs of neighboring county prisoners is financial committee topic

County Mayor Chad Graham said during Tuesday's County Financial Management Committee meeting that the County is going to have to get a handle on what it is charging to house prisoners belonging to other counties.

In June, total cost for adult inmate meals, alone, was just over $40,000 (public safety committee report.)

Financial Management Committee members discussed having a policy for what the County charges to house those out of county inmates. Discussions indicated the rate needs to be something similar to that charged for juveniles.

The discussion began when County Finance Director Robert Daniel said that auditors had suggested some policies be put in place in certain areas. They would like to see a policy when it comes to boarding fees. The state rate is apparently not cutting the mustard when it comes to expense and potential liability.

"The state fee amount does not reflect what it costs us in the first place," said Graham, stating the County is not obligated to do this.

However, he said there are mitigating circumstances sometimes. The mayor's recommendation was to study what the actual cost is to the County and not just rely on the state rate. With juveniles, the state rate is $130 a day.

"Obviously, the state is not going to pay that."

Graham added, "It's certainly not more expensive to hold a juvenile than it is an adult."

The mayor said the committee needs to look at how close to that $130 rate they can come. "I think we should be attempting to recover our cost. Maybe not make a profit . . . not causing a burden on our local taxpayers. If it is costing us $75 and we're asking them for $46, we're doing a disservice in that case."

"There's no way we can afford to hold a prisoner for $46 a day, in our real cost, when you factor in everything associated with it," Graham advised the committee.

Financial Management Committee member Mark Clanton said the County should get dollar for dollar. That is, if it is costing the County $130 a day to house area prisoners, then that would mean the County should be reimbursed by $130.

Clanton added, "We don't want to be a cheap hotel . . . ."

The mayor said there are some expenses that incur that the County cannot recoup. While he did not specifically mention those, he wants the County to at least get closer than $46 a day.

Daniel said it's been suggested the County have a prisoner housing contract with other counties. He said the rate should be something similar to the juvenile rate.

"We need somebody to do an analysis of what our real costs are," the mayor said. "This does not address medical or liability."

Daniel said he knows the inmate expenditures and could probably do the analysis. He said he has previous state rate analysis to at least get started.

The committee decided to not send this recommendation to the full Commission next Tuesday but to go back and study this further during September.

"If we're taking on somebody else's inmate, we certainly need to recover our costs," said Mayor Graham.

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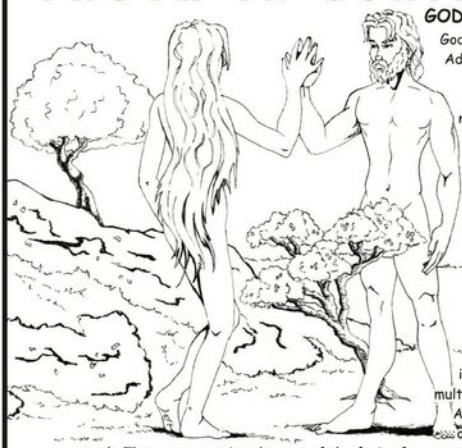

GOD MADE MAN: ADAM

God created man and called him Adam. God created Adam from the dust of the earth that God had just created from nothingness. Read about the creation in Genesis, chapters 1 and 2.

Early on God made a woman from Adam's rib. God placed Adam and Eve in a great garden called Eden where they were in charge of all things and all their needs were met.

They, Adam and Eve, were instructed to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth. And they were given dominion over every living thing on the earth. They were permitted to eat of the fruit of every tree in the garden except the fruit from the TREE OF KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL.

All was wonderful until...(read more of the story next week).

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New Bethel Baptist Church 170th Homecoming

By Dawn Hankins

There's an old saying that every church is as good as its pastor. After 11 years of ministry, Jonathan Curry has certainly shown his dedication to New Bethel Baptist, which will soon celebrate its 170th homecoming.

The church, located at 1832 Highway 64 West in Shelbyville, will celebrate 170 years of ministry on Oct. 5th.

Joe Rucker, Heart of Texas recording artist, will be singing. The day begins at 9:30 that morning and after our worship service there will be a fellowship meal.

"We're also going to try to have a section on the church property of the modes of transportation through the years (a horse buggy, classic cars, etc)," advised the pastor.

He added about his own ministry, "I'm 40 years old and have been the pastor at New Bethel Baptist Church for 11 years. I was called to the ministry in 2012 (I fought the calling for about 4 years.)

Curry notes he's considered a bi-vocational pastor and works at Jostens. His wife , Nickie Curry, is an 8th grade language arts teacher at Forrest High School in Chapel Hill.

They've been married since June 14, 2008, and have two children, Asa, 15, and Aubrey, 13.

"The Lord has blessed me with great mentors such as Brothers Wayne Cable, George Sinqufield, and Paul Woodford. All three of them have gone on to Heaven. Others that are still here like Dr. Tim Key, Bro. Tim Forsythe, and Bro. Jerry Graves."

Pastor Curry notes he loves traditional country and bluegrass music, collects vinyl records, and goes to concerts.

"For the future, I want to see our church to continue to grow in the knowledge of the Word of God (my favorite Bible verse is II Timothy 2:15,) our senior members will be mentors to our younger members, and that we carry out the Great Commission."



In Matthew's story of Jesus, the Great Commission is His parting words to His eleven remaining disciples. Verses 18–20 are often called the "Great Commission" because Jesus is sending His hand-chosen disciples out into the world to accomplish a specific mission: Make more disciples.

"Also, I hope we reach out to all the new people that have moved to our community and the ones that move here in the future."

More about the church anniversary in the Sept. 11 Times-Gazette.

Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: August 26

Location: 200 Three Forks Bridge Rd; Seller, Swedlund Living Trust, Jeffrey E Swedlund, Roxanne Y Sedlund; Buyer, Alcorn Properties; Price, $550,000 (Deed).

Location: 2092 Longview Rd; Seller, Randall Perkins, Tara Perkins; Buyer, Christopher Verble, Morgan Verble; Price, $599,000 (Deed).

Location: 202 Maplewood Dr; Seller, Andrew Fernandez, Tricia Fernandez; Buyer, Brenda Ortiz; Price, $225,000 (Deed).

Seller, Avalon Homes LLC; Buyer, Kimberly Michele Watson, Brian Edward Watson; Price, $699,900 (Deed).

Location: 104 Saddlewood Dr; Seller, Beverly Anderson, Toney Anderson; Buyer, Carlos R Rivera; Price, $250,000 (Deed).

Location: 130 Horseshoe Dr; Seller, Kolby McGee, Kolby M Wright; Buyer, Opendoor Property Trust 1; Price, $260,700 (Deed).

Location: 636 New Center Church Rd; Seller, Cheyenne Investments LLC; Buyer, Christopher Garman, Carolyn Michelle Garman; Price, $297,000 (Deed).

Location: 2825 Midland Rd; Seller, James Arthur Loftus; Buyer, James Arthur Loftus, Brenda Iris Deleon; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 425 Fairground Heights; Seller, Barbara T Thompson; Buyer, Clifton Ray Howlett, Christina Deann Howlett; Price, $263,000 (Deed).

File date: August 27

Location: 301 Stardust Dr; Seller, Richard Wayne Lively, Albert Wayne and Treva J Lively Trust, Sheri Kaye Siefker, Rebecca Ann Townsend, Leah Blackwell, Rachel Lorene Lockaby, John David Lively; Buyer, Joseph A Townsend, Rebecca A Townsend; Price, $300,000 (Deed).

Location: 221 Republic St; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Ogilvia Olivera Rojas, Pascual Cano Valera; Price, $320,990 (Deed).

Location: 604 Rabbit Branch Rd; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Michele Johnna Spees, John Paul Spees Jr; Price, $344,990 (Deed).

Location: 3623 Hwy 41 A N; Seller, Haji Hajis, Pawan A Mohamad Ali, Ali Pawan A Mohamad; Buyer, Albaba LLC; Price, $500,000 (Deed).

File date: August 28

Seller, Lee Ann D Butts, Huron D Dial Estate; Buyer, Lee Ann D butts; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: Ray St; Seller, Jose Luis Cardenas Aguilera; Buyer, Wayne Neese; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Beechwood Rd; Seller, John W Griggs, Clare R Griggs; Buyer, William M Ralston; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Highway 64; Seller, James D Wilson, Melissa Wilson; Buyer, Neal Edward Blackburn, Robin Lynnett Blackburn; Price, $200,000 (Deed).

File date: August 29

Location: 220 Meadowbrook Dr; Seller, JC Builders LLC; Buyer, Tereza Danca; Price, $322,900 (Deed).

Seller, Tracy H Vannatta; Buyer, American Home Constructors Inc; Price, $130,000 (Deed).

Location: 601 Shoma Dr; Seller, Harriswood Investments LLC; Buyer, Jonathan D Ferguson; Price, $236,000 (Deed).

Location: Walker St; Seller, Leisa Lamb Allen, James Mark Lamb, Freda Dian Lamb, Donna Renae Tutty, Karen Lynn Reed, Karl Martin Friedman, Mark Allen Friedman, Cecil Evelyn Friedman; Buyer, Matthew T Reed; Price, $120,000 (Deed).

Location: 703 S Wall St; Seller, HP Realty Co LLC; Buyer, David Pniewski; Price, $279,900 (Deed).

Seller, Bedford Development LLC; Buyer, Ole South Properties Inc; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 220 Graham Way; Seller, Pamela Jean Ellis; Buyer, Anna Dominique Aguirre; Price, $311,900 (Deed).

File date: September 2

Seller, William C Davidson, Anna Davidson; Buyer, Melisa Crockett; Price, $360,000 (Deed).

Seller, Ernest Maurice Limbo, William Eric Limbo; Buyer, Albert Jason Coleman, Charity Faulk; Price, $315,000 (Deed).

Location: Hwy 231 S; Seller, Melisa Crocket; Buyer, James E Everett III; Price, $150,000 (Deed).

Location: 103 Ridgewood Lane; Seller, Roberto Cruces, Maribel Hipolito; Buyer, Julianne Elaine Holcomb, Bradley Scott Hill Jr; Price, $295,000 (Deed).

Location: 503 Dow Dr; Seller, Lisa Burk Foster; Buyer, Fatima G Umana Thompson; Price, $250,000 (Deed).

Location: 235 Union Ridge Road; Seller, James Eric Davis; Buyer, Garrett Fellers, Erin Ferrell; Price, $375,000 (Deed).

Location: Hwy 231 S; Seller, Melisa Crockett; Buyer, Mel Lee Causey Bullock; Price, $560,000 (Deed).



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.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN EVENT

First Presbyterian Church invites the community to Rally Day this Sunday, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in fellowship hall. Stay to worship at 10:00 a.m. in the historic sanctuary. First Presbyterian offers communion every first Sunday-all who are believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to partake. This Sunday, the church welcomes back to our pulpit Rev. Gary Kelly. First Presbyterian is located behind the Shelbyville Post Office.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST EVENT

This Sunday, at First United Methodist on the public square, Pastor Abe Zimmerman will preach, "Child-Like Faith: Part 4" from John 6:1-14. This series is part of a trial called Generations Worship; where elementary students stay for the whole service. They are aimed to help young disciples become more comfortable in worship. 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.

WORLD OUTREACH EVENT

The Culture & Christianity Conference, hosted by Allen Jackson Ministries, will gather Sept. 19-20 at World Outreach Church in Murfreesboro, with leading voices from across the nation tackling today's cultural challenges through the lens of God's truth.

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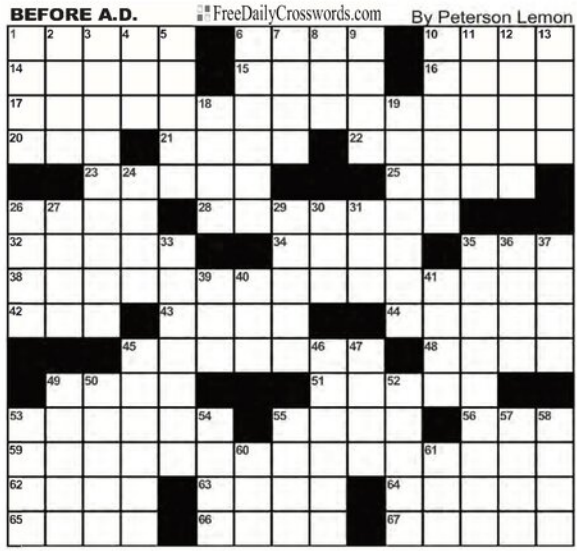
By Peterson Lemon

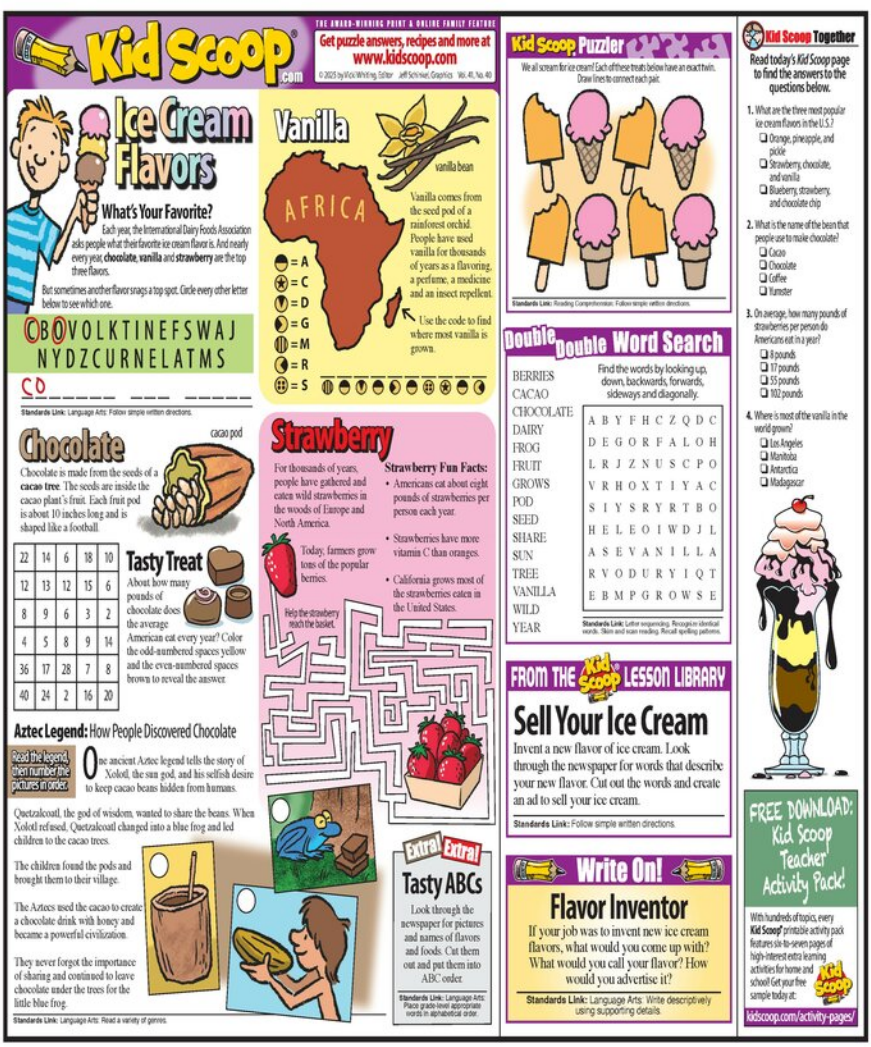


CLUES ACROSS

1) Santa___ (San Jose's county)
6) Grad
10) Hand over (to)
14) Senate assistants
15) Indian dress
16) "Un bel di," for one
17) Places to watch the birdie
20) Colombo Mr.
21) Roman god
22) Creator of the March sisters
23) Refuse to play by the rules
25) Deposition word with "sworn"
26)___ noire (fearsome entity)
28) Doesn't forget
32) "Parliament" ending
34) Large tangelo
35) Faux___ (blunder)
38) Natural timekeeper, of a sort
42) Yearning
43) Test grade
44) Cosmic comeuppance
45) Hardly the manly type
48) Printing direction
49) Home of any Irish poet
51) One keeping minutes
53) Small eggs, to a biologist
55) Interoffice communique
56) Palindromic city in Oklahoma
59) They feature many jumps
62) Notion in Normandy
63) Circle of light
64) Hairbrush bristles
65) Kind of case or pilot
66) "It's___ a long, long time"
67) Electric car maker

CLUES DOWN

1) Airport vehicles
2) Deceiver
3) Good pronunciation on Madison Avenue?
4) Dreamy sleep phase
5) Parenthetical comment
6) Like some observations
7) Where to spend a kip
8) Coffeehouse container
9) Often-transparent mineral
10) Political gathering
11) Swashbuckling Flynn
12) Nice little song
13) Toward the Atlantic, in America
18) Far from afar
19) Name for the devil
24) "Physician,__thyself"
26) Buggy occupant
27) Lake near Niagara Falls
29) Positions for divers
30) Ottoman honorific
31) Sick
33) One running for office
35) Some paintings
36) It's as high as one can go
37) 32-card game
39) Not a guy
40) Bother the heck out of
41) Use intense light on
45) Painter Jean-Francois
46) Kind of band or show
47) Ceremonial elegance
49) Dodge, as taxes
50) Wears the crown
52) Best man's offering
53) Sad news item
54) Wound with a knife
55) What greedy people want
57) Start a poker game
58) Not ashore
60) Billiards ball
61) "Her maiden name was ... "



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 280.86 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 II, according to plat and survey appearing of record in Plat Book PLJ2, 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 2221, 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 for 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 PLJ2, page 455; all of said Register's Office for Bedford County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID: 079K F 01600 000659
Commonly known as 316 Dunn 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.

Notice of Sale Published On-line at HTTPS://BetterChoiceNotices.com

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
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37403
Phone: (877) 319-8840
File No: 1714-183A
Newspaper: Shelbyville Times Gazette
Publication Dates: 8/28/2025, 9/4/2025

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

WHEREAS, BETTY BROWN, a single woman, as borrower(s), executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC , Lender, and Nationwide Trustee Services, Inc, Trustee(s), which was dated 5/27/2019, and recorded on 6/5/2019, as Instrument No. 19003774 in Book TD932 Page 223, securing the payment of a Note in the amount of $77,132.00, in Bedford County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust; Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Vylla Solutions – Tennessee, LLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Vylla Solutions – Tennessee, LLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on 9/26/2025, at or about 11:00 AM at the usual and customary location at the Front steps of the Bedford County Courthouse, located in Shelbyville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, to wit:

Land situated in Bedford County, Tennessee:

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

Tax Parcel ID: 11-43-43-9.04-000
Address/Description: 349 ROY MOORE ROAD, LUNIONVILLE, TN 37180
Current Owner(s): Leigh Ann Williams
Other Interested Party(ies): Aqua Finance, Inc.; Discover Bank; LVNV Funding LLC; and 3D Financial

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Vylla Solutions - Tennessee, LLC, Substitute Trustee
P.O. Box 3309
Anaheim, California 92803
Phone: (888) 313-1969
TS#: 25-35835
Publication Dates: 8/7/2025, 9/4/2025, 9/11/2025 9/18/2025
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Classifieds

NOTICES

Deason Self Storage is selling the contents of Gail Carter/Steve Carter leased units W12, W45, 49 and 59 to satisfy the owners lien. Deason Self Storage is located at 3327 Hwy 213 N Shelbyville TN 37160 865-607-8210. The contents will be auctioned at public sale on September 20, 2025 at 9:00AM

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bedford Railroad Authority will meet in a special called session on Monday, September 8, 2025 at the Bedford County Courthouse (1 Public Square Shelbyville, TN 37160) in the first floor Duck River Room at 11AM. An agenda will be available at www.bedfordcountytn.gov.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will occur immediately before the Bedford County Board of Commissioner Meeting on September 9, 2025 which will begin at 7:00PM in the old courthouse, located at 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160. The public hearing will be held for the following rezoning issue: Glen Cruzen, representing Southern Land Acquisitions, LLC is seeking to have Tax Map 088; Parcel 063.04, (25.48+/-acres) rezoned from A-1 to R-1. An R-1 zoning classification would allow minimum lot sizes of 30k sq. ft. The Bedford County Planning Commission gave an unfavorable recommendation at its June 24, 2025 meeting. The Bedford County Board of Commissioners' Rules & Legislative Committee moved the issue forward to the commission meeting with an unfavorable recommendation at the August 19, 2025 committee meeting.

BEDFORD COUNTY
BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
Monthly Commissioner
Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 9,
2025 @ 7:00 P.M.
Bedford County Historic
Courthouse
1 Public Square, 2nd Floor
Courtroom
Shelbyville, TN 37160

Meeting agenda can be found at www.bedfordcountytn.gov.

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

1. Record name and address on a sign-up sheet that will be provided, prior to the meeting being called to order.
2. When called upon, address comments to the Chairperson in a respectful manner.
3. Limit remarks to three minutes for items(s) germane to the agenda.

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

YARD SALES

Garage Sale
106 Perfection
Friday 09/05
and Saturday 09/06
7AM
No early birds please

Home Renovations
FREE ESTIMATES
Licensed • Insured
From Floor to Ceiling & Everything in Between
Custom Built Decks
Custom Tile Projects
Kitchen/Bath Redesign
Jerry Reid 931-373-1783
Bright Davis 931-607-4490

WANTED
Paying cash for older sports card collections. Unopened sports card cases and boxes. Comic books and antique sports related items.
Shelbyville
931-492-4304

Is God Dead: I Think, Therefore, I Am

The 17th-century French philosopher René Descartes famously said, "I think, therefore I am." What Descartes meant by that was that he knew he existed because he was conscious of himself, which is what is called self-consciousness. Self-consciousness is a uniquely human attribute that all non-impaired individuals share. However, consciousness and self-consciousness are very different things, and the distinction is critical. For some reason, humans are uniquely endowed with consciousness and self-consciousness.

Dogs make wonderful pets; they are attentive, intelligent, loyal, and conscious. But whatever it is that dogs think about, dogs do not sit around thinking about what it means to be a dog. Self-consciousness has been given many definitions. For our purposes, we will say that self-consciousness is "what it is like to be you." How do you perceive yourself sitting in a crowded room? How do you perceive the person next to you? It can be thought of as what your mind is saying to yourself; all these things make up "what it is like to be you."

What we are talking about is uniquely human. Evolutionists argue that humans sit at the apex of the evolutionary chain that began in some stinky pond water and moved on slowly step by step to the primates, who evolved into human beings, from goo to you, via the zoo. However, a huge consciousness gap exists between the animal kingdom and human beings. Those in the animal kingdom are conscious of light and dark, sound and movement, predator and prey. However, dogs do not contemplate what it means to be a dog simply because they lack self-consciousness; he does not think about what their existence means. The same is true of the "higher primates." The orangutan may be intelligent, but he is not self-conscious.

Humans, on the other hand, are genuinely self-conscious. Philosopher Anthony O'Hear explains, "A self-conscious person . . . does not simply have beliefs or dispositions, does not simply engage in practices of various sorts. They are aware that they have beliefs, practices, dispositions, and the rest. . . . A conscious animal might be a knower . . . but only a self-conscious being knows that he is a knower."

Ultimately, three individuals, or three persons, are required for true and full self-consciousness. There must be a subject, an object, and a confirmer for an act of true self-consciousness to occur. Despite Descartes, a person stranded on a deserted island thinks but is not truly self-conscious. In the same way, if I am walking through the forest, much like any other animal, I see all of nature going on around me. I am taking in information based solely on sensory perception. That is, I can see, hear, touch, taste, smell. These senses are common to almost all animals. But suppose I stop to talk to another human being in the forest on a hike with his son; we stop and begin talking about the beauty of nature all around us. At this point, I am conscious of my surroundings, but I also have a degree of self-consciousness because I am thinking about these two people's perceptions of myself, and I am engaging with the father in conversation. But I am not genuinely self-conscious until the boy adds to the conversation. You see, in the boy speaking to me, he confirms that both the father and I exist. The point of the matter is that it takes a minimum of three people in order for true self-consciousness to occur (on orthodox Christian doctrine, the Trinity is the minimum number of persons to achieve true self-consciousness, which is essential to true love). Only humans are conscious and truly conscious of self; only the human species sits about and contemplates what it means to exist. In fact, determining what it means to exist is one of the Big Three questions that any worldview must answer. Those three questions are: "How did I get here?" "What does it mean to be human?" and "What will happen to me when I die?" Any viable worldview must logically answer these three questions, or it is considered false. One aspect of what it means to be human is that humans, and humans only, are truly self-conscious, but that is a subject for another day.

And yet, how is it that the brain can think? After all, the brain is just a bunch of atoms, right? The one characteristic that sets humans far above the rest of creation is man's capacity for reasoning. But the big question is this: "How do you get from atoms to self-consciousness?" Or you might ask, how do you get from, say, corn to that part of the brain that allows us to reason? After all, corn is chemically made up of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, sulfur, and trace elements; atoms. Chemically, your brain operates on endorphins, serotonin, oxytocin, and dopamine. But guess what? Those brain chemicals are made up of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, sulfur, and trace elements—atoms. An ear of corn and the human brain—both are constituted of the same base components, which are both composed of atoms. But do atoms dream? And from whence doest thou thoughts cometh? You are indeed so much more than a bunch of atoms!

Join us again next week as we continue to look at how complex mental states can come from simple inert atoms. Ultimately, the answer here helps us answer the big question: "Is God dead?"

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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

Obituaries

Timothy Alan Capley



Timothy Alan Capley, known to all simply as Tim, passed away peacefully on August 25, 2025, in Tullahoma, Tennessee, under hospice care after facing cancer with quiet courage. He was 61.

Born on August 18, 1964, Tim was the first born and son of Shirley Faye Capley (Wilkerson) and the late N.B. Capley. He grew up in Shelbyville, where he was raised in Southside Baptist Church. After attending the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and later earning a degree in finance from Middle Tennessee State University, Tim built a steady career and a life rooted in family, friendship, and the simple joys he loved most.

Tim was happiest with a golf club in hand, a deck of cards on the table surrounded by friends, or while cheering on his favorite teams: the Tennessee Volunteers and Titans. He will be remembered for his easygoing spirit, his loyalty, and the way he found joy in both big moments and small gatherings.

Tim is survived by his children, Elizabeth Morgan Capley of Mt. Juliet and TN State Rep. Kipper Isaiah Capley of Summertown. Though life's circumstances sometimes kept them apart, his love for them always endured. He is also survived by his mother, Shirley of Shelbyville, whose steadfast presence was a source of comfort throughout his life; and by his sister, Wendee (Capley) Pendergrast, and her husband Michael, of Shelbyville, whose closeness and support were a constant. He is also survived by his longtime companion, Dana Anderson of Tullahoma. He is further survived by his nephews, Dr. Keaton Isaiah Pendergrast of Boston, MA, and Cason Malachi Pendergrast of Shelbyville, along with friends who will carry his memory forward.

Tim's memory will live on in the laughter around card tables, the quiet beauty of a golf course at dawn, and in the love of the family and friends who were fortunate enough to know to him.

Funeral services will be held 5:00 p.m. Saturday, September 13, 2025, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Ron Chilton officiating. Burial will follow at Willow Mount Cemetery.

Visitation with the family will be held prior to funeral services on Saturday, beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com

Death Notices

Larry Dale Skinner

Larry Dale Skinner, age 69, of Eagleville, was born on September 13, 1955, to the late Thomas Jefferson and Frances Crutcher Skinner and raised in the Flat Creek/College Grove community. Larry passed away peacefully on August 30, 2025, in Eagleville.

Survivors include his daughter, Stacey (Troy) Harp, and son, Brent (Laura) Skinner.

Services to honor Larry's life will take place at Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill, which is in charge of arrangements.

Ronnie Lee Sharp

Ronnie Lee Sharp, age 73, of Unionville, passed away peacefully Wednesday, August 27, 2025. Ronnie was born November 18, 1951, in Bedford County, to the late Oscar Lee Sharp and Mary Ezell Pugh Sharp. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, John Scott Sharp.

Ronnie is survived by his wife of 32 years, Mary Lou Sharp of Unionville; children, Chris (Tiffany) Sharp of Columbia and Ronnie Sharp of Shelbyville, Michael (Christie) Sharp of Unionville, Joseph (Tisha) Sharp of Shelbyville, Grady Estest of Cornersville, Dana (Scotty) Morton of Columbia and Mary Ann (Kevin) Bynum of Shelbyville.

Services in care of Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill.

Tyrell Lamont (Silly T) Johnson

Tyrell Lamont (Silly T) Johnson was born February 26, 1981, to Phyllis Johnson and the late Edward Allen Osborne in Bedford County. He passed on August 16, 2025, in Tomah, Wisconsin. He attended school in Bedford County and was a member and drummer at Scott United Methodist until his move to Muscle Shoals, Ala.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother Annie Lucille Johnson; paternal grandfather, James Wilson; father, Allen Osborne.

Survivors include his mother, Phyllis (Walter) Rankins; sons, Issac, Isaiah, Desahaun Johnson.

Feldhaus Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Paulette McConnell Benson

Paulette McConnell Benson, 69, of Shelbyville, died at home August 27, 2025, surrounded by her loving family after an extended illness.

She was a Bedford County native, homemaker and attended Hickory Hill Upper Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Paulette was preceded in death by her parents, Paul Fuston McConnell and Charlotte Ann Hittson McConnell; a son, Roy Lamar Fears Jr.

She is survived by children, Kevin Paul (Angela) Fears and Kendra Hastings Smith (Ray).

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Carol Sue Gentle

Carol Sue Gentle, of Shelbyville, died August 31, 2025. She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Dorothy Sorrell, sons, Charles Randall Smith and Jeff Smith, daughter, Debbie McGuffey and son-in-law, Barry McCoy.

She is survived by her husband of 42 years, John William Gentle; daughter, Dana McCoy of Jacksonville, Fla.; son, Tyson Smith (Klara) of Eastvale, Calif., daughter-in-law, Kitty Smith of Elmwood, Tn; son-in-law, Danny McGuffey of Scottsville, Ky.

BEFORE A.D. By Peterson Lemon

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WANTED

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

Please submit to Mr. Lytle Hoover
38 Plymouth Drive
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034
or olhoover@gmail.com
856-912-2637

Criminal Court Docket for this Week

09/04/2025 09:00AM Judge WYATT BURK Bedford County Circuit Court

ST. of TN vs DAVID ALONSO ARENIVAS, Landers St., Shelbyville
Count: 1 55-10-401 DUI: FIRST OFFENSE M / A
Violation: 10/01/2024 Arrest: 11/08/2024
Count: 2 55-8-136 DRIVERS TO EXERCISE DUE CARE M / C
Filing: 04/21/2025 Violation: 10/01/2024 Arrest: 11/08/2024
Hearing Type: Disposition or Set Trial Date
5-19-25: INDICTED-WAIVED ARRAIGNMENT
9-4-25: MOTION TO SUPPRESS (Filed 8-7-25)
*NO BOND-SUMMONS

ST. of TN vs STEVEN HAYWARD BOOKER, Cannon Blvd., Shelbyville
Count: 4 PV-00-000 PROBATION VIOLATION - BOOKED - DRUG RELATED F / U
Filing: 08/07/2025 Violation: 07/01/2025 Arrest: 08/15/2025
Hearing Type: Violation of Probation Hearing Notes: 9-4-25: VOP
-1st Setting BOND (HOLD)

ST. of TN vs WALTER BROOKS JR., Morton St, Shelbyville
Count: 1 40-39-204 VIOLATION OF SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS F / E
Filing: 03/17/2025 Violation: 04/27/2024 Arrest: 04/29/2024
Hearing Type: Review Hearing Notes: 4-21-25: INDICTED-ARRAIGNED
7-3-25: ORDER-FORENSIC EVALUATION 9-4-25: REVIEW BEDFORD CO. JAIL (Bond Set: $25,000)

ST. of TN vs CLIFTON RAY CLONTZ, Highway 64 W. Shelbyville
Count: 1 39-13-506 AGGRAVATED STATUTORY RAPE F / D
Filing: 02/27/2025 Violation: 05/18/2024 Arrest: 05/25/2024
Bond(s) Surety Farrar Bonding - $200,000.00
Hearing Type: Pretrial Motions Hearing Notes: 2-27-25: INDICTED-ARRAIGNED
JURY TRIAL: OCTOBER 20-21, 2025 9-4-25: PRETRIAL MOTIONS

ST. of TN vs ANGELA RENEE FRAZIER, Panhandle Road, Wartrace
Count: 4 OP-MW-000 OTHER (PETITION, MOTION, WRIT) - POST JUDGMENT M / U
Filing: 09/02/2025 Violation: 09/02/2025 Hearing Type: Motion/Petition
Hearing Notes: 8-15-25: PROBATION REVOKED
9-4-25: REQUEST TO WITHDRAW PLEA
TDOC (Issued for 9-4-25)

ST. of TN vs FRANK GAINES III, Murfreesboro
Count: 1 39-14-103 THEFT OF PROPERTY - $10,000-$60,000 F / C
Filing: 05/19/2025 Violation: 04/03/2023 Arrest: 04/04/2023
Bond(s) Surety AAA Bail Bonding $20,000.00
Hearing Type: Disposition or Set Trial Date
Hearing Notes: 5-19-25: INDICTED-ARRAIGNED 9-4-25: DISPOSE-SET TRIAL

ST. of TN vs MOHAMED MIRAY, Rivendell Trace, Antioch
Count: 1 39-14-408 VANDALISM (UP TO $1,000) M / A
Filing: 03/17/2025 Violation: 06/05/2024 Arrest: 06/05/2024
Hearing Type: Review-Hearing Hearing Notes: 3-17-25: INDICTED
4-21-25: ARRAIGNED 9-4-25: REVIEW
TDOC (Issued for 9-4-25)

ST. of TN vs SHERRI TAWANDA MURRAY, Shelbyville
Count: 5 OP-MW-000 OTHER(PETITION,MOTION,WRIT) M / U
Filing: 08/26/2025 Violation: 08/26/2025
Hearing Type: Motion/Petition
Hearing Notes: 9-4-25: PETITION FOR EXPUNGEMENT (Filed 8-26-25)
ST. of TN vs SHERRI TAWANDA MURRAY
Count: 6 OP-MW-000 OTHER(PETITION,MOTION,WRIT) M / U
Filing: 08/26/2025 Violation: 08/26/2025
Hearing Type: Motion/Petition Hearing Notes: 9-4-25: PETITION FOR EXPUNGEMENT (Filed 8-26-25)

ST. of TN vs JACKSON CHAPMAN NORTH, Fairfield Pike, Shelbyville
Count: 4 PV-00-000 PROBATION VIOLATION - BOOKED F / U
Filing: 08/07/2025 Violation: 07/22/2025 Arrest: 08/16/2025
Hearing Type: Violation of Probation Hearing Notes: 3-7-24: PROBATION REVOKED
*19053: Rest.: $0; Court Cost: $715.37
*19026: Rest: $10,250; Court Cost/Atty.: $3,284.37
9-4-25: VOP -1st Setting BOND (SUMMONS)

ST. of TN vs ANGELA CHRISTINE RAY, Kingston Corner Road, Shelbyville
Count: 1 40-39-208 SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION FORM VIOLATION F / E
Filing: 05/19/2025 Violation: 02/16/2025 Arrest: 02/26/2025
Bond(s) Surety Smith Bonding Company - $3,000.00
Hearing Type: Disposition or Set Trial Date Hearing Notes: 6-16-25: INDICTED
6-26-25: ARRAIGNED 9-4-25: DISPOSE-SET TRIAL

ST. of TN vs MISTY M SMITH, Hickory Dr, Shelbyville
Count: 1 39-14-103 THEFT OF PROPERTY - $10,000-$60,000 F / C
Filing: 10/23/2023 Violation: 04/07/2023 Arrest: 10/31/2023
Count: 2 OP-MW-000 OTHER(PETITION,MOTION,WRIT) - NO COST F / U
Filing: 10/03/2024 Violation: 10/03/2024 Hearing Type: REMAND FROM A HIGHER COURT Hearing Notes: 9-4-25: REMANDED FOR CONSIDERATION-MOTION TO WITHDRAW

ST. of TN vs ZACHARIAH JOHNATHAN CONNER, Viking Lane, Shelbyville
Count: 1 39-13-1002 BURGLARY - OTHER THAN HABITAT OR NONPUBLIC BUILDING F / D
Filing: 08/18/2025 Violation: 10/30/2023 Arrest: 04/08/2024
Count: 2 39-14-103 THEFT OF PROPERTY - $10,000-$60,000 F / C
Filing: 08/18/2025 Violation: 10/30/2023 Arrest: 04/08/2024
Count: 3 39-16-502 (A) (1)(2) FALSE REPORTS TO OFFICER F / D
Filing: 08/18/2025 Violation: 10/30/2023 Arrest: 04/08/2024
Bond(s) Surety J & R Bonding $15,500.00
Hearing Type: Status Review Hearing Notes: 8-18-25: INDICTED
9-4-25: STATUS REVIEW -For arraignment -To retain counsel

ST. of TN vs LONNIE WESLEY DRIVER, White Street, Shelbyville
Count: 1 40-39-208 SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION FORM VIOLATION F / E
Filing: 08/18/2025 Violation: 09/21/2024 Arrest: 10/04/2024
Count: 2 40-39-208 SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION FORM VIOLATION F / E
Filing: 08/18/2025 Violation: 10/02/2024 Arrest: 10/04/2024
Bond(s) Surety Farrar Bonding - Frankie D. Fuller $4,000.00
Hearing Type: Status Review Hearing Notes: 8-18-25: INDICTED-ARRAIGNED
9-4-25: STATUS REVIEW ASSESSED FEE: $500; pay $25/week; beg. 8-29-25

ST. of TN vs CAMREN JAIER FITE, Whitthorne Street, Shelbyville
Count: 1 39-13-103 RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT - DISCHARGE FIREARM INTO OCCUPIED HABITAT F / C
Filing: 08/18/2025 Violation: 05/04/2006 Arrest: 01/31/2025
Count: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 39-13-102 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT F / C
Filing: 08/18/2025 Violation: 01/28/2025
CO-DEFENDANTS: Ja'kyri Williams (19815); Antonio Suggs (19816)
Hearing Type: Status Review Hearing Notes: 8-18-25: INDICTED-ARRAIGNED
9-4-25: STATUS REVIEW BEDFORD CO. JAIL (Blanket Bond Set: $200,000)

ST. of TN vs ROBERT MARTIN LUKER, Cayenne Road, Bell Buckle
Count: 1 39-17-1307 (b) (1)(B) POSSESSION WEAPON - CONVICTED FELONY DRUG OFFENSE F / C
Filing: 08/18/2025 Violation: 06/20/2023 Arrest: 03/24/2025
Bond(s) Surety Tennessee Bonding Company, Inc- $7,500.00
Hearing Type: Status Review Hearing Notes: 8-18-25: INDICTED-ARRAIGNED
9-4-25: STATUS REVIEW RUTHERFORD CO. JAIL (Issued for 9-4-25)

ST. of TN vs LINDA KAY RATLEPH, Temple Ford Lane, Shelbyville
Count: 1 37-1-412 CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY FAIL TO REPORT F / E
Filing: 08/18/2025 Violation: 10/01/2023 Arrest: 12/27/2023
Comments: CO-DEFENDANT: Bryan Davis (19807)
Bond(s) Surety J & R Bonding $5,000.00
Hearing Type: Status Review Hearing Notes: 8-18-25: INDICTED-ARRAIGNED
9-4-25: STATUS REVIEW

ST. of TN vs JA'KYRI MARQUIS WILLIAMS, Barksdale Lane, Shelbyville,
Count: 1 39-13-103 RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT - DISCHARGE FIREARM INTO OCCUPIED HABITAT F / C
Filing: 08/18/2025 Violation: 01/28/2025 Arrest: 01/28/2025
Count: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 39-13-102 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT F / C
Filing: 08/18/2025 Violation: 01/28/2025 Arrest: 01/28/2025
Count: 8 39-14-134 ALTER ITEM PERM DISTING NBRS-SEL/POSS OF SUCH M / A
Filing: 08/18/2025 Violation: 01/28/2025 Arrest: 01/28/2025
CO-DEFENDANTS: Camren Fite (19809); Antonio Suggs (19816)
Hearing Type: Pronunciation of Sentence Hearing Notes: 8-18-25: INDICTED-ARRAIGNED 9-4-25: STATUS REVIEW BEDFORD CO. JAIL (Blanket Bond Set: $100,000)

ST. of TN vs ANTHONY JOHNSON, Decatur Street, Shelbyville
Count: 2 OP-MW-000 OTHER (PETITION, MOTION, WRIT) M / U
Filing: 08/21/2025 Violation: 04/01/2004
Hearing Type: Motion/Petition Hearing Notes: 4/1/04: DECLARED HMO
9/4/25: MOTION TO REMOVE HMO STATUS



3-STAR FFA CHAPTER, AGAIN!

School Communications Photo

Sponsor Mike Swafford has proudly announced that the Cascade High School FFA has once again been recognized as a 3-Star Chapter. This is the highest rating in the FFA award program by the National FFA Organization. This is Cascade FFA's 13th year to be recognized as 3-Star-an honor which recognizes chapters that excel in growing leaders.

Al fresco, le Bud?

By DAWN HANKINS

This might be the shortest editorial I've ever written. But there have been some questions since Shelbyville City Council discussed Tuesday night, possibly having open container alcohol within its proposed Riverview Walk District.

See full study session story on page 1 today.

Some people are asking about the old law that pertains to distance between beer/wine drinking and proximity to churches. Please note: Shelbyville City Council got rid of that ordinance a while back. That's why you now have bar/restaurant establishments closer to City churches now.

As for the County, it's still on the books that there must be 2,000 feet between alcohol and a church.

Thanks to those who commented Tuesday night on T-G Facebook about open container alcohol-whether you're for or against. Some great comments! You may still comment, which could help Council in making its final decision.

As of that Facebook posting, the majority are for outdoor café style, social, drinking. As usual, some don't care. I loved the guy who said, "well, they're drinking in their cars, so what difference does it make?"

As Councilman Henry Feldhaus said, please don't think it's time to bring your ice chest full of beer. And no, you can't BYOB or drop off a friend's keg. That's not the intention here.

More on this later.

Update on Missing Person Case – Sara Padgett

Shelbyville Police Department shared last week that the body recovered from Normandy Lake has been positively identified as missing person Sara Padgett.

"Throughout this investigation, our officers and partnering agencies have worked to locate Mrs. Padgett and bring answers to her loved ones. While this is not the outcome we had hoped for, we are grateful to be able to provide closure to her family and friends.

At this time, the investigation indicates that no foul play is suspected.

Padgett had been reported missing since early April 2025.

"We understand that Mrs. Padgett was a beloved member of our community, and her loss will be felt by many. Our heartfelt prayers and condolences go out to her family and friends. We ask that the community keep them in their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. The Shelbyville Police Department would also like to thank the community for its concern, assistance, and support throughout this case."

Doak Howell Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements and will be announced at a later date.



LOCAL ROAD CLOSING

Bedford County Government Image

Railroad Road, closed Sept. 3 and 4 at the railroad crossing, is expected to re-open for normal traffic on the morning of Sept. 5. The detour route is State Route 437 bypass and Philippi Road.

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Blue Raiders Fall in Season Opener Against Austin Peay

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Nahzae Cox caught two touchdown passes from Nicholas Vattiato, but Middle Tennessee couldn't overcome an early deficit in a 34-14 loss to Austin Peay on Saturday night at Floyd Stadium.

After falling behind 21-0, the Blue Raiders answered late in the first half when Vattiato capped a six-play, 67-yard drive with a 5-yard strike to Cox in the final minute before halftime. MTSU kept momentum in the third quarter, with Cox pulling in a 14-yard touchdown to cut the deficit to 24-14.

Cox finished with a team-high six catches for 50 yards and both scores. Vattiato threw for 104 yards, while Jekail Middlebrook led the Blue Raider rushing attack with 48 yards on 11 carries.

On defense, Parker Hughes paced MTSU with nine tackles, while Damonte Smith and Zeion Simpson-Smith each tallied sacks as part of a three-sack night for the Blue Raiders.

By the Numbers

9: Parker Hughes paced MTSU with nine tackles.

8: The Blue Raider defense recorded eight tackles for loss, including a trio of sacks.

2: Nahzae Cox caught two touchdown passes on the night.

Blue Raider Notes

Offensive Player Notes

#1 | Nahzae Cox | WR | Jr.

Logged six catches for 50 yards and a pair of touchdowns

His second quarter touchdown marked the first of his career

#9 | Jekail Middlebrook | RB| r-So.

Tallied 48 yards on 11 carries

#11 | Nicholas Vattiato | QB | r-Jr.

Made his team-leading 25th straight start today against Austin Peay.

Finished 15-of-36 for 104 yards and a pair of touchdowns

Defensive Player Notes

#0 | Anthony Bynum | DE | r-So.

Posted six tackles, including 0.5 tackles for loss and a quarterback hurry

#9 | Parker Hughes | LB | Gr.

Posted a team high nine tackles, including five solo stops, a pass breakup and a quarterback hurry

#22 | Juwon Gaston | S | r-Sr.

Posted six tackles, including four solo stops and a quarterback hurry

#46 | Reggie Johnson | OLB | r-Jr.

Posted four tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss and a 0.5 sack

#92 | Damonte Smith | DT | r-Sr.

Posted five tackles, including three solo stops, 2.5 tackles for loss and a sack

Special Teams Player Notes

#12 | John Howse IV | KR | Gr.

Recorded his first career kick return, a 35-yard dash

#32 | Ashton Logan | P | r-Jr.

Logged eight punts for 367 yards for an average of 45.9 yards and a long of 54

Up Next

The Blue Raiders (0-1) now turn their attention to their first road test of the season, visiting Wisconsin (1-0) next Saturday. Kickoff is set for 3 p.m. CT on Fox Sports Network and over the air on the Blue Raider Network.



Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

Jauregui Scores First Goal as Middle Tennessee Defeats West Georgia, 3-0

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Middle Tennessee (4-1-1) defeated West Georgia (0-5-0) 3-0 Sunday afternoon in the first meeting between the programs.

The Blue Raiders remain unbeaten at home this season, improving to 3-0-1 at Dean A. Hayes Track and Soccer Stadium.

Senior forward Taijah Fraser opened the scoring in the ninth minute off an assist from senior defender Hannah Delaney. Junior Hannah Murphy added a second goal in the 41st minute, assisted by senior Emma Pettersen and forward Idun Kvaale.

In the 65th minute, midfielder Ximena Jauregui tallied her first goal of the season, with Pettersen picking up her second assist of the match. Goalkeeper Demi Gronauer earned her second shutout of the year, playing all 90 minutes in net.

Head coach Aston Rhoden on the team's progress:

"It's just still a part of the process of preparing for conference play. The next game is about being better than the last game, and that's our big focus."

Jauregui on her first goal of the season:

"I'm just so happy. I was waiting for that moment. I just saw the goal, thought about shooting, and thank God it went in."

By the Numbers:

Pettersen registered two assists and four shots.

Middle Tennessee outshot West Georgia 15-1.



Photo by MT Athletics

MTSU Men's Basketball announces 2025-26 non-conference slate

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Middle Tennessee men's basketball has finalized its 2025–26 non-conference schedule, highlighted by home matchups with regional rivals, a trip to the Cayman Islands Classic, and road contests against national powers.

"Our non-conference schedule is going to be a tough one that will test us, but it will prepare us for the grind of our 20-game Conference USA schedule," said head coach Nick McDevitt. "We'll face two preseason Top-10 programs, three top-tier teams in the Caymans, as well as other regional rivals in the early going."

The Blue Raiders will open the season with back-to-back home games inside the Murphy Center, hosting Milligan University on November 5 and Webster University on November 8.

Middle Tennessee then heads on the road for a pair of challenging contests, visiting Evansville on November 12 before traveling to Ann Arbor to face Big Ten foe Michigan on November 19.

From there, the Blue Raiders will take their talents to the Caribbean for the Cayman Islands Classic (Nov. 23–25), where they'll face Murray State, George Washington, and McNeese State in three straight days of action.

Returning home, Middle Tennessee will host UAB on December 1, reigniting a familiar rivalry, followed by a matchup against crosstown rival Belmont on December 7.

The Blue Raiders close out the non-conference slate with one more home game against Cumberland University on December 21 before a marquee road trip to face the University of Houston on December 29.

2025-26 Middle Tennessee Non-Conference Schedule

Nov. 5 vs. Milligan University (Murfreesboro, Tenn.)

Nov. 8 vs. Webster University (Murfreesboro, Tenn.)

Nov. 12 at Evansville (Evansville, Ind.)

Nov. 19 at Michigan (Ann Arbor, Mich.)

Nov. 23 vs. Murray State (George Town, Grand Cayman)

Nov. 24 vs. George Washington (George Town, Grand Cayman)

Nov. 25 vs. McNeese State (George Town, Grand Cayman)

Dec. 1 vs. UAB (Murfreesboro, Tenn.)

Dec. 7 vs. Belmont (Murfreesboro, Tenn.)

Dec. 21 vs. Cumberland University (Murfreesboro, Tenn.)

Dec. 29 at Houston (Houston, Texas)



Photo by MT Athletics

Champs Make Statement in Win at Moore County

BY NOAH MADDOX
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LYNCHBURG, Tenn. – The Cascade Champions (2-0) ended a four-game losing streak to Moore County (1-1) with extremely stout defense in a 17-10 win on Friday night.

After winning just one game in Year One under Jared Carkuff, the former Champion athlete has his alma mater sitting at 2-0 for the first time since 2021 when they started out 6-0. 2021 was also the last time the Champs defeated the Raiders.

Known more for his up-tempo offenses, it was actually Carkuff's defense that was the key catalyst in the win. New defensive coordinator Braxton Waddell's bunch held Moore County to less than 80 yards rushing and under 150 yards passing for the game.

Sam Bradley was once again the star of the show for the Champions, finishing with nearly 300 total yards on just six offensive possessions. Bradley was efficient through the air, going 10/16 for 191 yards and 2 TDs to go along with 12 carries for 98 yards on the ground. Nate Zimmerman, another transfer, tallied 89 yards rushing on 20 carries.

For Moore County, senior quarterback Gavin Wise finished 13/29 for 132 yards and 1 TD with 1 INT, but went just 3/12 for 30 yards and 1 INT in the second half before exiting the game with a left leg injury halfway through the fourth quarter. Isaac Petty was held to just 60 yards rushing on 16 attempts after rushing for 31 yards on the opening drive of the game.

That opened drive of the game took over eight minutes off of the clock after the Raiders won the toss and elected to receive, getting all the way to the Cascade 1-yard line. Petty lost two yards on second down, but then Moore County looked to have taken the lead with a 3-yard TD pass from Wise to Tristyn Gray on third down. However, the officials deemed the Raiders to have committed offensive pass interference, taking away the touchdown and backing up the hosts to the 18-yard line. Wise threw incomplete on the next two plays, and the Cascade defense forced a turnover on downs.

On the Champs' first possession, Bradley connected with Braxtyn Burris three times, including a pair of 30+ yard completions with the final one being a 31-yard TD strike over the middle to put Cascade ahead, 7-0, on the first play of the second quarter to punctuate the 82-yard, 3:21 scoring drive.

After a holding penalty wiped out a 98-yard Isaac Petty kickoff return, Nate Zimmerman stormed into the backfield for a 10-yard sack on third down to force a punt and a three-and-out. Cascade would then once again reach the Raiders' red zone. After a holding penalty wiped out a 10-yard Zimmerman TD run on fourth-and-five, the visitors sent out Gabe Perez-Rubio to connect on a 37-yard field goal to grow the lead to 10-0. Cascade took nearly eight minutes off the clock, driving 41 yards in 7:46, leaving the Raiders with just 2:20 left in the first half.

Moore County was able to create a couple chunk plays – including a pair of 20 yard completions – to reach the Cascade 31-yard line with just six seconds remaining in the second quarter. On the final play of the half, Wise rolled right, set his feet, and launched the ball 40 yards into the back of the end zone where Luke Stephens ran underneath it to make the catch and trim the lead to 10-7 heading into the locker room.



Braxtyn Burris (0) finished with 4 catches for 81 yards and 1 TD while also intercepting a pass on defense in Friday's win at Moore County. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

This is a momentum swing that would have rattled previous Cascade teams and perhaps been the start of a second-half collapse. However, that was not to be the case for the 2025 Champions. Bradley once again led his team on a scoring drive, and on third-and-twenty he found Corey Gooch for a 56-yard bomb over the middle of the field that resulted in a touchdown and gave Cascade a 17-7 lead with 9:25 to go in the third quarter.

On the ensuing Moore County possession, Braxtyn Burris ended a promising Raiders' drive with an opportunistic interception, racing all the way to the hosts' 17-yard line. Even with the excellent field position, Cascade could not find the end zone and turned the ball over on downs after gaining just five yards.

Moore County took over at its own 12-yard line, driving down all the way to the Champions' 6-yard line, but the Cascade defense held and forced a field goal. After Jax Ross connected from 23-yards out, the Champs' lead was just seven points, 17-10, with 2:43 to play in the third quarter.

Cascade once again went on a time-consuming drive lasting 4:57, but once again they turned the ball over on downs in the red zone. With 9:29 to go, Moore County had a chance to tie the game.

The Raiders picked up a first down on third-and-ten after a roughing-the-passer penalty, and then Wise connected with Aidan Moore for six yards before hitting Cole Taylor for 11 yards to help the Raiders cross midfield. Then, as Wise scrambled left, he tried to plant with his left foot to cut upfield, but he collapsed to the ground. The Raiders' trainers had to carry him off the field, and two plays later they were forced to punt with 5:43 to go. They would not see the football again.

Cascade went on a drive that champions are made of, methodically using clock and running the football with conviction. Bradley needed to complete just one pass on the 58-yard drive – a 15-yard out route to Burris on third down – as the Champions ran out the final 5:43, ending the game in victory formation at the Raiders' 12-yard line to secure the win.

Moore County falls to 1-1 and will host Goodpasture on Friday night.

Cascade improves to 2-0 on the year and will travel to Summertown for a non-region contest on Friday night, LIVE on WZNG The Zinger 100.9 and AM 1400 starting at 6:45 p.m.

Golden Eagles Lose Close Late at Marshall County

BY NOAH MADDOX
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LEWISBURG, Tenn. – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (0-2) gave up 20 points in the fourth quarter at Marshall County (1-1) in a 30-21 loss on Friday night in a non-region contest.

The Golden Eagles took a 21-17 lead with just under four minutes left to play in the fourth quarter after Stephen Bobo connected with Jackson Themm from seven yards out, but Tyler Thompson, who finished 13/21 for 151 yards and 1 TD with 1 INT, responded to put the Tigers up for good on a 2-yard TD run with less than a minute to go.

Shelbyville attempted to find a way to reach the end zone, but a last-second Stephen Bobo heave was picked off and returned for a touchdown to inflate the final score to 30-21.

To open the game, the Tigers punched first thanks to an explosive pass play when Thompson connected with Kel Hightower for a 43-yard TD with 8:09 to play in the first quarter to go up 7-0.

Neither offense would score again until the Golden Eagles tied the game up after Bobo found Xzayvier Jordan for an incredible 18-yard TD with 5:43 left in the first half.

The Tigers responded with a nearly three-minute drive to get into field goal range where Rodner Rogel connected from 25 yards out to put the hosts up 10-7 going into the halftime locker room.

Shelbyville's defense continued its strong night against an explosive Tigers' offense by putting up a zero in the third quarter, allowing Stephen Bobo to orchestrate a masterful 80-yard touchdown drive that culminated in a 9-yard TD run on fourth-and-goal with 4:37 left in the period. This put the Golden Eagles up 13-10 following a failed two-point conversion.

Marshall County finally found the end zone for the second time when Aidan Bryant took the handoff and sprinted across the goal line from 13 yards out, putting the Tigers back in front, 17-13.

Shelbyville responded with another touchdown drive that ended with Themm's reception in the end zone before Marshall County ultimately came away with the game-winning drive.

Marshall County totaled 137 yards on the ground with 2 TDs on 27 attempts, and defensively, they came away with a pair of intercepts to win the turnover battle.



Stephen Bobo (15) accounted for two passing touchdowns along with one rushing touchdown in Friday's loss at Marshall County. *Photo courtesy of Shelbyville Central Football Facebook.*

People Around Town

Celebrating summer's end at Rosenwald Community Center

There's no better way to celebrate the end of summer than at Rosenwald Community Center's annual fish fry. Chef Bobby Peacock recently served up some of the finest food.

Photos by Marilyn Ewing

















Pumpkin Yogurt Parfait with Baked Oatmeal



Chilly weather is around the corner. And a good breakfast is the best way to warm up.

The Dairy Alliance's Pumpkin Yogurt Parfait is good for all ages-even toddlers. It's a wholesome fall treat packed with creamy yogurt, baked oatmeal, and pumpkin goodness!

SERVINGS: 3 toddler-sized servings (1/2 cup each serving)

For the Baked Oatmeal:

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 1 egg
- 1/4 tsp vanilla extract

For the Parfait:

- 1 cup plain whole milk Greek yogurt
- 1/2 cup pumpkin puree
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 2 tbsp unsweetened applesauce (optional, for extra sweetness)

Instructions

1. Preheat Oven

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees (175°C). Grease a small baking dish or line with parchment paper.

2. Mix Baked Oatmeal

In a bowl, combine oats, cinnamon, nutmeg, and baking powder.

In a separate bowl, whisk together applesauce, whole milk, egg, and vanilla extract. Pour wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and mix until combined.

3. Bake the Oatmeal

Pour the oatmeal mixture into the prepared baking dish and spread evenly. Bake for 25–30 minutes or until set. Let it cool completely before cutting into small squares or crumbling for the parfait.

4. Prepare Pumpkin Yogurt Mixture

In a bowl, mix the pumpkin puree, cinnamon, and applesauce (if using). Set aside.

5. Assemble the Parfait

In a toddler-friendly cup or bowl, layer crumbled baked oatmeal, Greek yogurt, and pumpkin mixture. Repeat the layers until the container is full.

6. Serve and Enjoy

Top with a sprinkle of oats or a tiny bit of cinnamon for garnish, if desired.



WALKING ON AS 4X WGC

Photo by Josh Blevins

Congratulations to John Allan Callaway and Justified Honors-TWHNC team which made history Saturday night with their 4th consecutive World Grand Championship!

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