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Council set to approve 'pedestrian only' area for south Spring Street

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While south Spring Street off the square has been closed for through traffic since construction of the Grindstone Cowboy, Council must still officially take a vote on Thursday during its regular meeting to begin the process of a change for use and designate that area "pedestrian only access."

Technically, the street is already impassable for vehicles. Public Works Director Buck Vallad told Council during study session last week that as a part of the ongoing Riverwalk project, he's working toward making south Spring Street a pedestrian walk through.

But some talking points had him wondering if Council was actually going to make that usage change after all-even though it was discussed a while back in the initial plans for the Riverview Walk.

The area being considered for pedestrian-only, is south Spring Street from the corner in front of the entrance to Grindstone Cowboy back to a small portion of McGrew Street.

And all this obviously takes a lot of dollars. Vallad assured Council that there's $1.1 million for paving and $80,000 for sidewalk work. He said there's other line items within his public works budget that will cover concrete. He also has $250,000 to work with

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Council has moderate agenda for Thursday night meeting

Action listed on Thursday's City Council agenda:

- to approve an option to renew the contract with Volunteer Paving for another year
- to approve the purchase through a state-wise contract of three new Ford Interceptor SUVs for Shelbyville Police at a cost of $175,404 (under budget)
- to approve a letter to TDOT, requesting the Small Cities balances and other funds earmarked for the City of Shelbyville (to be applied to Fairfield Pike Project)
- to approve and authorize a letter to TDOT, requesting that $750,000 be moved from the construction phase right-of-way phase to cover additional costs in the Fairfield Pike project



COOPER STEEL cuts ribbon to new facility

Governor attends 65th anniversary celebration

Staff Report

The new Cooper Steel facility is part of a $65 million, seven-year expansion project in Shelbyville that is estimated to create more than 120 jobs here.

In celebration of its 65th anniversary, Cooper Steel, a national leader in steel management, fabrication, and erection, held a ribbon-cutting ceremony and celebration last Thursday for its newest steel fabrication facility in Shelbyville.

The new facility is at 502 North Hillcrest Drive - right across the street from the existing campus. The site broke ground earlier this year, elevating the company's services and growing operational capacity with an 80,000 square foot expansion, state-of-the-art equipment, and innovative machinery.

The ribbon-cutting was attended by state and local leaders including Gov. Bill Lee, State Rep. Pat Marsh, Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham, Shelbyville Mayor Randy Carroll, members of the local Chamber of Commerce, City Council, first responders, local business owners, former and current Cooper Steel employees and many more.

"We're grateful for businesses like Cooper Steel, who value Tennessee families, strengthen our economy, and are making significant contributions to the skilled labor workforce that continues to shape our future," said Gov. Lee. "The construction of this fabrication shop alone provided work for more than 20 construction companies based in Middle Tennessee, and the facility will create over 50 high-quality jobs for Tennesseans in Bedford County and

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Halloween coloring page contest

Check out our Halloween coloring page contest on pg. 5 today!
Submit to the T-G. Judges will select the best for a $25 gift card! Others to be printed in T-G edition.





GILLILAND CENTER HOLDS ANCESTRY DAY

T-G Photo by Marilyn Ewing

Nashville Attorney Madison Biggs reads the historical marker inscription during Ancestry Day on Saturday at the Gilliland Resource Center, Inc. in Shelbyville. Acknowledging his own opportunities, Madison mentors current and aspiring law students who seek to use their legal education to make a positive impact. See more historical pictures and story on page 12.

Erica Wright comes home as guest author of library luncheon Oct. 14

By Dawn Hankins

Author Erica Wright of Knoxville, originally from Wartrace, says some of her best memories come from visiting Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library as a child. Now a prolific author, Wright will be guest speaker during the 2025 Friends of the Library Luncheon on Oct. 14 at noon in the Blue Ribbon Circle on the Celebration grounds.

The SBCPL's 10-year anniversary celebration, at its current location, makes this local author's visit even more of an important milestone, according to Library representatives.

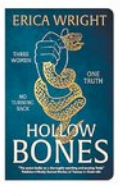
Wright, who lives now in Knoxville with her family, has written several fiction books, including the "Kat Stone series" as well as collections of poems.

Her latest book, "Hollow Bones," is a mystery novel full of enthralling twists and turns. An eerie Appalachian town. A fatal fire. Three women whose fates intertwine . . . Essa Montgomery and her brother Clyde were brought up in New Hope, a serpent-handling church in Vintera, W. Va., until the shocking deaths of both their parents closed the church down. Now 20, reclusive Essa lives alone in her childhood home in the shadow of New Hope, which to her horror has been taken over by a new charismatic, unsettling pastor who continues the dangerous practice.

Wright's "Hollow Bones" has been called "an incredibly rich work of literature."

Her essay collection "Snake" is part of Bloomsbury's Object Lessons series and was one of LitReactor's Best Books of 2020. Her crime novel "Famous in Cedarville," received a starred review from Publishers Weekly. She is also the author of the poetry collections, "Instructions for Killing the Jackal" and "All the Bayou Stories End with Drowned."





Author Wright was the poetry editor at Guernica Magazine for more than a decade and currently teaches at Bellevue University.

Friends of the Library welcomes her home to their special event, noting the author and her family were some of the SBCP Library's biggest supporters during her time living in Bedford County.

Tickets, until sold out, are $20 each at the SBCP Library on Jefferson Street. A full table for 8 can be purchased for $160. Sponsorships for the Library are also available for $300, which will include 8 tickets.

SHELBYVILLE IS HORSE COUNTRY

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

Whitley takes time out from getting a DQ treat on Sunday to pet her favorite horse. Whitley is a bit of a rider herself. The family stopped for a break on their way to do some horse business.

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The Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes used a hat trick from Jayda Frazier to run away from Giles County 5-0 Monday.

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surrounding areas."

The company is hiring for various positions including in-office and trade labor roles, offering competitive pay and benefits. Like its existing fabrication shops, the new space is fully air conditioned—an amenity not commonly found in factory settings.

"This expansion is about more than meeting demand," said Gary Cooper, CEO and Chairman of the Board of Cooper Steel. Gary's father, Kenneth Cooper, founded the company in Shelbyville in 1960.

"It also reflects the trusted relationships we've built with our partners and team, the strong foundation laid by our history, and our commitment to investing in our community's future. Our goal is for families to want to live here, work here, and grow here."

As part of its ongoing community investment, Cooper Steel has developed a strong partnership with Bedford County schools to introduce various initiatives like the Cooper Steel Reading Program—which has supported more than 2.2 million minutes read by students—as well as the Attendance and Twelve/Twelve Legacy Programs. The company has also sponsored local high school athletic facility improvements, including a new turf football field, weight room, locker rooms, and more to help build a strong community for future generations.



T-G Photos by Marilyn Ewing

"We're proud of how far we've come and what brought us here," Cooper said. "Setting high expectations for safety, quality, and performance, delivering on them with superior products and services, and treating people how we'd like to be treated in the process."







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that Council approved for the Riverview District project.

Vallad told Council members that the street is not going to be permanently closed and will be reopened, when Grindstone opens. It is the City's choice of usage from that point forward.

"Are we thinking this might not happen now?" Vallad asked Council. "Should I stop doing what I'm doing over there?" We're doing a lot of work . . . point where it's going to be one-way."

Vallad said that he doesn't want to get the cart before the horse but he doesn't want to also get 6 months down the road and the plan change for public works. He was really looking for answers Tuesday night.

Attorney Ginger Shofner said the use of south Spring Street is an agenda item on the October City Planning Commission meeting.

Councilman Josh Blevins said Council shouldn't wait to make that decision late in October, when the PC meets again.

When the issue of open container came up, most Council members agreed that's a whole different decision to be made by Council. So that discussion was quickly tabled.

Vallad said his workers are trying to make sure that street is going to be a safe area for pedestrians heading down to the proposed river overlook. "You don't need cars intermingling with a bunch of pedestrians . . . ."

He said that maybe he misunderstood the river walk concept. He said it was his thinking the $250,000 Council approved for the current project was to secure that pedestrian area.

"I'm a little bit in limbo on that," said Vallad.

Mayor Randy Carroll asked about the direction of the said street and if it will eventually flow back to the Fly Arts Center parking area.

Vallad advised, "Eventually, it will go all the way back through. We have constraints because of the riverwalk and the overlook. That has to get constructed before we can do a lot of that."

He said at this time, his goal is to get to at least to the end of the third building that the City has owned. "If we're doing something different, please let me know sooner than later."

Attorney Shofner said Council has "talked in generalities" about the street but they haven't gone through legalities to get the street changed. She said she didn't recall Council bringing up the road issue last month or anyone mentioning that it was a "rush."

Vallad said he did.

Councilman Blevins said the reality is that the City is about a week away from that street being impassable for two-way traffic. He said a lot of work has been done thus far to make it one way.

Council person Betsy Noel said constituents have asked if the City is changing that street to assist the restaurants like Grindstone Cowboy. Noel further explained that the entertainment district has nothing to do with the fact that the street could become a pedestrian right-of-way. She stressed the change would be for safety reasons. Councilman Henry Feldhaus said he believes a Spring Street usage change has everything to do with the entertainment district. "The vision, the drawings that have been on the table for 5, 6, 7, 8 years . . . ."

He said many businesses, like Glass Hollow Restaurant, located at 123 South Side Public Square, bought into the Riverwalk plans before opening. Council members Blevins and Noel were not serving on Council when the initial plans for the Riverwalk District were approved.

Feldhaus, who was involved in the outset, clarified, "There's been zero conversation that the City Council needed to formally close or change the use of that street, ever, that I've heard, until now we're getting ready to open . . . spent a million dollars trying to get it ready."

He added, "All of a sudden, somebody wants to say we're getting the cart before the horse, whatever."

Councilman Feldhaus said the original plan/design needs to move on. Still, he said some people may have to literally walk on it before they see the Riverview vision.

Referring to changing Spring Street usage, Feldhaus commented, "I used to drive it every day," said Feldhaus. "I haven't missed it."

Councilman William Christie said the Riverview District plan is to improve community tourism and help the City grow. "My opinion is that we just proceed."

Feldhaus said the Duck River is an "unexploited asset" of the City of Shelbyville. "We can bring tourism dollars here, i.e., keep our taxes from going up on us."

Vallad said he hopes that the $250,000 from the City will allow the street work to get past that third building off Spring Street. But he's not sure. He said things like street lighting costs have to be considered in dollars available as well.

He said he might have to come back to Council for more funding. Vallad added that weather dictates when concrete can be poured and as well, costs can change.

City Manager Scott Collins said on that note to keep in mind that Council should know by Oct. 15 about a downtown improvement grant award.

Referring again to south Spring Street, Vallad advised, "It's still a public right-of-way. That does not change. What changes-if a vehicle can go on it or if it's just for pedestrians. With a public right-of-way anybody can go in there . . . pedestrian right-of-way for the citizens of Shelbyville."

The change of usage of south Spring Street is scheduled to be on this week's meeting agenda, the mayor confirmed Thursday.



FRIENDLY CHAT WITH THE MAYOR

T-G Photo by Marilyn Ewing

Shelbyville Mayor Randy Carroll talks with Carolyn Conner at an event recently held at the Carriage House. Carolyn is a life-long resident of Bedford County.



Travelers flying in or out of Nashville International Airport (BNA) could experience delays as the FAA warned Tuesday of anticipated staffing shortages in the airport's control tower. Between 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m., the FAA said reduced staffing levels could result in temporary ground stops, flight delays, or reroutes. These shortages may also limit the number of planes allowed to take off or land per hour. So, save yourself some hassle and check ahead.



East Side kids set for cold weather

Citycurrent organizes coat drive

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Along with 100 plus free coats, hats and mittens given out at East Side Elementary last Friday came about as many smiles.

Eileen Vick of CITYcurrent Nashville said that organizing an event like this takes a team and admits she could not have done it without everyone working behind the scenes.

"What an incredible day of joy and generosity! Our coat distribution at East Side Elementary was a beautiful reminder of what happens when our community comes together with heart and purpose," said Vick.

She gave a special thank you to the event's anonymous benefactor.

Vick also thanked Bedford County schools, East Side Elementary teachers and staff, Reyes Coca-Cola Bottling, World Literacy Foundation, Operation Warm, Five Below, Chick-fil-A, and Commissioner Greg Vick for making everything possible.

"Your generosity and partnership brought a blessing, warmth, comfort, and countless smiles to children across our community. To our amazing volunteers who took time away from work to serve — you are the heartbeat of this effort. Your kindness, energy, and willingness to give back truly made the day unforgettable."

This was the third year cityCURRENT has organized either a shoe or coat distribution event, and Vick once again, the impact was felt far beyond the school's walls.

"Students lit up as volunteers helped them try on their coats, pick out books, receive hats and gloves to go with their coat and celebrate together. For many children, the gift was not just about warmth—it was a reminder that they are seen, valued, and supported by their community."

Commissioner Greg Vick's dedication to connecting schools, benefactors, and community partners played a pivotal role in bringing this vision to life. "It was incredible to see the children's faces light up," Commissioner Vick said. "These coats mean so much more than protection from the cold—they give our students confidence, comfort, and the knowledge that their community cares deeply about them."

Photos by Chris White





"Our mission is to power the GOOD in our communities, and today we saw that in action. The joy on the students' faces, the teamwork of our community partners, the generosity of a neighbor who wished to remain anonymous, and the incredible outpouring of volunteers all came together to create a day of lasting impact."

But perhaps the most inspiring part of the day was the overwhelming outpouring of volunteers. Dozens of community members rearranged their busy schedules to be there—County employees and officials, teachers, parents, business leaders, and neighbors alike.

"Together, they cheered on students, knelt down to zip coats, helped little hands sign thank-you notes, and shared words of encouragement that made each child feel celebrated. Their presence transformed the event from a distribution into a true community celebration of love and care," said Eileen Vick.

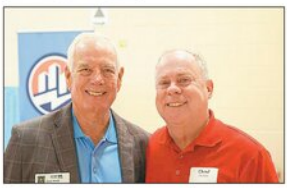
This event was exclusive to the students of East Side Elementary. For more information on future community events or volunteer opportunities, contact Eileen at 615-927-4174 or eileenv@citycurrent.com.













Old witch of a Rock House-Be Gone!

By Dawn Hankins

I'm certain to tick some of my friends, especially at the County level, off with this editorial. But as they say, we all have our opinions.

So here is mine regarding the old Rock House Jail off the public square. I've been telling people for years this eye sore needs to go.

Looking at it from historical perspective . . . Naa. I still don't like it.

I heard all the stories for years-the one about man slipping out of the window. He starved himself. Don't even know if that's true.

Heard about people having parties with their friends through those windows. Don't know if that's true or not either.

For its time, the jail served a great purpose. It's what we had.

How many people, I wonder, who spent time in the Rock House (breakfast of pimento cheese and Kool Aid) are now fine, upstanding citizens. Do they get a sick feeling in their stomach when they pass that old jail?

Some people might say, 'that way they don't forget.' To me, we need to erase all those bad times and look to something brighter in that spot off the square.

We've got new businesses going up on the public square. How about a pretty, clean look for a change?

But to me, it's just a constant reminder for those folks whose family were put there for various crimes. Maybe some of it was their fault. Maybe some of it wasn't?

Some of it ended OK with the people doing better in life. Some of it ended with death penalty.

So, what do we want to remember about this horrible building? To me, it's an eye sore of my lovely public square I remember from childhood. My imagination runs toward something of beauty and necessity.

The building always frightened me as a child. (Images of that gauntly man coming out the window.) I guess that was good because I never spent a night there.

I guess any monies spent on the building will be from grants. But couldn't we use those dollars for something more worthwhile in Bedford County?

Here's the real reason for my rant. We have an awesome corrections facility out Highway 231 North. Granted, we are realizing that some things could have been done differently in the way of construction, etc. But overall, I'd sure rather work there than in that previous building.

Tour that building. That's the heart of court, crime, etc. these days.

So, I guess I'd say I'd be for keeping it-if we still housed prisoners in it. But we no longer do that.

Some of the pictures the County took this week of the cleanup/inside were awful, in the sense the building is old and failing in its usefulness.

I know another town has a jail where people visit. Never been in those.

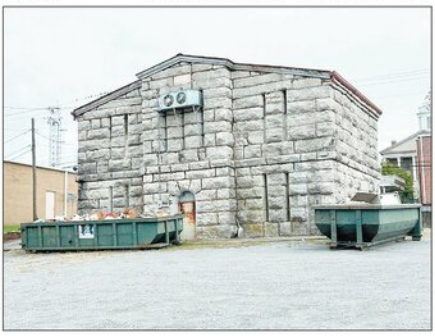
I just can't see why anyone would want it to hang around. We've got pictures. Make a historic book out of it. There's an idea that might just generate some revenue.

Another question, the EPA is doing assessments on such structures. It's free. Let them get in there and let them tell us whether it's worth hanging onto.

I can see it now. The old Rock House is painted with butterflies and has ferns hanging outside it.

Nope. I just don't see it. She needs to be put to rest. Time served.

A sweet friend of mine posted this on her Facebook page today: "Life is like a doorway. Some doors you walk through and leave open and some you close gently. So we don't need to stand staring at the one that is closed because we might miss the one opening right before us."





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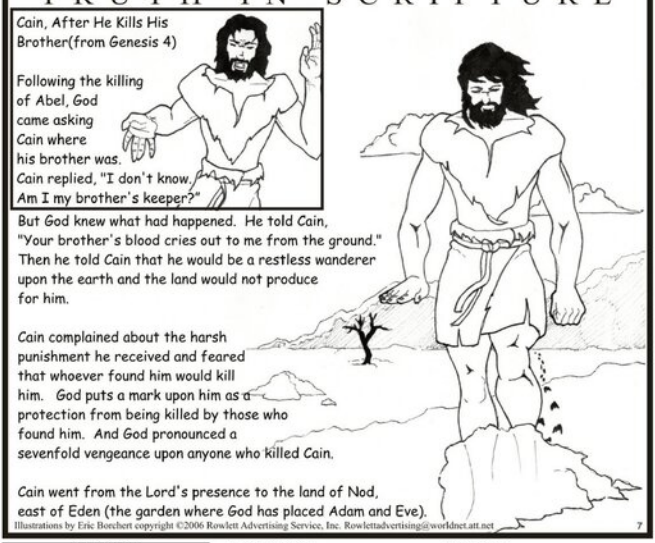
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Homemade Halloween Treats

Halloween calls for candies and treats of all kinds as trick-or-treaters roam neighborhoods, but don't forget to stock your own snack supply with homemade goodies.

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Party Mix

As one of the easiest recipes you could imagine, a Halloween-themed party mix simply calls for your favorite snack-type foods tossed together in a group-sized bowl or individual containers. You can try just about anything from candy corns and miniature chocolates to pretzels, popcorn and more.

Spooky Cupcakes

Kid-friendly treats are the name of the game when it comes to Halloween, and there's almost no better way to get children involved in the kitchen than with some personalized decorations. Bake your preferred cupcakes – chocolate or vanilla – then call on the kiddos to use icing and toppings for creepy custom creations.

Pumpkin Pie

There's nothing wrong with going with a classic. Pumpkin is the flavor of the season, which makes pumpkin pie a traditional taste this time of year. Because most versions call for a fairly small number of ingredients, it's a simple way to bake a desirable dessert. Plus, you can easily give pumpkin pie some Halloween flair using whipped cream to "draw" a spooky Jack-o-lantern-like face.

Creepy Cookies

Whether your family craves chocolate chip or prefers the sweetness of sugar cookies, you can lay out your favorite dough and use seasonal cookie cutters – think frightful bite.

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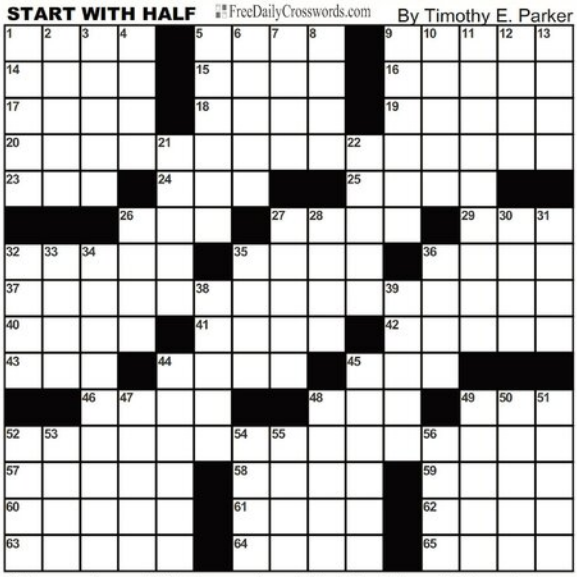
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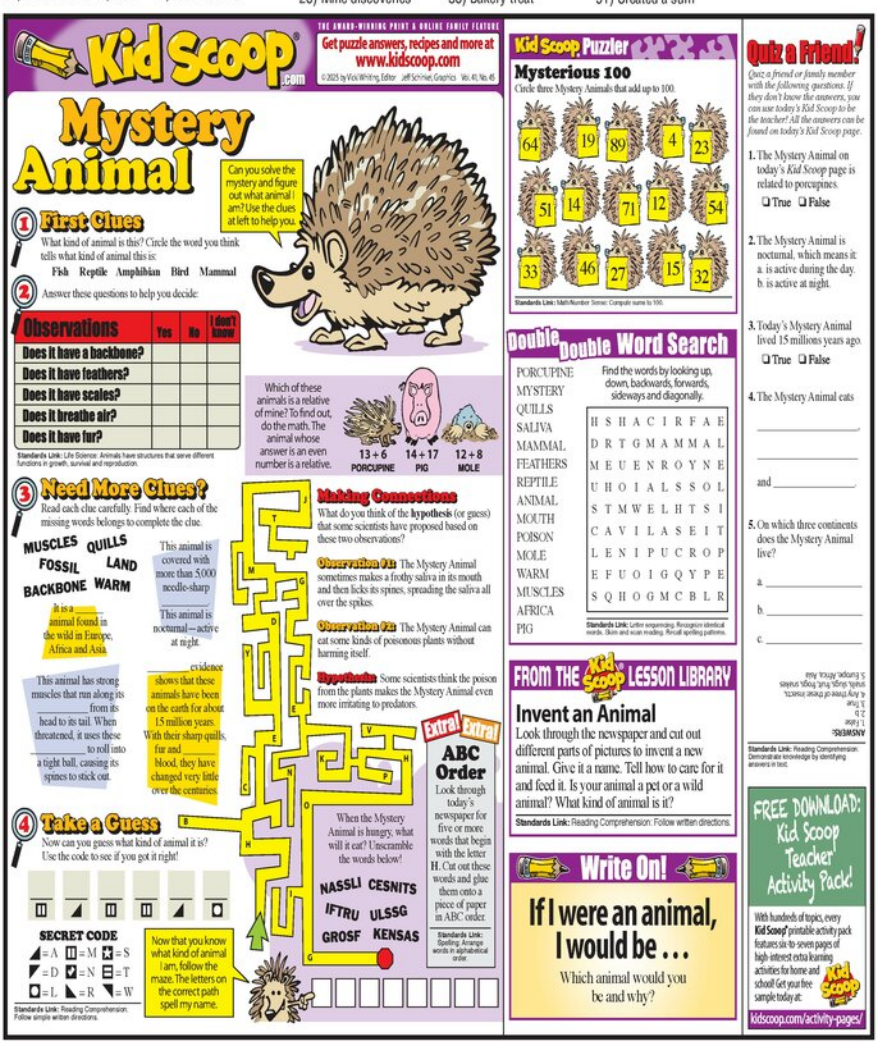


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1) Place known for development
5) It usually has busy hands
9) Raised, as a bet
14) Diaper cream ingredient
15) Move through a kiddie pool
16) Hang in folds
17) Object of devotion
18) Wide-mouthed pitcher
19) Day of old Hollywood
20) Three things started by half
23) Small prop in the grass
24) "Ciao, Brutus"
25) A god of war
26) Before, in romantic poetry
27) Bests
29) Investment for the golden years
32) Brown ermine
35) South American country
36) Straddling
37) Three things started by half
40) Isles, to a Brit
41) Camp beds
42) Tootsie Pop portions
43) Republicans, briefly
44) Verb for Shakespeare
45) It's slung in campaigns
46) Pork purchase
48) Breakfast meat
49) Jetted bath, e.g.
52) Three things started by half
57) Card-game expert Edmond
58) Go on the warpath, verbally
59) Morsel for Miss Muffet
60) Two-tone cookies
61) The munchies, for one
62) "Anyone___?"
63) Neglected to
64) Made a right turn on horseback
65) "Call of the Wild" vehicle

CLUES DOWN

1) Middle of a three-part body measurement
2) Blast from the past
3) The animal, not the dessert
4) Word with "conveyor" or "corn"
5) One way to avoid an accident
6) Anchor rope's hole
7) As previously mentioned, in footnotes
8) Gilpin of "Frasier"
9) Milk providers
10) Investigate thoroughly
11) Like leeches
12) "Lawrence of Arabia" is one
13) Cubicle feature
21) You are here
22) Enjoy immensely
26) Puts away groceries?
27) Choppers that can't fly
28) Mine discoveries
30) Work an ax on stage
31) Dr. Zaius and kin
32) Party just for guys
33) Small band
34) Beat on a tennis court, e.g.
35) "The___ thickens"
36) Too dry for farming
38) Bakery treat
39) Perfectly vertical
44) Deprive of power
45) Tangled into a thick mass, as hair
47) DuPont fabric
48) Door attachment
49) Cranium
50) In and of itself
51) Created a sum
52) Wearing footwear
53) Spelling of "Beverly Hills, 90210"
54) Pharmacist's item
55) Suffix with "soft" or "hard," in tech
56) Bullets, in Vegas



NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, BEDFORD COUNTY

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION GATHERED IN CONNECTION HEREWITH WILL BE UTILIZED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated February 1, 2022, and the Deed of Trust of even date, securing said Deed of Trust Note recorded on February 9, 2022 in Record Book TD1042, at Page 69 as Instrument No. 22001196, in the Register's office of Bedford County, Tennessee, executed by Jackson B. Ozbum and Jenny L. Ozbum, convoying certain property described therein to J. Luke Sanderson, Esq., as Trustee, for the benefit of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (the "Holder") and to Mickel Law Firm, P.A., having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument of record in the Register's office for Bedford County, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the owner and holder of the Deed of Trust Note has declared the entire indebtedness due and payable and demanded that the hereinafter described real property be advertised and sold in satisfaction of indebtedness and costs of foreclosure in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Deed of Trust Note and Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that an agent of Mickel Law Firm, P.A., as Substitute Trustee, pursuant to the power, duty and authority vested in and conferred upon said Substitute Trustee, by the Deed of Trust, will on Friday, November 14, 2025, at or about 11:00 AM at 1 Public Square, Bedford County Courthouse - Main Entrance, Shelbyville, Tennessee, 37160, the sale will be held in the place at said venue where foreclosure sales are customarily advertised and/or conducted, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, and free from all legal, equitable and statutory rights of redemption, exemptions of homestead, rights by virtue of marriage, and all other exemptions of every kind, all of which have been waived in the Deed of Trust, certain real property located in Bedford County, Tennessee, described as follows:

All that certain real property situated in the County of Bedford, State of TN, described as follows:

REAL ESTATE LYING AND BEING IN THE TENTH (10TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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TOOLEY PROPERTY OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 291 PAGE 563, THE SAME BEING THE SOUTHERN MOST CORNER OF LOT 7 OF THE STACY JOHNSON SUBDIVISION, SECTION 4, AND BEING A PLAT OF RECORD JN PLAT CABINET B, ENVELOPE 290. THENCE: LEAVING THE SAID EAST PROPERTY LINE OF THE SAID JERRY W. CARLTON ET UX MARY R. CARLTON PROPERTY OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 284 PAGE 462 AND ALONG THE EAST PROPERTY LINE OF THE SAID CHARLES R. TOOLEY ET AL VILMA U. TOOLEY PROPERTY, NORTH 37 DEG. 24 MIN. 57 SEC. EAST 277.06 FT. TO AN IRON ROD (OLD). THENCE: NORTH 35 DEG. 54 MIN. 24 SEC. EAST 391.49 FT. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 8.20 ACRES MORE OR LESS, ACCORDING TO SURVEY BY STEVEN J. CAFFEY, RLS #1819, 319 LANE PARKWAY, SHELBYVILLE, TENNESSEE, DATED APRIL 29, 2009. BEING A PORTION OF THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO JACKSON B OZBURN AND WIFE, JENNY L OZBURN BY DEED FROM STACY L. JOHNSON AND S AND C PROPERTIES, LLC., DATED 6/19/2009, OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 295, PAGE 631, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Assessor Parcel Number(s): 024 006.09
Parcel ID: 24-006.09-000
More Commonly Known As: 319 Cooportown Rd., Unionville, TN 37180.

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; and

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 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. Beneficiary has appointed the substitute trustee prior to the first notice of publication as required by T.C.A. § 35-5-101 and ratifies and confirms all actions taken by the substitute trustee subsequent to the date of substitution and prior to the recording of this substitution.

The sale is subject to Occupants(s) rights in possession, if applicable.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Grantor, the Grantee or the Substitute Trustee.

To the best of the Trustee's knowledge, information, and belief, there are no Federal or State tax lien claimants or other claimants upon the subject property which would require notice pursuant to the terms and provisions of T.C.A. § 35-5-104, T.C.A. § 67-1-1433 or 26 U.S.C. § 7425.

If a high bidder fails to close a sale, the Substitute Trustee shall have the option of making the sale to the next highest bidder. The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Substitute Trustee's option at any time.

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. This property is being sold "as is." Additionally, no representation as to the condition of any structure(s) thereon or the accuracy of the above legal description is being or has been made. Transfer taxes and recording fees are the responsibility of the purchaser.

The following individuals or entities have an interest in the above-described property: Jonny L. Ozbum, Jackson B. Ozbum, Tenants and/or Occupants of 319 Coopertown Rd., Unionville, TN 37180.

DATED this 15th day of September, 2025.

James H. Swindle, Jr.
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

Sale at public auction will be on December 9, 2025 at 11:00AM local time, at the south door, Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, Tennessee pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by Christopher A. Moore, to Limestone Title and Escrow, LLC, Trustee, as trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Peoples Home Equity Inc. on April 27, 2012 at Book TD774, Page 224, Instrument No. 12002581; conducted by LLG Trustee TN LLC, having been appointed Substitute or Successor Trustee, all of record in the Bedford County Register's Office. Default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable.

Party Entitled to Enforce the Debt: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns.

The real estate located in Bedford County, Tennessee, and described in the said Deed of Trust will be sold to the highest call bidder. The terms of the said Deed of Trust may be modified by other instruments appearing in the public record. Additional identifying information regarding the collateral property is below and is believed to be accurate, but no representation or warrant is intended.

Street Address: 1308 Birch Street, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160
Parcel Number: 089E E 004.00
Current Owner(s) of Property: Christopher A. Moore

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded Plat or Plan; any unpaid taxes and assessments; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; rights of redemption, equity, statutory or otherwise, not otherwise waived in the Deed of Trust, including rights of redemption of any government agency, state or federal; and any and all prior deeds of trust, liens, dues, assessments, encumbrances, including those created by a fixture filing or any applicable homeowners' association dues or assessments; any defects, adverse claims and other matters that may take priority over the Deed of Trust upon which this foreclosure sale is conducted or are not extinguished by this Foreclosure Sale; all claims or other matters, whether recorded or not, which may encumber the purchaser's title and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

The following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property to be affected by the foreclosure: any judgment creditor or lien holder with an interest subordinate to the said Deed of Trust or any party claiming by, though, or under any of the foregoing. Such parties known to the Substitute Trustee may include: Goodleap, LLC.

Terms of Sale will be public auction, for cash, free and clear of rights of homestead, redemption and dower to the extent disclaimed or inapplicable, and the rights of Christopher A. Moore, and those claiming through him/her/it/them.

Any right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are waived in accord with the terms of 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 postpone or adjourn the sale to another time certain or to another specified date, time, and location certain, without further newspaper publication upon announcement by posting with the third-party internet posting company and announcing on the date, time, and location of each sale set forth above or any subsequent postponed or adjourned date, time, and location of sale; provided, however if the sale is postponed or adjourned for less than five (5) days after the original sale, announcement by internet posting is not required.

If you purchase a property at the foreclosure sale, the entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of a certified/bank check made payable to or endorsed to LOGS Legal Group LLP. No personal checks will be accepted. To this end, you must bring sufficient funds to outbid the lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser at the time the foreclosure deed is delivered.

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 only by the Substitute Trustee at any time. If the Substitute Trustee rescinds the sale, the purchaser shall only be entitled to a return of any money paid towards the purchase price and shall have no other recourse. Once the purchaser tenders the purchase price, the Substitute Trustee may deem the sale final in which case the purchaser shall have no remedy. The real property will be sold AS IS, WHERE IS, with no warranties or representations of any kind, express or implied, including without limitation, warranties regarding condition of the property or marketability of title.

THE PROPERTY IS SOLD WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, RELATING TO TITLE, MARKETABILITY OF TITLE, POSSESSION, QUIET ENJOYMENT OR THE LIKE AND FITNESS FOR A GENERAL OR PARTICULAR USE OR PURPOSE. The title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

This Notice of Sale can be viewed online by Better Choice Notice Solutions at HTTPS://BetterChoiceNotices.com

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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 November 30, 2021, executed by BILL JAMES GRIMES AKA BILL GRIMES JR. conveying certain real property therein described to ARNOLD W. WEISS, ESQ. WEISS SPICER CASH, PLLC, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee recorded December 7, 2021, in Deed Book TD1034, Page 788; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on November 14, 2025 at or about 11:00 AM at the main entrance to the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, to wit:

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BEDFORD, STATE OF TENNESSEE, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND IN THE 10TH CIVIL DISTRICT OF BEDFORD COUNTY, STATE OF TENNESSEE, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING FROM THE MIDDLE OF A COOPERTOWN ROAD (ROVER-LONGVIEW ROAD) AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTHEAST SIDE 225.5 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH SIDE 202 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE WEST SIDE 162 FEET; AND THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE 202.5 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO POINT OF BEGINNING, BY ESTIMATION.

Parcel ID: 007.024 00101

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 400 COOPERTOWN RD, UNIONVILLE, TN 37180. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): BILL JAMES GRIMES AKA BILL GRIMES JR.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

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

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

Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
rlselaw.com/property-listing
Tel: (877) 813-0992
Fax: (470) 508-9401
A copy of this notice is being published at www.BetterChoiceNotices.com (1093tc)

Request for Proposals

Bid No. 26-8: Remove and Replace Grease Trap at Southside Elementary (3,000 gal volume)

Bid packages are available on the Bedford County website, bedfordcountytn.gov, or at the Bedford County Department of Finance, 200 Dover Street, Suite 102, Shelbyville, TN. **Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, October 30, 2025.**

Classifieds

YARD SALES

Multi-Family Yard Sale
233 Highland Ct.
Saturday, October 11th,
7-2

Yard Sale
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Friday, 10/10 and
Saturday, 10/11
6 AM until

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Project No. B-00-AB-47-0058
Owner: Town of Wartrace

Separate sealed bids for 2025 Wartrace UDAG Gymnasium Improvements will be received by the Town of Wartrace at the office of Town of Wartrace Town Hall, 29 Main Street East, Wartrace, TN 37183, until 10:00 A.M., October 27, 2025, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the following:

Town of Wartrace Town Hall, 29 Main Street East, Wartrace, TN 37183

Copies may be obtained at the office Town of Wartrace Town Hall, located at 29 Main Street East, Wartrace, TN 37183 upon payment of $0.00 for each set. Any unsuccessful bidder, upon returning each set promptly and in good condition, will be refunded his payment, and any non-bidder upon so returning such a set will be refunded $0.00.

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

Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders.

All bidders must be licensed General Contractors as required by the Contractor's Licensing Act of 1994 of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, and qualified for the type of construction being bid upon.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246.

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

Dated: Oct. 8, 2025

Death Notices

Ron Leverette

Ron Leverette, age 53, of Unionville, passed away on October 1, 2025, in Murfreesboro. A Bedford County native, he was a 1991 Community graduate. Ron was the son of the late Ronald "Ronnie" Lynn Leverette, Sr., and Connie Paul, who survives.

Ron is survived by his wife of 32 years, Summer Ray Leverette of Unionville; children, Hunter (Allison) Leverette of Wartrace and Tyler Leverette (Gracie Basso) of Unionville.

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

Mary Christine Harris Rogers

Mary Christine Harris Rogers, 96, of Shelbyville, passed away at Alive Hospice of Murfreesboro

October 4, 2025. She was born April 8,1929, to the late Leland "Bill" Harris and Mary Elizabeth Lewis Harris. She is preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Lee Marlin Rogers; sister, Betty Jean Harris; and stepmother, Sue Lentz Harris.

She is survived by son, Rodney Lee Rogers and his wife, Dawn Phillips Rogers, and grandson, Brett Lee Rogers of Shelbyville.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Shirley Ann Christmon Owens

Shirley Ann Christmon Owens, age 76 of Shelbyville, passed away on September 27,2025 at AMG Specialty Hospital in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. Born on August 30,1949, she was the youngest daughter of the late Charlie Lewis Sr., and Annie Lou Christmon.

Shirley was a Harris High School cheerleader and the girls' basketball team. In 1965, this basketball team was the Middle Tennessee Athletic Association (MTAA) Girl's Basketball Team Champions.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Robert "Korn" Christmon and Walter E. Christmon and sisters Clara A. Rodgers and Hattie Holman. She leaves behind her husband, James Owens; one sister Dorothy Ruth Wright of Strafford, Virginia and one brother, Charlie "Peanut" Christmon Jr., of Shelbyville.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Reeves Turney Jr.

Richard Reeves "Ricky" Turney, Jr., passed away on October 30, 2025, in Manchester at the age of 68. He was born on November 11, 1956, in Nashville.

Ricky was preceded in death by his parents, Richard Reeves Turney, Sr. and Donna Gore Turney; his infant sister, Terry Diane Turney. He is survived by his brother, Steve Turney and wife Angie of Murfreesboro.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Lisa Shelby

Lisa Shelby, 54, of Shelbyville, passed away peacefully on October 4th, 2025, surrounded by her family.

Lisa was wife of Tim Shelby, and mother of Faith Marshall, Mariah Gipson, and Alex Shelby. Lisa is also survived by her siblings Richelle Burgess, Paul Burgess, Daniel Burgess, and Michael Burgess.

For 30 years, Lisa worked with Bedford County Schools, where she poured her heart into caring for and guiding countless children.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Carl Manley Fox, Jr.

Carl Manley Fox, Jr., age 70, of Lynchburg, passed away October 6, 2025. Mr. Fox was born, April 27, 1955, in Murfreesboro, to the late Carl Manley Fox, Sr. and Lorene Elizabeth Modrell Fox.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife Sheila Ann Fox. He is survived by his sons, Christopher Jason (Kimberly) Fox, Sr. of Orlinda, TN, and Ryan (Jennifer) Fox of Michigan; two daughters, Megan Fox of Lynchburg, and Dawn Dye, of Shelbyville.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Obituaries

Edwin Garland Bates, Sr.



Edwin Garland Bates, Sr., age 85, of Shelbyville, passed from this life on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at Community Care Center of Rutherford County after an extended illness.

A native of Bedford County, Garland was born on January 9, 1940, to the late William Frank Bates and Leona Allison Bates. He was also preceded in death by his brother, William Max Bates.

Garland spent his early childhood in Shelbyville before his family relocated to Detroit, Michigan when he was 6. He attended Bentley High School in Livonia and found his calling in the boxing ring, becoming a Golden Gloves boxer. His career began with the Livonia Police Department and led him to train at the legendary Brewster Wheeler Rec Center now known as Kronk Gym, where icons like Joe Louis and Sugar Ray Robinson once honed their craft. Garland fought—and won—a professional bout, retiring early due to a shoulder injury. He remained proud that he never once hit the mat in any match.

He moved back to Tennessee at the age of 18 and started his life in Shelbyville. He became a well-known local bar owner and operator, running several establishments including Garland's Yard, Green Acers, K&E, Mary Go Round, Madison Street Tavern, and Gad-About. He also worked with Fly Manufacturing and later retired from Tyson Foods in 2016 at the age of 76.

Garland was a skilled longbow enthusiast, known for his remarkable aim—he could hit a quarter in midair. He was an avid outdoorsman, proficient in hunting and fishing with his long bow, but above all, he cherished time with his family. He was a devoted husband, father, and a "Good Papa" to his grandchildren.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 46 years, Virginia Dale McKinney Bates; 6 children, Edwin Garland Bates, Jr. of Shelbyville, William Wesley Bates of Hartsville, Marty Sean (Charlene) Bates of Shelbyville, Bonnie Dawn Williams of Shelbyville, Cherry Sunshine (Ronny) Mitchum of Crossville, and Jennifer Rebecca (Davey) Clayton of Hendersonville; 10 grandchildren, Charles, Justin, Summer "Rosebud", Levi, Abby, Anna, Shelbee, Will, Chloe, and Liz; along with 2 great grandchildren, Lilly "Lilly Bug", and Sean Alex.

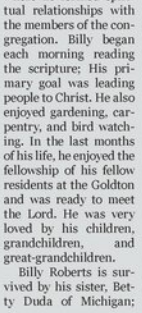
A Celebration of Life service will be held 3:00 p.m. Sunday October 19, 2025, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Ronny Mitchum officiating. Visitation with the family will be held prior to service beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital @ www.stjude.org.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com

Billy D. Roberts



Billy D. Roberts, 88, of Shelbyville, TN, passed peacefully on September 27th, 2025, at The Goldton Assisted Living Facility in Spring Hill, Tennessee.

Born on May 25th, 1937, in Greenwood, Mississippi, he was the child of Ephram and Louise Roberts (Compton). When he was 5 years old, he and his family relocated to Texas as a result of the Mississippi Flood in 1942. Then, at the age of 14, his family relocated to Michigan.

He was a graduate of Kaleva High School. After joining the military in 1961, Billy served as an E-5 in the Army until 1964. He was briefly stationed in Korea. During his time in the Army, his Distinctions included a Good Conduct Medal, Sharpshooter (Rifle), Letter of Commendation, and Expert (Carbine). He then became an ordained minister in June 1968, with a certificate from Arlington Baptist Seminary.

He married Sharon Lovell in June of 1962 in Cordell, Oklahoma. Together, they had 4 children, Rhonda Roberts (Krekeler), Regina Roberts (Sullivan), Joshua Roberts, John Roberts. They divorced in 1983. He later married Virginia Bright (Winters),and was blessed to become the stepfather of her three sons, Jeff Harlan, Brian Harlan, & Bart Bright.

Billy was employed at General Motors in Arlington, Texas, for 33 years. While working for General Motors, Billy also worked as a minister at several churches around the Dallas-Fort Worth Area. Most recently, he pastored at Twin Oaks Baptist Church in Shelbyville, Tennessee, where he formed spiritual relationships with the members of the congregation. Billy began each morning reading the scripture; His primary goal was leading people to Christ. He also enjoyed gardening, carpentry, and bird watching. In the last months of his life, he enjoyed the fellowship of his fellow residents at the Goldton and was ready to meet the Lord. He was very loved by his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Billy Roberts is survived by his sister, Betty Duda of Michigan; daughters, Rhonda Krekeler (Dan) of Tennessee, Regina Sullivan (Perry) of Texas, sons Joshua Roberts of North Dakota, John Roberts (Amy) of Oklahoma, Brian Harlan (Cynthia) of Arizona, and Bart Bright (Jeana) of Texas. His beloved grandchildren, Troy, Brandon, Ben, Casey, Jessica, Sam, Tim, Whitney, Colton, Zoe, Richelle, Matthew, Nathan, Morgan, Aaron, Mackenzie, and Trinity. Great-grandchildren Baylee, Brielle, Cheyenne, Celia, Lincoln, Arlo, and Luna.

He was preceded in death by Virginia Roberts, Jeff Harlan, and Mackenzie Bright.

The family wishes to recognize and thank the staff of Gentiva Hospice, the staff of The Goldton Assisted Living, and Station Hill Church. And to J.L. and Jean Williams, for all the many cups of coffee and good conversation.

Visitation will be held October 11th, 2025, from 10-11 am Doak-Howell Funeral Home in Shelbyville, Tennessee. The Funeral service will begin at 11 followed by burial at the gravesite at Simpson Cemetery in Rover, TN.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital and Mercy Ships Ministry.

SEEKING GRAPHIC ARTISTS

The *Town of Wartrace* is seeking applications from local graphic artists for upcoming projects.

Apply online: www.townofwartrace.com or at Town Hall, 29 Main St. E, Wartrace, TN 37183

Application open from Oct. 1-Nov. 7, 2025

Requirements:

- Strong background in graphic design (print & digital)
- Creativity and originality in design concepts
- Ability to work within deadlines
- Portfolio of previous works

CASA Works, Inc. Supervisor

Full-time position available for Bedford County Supervisor for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates): Flexible hours - must be available for on-call and evening work at times. Good computer and writing skills. Excellent communication and management skills needed. This position requires supervision of volunteer in Bedford County. If you are interested and want to know more about this great opportunity, send your resume to 301 N. Jackson St, Ste 7, Tullahoma, TN 37388 or call 931-455-7426.

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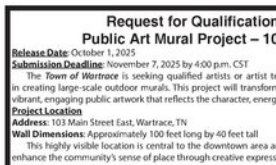
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Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

Public Art Mural Project – 103 Main St E

Release Date: October 1, 2025

Submission Deadline: November 7, 2025 by 4:00 p.m. CST

The *Town of Wartrace* is seeking qualified artists or artist teams with demonstrated experience in creating large-scale outdoor murals. This project will transform a prominent downtown wall into a vibrant, engaging public artwork that reflects the character, energy, and heritage of Wartrace.

Project Location

Address: 103 Main Street East, Wartrace, TN

Wall Dimensions: Approximately 100 feet long by 40 feet tall

This highly visible location is central to the downtown area and offers a significant opportunity to enhance the community's sense of place through creative expression.

Eligibility

- This RFQ is open to all qualified artists meeting the following criteria:
- Open to individual artists or artist groups.
- Must have a portfolio demonstrating relevant mural or large-scale artwork experience.
- Applicants must be 18 years of age or older.
- Must be a U.S. Citizen.
- Previous mural artwork experience is preferred.
- Must be able to sign a contract with the Town of Wartrace.
- Must be able to pass a background check.
- Must have insurance, or be licensed and bonded.

Selection Criteria

- Artists will be evaluated based on:
- Visually striking, lively, and distinctive artistic style
- Expressive, engaging, and original concepts
- Bright, energetic, memorable, and ethereal qualities
- Appropriateness for community setting
- Use of color, vibrancy, and creativity
- Quality and relevance of previous work
- Ability to meet deadlines
- Proof of insurance, license, or bond

Submission Requirements

Interested artists should submit the following materials:

1. **Artist Statement** – A brief introduction and explanation of your artistic vision and approach to mural work.
2. **Portfolio** – Images of 3–5 completed large-scale mural or public art projects, including location, date, and client or commissioning body.
3. **Résumé or CV** – Highlighting relevant experience and past public art projects.
4. **References** – Contact information for at least two previous clients or collaborators.
5. **Proof of Insurance or Licensing** – Documentation verifying insurance coverage, license, or bonding.

All materials should be submitted as a single **PDF file** via email.

Submission Instructions

Deadline: November 7, 2025 by 4:00 p.m. CST

Submit To: Mayor Brian Ross

Email: bross.mayor@townofwartrace.com

Subject Line: "Wartrace Mural RFQ Submission – [Your Name or Team Name]"

Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Dear Editor:

To put the recent shutdown of our federal government on October 1 in perspective, the following script is offered for serious consideration rather than fiction.

Suppose the CEO and Board of Directors (POTUS and Congress) of a 340-million-member organization (US citizens) are suffering a shortfall of funds to continue production and operation, and offers this solution for remedy. They (POTUS and US Congress) reach out to their employees (US tax paying citizens) and issue a solemn statement informing them that as of now their salaries and all provided services will be discontinued until such time as a resolution is reached between the warring parties.

However, during such a serious affecting period, the CEO and Board of Directors will continue to receive their generous salary and endless benefits; but you, the employees (again, US tax payers) must continue to work and labor and continue to shell out your hard-earned dollars to keep these elected inefficient officials afloat.

Of course, they will continue to receive their Congressional annual salary of $174,000 with untold riches in benefits, all funded by the tax payers. And guess what? These same morals deficit politicians enact the legislation to provide their own salaries and perks. And more than half the current members of US Congress are millionaires with a median personal net worth exceeding $1 million.

But wait, even this is not exact numbers since Congressional financial disclosure rules (of course passed by Congress itself) allows the members to disclose their net worth in broad ranges rather than exact numbers, and this self-serving questionable disclosure does not include the value of their tax payer funded perks.

I am curious to see if our "more conscientious" federal government officials in a moment of compassion for the poor American workers tell the government paymaster to withhold all their salaries and benefits until they are back working again and the government is funded. Our politicians in truth, are similar in nature to a sprig of mistletoe growing on an oak tree. The mistletoe survives by siphoning off the oak tree's sap and the mistletoe politicians by siphoning off the tax payer's money.

But what is deplorable in this government shutdown is that our military personnel must report for duty but will not be paid while the lying scheming politicians ponder how to dupe and steal more from the taxpayers. Unfortunately, the poor underpaid men and women under arms must still be there to defend our great America and the unscrupulous politicians as well.

The great American author and humorist Mark Twain was right on with his famous quote: "No man's life, liberty or property are safe while the legislature is in." No doubt the unconscionable and uncaring politicians will eventually become tired of hammering each other and repeating their same inane lies, and settle the issue and America will once again be viable and funded.

However, it would behoove the US tax payers to remember this repetitious example of total incompetence in our elected federal government officials and put the rascals out come election time; but, usually the same 'sprigs of mistletoe' keep getting reelected.

Another famous American humorist, Will Rogers, was absolutely correct when he stated: "The short memories of the voters is what keeps our politicians in office."

Charles David Sliger
Shelbyville

Bowen heads to prison for 2022 Mayes murder-facilitation

Charles Dejuan Mayes of Shelbyville was shot and killed on Oct. 5, 2022, leaving behind his two daughters, parents and siblings. He was 32.

His family described him in his obituary as a man with a "sweet temperament and genuine spirit."

Charles or "Daddy" as he was affectionately known, graduated from Shelbyville Central High School in 2008. His family stated that he accepted Christ on Nov. 13, 2005.

Police reports showed that Mayes was killed during an apparent robbery at his home on Chestnut Drive in Shelbyville.

Mikayla Bowen, also a resident of Shelbyville, was one of several assailants later charged with Mayes' murder. Bowen was age 23, at the time, and police reports indicate that she was the mother of Mayes' two children.

Bowen pleaded guilty to first degree murder-facilitation on 8/18/25. Her total effective sentence is 32 years @ 35%. (Legally, about 26 years in prison.)

Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: September 30

Location: 2651 Highway 41 A North; Seller, Charles Elliott Hughes, Carleigh Rae Hughes, Christa Hughes, Clayton Hughes; Buyer, Jesus Rodriguez Huerta, Silvia Duenas Quezada; Price, $208,900 (Deed).

Location: 900 Belmont Ave; Seller, Jessie P Horton; Buyer, Randall Construction LLC; Price, $160,000 (Deed).

Location: 804 Mapleview Lane; Seller, Sue Schroder; Buyer, Sue Schroder Oath Protection Trust; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: 103 August Way; Seller, Sydney Everett Ragland; Buyer, Sydney Everett Ragland, Jonathan Everett Ragland; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Chad James Fletcher, Kimberly Dawn Napier; Buyer, Chad James Fletcher; Price, $0 (QD).

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Location: 404 Shadow Dr; Seller, Joshua W Flowers, Samantha Flowers; Buyer, Samuel Martin Davis; Price, $220,000 (Deed).

Seller, Buffalo Valley Inc; Buyer, Kenneth Kirby, Pedro Martinez Barrera; Price, $185,000 (Deed).

Seller, Jason Burnett, Jeremy Burnett, Billy Ray Burnett Estate; Buyer, Richard Wayne Burnett, Johnny Burnett, Jeremy Burnett, Melissa Bivens Crowe, Austin Bivens, Chase Bivens, Jason Burnett; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: October 1

Location: 127 Richdale Lane; Seller, Janice H Carlton; Buyer, Juan Carlos Garcia Marquez, Janet Esmeralda Garcia Valadez; Price, $119,000 (Deed).

Seller, Roland C David Jr, Ronald Vincent David, Ronald V David Estate; Buyer, James E Farrar Sr; Price, $121,700 (Deed).

Location: 106 Butler Ave; Seller, Q & A Home Improvements LLC; Buyer, Alejandra Guadalupe Garcie Morales, Wendy Valenzuela; Price, $279,000 (Deed).

Seller, Jennifer Daniel Gragg, Jennifer Daniel Gragg Revocable Living Trust; Buyer, Daniel Gragg Construction LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Gowan St; Seller, Charles Tubberville, Kai Tubberville; Buyer, Jacob Tyler Michaels; Price, $199,900 (Deed).

Location: 106 Daytona Lane; Seller, Justin Cutler; Buyer, Sarah R Belongie; Price, $254,900 (Deed).

File date: October 2

Location: 712 Whitthorne St; Seller, Dolores Sperando; Buyer, Jill Upchurch; Price, $211,500 (Deed).

Location: 507 E Lane St; Seller, Norma A Jackson, John K Jackson Revocable Trust, Norma A Jackson Revocable Trust, John K and Norma A Jackson Revocable Trust; Buyer, Steinland LLC; Price, $150,000 (Deed).

Location: 1856 Longview Rd; Seller, Robbie A Grissom; Buyer, Michael D Grissom; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Taylor B France, Donald S France, Kelly France; Buyer, Freddie R Brown; Price, $325,000 (Deed).

Seller, Freddie R Brown; Buyer, Freddie R Brown, Rebecca Louise Baker; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Highway 130 E; Seller, Freddie Roger Brown; Buyer, Taylor Brooke France, Donald Stevie France; Price, $375,000 (Deed).

Location: 209 Hillview Ave; Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, Kevin Wade Norris; Price, $336,220 (Deed).

Location: 226 Ledbetter Rd; Seller, SW Properties; Buyer, Walter Goux Chan, Marie Isabel Damian Yaque De Guox; Price, $275,000 (Deed).

File date: October 3

Location: 106 Whiteside St; Seller, Jeremy Woods; Buyer, Alesia Nicole Howard; Price, $250,000 (Deed).

Location: 224 Jordan Ave; Seller, Sara Ashleigh Gannon, Sara Ashleigh Cloud, Chris Nathan Cannon; Buyer, Sara Ashleigh Gannon, Chris Nathan Gannon; Price, $0 (Deed).

Seller, Bedford Development LLC; Buyer, Wheatfield Homeowners Association Inc; Price, $0 (QD).

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Location: 410 Tines Dr; Seller, Victoria Lynn Smith Pitts; Buyer, Victoria Lynn Pitts; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 119 Hidden Circle; Seller, JC Builders LLC; Buyer, Jason Clay Parker; Price, $327,000 (Deed).

File date: October 6

Location: 179 Puncheon Camp Rd; Seller, Timothy R Scheffler; Buyer, Jeffrey McVicker; Price, $475,000 (Deed).

Location: 233 Republic St; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Tammy Sue Powell; Price, $307,990 (Deed).

Location: 223 Republic St; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Jonathan Sherrill, Guadalupe Garza; Price, $340,990 (Deed).

Location: 126 Townsend Ave; Seller, Claire S Clark; Buyer, Rebecca Lee Leonard, Mark Joseph Leonard; Price, $260,000 (Deed).

Location: 207 Martha St; Seller, Greg Curl, Lisa Curl; Buyer, Greg Curl, Joey Curl; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 339 Bethany Lane; Seller, Jeffery Hurst, Donna Hurst; Buyer, Tiffany Vera Luna, Jenrry Roblero; Price, $305,000 (Deed).

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

FUMC Shelbyville Worship

This Sunday, at First United Methodist Church Shelbyville, Lay Leader John Carney will preach, "God is Not a Coke Machine" from Luke 17:11-19 (CEB.) 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.

First Prez Trunk or Treat

First Presbyterian Church's Trunk or Treat event is Sunday, Oct. 26, from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

The church is located behind the U.S. Post Office.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NORMANDY VFD CHILI SUPPER

The annual Normandy VFD chili supper will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, from 4 to 7 p.m.

NORMANDY FALL FESTIVAL

Normandy Fall Festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Music, vendors and food. The Town of Normandy is sponsoring a time capsule, which will be buried at the base of the flag pole on Oct. 25 during the fall festival. Time TBD. Memory cards are being sold for $10 each. Photo prints in black and white can be included. Stop by Town Hall. Various local items will be added. The time capsule is to be exhumed in 2052.

HAUNTED HISTORY TOUR

The tour is Friday, Oct. 10, 2025, and starts at 8:13 pm and cost $13 a person or $35 for Family of four. A walking tour of Historic Uptown Shelbyville with true stories of ghost sighting and unusual happenings. The tour starts at Torso, 111 South Main St., a 124-year-old building that was built for a doctor's office. One set of stair climbing is involved to get the full tour experience. Come early to pour yourself a free drink at the Speak Easy inside of Torso. Making reservations are helpful (931-639-3643) but not necessary. You may also like the following events from Historic Uptown Shelbyville:

- This month, Oct. 24, 4:00 pm, 4th Friday Fest in Shelbyville

FLY AUDITIONS

RADIUM GIRLS has been chosen as the 2026 EMERGE PRODUCTION!

After a vote by the Youth Arts community, Radium Girls by D.W. Gregory was chosen as our 2026 Emerge (Ages 13-18) Youth Theatre production.

Directors: Mary Margaret Edwards, Ashley Bell

Audition Dates: Sunday, November 16 at 2pm and Monday, November 17 at 6pm

Location: The Fly Arts Center, 204 S. Main St, Shelbyville, TN 37160

Performance Dates: February 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, & March 1

Summary: Radium Girls is a 2000 play by D.W. Gregory based on the true story of young women who painted glow-in-the-dark watch dials in the 1920s, then suffered a mysterious, fatal illness due to radium poisoning. The play follows dial painter Grace Fryer as she fights her former employer, the U.S. Radium Corporation, and her own family to seek justice and establish workplace safety regulations, a case that became a landmark victory for labor rights and workers' compensation.

In addition to actors, the Fly is looking for talented and creative people to assist with set design, costumes, lighting, sound and stage management.

October 14th | 6-8pm
Audition Workshop
With Sarah Anderson & Brenden Taylor

October 26th | 1-3pm
Set Design
With Jody Barnes-Turner

October 26th | 3:30-5:30pm
Costume Design
With Jamie Janine

BEDFORD BRIEF

Bedford County Board of Commissioners meet Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2025, at 7 pm
Location: Bedford County Historic Courthouse, 2nd Floor, Community Room.

IT'S POWER WEEK!

Shelbyville Power, Water & Sewer System of Shelbyville has partnered with TVA to make this $2,000 donation to the Community Clinic possible. Fredia Flack, left, accepts on behalf of the clinic. The Community Clinic provides limited dental and medical care for uninsured and low-income adults right here in Bedford County.



START WITH HALF

By Timothy E. Parker

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Lady Champs' Young Officially Signs With UT Southern

BY NOAH MADDOX
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BELL BUCKLE, Tenn. – Cascade's star guard, Kaegan Young, inked her name into UT Southern's 2026 Signing Class on Monday morning surrounded by friends and family members inside the Cascade High School Gymnasium.

"I want to thank my parents...just everyone. Family, friends, coaches, trainers, everyone that's just poured into me and believed in me from the start," Young said.

Young, who has led Janie Demonbreum's squad in scoring each of the last two seasons and plans to major in Nursing, landed on the NAIA program from Pulaski thanks in large part to the family atmosphere and strong education.

"They [UT Southern] were the first place I toured," she said, "Then, I got to meet some of the girls, and I just love the family environment there. Another big part of it was my education. I'm going to school for Nursing, and it's really difficult to do Nursing and play basketball, so they emphasized that I'm there for the education and that they will work around that. Several places told me I wouldn't even be able to do Nursing because it's so demanding and it takes up a lot of time."

The Firehawks are coming off of a 13-9 (11-5) campaign in Ross James' first season as head coach, and James now adds a future piece to the puzzle for 2026 and beyond.

For Demonbreum, Young's accomplishment marks a milestone for the fourth-year head coach.

"Obviously it makes me proud as an accomplishment on my coaching resume, but I'm not here to build a resume. I'm here because of these girls, and I couldn't be more proud to see Kaegan flourish from the little 7th grader to the young lady that she is now," she said with a smile, "She's worked hard for everything that she's ever gotten. When we threw her into the fire her freshman year, she could have ran away from the challenge, but she stepped up to it. Her sophomore year she just flourished. Obviously, her junior year there was all sorts of things going on off the court, but she showed her character and she showed her grit. I couldn't be more proud that she's my first. This is my first four-year group, so to have somebody out of that group that's been along for the highs and the lows, it's a pretty good feeling as a coach."



Kaegan Young (center) signed with UT Southern on Monday to continue her basketball career at the next level. She joins the Firehawks' 2026 signing class. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

Young, a lanky guard who wreaks havoc in the passing lanes defensively while being an instrumental piece in the Lady Champs' offensive attack, averaged 12.3 points, 4.6 rebounds, and 2.7 steals per game in her junior season last year. In 2023/24, Young shouldered a slightly heavier burden, averaging 13.7 points, 4.5 rebounds, 3.0 assists, and 2.4 steals per game.

In both campaigns, Cascade's season came to a close in the Region 5-AA semifinals. After an emotionally taxing junior season, Young is focused and prepared for her fourth and final season in Bell Buckle.

"Her and I had that conversation because of my recruiting journey," explained Demonbreum, "I wish that I had done that but I waited, and I had a few offers taken off the table once our season started just because colleges are in a crunch and they need to know. Just to be able to get out there and play care-free and Kaegan's style is going to be huge for her."

"I said from the start that I want to enjoy my senior year and not have to stress about it," she said, "I can just tell how God laid it all out and was definitely in the details of it."

Cascade opens the 2025/26 season in mid-November.

Golden Eaglettes Put Five Past Bobcats in Senior Night Win

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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes (10-3-1, 3-0-1) used a hat trick from Jayda Frazier to run away from Giles County (6-7-3, 2-3-1), 5-0, on Monday to close out the regular season.

As next week's top seed in the District 9-AAA Tournament, the Eaglettes were on the front foot from the opening kickoff. Even so, it took until the 27th minute for Shelbyville to open the scoring after freshman Dara Frazier whipped an in-swinging cross in from the left flank to the back post, finding the onrushing foot of sophomore Jada Frazier for the marvelous tap-in goal to take a 1-0 lead.

In the second half, Dara Frazier again found Jada Frazier twice more with the first coming in the 48th minute. This time, Frazier's cross came in from the right wing, but once again the elder Frazier found the ball first to double Shelbyville's lead to 2-0.

Four minutes later in the 52nd minute, Dara Frazier's third assist completed Jada Frazier's hat trick in a similar fashion to the first two. Another cross into the box allowed the Eaglette forward to re-direct the ball into the back of the net to grow the lead to 3-0.

Nine minutes later, in the 61st minute, the younger Frazier got on the scoresheet to go in front 4-0.

Shelbyville would add a fifth goal from senior defender Mary Grace Marshall after she converted a penalty in the final minutes to reach the final margin of 5-0.


The Golden Eaglettes honored the four seniors before Monday's win over Giles County. (From left to right) Mary Grace Marshall (6), Yasmine McFarland (10), Britzel Hayitin (7), and Karen Camarillo (3). *T-G Staff Photo - Noah Maddox.*

The Eaglettes now wait to host the District 9-AAA Tournament beginning Tuesday, October 14th.

Volleyball Sweeps TSU in Midweek Showdown

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Middle Tennessee Volleyball brought out the brooms to take down Tennessee State in straight-set fashion. The set scores were as follows: 25-17, 25-17, 25-17.

The Blue Raiders led the Tigers in every stat category aside from errors, most notably hitting a season high .316 as a team while holding Tennessee State to a .149 efficiency. Raegan Durbin and Gabrielle Clinkscale led the Blue Raiders offense, each with 10 kills, Durbin hitting a .438 clip. Michaela Dlouhá posted six kills on a season high .600 efficiency, Payton Deidesheimer and Trinniti Stevens each notched five kills, a career high for Stevens after entering the match in the 3rd set.

Caroline Macander led the Blue Raiders defensively with 12 digs, garnering her 12th career double-double, also tallying 31 assists on the match and tied a career high four kills. Durbin and Mackenna Poole each notched eight digs, Clinkscale and Isil Yilmaz each posted six digs. Raegan Durbin also led all players in the match with five aces, the figure a career high, a Blue Raider season high and a tied 3rd best performance in Conference USA for aces in a three-set match.

By the Numbers

501: With her six kills on the night, Michaela Dlouhá has now surpassed 500 career kills with 501 and counting.
5: Five of the seven Middle Tennessee attackers hit .333 or better in tonight's match.
3: The score of each of the three sets of the match was 25-17.



Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

Champs Fall to 0-2 in Region Play Against Giles County

BY NOAH MADDOX
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BELL BUCKLE, Tenn. – The Cascade Champions (3-3, 0-2) suffered their second-consecutive Region 4-AAA defeat at the hands of the visiting Giles County Bobcats (3-3, 1-1), 42-8, on Friday night.

In the first half, Cascade actually led at the end of the first quarter, and then looked poised to go into the halftime locker room within one score of the visitors. That is until Giles County's Dereon London came bursting through the line to get a paw on the 35-yard FG attempt by Gabe Perez-Rubio, sending the ball directly into the path of Cooper White who returned the blocked kick 75 yards to the house for a back-breaking touchdown before the break to flip the game on its head. The hosts never truly recovered after that, falling behind 19-8 with the Bobcats set to receive the second-half kickoff.

In total, Giles County finished with 446 total yards offensively. 261 of those yards came on the ground with senior Pierson Collier, in just his second game back from a knee injury that forced him to miss the first four games of the season, leading the way with 174 yards rushing and one touchdown on 20 carries. Dallas Buckner, another senior, added 68 yards and one touchdown on just eight attempts, while the quarterback, Xavier Randolph, chipped in with the third rushing touchdown on a five-yard scraper.

Randolph also finished 10/20 for 185 yards through the air with one passing touchdown after coming into Week 7 leading the region with nearly 1,000 passing yards on the season. His favorite target, Jaz Bentley, finished with five receptions for 54 yards while Damari Allen's only catch of the night went for a 39-yard touchdown on the Bobcats' first drive of the game.

For Cascade, the offense struggled mightily in the second half, finishing with just 159 total yards for the game. After starting out 8/16 for 77 yards in the first half, Sam Bradley finished just 13/24 for 88 yards and one interception as the Bobcats put the clamps down on the Champions' passing attack. Cascade in particular struggled to get anything going on the ground with Nate Zimmerman finishing with just 17 yards rushing on 10 attempts. Zimmerman did find the Champs' only touchdown of the game in the first half from one yard out to put the hosts in front after the first quarter.



Cascade runs out onto the field before Friday's loss to Giles County. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*



Nate Zimmerman (20) scored Cascade's only touchdown in Friday's loss to Giles County. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

To start the game, after Cascade went three-and-out, Giles County marched right down the field in 2:45 using six plays, capped off by Randolph's 39-yard touchdown pass up the seam to Allen to give the Bobcats an early 7-0 lead with 8:54 left in the opening period.

In response, Cascade put together a rather disjointed scoring drive in response, taking advantage of two Giles County penalties on two separate fourth downs to keep the drive alive. Eventually, the Champs' Zimmerman soared into the end zone from a yard out to finish off a 72-yard drive that took 7:16 off the clock. After Braxtyn Burris ran in the 2-point conversion, Cascade held an 8-7 lead with 1:35 remaining in the first quarter.

Giles County responded by reaching the Cascade 43-yard line, but the Champs' defense forced a turnover-on-downs to give the ball back to its offense. The Bobcats forced a three-and-out, and then Randolph orchestrated a lightning-fast 61-yard touchdown drive that took just 1:09 off the clock, finishing it off with a 5-yard touchdown run to put the visitors back in front, 13-8, with 7:55 to go in the first half after the missed extra point.

Cascade responded with yet another long and time-consuming drive, reaching the Bobcats' 17-yard line after using 6:24 off the clock. However, the visitors' defense stood tall in the red zone, forcing Champs' head coach, Jared Carkuff, to send out the field goal unit to try and make it a two-point game. Instead, London had other plans, blocking Perez-Rubio's attempt into the arms of his teammate, Cooper White, who outran everyone in black to the end zone for what was effectively a game-sealing touchdown to give Giles County a 19-8 lead going into the halftime locker room.

After staying within striking distance for 23 of the first 24 minutes, the Champions seemed to lose their energy in the second half as the Bobcats squeezed the life out of the hosts.

To start the second half, Giles County drove 80 yards in 3:45 and capped it off with a five-yard touchdown run from Buckner to grow the lead to 27-8 after Randolph scrambled into the end zone for the two-point conversion. Then, after a Corey Gooch fumble at the Bobcats' 46-yard line, Collier found the end zone from a yard out to put Giles County ahead 35-8 with 4:19 remaining in the third quarter.

After Giles County missed a 35-yard field goal near the end of the third quarter, Bradley threw just his second interception of the season to Jakarious Reese at the start of the fourth quarter. After the two teams traded possessions, Giles County used up 5:19 to drive 85 yards for Collier's second touchdown of the night – again from one yard out – to reach the final margin of 42-8.

Giles County travels to Community for another Region 4-AAA matchup on Friday night.

Cascade falls to 0-2 in the region, and is set to travel to Chapel Hill for a do-or-die Region 4-AAA contest on Friday night, LIVE on The Zinger 100.9 and AM 1400 at 6:45 p.m.

Craig's Late Goal Seals 1-0 Road Win for Middle Tennessee at Louisiana Tech

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – An 89th-minute goal from freshman forward Alli Craig propelled Middle Tennessee (7-4-3, 2-1-1 CUSA) to a 1-0 road victory over Louisiana Tech (2-11-1, 1-3-0 CUSA) on Sunday afternoon at Robert Mack Caruthers Field.

With the match scoreless in the final minutes, Craig connected on a pass from senior Megan Carroll, finishing from close range to secure the win for the Blue Raiders.

Middle Tennessee controlled much of the tempo, outshooting the Bulldogs 17-12 and recording six shots on goal. In goal, Ella Sellers earned her third win and third shutout of the season, making two saves. Senior forward Emma Pettersen led the offensive attack with a season-high seven shots.

Head Coach Aston Rhoden praised his team's determination:

Today we showed great resilience to win this away game. It was good to get Alli back on the scoring sheet after being out for a while. This win will certainly help our confidence as we head home to face league leaders FIU.

By The Number:

Pettersen set a career high with 37 shots this season.

Carroll recorded her second assist of the year.

Craig notched her third goal of the season.



Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

People Around Town

Another historical day at Gilliland Resource Center, Inc.

2025 Ancestry Day enjoyed by many in the community

Gilliland Resource Center, Inc., held its Ancestry Day on Saturday with a nice crowd in attendance. Albert Nelson served as master of ceremonies.

Keynote speaker was Linda T. Wynn, assistant director for state programs with the Tennessee Historical Commission. Wynn joined the staff in September, 1974, after earning degrees in history and a master's in public administration from Tennessee State University. She serves as a legislative liaison and oversees administrative, budgetary, and state programmatic functions at THC.

Wynn co-founded the Nashville Conference on African American History and Culture and is an author and frequent speaker on Tennessee history. She is editor of Journey to Our Past: A Guide to African American Markers in Tennessee, and co-edited Profiles of African Americans in Tennessee, as well as Freedom Facts and Firsts: 400 Years of the African American Civil Rights Experience.

The Frist Museum's award-winning We Shall Overcome Catalogue, includes her chapter, "Nashville: An Inspirational City." Wynn has served as a consultant to the State Museum and to the Nashville Public Library Foundation for its Votes for Women Project. She is a member of the Nashville City Cemetery Board, the Nashville Public Television (NPT) Advisory Board and the Metropolitan Historical Commission of Nashville and Davidson County.

A historical marker was a highlight of the day. The marker was placed in memory of James S. Gilliland, an African American master stones craftsman.

The Gilliland House, as it is often referred to, was purchased from the late Garland and Ruth King in 1996. This unique facility was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975.

The historic site is named in honor of James Gilliland, who, in 1898, constructed a log cabin before erecting the 15-inch-thick limestone bearing walls around it. Born on November 15, 1858, James S. Gilliland, an African American native of Shelbyville and self-taught stone mason, work extensively with limestone.

Gilliland died on December 12, 1949. His stone masonry can be seen at many notable homes and businesses in Bedford County, including the Court House.

In 1975, the James S. Gilliland House was listed in the National Register of Historic Places for its importance as a remarkable example of the African American building skill and masonry.

Located at 803 Lipscomb Street, Shelbyville, this special project was envisioned and brought back to life by the late Mai Dee Hendricks, founder, assisted by her husband Frederick "Pete" Hendricks, co-founder.

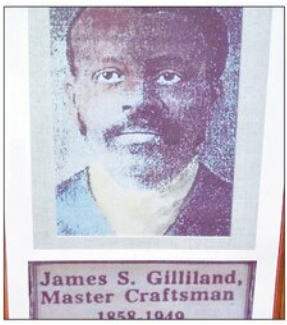
The Gilliland Historical Resource Center, Inc. is a collection and preservation of African-American stories, history, artifacts, and documents relating to the lives of Tennessee African-Americans.

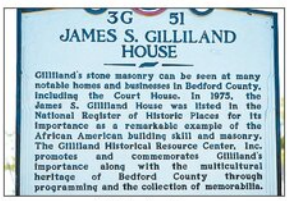
All in attendance at Saturday's event enjoyed a fish fry sponsored by Nelson and Sons Grill.



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Historical James Gilliland cabin

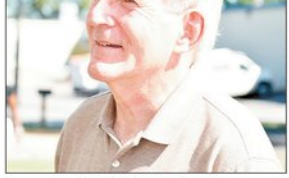




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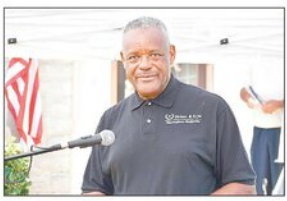
Guest speaker Linda Wynn and Fredia Flack during special presentation



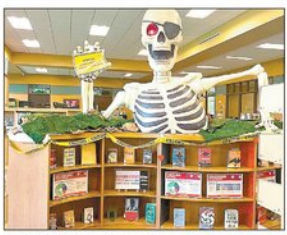
Speaker City Mayor Randy Carroll



Rosie Biggs and friends enjoy Ancestry Day



Albert Nelson, master of ceremonies



Library Photo

BANNED BOOKS WEEK

At Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library Oct. 5-11, patrons will enter a Banned Book Zone for Banned Books Week. The library recommends checking out these books that have been banned or challenged at some point in library history. The SBCPL skeleton librarian wants to remind you: don't take caution when reading banned books, no bones about it!



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LYNCHBURG HONORS ANGLER BILL DANCE

Professional Hall of Fame fisherman Bill Dance returned to his hometown of Lynchburg last Wednesday for a ceremony in his honor. The Mulberry Creek Bridge in Lynchburg, next to the Jack Daniel's Visitor Center, has been officially named the Bill Dance Bridge. He greeted guests during a reception. Dance recalled fishing as a boy from that creek.

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