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*Public safety issue a concern: City Planning Commission*

# Despite owners' 12th hour pleas, W. Jackson rezoning returns to Council as 'unfavorable'

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One of the agenda items during this month's City Planning Commission meeting, held last Thursday, was whether to approve a West Jackson Street application for rezoning-a request which has been tossed back and forth recently from PC to Council.

After more discussion, no site map changes from the owners since the last meeting, PC once again unanimously sent the rezoning application back to City Council with an unfavorable recommendation.

PC members voting yes for unfavorable were: Chairman Landers; members, Mayor Randy Carroll, Steve Taylor, Bo Gill, Dawn M. Gonzalez, Henry Wilhoite, David McGee, Don Bolin and Councilman Josh Blevins. Tom Batchelor, planning director, was also present for the meeting.




At the end of last Thursday's Planning Commission meeting, board member Bo Gill explained the need for a coordinated study on the impact of future data center development and related technology infrastructure in the community. See today's Letter to the Editor on page 3. Chairman Warren Landers, right, said he's already been contacted about the issue and was glad it came up for discussion.

The PC discussed how the area could potentially be a flood zone. Public safety carried the weight in the final legislative vote.

Drew and Courtney Clardy, property owners, had requested a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission to City Council for the rezoning of approximately 5.27 (+/-) acres currently zone I-1, Light Industrial, to R-3, Medium Density Residential, for preserving existing single family dwelling and duplex development, and maintaining approximately 5.88 (+/-) acres in I-1, Light Industrial zone district. Total acreage of parcel is approximately 11.15 (+/-) acres. Lot 1 is maintained as existing single-family home, lots 2-9 proposed as 16-dwelling units in duplex development based on resubmitted March 3, 2026, Concept (Related Application Case/File No. C2025-12-007). The parcels are classified as the mixed density residential character area and W. Jackson Street is functionally classified as a major collector in the major thoroughfare plan (No future context classification.)

Courtney Clardy spoke during Thursday's meeting, as she did before Council last month, and advised they were trying to alleviate some of the density concerns.

Clardy said some Council members were also concerned about the number of units. And due to potential expense of making changes to the site, the local

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# 'Tis the season to check for ticks

## *Local resident shares health scare*

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Country music singer Brad Paisley sang a song a few years ago about checking for ticks. While those lyrics were filled with romantic intentions, checking loved ones for ticks is a serious health issue this spring.

Tick infestations are worse, according to medical experts. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) visits to emergency rooms for tick bites are higher than normal since April.

The CDC actually has what it calls a Tick Bite Tracker and all regions, with the exception right now being the South Central United States, has seen the highest rate of ER visits for spring tick bites in nearly a decade.

The severity of an infectious tick bite is something that Shelbyville resident Jay Mantooth knows about personally.



Jay Mantooth

Jay shared his story this week with the T-G. Many people know him as the "Appliance Doctor."

Most recently, Jay has been in Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville. His customers note on social media they've been really worried about their friend.

"I remember pulling a tick off the back of my leg and didn't think anything about it," Jay recalls. Three weeks later, I started getting sick."

Many people know Jay as the "Appliance Doctor."

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*'I remember pulling a tick off the back of my leg and didn't think anything about it. Three weeks later, I started getting sick.'*

**—Jay Mantooth of Shelbyville, recently hospitalized with tick-borne disease**




## WILD WEST-STYLE BLACK RODEO VISITS SHELBYVILLE

*Submitted Photo*

The Black Rodeo circuit is dedicated to preserving and celebrating the legacy of African American cowboys and cowgirls. Enjoying the fun at Cooper Steel Arena last weekend was City Council member Marilyn Ewing. See more photos on page 12.




*Submitted Photo*

Wartrace officials hope this new one of a kind mural on Main Street will serve as a source of community pride, while encouraging residents and visitors to explore historic Wartrace. Artist is Whitney Harrington.

# Wartrace's first mural enhances local tourism

The Wartrace community recently beautified its downtown landscape, with the completion of a new mural located at 100 Main Street East.

The mural project was made possible through a $9,000 grant awarded to the Town of Wartrace, according to Wartrace Town Recorder Tyra Haught. Special thanks go to the Tennessee Arts Commission and the Tennessee Specialty License Plate Program for providing funding support for the mural initiative.

"This exciting project reflects the town's continued

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**Rick Insell steps out**

Local legend Rick Insell remembers where it began.

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couple later requested spot zoning-something planners don't normally favor.

Legally, spot zoning is the practice of applying a different zoning classification to a small parcel of land that is inconsistent with the surrounding area-often benefiting a specific property owner rather than the public.

"Spot zoning is not something we have our hearts set on," said Clardy. " If you all are more amendable to this not being spot zoned . . . . We didn't want to pay any extra to have that done, anyway. We were just trying to be accommodating and work with everyone . . ."

Clardy assured the PC that the homes won't be in a flood zone.

One PC member said fire personnel stated recently that they could get into the area of dwellings, as currently designed, if it floods. That same public safety person said however, it might take a while.

With a City Councilman Josh Blevins and Mayor Randy Carroll sitting on the PC as voting members, several red flags regarding public safety and City responsibility have come up. In the end, the City's prerogative, as part of the consideration, is to maintain existing levels of public safety.

After flood talks, Clardy requested to address each PC member individually with other concerns. Chairman Landers at that point cut the public comments and moved on to the vote on the application for rezoning.

He had a reason.

Prior to the vote, Landers asked each PC member to explain their conscience behind their vote. He said since this rezoning request is going back to Council for a second time with an unfavorable recommendation, he wanted each board member to share their thought process.

PC Board member Dawn Gonzalez, who made the motion for an unfavorable recommendation to Council due to public safety (seconded by Steve Taylor) said, "I can't consciously say I can approve . . . people sleeping in a flood zone."

She mentioned a deadly flash flood at Camp Mystic in the Texas Hill Country last July that killed 27 people, including 25 campers, two teenage counselors, and children.

While Clardy said the PC was thinking in hypothetical terms, Gonzalez used Panama City, Fla., hurricanes as an example of how floods can come any time and that rules then have to change.

Gonzalez had discussed earlier in the meeting that-FEMA isn't finished fully evaluating Bedford County flood maps yet. So, to approve this request might be presumptuous of any FEMA evaluations. (Undetermined.)

Though other people live down West Jackson from the Clardy property, some PC members said why compound what could already be a potential public safety issue. And of course, the current PC wasn't serving decades ago when those homes were built.

The rezoning from industrial to residential would be behind the Duck River and cross the narrow West Jackson from Tyson Foods (which still opposes residential zoning.)

Several area residents commented during prior meetings and on Thursday that they were against the rezoning, largely due to the increase in traffic.

Most of the PC members said their vote was based on public safety while others said they were concerned about the rezoning from industrial to residential. Board members Bo Gill and Henry Wilhoite had issues with the split zoning as well as the public safety issues.

Chairman Landers said while he's also concerned about public safety, he also stated how he isn't in favor of giving up industrial land.

In other business, the Planning Commission:

• Approved a site plan for an 11-acre outdoor storage area for Duksan Electera off Highway 231 North. The 91.43-acre parcel is currently zoned I 3, Heavy Industrial. The site is developed as a Chemical Manufacturing land use and classified in the In the Future Land Use Map, the parcel is classified as the North Gateway Corridor character area. All specifications by the PC have been met.

• Approved a site plan for Valvoline Instant Oil Change. 1817 N Main St., Bedford Co. Tax Map 0690 Group C Parcel 003.00. Curl properties, Joe M. Lambert, Jr., owners, Greenbergfarrow, Danielle Benedict, representative, requesting approval of 1,462 sq. ft. single story quick lubrication service facility.

• Discussed the need for a coordinated study on the impact of future data center development and related technology infrastructure in the community. As communities across Tennessee continue to experience growth in digital infrastructure investment, Shelbyville and Bedford County must be prepared, PC members discussed, to understand both the opportunities and the long-term responsibilities that come with that growth. (See Bo Gill's Letter to the Editor today regarding this issue he brought to the PC table.)

# Malone announces run for Bedford County mayor

Jordan Malone is a stay-at-home mom who moved to Bedford County in 2020, with her husband, Kyle, and their daughter, Chloe Fern. Jordan is a lifelong Tennessee resident who was raised in Murfreesboro and spent her early adulthood in Chattanooga.

The Malone family purchased their first home after moving to Bedford County. Kyle began working in IT services with United Communications in Chapel Hill, where he still works today.

Malone holds an associate's degree in general studies from Chattanooga State, with a focus on criminal justice, social work, and human services, as well as a bachelor's degree from MTSU, which she completed while staying home with her daughter between 2020 and 2023.

The mayoral candidate's degree is in clinical psychology, with minors in sociology and mental health services. She graduated with honors and received a scholarship recognizing her outstanding community service and volunteer work.

Before becoming a stay-at-home mom, Malone worked in a variety of customer service and back-of-house positions, including serving as a manager at a small business donut shop for 4 years.

One of her favorite roles was working as a caregiver for hospice patients, providing comfort and companionship both in-home and in facility settings. At the beginning of COVID-19, she worked in an inpatient psychiatric hospital in the co-occurring substance abuse and mental illness unit. In 2020, she decided to leave the hospital, become a stay-at-home mom, and return to school to complete her bachelor's degree in order to pursue greater opportunities for community impact.

Jordan believes Bedford County should place a stronger focus on quality of life and feels passionate about using her experience and education to help create a countywide network of connected services and opportunities for residents.

The Malone family rescues animals and currently has four cats, one dog, one mouse, and one hamster, along with what she jokingly calls "a garden of critters."

She never previously considered running for office, but sees the role of county mayor as an opportunity for true public service and as a natural extension of her volunteer and nonprofit-oriented background. She views the County as a large household, its residents as an extended family, and believes she can provide vision and leadership for Bedford County moving forward.

Malone said, if elected, she will make road funding and infrastructure planning one of her top priorities because roads are "not a luxury—they are essential public infrastructure that impacts safety, economic opportunity, and daily life for every resident."

She said her commitment is to build a more transparent and long-term infrastructure strategy so residents understand where dollars are going, why projects get prioritized, and what the continuous maintenance plan is for the County.

"Our rural roads and growth-area corridors need the most attention with road work. We need to ensure that not only the main roads, but also all our winding roads through hollers and hills, are proactively maintained and updated so our most rural residents have smooth roads and we all have a more connected community. Our county is growing, and we have to be responsible with how we spread resources across the county.

As for her commitment to per pupil spending, Malone advised, "I believe education spending should reflect the actual needs of our students, teachers, and families—not simply where Bedford County ranks compared to neighboring counties or districts."




"Education is not simply an expense—it is an investment in our future workforce, our families, and the long-term prosperity of our community. I support strategic and responsible investment in education, but I also believe taxpayers deserve transparency regarding where education dollars are going, what outcomes they are producing, and whether those funds are being used effectively."

"As a community, we need to come together and decide what we want for our kids and what opportunities we're providing for them throughout school in order for them to be productive adults in our community. If our County hasn't ensured our kids are set up for success throughout their school years and after graduation, no dollar amount will change that."

# Cartwright Elementary Principal Whitney Yoes enters retirement

Bedford County Schools recently announced the retirement of longtime Bedford County educator and principal, Whitney Yoes.

Yoes has been honored by the school system for her 35-year career in public education-one which school officials note has left a lasting impact on generations of students, families and colleagues across the district.

Yoes dedicated her entire career to BCS, beginning with 19 years teaching middle school math at Liberty School, where she inspired students across grades 6–8, including Algebra I. She later served as assistant principal at Community Elementary for 5 years before leading the school as principal for 9 years.

Most recently, she completed her second year as principal of Cartwright Elementary, where she played a key role in opening the new school and shaping its vision.

Reflecting on her career, Yoes emphasized that relationships - not titles - have defined her journey. She shared that "the most meaningful moments have been the relationships she's built over the years with students, staff, families and the community, adding that watching students grow into successful adults and even return as educators has been among her greatest blessings.

Her career stands as a powerful example of the impact of dedicated public school educators - professionals who commit their lives to serving all students and creating environments where every child is valued. Yoes consistently championed the belief that public schools are places of opportunity, where high expectations and meaningful support open doors for every learner.

Among her many accomplishments, Yoes led Community Elementary to earn Reward School status and guided Cartwright Elementary in achieving STEAM designation, an honor that reflects a strong commitment to innovation and student-centered learning.

She said during the opening of Cartwright Elementary that it was "one of the greatest honors" of her career. Her goal, from the beginning, was to build "a culture of innovation, problem-solving and continuous learning through STEAM education."




At a recent banquet honoring retirees, Superintendent Dr. Tammy Garrett, right, praised long-time educator Whitney Yoes for her dedication to always putting students first. Yoes and Garrett both retired at the end of the school year.

Her leadership philosophy has always centered on people. Yoes consistently modeled respect, high expectations and a willingness to work alongside her team. She believes that when individuals are supported and trusted, "they will rise to meet those expectations." Her experiences working with a wide range of learners, including Pre-K and CDC (ABLE) students, further deepened her belief that every child can succeed when given the right opportunities and support - an ideal at the very heart of public education.

Throughout her career, Yoes has remained committed to growth - not only for students but also for educators. As she looks ahead to retirement, Yoes shared heartfelt advice for future school leaders: focus on people, lead with honesty and clarity and build strong teams rooted in trust. She also emphasized the importance of balance, encouraging others to "give your best when you are present, but do not lose yourself in the process."

Yoes credits much of her success to the people she has worked alongside, noting, "If you surround yourself with great people, you will be successful. Invest in others - not for recognition - but for the joy of helping them grow."

Yoes exemplifies the profound difference educators can make when they dedicate their careers to serving all students and ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive.

"The lessons I learned from our students - including our youngest learners and our ABLE students - have left a lasting impact on my heart," Yoes shared. "Growth and success look different for every child, but every child deserves the opportunity to shine."




## READING MATERIALS CELEBRATING AMERICAN HISTORY

*Library Photo*

Shelby Chapter DAR recently sponsored a display at Shelbyville Bedford County Public Library in honor of America's 250th anniversary.

THE ISSUE

# Drug abuse continues in Bedford County

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*What's on the criminal court docket lately-drugs and more drug abuse. Criminals keep pushing it, selling it and using it.*

*If you don't read the court dockets or sit in local court, you probably don't even know about it.*

*Sadly, these cases also include most of the time weapons and child abuse charges.*

*There are so many different types of drugs on the streets today, it's a horror story for law enforcement every day. The ones showing up mostly in local criminal court are cocaine, fentanyl, and METH.*

*From overdose to manufacture, drug abuse is like an epidemic in the night, robbing and killing our people.*

*But thankfully, groups like Next Door Recovery are trying to help. See the story below.*

# The Next Door Recovery Expands to 24/7 Admissions

## *Immediate access ensures women receive lifesaving treatment when they need it most*

NASHVILLE, Tenn.– The Next Door Recovery (TNDR) has expanded to 24/7 admissions, ensuring women seeking treatment for substance use and co-occurring disorders can access critical support and care any time of day or night. The expanded admissions model launched in February 2026 and was made possible through funding from the Tennessee Opioid Abatement Council that allowed TNDR to strengthen staffing and operational capacity. Since the start of the expansion, TNDR has admitted more than 600 women during after-hours periods (after 5 p.m.), including late-night admissions that may not have happened otherwise.

"Every hour matters when a woman reaches the moment she is ready to ask for help," said TNDR Clinical Executive Director Amanda Dunlap, LPC-MHSP. "At TNDR, we know that decision is rarely made on a convenient schedule; it often comes in the middle of fear, exhaustion, crisis, or hope. Expanding to 24/7 admissions means we no longer ask women to wait until morning, until business hours, or until it is easier for the system. We are meeting them with compassion, immediacy, and clinical support at the exact moment they are ready to begin recovery."

The expansion reflects TNDR's ongoing commitment to low-barrier care for women. In addition to 24/7 admissions, TNDR provides transportation support and TennCare enrollment assistance for uninsured clients. Priority admission is given to women up to 38 weeks pregnant, and integrated behavioral health services address co-occurring conditions in 89 percent of clients. TNDR also offers family programming designed to support children affected by maternal substance use, reducing intergenerational harm and promoting long-term stability.

Through coordinated efforts, TNDR continues to reduce substance abuse-related harm, improve behavioral health outcomes, expand systemwide capacity, and advance health equity, ensuring women disproportionately affected by the substance abuse epidemic in Tennessee have timely access to comprehensive, trauma-informed recovery services.

TNDR is headquartered at 402 22nd Ave. N in Nashville. TNDR serves women impacted by addiction, mental illness, trauma, and/or incarceration through inpatient and outpatient treatment and aftercare programming in Nashville, as well as re-entry services in Chattanooga. To learn more, including ways to get involved or donate, visit thenextdoorrecovery.org and follow along on Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok.

**About The Next Door Recovery**

The Next Door Recovery is one of the only organizations in the Southeast providing a full continuum of affordable treatment for women in a faith-based environment, offering priority admissions to pregnant women. Our treatment model integrates 12-step programming, faith, and evidence-based practices to empower women for lifetime recovery.

# Historic Zoning Commission meets to discuss 511 Belmont Avenue home

## *An After the Fact Approval-Remodel in question*

**By Dawn Hankins**

The Historic Zoning Commission met last week to discuss an "after the fact approval for remodel" at 511 Belmont Avenue, which is in the City's historic district.

The applicants have made a request for a certificate of appropriateness for unspecified work following a stop work order.

Belmont Avenue is not nationally registered as a historic site. But this home is significant as it has a construction date of 1920. Its architectural structure isn't as easily found these days.

But it's falling down, one might say. Planning staff note yes it was but there are certain guidelines that still have to be followed in the City of Shelbyville.

Still, the contractor has already installed a new deck, wall covering and a new drive has already been constructed. Albeit marked as historic, this home contains asbestos, planning staff reported to the Historic Commission.

This property had been previously converted to 4 units and multi-family. Whether it's legal or not, is yet to be determined, Planning Director Tom Batchelor advised.

Property owners and representatives are Brett MacDonald of MAC Construction and JB Construction.

Batchelor said the issue is the historical aspect. The planning director said he visited the site recently to see the after the fact remodel.

He said vinyl siding was placed over asbestos and the roof was changed from tin shingles to asphalt shingles. Many of the materials are nonconforming to City guidelines, according to Batchelor.

Batchelor said the contractor was given an extensive package, containing those guidelines to review. He said hopefully this packet helps the applicant provide planning and development more information about the project.

Without the applicants providing more information about this after the fact remodel, then the request from planning is that the application be denied.

"If this was an application before the work was done, it might be a little easier to navigate," said Batchelor.

Brennan Sanders spoke and said he has a business relationship with the contractor. He said he believes that MacDonald felt it was the type of remodel that did not require a permit.

Sanders said, however, he was there Thursday to get the proper permits. He explained why the contractor used certain materials; he has an updated list.

Sanders said before the remodel started; there were homeless living in the Belmont home. He said there's at least $100,000 invested in the remodel. He said he was proud of the work done.

Because the house was literally about to fall down, he said many people said to tear the place on down. But MacDonald wanted to improve the site, completing some major foundation work, he advised.

Batchelor said historic projects are more involved and require higher administrative and regulatory review. He advised that unfortunately, vinyl siding, which was installed, is not permitted in the guidelines.

Batchelor offered to help review the packet with the contractors and answer any questions.

HZC Chair Lynn Hulan asked how this after the fact remodel was brought to the City planners' attention. Batchelor said a property maintenance person discovered the remodel and a stop order was issued.



Mayor Randy Carroll asked if residences were going to be a part of this remodel. He also asked about fire protection.

Batchelor said this is another matter that needs to be reviewed as this residence is a nonconformity (doesn't conform to zoning.) Triplexes, he said, are only permitted in R-3A and higher and same thing with multi-family.

As well, code says if the residence sits vacant, it's considered abandoned or terminated. Batchelor said he's not making a judgement but only identifying issues that need to be addressed within City guidelines.

"I'm glad you're restoring the house, by the way," said Mayor Carroll. "We don't want those old houses to go away."

HZC board member Dena Landers made the motion to defer the application (30 days agreed upon.) Council member Marilyn Ewing seconded. The board unanimously approved.

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**Dear Editor:**

At the most recent Shelbyville Planning Commission meeting, I raised an issue that I believe deserves the attention of both city and county residents — the need for a coordinated study on the impact of future data center development and related technology infrastructure in our community.

As communities across Tennessee continue to experience growth in digital infrastructure investment, Shelbyville and Bedford County must be prepared to understand both the opportunities and the long-term responsibilities that come with that growth. Data centers and cloud computing facilities can bring economic development, tax revenue, and expanded business opportunities, but they also require careful planning when it comes to utilities, transportation systems, water resources, power capacity, and long-term land use.

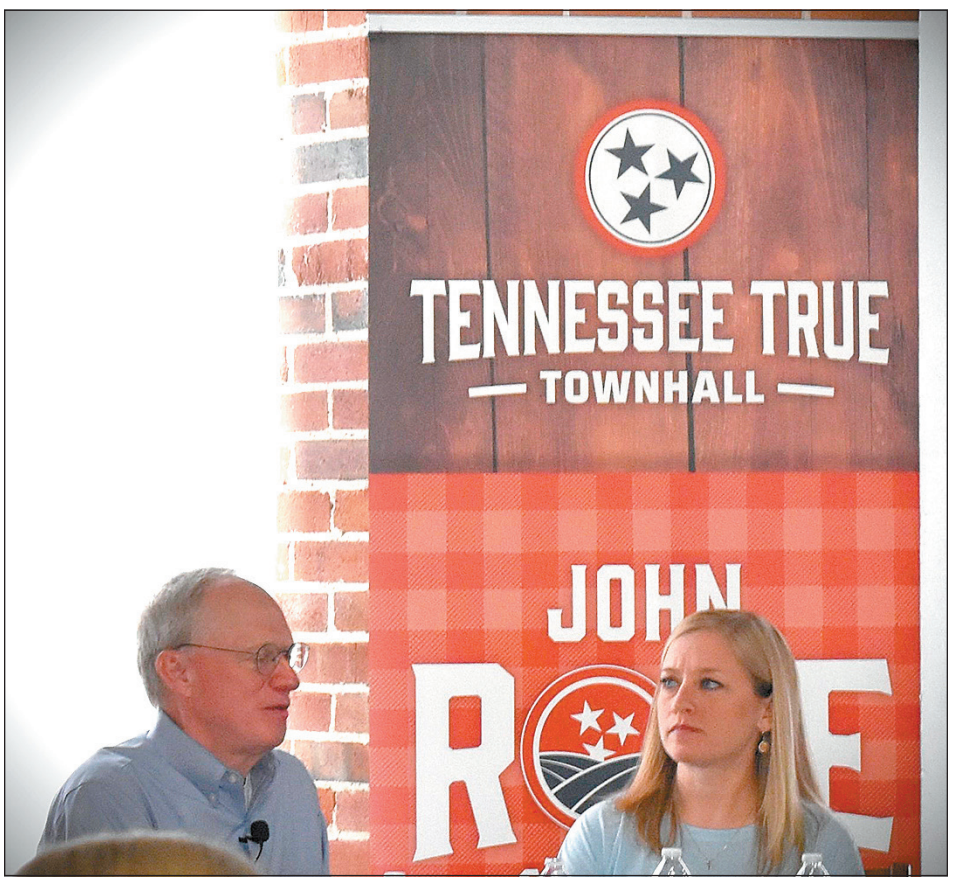
I emphasized during the meeting that this is not an issue that should be approached separately by the city and county. The future impact of large-scale technology development will affect the entire community, regardless of jurisdictional boundaries. That is why cooperation between Shelbyville and Bedford County leadership is essential.

A joint city-county study would allow local leaders to evaluate infrastructure readiness, economic impact, workforce opportunities, and future planning needs before major development decisions are made. Working together now can help ensure taxpayers are protected while positioning our community for responsible and sustainable growth.

Communities that prepare early are often better equipped to attract quality investment while preserving the character and stability of the places people call home. Shelbyville and Bedford County have an opportunity to be proactive instead of reactive.

The conversation at the recent Planning Commission meeting was an important first step. Continued collaboration between city and county officials will be critical as our community looks toward the future.

Bo Gill
Shelbyville




## ROSE STOPS IN SHELBYVILLE DURING GOVERNOR'S RACE TOUR

*Photo by Marilyn Ewing*

John Rose, Tennessee gubernatorial candidate, held a town hall meeting early last Friday morning at the Fly Cultural Arts building. Several were in attendance.

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# FEATURES FROM THE BIBLE

## TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

**Jethro**

Exodus 18

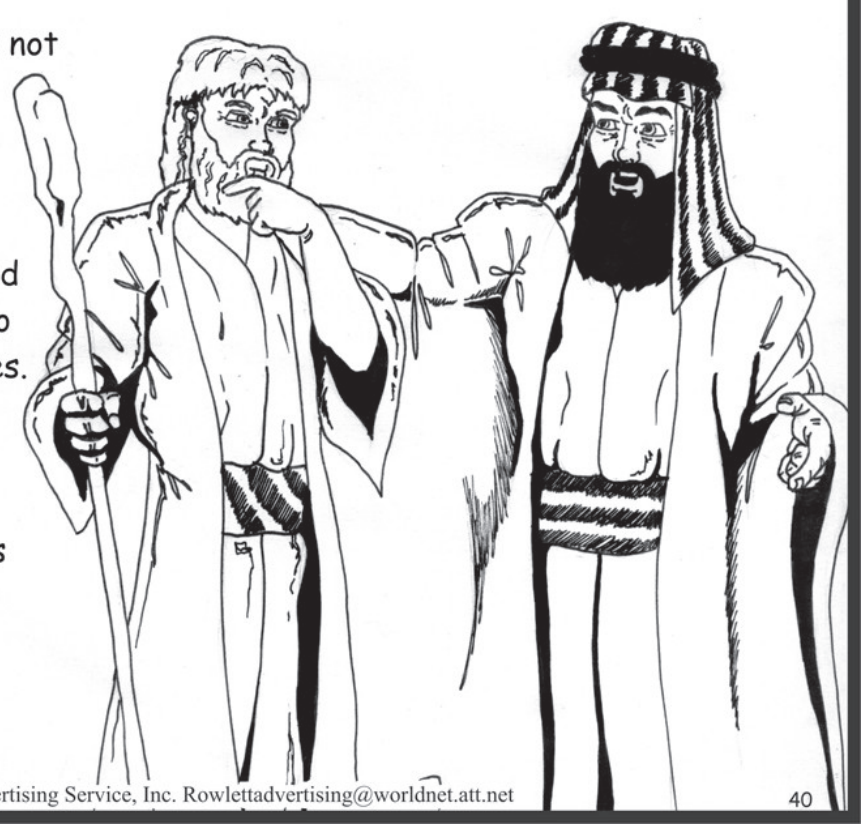
Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought Moses' family to meet him in the desert.

During his stay, Jethro observed Moses acting as the only judge among the people to make known to them God's will and to settle disputes.

Jethro suggested that Moses could not do this job by himself because it would soon wear him down. He recommends that Moses select capable men who feared God and were trustworthy and who hated dishonest gain - and appoint them to serve as judges over the minor cases. They would bring only the difficult cases to Moses.

Moses listened to Jethro and did as Jethro suggested.

Jethro returned to his home.



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# Obituaries

**Betty Jean Lamb**



Betty Jean Lamb, 91, of Shelbyville died May 28, 2026.

Funeral Services were held 2:00 P.M. Saturday, May 30th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home, Nanette M. Burgnon and Will Overton officiating. Burial followed at Smotherman Cemetery. Visitation began at 11:00 A.M.

She was born August 4, 1934 in Bedford County to her parents, the late James Mitchell and Nannie Lee Lamb.

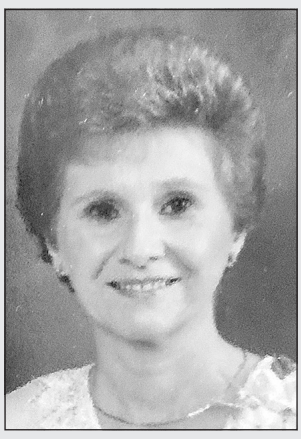
She was former employee in the Dietary Department of Bedford County Medical Center and a member of Faith Baptist Church.

Betty is survived by her children, Nanette M. Burgnon (Mark) of Shelbyville, Annette Welch (David) of Tullahoma, Janette Overton (Gary) of Nashville, Cathy Lamont (Dan) of Mt. Juliet, Gary Zahorian of Shelbyville; six grandchildren, Wendy Whitaker (Todd), Taressa Wright (Lance), Chasity Lambert (Chuck), Will Overton (Libby), Luc Zahorian and Brice Lamont; six great-grandchildren, Jesse May, Chase May, Mason Wright, Maddox Wright, Noah Lambert, Isaiah Lambert; six great-great-grandchildren, Ruthie Overton, William Overton, Judson May, Hank May, Zae May and Maddie May and her dear friend, Hershel Collins.

The family would like to thank Celebration Way Assisted Living for making Betty feel at Home and taking good care of her and for the friendships she made there.

Memorials may be made to the Bedford County Cancer Fund or Faith Baptist Church.

**Helen Marie Ledbetter**



Helen Marie Ledbetter, 80, of Shelbyville died May 30, 2026. Funeral Services were held 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, June 3rd, at Hillcrest Funeral Home, Pastor Micah Hayes officiating. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation began at 11:00 A.M.

She was born May 24, 1946 in Woodbury, TN. She began working as a seamstress with Model Sportswear, later working for Stahl-Urban and Chalk Line and then working and retiring from Calsonic. She was a member of Fair Haven Baptist Church.

Helen was a loving wife, mother, grandmother. She loved to fish with her husband and was known by family and friends as the "Best Cook" for her cooking.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Perry Ferrell and Carlie Watson Ferrell; her brothers, L.D. Ferrell, Lloyd Ferrell, Willie Ferrell; sisters, Elsie Dean Ferrell, Jennie Hartley, Catherine Pirtle, Mary Nell Lynn, Annette Green and a great-grandson, Layton Hart.

Helen is survived by her husband, Gerald David Ledbetter, her children, Kimberly Bohanan (Jeff) of Shelbyville, David Ledbetter (Genny) of Versailles, KY.; grandchildren, Kyra Ledbetter, Amber Hayes (Micah), Kelsey Hart (Corey); great-grandchildren, Charlotte Hayes, Elijah Hart, Benjamin Hayes, Calvin Hayes, Beau Hart and Channing Hart.

The family would like to thank Carriage House for making Helen feel at home and taking good care of her.

**Christmas A. Wakefield**



Mrs. Christmas A. Wakefield, age 50, passed this life Saturday, May 30, 2026 surrounded by her loving family. She is preceded in death by her father, Jim Holton.

Christmas embraced life with a joyful spirit and found special happiness in the Christmas season. Decorating for the holidays was one of her greatest pleasures, and she delighted in creating a warm and welcoming home for family and friends. Above all, she cherished her family and treasured every moment spent with them. A true country girl at heart, she enjoyed fishing, spending time around horses, and riding 4-wheelers. Her love for the outdoors, her adventurous nature, and the memories she created with those she loved will be cherished forever.

Christmas is survived by her husband, Donald Wakefield, Jr.; children, Kristen Stanley (Blake), Dustin Wakefield (Kaitlyn), and Elizabeth Wakefield (Dylan Lefebvre); grandchildren, Haven Lefebvre and Hailey Lefebvre; uncle, Johnny Hartman; niece, Hannah Balderas; and other family, Debbie McClure, Melinda Easterling, and Amy Hofner.

Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday June 5, 2026 at Feldhaus-Gowen-Smith Chapel, 850 Union Street, Shelbyville, TN.

Feldhaus-Gowen-Smith Chapel is honored to be serving the family of Christmas A. Wakefield.

# Death Notices

**Martha J. Milner (Stem)**

Martha J. Milner (Stem), age 82, of Lynchburg
October 8, 1943 - May 27, 2026
Doak Funeral Home is serving the family.

# BC Chamber of Commerce highlights collaboration and opportunity at quarterly lunch

Bedford County Chamber of Commerce welcomed business leaders, elected officials, educators, community partners, and Chamber members to its quarterly luncheon on May 19, at The Fly Arts Center.

Sponsored by First Community Bank, the event brought together nearly 100 attendees for an afternoon focused on collaboration, economic growth, workforce development, tourism, and the future of Bedford County.

Dana Rodriguez, director of Chamber Connections, welcomed attendees and recognized the many community leaders, public officials, and Chamber members who work together to make Bedford County a great place to live, work, and do business.

Special recognition was given to First Community Bank for serving as the presenting sponsor. As a hometown bank deeply rooted in Bedford County, First Community Bank continues to invest in the success of local businesses and the community through its commitment to relationship banking and community involvement.

Unlike a traditional quarterly luncheon that features an outside guest speaker, this luncheon focused on the newly launched Bedford County Chamber of Commerce itself. Attendees had the opportunity to hear directly from Chamber leadership regarding the organization's vision, priorities, and direction. The luncheon also provided an opportunity to share updates regarding the Chamber's renewed focus on serving as the "Front Door to Bedford County" through four primary areas of concentration: Economic Development & Public Policy, Tourism, Workforce Development, and Chamber Connections.

Attendees heard from Chamber President and CEO Joe Marchesoni, who shared the Chamber's vision for strengthening partnerships, supporting existing businesses, attracting new opportunities, and creating greater engagement throughout Bedford County.

Marchesoni, newly elected CEO, said, "The Bedford County Chamber of Commerce will serve as the Front Door to Bedford County. We welcome, connect, and guide businesses and individuals who want to invest, grow, or engage here.

But just as importantly, our focus begins with the people who already call this community home, the families who have built their lives here, the businesses that have invested here, and the employees who keep our local economy moving forward every day."

Board Chairman Kasey Kesselring also addressed attendees, emphasizing the importance of action, collaboration, and building a stronger future together. Kesselring introduced the Chamber's committee leadership, highlighting the individuals who will help drive the organization's work forward through its four primary focus areas. Those introduced included Greg Vick, Chair of Economic Development & Public Policy; Lynda Botsch, Chair of Workforce Development; Warren Wells, Chair of Tourism; and Scott Johnson, Chair of Chamber Connections.

The program also featured presentations from several regional and state partners whose organizations play a critical role in Bedford County's growth and success. John Hatfield with the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, Courtney Sloven with the Tennessee Valley Authority, Kendrick Curtis with the Middle Tennessee Industrial Development Association, and Ryan French with the South Central Tennessee Tourism Association shared information about resources, programs, and initiatives available to support business expansion, workforce development, tourism growth, and community investment.

Guests learned about ongoing efforts to strengthen workforce pipelines, prepare Bedford County to attract new employers, support existing industries, expand tourism opportunities, and position the community for long-term success. Presenters highlighted the value of regional collaboration and the importance of aligning local, regional, and state resources to meet the needs of businesses and residents.



President & CEO Bedford County Chamber of Commerce, Joe Marchesoni

A key theme throughout the luncheon was engagement. Chamber leaders encouraged attendees to become involved through one of the Chamber's four committees and to play an active role in shaping the future of Bedford County.

For more information about the Bedford County Chamber of Commerce, upcoming events, or committee involvement opportunities, visit www.bedfordcountytnchamber.com or email dana@bedfordcountytnchamber.com.



From left, John Hatfield with the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development; Dana Rodriguez, Director of Chamber Connections; and Ryan French with the South Central Tennessee Tourism Association. In the background is First Community Bank CEO Scott Cocanougher. FCB sponsored the luncheon.



From left, First Community Bank Team: Lucy Tapley, Joanne Ervin, and Nicole Simmons



# THIRTEEN 2026 WEBB GRADUATES FROM BEDFORD

*School Photo*

The Webb community—from faculty and families to friends—recently celebrated the school's 156th Commencement exercises on Saturday, May 23, 2026, honoring 68 graduating seniors for their achievements and distinction. The following 13 graduates are from Bedford County:

Gavyn Clair Anderson, Grayson Steel Anderson, Logan DiPietro, Ryan Patrick Edwards, Connor Kilgore, Mary Katherine Mosier, Landon Charles O'Neal, Joseph Weston Pitner, all from Shelbyville; Emily Violet Fisher of Unionville; Catherine Ruth French and Amelie Isobel Taucare, both of Bell Buckle; Chere' Nicole Potts and Kylie Catherine Singer, both of Wartrace.

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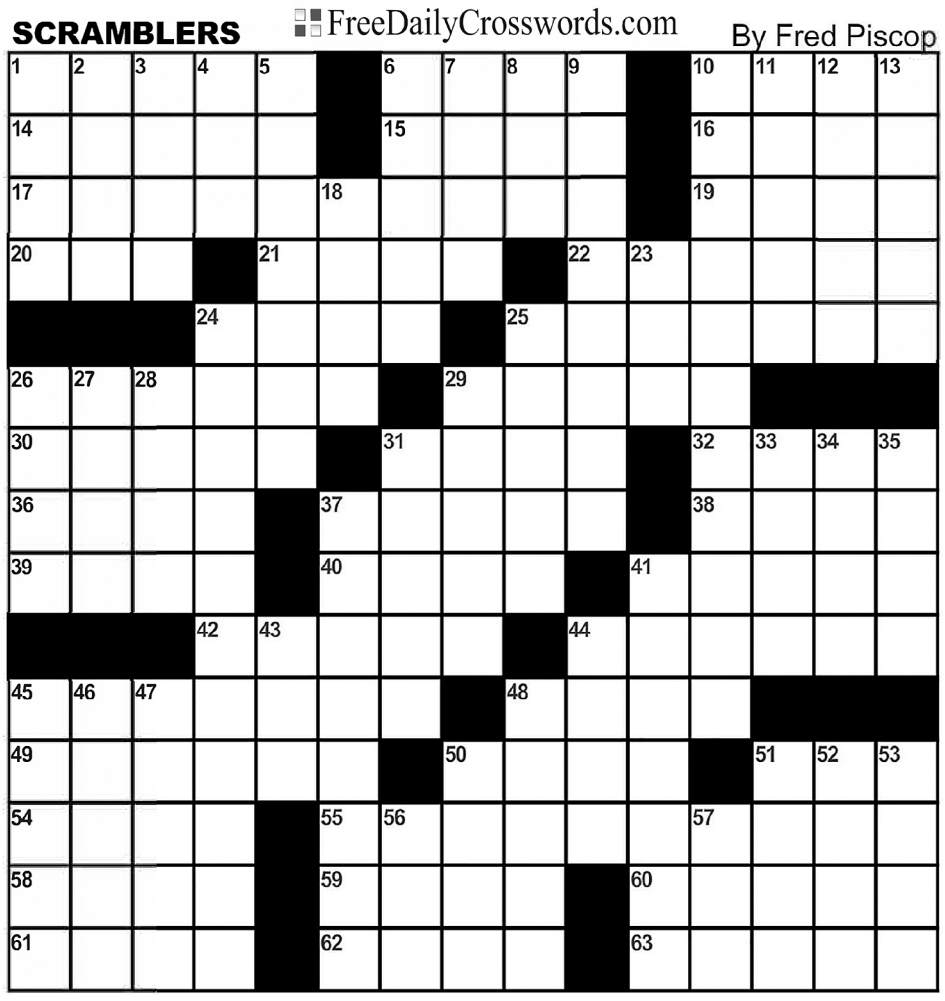
**CLUES ACROSS**

1) Easy infield catch
6) Inner-city blight
10) Did 100, say
14) Tummy trouble
15) Galileo's birthplace
16) Message runner
17) LANCE
19) Leeds' river
20) Sen. Cruz
21) Forest females
22) One bringing home the bacon
24) Successful solver's cry
25) "Gigi" novelist
26) Covered with smudges
29) Honda model
30) Shire of "Rocky" movies
31) Sank, as a putt
32) Grapefruit serving
36) Hebrew for "skyward"
37) Mars vehicle
38) Ice cream thickener
39) Flavorful, as a grape
40) In charge of
41) Lawn figure
42) Paul McCartney's given first name
44) Made "it," on the playground
45) Isolated, as a people
48) Trig function
49) Doubles team member
50) NASA beverage
51) Six-sided gaming piece
54) Needling remark
55) RELAY
58) Bibliography abbr.
59) Knee-slapper
60) Trunk in a museum
61) Info, informally
62) Pseudo-cultured
63) Playwright Chekhov

**CLUES DOWN**

1) NAFTA, e.g.
2) Wolfish look
3) Parti-colored
4) Hagen of stage and screen
5) Box opener of myth
6) Mall binge
7) Baloney
8) Springsteen's birthplace, in song
9) Total transformation
10) SPEAR
11) Work in a loft, maybe
12) "Snowy" bird
13) Farm machinery pioneer
18) Way too thin
23) Dethroner of Foreman
24) LYDIA
25) Hard drink, maybe
26) Goulash, e.g.
27) French Sudan, today
28) Pizzazz
29) Gives in under pressure
31) Man with a van, perhaps
33) Bug-eyed
34) Poor, as excuses go
35) Actor/politician Thompson
37) Time until about 410 AD, in Britain
41) Urban rap genre
43) In the style of
44) Pint-sized
45) Sacked out
46) "Groovy!"
47) Shoulder bag feature
48) Full of cusswords
50) Pull a sulky, say
51) Gossip fodder
52) "Assuming that's true ... "
53) Prince William attended it
56) It's mostly nitrogen
57) Sweetie

**SCRAMBLERS** FreeDailyCrosswords.com By Fred Piscop



# Bedford County property transfers

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

**File date: May 26**

Location: 166 Carlton Rd; Seller, Deano R Miller, Lauren Miller; Buyer, Mazhar Khan; Price, $200,000 (Deed).

Location: 705 Dow Drive; Seller, Malcolm K Darrell, Jonetta A Darrell; Buyer, Skills Development Services Inc; Price, $285,000 (Deed).

Location: 345 Clardy Rd; Seller, Bret Allen Denekas, Theresa Rae Denekas; Buyer, Stacy Marie Ford, Ayden Lloyd; Price, $199,400 (Deed).

Location: Fishingford Pike; Seller, Bradley Dewayne Cole, Ayla Diane Cole, Ayla Diane Rinkleberger; Buyer, Bradley Dewayne Cole, Ayla Diane Cole; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: 2098 Longview Rd; Seller, Melanie Baines, Ray Baines; Buyer, Helen A Alexander, Douglas W Alexander; Price, $825,000 (Deed).

Location: 1839 Old Nashville Dirt Rd; Seller, Tina M Layne; Buyer, Madison Mahayla Layne; Price, $202,400 (Deed).

Seller, Terrence John Breit, Charlene Breit; Buyer, Breit Family Trust, Terrence J Breit, Charlene Breit; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 402 Hurricane Grove Rd; Seller, Alicia J England, William Cam England; Buyer, Eric D Haman, Amanda Lee Plahuta; Price, $393,000 (Deed).

**File date: May 27**

Location: 108 Autumn Cove; Seller, Bruce S Bartels, Leslie Bartels; Buyer, April Garshnick; Price, $600,400 (Deed).

Location: 552 Rattlesnake Lodge Rd; Seller, Susan Brydon; Buyer, Susan Marie Brydon Revocable Trust, Susan Marie Brydon; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Cedar River Rd; Seller, Donald White Construction LLC; Buyer, Lisa Whitaker; Price, $245,000 (Deed).

Seller, Penelope Wade; Buyer, Stephen W Grace; Price, $181,500 (Deed).

Location: 310 Rolling Road; Seller, Katie Burrow, Fran Burrow; Buyer, Katie Burrow, Angelia Greene; Price, $0 (Deed).

Seller, Robert K Kilgore; Buyer, Ole South Properties Inc; Price, $5,400,000 (Deed).

Location: El Bethel Rd; Seller, May Tory Homes LLC; Buyer, Donald White Construction LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 220 Idle Dr; Seller, SFH Crescent LLC; Buyer, Mary Ann Hawkins, David Laroy Hawkins; Price, $340,000 (Deed).

Location: 142 Tanner Circle; Seller, Baltazar Reyes, Nemias Ramos; Buyer, Austin Leaver, Katheleen Leaver; Price, $325,900 (Deed).

Location: Longview Rd; Seller, Cindy Carol Mitchell; Buyer, John Barber, Jennifer Mendonca; Price, $68,000 (Deed).

**File date: May 28**

Location: 376 Adams Rd; Seller, Erica Lynn Stephens, Garret Brandt Stephens; Buyer, Cassedy Nance, Patrick Nance; Price, $415,000 (Deed).

Location: 1025 Glenoaks Rd; Seller, Casey James Hastings; Buyer, Emma Williams; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Matthew Moro, Megan Moro, Megan Roy; Buyer, Billy Freeman, Rebekah McClain Freeman; Price, $377,900 (Deed).

Location: 706 Vicar St; Seller, Sam B Kite Jr; Buyer, Sam B Kite Jr Living Trust, Sam B Kite Jr; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 500 Sundance St; Seller, Sam B Kite Jr; Buyer, Sam B Kite Jr Livinig Trust, Same B Kite Jr; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Highway 231 N; Seller, Sam B Kite Jr; Buyer, Sam B Kite Jr Livinig Trust, Same B Kite Jr; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Julie Gordon; Buyer, Cameron Deshawn Gordon; Price, $10 (QD).

Location: 1677 Knob Creek Rd; Seller, Bennie Elroy Shelton, Joseph Elroy Shelton; Buyer, Joseph Elroy Shelton, Emery Lauren Shelton; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Alejandro S Cedillo, Elvira G Garcia; Buyer, Juan Pablo Gomez Gracia; Price, $225,000 (Deed).

Location: 967 Horse Mountain Rd; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Colby Jacob Luttrell, Bethany Luttrell; Price, $259,990 (Deed).

Location: 123 Pass Rd; Seller, Carl L Poarch; Buyer, Gidget Darell; Price, $18,000 (Deed).

**File date: May 29**

Location: 224 Idle Dr; Seller, DFH Crescent LLC; Buyer, Jonathan Reuben Jones; Price, $373,898 (Deed).

Location: Sarvis Ridge Rd; Seller, Bobby J Sparks, Alice C Sparks; Buyer, Patricia Ann Nanartowich, Brian Earl Doty; Price, $609,000 (Deed).

Location: 967 Horse Mountain Rd; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Menley S Williams, Alexander J Williams; Price, $269,990 (Deed).

Location: Birch St; Seller, Curtis D Ward Estate, Kelly Lynne Ward, Curtis Ward Estate; Buyer, Kelly Lynne Ward; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: 107 Red Gate Ct; Seller, Merle C Perkins, Brenda L Perkins; Buyer, Amanda Leonard Nikolich, Luke Gene Nikolich; Price, $479,900 (Deed).

Location: 800 Apple Blossom Trail; Seller, Eric Parks; Buyer, Derek C Price, Lindsay Hess Price; Price, $574,900 (Deed).

Seller, Tory may Homes LLC; Buyer, Kayla Renee Pigeon, Daniel Michael Pigeon; Price, $514,900 (Deed).

Seller, Darel Cruz Perdomo, Melanie Matinez; Buyer, Diego Mauricio Gomez Gaspar, Destiny Christine Gaomez; Price, $40,000 (Deed).

**File date: July 1**

Location: 305 Atlantic Ave; Seller, Ranferi De La Paz Tavera, Gloria Del Angel Otero; Buyer, Jose Armando Del Angel Buda; Price, $325,000 (Deed).

Location: 899 Gant Rd; Seller, James L Graves, Tammy K Graves; Buyer, Joshua James Graves; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 1047 Fairfield Pike; Seller, Virgel Ray Smith III; Buyer, Virgel R Smith Jr; Price, $155,000 (Deed).

Seller, Daryl Oneal, Amanda Oneal, Michael Hutson; Buyer, Michael G Hutson; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 104 Deer Point Rd; Seller, Dianne L Connolly; Buyer, Harriswood Investments LLC; Price, $176,800 (Deed).

Location: Liberty Pike; Seller, Heinnike Family 2026 CP Trust, Jon Gregory Heinike, Jeanette Linda Heinike; Buyer, Zsolt J Lagler, Karyn Lagler; Price, $385,000 (Deed).

Location: 713 South Wall St; Seller, HP Realty Co LLC; Buyer, Joseph A Messina, Lisa Messina; Price, $281,000 (Deed).

Seller, Tory May Homes LLC; Buyer, John Garretson, Lorette Garretson; Price, $424,900 (Deed).

Location: Hatchett Hollow Rd; Seller, George Huddleston Jr Family Limited; Buyer, George B Huddleston III Revocable Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 207 Amanda Dr; Seller, Jacob D Spence; Buyer, Mary Spence, Jacob D Spence; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Jack Pickle Rd; Seller, Elizabeth A Boyce; Buyer, Sid Baker; Price, $26,250 (Deed).

Seller, Kenneth W Carlton, Sharon M Carlton; Buyer, Casey M Stafford; Price, $33,000 (Deed).

# *Classifieds*

## AUCTIONS

**LYNCH STORAGE AUCTION**
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100 Chickadee Lane
Household items, boating items, clothing, Small Swingset

**YARD SALE**
1190 Horse Mt. Road
Thursday,7-4
Friday, 7-4
Saturday, 7-12
Longaberger, antique dolls, desk, baby clothes, Many more items

**YARD/GARAGE SALE**
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**2021 Winnebago**
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**New Chaise Lounge**
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## SERVICES

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**Invitation to Bid**

South Central Human Resource Agency, P.O. Box 638, 1437 Winchester Hwy, Fayetteville, TN 37334 is accepting bids for our food market basket for the Head Start 2026/2027 school year. Bids will be received electronically until June 26, 2026 and no later than 10:00 A.M. CST.

Invitation to bid packets may be obtained by contacting the Finance Director at (931) 433-7182 ext 1112.

South Central Human Resource Agency reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

**SCRAMBLERS** By Fred Piscop



NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
STATE OF TENNESSEE, Bedford COUNTY
WHEREAS, Cheryl Ann Nash, as borrower(s), executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, Lender, and Nationwide Trustee Services, Inc, Trustee(s), which was dated 6/24/2019, and recorded on 7/2/2019, as Instrument No. 19004487 in Book TD934 Page 478, securing the payment of a Note in the amount of $168,471.00 as Re-recorded, to correct the notary acknowledgment, on 08/13/2019 as Instrument No. 19005692 Book TD938, Page 360, as modified by that Loan Modification Agreement recorded on 01/17/2023 as Instrument No. 23000353, Book TD1075, Page 323, 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 6/9/2026, at or about 10:00 AM at the usual and customary location at the At the South door of the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square E, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160, 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 LOT NO. 1 COURTNEY COURT SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN BY PLAT AND SURVEY OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET B, ENVELOPE 12, OF THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF SAID LOT.
BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO DONALD NASH (DECEASED AS OF AUGUST 14, 2018) AND CHERYL ANN NASH FROM JAMES BROWN JR AND WENDY BROWN BY WARRANTY DEED RECORDED NOVEMBER 20, 2017 IN BOOK D341, PAGE 62, ROD FOR BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.
Tax Parcel ID: 59/5.07
Address/Description: 2530 MIDLAND RD, ROYAL, TN 37160
Current Owner(s): Cheryl Ann Nash
Other Interested Party(ies): Secretary of Veterans Affairs an Officer of the United States
If the Internal Revenue Service and/or U.S. Department of Treasury is listed as Other Interested Party above, then the notice required under 26. U.S.C. 7425(b) was timely provided and the sale of the land advertised will be subject to the right of the U.S. to redeem the land as provided in 26 U.S.C. 7425(d)(1). If the Tennessee Department of Revenue and/or the Tennessee Department of Labor and Work Force Development is listed as Other Interested Party above, then the notice required under TCA 67-1-1433(b) was timely provided and for each lien identified, the sale of the land advertised will be subject to the right of The State of Tennessee to redeem the land as provided for in TCA 65-1-1420.
The 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.
Please be advised that the trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee's sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a Substitute trustee's deed will be issued for covered transfers. The Buyer may be required to pay charges associated with the gathering and reporting of information to FinCEN. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at: https://www.federalregister.gov documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers and
https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#D_5
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**FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE**

WHEREAS, New Doors Development Group, LLC executed Deed of Trust dated October 30, 2024 in favor of Jacob Alsup, Trustee, to secure a Promissory Note payable to the order of KEM Investments, LLC, D/B/A Real-Flex in the original amount of $795,000.00 which Promissory Note is more fully described in Book TD1135, page 223, in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, to which reference is hereby made (the "Deed of Trust"), and to secure payment of other indebtedness then existing or to arise thereafter; and

WHEREAS, R. Houston Akin of Davidson County has been appointed Trustee by KEM Investments, LLC, D/B/A Real-Flex, the owner and holder of the Indebtedness by instrument of record at Book TD1192, page 180, Register's Office for Bedford County, Tennessee, with authority to act under the powers given the Trustee under the Deed of Trust and be applicable law; and

WHEREAS, defaults under the Indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust have occurred; and

WHEREAS, the owner and holder of said Indebtedness has demanded that the real property be advertised and sold in satisfaction of said Indebtedness and the cost of said foreclosure, in accordance with the terms, conditions and provisions of the loan documents and the Deed of Trust

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the Substitute Trustee, pursuant to the power, duty and authority vested in and imposed upon the Trustee in said Deed of Trust and under applicable law, will on Monday, June 22, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. o'clock, prevailing time, at the entrance to the Bedford County Courthouse, Shelbyville, Tennessee offer for sale to the highest and best bidder for cash and free from all rights and equity of redemption, statutory right of redemption or otherwise, homestead, dower, elective share and all other rights of exemption of every kind as waived in said Deed of Trust, certain property described as follows, to-wit:

Being all of Tract No. 6 of the Amos C. Smith Testamentary Family Trust survey plat which is of record at Plat Cabinet H1, Envelope 14, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, to which reference is hereby made for a more detailed description of said tract.

Being the same property conveyed to New Doors Development Group, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company by Warranty Deed from Srinidhi, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company, dated October 30, 2024 and recorded in Book D393 page 384—Register's Office for Bedford County, Tennessee.

The address of the property is, upon best information and knowledge, believed to be 0 Amos Smith Rd., Shelbyville, TN, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property. In the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

This property is sold AS IS, WHERE IS AND WITH ALL FAULTS, and without any representations or warranties of any kind whatsoever, whether express or implied. Without limiting the foregoing, THE PROPERTY IS TO BE SOLD WITHOUT ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MECHANTABILITY, CONDITION OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE OR PURPOSE.

Other interested parties:

None

The right is reserved to (i) delay the sale to another time certain or adjourn the day of the sale to another day and time, without further publication and in accordance with law, upon announcement of said delay or adjournment on the day and time and place of the sale set forth above; (ii) sell the Property at the time fixed by the last postponement or to give new notice of sale; (iii) sell the Property in such lots, parcels, segments, or separate estates as the Substitute Trustee may choose; (iv) sell part of the Property and delay, adjourn, cancel, or postpone the sale of the remaining part of the Property; (v) sell the Property in whole and then to sell the Property in parts and to consummate the sale in whichever manner produces the highest sale price; (vi) to sell to the next highest bidder in the event any higher bidder does not comply with the terms of the sale.

The Substitute Trustee will make no covenant of seisin, marketability of title or warranty of title, express or implied, and will sell and convey the subject real estate by Trustee's Deed as Substitute Trustee only and not otherwise.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded Plat or Plan; any unpaid taxes and assessments (plus penalties, interest and costs) which exists as a lien against the said Property; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; any rights of redemption, equity, statutory or otherwise, not otherwise waived in the Deed of Trust, including rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state of federal; and any and all prior deeds of trusts, liens, dues, assessments, encumbrances, 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. This sale is also subject to any matter that an inspection and accurate survey of the property might disclose.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

This Notice of Sale can be viewed online at www.foreclosurestn.com.

Dated this 18th day of May, 2026.
R. Houston Akin, Trustee
611 Woodland Street
Nashville, TN 37206
(615) 879-7714
Insertion Dates: May 28, June 4, and 11, 2026.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
**Estate of Charles Edward Scivally, Deceased**

Notice is hereby given that on May 18, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Charles Edward Scivally, who died 01/10/2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and Non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 18th day of May, 2026.
/s/ Kelly Cornelius, Executrix
/s/ Trisha L Henegar, Attorney
/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (5282tp)

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
**Estate of Paulette D Lanier, Deceased**

Notice is hereby given that on May 14, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Paulette D Lanier, who died 04/08/2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and Non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 14th day of May, 2026.
/s/ Travis F Lanier, Executor
/s/ Ralph McBride Jr., Attorney
/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (5282tp)

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
**Estate of Janice F Harris Buttz, Deceased**

Notice is hereby given that on May 19, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Janice F Harris Buttz, who died 03/30/2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and Non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 19th day of May, 2026.
/s/ KelBenjamin J McCurry, Executor
/s/ Trisha L Henegar, Attorney
/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (5282tp)

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
**Estate of Donald Roy Moore, Deceased**

Notice is hereby given that on May 18, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Donald Ray Moore, who died 04/25/2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and Non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 21st day of May, 2026.
/s/ James Kevin Moore, Executor
/s/ Megan K. Trott, Rambo & Trott, Attorney
/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (642tp)

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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 February 10, 2025, executed by Charles Leeper, a single person, to Yale Riley as Trustee, for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns, and appearing of record on February 14, 2025, in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, at Book TD1143, Page 613, and Instrument Number 25001037.

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, 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 July 6, 2026, 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:

EXHIBIT A - LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Tax Id Number(s): 030 05300 000

Land situated in the County of Bedford in the State of TN

GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS A PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE SITUATED ON THE GROUND IN THE 5TH CIVIL DISTRICT OF BEDFORD COUNTY TENNESSEE SAID PARCEL IS GENERALLY, BOUND BY THE WALDRON PROPERTY ON THE WEST, BY THE BOWLING PROPERTY ON THE NORTH AND EAST, AND THE NORTH MARGIN OF UNIONVILLE-DEASON ROAD ON THE SOUTH, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

MAP 30, PARCEL 53.00 RECORDED IN THE REGISTERS OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE (R.O.B.C.,TN.) IN DEED BOOK 303, PAGE 929, AND IN PLAT CABINET A, PAGE 155 AS LOT 5 COMMENCING AT AN IRON PIPE FOUND, THENCE N 85° 45' 10" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 730.00' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SAID POINT BEING AN IRON REBAR FOUND IN THE NORTH MARGIN OF UNIONVILLE DEASON ROAD, SAID REBAR HAVING COORDINATES OF NORTH 462970.56, EAST 1824636.60, AND BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF HEREN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; THENCE LEAVING SAID MARGIN, N 4° 14' 50"W, FOR A DISTANCE OF 340.00' TO AN IRON REBAR FOUND, BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF HEREIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; THENCE N 85° 45' 10" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 130.00' TO AN IRON REBAR FOUND WITH CAP STAMPED CAFFEY IN THE NORTH MARGIN OF SAID ROAD BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF HEREIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; THENCE S4°14' 50" E, FOR A DISTANCE OF 340.00' TO AN IRON REBAR FOUND WITH CAP STAMPED CAFFEY IN THE NORTH MARGIN OF SAID ROAD, BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF HEREIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; THENCE ALONG SAID MARGIN, S 85°45' 10" W, FOR A DISTANCE OF 130.00' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 1.01 ACRES, THIS ACCORDING TO A SURVEY BY SEC, INC. COMPLETED SEPTEMBER 17, 2021.

NOTE The Company is prohibited from insuring the area or quantity of the land. The Company does not represent that any acreage or footage calculations are correct. References to quantity are for identification purposes only.

Commonly known as: 2477 Unionville Deason Rd, Bell Buckle, TN 37020-4556

THE PROPERTY ADDRESS AND TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER LISTED ARE PROVIDED SOLELY FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES

Being the same property conveyed to Charles Leeper, unmarried, by deed dated March 14, 2022 of record in Deed Book 372, Page392 Instrument/Case No. 22002405, in the County Clerk's Office.

Parcel ID: 030-053.00-000

Commonly known as 2477 Unionville Deason Rd Bell Buckle, TN 37020

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: Charles Leeper.

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: 1422-319A
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## TICKS

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Known as a "hard working man" by his friends and customers, he carried on.

Less than a month later, the "Appliance Doctor" became ill.

"I had a constant fever of 100.5 to 102. I had no energy. I'd have to sit down after walking down the hill . . . terrible headache and a thirst I couldn't quinch."

Mantooth made a trip to a doctor and then to an emergency room. A few days after, he visited Vanderbilt ER in Nashville.

"I was admitted and stayed for 6 days while they tried to figure out what was wrong. Finally, after about 20 blood tests, they found it was Ehrlichiosis-a tick-borne bacterial disease from a Lone Star Tick bite."

That's when he says he remembered pulling a tick off his back 3 weeks earlier. Medical experts advise putting suspicious-looking ticks, especially those with spots, in a zip lock bag with alcohol.

After the correct antibiotics, Mantooth was on the road to recovery. He was still weak for several days but eventually started feeling better.

The Shelbyville businessman says he unfortunately doesn't have any words of wisdom to share with the public regarding his illness. He does recommend using a good insect repellant and advises residents to check themselves well for ticks, after being outside, in the woods or in tall grass.

The CDC recommends the following steps to removing ticks from the body:

If you find a tick attached to your skin, remove the tick as soon as possible. Do not wait to go to a healthcare provider to remove the tick. Delaying tick removal to get help from a healthcare provider could increase your risk of getting a disease spread through tick bites, known as *tick-borne diseases*.

1. Grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible using clean fine-tipped tweezers. If fine-tipped tweezers are not available, use regular tweezers or your fingers to grasp the tick. Grasp the tick close to the skin's surface to avoid squeezing the tick's body.

2. Pull tick away from the skin with steady, even pressure. Don't twist or jerk the tick. This can cause the tick mouthparts to break off and remain in the skin. If this happens, your body will naturally push the mouthparts out over time as your skin heals. You can also remove the mouthparts with tweezers. If you cannot remove the mouthparts easily with tweezers, leave them alone.

3. Dispose of the live tick by taking one of these steps: place it in a sealed container; wrap it tightly in tape; flush it down the toilet; or put it in alcohol. Do not crush the tick with your fingers.

4. After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area and your hands with soap and water, rubbing alcohol, or hand sanitizer.

5. If you find a tick attached to you, there may be other ticks on your body. Do a careful tick check to look for other ticks and promptly remove them.

Note: the CDC warns not to use petroleum jelly, heat, nail polish, or other substances to try and make the tick detach from the skin. This may agitate the tick and force infected fluid from the tick into the skin.

## Vanderbilt experts offer tips on dealing with ticks

Four tick-borne illnesses are most common in Tennessee, including spotted fever rickettsiosis, ehrlichiosis, anaplasmosis and Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

Commonly viewed as a nuisance while outdoors, mosquitoes pose many health risks, including the transmission of West Nile virus, chikungunya and Zika virus. But they are not the only bloodsuckers to keep at bay.

Ticks top the list of pesky pests to keep an eye out for in middle Tennessee, according to infectious disease xperts at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt.

"We are in peak tick season right now," said Anthony Flores, MD, MPH, PhD, professor of Pediatric Infectious Diseases. "They are very small, often the size of a sesame seed, making them hard to see. And they don't just attach to our skin; they travel on pets too.

"Exposure to ticks has increased over time as urban populations spread out and homes are surrounded by more wooded and less developed areas that typically have more wildlife.

Flores, director of the division of pediatric infectious diseases, said with warmer winters — not experiencing hard freezes for longer periods of time — the variation of ticks will flourish.

Flores said caregivers, camp counselors, parents, etc., and the like have a bounty of options to help prevent tick exposure and bites:

• Avoid heavily wooded, high grass and leaf-littered areas.

• Wear light-colored, protective clothing such as long sleeves and pants.

• Treat clothing and camping gear with permethrin, an insecticide. Permethrin-treated items can also be purchased. These items provide protection after multiple washings.

• Use EPA-registered insect repellants containing DEET. Follow directions on age limitations.

• Check clothing, body and pets for ticks once indoors.

• Tumble clothes on high heat to kill insects.

• If clothes need washing first, use hot water.

• Shower within two hours of being indoors to reduce tick attachment.

Flores advises that for most, a tick bite will only cause minor skin irritation, but sometimes the bite leads to infections.

"If you find a tick attached to skin, use a pair of pointy tweezers to grasp it and pull straight up. Avoid twisting," he directed. "Then wash the skin and clean with alcohol.

Save the tick in a baggy or take a picture of it if needed for identifying purposes later.

"Ninety-nine percent of the time, all will be fine. But once a tick is attached for more than a day or two, there is more risk for bacteria and virus exposure. The incubation period can be up to a couple of weeks after a bite."

Fever, rash, headache and achy muscles and joints are signs that the bite may require medical attention, note the medical experts. Four tick-borne illnesses, listed below, are most common in Tennessee, and are easily treated with antibiotics.

• spotted fever rickettsiosis,

• ehrlichiosis,

• anaplasmosis and

• Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

"Basically, we shouldn't let little creepy, crawly things ruin our outdoor experience, and with a little preparation we can prevent illness caused by ticks," said Flores.

For additional information about ticks in Tennessee visit: https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/vector-borne-diseases/tick-borne-diseases/preventing-and-removing-ticks.html.

## MURAL

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commitment to supporting the arts, beautifying the community, and creating attractions that residents and visitors can enjoy for years to come," said Haught.

She advised how the Town of Wartrace would like to extend sincere appreciation to the organizations and individuals who helped make this project possible. The Wartrace Emporium and building owners donated the mural space.

"Town officials hope the mural will serve as a source of community pride while encouraging residents and visitors to explore downtown Wartrace and appreciate the town's unique history, culture, and artistic spirit," said Haught.

The Town recognizes the outstanding work and creativity of mural artist and collaborators, Whitney Harrington (Oldsoul Mural Co.) and Scott van Velsor (Do More Art.)

Whitney said projects like this can absolutely be time consuming. There's a lot of behind the scenes meetings, designing, and emails that most people will never know about.

"Actually, getting to paint is the last part of the whole process and this project went really smoothly and quickly for me."

She added, "When I paint exterior murals, I use a high quality exterior latex paint. Sometimes, I will incorporate spray paint, but not always."

Community members are encouraged to stop by and view the mural and celebrate this new artistic landmark in downtown Wartrace.

# BEDFORD BRIEFS




**GROUNDBREAKING FOR SOCCER FIELD**

The City of Shelbyville, Parks and Recreation Department, will hold a groundbreaking ceremony, Friday, June 5, at noon, for the new six field soccer complex.

**COUNTY MEETINGS**

Bedford County Commission meets in **regular session** on Tuesday, June 9, at 7 p.m., at the courthouse. County committee meetings will be held Tuesday, June 16, beginning at 5 p.m.

Bedford County Financial Management Committee will hold a **Budget Work/ Study Session** on Tuesday, June 23, immediately following the regular Finance Committee Meeting at 4:15 p.m., in the Bedford County Business Complex located at 200 Dover Street, Suite 110.

A **Special Called Meeting** of the Bedford County Financial Management Committee will be held on Tuesday, June 30, at 6:30 p.m., at the Bedford County Historic Courthouse, 2nd Floor Courtroom.

A **Special Called Meeting** of the Bedford County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, June 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the 2nd floor courtroom of the Historic Courthouse. This meeting is for year-end budget amendments, 2026-27 budgets and related items.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM**

Bedford County Historical Society will meet at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. June 15, for its summer quarter meeting. A pot luck supper will kick off the festivities, followed by a short business meeting. Lincoln Countian Colin Wakefield will present the program, "Joseph Greer, The Messenger of King's Mountain."

An active history buff, Wakefield served as state president of the TN Society of the War of 1812, and currently serves as district deputy president general of the Ohio Valley Central District for the group. He also currently serves as president of the Camp Blount Historic Site Association and is a member of the John R. Massey Camp 152 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

A member of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) since 2008, he served as charter president of the Joseph Greer Chapter when it was established in 2009. He also served as Chapter Registrar. After his tenure as charter president, Colin then moved up to the state level and served in the following capacities for the Tennessee SAR: middle TN vice president, State vice president, state president-elect, and state president. At the national level, he served as national trustee, southern district secretary and color guard commander, and vice-president general of the southern district.

Hosts for the meeting are Larry and Sue Morphis, Joey Curl, Clark and Lisa Bearden, Biff and Betty Farrar, and Jimmy and Melissa Simmons. The public is invited to bring a dish and come enjoy the meal and program. Contact Al Simmons at 680-6313 for further information.

**FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY**

Scouting America, Elk River District, will hold a flag retirement service project, on Monday, June 15, at 5 p.m., at Camp Arrowhead. Uniform: Class A. Bring flags to retire. Adults willing to supervise are appreciated. Younger Scouts will be taught to fold and prepare flags. The flags should not be toxic to burn. Retirement is in accordance with the U.S. Flag Code.

**FLAT CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER MONTHLY POTLUCK**

Flat Creek Community Center, 115 New Herman Road, is hosting its monthly potluck on Saturday, June 6. The meal will be prayed over at 6:00. Live entertainment will follow.

Rooted in Western Swing, American fiddle tunes, and old-school country music, The Dixie All-Stars deliver world-class musicianship, virtuosity, and a genuine passion for traditional music.

The band features International Guitar Champion and Thumb Pickers Hall of Fame inductee Shane Adkins, six-time Tennessee State Fiddle Champion, record producer, and Nashville studio musician Jim Wood, vocalist and Alabama State Guitar Champion Inge Wood, Alex Stidham on bass, and Angela Wood on drums, who, as a cherry on top, is also the two-time National Buck Dancing Champion. For this special performance, they will be joined by two of the best young champion fiddlers in the nation (both Kentucky natives) Noah Goebel and Sara Hathaway.

The Dixie All-Stars' repertoire lends itself to dancing, so if there are any cloggers, buckdancers, flatfoot dancers, or couples interested in two-step, swing, and waltzing, they are all encouraged to jump up on the dance floor to the front and side of the stage during the music.

Local musicians and students of Jim and Inge Wood will be performing several fiddle tunes for a short opening act that begins at 7:00 and will precede the Dixie All-Stars' show.

Bring a dish or dessert and join the community in a great time of fellowship.






# "People just don't understand that Shelbyville is a very special place" – After 49 Years, Local Legend Rick Insell Remembers Where it Began

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**SHELBYVILLE Tenn. –** Rick Insell is one of the greatest coaches that the sport of basketball has ever seen. After perhaps the most dominant high school coaching run in Tennessee history, he finished his career with 21 seasons in the collegiate ranks at his alma mater, Middle Tennessee.

Insell, who just retired from coaching at the end of March with his 75th birthday coming up on June 6, finished with a career record of 1,281-389 (.767) across 49 seasons combined in high school and college. Insell won 10 TSSAA Class AAA state championships, two USA Today National Championships in 1989 and 1991, and four national coach of the year honors at Shelbyville Central before moving on to MTSU and securing 21 consecutive postseason appearances with 12 tickets to the NCAA Tournament, 10 regular season and tournament conference titles, and a pair of wins in the NCAA Tournament. He ultimately stepped down following the conclusion of the 2025-26 season. He retires as the winningest coach in school history, men or women, and he is the first coach in NCAA history to win 500 or more games at both the high school and collegiate levels.

"This was a decision made by Deb and myself," Rick Insell said, "We've been talking about it for a couple of years – maybe two to three years – and coming into this year, we were so close to 500 [career wins] that we thought that if we have a good year…500 doesn't mean anymore than 493, but I thought, heck, let's win 500 games and then we'll step on out of this. It was a decision that we made together, and then I'll be 75 [on June 6]. I don't need to be ripping and roaring all over the country. To be a Division I college basketball coach, and with the schedule that we even play at Middle Tennessee from the time we started traveling in November until March, it takes its toll on a young person, much less someone my age."

The determination demonstrated by the Insell family is the backbone of Rick's accomplishments. Whether it was on the recruiting trail, running a PR campaign to promote a team's success, or simply winning more basketball games than most other coaches, the Insell's did their due diligence in every way possible.

Despite all of his success in Murfreesboro, Shelbyville is home for the Insell family. Rick is a father of three sons, Kyle, Matt, and Tom, and is married to Deb Insell. Yes, the same Deb Insell at State Farm that you see and hear all about as you drive around town.

"What makes Shelbyville so special to me and my wife is I don't know of anywhere else in the country that we could raise our boys and families in a community like this," Insell said, "People just don't understand that Shelbyville is a very, very, very special place. Bedford County is a special place. The school system is great. We had great administrative support. We had a good school board at that time as well. There are some great businesses right here in this community. There are great small businesses here. We have The Celebration. I grew up in Woodbury and would come to The Celebration in the '50s, and then all of a sudden in 1977, I got my first job in Shelbyville. I was in heaven because I was teaching, I was coaching, and I was right in the middle of the walking horse industry. I couldn't have been in a more perfect spot than Shelbyville, Tennessee and Bedford County. I grew up in Woodbury – I love that – but I raised my family right here in Shelbyville."

Insell got his start at Shelbyville Central High School right after graduating from Middle Tennessee in 1977, and little did he know that he would take the Eaglettes to unprecedented heights across the next 28 seasons. Insell won the program's first state title in 12 years in 1986 with a 69-51 win over Oak Ridge for his first of many championships in his career.

"The 1986 team that won the championship at Shelbyville after finishing as runners-up in '84 and '85…that was a pretty special team because it was our first state championship," he said.

Insell's Eaglettes dominated the 1990s, winning one national title as well as four consecutive state championships from 1989-1992. After adding on another in 1995, Insell led the Eaglettes to four more titles across five seasons. 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004 all resulted in banners being hung at the now aptly named Rick Insell Gymnasium before he accepted a job within the collegiate ranks in 2005.

"I had interviewed at Vanderbilt in 1992, and I had been offered the Middle job in 1986 by Jimmy Earle," Insell explained, "I was at the old Holiday Inn in Murfreesboro, and we sat at the restaurant in it. Earle offered me the job then, but I did not take the job because I felt like I needed to raise my three sons – Kyle, Matt, and Tom. I knew that if I took the job, I was going to be on the road, and they needed me worse than Middle Tennessee needed me."

Insell would interview with Vanderbilt in 1992 after winning the Eaglettes' second national championship and third-consecutive state championship, but Paul Hoolahan – the Commodores athletic director at the time – hired Jim Foster from St. Joseph's. Foster had led the Hawks to a 248-126 (.663) record over 13 seasons entering 1992, including six consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances and four tournament wins.

"That was a great decision by them," Insell admitted, "Afterwards, Paul Hoolahan told me that my interview was awesome, so that gave me a little bit of confidence since he was in the collegiate ranks and he was a professional and he was the AD at Vanderbilt. He told me the reason they were giving the job to Jim was because he was a part of a professional organization – the Women's Basketball Coaches Association, or the WBCA."

Foster went on to post a .721 winning percentage across 11 seasons at Vanderbilt while Insell went back to Shelbyville Central to continue his run of dominance in the high school ranks. However, Insell was determined not to be passed over ever again.

"At that point, I told myself that I wasn't going to lose out on another job because of me not being in a professional organization, so I quickly called and became a member of the WBCA in 1992," he said, "I worked my way up through the ranks – Betty James was the CEO – and it was trying to grow at that time. The high school ranks did not have a vote, but I lobbied and lobbied and lobbied before I got on the board of directors and we were able to get the high schools a vote in what went on in the game of women's basketball. I sat on the board of directors with all those high profile college basketball coaches, and I was a high school coach, and I felt like I was at the top high school program in the country at Shelbyville Central."




Rick Insell (pictured) after winning his 10th and final conference tournament championship in his 21-year career at Middle Tennessee. *Photo courtesy of Conference USA.*




Rick Insell (far right, top) after winning his first State Championship in 1986 at Shelbyville Central (pictured). Insell would go on to lead the Eaglettes to an unprecedented 10 state titles from 1985-86 to 2003-04, and coached at Shelbyville Central for 28 years in total. *T-G Archives*

Insell was certainly justified to feel that way, as he had led the Eaglettes to five state championships in seven seasons before joining the WBCA. With that success came exposure, even on a national level.

"The Board of Education in Bedford County, before anyone in the country was traveling, our board gave us permission to go to Santa Barbara, to go to Miami, to go to New York City, just to name a few," Insell said, "Wendell Agnew worked for Blue Cross Blue Shield, but he was kind of the Eaglettes' media relation guy. He kept us on the forefront of places like USA Today, and we also had one of the best sportswriters in America in Bo Melson. I don't know if anybody could do a job like Bo Melson did. The connections they had all across the country…I was here at Shelbyville Central High School at the right time."

He continued to win, and the Eaglettes punctuated the 2004 season with his 10th and final state championship before turning his sights back towards the collegiate ranks in what has turned out to be a legendary hiring story.

"When the job came open at Middle [in 2005], we had been extremely successful. I was kind of at a point where I was bored, but I was initially not going to apply for the job," he admitted, "One morning, my middle son Kyle kind of told me that I was being a fake because I had always wanted to coach on the collegiate level but now that I had a chance to apply for the Middle Tennessee job, I wasn't doing it. He told me that some of the things I had been telling Matt, Tom, and him have kind of been lies. That kind of motivated me to step up and apply for that job."

"Matt was already on the collegiate level working at Tennessee for Buzz Peterson as a manager as well as Coach Summit at the time. Him and Deb helped put together a format of how to address Dr. McPhee," Insell continued, "We talked about the academics side, we talked about the defensive and offensive strategies, we talked about attendance, and then when we got to recruiting, I laid three folders down. I had given him a white and a blue folder which had academics/attendance as well as defensive and offensive strategies, but the red folder I laid down had the recruits across the country and state that I felt like we could go after at Middle Tennessee, and I only had one of those. I handed them to Dr. McPhee and when we got through with the interview, he asked if he could keep the red folder, and I told him, 'No sir, you only get that folder if you hire me.'"

"When I left there, I didn't know how it went, but Chris Massaro told me later that both him and Dr. McPhee had to hire me."

Dr. McPhee, who announced he would be retiring as President of Middle Tennessee in December of 2026, and Chris Massaro ended up making the perfect hire. Insell took the women's college basketball world by storm almost immediately, miraculously winning the Sun Belt tournament and punching a ticket to the NCAA Tournament in his very first season despite some heavy obstacles in the Blue Raiders' way.

"In my first year at MTSU in 2005, when I arrived we only had four players," Insell said, "We had one kid who was ineligible until Christmas of that year, and we had three recruits coming in that the previous staff had recruited. We added a couple walk-ons, and then that team went on to win the first Sun Belt Conference Tournament championship. That's a pretty special team, and it set the pace and precedent and got people excited in Murfreesboro about what had just come on board."

Rick also gives a ton of credit to his wife, Deb Insell, for her efforts behind the scenes at both Shelbyville Central as well as Middle Tennessee.

"Deb is as much of a part of what went on at Middle as I was coaching," he said, "Her in the background with the support groups, the fanbases, and things like that, she helped drum up support."

"Basketball was never his job. It's what our family did, and it's what they still do," said Deb. "Early on, it was our family business, all the way down to the littlest ones. Everybody swept the gym, or worked the concession stand, or wore the school gear in the crowd. All of us were part of the marketing. He did the hard stuff, and we were the marketing and PR team for him so to speak. We all had to take coaching."

The Insells pride themselves on having that strong family connection amongst one another, and Rick makes it a daily priority to make sure that his family knows he loves and cares about them.

"I've got a big and loving family," Rick said, "My mom and dad loved me, no ifs ands or buts about it, but my dad never told me that. I make it a point to talk to my three sons every single day, and most of my grandkids. Our whole life is rooted around our family. When I had to travel as a coach, Deb took care of the family. That's how important she was and is to everything that went on in my life."

Meanwhile, in his second year in Murfreesboro, the Blue Raiders put the state of Tennessee on notice, going 30-4 overall with a perfect 18-0 record in Sun Belt play to secure a No. 5 seed in the NCAA Tournament. This was the program's first-ever 30-win season, and Insell secured win number 30 in his first NCAA Tournament game at Middle Tennessee over No. 12 seed Gonzaga, 85-46, before falling to No. 13 seed Marist, 73-59, in the second round.

After playing in the WNIT the following season, Middle Tennessee did not miss the NCAA Tournament again until 2014-15, going on a run of six consecutive appearances in the Big Dance.

However, Middle Tennessee left the Sun Belt before the 2013-14 season, and after winning the Conference USA Tournament in 2015-16, the Blue Raiders would not return to the NCAA Tournament again until 2020-21. Nonetheless, Insell found a second wind as he passed his 70th birthday, winning at least 26 games in four of his last five seasons. In 2023-24, he led the Blue Raiders to the second 30-win season in program history at 30-5 overall that included the program's first-ever win over the Tennessee Lady Vols in an impressive 73-62 win in Huntsville, AL.

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MTSU then went a perfect 16-0 in conference play before winning the Conference USA Tournament over Liberty, securing an 11-seed in the NCAA Tournament where they would take down No. 6 seed Louisville at LSU in a 71-69 thriller that saw MTSU overcome an 18-point deficit in the first half to pull off the third-largest postseason comeback in NCAA history. Jalynn Gregory led the way with 24 points against the Cardinals while 22 points came from C-USA POTY Savannah Wheeler.

"One of my favorite moments was when we beat Louisville in the first round of the NCAA Tournament down at LSU in front of a packed house," Insell said, "Then, we had LSU down nine in the third quarter in the second round. LSU was better than us, but we played harder. They just got it together in the second half and pulled away."

Unfortunately for Insell and the Blue Raiders, their season came to a close in the next round, 83-56, against a tough LSU squad that finished 31-6 and advanced to the Elite Eight.

That would be Insell's final time coaching in the NCAA Tournament. In his final two seasons, the Blue Raiders made it to the WNIT to keep the postseason streak alive before Insell announced his retirement following the conclusion of the 2025-26 regular season in March.

In his time at Middle Tennessee, Insell compiled a record of 506-181 (.737) with 21 consecutive postseason appearances and 12 trips to the NCAA Tournament. His teams won 10 conference regular season titles, 10 conference tournament titles, and reached the conference championship game 13 times. He coached seven All-Americans, five conference players of the year, and produced five WNBA draft picks.

"A lot of people categorize Middle Tennessee as a mid-major program," he said, "Middle Tennessee is the largest school in the state of Tennessee, and we are a top-30 program in the country."

It's hard to argue with him in that respect.

Now that Insell is retired, he says the thing he will miss the most about coaching is the practices and player development. "I'm going to miss the players, and practice," he said, "I love practice, and I love seeing the players grow on both the high school and collegiate level. I loved seeing that in high school especially, seeing them come in as freshmen, and then when they get to be juniors and seniors you get to sit on the sidelines and watch them absolutely destroy people fundamentally. That's one of the things that I loved about coaching in high school was watching our kids grow into juniors and seniors and win state championships. It never got old winning a state championship because it was always a different team and different experiences. It never got old."

Insell has maintained that competitive fervor into his post-coaching career on the golf course. He says golf is a good outlet for his competitive spirit, and the sport always presents a slightly unique challenge every time he steps out on the course.

"I love winning on the golf course," he said, "I love the competition. Golfing is a way I can go out and still compete, and I love competing. I'll be 75 [on June 5] and right now I'm still healthy enough to where I can do that."

Rick also said that he plans on making it out to a few Shelbyville Central games this season now that he is able to, and both he and his wife Deb believe that the recently-hired Chad Spencer – who Rick had on staff in the heyday of his Eaglettes' tenure – is the perfect fit for what the current-day Eaglettes are looking for.




Rick Insell (center) after winning his final championship of his career in 2024. Insell guided the Blue Raiders to a 30-5 (16-0) season, finishing as both the regular season and tournament champions of Conference USA in 2023-24 before going on to win his second NCAA Tournament game one week later. *Photo courtesy of Conference USA.*

"We'll be at some games," he said, "Not that I've boycotted anybody else, but I'm retired now, and we'll need something to do."

Moving forward, Middle Tennessee announced that Rick's son, Matt Insell, will be taking over as the eighth head coach in program history after serving as an assistant coach for the previous eight seasons.

"Matt is brilliant," Rick said, "He's absolutely brilliant. He was born to coach, and he is so much smarter than I ever thought about being. Of course he got most of that from his mama, but he's good with his X's and O'x, he's absolutely the best recruiter in the country. People talk about being the best recruiter in the country, but they're at Tennessee or LSU or Alabama. He's at Middle Tennessee and getting the same kind of players that they're trying to get. When he sits down with the mom's and the kids and sells Middle Tennessee, he made my job a lot easier the last eight years. If you're a coach, you can't clock in and clock out. Either you're a coach or you're not a coach."

"I couldn't be more proud of him," he continued, "Chris Massaro and Dr. McPhee saw that, and they've been around our program with Matt here. When I said I was going to step down, it was a no-brainer to promote him from within."

Matt Insell will look to take the reins and drive Middle Tennessee into a prosperous future in this new era of collegiate sports. Despite the challenges facing MTSU in the NIL era, Rick is confident that his son is the perfect man to lead the Blue Raiders forward.

Finally, the Shelbyville legend made sure to take a moment to thank the people that are responsible for how his career unfolded.

"I'm just very thankful that I've had a great career and a great experience," Insell concluded, "I'm very thankful for Shelbyville. I wouldn't be where I'm at without Shelbyville Central High School and Mike Bone. Also, Sydney McPhee, Liz McPhee, and Chris and Cindy Massaro, they took a chance on a lil' ol' country boy like me, and it worked out for all of us."

# Middle Tennessee Men's Basketball signs nine to 2026-27 roster

**MURFREESBORO Tenn.** – In preparation for the 2026-27 campaign, Middle Tennessee Men's Basketball has added nine student-athletes to its roster. The incoming class features players with a wide range of experiences, from the Power 4 level to top high schools. With four student-athletes who call Tennessee home and two from international destinations, the group is set to join the five returners in Murfreesboro, ready to get to work in summer sessions.

"I am very pleased with the recruiting class that we were able to put together this spring," said head coach Nick McDevitt. "The staff did a great job identifying high-character individuals that fit our culture and playing style. The group is a balanced mix of experienced players (4 NCAA, 1 JUCO) and newcomers (4 freshmen) and addresses the needs that we had. Combined with our returning players, our team will have good size and length to go along with skill sets that will allow us to have quality depth throughout the lineup."

**Eli Rice | G | 6-8 | Gallatin, Tenn. | Penn State**

Rice is set to transfer in after most recently spending two seasons at Penn State. His first year in Happy Valley was cut short after a season-long injury, but he came back strong his redshirt sophomore campaign, seeing time in 29 contests. Rice averaged 6.7 points while bringing in 1.7 rebounds per game. He amassed 10 double-digit scoring games, including his first 20-point game at Ohio State on six made three-pointers. Rice dished out a season-high three assists at home against the Buckeyes in addition to two rebounds and a steal.

The Gallatin, Tenn., native spent his true freshman season at Nebraska, appearing in 17 games that campaign while averaging 4.2 points and 1.6 rebounds. Rice tallied three double-digit scoring, while shooting 41.3 percent from the field and scoring a season-best 16 points against Florida A&M. He was rated as a top 200 prospect after playing a prep year at IMG Academy, helping the school to a 23-4 record and quarterfinal appearance in the National Prep Championship. The guard averaged 19 points, seven rebounds and two assists per contest at the academy while shooting 35 percent from three-point range.

**Quintero Barnett | G | 6-4 | Brunswick | Walsh University**

Barnett spent two years at Walsh College before transferring to Middle Tennessee. The guard started in all 33 games his sophomore season, averaging 14.64 points and 3.97 rebounds, leading the team in points, assists, steals and three-point percentage. He shot 52.5 percent from the floor and 41.4 percent from behind the arc. As an integral piece of the starting five, he helped lead Walsh to a 29-4 record, a Great Midwest Athletic Conference championship and a NCAA DII Midwest Regional Championship appearance while garnering All-G-MAC First Team honors with 27 double-figure scoring games, eight of those being 20+.

His freshman season with the Cavaliers, the Ohio native saw time in 26 games, averaging 9.5 points and 3.2 rebounds while starting in six contests. He amassed 13 double-digit scoring games and shot nearly 40 percent from the field as a true freshman. Barnett came close to tallying his first collegiate double in a 14-point, 8-rebound performance in a win over West Virginia Wesleyan.

His high school career saw the guard compete at Brunswick High where he averaged 20 points per game. He was named to the All-Ohio Team, Medina County MVP and the state tournament MVP, while guiding his team to the Elite Eight and competing in five all-star games in Ohio.

**Kevin de Kovachich | G | 6-4 | Montreal, Quebec, Canada | North Alabama**

De Kovachich joins the Blue Raiders from North Alabama, where he spent the opening two years of his collegiate career. In his freshman season, he played in 22 games off the bench, averaging 3.4 points per game. He scored a season-high 23 points against Dalton State, going 4-for-4 from behind the arc and dishing out three assists in 22 minutes of game action. He shot 55.6 percent from the floor and 53.3 percent from behind the arc, helping the Lions to 24 wins, an Atlantic Sun Championship Finals appearance and a trip to the National Invitation Tournament.

In his second season as a Lion, he started in all 30 contests for UNA, averaging 11.8 points on 41.3 percent shooting from the floor. He opened his sophomore campaign with seven double-figure scoring games, including a standout game with 18 points and five assists in a home victory over Lane, while amassing 19 throughout the season. He tallied a season-best 23 against Queens at home, nailing four threes with three assists. On the road at Queens, the guard went a perfect 10-for-10 from the courtesy stripe to collect 15 points. He averaged 79.3 percent from the line as a mainstay in the North Alabama back court.

**Ofri Naveh | F | 6-7 | Neot Golan, Israel | Oral Roberts**

Naveh is set to venture to Murfreesboro following a one-year stint at Oral Roberts. As a redshirt sophomore in the 2025-26 season, he started in all 32 games for the Golden Eagles, averaging 11.2 points and 6.0 rebounds per game. He shot 46.8 percent from the field to score in double figures on 19 occasions. Naveh recorded his first double-double of his collegiate career against Omaha, scoring 22 points and grabbing 13 boards, and tallied his second less than a month later at St. Thomas with a 17-point, 12-rebound performance.

Prior to Oral Roberts, the forward spent two years at West Virginia, playing his true freshman year before redshirting his sophomore season. As a freshman, he was named to the Academic All-Big 12 Rookie Team, playing in 24 games and earning seven starts. With 2.6 points and 2.5 rebounds per contest, Naveh averaged 13.8 minutes per game. He grabbed a season-high seven rebounds against Virginia at the Fort Myers Tip-Off and recorded a campaign-best 11 points versus Pitt.

Naveh competed with Israel in the summer of 2023 at the FIBA U18 European Championships, averaging 11.0 points, 7.1 rebounds, 1.4 assists and 1.9 steals in seven games played. He shot 54 percent from the field, 47 percent from 3-point range and 67 percent from the courtesy stripe, netting double-digit points in contests against Lithuania, France, Greece, Sweden and Turkey. In his club career, he suited up for the Maccabi Playtiki Tel Aviv U18 team.

**Kaleb Siler | C | 6-10 | Fayetteville, N.C. | Gaston College**

After stops at Western Carolina, USC Aiken and Gaston College, Siler arrives in Murfreesboro following a storied redshirt sophomore season. At Gaston, he was named as an NJCAA All-American and the Region 10 Player of the Year, leading the team to become regular season champions with one of the school's best seasons in program history. Gaston's first All-American tallied 17 double-doubles while averaging 18.7 points and 9.9 rebounds per game, both marks being second in the region. The best scoring mark for the big man was 29 points at Wake Technical Community College in a 13-point victory, while his best rebounding performance saw him bring in 16 boards, seven on the offensive side and nine on the defense, versus Richard Bland College in another win.

Siler averaged 5 points and 3.7 rebounds in 19 games during his redshirt freshman campaign at USC Aiken, while earning four starts. He posted his first ever double-figure scoring game with 12 points in a win over Washington Adventist and his first collegiate double-double with a 12-point, 12-rebound performance against Claflin.

Prior to his year at USC Aiken, he took a redshirt season at Western Carolina a year removed from graduating from Carmel Christian School. Siler played in 61 games as a Cougar, averaging 5.6 points and 3.1 rebounds during his prep year, 5.0 points and 2.7 rebounds his senior year and 6.3 points and 3.7 rebounds his junior season.

**Aiden Bolden | F | 6-5 | Bolivar, Tenn. | Calvary Christian**

Bolden, a three-star recruit according to 247Sports, comes to Murfreesboro from Calvary Christian Academy in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He averaged 14.2 points with 6.5 rebounds, 1.1 assists, 1.8 steals and 1.2 blocks per game with the Eagles, helping lead the team to a 24-1 record. Under head coach Cilk Mcsweeney, Bolden was named to the All-State Team, All-Broward First Team, Sun Sentinel First Team and Miami Herald First Team. In a triumphant march to become Florida 3A and Bass Pro Shop Tournament of Champions victors, he was named to the all-tournament team for the latter competition.

**Landyn Colyer | G | 6-6 | Tampa, Fla. | IMG Academy**

Colyer is set to begin his collegiate career in Murfreesboro, venturing north from IMG Academy. The 6-6 guard was ranked a three-star recruit by 247Sports and is considered a top-30 recruit from the state of Florida. In his senior campaign, Colyer tallied 17.2 points, 4.8 rebounds, 2.1 assists and 1.5 steals per game, showcasing his ability to contribute in every aspect of the game. He shot 57 percent from the field and 75 percent from the free throw line, notching numerous 25+ point scoring performances. As a freshman, he was named to the Freshman First Team and was named the Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year, earning those titles during his sophomore campaign as well.

**Garrison White | G | 6-0 | Chattanooga | McCallie School**

Incoming freshman White joins Middle Tennessee following a successful career on the varsity team at McCallie School. He led the school to its first win in the Tennessee Division II-AA state tournament since 2018 in a 67-66 win over Brentwood Academy, pouring in 17 points in the victory. Under guidance from head coach and father Kenneth White, the guard heavily contributed to the Blue Tornado achieving 22 victories in his senior season.

**Braylin Davis | G | 6-3 | University School of Nashville**

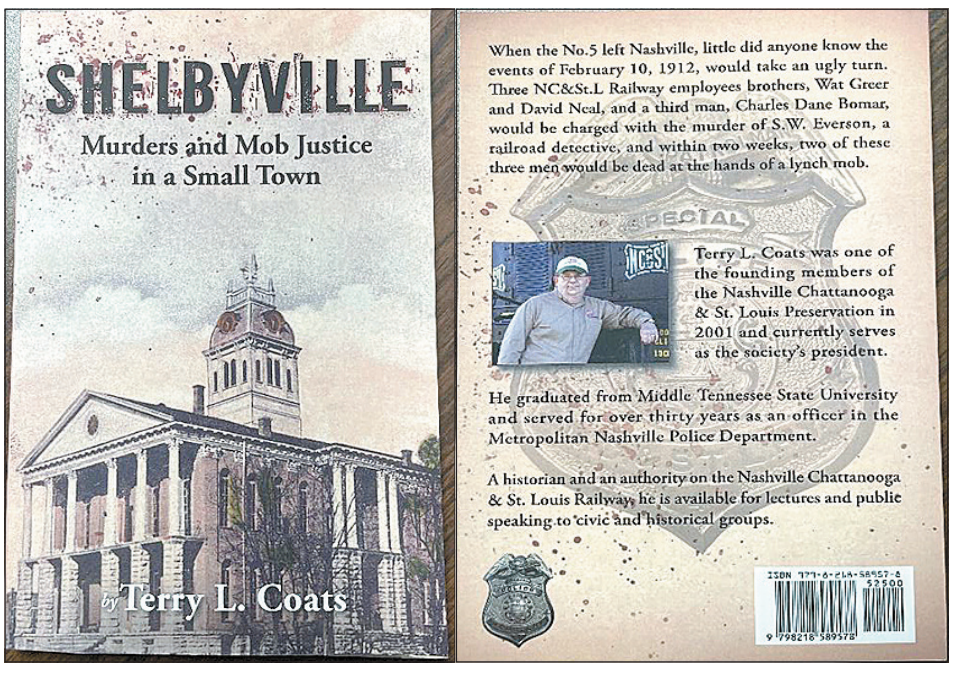
Davis will travel south from Nashville to join the Blue Raiders for the 2026-27 season. In his senior year with the University School, he averaged 33 points per game as a combo guard, while leading his team in scoring.

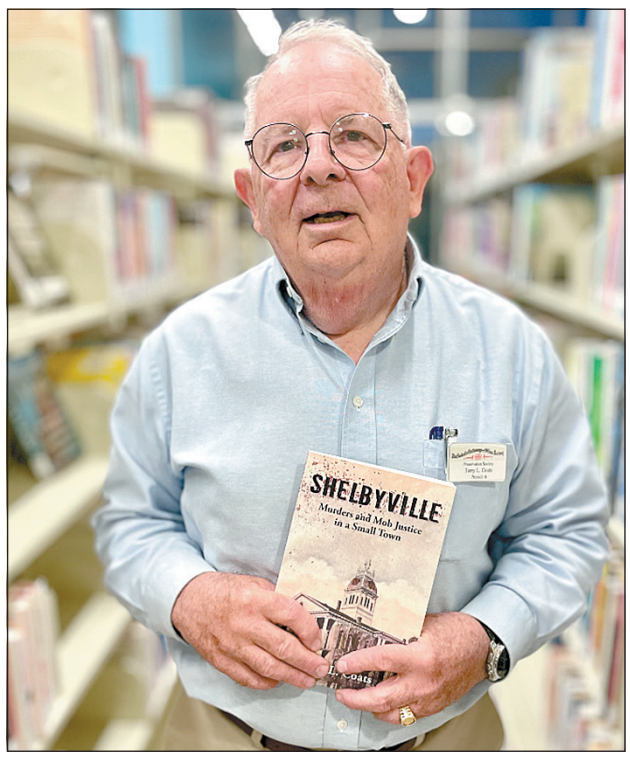
## BOOK REVIEW

# Author of Shelbyville historical book to speak at Masonic Lodge

*Terry Coats tells it like, it was, in this murder and intrigue nonfiction*

**By Dawn Hankins**




On June 12th at 6:00 p.m., Shelbyville Masonic Lodge will host Terry Coats, author of the book, "Shelbyville: Murders and Mob Justice in a Small Town." The free event is open to the public. There are a few copies of the book at the Jon English Sports Store on the square.

The Times-Gazette recently conducted an interview with the author.

**Is this a nonfiction book?**

Yes, this is a true crime story that actually happened in Bedford County in the fall of 1911/ winter of 1912.

**How did you become interested in writing a book about Shelbyville?**

I am a retired Metro Nashville police officer and the president of the Nashville, Chattanooga, and St. Louis Railway Preservation Society. The combination of law enforcement and my love of railroading, especially since the story took place on the NC&St.L, made it almost a must-write.

There is a center in Washington, D.C. . . the Officer Down Memorial. In the courtyard, there is a Vietnam-like wall listing the 27,000 (that's right, 27,000) policemen/policewomen killed since 1776. Each of the 27,000 has a short write-up, and while looking for the write-up on the Metro officers killed while I was in service between 1972 and 2003, I decided to research whether there had been any NC&St.L RR detectives killed. To my surprise, I learned that in 1935, an RR officer had been killed in Memphis, and one in Bedford County in 1912. Add to this, I learned that 10 weeks before the murder aboard the NCStL train, there had been the murder of two Shelbyville patrol officers.

Ten days after the murder of the NCStL officer, a lynch mob descended on Shelbyville to avenge the murder, and before the end of the day, two of the murderers were dead at the hands of a group of about 50 men.

The murder of three law enforcement officers and the revenge murder of two of the accused in the span of weeks was too much not to explore.

The first eight chapters of the book cover the three murders, the lynching of the two black men, and the trial of the man who murdered the two Shelbyville officers. The ninth chapter is titled, A History of Lynching in America. This title is self-explanatory

**Self-published? Have you written/published other books?**

This is my second. The first, NEXT STOP ON GRANDPA'S ROAD -HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE OF THE NC&ST.L RAILWAY, is a research book on the depots and history of the NC. It contains over 600 photos of NC stations and NC-related items.

I hired an editor and a designer to correct my mistakes and make suggestions, and a person to lay out the pages, making them print-ready for a printer. Both books are self-published with professional help.

**Tell me a short bit as well about your train history.**

I have lived in seven towns since my birth-all NC&St.L towns. In the late 1950s, I lived in Dresden, TN, and about 75 yards from the NC&St.L train depot. I spent many an hour in the company of Mr. Charles Butts, the station agent. Mr. Butts introduced me to so much that was railroading. I had model railroads growing up. I helped start the Tennessee Central Railroad Museum, and was on the ground level of removing NC&St.L locomotive #576 from Centennial Park and returning it to live steam.

**The book's relation to train history?**

"When the No.5 left Nashville, little did anyone know the events of February 10, 1912, would take an ugly turn. Three NC&St.L Railway employees, brothers Wat Greer, David Neal, and Charles Dane Bomar, would be charged with the murder of S.W. Everson, a railroad detective, and within two weeks, two of these three men would be dead at the hands of a lynch mob."

**Copies of the book?**

The book is on Amazon, but ordering directly from me cuts out the middleman, and I make more per sale. Additionally, I can personally autograph the book for the reader.

The books can be bought directly from me at Amtrain@aol.com at $23.00 plus $4.00 shipping.

*Editor's Note: There are a few copies of the book at the Jon English Sports Store on the square.*

## Business Spotlight

# First Commerce Bank announces Robert P. Marsh joins Board of Directors




From left, First Commerce Bank President and CEO Luke Buckley, Director Rob Marsh, Bedford County President Mike Rittenberry and Senior VP Al Bellenfant.

Lewisburg, Tenn.—First Commerce Bank recently announced that Robert P. Marsh joined its Board of Directors in April. Marsh brings strong leadership experience, a deep commitment to relationship building and a proven record of business growth to the Bank's Board. His appointment reflects First Commerce Bank's continued focus on serving customers, communities and local businesses with trusted guidance and sound leadership.

Marsh earned a bachelor of arts in political science from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in 2007. He currently serves as vice president of Truck Product Sales for a global manufacturer of heavy-duty components in the trucking industry, where he has built his career around leadership, relationship development and long-term business growth. He is also a founding member of the Tennessee Trucking Association Young Professionals.

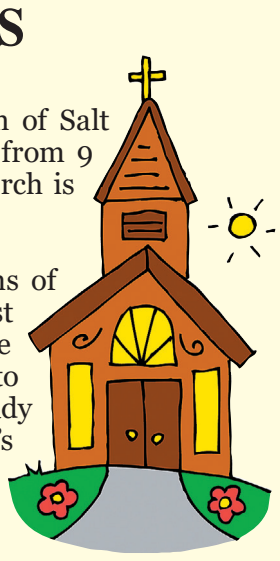
"Rob brings valuable insight, professional experience, and a community-minded perspective that will be an asset to our Board," said Luke Buckley, President and CEO of First Commerce Bank. "We are pleased to welcome him to First Commerce Bank and look forward to his contributions."

Marsh is a life-long Bedford County resident and proud to call Shelbyville home, where he lives with his family. His connection to the community and his professional background makes him a strong addition to the bank's leadership team.

**About First Commerce Bank**

First Commerce Bank is committed to serving individuals, families, and businesses with personalized banking solutions and local decision-making. The Bank takes pride in supporting the communities it serves through meaningful relationships and community involvement.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES



**SCOTT'S CHAPEL MINISTRIES**

Scott's Chapel UMC Seasoned with a Touch of Salt Food Pantry will be open Saturday, June 13, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. First come, first served. The church is located at 940 Morton Street.

**FUMC WORSHIP SUNDAY**

Pastor Abe Zimmerman will preach "Hymns of the Heart: Part 2" from John 20:11-18 at First United Methodist Church this Sunday. "We're focusing on beloved hymns that continue to speak to us year after year—the ones that steady us in difficult seasons and remind us of God's work in our everyday life. We will connect each hymn to Scripture and see how it is meaningful for our lives." 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.



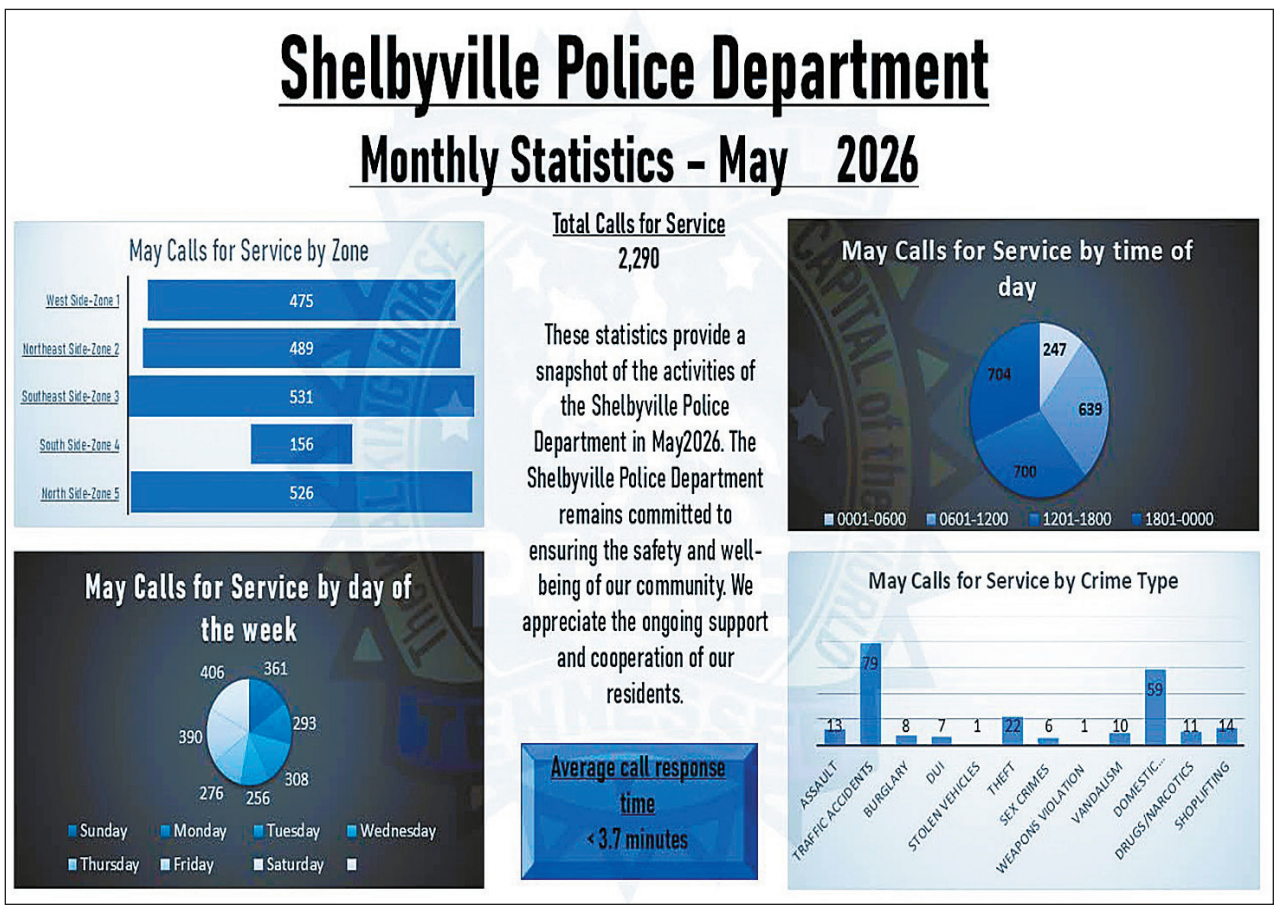




## NEW PATROL OFFICERS

*SPD Photos*

Shelbyville Police recently welcomed new officers John Luna and Connor Gauntt to the department. These City officers join the patrol division.



# People around Town

## Shelbyville participates in grand legacy of the black cowboy

Historical records show that black cowboys emerged in the late 1800s, particularly after the Civil War, when many formerly enslaved individuals sought new opportunities in the West. It is estimated that one in four cowboys were black, with around 5,000 participating in cattle drives from the 1860s to the 1880s. The cattle industry offered a chance for freedom and economic independence, as many Black men had prior experience in cattle handling from their time as enslaved workers. The recent Black Rodeo, held in Shelbyville last weekend, was founded by Lanette Campbell in 2011, as a way to celebrate this heritage. Black Rodeo USA hosts events in Las Vegas; Scottsdale, Arizona; Jacksonville, Florida; and Shelbyville. The recent rodeo not only showcases traditional rodeo skills and competitions; it has become a cultural and educational experience for guests.











## LOCAL ARTS

## Catching up with local playwright, Kyle Thomas

**By Dawn Hankins**

I have another play going to New York City. I have a one-act play named "There Inherent" that has been selected for the 2026 Rogue Theatre Festival. It honors me to note that this is actually the third festival in NYC that has chosen this play for production, following the Gallery Players Black Box Festival and the Broadway Bound Theatre Festival, both of which were in 2025.

Thomas notes, "This blows my mind, but this marks the fourth time that I've had a play chosen for the Rogue Festival, following my inclusions in the 2022, 2023 and 2024 editions. As a result, the founder and artistic manager of the festival is putting me in touch with a publicist for an interview.

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Also! Since the Rogue Festival requires self-production, I am really excited to share that I have given the play to Jennifer Smith and the team at the Fly. We have cast the play locally and are currently in our rehearsal process. Jennifer is directing the play and doing an amazing job so far. Then in early July, we are taking this show on the road! I am so pumped that a cast and team from Shelbyville are getting to produce a show in New York City. I think everyone is still having pinch-me moments. Exciting times!



Kyle Thomas

So, the play will be produced in NYC in July, then we'll bring it back for a weekend of performances at the Fly in August!

### More news from the Fly

The Fly Arts Center applied and received a grant from the City of Shelbyville (Downtown Improvement Grant.) The grant is for historical buildings and since The Fly turns 100 in 2027, this project will refurbish the front entrance of the center. Construction has begun.

## Elevate summer celebrations with easy backyard recipes featuring fresh corn

Whether you're grilling in the backyard, at a picnic or simply relaxing poolside to celebrate America's 250th anniversary, this summer is sure to be filled with special celebrations. Throughout those 250 years, food has brought people together – and continues to do so.

From barbecues to patios, fresh foods are at the heart of American celebrations. Healthy, fresh ingredients help elevate classic recipes with sweet corn taking center stage in many iconic summer dishes. As a trusted American grower, Duda Farm Fresh Foods provides equally healthy and flavorful recipes using Dandy Sweet Corn to build the heart of your menu.

While corn on its own is a classic side dish – with Americans consuming approximately 1,400 bushels per year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture – you can put a twist on tradition by serving Elote, also known as Mexican street corn, as a bold and delicious way to enjoy fresh corn at its best. Cooked to perfection then slathered in a creamy, zesty mix of mayonnaise, lime juice, cheese and chili powder, Elote transforms a simple ear of corn into an irresistible snack or side.

You can add its vibrant flavor and fun to your table with a number of easy cooking methods.

### Easy Elote Corn

Recipe courtesy of The Produce Moms on behalf of Duda Farm Fresh Foods

Servings: 4

- 1 Dandy Sweet Corn Tray (4 count)
- 1 lime, juice only (about 2 tablespoons)
- 1 cup mayonnaise or Mexican crema
- 2 tablespoons Elote seasoning
- 1 cup cotija cheese, crumbled
- fresh cilantro, chopped, for garnish
- hot sauce or chili powder (optional)

1. Heat grill to medium-high heat.
2. Place corn directly on grates and cook 10-15 minutes, turning every 2-3 minutes, until charred and cooked through.
3. While corn is still warm, squeeze lime juice on all sides. Brush or spoon mayonnaise on each ear, ensuring all sides are coated.
4. Evenly sprinkle Elote seasoning over coated corn. Using hands, gently press seasoning into mayo.
5. Arrange Elote on serving platter, sprinkle with cotija cheese and garnish with fresh chopped cilantro. Serve with hot sauce or chili powder for extra heat, if desired.







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**Tonya Davis honored with the President's Award at Tennessee County Trustee's Association**

Spencer, Tenn. - Bedford County Trustee Tonya Davis was recently recognized by colleagues across the state for her outstanding leadership, dedication to public service, and unwavering commitment to the citizens of Bedford County and Tennessee.

Davis has faithfully served as Bedford County Trustee for 16 years, overseeing the collection of county property taxes and the responsible management of county funds. Known for her professionalism and steady leadership, Davis has earned statewide respect for maintaining a fiscally sound office while prioritizing excellent customer service for Bedford County residents.

A Certified Public Administrator through the University of Tennessee, Davis has also completed the Local Government Leadership Program. Throughout her career, she has remained actively involved in professional organizations that support county government and taxpayer services.

Davis served as President of the Tennessee County Trustees Association in 2020, representing all 95 counties across Tennessee. She previously served as Middle Tennessee President for the association and has been recognized for her leadership at both the regional and state levels.

Current Tennessee County Trustees Association President Glynda Pendergrass praised Davis for her years of service and leadership.

"Tonya Davis has been a tremendous example of servant leadership throughout Tennessee," Pendergrass said. "Her professionalism, integrity, and dedication to both her county and our association have made a lasting impact on trustees across this state. She leads with grace, wisdom, and a genuine heart for public service."

Under Davis's leadership, the Bedford County Trustee's Office has maintained 16 consecutive years without audit findings, reflecting the office's strong financial stewardship and operational excellence.

"The Trustee's Office belongs to the people," Davis said. "My staff and I are deeply committed to serving Bedford County with professionalism, transparency, and care. I am especially grateful for the tremendous team that helps make our office successful every day."

*—pol. ad. paid for by Tonya Davis*