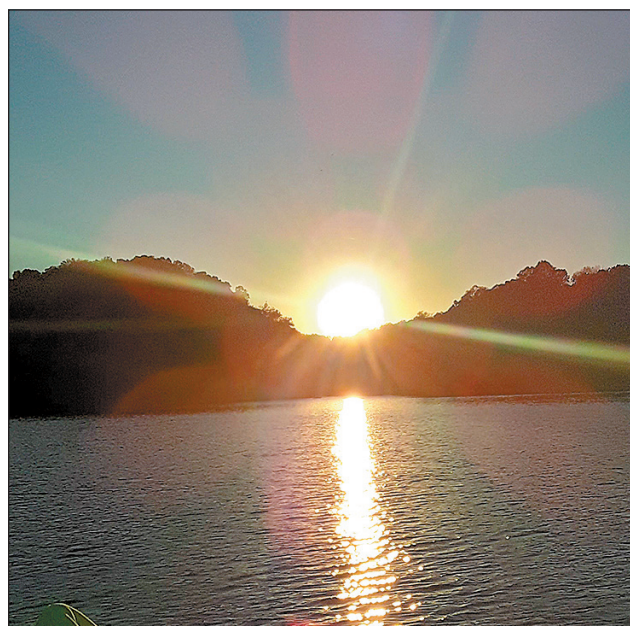




America the Beautiful



T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

The peacefulness of a summer day enjoyed in this great country.



Photo by Eric Maddox

America was founded on Godly principles and this was demonstrated at Victory Baptist Church last weekend.



Photo by Julie Ann Jones

Aubriella Woods, Carson Jones and Nizmo enjoy a day on the Duck River. Be safe this holiday weekend!

There's a lot to do this weekend! But let's be safe with fireworks!

By Dawn Hankins

Fireworks will light up the skies at many venues across the City and County this weekend. Local officials encourage patrons to be safe and enjoy this great 250th celebration.

The City of Shelbyville has updated its fireworks ordinance.

(1) July 2nd through July 5th - The permissible hours are from 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., except for July 4, when permissible hours are from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

(2) December 31 and January 1 - The permissible hours are from 8:00 p.m. on December 31 to 1:00 a.m. on January

1. (3) If the Shelbyville Fire Department has issued an active "Burn Ban" during the permissible days, that will take priority and Fireworks will not be allowed to be used during the "Burn Ban".

The complete ordinance can be found at: www.shelbyvilletn.org and search for fireworks.

Please be mindful of pets and the elderly when discharging fireworks, and also be aware of any Burn Bans in the area.

While there are no hard and fast rules for fireworks within the County, local law enforcement does note that laws

should be obeyed. Any out of the ordinary activity does involve law enforcement. So, keep it safe for all!

At this time, there is no ban on fireworks in Bedford County, according to Fire Chief Mark Thomas. However, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 68-104-101(9), any unmanned free-floating device capable of producing an open flame, including but not limited to sky lanterns, is classified as a special firework under Tennessee law.

As a result, the sale of sky lanterns to the general public is prohibited. Sky lanterns, while beautiful to behold, may only be purchased and used by indi-

viduals holding an appropriate professional license, such as: a certified flame effect operator, certified outdoor display operator and certified proximate pyrotechnic operator.

As for whether an event has excessive noise, that is determined by local law enforcement. But residents are encouraged to be civil and respectful of others during their time of fun.

As Tennesseans prepare to celebrate America's 250th anniversary during the upcoming Fourth of July holiday, the Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance (TDCI) and the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) re-

Coming up this week, weekend

The **TIME CAPSULE** will be buried on the courthouse lawn on Friday, July 3, beginning at 4 p.m. Other activities are planned, including a parade and music at 5 p.m.

The **City of Shelbyville** will host its annual fireworks show at 9 p.m., Saturday, July 4th, at H.V. Griffin Park.

The **Town of Wartrace** will have its annual fireworks event on Friday evening, July 3, beginning at 5 p.m.

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FIREWORKS ARE COMING!

The fireworks are on! Enjoy many venues this weekend!

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Flat Creek celebrates the 4th

On Saturday July 4, the annual July outdoor-edition of the Flat Creek Community Center's monthly potluck will be taking place at the home of Roger and June Debatin, 848 Hilltop Road. This month, the event starts an hour later at 7:00 p.m. Fireworks are planned at dark. Bryant and Wendy Morton are donating two Boston butts. Please bring a side or dessert as per usual for the monthly potluck. Also be sure to bring chairs!

The fireworks show is the grand finale but there will be old-time pickin' hosted by Jim and Inge Wood. Everyone is welcome to attend this family event. If the weather were to turn suspect, the event will be moved back to the community center (115 New Herman Road) at 7:00.

No data center development here, for a year?

Local planners hopeful for government 'ayes'

By Dawn Hankins

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Bedford County and Shelbyville may have their differences, from time to time, but lately there's one thing both governing entities agree on-

now is the time for a moratorium to be placed on any data center development here.

Bedford County and Shel-

byville Planning Commissions recently both approved and now plan to send to their respective governing bodies proposals for a 1-year moratorium on data center development.

The PCs note they want the County and City to study data center involvement in communities and set some reg-

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A tribute to "Maggi" Vaughn
Margaret Britton Vaughn, known as "Maggi," the esteemed and cherished Poet Laureate of Tennessee since 1995, passed away June 27.

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New Executive Director of Athletics

The Webb School is delighted to announce the appointment of Bill McClain as its new Executive Director of Athletics.

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DATA

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ulations. PC members discussed recently how some data centers in other towns have disrupted people's sleep, even, with humming type noises coming from the equipment.

A favorable resolution and ordinance by the City PC last week included a moratorium and also that data centers in the future be included in the City's classification of uses (I-3.)

It was discussed that Nashville and the City of Bristol are among those across the state enacting moratoriums on data center developments. In June, Coffee County Commission approved a 1-year moratorium on data center developments.

City Planning Commission member Bo Gill began the data center moratorium discussion last month.

Shelbyville City Council met Tuesday night for its monthly study session. On the agenda was the favorable recommendation by the City PC for the moratorium. Council discussions indicated

that the City is trying to stay in line with other TN cities and counties. The idea, said Mayor Randy Carroll is not to set up the City as wide open to all data centers.

The mayor stated, "Sometimes, they come to us because nobody else wants them."

Regulations are starting. The following was on Tuesday's agenda:

An Ordinance of the City Council of Shelbyville, Tennessee to Amend Article II, Definitions, and Appendix I, Table of Uses, of the Shelbyville Municipal Zoning Ordinance by Updating Section 2.2 Definitions, and Appendix I, Table of Uses, and Repeal all Previous Ordinances and Resolutions Pertaining to Section 2.2, Definitions, Appendix I, Table of Uses, Pertaining to Data Centers and to Repeal any Ordinance or Portion of Ordinance in Conflict Therewith.

Council is set up to vote 6 p.m., Tuesday, July 7, on that resolution which is for and authorizing a moratorium on development of all data

centers in Shelbyville, including cryptocurrency mining and similar high impact land uses. (Note: The July meeting day has changed.)

At the County Planning Commission meeting recently, Commissioner Linda Yockey spoke up in favor of a 1-year moratorium on data center development in the County. She said much like the County is doing with STEP systems wastewater, the data center development needs to be further studied this year.

Planning Director Chris White said he's had conversations with attorney Ginger Shofner regarding moratoriums. White said Shofner initially told him she didn't think the County could approve a moratorium any longer. But after research, Shofner discovered that the County is allowed to do a moratorium.

Now does that mean the County may receive pressure from data center developers? White said likely but the County is in its legal authority to have at least 18

months of moratorium.

John Sweeney, representative for County construction, said during the meeting that the County must be specific when calling for its moratorium. In other words, everything in-

cluding the kitchen sink can't be a part of the resolution.

PC member Keenon Threet made the initial motion to send a resolution for a 1-year moratorium on the Bedford County Commission.

The PC had to first suspend its rules, as the item was just on the agenda that night for discussion.

Bedford County Commission meets in regular session Tuesday, July 14, at 7 p.m. at the courthouse.

FIREWORKS

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mind Tennesseans of the changes to fireworks laws for 2026 and how they can make a difference in consumer celebrations.

In order to give Tennesseans more time to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country, the Tennessee General Assembly passed a one-year only law extending the selling seasons for fireworks in 2026 and early 2027. Fireworks may be sold from June

10 through July 10, Sept. 1 through Sept. 10, and Dec. 10 through January 3 with the law being repealed on February 1, 2027.

Typically, retail sales of fireworks within Tennessee are allowed from June 20 through July 5 and December 10 through January 2 of each year and in 2027.

"With a longer fireworks selling season in 2026, I hope that all Tennesseans will take

full advantage of the opportunity to celebrate the birth of our country while also considering the possible risks from consumer fireworks," said Tennessee State Fire Marshal and TDCI Commissioner Carter Lawrence. "If you choose to use consumer fireworks to celebrate, we ask that you do so in a safe manner, following recommended safety precautions and local ordinances."

Grapes are fresh and cool, just in time for summer



Beat the heat this 4th of July with this great recipe!

- Features Impact
- 1 generous cup halved black grapes
 - 3/4 cup plain non-fat vanilla Greek Yogurt
 - 2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
 - 2 1/2 ounces bittersweet chocolate, chopped
 - 1 teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil
1. In a medium bowl combine the grapes, yogurt, and vanilla. Line a 9-inch square metal baking pan with parchment, then, using a 1-ounce scoop, place mounds of the grape-yogurt mixture onto the sheet. Freeze until set, about 3 hours or overnight.
 2. Place the chopped chocolate in a microwaveable wide, small bowl. Microwave for 1 minute at medium power. Stir and repeat. Stir, and then microwave for 30 seconds at medium power, repeating as needed until melted and smooth. Stir in the oil. Dip the bottoms of the frozen clusters in the chocolate to coat and return to the pan.
 3. Store frozen clusters in airtight container in the freezer for up to a week.
- SERVINGS: Yield: 7 mounds



SPW OPERATOR HONORED ON RETIREMENT

Keith Chunn, upon his recent retirement from Shelbyville Public Works, was recognized for his 40 years of service to the City of Shelbyville. Mayor Randy Carroll made the special presentation.



JUNETEENTH HAD A GREAT CROWD

T-G Photo by Marilyn Ewing

A great crowd turned out recently in Shelbyville to celebrate the Juneteenth holiday.



STATUES UNVEILED

T-G Photos by Marilyn Ewing

Fly Cultural Arts Center in Shelbyville hosted an unveiling of its horse heritage art exhibit last Friday. From replicas of Big Jim to masterpiece and artful horses-the crowd watched eagerly in anticipation. City Mayor Randy Carroll conducted the unveiling.



NOW THAT'S AMERICANA!

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

Everyone remembers Earl Carlton's store in the Rover community which used to be a mainstay for grocery runs and plumbing supplies. But the building had seen its better days a few years ago.

Thanks to Gary King, the Carlton's General Store building lives on within the Rover community. King is in the process of renovating the building. The community was able to defeat a Dollar General purchase there a couple of years ago.

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THE ISSUE

Understanding certified tax rate calculation during reappraisal years

By Dawn Hankins

Now that tax required, local reappraisals, are done, there is often confusion on how those value increases affect the property tax rate. It's important to remember that reappraisals are revenue neutral with the intent being to equalize assessed values back in line with the current real estate market and not to create a financial windfall for the County.

The Good News: The City of Shelbyville has given taxpayers a break this re-appraisal year and approved \$1.48, adopting to \$1.0098 as

the certified tax rate as confirmed by the State Board of Equalization.

Bedford County adopted Tuesday night as follows: Resolution No. 27-1

Resolution fixing the tax levy in Bedford County, Tennessee for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Bedford County, Tennessee, assembled in special called session on the 30th day of June, 2026, that the uniform tax rate for Bedford County, Tennessee, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, shall

be \$1.5083 on each \$100.00 of taxable property county-wide. This is to provide revenue for each of the following funds and otherwise conform to the following levies:

- General Fund: 0.9276
 - Highway/Public Works Fund: 0.0584
 - General Purpose School Fund: 0.4022
 - General Debt Service Fund: 0.0973
 - County Capital Projects Fund: 0.0228
 - Total Tax Rate: \$1.5083
- New budgets begin July 1. How does one calculate a revenue neutral tax rate?

With reappraisals currently only occurring every 4, 5, or 6-years it may be difficult to remember all of the moving parts in the certified tax rate calculation. But the calculation uses data from 2 different tax years. The year before the reappraisal and the year of the reappraisal.

The calculation, according to the state, guarantees that the reappraisal, as completed by the Assessor of Property, is revenue neutral. Still that does not prevent the County or City legislative bodies from exceeding the certified tax rate if the needs of the jurisdiction so require.



Commissioner Bill Anderson voted no against the County departmental budget on Tuesday night during a special called meeting. He took ISSUE with raises that were given, namely to some already making \$90,000 a year. Anderson said the City vs County lawsuit appeal is still pending which could affect future budgets. He said given this, and the County still couldn't vote for a senior tax freeze, is why he voted no. Also voting no on the budget was Commissioner Anita Epperson.

AD VERITAS

When Independence Went to Press



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This week marks the 250th anniversary of one of the most important moments in American history.

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence. Technically speaking, most of the famous signatures came later, when the engrossed parchment copy was signed beginning on Aug. 2. But July 4 is the date the Declaration was approved, and it is the date we rightly remember as the birth of American independence.

But adoption was only the beginning. A declaration does not mean much if no one hears it.

That may be one of the most interesting parts of the story. After Congress approved the Declaration, the words had to be printed, carried, read aloud and reprinted across the colonies. Independence had to travel.

In our age, news spreads instantly. A major announcement can reach millions of people within seconds. Phones buzz. Headlines appear. Video clips circulate before the speaker has even left the podium.

In 1776, it was different. The Declaration had to go to press.

On the evening of July 4, Congress sent the approved text to John Dunlap, a Philadelphia printer who served as the official printer for Congress. Through the night and into the next morning, Dunlap printed broadside copies — single sheets meant for public posting and distribution.

Those first printed copies carried only two names: John Hancock, president of Congress, and Charles Thomson, secretary of Congress. The long list of signers we know today did not appear on those first public copies.

There was a reason for that.

The Declaration was an act of political courage, but it was also an act of treason in the eyes of the British crown. These men were not signing a ceremonial document from a position of safety. They were

openly declaring independence from the most powerful empire in the world.

Once printed, copies were sent to state assemblies, conventions, committees of safety and commanding officers of the Continental troops. In other words, the Declaration was not simply preserved for history. It was put to work immediately.

It was meant to inform governments. It was meant to encourage soldiers. It was meant to explain the cause to ordinary citizens. It was meant to tell the world that the colonies were no longer merely protesting.

They were independent states.

The first newspaper printing came quickly. On July 6, the Pennsylvania Evening Post published the full text of the Declaration. Soon other papers followed. By the end of that summer, at least 29 newspapers had printed the Declaration in full.

As a newspaper publisher, I find that detail especially meaningful.

The American Revolution was fought with muskets and cannon, but it was also fought with words and ink. Pamphlets, newspapers,

broad­sides and printed sermons helped carry the ideas of liberty from town to town. Printers were not merely reporting on history. In many ways, they were helping distribute it.

Most Americans did not see the handwritten parchment copy we think of today. They encountered the Declaration in print. They heard it read aloud in public squares. They saw it posted. They read it in newspapers.

On July 8, the Declaration was publicly read in Philadelphia. Bells rang. People gathered. A written statement became a public reality.

That is worth thinking about.

We often picture the Declaration as a sacred artifact behind glass, faded with age and protected by guards. And it is that today. But in 1776, it was newsprint. It was a broadside. It was a message meant to be read, repeated and understood.

It was not written for a museum. It was written for a people.

The formal signing process came later. On July 19, Congress ordered that the Declaration be engrossed on parchment with the title

“The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.” On Aug. 2, members began signing that document. Eventually, 56 delegates would place their names on it.

Those signatures mattered. They gave personal weight to the words. But the words were already moving through the colonies before most of those signatures were ever attached.

That reminds us of something important about America's founding.

Independence was not created in a single dramatic instant. It unfolded through debate, drafting, voting, printing, reading, signing and fighting. Each step mattered.

The vote mattered. The words mattered. The printing mattered. The public readings mattered. The signatures mattered. And the long war that followed certainly mattered.

As we celebrate Independence Day, especially this 250th anniversary year, it is easy to reduce the moment to fireworks, flags and cookouts. I enjoy those things as much as anyone. But the real story is deeper.

A group of men took a stand. A writer gave their cause its clearest expression. A Congress approved

it. A printer set the words in type. Newspapers carried them outward. Citizens heard them and had to decide what they believed.

That is how independence moved from a room in Philadelphia into the life of a people.

It traveled by horseback, by wagon, by ship, by newspaper and by voice.

And once those words went out, there was no calling them back.

That is the power of the printed word. It can preserve an idea long after the speaker is gone. It can carry conviction beyond the room where it was first expressed. It can bind scattered people together around a common cause.

Two hundred and fifty years later, we are still reading those words.

“We hold these truths to be self-evident...”

They were printed in haste, distributed in danger and preserved through war.

And this week, as we celebrate American independence, we should remember not only that the Declaration was written and adopted, but that it was proclaimed.

It went to press.

And in doing so, it helped bring a nation into being.

Just like writer Robert Fisk said, ‘It’s a journalist’s job to be a witness to history’ T-G proudly wins at TPA Conference 2026

By Dawn Hankins

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Last Thursday, I attended the Tennessee Press Association conference, which was held in Franklin. It was our 86th, (not that I've been to all of those.)

So, I thought I'd share some newspaper news, since we're celebrating America's 250th birthday this week. After all, there's a great history with the beginning of newspapers in America. (See my publisher's editorial today.)

The Times-Gazette proudly picked up a 1st-place award this year for best business coverage. We will tell you more about the subject of the winning article next week.

The T-G also received a 4th-place award for editorials. I had written a column/editorial in 2025, “I Don't Cry Much Anymore.” It was a tribute to a lady who meant a lot to me when I was growing up-the late Wilene Fulton.

While we enjoy getting

our accolades at the TPA awards, I always try to remember the people who inspired those award-winning articles. This year's subjects were, and are, extra ordinary in my book. So, it thrilled me to have these articles place.

This year's TPA contest, which included around a thousand entries, was judged by the Maine Press Association. We will do them the honor of judging their contest in July.

You never know from one year to the next who is going to win. Our judges are always different. But one thing's for sure, the day is set aside, as it has been for decades, to give hard-working journalists their just rewards and mentions.

And believe me, it's not a simple task putting out the T-G each week. But we do this because it's innate in our souls.

Yes, I'm one of those people who believe if you don't love this job, don't do it. There are days that can bury you without a sense of

purpose.

This year, at TPA conference, there was a \$5,000 cash award presented by the Center for Integrity for news reporting excellence in TN in 2025. The state is one of 14 to receive this award, strictly for the reporter.

The submitted stories had to be impartial, objective and fair. It's made possible as part of a 3-year grant from the Southern Newspaper Publishers Foundation.

I submitted a City story for the CIR but didn't win. The recipient was a reporter who had covered a story about the reopening of the Buford Pusser case.

Sure, that sort of loss is disappointing. But I reminded myself that perhaps God intended for the other person to have that award for reasons we do not know. I am good with that.

Journalists are highly competitive people. But we are also folks who recognize the elements of a good story. While we might



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Keith Carver, senior vice chancellor and senior vice president of the UT Institute of Agriculture, presents Dawn Hankins of the Shelbyville Times-Gazette a first-place award for best business coverage in 2025, during the recent TPA Conference in Franklin.

initially grimace when our names aren't called, we applaud our competitors and try better next year.

There will be a next year for newspapers. This, I am certain.

I was proud to see Demetria Kalodimos and her team from the Nashville Banner win some awards this year. This veteran news anchor restarted the Ban-

ner-free-a couple of years ago in digital format.

So, as we celebrate America's birthday this week, I'd like to remember those journalists who mentored me along the way. Of course, one of those greatly being the late Franklin Yates, former publisher of the Shelbyville Times-Gazette. The other is my current publisher, Daniel

Richardson, an American Veteran who has worked hard to reorganize several newspapers in this state, including the T-G.

As for contests, honestly, I believe every journalist is a winner who dedicates themselves to the truth. (I'd still have been very happy with that \$5,000 check. I must tell the inner truth.)

Speaking of truth and dedication, let's give Benjamin Franklin a shout, since we're approaching Independence Day. He is quoted as saying, “A Bible and a newspaper in every house, a good school in every district; all studied and appreciated as they merit; are the principal support of virtue, morality and civil liberty.”

It's a new press year; we can't wait to see what comes up for the remainder of 2026. We appreciate your support of the T-G. Thank you and Happy 4th!

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FEATURES FROM THE BIBLE

TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

AARON and the Golden Calf Exodus 32

Aaron was left in charge while Moses was on the mountain receiving the commandments from God.

When the people saw that Moses did not come down from the mountain for a long time, they grew impatient. They asked Aaron to make them gods who would go before them.

Aaron instructed them to bring the gold earrings the people were wearing. He took the gold and formed it into a golden calf. Aaron then built an altar in front of the calf and called for a festival to the Lord on the following day.

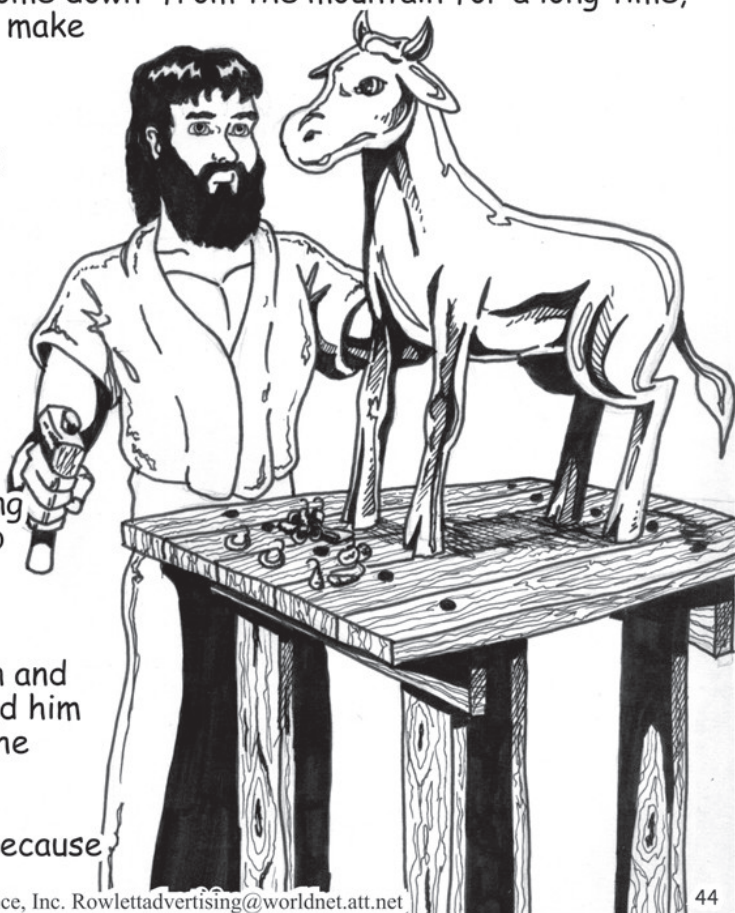
The people sacrificed burnt offering and presented peace offerings. Then they ate and drank and indulged in revelry.

God knew that these people were sacrificing to the idol and not to Him, so he planned to destroy them. Moses intervened on their behalf and God spared them.

When Moses came down from the mountain and questioned Aaron about the calf, Aaron told him that he had thrown the gold jewelry into the fire and out came the calf.

The Lord struck the people with a plague because of what they did with the golden calf.

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Obituaries

Cynthia Dianne Sanders
Cynthia Dianne Sanders, 67, of Shelbyville, died June 27, 2026.
She was a native of Shelbyville; former Bookkeeper for Bedford Cheese Company; a graduate of Motlow College and a member of Livingstone Church of Shelbyville. She was a woman strong in her faith.
She was preceded in death by her parents, Gerald Harris and Jo Ann Sudberry Holland. She is survived by her three sons, Gerald Edward Sanders of Pelham, Ala., Joshua



Lee Sanders of Iron City, Tn., Jon Travis Sanders of Shelbyville and granddaughter, Lorelai Lee Sanders.
Per her request she will be cremated. There will be no services.
Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Vavial Carolyn Keele Jamison
Vavial Carolyn Keele Jamison, 85, of Shelbyville, died June 27, 2026. Funeral Services will be held 11:00 A.M. Friday, July 3rd, at Hillcrest Funeral Home Rev. Korley Carson officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.



Visitation will be Thursday evening from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Vavial was born July 12, 1940 in Old Hickory, Tennessee to her parents, Leighton Allen Keele and Myrtle Redus Martin.
She was a member of the 1958 Graduating Class from Shelbyville Central High School; a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church of Shelbyville; member of several social/community groups focused on helping others.
She loved the Lord, travel, time with friends and family, photography and a big love for animals. She retired from South Central Bell Telephone Company as a Chief Operator. Post retirement she received a

degree from Motlow College.
In addition to her parents, Vavial was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Jamison. She is survived by her son, Jon Allen Gregory and his fiancé Catherine Carroll.
She will be remembered for her loving spirit and sense of adventure, her treasured friendships and her generosity towards others in their time of need.
In lieu of flowers please donate to the First United Methodist Church of Shelbyville; the Humane Society of Shelbyville or your favorite local animal rescue.
Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Marsha Claudette Hillis
Marsha Claudette Hillis was born December 9, 1951, in Shelbyville, to Grady Hillis and Bonnie Watkins Hillis. She left this life peacefully June 4, 2026 in Boynton Beach, Florida.
She attended Shelbyville Mills School in the Mill Village and Shelbyville Central High before moving to Delray Beach, Florida in the early 1970's. However, her heart always was in Tennessee.
She was a huge University of Tennessee and Tennessee Titans Fan. She also didn't miss her NASCAR races either.
Marsha lost the love of her life, Gary Daniels, in 2000, and her sister, Jackie Hillis Rivera of Delray Beach, in 2016.



She is survived by her niece/daughter, Margaret (Margo) Rivera and son, Cody and Chayane Daniels both of Florida; step-brother, Doug and Joan Enos of Mississippi; grandbabies, Jaxon Daniels, Jake Daniels, Angelina, Nino, Ciara, Kira,

Sage, Gage Garcia, LiSandra and Karina Diaz, Nerida and Charles Vilfort; special cousin, like a brother, Donnie and Sandra Pilkington; childhood friend/brother, Robert Martin, and dear cousins, Terry Wayne and Darlene Pilkington.
Her heart and ability to love big extended to numerous others she called her "kids and grandbabies."
Funeral Services were held 1:00 P.M., Saturday, June 27th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home with the Rev. Elbert Smith officiating. Burial followed at Willow Mount Cemetery.
Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

A tribute to Margaret “Maggi” Britton Vaughn
‘The talents of poetry are inherited and their pursuit inevitable.’ Maggi

By Dawn Hankins
O.K. So I cried this week. This time, it was over the passing of dear, talented, Maggi Vaughn of Bell Buckle. Most hopefully know that she has been the state's poet laureate since 1995.
But most of all, she's

been a friend to everyone she's met. People loved to visit and chat with her. Everybody knew they could go to Maggi for good advice. And that includes me.
Maggi and I shared journalism backgrounds and a love of writing. I

Margaret Britton Vaughn
Margaret Britton Vaughn, fondly known as “Maggi,” the esteemed and cherished Poet Laureate of Tennessee since 1995, passed away June 27, 2026, in her beloved small town of Bell Buckle, Tennessee. The population of the town is sadly now 528.



Born in Murfreesboro, Tennessee on July 16, 1938, she leaves behind a remarkable legacy as a poet, songwriter and storyteller who celebrated Southern culture and humanity through her art. Her work touched many through her vivid portrayal of rural and small-town life.
She is preceded in death by her parents, Winfred Vaughn and Mary Rebecca Vaughn, and her younger brother, Winfred Miles “Bubba” Vaughn, and is survived by her chosen family of Shirley Hall and Dr. Carole Brown Knuth, bonus-granddaughter Gracelyn Howard, her nieces Wynn Graves and Cindy Shaw, her sister-in-law, Nancy Vaughn, as well as the entire town of Bell Buckle, her legions of fans and her vast literary legacy.
From a young age, Maggi knew her calling was in writing; she declared her ambition to be a poet and country music songwriter in third grade.

reaate of Tennessee is one of the longest serving poet laureates in United States history. She was appointed Poet Laureate in 1995.
Maggi published numerous poetry collections including, Acres That Grow, Fortasting Heaven: Conversations With Mark Twain at Quarry Farms, America Showing Her Colors in Black & White, You're Laughing, Ain't Ya God?, Bell Buckle Biscuits: Stories, and one of her favorites The Light in the Kitchen Window. Her works often explored themes of heritage, community and family, resonating deeply with audiences across generations. Her most requested poem is, “Is That You, Mama?”
She has published over 20 books, the most recent is her biography in short vignette stories –Everyone Hears the Drums, Daydreamers See the Drummer.”
In addition to her purely artistic contributions, Maggi wrote commemorative poems for significant events such as the Tennessee Bicentennial (“Who We Are”), four gubernatorial inaugurations and the United States Air Force 50th Anniversary. She wrote the Tennessee Quarter poem, Tennessee Women's Suffrage poem, the Grand Ole Opry 100th Anniversary poem and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College 100th Anniversary poem. The Bicentennial poem “Who We Are” hangs in the Tennessee State capital and many government offices. It was designated the official Tennessee State poem. The United States Air Force 50th Anniversary poem was read into the congressional record.
She is the first recipient of the Mark Twain Fellowship from Elmira College and the 2003 Outstanding Tennessean Award. In 2007, she was recognized as the Literary Arts Medalist by the Germantown Arts Alliance for

achieving a notable and distinguished career in the Mid South.
She was inducted into the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Hall of Fame.
Her humor, warmth and authenticity earned her love and admiration from all walks of life.
Throughout her career, Maggi championed poetry's ability to connect people often stating, “When I hear them laughing and crying, I know I've done my job.”
Maggi joined the unique and quirky arts community of Bell Buckle, Tennessee in 1982 where she became an integral part of the community, and was known for her mentorship and open door policy for visitors and poets alike to just “visit.”

Her voice will live on through her timeless works and the inspiration she provided to countless writers and readers. Friend Andi Landis summed her up as “a big robust, heart full of friends, music, laughter and tears.”
Maggi lived surrounded, if not buried, by her treasures of collections – and many unique custom art pieces inspired by her imagination, from the likes of Vannoy Streeter, Walter Anderson and Herb Williams. Her life was a testament to overcoming adversity; she survived both kidney and breast cancer.
She will be remembered as a true treasure of Tennessee and an enduring figure in American literature. We can all smile when we hear her voice now in our hearts saying, “Ya'll come see me, ya hear.”
A Southern storytelling “visit” / celebration of life and chocolate will be held in Bell Buckle.
Public visitation: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 4pm – 8pm Bethany Hall, 29 Railroad Square, Bell Buckle, TN
Family and close friends visitation: Thursday, July 9, 2026 10:30-11:30am Bell Buckle Banquet Hall, 27 Railroad Square, Bell Buckle, TN
Funeral Service and Celebration: Thursday, July 9, 2026 11:30am Bell Buckle Banquet Hall, 27 Railroad Square, Bell Buckle, TN. Festive attire. Covered Dish / Pot Luck – no deserts
In lieu of flowers, please support the next homeless person you encounter.
Feldhaus-Gowen-Smith Chapel is honored to be serving the family of Margaret Britton Vaughn.

COUNTY BUSINESS, FAMILY HOME, FIRE SCENES THIS WEEK

Photos by Gene Williams
Two County fires this week-one at Bedford Market off Highway 64 West and another off Wartrace Pike. No injuries reported.



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Death Notices

Reginald "Reggie" Norris Workman,
age 72, of Shelbyville, TN.
October 30, 1953 - June 25, 2026
Doak Funeral Home is serving the family.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Patricia Ann Williams, Deceased
Notice is hereby given that on June 17, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Patricia Ann Williams, who died 01/08/2026, 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 17th day of June, 2026.
/s/ Kenneth Michael Belknap, Administrator
/s/ John T. Bobo, Bobo, Hunt & White, Attorney
/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (722tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Thomas N. Lippman, Deceased
Notice is hereby given that on June 17, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Thomas N. Lippman, who died 06/12/2026, 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:
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 17th day of June, 2026.
/s/ Matthew T. Lippman ,Administrator CTA
/s/ W. Andrew Bobo, Bobo, Hunt & White, Attorney
/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (722tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Gerald Michael Denny, Deceased
Notice is hereby given that on June 17, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Gerald Michael Denny, who died 05/10/2026, 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:
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 17th day of June, 2026.
/s/ Sherry Elaine Montgomery, Executrix
/s/ W. Andrew Bobo, Bobo, Hunt & White, Attorney
/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (722tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Donald Joseph Locke, Deceased
Notice is hereby given that on June 22, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Donald Joseph Locke, who died 04/21/2026, 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:
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 22nd day of June, 2026.
/s/ Dawn Renea Locke Lile, Executrix
/s/ Joe M. Lambert Jr., Attorney
/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (722tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Kellye Jean Atkins, Deceased
Notice is hereby given that on June 23, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Kellye Jean Atkins, who died 04/30/2026, 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:
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 23rd day of June, 2026.
/s/ Christian Tate Atkins, Administrator
/s/ Anthony W Harris., Attorney
/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (722tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Eli T. Biggers, Deceased
Notice is hereby given that on June 22, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Eli T. Biggers, who died 06/11/2026, 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:
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 22nd day of June, 2026.
/s/ Demetra Pulley, Executrix
/s/ John T. Bobo, Bobo, Hunt & White, Attorney
/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (722tp)

Bedford County property transfers

The following property sales were recently recorded in the Bedford County Register of Deeds office.
File date: June 23
Location: Jennings Lane; Seller, Ryan Richardson, Cynthia Richardson; Buyer, Sebastien Azar; Price, \$1,175,000 (Deed).
Location: 305 Dixon Rd; Seller, Jody Dawn Shifflett, Jody Shifflett Cook; Buyer, Taylor A Shifflett; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: 2413 Highway 82 S; Seller, Christopher Sons; Buyer, Sabrina Philpott; Price, \$220,000 (Deed).
Location: Longview Road; Seller, Christopher James Lamb; Buyer, Christopher James Lamb, Keysha Honey; Price, \$0 (QD).
Seller, Curl Properties LLC; Buyer, Ray Brown, Stacy Brown; Price, \$297,220 (Deed).

Seller, Curl Properties LLC; Buyer, Michael Wilhotte, Ashley Wilhotte; Price, \$235,840 (Deed).
Location: 150 County Line Rd; Seller, Kendra E Guyton, Kendra Rader; Buyer, Daniel Rader, Kendra Radar; Price, \$0 (QD).
Location: 1025 Fairfield Pike; Seller, Benjamin James Hill, Haley C Hill; Buyer, Antonio Jonte Sanford; Price, \$240,000 (Deed).
Location: 242 Union Ridge Rd; Seller, Raymond A Merritt, Soraya Merritt; Buyer, Lynn Alderidge; Price, \$254,900 (Deed).
Location: 118 Bluegrass Dr; Seller, Donald Wakefield, Christmas Wakefield; Buyer, Purchasing Fund 2025 1 LLC; Price, \$335,000 (Deed).
Location: 967 Horse Mountain Rd; Seller, Black Diamond Construction LLC; Buyer, Raymond Allen Merritt; Price, \$259,900 (Deed).
Seller, Curl Properties LLC; Buyer, Macdonald Associates LLC; Price, \$764,500 (Deed).
File date: June 24
Location: Okld Columbia Rd; Seller, Curt M Cobb, Humberto Gutierrez; Buyer, Julio C Perez; Price, \$0 (Deed).
Location: Kingston Corner Rd; Seller, Michelle Harwell, Michelle Beverly; Buyer, Michelle Beverly, Bobby P Beverly; Price, \$0 (Deed).
Seller, Joseph H Galeski Jr, Pamela S Galeski, Rachel Galeski; Buyer, Joseph H Galeski Jr, Pamela S Galeski, Rachel Galeski; Price, \$0 (QD).
Location: 791 Kennedy Rd; Seller, Magalhaes Developers LLC; Buyer, Laudelina Magalhaes, Antonio Magalhaes; Price, \$0 (QD).
Location: 841 Kennedy Rd; Seller, Magalhaes Developers LLC; Buyer, Jason Magalhaes, Lauren Magalhaes; Price, \$0 (QD).
Location: Bedford Lake Road; Seller, Rebecca Mason; Buyer, Rebecca Mason, Samantha Lynn Mixon; Price, \$0 (QD).
File date: June 25
Location: Green Acres Rd; Seller, Donald L Bruce, Donald L Bruce Living Trust; Buyer, TN Design & Construction LLC; Price, \$169,400 (Deed).
Location: 114 Jennings

Lane; Seller, Gary Boyce Construction LLC; Buyer, Mark A Jones, Tammy V Jones; Price, \$509,900 (Deed).
Location: 138 Scenic View Lane; Seller, Seth W Grabovich; Buyer, Danielle N Grabovich; Price, \$0 (QD).
Location: 215 Chestnut Dr; Seller, Alexander L Courtois, Zurisaday Gutierrez Avila; Buyer, Parker Mann; Price, \$245,000 (Deed).
Seller, Cynthia Bush Ray, James Austin Coop Jr Estate, Cindy Ray Ray; Buyer, Connie Smith, Carolyn Miller; Price, \$0 (QD).
Seller, Cynthia Bush Ray, James Austin Coop Jr Estate, Cindy Ray Ray; Buyer, Connie Smith, Carolyn Miller; Price, \$0 (QD).
Location: 14 Railroad Square Bell; Seller, William Johns, Shirley Johns; Buyer, Jon Gregory Heinke; Price, \$375,000 (Deed).
Location: 304 Republic St; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Samantha Mix, Austyn Hyder; Price, \$374,990 (Deed).
Location: 112 Nestledown Crossing; Seller, Tamara Dunner; Buyer, Tamara Dunner, Tamara Dunner Living Trust; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: 633 Rabbit Branch Rd; Seller, Kimberly Shiffer Cummings, Robert Wayne Carter Estate; Buyer, Kimberly Shiffer Cummings; Price, \$0 (QD).
Location: 7th St; Seller, Pierre Johnson; Buyer, Greg Curl; Price, \$50,000 (Deed).
Location: 2519 Midland Rd; Seller, Padgett Law Group, Joseph Manos II; Buyer, Renasant Bank; Price, \$277,365 (TRD).
Location: 103 Einkorn Rd; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Crista Tisha Wloch, Bartosz Piotr Wloch; Price, \$342,990 (Deed).
File date: June 26
Location: Rabbit Branch Rd; Seller, Kimberly Shiffer Cummings, Robert Wayne Carter Estate; Buyer, Kimberly Shiffer Cummings; Price, \$0 (QD).
Seller, MayTory LLC; Buyer, Welland Andrus, Kendall Vaughn; Price, \$329,900 (Deed).
Location: Fairfield Pike; Seller, Richard C Cole, Keith M Anspach Estate; Buyer, Frances A Anspach; Price, \$0 (QD).
Seller, R Houston Akin, New Doors Development Group LLC; Buyer, Kem Investments LLC,

Flex Real; Price, \$550,000 (TRD).
Location: 111 Bethany Lane; Seller, Tressler L Batts; Buyer, Donald White Construction LLC; Price, \$140,000 (Deed).
File date: June 29
Location: 529 Hickory Hill Rd; Seller, Walnut Creek Properties; Buyer, Christopher Gibbs, Anna Gibbs; Price, \$379,900 (Deed).
Location: Blue Stocking Hollow Rd; Seller, Lee R Hardy; Buyer, 389 Bluestocking Hollow LLC; Price, \$0 (QD).
Location: 315 Zion Hill Rd; Seller, Wayne Neese; Buyer, Melanie Sutton; Price, \$475,000 (Deed).
Location: Rippy Ridge Rd; Seller, William Huffman, Linda Huffman; Buyer, Robert Lewis Grizzle; Price, \$239,000 (Deed).
Location: 807 Frank Martin Rd; Seller, Donald Haston, Kathy Haston, Donald and Kathy Haston Family Revocable Trust; Buyer, Donald Haston, Kathy Haston; Price, \$0 (QD).
Location: 807 Frank Martin Rd; Seller, Donald Haston, Kathy Haston; Buyer, Donald Haston; Price, \$0 (QD).

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NOTICES
BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monthly Commissioner Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 14, 2026 @ 7:00 P.M.
Bedford County Historic Courthouse
1 Public Square, 2nd Floor Courtroom
Shelbyville, TN 37160
Meeting agenda can be found at www.bedford-countytn.gov.
Public Comment Procedure: State law provides for a period of public comment at local government meetings to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on matters that are germane to items on the agenda. Any person interested to speak should:

1. Record name and address on a sign-up sheet that will be provided, prior to the meeting being called to order.
 2. When called upon, address comments to the Chairperson in a respectful manner.
 3. Limit remarks to three minutes for items(s) germane to the agenda.
- Persons with a disability who wish to request special accommodation to participate in the public meeting should notify April Steadman one business day prior to the meeting by calling (931) 684-7944 or email your request to april.steadman@bedfordcountytn.gov to discuss accommodations. Every reasonable effort will be made to meet your need.

NOTICES
NOTICE of LIEN SALE
Wednesday, July 15, 2026 10:00 AM
Advantage Self Storage
928 Sevier Street
Shelbyville, TN 37160
Notice is hereby given that in order to satisfy an Owner's lien, the contents of the following storage unit will be sold at public auction with sale awarded to the highest bidder:
UNIT #1504 M. Cordova
UNIT # 1810 M. Cordova
Terms: Cash only day of sale.
Buyer will have 24 hours to remove contents.
Frank Pagello, Facility Manager 931-684-1420

Notice to owner and/or lien holder of abandoned or unclaimed vehicles. Take note that the following vehicle will be sold on July 10, 2026 at 10 AM at Newton Ford South , 2811 Hwy 231 N Shelbyville TN 37160 to satisfy repair, and storage charges if not claimed within 14 days of this notice.
2013 Ford F-350
Vin# 1FD8X3ET7DEB58973

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NOTICE OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Note dated MARCH 27, 2025, and the Deed of Trust of even date, securing said Note recorded APRIL 1, 2025 in Book TD1147, at Page 881-902, as Document #25002132, in the Register's office for BEDFORD County, Tennessee, executed by TERRANCE LYONS AND SUSAN LYONS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, conveying the certain property described therein to MEGANK. TROTT, Trustee, for the benefit of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS BENEFICIARY, AS NOMINEE FOR FIRST COMMUNITY MORTGAGE INC., its successors and assigns and to MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C., having been appointed as Successor Trustee by instrument of record JUNE 1, 2026 in the Register's office for BEDFORD County, Tennessee in Book TD1194, at Page 59-61, as Document #26003973.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that an agent of Marinosci Law Group, P.C., as Successor Trustee, pursuant to the power, duty and authority vested in and conferred upon said Successor Trustee, by the Deed of Trust, will on August 18, 2026 at 11:00 AM at the main entrance of the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160 offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, and free from all legal, equitable and statutory rights of redemption, exemptions of homestead, rights by virtue of

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

Sale at public auction will be on August 31, 2026 at 11:00AM local time, at the south door, Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, Tennessee pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by John Young and Judy Young, to Kerry Webb, Trustee, as trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Acopia, LLC, its successors and assigns on March 20, 2015 at Book TD831, Page 853, Instrument No. 15001536; conducted by LLG Trustee TN LLC, having been appointed Substitute or Successor Trustee, all of record in the Bedford County Register's Office. Default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable.

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

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

Street Address: 280 Philpot Road, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160
 Parcel Number: 41C A 010.00

Current Owner(s) of Property: John Young and Judy Young

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded Plat or Plan; any unpaid taxes and assessments; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; rights of redemption, equity, statutory or otherwise, not otherwise waived in the Deed of Trust, including rights of redemption of any government agency, state or federal; and any and all prior deeds of trust, liens, dues, assessments, encumbrances, including those created by a fixture filing or any applicable homeowners' association

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 April 17, 2015, executed by Kenneth W Arnold, an unmarried man, to David Marttalla as Trustee, for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MCMINNVILLE, its successors and assigns, and appearing of record on April 20, 2015, in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, at Book TD833, Page 760, and Instrument Number 15002147.

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, 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 August 3, 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:

LYING AND BEING IN THE SEVENTH (7TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Steven Richard Hanson, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on June 15, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Steven Richard Hanson, who died 06/01/2026, 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 15th day of June, 2026.

/s/ Lisa Stonemetz & Christina Hanson, Co-Administrators
 /s/ Megan K. Trott., Attorney
 /s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (6252tp)

ORDER OF PUBLICATION TO: UNKNOWN FATHERS

CASE NUMBER: 703

IN RE:

THE ADOPTION OF A MALE CHILD:

MASON COOPER-BENTLY, DOB: May 18, 2011,

and

THE ADOPTION OF A FEMALE CHILD:

SCARLETT IVY-PAIGE MCBEE, DOB: June 28, 2020,

MICHAEL ROLAND YOUNG and

MICHELE LEE YOUNG,

PETITIONERS,

vs.

UNKNOWN FATHERS,

RESPONDENTS.

CASE NO. 703

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint which is sworn to, that THE RESIDENCES OF UNKNOWN FATHERS ARE UNKNOWN AND CANNOT BE ASCERTAINED UPON DILIGENT INQUIRY, UNKNOWN FATHERS are required to appear on or before August 9, 2026, before the undersigned Clerk and Master and make defense to the Complaint and serve a copy of their Answer to the Plaintiffs solicitor, Gary D. Beasley, Attorney at Law, 201 East Main Street, Suite 250, Murfreesboro, TN 37130, or otherwise, Judgment by Default may be entered against UNKNOWN FATHERS for the relief demanded in the Complaint. It is further ORDERED that this notice be published for four (4) consecutive weeks in THE SHELBYVILLE TIMES-GAZETTE.

This 5th day of June 2026.

/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master

/s/ Gary D. Beasley, Attorney for the Petitioners (6184tp)

marriage, and all other exemptions of every kind, all of which have been waived in the Deed of Trust, certain real property located in Bedford County, Tennessee, described as follows:

Land in Bedford County, Tennessee, being Lot No. 66, on the Plan of Final Plat, Wheatfield Subdivision, Phase 3, of record in Plat Book PLJ2, Page 455, in the Register's Office for Bedford County, Tennessee, to which Plan reference is hereby made for a more complete description of the property.

Being the same property conveyed to Terrance Lyons and Susan Lyons, Husband and Wife, by deed from, Ole South Properties, Inc., a Tennessee corporation, dated March 27, 2025, of record in Book 396, Page 358, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

This conveyance is made subject to Restrictions and Declaration of Covenants of record in Book D371, page 519 and as amended in Book D385, page 739, Restrictions of record in Book D344, page 650, Book D356, page 746 and Book D358, page 631; Charter of record in Book CH14, page 610; Utility Easement of record in Book D189, page 587, Book D246, page 744 and Book D264; page 452; Tennessee Valley Authority Easement by way of judgment of record in Book D221, page 614; Subject to matters shown on the Plan of record in Plat Book PLJ1, page 23; and to any and all matters shown on said plat and survey of record in Plat Book PLJ2, page 455; all of said Register's Office.

More Commonly Known As: 101 CHEVELLE CT, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160-1518

Said sale shall be held 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;

dues or assessments; any defects, adverse claims and other matters that may take priority over the Deed of Trust upon which this foreclosure sale is conducted or are not extinguished by this Foreclosure Sale; all claims or other matters, whether recorded or not, which may encumber the purchaser's title and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

The following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property to be affected by the foreclosure: any judgment creditor or lien holder with an interest subordinate to the said Deed of Trust or any party claiming by, though, or under any of the foregoing. Such parties known to the Substitute Trustee may include: None.

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

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

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

If you purchase a property at the foreclosure sale, the entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of a certified/bank check made payable to or endorsed to LOGS Legal Group LLP. No personal checks will be accepted.

SAME BEING LOT 16 IN MYERS PLACE SUBDIVISION, REVISED PLAT, SAID PLAT BEING RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 71, PAGE 125, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE. SAID LOT NUMBER 16 FRONTS 85 FEET ON THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF BATES STREET AND EXTENDS BACK BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES 150 FEET TO A LINE IN THE REAR ON WHICH IT MEASURES 85 FEET.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO KENNETH W. ARNOLD, AN UNMARRIED MAN, BY WARRANTY DEED FROM MICHAEL ZUCCARO AND WIFE, BRENDA ZUCCARO, DATED APRIL 17, 2015, OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 325, PAGE 303, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 07-089-J-089-G-L-013.00-000

Commonly known as 113 Bates St Shelbyville, TN 37160

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

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

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

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

NOTICE OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Note dated NOVEMBER 22, 2024, and the Deed of Trust of even date, securing said Note recorded NOVEMBER 25, 2024 in Book TD1137, at Page 266-281, as Document #24007831, in the Register's office for BEDFORD County, Tennessee, executed by TAMIA STANTON, A SINGLE WOMAN, conveying the certain property described therein to REALTY TITLE & ESCROW COMPANY, INC., Trustee, for the benefit of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS BENEFICIARY, AS NOMINEE FOR FAIRWAY INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE CORPORATION, its successors and assigns and to MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C., having been appointed as Successor Trustee by instrument of record JUNE 17, 2026 in the Register's office for BEDFORD County, Tennessee in Book TD1195, at Page 987-989, as Document #26004434.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that an agent of Marinosci Law Group, P.C., as Successor Trustee, pursuant to the power, duty and authority vested in and conferred upon said Successor Trustee, by the Deed of Trust, will on August 18, 2026 at 11:00 AM at the main entrance of the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160 offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, and free from all legal, equitable and statutory rights of redemption, exemptions of homestead, rights by virtue of marriage, and all other exemptions of every kind, all of which have been waived in the Deed of Trust, certain real property located in Bedford County, Tennessee, described as follows:

Lot 12, Indian Creek Subdivision, Section I, as shown by plat of record in Plat Cabinet A, Envelope 243, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

More Commonly Known As: 114 CHEROKEE TRAIL, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160

Said sale shall be held subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants,

any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and subject to, but not limited to, the following parties who may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: ALYSSA LYONS, ESTATE OF TERRANCE LYONS, TERRANCE LYONS, II, SUSAN LYONS, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF TERRANCE LYONS, OCCUPANTS/TENANTS OF 101 CHEVELLE CT, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160-1518.

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

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. The Successor Trustee may postpone the above referenced sale from time to time as needed without further publication. The Successor Trustee will announce the postponement on the date and at the time and location of the originally scheduled sale.

This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be utilized for that purpose.

Marinosci Law Group, P.C., Successor Trustee

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Memphis, TN 38117

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Fax: (901) 440-0561

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To this end, you must bring sufficient funds to outbid the lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser at the time the foreclosure deed is delivered.

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

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

This Notice of Sale can be viewed online by Coast to Coast Posting at HTTPS://Coasttocoastposting.com

LLG Trustee TN LLC

Substitute Trustee

8520 Cliff Cameron Dr., Suite 330

Charlotte, NC 28269

Phone (704) 333-8107

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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: 1154-742A

Newspaper: Shelbyville Times Gazette

Publication Dates: 6/25/2026, 7/2/2026

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; to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and subject to, but not limited to, the following parties who may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: R3 CONTRACTORS, LLC, TAMIA STANTON, OCCUPANTS/TENANTS OF 114 CHEROKEE TRL, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160

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

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. The Successor Trustee may postpone the above referenced sale from time to time as needed without further publication. The Successor Trustee will announce the postponement on the date and at the time and location of the originally scheduled sale.

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Middle Tennessee’s Blue Raider Blitz set for July

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO Tenn. – Middle Tennessee Athletics is hitting the road this July for the sixth annual Blue Raider Blitz! Blue Raider fans from across the Mid-state are invited to connect with coaches, staff, and fellow fans during a series of lunches and happy hours held July 24 and July 28–30.

The 2026 Blue Raider Blitz will once again bring coaches, staff, special guests, and student-athletes directly to communities across the region. This year’s tour features five stops over four days, highlighted by a special media and fan event at The Reserve at Fat Bottom Brewing.

Designed to build excitement for the 2026 football season, each stop will feature appearances by members of the football coaching staff, student-athletes, and select coaches from other Blue Raider programs. Fans of all ages will have the opportunity to hear program updates, meet coaches and student-athletes, and enjoy a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere.

Representatives from the MTSU Ticket Office

and the Blue Raider Athletic Association (BRAA) will be available at each stop to answer questions and assist with 2026 football season ticket purchases. Attendees will also have the chance to win promotional prizes throughout the tour, including football ticket packages, Blue Raider merchandise, and more.

Friday, July 24th
Tulahoma

Unlike any other stop on the tour, the Tulahoma Blue Raider Blitz will feature a unique community outreach format. Rather than a traditional luncheon or happy hour, MTSU Football coaches, student-athletes, and staff will travel throughout the community to personally thank local businesses and Blue Raider supporters for being #BLUEnited. The day will include a featured stop at the headquarters of Ascend Federal Credit Union.

Businesses in the Tulahoma area are encouraged to RSVP to be included on the Blitz route and receive a special #BLUEnited gift bag.

Tuesday, July 28th |
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Nashville – The Re-



serve at Fat Bottom Brewing Co

Address: 840 44th Ave North, Nashville, TN 37209

Football student athletes will serve as panelists to talk college football and the 2026 season. Refreshments will be available for those in attendance.

Wednesday, July 29th |
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Shelbyville – The Celebration – The Blue Ribbon Circle Club

Refreshments will be available for those in

attendance courtesy of Rowdy Ranch Catering.

Address: 1110 N Evans St, Shelbyville, TN 37160

Thursday, July 30th |
11:30 AM -1:00 PM
Smyrna – Rotary Lunch

Arrive early! MTSU Athletics will treat the first 100 fans to a complimentary lunch as a thank-you for your support. After the first 100 meals are served, fans are encouraged to support the venue and enjoy the Towne Center’s delicious buffet by purchas-

ing a meal ticket on-site. Special thanks to the Rotary Club of Smyrna for their support in hosting this stop of the Blue Raider Blitz!

Address: 315 South Lowry Street Smyrna, TN 37167

Thursday, July 30th |
5:30-7:30PM
Murfreesboro - Cedar Glade Brews

The Blue Raider Blitz wraps up with its biggest celebration of the week at Cedar Glade Brews!

The tour’s final stop will feature live music

by Los Swamp and a game of trivia. A local food truck will be on-site with food available for purchase, and attendees are encouraged to support Cedar Glade Brews by purchasing a beverage throughout the evening. Local businesses that RSVP HERE will receive a complimentary #BLUEnited gift bag as a thank-you for their support.

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Blue Raiders sign Golf transfer Jayla Kucy

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Middle Tennessee women’s golf has signed its first newcomer for the 2026-27 roster in transfer Jayla Kucy. The rising junior will join the Blue Raiders after two seasons at Oral Roberts.

“I am so excited to be joining MTSU,” said Kucy. “It felt like the right fit from the start and I can’t wait to represent the Blue Raiders.”

In her freshman year with the Golden Eagle, she competed in 29 rounds, earning a season-best finish of 22nd at the National Golf Invitational. Her sophomore season was where she broke out, dropping her scoring average by three strokes and improving her national ranking by

389 spots.

Kucy earned her first collegiate top three finish at the Summit League Championships, finishing third to help lead her team to place third as well. She shot five rounds at par or better in her 32 rounds, a mark that would tie her for second on last year’s roster. She was named All-Tournament team for placing third at conference championships and was voted All-Summit League Honorable Mention, ranking among the league’s top 10 in scoring average.

A native of Camrose, Alberta, Canada, Kucy is the first international Blue Raider for the program since the 2011-12 team, when Steph Gough, an English golfer, was a member of the team.



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Tennessee Titans Announce Open Dates For Fans at 2026 Titans Training Camp

TITANS RELEASE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Tennessee Titans today announced dates that will be open to fans during the 2026 Titans Training Camp, presented by SeatGeek, taking place at Vanderbilt Health Football Center. Fans are also invited to Nissan Stadium on Friday, Aug. 7, for the Blue & White Stadium Scrimmage, presented by Pinnacle Financial Partners.

Fans will have the opportunity to attend a to-

tal of eight open practices – seven at Vanderbilt Health Football Center and the Blue & White Stadium Scrimmage at Nissan Stadium. All open practices are free to attend with a ticket claimed online.

Blue & White Stadium Scrimmage, presented by Pinnacle

Tickets to the Blue & White Stadium Scrimmage are available now at TennesseeTitans.com/TrainingCamp. The evening scrimmage will take place at the current

Nissan Stadium, its final open practice before the team moves into its new home in 2027 and will be followed by a fireworks show for attendees. Gates will open to fans at 5 p.m., with practice scheduled to start at appx. 6:30 p.m.

When claiming their ticket, Titans season ticket members can purchase on-site parking for \$5, while supplies last, with proceeds benefiting the Titans Foundation. Titans’ exclusive parking partner, PMC, will offer nearby parking in surrounding lots that can be

purchased online. Other ways to get to the Blue & White Stadium Scrimmage, including ride-share and public transit options, can be found at NissanStadium.com/Transportation.

Open Practice Dates at Vanderbilt Health Football Center:

Saturday, Aug. 1
Monday, Aug. 3
Tuesday, Aug. 4
Sunday, Aug. 9
Monday, Aug. 17
Friday, Aug. 21 (joint practice with SEA)
Thursday, Aug. 27

(joint practice with CHI)

A limited number of tickets will be available online for open practices at Vanderbilt Health Football Center on a first-come, first-served basis beginning Wednesday, July 15, at 10 a.m. CT. All tickets for open practices will be available at TennesseeTitans.com/TrainingCamp.

Free parking will be offered at Nissan Stadium in Lot G/M with complimentary shuttles to and from the practice facility. Shuttles will run continuously between

the stadium and the practice facility throughout practice. There is no on-site public parking at Vanderbilt Health Football Center.

In addition to the general public, the Titans will work with non-profits and community groups to welcome special guests to training camp at Vanderbilt Health Football Center, including first responders, veteran organizations, youth football leagues, Special Olympics athletes, and others.

Former Blue Raider Denman completes three-peat of Tennessee Amateur Championship

MT ATHLETICS

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Former Blue Raider golfer and assistant coach Payne Denman has captured his third-consecutive title at the 111th Tennessee State Amateur Championship this week at Memphis Country Club.

The win is a historic one for the Middle Tennessee product, making him just one of three golfers to ever three-peat as the champion of the Tennessee State Am. Denman is the first to accomplish the feat since Cary Middlecoff took home the title in 1940-1942.

A three-year Blue Raider, Denman qualified for the 2014 NCAA Regional while being named to the Second

Team All-SunBelt Conference in 2012-2013. Denman also served as an assistant coach under Mark McEntire from 2022-2024.

Denman's tournament started out strong, shooting a 4-under par 66 to end day one with a lead that never relinquished. The Riverwatch, Tennessee native continued his dominance in day two, shooting a 67 to grow his overall score to 7-under par.

A par-70 on day three was enough to hold the lead for the reigning champ to keep his stronghold on the rest of the field at four strokes. 68 strokes across the final 18 holes on Friday clinched the third title for Deman at nine-strokes under par, and secured the ticket to the

United States Amateur Championship in Ardmore, Pa., from August 10-16.

Denman finished his quest for three-straight championships with a strong effort on day four, firing a 68-stroke penultimate round of golf to take home the crown at nine-strokes under par. The newly crowned three-time champion was the only golfer to finish the tournament below par.

Four current Blue Raiders competed in the event as well. Maddox Crowder finished T30 after shooting a 290, with Owen Queener four strokes behind to finish 41st. Will Pinson finished T53 after ending at a 300 on the tournament, while Cooper Solberg didn't make the cut.



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The Webb School Names Bill McClain as New Executive Director of Athletics

WEBB SCHOOL

BELL BUCKLE Tenn. — The Webb School is delighted to announce the appointment of Bill McClain as its new Executive Director of Athletics, effective July 1, 2026. While searching for the perfect next candidate to lead Webb Athletics, the hiring committee sought an individual with not only a passion for sports or a background in coaching but also with the skills to design and lead

highly effective departments, cultivate strong, accountable teams, communicate with clarity, and align the department with the School's mission and long-term vision.

McClain, who holds an M.S. from Texas Christian University and a B.A. from Southwestern University, brings to the Feet a rare combination of independent school leadership, operational excellence in the corporate sector, and a deep passion for the Webb Athletics program. His

unique background includes 15 years as an administrator at St. George's Independent School in Collierville, Tenn., and six years spearheading operations for Indigo Ag in the corporate world.

"We recognize that families evaluate athletic programs not only by competitive success, but also by communication, alignment with values and the overall student experience," said Dr. Polly Parker, Head of School. "Bill has a demonstrated ability

to establish operational clarity, develop and execute strategy, and measure outcomes. Equally important, he possesses strong communication skills, a commitment to collaboration, and the ability to build a cohesive, values-driven culture."

In his new role as Executive Director of Athletics, McClain will oversee the development of both people and programs at The Webb School, ensuring that Webb's coaches and student-athletes are supported, challenged

and held to the highest standards. The School is eager to see the impact he will have on developing programs and supporting student-athletes in meaningful, lasting ways.

"Webb's commitment to developing young men and women of character has inspired generations, and I am grateful for the trust the Board and Dr. Parker have placed in me," said McClain. "My primary goal is simple: to clear the path for our outstanding coaches so they can do what they do

best—build meaningful relationships with athletes and help them grow as leaders on the field, in the classroom, and throughout their lives. Together, we'll build on Webb's rich tradition of developing character and discipline because, at the end of the day, our charge is not just to prepare students for the next game; it's to prepare them for the next chapter of their lives."

MTSU's Minnick, Al-Amin honored as CUSA Scholar Athletes of the Year

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Middle Tennessee baseball's Tyler Minnick and men's tennis' Karim Al-Amin have been named Conference USA Scholar Athletes of the Year for their respective sports, according to a release from the league office on Thursday.

The awards, voted on by the conference's 12 FARs, are presented to the top student-athletes in each conference-sponsored sport based on academic achievement (GPA), athletic achievement and service.

A senior from Smyrna, Georgia, Minnick was a mainstay behind the plate and at first base for the Blue Raiders throughout 2026. Minnick's efforts on the field, including a program record 43-game on-base streak, led to a second team All-CUSA selection.

The catcher shined in the classroom as well, earning his second consecutive CUSA all-academic team selection after turning in a 4.0 GPA as a business administration major at MTSU.

Minnick rounded out his Scholar Athlete of the Year campaign by taking home CUSA's Spirit of Service award for leading Blue Raider baseball's efforts off the field and in the Middle Tennessee community. This included hosting Miracle League Murfreesboro at Reese Smith Jr. Field.

A member of both the All-CUSA singles and doubles first teams, Al-Amin accumulated a team-high 19 wins while helping guide Middle Tennessee to a seventh-consecutive CUSA Championship title.

Al-Amin raked in the academic awards during his senior campaign as well, being named to the CUSA Commissioner's Honor Roll and CUSA Men's Tennis All-Academic Team. The senior from Walthrop, Germany also earned the CUSA Academic Medal to add to his trophy case in 2026.

In the community, Al-Amin was a large part of Middle Tennessee's efforts at youth community clinics. Al-Amin also gave back to the community with yearly activities at local elementary schools such as fall festi-



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vals and reading events.

2025-26 CUSA Scholar Athlete Winners

Baseball Tyler Minnick, MTSU
Bowling Jillian Martin, Nebraska
Football Thomas Jewett, Sam Houston

Men's Basketball Cheikh Ndiaye, Sam Houston
Men's Cross Country Brad Malick-Beltran, FIU
Men's Golf Aryan Vuradi, Delaware
Men's Tennis Karim Al-Amin, MTSU
Men's Track and Field

Connor Owens, WKU
Softball Kally Meredith, FIU
Volleyball Chloe Monson, Sam Houston
Women's Basketball Ella Wanzer, Delaware
Women's Cross Country Salma Licon, UTEP
Women's Golf Mary Grace Dunigan, Dela-

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Women's Soccer Mary Helen Burford, LA Tech
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