

City wins lawsuit against County in appeals court

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Shelbyville Mayor Randy Carroll said last week in regard to the City's optional sales tax victory over the County, in state appeals court, that he's pleased the most for Shelbyville citizens.

"This 50-year-old issue had been discussed many years before I became mayor," said Carroll. "In this case, we tried to address this on many levels," Mayor Carroll advised. "Hopefully, we can move forward while working together in the future."

He added that he personally would have preferred negotiations, rather than a lawsuit, to settle such a problem. City Council members have publicly stated that negotiations with the County to settle out of court were not successful. There was one discussion between City and County about slowly distributing the funds over to the City.

The optional sales tax revenue, formerly processed into the County's debt service fund and earmarked for school building programs, will go, beginning July 1, 2027, into

City coffers. Currently, the City does not operate a school program, as they handed that process over to the County decades ago.

During the City Council meeting last Thursday, nothing was mentioned about the lawsuit win.

That age-old agreement for the County to take advantage of the local option sales tax came in the form of a handshake type agreement. Reports that are available on the issue note that neither govern-

I am pleased for the citizens of Shelbyville as they will now be paying their fair share of taxes for our school system. For almost 53 years, the citizens of Shelbyville have been paying more than their fair share toward the Bedford County school system.'

—City Councilman Henry Feldhaus

mental body at that time really wanted to contract this deal.

An area judge decided last year in lower court that the local option sales tax should therefore go to the City. The County then appealed that decision at the state appellate court level.

In the absence of a ter-

mination date or event, the trial court held that the contract was terminable within a reasonable time or at will upon reasonable notice. The trial court set the termination date as July 1, 2027. The County appeals. Discerning no error, we affirm.

Authoring Judge: Judge Steven W. Maroney

Trial Court Judge: Senior Judge Don R. Ash

Will the County go to the TN Supreme Court now?

done within 60 days following the appeals court decision.

County Mayor Chad Graham, who is currently cleaning out his office to make room for newly elected mayor, Curt Cobb, said following the court opinion last week: "Our legal team is still reviewing the de-

cision, but the first indication is that this is a setback for educational funding in Bedford County. It will be up to the new county mayor and the new Board of Commissioners, who take office on Sept. 1, to decide whether or not to appeal the

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Former Shelbyville Police Department clerk indicted for misappropriating over \$23,000

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An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has resulted in the indictment of former Shelbyville Police Department clerk Lilia Torres after investigators determined she misappropriated at least \$23,382 in cash paid by the public for citations.

Torres, 45, worked in the department's court administrative offices for 16 years, according to an SPD Facebook post last year, when she received accolades for her service. Torres was responsible for collecting citation payments, processing court records, and entering payment information into the department's computerized ca-



shiering system.

SPD suspended Torres in September 2025, and she resigned from the department on October 20, 2025. After

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Funny as it might seem, online threats are unlawful

Some Fayetteville city students are finding that out

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While it might seem like just a bullying tactic or a school prank, these days threatening conversations between students on social media is taken quite serious by law enforcement and school systems. Case

in point this week when local middle school students were apparently challenged and threatened on a popular site by Fayetteville City Schools students.

According to a Bedford County Sheriff's Department report, online conversations have been going on with Bed-

ford County middle school students and some Fayetteville City students during the month of August.

It all came to a crude point this week.

One Fayetteville student in particular, the report from Aug. 14 notes, took the chatting too far and apparently posted a video with a gun, stating that he would "shoot up the bus" when they played them next. That video, the BCSO report states, has since been deleted.

There were also accusations of the Fayetteville City students using obscene language to confront the students from Cascade and Community Middle Schools.

This goes way beyond football rivalry between two schools.

Fayetteville City Schools Superintendent Eric Jones told the T-G Tuesday morning, "Our Fayetteville Middle School administration was made aware of a social media threat which was allegedly made by some of our students. The matter is under investigation."

Jones added, "We want to make assurances that the situation is being handled in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee as well as our School Board Policies. We take all such matters very seriously and follow strict safety protocols to ensure the health and safety of everyone involved. We appreciate our students,

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THANK YOU, SHERIFF SWING

Retiring Bedford County Sheriff Austin Swing told the Public Safety Committee Tuesday that after 51 years in law enforcement, he's still proud to wear the uniform but he's "slowing down." Swing also worked for Shelbyville Police Department. He gave his final monthly report to the committee. See page 3. Nikia Elliott, current deputy chief, is now sheriff-elect as a result of last week's General Election.



LOCAL PATRIOTISM

August 26- September 5, 2026

THE CELEBRATION

Chamber Photo

Back in July, Victoria Jamison with Dickie Gardner Stables in Wheel and horse Jose's Leave a Mark (owned by Sonya Gold) celebrated with Bedford County during the time capsule burial/parade. Now, Victoria is gearing up for the upcoming Celebration. See more about the Celebration in our special edition Aug. 27.

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TWHNC announces judges for 88th Celebration

Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration has selected Rollie Beard, Derek Bonner, Scotty Brooks, Sam Sorrell and Chad Williams to serve as judges during the 88th Annual Celebration to be held Aug. 26-Sept. 5.

Judges will be in charge of five daytime sessions and 11 evening sessions.

This year's judging panel combines extensive experience with the addition of a first-time Celebration judge. Collectively, the panel has 24 years of previous Celebration judging experience, making it one of the most experienced panels in recent memory. None of this year's

five judges served on last year's panel.

"One of the most important decisions we make each year for our World Grand Championship Horse Show is selecting the judging panel," said Celebration CEO Warren Wells. "We take this responsibility seriously and spend a tremendous amount of time and effort selecting a group that brings experience while continuing to expand our judging pool by giving qualified judges their first opportunity at The Celebration. We are extremely pleased with this year's panel and look forward to a great Celebration."

Beard, of Lewisburg, will mark the cards at The Celebration for the 10th time. His most recent assignment came in 2020, and he has judged The Celebration in five different decades since making his debut in 1988. Beard has officiated at nearly every major show in the industry and most recently judged The Celebration's Spring Fun Show.

Bonner, of Mooresboro, N.C., will judge The Celebration for the sixth time, having most recently served on the 2024 panel. He made his Celebration debut in 2013, and has remained a regular at major industry events. Bonner has judged the Spring Fun Show three

times, including this year's event alongside Beard. Most recently, he judged the WHTA Fireworks & Freedom Horse Show during the Fourth of July week.

Brooks, of Smiths Grove, Ky., will serve on the Celebration panel for the third time after previously judging in 2024, alongside Bonner. Brooks made his Celebration debut in 2017, and has also judged the Spring Fun Show three times. He judged the Money Tree Classic in 2025, and has also officiated this year at the Mid-South Horse Show and Walking for Cancer.

Sorrell, of Lexington, Ky., will judge The Celebration for the ninth time, with his most recent assignment coming in 2022. He first judged The Celebration in 2005, and has also officiated at the Celebration Fall Classic three times-most recently in 2025. Sorrell served on the same Fall Classic panel as Williams in 2025. Having judged more than 80 shows during his career, he returns to The Celebration as one of the industry's most experienced judges.

Williams, of Murfreesboro, will make his Celebration judging debut this year. He has previously judged several Celebration-managed events, including the 2023 and 2025 Celebration Fall Classic. Williams began his judging career in the early 2000s, before stepping away later in the decade to focus on his professional training operation. He returned to judging in 2022, at the Walking for Cancer Horse Show and has since officiated shows including Belfast, Columbia Spring Jubilee and this year's Walking in the Smokies. Williams will judge at the upcoming Red Carpet Show of the South in Pulaski on July 25th.

For more information on the 88th Annual Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration, visit TWHNC.com

City gives its approval for on-going Clardy project

Rejects one Shelbyville project to the dismay of builders

During its regular meeting last Thursday, Shelbyville City Council gave its approval for an on-going project on West Jackson Street-one which the Planning Commission has repeatedly said is not up to standard and one that Councilman Josh

Blevins continues to vote against for public safety reasons.

Council rejected a Morton Street development, though the builders, Jessica and Donald White, who spoke during the meeting, told Council it's comparable to other

projects they recently approved. The Planning Commission however has marked it as unfavorable.

The unfavorable recommendation was due to mixed density issues. Council voted unanimously to end this application.



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Activity Report for the month of July, 2026

Total Miles: 82,377	10-49 (Drunk Driver): 5
Total Citations: 24	10-56 (Prowler): 1
Total Warrants Served: 702	(Child Abuse): 0
Total Arrests Made: 194	(Assault/Agg. Assault): 1
Total Inmates Currently in Holding: Jail: 350	10-64 (Motorist Assist): 82
Total Persons Processed Through: Jail 270	10-72 (Fire): 2
10-27 (Burglary): 1	10-86 (Domestic): 6
10-42 (Alarms): 19	10-14 (Escort - No Arrest): 9
10-43 (Investigations, etc): 387	10-15 (Transport In Custody): 25
10-44 (Stolen Vehicle): 2	10-81 (Traffic Stop): 273
10-45 (Auto Acc. No Injury): 55	911 (Hang-up & Other): 84
10-46 (Auto Acc. W/Injury): 5	Other: 120
	Total: 770



A FLAVORFUL NEW TRADITION IN NUTRITION

Bedford County Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting for Celebration Nutrition located at 104 Elm Street. Come and get your flavor on!

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Dog days of summer, post-election, not so hot

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I’ve lived in Tennessee all my life. I still don’t favor late summer or the dog days of summer, as it is often called. Yikes! It’s been hot this week, so I really don’t like it right now.

The beach has certainly been calling my name. Yes, I can go sit on hot sand in front of the ocean and be fine. Actually, really fine, with a good book or building sand castles.

But this late August Tennessee weather is for the

birds. Well, there aren’t even as many of them chirping right now.

We may try to promote tourism in this area but I assure you; leave the weather out of it.

When you toss in that post-election lull in late summer, it only seems drabber, to me.

School starts back so kids and parents are in full swing with all that happens in early days of school reopening. Sadly, we had to report this week a case of bullying already of our local school students. It came from another

County. See page 1. Not a good way to start the school year.

Students will be out for the traditional horse show break here soon. For them, I’m sure it’s a great time of the year. And as soon as they return, they’ll be out for fall break.

There really are some perks to being a local teacher and a student these days.

When there’s been an August General Election-one with as much interest as this latest one was in Bedford County-you have a hush during the weeks following

until new government officials are sworn in.

I noticed that this week during County Committee meetings. For most of the year, candidates running for office would show up for these meetings. Where were all those faces of election candidates that I captured in photos this last year during County meetings?

Tuesday night’s meeting seemed really quiet to me. Well, except for some banter between Commissioners Diane Neeley and Greg Vick over an aspect of the by-laws.

I do appreciate those Commissioners are willing to talk about issues out in the open. Of course I do. I’m a reporter!

There also seemed to be a sadness though on Tuesday in the eyes of some of those incumbents who did not win re-election, following years of service.

As well, there are those Commissioners who decided not to run again. They seemed pretty relieved, to me.

I’m sure many of those incumbents were sitting and contemplating, as many said their goodbyes, as to what is in store for them as Commissioners in the next 4 years.

Perhaps some are even thinking, “Why did I run again?”

I hope not. I look forward to seeing what the new Commissioners will accomplish, along with the experience of the incumbents re-elected.

As for those who are leaving office, I hope that you find the need to still serve your community as you’ve done for a long time. From new shoes to band booster support, our students need you in many ways as do the farmers and leaders of industry.

But enjoy your free time. I know some are going away for a while. You’ve earned it. Thank you.

Coming from someone who’s worked in the public eye for many years; it’s tough. And, I think it is getting tougher with social media in play now.

As one candidate said recently, “Few people want to run for office anymore.” The scrutiny is becoming unreal. Now, I’m not saying government officials don’t need to be called upon by citizens. But some folks need to learn some online courtesy, simply put.

But those who won their campaigns, blessings to you.

Those citizens willing

should pray for local officials. Help them understand-communicate clearly-what you need as a Bedford County citizen. I am thankful Bedford County Commissioners and City officials still pray before their meetings.

Don’t think that helps? Give prayer a whirl.

We’ve got another election coming up in November. You will select your new governor and other state officials, City officials for certain wards (see below) and Normandy and Wartrace leaders. So, rest up. The race is about to be on again.

But come September, let’s strive to be happier. It’s a good time of the year!



The Rules Committee of BC Commission met as group for the final time Tuesday. From left, Commissioner Anita Epperson, re-elected; outgoing Commissioner Greg Vick who chose not to run for re-election; Commissioner John Boutwell, re-elected; outgoing Commissioner Bill Anderson and Biff Farrar, re-elected.



Jacob Majors-Manley, left, spoke to Public Safety Committee Tuesday during public comments. He asked what the Commission is going to do about all the people walking along Highway 231-North. On the subject of newly freed corrections inmates having accessibility to phones, Lt. Chris Cook of Bedford County Corrections set the record straight on the jail policy.



On Tuesday, during Courthouse and Property Committee meeting, Commissioner Eric Maddox, right, re-elected, thanked Josh Carney, IT director, and team, for a job well done. They spoke specifically about improvements in the communication area for commissioners.

AD VERITAS
Friday Night Lights



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There’s just something about high school football season in Tennessee.

The weather is still hot, the days are still long, and technically summer isn’t over yet. But once the lights come on over the football field on Friday night, it feels like fall is just around the corner.

For a lot of people around here, myself included, high school football is one of the best parts of the year.

Part of that is simply because it’s fun.

There’s something exciting about walking into a stadium

on a Friday night, hearing the band warming up, seeing the cheerleaders along the sideline, watching the players come through the gate, and looking across the stands at a crowd filled with people you know.

High school football has a different feel than almost any other sport.

It is local.

These are our kids. Our schools. Our towns.

The player carrying the football may be the same kid who bagged your groceries last week. The lineman making a big block may sit two pews behind you at church. The cheerleader on the sideline may be your neighbor’s daughter. The band member playing the fight song may be your grandchild.

That connection makes the game mean a little more.

But football is about far more than what happens on

Friday night.

For the young men playing the game, there are lessons being taught every day at practice that they may not fully appreciate until years later.

Football teaches that hard work matters.

You don’t become stronger by talking about lifting weights. You don’t learn a playbook by carrying it around. You don’t become a better player without repetition, discipline and doing the same difficult things over and over until they become second nature.

It teaches teamwork.

Eleven players have to do their jobs at the same time. A quarterback can make the perfect throw, but somebody has to protect him long enough to make it. A running back can be talented, but he still needs blockers. A defense falls apart quickly when one person decides he would rather chase the football than carry out his assignment.

There are plenty of lessons about life hidden in all of that.

Football also teaches accountability.

If you miss practice, someone notices. If you don’t know your assignment, your teammates may pay the price. If you make a mistake on Friday night, there is usually no hiding it.

Then you line up and play the next snap.

That may be one of the most valuable lessons of all.

Life is full of mistakes, disappointments and losses. Learning at a young age that you can get knocked down, get back up and keep playing is worth far more than whatever the scoreboard says at the end of the night.

And then there are the coaches.

Good coaches do much more than teach football.

They teach discipline. They set expectations. They demand effort. They correct bad attitudes and encourage young people when they need it.

For some players, a coach may become one of the most important positive male influ-

ences in their lives.

That responsibility should never be taken lightly, but when it is done well, the impact can last far beyond graduation.

Years from now, most of these players probably won’t remember the score of every game they played.

But they will remember the locker room.

They will remember summer workouts when it was nearly too hot to breathe. They will remember long bus rides home after a win—and probably the really quiet ones after a loss.

They will remember their teammates.

They will remember their coaches.

They will remember running onto the field wearing the colors of their hometown.

And many of them will eventually come back to those same stadiums as adults. They’ll sit in the stands with their own children and cheer for another generation of players wearing the same uniform.

That is one of the things I

love most about high school football.

It ties generations together.

It gives young people a stronger connection to their school and community, and it creates memories that stay with them for the rest of their lives.

So as another football season gets underway across Tennessee, I hope everyone has a great year.

To the players: work hard, listen to your coaches, take care of your teammates and enjoy it. These seasons go by faster than you think.

To the coaches: thank you for the time you invest in these young people and for recognizing that what you are teaching goes far beyond football.

And to the parents, grandparents and fans: fill up the stands. Encourage these kids. Cheer hard, but remember that they are still kids playing a game.

Most importantly, I hope everyone stays safe.

Football is a physical sport, and injuries are always a possibility. Play hard, play clean, watch out for one another and never lose sight of what really matters.

The lights are coming on. The bands are warming up.

And another Tennessee high school football season is here.

Good luck to all of our local teams.

Have a great—and safe—season.

Resident addresses County Public Safety Committee about Highway 231 foot traffic

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During the public comment portion of Tuesday’s Public Safety Committee meeting, local resident Jacob Majors-Manley asked committee members what they’re planning to do about all the people walking along Highway 231 North.

Majors-Manley said he picks up a lot of the riders; he has discovered that many of them are coming from or going to Bedford County Corrections. With law en-

forcement officers behind him, he questioned why those inmates released are not allowed to charge their cell phones.

The resident told public safety committee members that people are walking in the rain for miles. And given the age and physical condition of some, he suspects they could have strokes out walking in the summer heat for 10 to 20 miles.

The worst part, according to Majors-Manley, is that with people walking on that busy highway, can also

cause an accident-one that could change a lot of lives.

Lt. Chris Cook, who works in jail administration, said inmates know there is a sign posted on the exit door about the phone policy. Cook said inmates released have the option of going to the Commissioner’s area and charging their phones or using the phone in the booking to call a ride.

Probation officer representatives commented that they do not give rides to released inmates for obvious reasons. That is, a probation

officer is not generally an inmate’s best friend. So that is their policy-no lifts into town.

Committee Chair Mark Thomas, who serves also as Bedford County Fire Chief, said he drives that highway a lot. He’s said this is something he hasn’t noticed off Highway 231 North.

He added that this is new information to the committee; it will certainly be studied. He said he has the greatest respect for Lt. Cook at the jail and believes he is correct in stating everyone

knows about the phone policy.

Committee members asked Majors-Manley how many of the people that he’s given rides to might be homeless. He ventured, not many. He is pretty sure the people walking have had some business at the corrections facility.

The committee told the resident that they will look into this issue over the next 30 days. They complimented him on coming forth with the issue, which they said is concerning to them.

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The angel of the Lord stood in front of the donkey again and there was no room on either side of the path where the donkey could pass by the angel. The donkey lay down under Balaam and Balaam beat her again. The donkey spoke and asked Balaam, "what have I done to make you beat me three times?"

Balaam replied, "you made a fool of me and if I had a sword I would kill you."

The donkey then questioned Balaam about her faithfulness as a donkey. Balaam admitted that she had been a faithful donkey. Then the Lord opened Balaam's eyes and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road with his sword drawn.

Balaam fell face down before the Lord and confessed his sin to the Lord.

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Obituaries

Scott David Marshall

Scott David Marshall, 67, passed away on August 8, 2026, leaving behind a lifetime of memories, laughter, stories, and a family that was the greatest thing he ever built.

Born in Rochester, New York, on January 6, 1959, Scott spent part of his early life in California, where he met his beloved wife, Renita Fay Marshall. The two eventually moved to Shelbyville, Tennessee, Renita's hometown, where they later married and built their family together. Scott spent years in Shelbyville raising his children before moving to Tampa, Florida, in the early 2000s. Tampa became home for the remainder of his life.

Scott was a man who believed strongly in doing what you loved. He often told his children, "If you love what you do, you'll really never work a day in your life." He lived that philosophy himself. After working at the Empire/Sanford Pencil Company in the Shelbyville area, Scott



eventually changed careers and built his own business, Marshall Total Maintenance, which he operated for over 20 years. He traded the desk for hard work, tools, and the freedom to build something of his own—and he genuinely loved what he did.

But Scott's greatest work was never his business. It was his family.

He was an incredibly involved father who encouraged his children to try things, play sports, work hard, follow their passions, and always do their best. He coached Little League baseball and basketball and spent countless hours supporting his children in whatever they loved. His door—and often his

advice—was open to far more than just his own children. Scott had a way of making people feel like family, whether they were related to him or not.

And then came his grandchildren, who quickly became his greatest joy. Being a grandfather was one of the greatest joys of his life, and he took enormous pride in watching his family grow. With Scott Marshall, it was always come one, come all—anyone could call him Grandpa.

Scott loved a good time, and he had plenty of passions to keep him busy. Golf was near the top of the list. He played whenever he could, encouraged everyone around him to play, and somehow always managed to make golf important enough that someone else occasionally had to sacrifice a little time, money, or sanity for it. He enjoyed annual golf trips and tournaments with his brothers, friends, and sons-in-law, creating traditions and memories that will continue long after the clubs are put away.

He loved sports in general, especially when he could be

involved rather than simply watching from the sidelines. He loved fishing, cooking, music, and spending time outdoors. His garden was a project all its own. Scott grew strawberries, tomatoes, peppers, flowers, and an impressive collection of herbs—including mint, chocolate mint, rosemary, thyme, and Thai basil. He even built his own irrigation system. If he wasn't in the garden, there was a pretty good chance he was thinking about something he could grow, fix, build, collect, or improve.

Scott had a fascination for history, antiques, collectibles, and things with a story behind them. From watching Antiques Roadshow and Forged in Fire to his collection of novelty lighters, shot glasses, and other unusual objects, he always hoped that these items might someday turn out to be worth a fortune.

Scott was also known for his classic golf polos, his love of a good drink—especially Tennessee Jack Daniel's and later 1800 Silver—and his ability to turn every gathering into a good time.

He was loving, fun-

ny, supportive, sometimes impatient, and, as the years went by, increasingly soft-hearted. He had a free spirit and a generous nature. He made friends easily and had a gift for making people feel welcome. He could give advice, tell a joke, coach you through something, feed you, tease you, and somehow make you feel like you'd known him forever.

Scott experienced more loss throughout his life than most people should have to carry. Yet he continued to love deeply, build relationships, raise his family, make memories, and find reasons to enjoy life.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Renita Fay Marshall; his son, Skyler David Marshall; his mother, Sylvia Diane Marshall; his father, John Paul Marshall Sr.; his stepfather, Litho Gibson; and his brothers, Joel Marshall and Jeff Marshall Sr.

He is survived by his son, Eric Ryan Hill Sr.; his daughter, Dwaina McIntosh, and her husband, Jabari McIntosh; his daughter, DeAnna Marshall, and her fiancé, Brian Smith; his brother, John Paul Mar-

shall Jr., and his wife, Gail Marshall; his sister, Starleen Farley, and her husband, Johnny Farley; his 14 grandchildren—Alliyah Brown, Ariana Hill, Eric Ryan Hill Jr., LaSonya Hill, Elaina Houston, Imani McIntosh, Steven David Marshall, Destiny McIntosh, Ke'Andre Smith, Mila Hill, Phoenix Hill, Aria Smith, Stella Daye Marshall, and Autumn Smith—along with additional bonus grandchildren; and his six great-grandchildren.

Scott would not want his life remembered only with sadness. He would want the stories told, the jokes repeated, the golf trips continued, the gardens planted, the family gathered around a table, and the good times celebrated.

He built a life full of people, passions, hard work, laughter, and love. And while he may no longer be here to tell everyone what they should be doing, there is little doubt that somewhere, somehow, Scott will still be reminding us every day, in different ways, how much he loved us and inspiring us to do our best to keep his memory alive.

Jerry R. Marlow

Jerry R. Marlow, age 75, of Lynwood, IL., was enjoying a fun-filled weekend alongside his "in-laws" and loving life-partner of 37 years, Carolyn Grabowski, when he unexpectedly passed away on July 19th.

Jerry was born in Tullahoma, TN. His parents subsequently moved back to the Calumet Area, but Jerry was always rooted in TN., where he routinely visited and re-united with his cherished family.

Jerry was a graduate of Thornton Fractional North High School, Class of 1968. Many friendships were made and continued beyond Jerry's years of employment with J.J. Wright Oldsmobile and Bauer Buick. Jerry retired from LKQ Corporation. Though Jerry never worked professionally as a mechanic, he could explain how to fix just about anything related to automobiles. And, if you were in need of a vehicle, Jerry was already searching for the best available and had,



most likely, found you the perfect one, long before you even had to ask him for his help.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents Dennis and Myrtle (Arnold) Marlow, and brother, Dennis Marlow, Jr. Jerry is also survived by numerous cousins, and many lifelong friends.

Those who knew and loved Jerry are invited to share their love and memories Sunday, August 30, 2026, from 2-4 p.m. at the Plum Creek Center, located at 2138 Moeller St., Dyer, IN. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to your favorite organization.

Castle Hill Funeral Home, Dyer, IN is serving the family.

Patricia "Pat" Louise Mangrum

Patricia "Pat" Louise Mangrum, age 85, of Shelbyville went to be with her Heavenly Father, Sunday, August 16, 2026. She was born August 25, 1940 in Wartrace, TN to the late Tommy and Mary (Green) Adcock. In addition to her parents, Pat is also preceded in death by her loving husband, William Porter Mangrum; brother, Dan Adcock; and son-in-law, Jamie Harden.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Thursday, August 20th at Feldhaus-Gowen-Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. in the chapel with Mr. Tim Gunnells officiating. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

Pat was a longtime member of Southside Church of Christ in



Shelbyville. She dearly loved her family and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

Pat leaves behind to cherish her memory four children, Kevin Mangrum (Shelly), Kent Mangrum (Sharon), Kristie Collier (Kevin), and Karen Harden; and five grandchildren, Katie Kenny (Jeff), Mikayla Mangrum (Chris), Jarrett Collier (Sidny), Jacey Collier, and Austin Harden.

Arrangements are in the care of Feldhaus-Gowen-Smith Chapel, 850 Union Street, Shelbyville, TN.

Jennifer Ann Monce

Jennifer Ann Monce, 79, of Shelbyville, died August 13, 2026.

Funeral Services were held 2:00 p.m., Sunday, August 16th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home with Pastor Bobby McGee officiating. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

She was a native of Shelbyville; retired Secretary-Office Manager of Middle Tennessee Two-Way Inc. and a member of Grace Baptist Church.

Jennifer loved living life for her family and friends. She loved going to the beach and the mountains and shopping.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe D. Petty and Annie Tabitha Petty Wilcox and her husband, who treated her like a Queen, James Arthur Monce.

Jennifer is survived by her daughters, Tami



(Jay) Beal of Shelbyville, Daphne Pitts and Tabitha (Brian) Lewis of Wartrace; 5 grandchildren, Caitlin (Dustin) Mason, Amber Jones (Jamie), Jarred Jones, Tyler Lewis, LeAnne (Kevin) Osborn; four great grandchildren, Tucker Mason,

Tatum Mason, Rylei Hale, Hadley Leverette; great-great-grandchild, Sadler Beasley; her best friend, Faye Jones, and her beloved companion, Max.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Death Notices

Noreen Koski

Noreen Koski, age 70, of Guntersville, AL, passed away on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at her residence. She was born in Marquette, MI., and was a daughter of the late Delmar Duane Smith and Flora Clara Reimer Smith. Lawrence Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 203 South Horton Pkwy, Chapel Hill, TN, is in charge of arrangements.

Herbert Bovard Crick

Herbert Bovard Crick, age 97, of Eagleville, TN, passed away on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, in Murfreesboro. He was born in Bedford County to the late Horace Maynard Crick and Lillie Frances Davis Crick. He was retired from the Postal Service and served in the U.S. Army. Lawrence Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 203 South Horton Pkwy, Chapel Hill, TN, is in charge of arrangements.

Carl Lucky Speegle

Carl Lucky Speegle, age 69, of Shelbyville, passed this life Saturday, August 15, 2026.

He was born January 10, 1957, in South Bend, Indiana to the late Gordon Speegle, Sr. and Letha Mae Inez Speegle. In addition to his parents, Lucky is also preceded in death by his wife, Nannie M. Speegle; sons, Kristen Speegle and Lance Speegle; siblings, Jimmy Speegle, Doris Jewell, Howard Speegle, and Dale Speegle; and his great-granddaughter, Braezyleigh Burgess.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, August 20th and from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Friday, August 21st at Feldhaus-Gowen-Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, August 21st in the chapel. Interment will follow in Willow Mount Cemetery.

Lucky worked at Tyson Foods for over 40 years. He enjoyed his leisure



time fishing and smoking cigars.

Lucky is survived by his son, Josh Metcalf; daughters, Alexis Speegle "Teau", Amber Speegle, and Elizabeth JaMet Speegle; grandchildren, Sierra Burgess, Jeffrey Burgess, Shae Gant, Carter Gant Jr., Ayden Speegle, Jaxsen Speegle, Noveah Metcalf, and Novella Metcalf; great-grandchildren, Eon Burgess, Tru'lyn Burgess, Torence Taylor, Omrii Taylor, Braxton Burgess, Kelsey Patton-Burgess, and Traestyon Burgess; and siblings, Betty Louise Burks and Roy Speegle.

Feldhaus-Gowen-Smith Chapel is honored to be serving the family of Carl Lucky Speegle.

CHURCH NEWS

FUMC ON THE SQUARE WORSHIP PLANS

Pastor Abe Zimmerman of First United Methodist Church Shelbyville will preach this Sunday: "Rest" from Matthew 11:28-30, reflecting on Jesus' familiar invitation to offer rest for those who are weary and carry a heavy burden. 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 WLJ 98.7 FM and AM 1580.

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1) Dark orange-yellow

6) Provider of a one-way ride

10) Rudimentary puppet

14) Miss America's topper

15) Senate helper

16) Old buffalo hunter

17) "That's enough!"

20) Honee, e.g.

21) Men's business wear

22) Grapevine gossips

23) One who deals with deals

25) Draft beverage

26) "Wait, there's more"

28) Service club since 1915

32) Bach composition

34) Greenspan or Alda

35) Letter from Greece?

38) Occasionally

42) Homer's TV neighbor

43) Whimper like a baby

44) Many-stringed lute

45) Broadcast backer

48) The "kissing disease"

49) Skater Kulik

51) Keep up on the issues?

53) Digital displays?

55) Go by bus

56) Park or 5th, briefly

59) Individually
- 62) Horse's trot

63) Insurable item

64) Do hair-raising work?

65) Fifth book of the New Testament

66) Sledgehammer end

67) Penned up, like pigs
- CLUES DOWN**

1) "Give it ____" (putting tip)

2) Kunis of TV and film

3) Stabilized nautically

4) Make a boo-boo

5) What strikers usually want

6) French-speaking island

7) Mooring post

8) Flossing advocacy gp.

9) Put trust in, with "on"

10) Shots on lots

11) Mount a soap box

12) Iowa river with rapids

13) Singer Alicia

18) Greasy residue

19) Fixes the spine of, as a book

24) One in attendance

26) Prayerful assent

27) "Puppy" or "true" follower
- 29) Makes high-pitched, whiny noises

30) Pie ____ mode

31) Bert's twin sister, in fiction

33) Large percussion instrument

35) Dispose of

36) Unimaginably long time (Var.)

37) Loosen, as a knot

39) Prefix with "natal" or "classical"

40) Hold the title to

41) Domesticated

45) Tourist attractions

46) Devout petition

47) Fashion freshly

49) Writer Asimov

50) Permitted by law

52) Witches' brew creatures

53) Bygone Chevy

54) Partner of crackle and pop

55) Communion or baptism, e.g.

5 7) Ming treasure

58) Wooed visually

60) Tint or tone

61) Butterfly snare

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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; WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF QUERCUS MORTGAGE INVESTMENT TRUST, (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 10/1/2026, at or about 12:00 PM at the usual and customary location at the At the main entrance to the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, to wit:

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LYING AND BEING IN THE SIXTH (6TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN IN THE EAST MARGIN OF SPRINGDALE AVENUE, THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE LAND HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEG. 35 MIN. EAST 160 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 2 DEG. 25 MIN. WEST 137.5 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 87 DEG. 35 MIN. WEST 160 FEET TO A POINT IN THE EAST MARGIN OF SPRINGDALE AVENUE; THENCE ALONG SAID EAST MARGIN OF SPRINGDALE AVENUE NORTH 2 DEG. 25 MIN. EAST 137.5 FEET TO THE BEGINNING, BEING THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 14, LOTS 13 THROUGH 9 INCLUSIVE, BLOCK "D", ROBINSON FARM SUBDIVISION NO. 1, A PLAT OF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 52, PAGE 489, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, EXCEPT FOR THE EASTERN 15 FEET OF SAID ORIGINAL LOTS, WHICH HAVE HERETOFORE BEEN SOLD.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO PATRICIA M. NILES, A MARRIED WOMAN, FROM LESLIE WARREN, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE ALICE ELIZABETH WARREN LIVING TRUST, BY WARRANTY DEED DATED JUNE 4, 2015, OF RECORD IN BOOK D326 PAGE 164 REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Tax Parcel ID: 0690 B 005.00 000
Address/Description: 1902 SPRINGDALE AVE, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160

Current Owner(s): Patricia M. Niles
Other Interested Party(ies): USA, acting through the Rural Housing Service; MICROF LLC; Ascend Federal Credit Union; and Plaza Services, LLC

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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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Bennie Burdette Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on July 24, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Bennie Burdett, who died 04/27/2026, 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 24th day of July, 2026.
/s/ Wayne Charles Perry, Administrator
/s/ Trisha L Henegar, Attorney
/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (8132tp)

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated November 8, 2021, executed by LESLIE MOSES and VICKEY MOSES conveying certain real property therein described to CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee recorded August 31, 2022, in Book TD1064, Page 681; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Nations Lending Corporation who is now the owner of said debt; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on September 15, 2026 at or about 11:00 AM at the main entrance to the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, to wit:

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BEDFORD, STATE OF TENNESSEE, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: TRACT NO. 1: LYING AND BEING IN THE SIXTH (6TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEING ALL OF LOT 2 OF THE VICKEY JOHNSON SUBDIVISION, A PLAT OF WHICH APPEARS OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET "B", ENVELOPE 140, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT REFERENCE IS MADE FOR A MORE COMPLETE DESCRIPTION. TRACT NO. 2: LYING AND BEING IN THE SIXTH (6TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A METAL PIN FOUND IN THE SOUTHERLY MARGIN OF A TVA POWERLINE, SAME BEING THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF BOBBY LEE PARKER PROPERTY AND THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF BRYANT PROPERTY (DEED BOOK 179, PAGE 256); THENCE WITH SAID BRYANT'S EASTERLY LINE S 5 DEG. 20 MIN. E 572.19 FEET TO A METAL PIN FOUND AT BRYANT'S SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER, THENCE WITH BRYANT'S SOUTHERLY LINE N 81 DEG. 44 MIN. W 45.00 FEET TO A METAL PIN SET, THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF THE PARCEL BEING DESCRIBED HEREIN, THENCE WITH SEVERANCE LINE S 5 DEG. 20 MIN. W 132.82 FEET TO A METAL PIN SET IN THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 2 OF VICKEY JOHNSON SUBDIVISION, THENCE WITH SAME N 68 DEG. 55 MIN. W 494.85 FEET TO A METAL PIN FOUND, THENCE N 27 DEG. 17 MIN. E 24.17 FEET

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the terms, conditions, and payments provided in a certain Deed of Trust dated JULY 27, 2022, executed by COURTNEY OLDS, UNMARRIED, to TRINITY TITLE, LLC, Trustee, of record in BOOK TD1061, PAGE 475, CORRECTED BY SCRIVENER'S AFFIDAVIT OF RECORD IN BOOK D376, PAGE 441, AND MODIFIED IN BOOK TD1141, PAGE 283, for the benefit of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR CMG MORTGAGE, INC. DBA CMG FINANCIAL, in the Register's Office for BEDFORD County, Tennessee and to J. PHILLIP JONES AND/OR JESSICA D. BINKLEY, either of whom may act, appointed as Substitute Trustee in an instrument of record in the Register's Office for BEDFORD County, Tennessee, to secure the indebtedness described; WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was last assigned to TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, the entire indebtedness having been declared due and payable by TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, being the present owner/holder or authorized agent, designee or servicer of the holder/owner of said indebtedness, has requested foreclosure proceedings to be instituted; and as provided in said Deed of Trust, I, J. PHILLIP JONES/JESSICA D. BINKLEY, will by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Substitute Trustee, on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M., LOCAL TIME AT THE FRONT STEPS OF THE BEDFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN SHELBYVILLE, BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, sell to the highest bidder for cash, free from the equity of redemption, homestead, and dower, and all other exemptions which are expressly waived, and subject to any unpaid taxes, if any, the following described property in BEDFORD County, Tennessee, to wit:

PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF BEDFORD, TENNESSEE:

CERTAIN REAL ESTATE LYING AND BEING IN THE SEVENTH (7TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEING ALL OF LOT NO. 28 OF THE FINAL PLAT WEST SIDE ACRES SUBDIVISION, A PLAT OF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET "B", ENVELOPE 209, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH REFERENCE IS HERE HAD FOR A MORE COMPLETE DESCRIPTION.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO COURTNEY OLDS, UNMARRIED, BY WARRANTY DEED DATED JULY 15, 2022 OF RECORD IN BOOK D375, PAGE 687, REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

SEE AFFIDAVITS OF AFFIXATION FOR MANUFACTURED OR MOBILE HOME OF RECORD IN BOOK TD1064, PAGE 162, AND BOOK TD1061, PAGE 491, REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

THIS IS IMPROVED PROPERTY KNOWN AS 139 TANNER CIRCLE, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160.

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THE SALE OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, AND IS FURTHER SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF ANY TENANT(S) OR OTHER PARTIES OR ENTITIES IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY. ANY REPRESENTATION CONCERNING ANY ASPECT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY BY A THIRD PARTY IS NOT THE REPRESENTATION/RESPONSIBILITY OF TRUSTEE(S)/SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE(S) OR THEIR OFFICE. THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO ANY UNPAID TAXES, IF ANY,

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF BEDFORD COUNTY,
TENNESSEE AT SHELBYVILLE

GLORIA D. SCALES JOHNSON,)
GEORGE E. SCALES, JR., and)
CLARENCE W. SCALES,)
Petitioners,)
vs.) No. 35.826
The Heirs of Michael Scales, Sr.,)
and Michael Jerome Smith)
Respondents.)

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION IN LIEU OF PERSONAL SERVICE

This cause came on to be heard upon the Motion for Publication and Affidavit for Publication and support thereof, the entire record from all of which the Court finds that publication should be issued in accordance with the Motion.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that publication be made for them for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Shelbyville Times Gazette, a newspaper of general circulation published in Shelbyville, Tennessee, notifying them to file a written plea or answer to the petition in this cause with the Court at the Judicial Center in Shelbyville, Tennessee, and serve a copy thereof with Petitioners' Attorney, W. Andrew Bobo, of Shelbyville, Tennessee, on or before 30 days from the last date of publication herein, and if you fail to do so, the Petitioners will apply to the Court for judgment by default against you for the relief demanded in the Petition and this cause will be set for hearing, ex-parte.

ENTERED this 24 day of July
APPROVED FOR ENTRY:
BOBO, HUNT & WHITE
/s/ W. Andrew Bobo, BPR #022443
Attorney for Petitioners
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(931) 684-4611
RECEIVED FROM Chancellor Cox
DATE 7-24-2026
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/s/ Angela Hayes, Dep CLERK AND MASTER (864tc)

TO A WOOD FENCE CORNER POST, THENCE (NOT WITH FENCE) S 81 DEG. 44 MIN. E 467.86 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 0.85 ACRES, ACCORDING TO A SURVEY MADE BY R. M. RAPER, TN RLS NO. 1063, 102 MEADOWBROOK LANE, TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE, ON DECEMBER 10, 2004. MANUFACTURED/MOBILE HOME: NAME: DEER VALLEY HOME BUILDERS/DEER VALLEY; MODEL NO.: WL7012; NEW/USED/YEAR: 2019; SERIAL NO. DVAL11807555AB; LENGTH AND WIDTH: 66X30. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN BY DEED OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK D376, PAGE 554, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 069-069.01

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 1636 FAIRFIELD PIKE, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): LESLIE MOSES, VICKEY MOSES
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: MV REALTY OF TENNESSEE LLC, A TENNESSEE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, ENERBANK USA

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

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

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ANY PRIOR LIENS OR ENCUMBRANCES LEASES, EASEMENTS AND ALL OTHER MATTERS WHICH TAKE PRIORITY OVER THE DEED OF TRUST UNDER WHICH THIS FORECLOSURE SALE IS CONDUCTED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE PRIORITY OF ANY FIXTURE FILING. IF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY/ INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, OR THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT ARE LISTED AS INTERESTED PARTIES IN THE ADVERTISEMENT, THEN THE NOTICE OF THIS FORECLOSURE IS BEING GIVEN TO THEM, AND THE SALE WILL BE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES RIGHT TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY, ALL AS REQUIRED BY 26 U.S.C. 7425, T.C.A. 67-1-1433, AND 28 U.S.C. 2410 (C). THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF T.C.A. 35-5-101 ET SEQ. HAVE BEEN MET.

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. THE TRUSTEE/SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RESCIND THE SALE

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 LAW OFFICE OF J. PHILLIP JONES. NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED. TO THIS END, YOU MUST BRING SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO OUTBID THE LENDER AND ANY OTHER BIDDERS. INSUFFICIENT FUNDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. AMOUNTS RECEIVED IN EXCESS OF THE WINNING BID WILL BE REFUNDED TO THE SUCCESSFUL PURCHASER AT THE TIME THE FORECLOSURE DEED IS DELIVERED.

Non-bank successful bidders will be required to provide information required by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCen) before the deed will be delivered. The information includes, but is not limited to, full legal name, a tax identification number, date of birth, complete current residential street address for the beneficial owner(s) of the foreclosed property.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR CMG MORTGAGE, INC. DBA CMG FINANCIAL – SERVICER, TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY/VOLUNTEER MORTGAGE LOAN SERVICING; SECRETARY OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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

This is improved property known as 139 TANNER CIRCLE, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160.

THIRD-PARTY INTERNET POSTING WEBSITE: www.foreclosurestn.com

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F26-0712 (8132tc)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE
AT SHELBYVILLE

MARIANNA KALUZHNYA,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) No. 14619
SERGEY O. MILASHUK,)
Defendant.)

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

This cause came to be heard on the 23rd day of July, 2026, before the Honorable Wyatt Burke, Judge of the Circuit Court for Bedford County, Tennessee, upon the motion for publication and supporting affidavits filed by the Plaintiff, Marianna Kaluzhnaya, with the court finding that due diligence has been made by Plaintiff and Counsel for Plaintiff to attempt to serve and/or locate the Defendant, Sergey O. Milashuk, and it appears his whereabouts are unknown and unascertainable, and that said motion is well taken and shall therefore, be granted.

It is therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that due diligence has been made by Plaintiff and Counsel for Plaintiff to attempt to serve and/or locate the Defendant, Sergey O. Milashuk, and it appears his whereabouts are unknown and unascertainable, and publication shall be issued in this cause for four consecutive weeks in the Shelbyville Times Gazette, a newspaper published in Shelbyville, Tennessee, requiring that the defendant, Sergey O. Milashuk, to appear before the clerk of said court on or before thirty days after the last publication hereof and file an answer to the complaint for divorce, filed by the Plaintiff, Marianna Kaluzhnaya, or otherwise, said complaint for divorce will proceed ex parte.

ENTERED this 4 day of August, 2026
/s/ JUDGE WYATT BURKE
APPROVED FOR ENTRY:
/s/ HEATHER R. KNOTT #022880
Attorney for Plaintiff
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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE
STATE OF TENNESSEE, BEDFORD COUNTY
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY
INFORMATION GATHERED IN CONNECTION HEREWITH
WILL BE UTILIZED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated July 11, 2013, and the Deed of Trust of even date, securing said Deed of Trust Note recorded on August 15, 2013 in Record Book TD801, at Page 689 as Instrument No. 13004463, in the Register’s office of Bedford County, Tennessee, executed by Penelope Tyree, conveying certain property described therein to Fidelity National Title, as Trustee, for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (“MERS”) solely as nominee for New Penn Financial, LLC. its successors and assigns (the “Holder”) and to Mickel Law Firm, P.A., having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument of record in the Register’s office for Bedford County, Tennessee.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that an agent of Mickel Law Firm, P.A., as Substitute Trustee, pursuant to the power, duty and authority vested in and conferred upon said Substitute Trustee, by the Deed of Trust, will on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at or about 11:00 AM at 1 Public Square, Bedford County Courthouse - Main Entrance, Shelbyville, Tennessee, 37160, or the sale will be held in the place at said venue where foreclosure sales are customarily advertised and/or conducted, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, and free from all legal, equitable and statutory rights of redemption, exemptions of homestead, rights by virtue of marriage, and all other exemptions of every kind, all of which have been waived in the Deed of Trust, certain real property located in Bedford County, Tennessee, described as follows:

CERTAIN REAL ESTATE LYING AND BEING IN THE TWENTY-FOURTH (24TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

TRACT NO.1:
STARTING AT A METAL PIN ON THE WEST MARGIN OF THOMPSON CREEK ROAD, 30 FEET FROM ITS CENTER, AND IN THE CENTER OF A 20 FOOT WIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY, SAID METAL PIN BEING NORTH 9 DEG. 02 MIN. WEST 1010.14 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF A BRIDGE; THENCE LEAVING THE SAID WEST MARGIN AND FOLLOWING THE CENTER OF RIGHT-OF-WAY NORTH 89 DEG. 28 MIN. WEST 852.97 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTER OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE LEAVING THE CENTER OF RIGHT-OF-WAY SOUTH 4 DEG. 23 MIN. EAST 95.00 FEET TO A METAL PIN; THENCE SOUTH 85 DEG. 42 MIN. WEST 302.86 FEET TO A METAL PIN; THENCE SOUTH 85 DEG. 42 MIN. WEST 30.00 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTER OF THOMPSON CREEK; THENCE WITH THE CENTER OF CREEK NORTH 16 DEG. 09 MIN. EAST 162.52 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE LEAVING THE CENTER OF SAID CREEK NORTH 85 DEG. 58 MIN. EAST 20.00 FEET TO A METAL PIN; THENCE NORTH 85 DEG. 58 MIN. EAST 255.90 FEET TO A METAL PIN; THENCE SOUTH 4 DEG. 23 MIN. EAST 55.96 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 1.06 ACRE.

THE AFORESAID TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINS A 20-FOOT WIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY AS DESCRIBED HEREIN-ABOVE FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS PURPOSES, IN, ACROSS AND UPON THE REMAINING PROPERTY OF WINSTON BRINKLEY, ET UX.

TRACT NO.2:
BEGINNING AT A METAL PIN IN THE WEST MARGIN OF THOMPSON CREEK ROAD SAME BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 OF THE THOMPSON CREEK ESTATES SUBDIVISION (PLAT CABINET “A”, ENVELOPE 139), AND BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE LEAVING SAID MARGIN NORTH 87 DEG. 19 MIN. 49 SEC. WEST 858.58 FEET TO A METAL PIN; THENCE NORTH 00 DEG. 51 MIN. 45 SEC. WEST 129.98 FEET TO A METAL PIN; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEG. 56 MIN. 07 SEC. EAST 851.00 FEET TO A METAL PIN IN THE WEST MARGIN OF ABOVE MENTIONED ROAD; THENCE WITH THE WEST MARGIN OF SAID ROAD SOUTH 04 DEG. 30 MIN. 51 SEC. EAST 124.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING ALL OF 2.49 ACRES.

TRACT NO.3:
BEGINNING AT A METAL PIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 9 OF THE THOMPSON CREEK ESTATES SUBDIVISION, (PLAT CAB. “A”; ENV. 139), AND BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED;

THENCE SOUTH 11 DEG. 24 MIN. 02 SEC. WEST 49.28 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTER OF THOMPSON CREEK; THENCE FOLLOWING CENTER OF SAID CREEK NORTH 46 DEG. 09 MIN. 51

SEC. WEST - 111.15 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTER OF ABOVE MENTIONED CREEK; THENCE NORTH 89 DEG. 08 MIN. 28 SEC. EAST - 96.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING ALL OF 0.09 ACRES.

TRACT NO.4:
BEGINNING AT A METAL PIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE WINSTON BRINKLEY, JR., PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 173, PAGE 960, IN THE REGISTER’S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY AND BEING SOUTH 03 DEG. 27 MIN. 00 SEC. EAST 95.00 FEET FROM THE CENTER OF A 20.00 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY LEADING TO THOMPSON CREEK ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEG. 27 MIN. 06 SEC. EAST 52.78 FEET TO A STEEL PIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEG. 26 MIN. 08 SEC. WEST 287.47 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTER OF THOMPSON CREEK; THENCE WITH SAID CENTER NORTH 51 DEG. 24 MIN. 00 SEC. WEST 78.63 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTER OF SAID CREEK; THENCE LEAVING SAID CENTER OF THOMPSON CREEK NORTH 86 DEG. 36 MIN. 00 SEC. EAST 345.86 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.38 ACRE.

SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

BEING THE SAME PREMISES CONVEYED UNTO PENELOPE TYREE, HER HEIRS AND ASSIGNS, BY VIRTUE OF DEED FROM WINSTON BRINKLEY, JR., AND WIFE, DEBRA LIN BRINKLEY DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2005, RECORDED SEPTEMBER 21, 2005 IN BOOK D272, PAGE 458, BEDFORD COUNTY, TN.

PARCEL ID: 117-018.04-000
Parcel ID: 117-018.04-000
More Commonly Known As: 700 Thompson Creek Rd., Shelbyville, TN 37160.

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 that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

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

The sale is subject to Occupant(s) rights in possession, if applicable. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Grantor, the Grantee or the Substitute Trustee.

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

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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Larry Charles Perry Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on July 31, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Larry Charles Perry, who died 07/16/2026, 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 31st day of July, 2026.
/s/ Wayne Charles Perry, Administrator
/s/ Trisha L Henegar, Attorney
/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (8132tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of James B Keese, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on July 31, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of James B Keese, who died 03/07/2026, 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 31st day of July, 2026.
/s/ James G Keese, Administrator
/s/ Trisha L Henegar, Attorney
/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (8132tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Reginald Norris Workman, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on July 31, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Reginald Norris Workman, who died 06/26/2026, 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 31st day of July, 2026.
/s/ Marcus Peter Bak, Executor
/s/ Pro Se, Attorney
/s/ Curt M. Cobb, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (8132tp)

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Tuesday, September 8,
2026 @ 7:00 P.M.

Bedford County Historic
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1 Public Square,
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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

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August 25, 2026, AT 5:00 PM
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ANYONE DESIRING TO COMMENT TO
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ABCs for school zone safety

Tips for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists

(Feature Impact) A new school year means there’s more traffic around school campuses. Between drop offs and pickups, children riding bicycles, walking to school and all the shuttling between sports practices and other ex-

tracurricular activities, this season is a reminder to make every trip to and from school a safe one.

To make sure no parent worries about their child getting to school safely, the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and Caltrans are

encouraging drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists to remember their “ABCs” on every trip: stay Alert for Bicyclists and watch for and yield to Children crossing the street.

With students in school and traffic pat-

terns changing, consider these tips so students arrive to and from class safely:

Drivers

Because children outside of vehicles do not have the same protections as drivers and passengers, drivers have an outsized role to protect people walking, biking and rolling.

- Take your time and be patient.
- Always follow the speed limit.
- Use extra caution at crosswalks and intersections, especially if you notice children nearby.
- Don’t drive distracted – even a quick glance at your phone can have tragic consequences.
- Never drive while impaired.
- Adjust your driving to the conditions and use extra caution in rain, fog and darkness.
- If you see a bicyclist ahead, wait until it’s safe to pass and give them at least 3 feet of space when you do.

Pedestrians
Pedestrians have an important role in their own safety, particularly in school zones and crosswalks where children and other people may be present.

- Use sidewalks when available. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic so you can see drivers and they can see you.
- Avoid crossing outside of crosswalks. If there is a signalized crosswalk or marked crosswalk, use it.
- Before crossing the street, look both ways. If there are any stopped or turning cars, try to make eye contact with the drivers before crossing so you know they see you.
- If you’re walking after dark or when visibility is poor, make yourself visible by wearing something bright or reflective and shining a light.
- Stay alert – don’t wear headphones or use your phone while crossing the street or walking across a busy

road.

Bicyclists

Bicyclists can help protect themselves by staying alert and visible, especially in areas where traffic, pedestrians and young students may be present.

When possible, plan your route along bike paths or roads with dedicated bike lanes away from vehicle traffic.

- Equip your bicycle with lights and reflectors to be more visible to drivers and pedestrians.
- Wear a properly fitted helmet and bright clothing.
- Learn cyclist hand signals to communicate when you’re turning, slowing or stopping.
- Stay aware of drivers and always yield to pedestrians.

To learn more and join the movement, visit GoSafelyCA.org.

E-Bike Safety Tips

With more young people using e-bikes than ever before, it’s important that riders and their parents or guardians understand the risks involved and make smart, safe choices.

Since e-bikes can travel at faster speeds than traditional bicycles, they pose greater risk for serious injury

or death in the event of a crash. Class 1 and 2 e-bikes can both travel at up to 20 mph unassisted, while Class 3 e-bikes can go as fast as 28 mph unassisted.

E-bike rules vary based on the top unassisted speed, but parents and guardians should follow these tips for e-bikes:

- Many local ordinances and state laws restrict e-bike use for minors or require special licensing.
- Helmets are required for riders under age 18 for Class 1-2 e-bikes and all riders on Class 3 e-bikes, regardless of age.
- You must be 16 years or older to ride a Class 3 e-bike.
- Never ride e-bikes that don’t have pedals as they could be considered e-motos and not legally permitted on roads.
- Ride in bike lanes or on legal paths, avoiding roads with traffic when possible.
- Be as predictable as possible and use caution when making turns, crossing streets or riding in conditions with poor visibility.

E-bike rules may vary by state and regionally. Contact local law enforcement regarding local laws.

TORRES

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department employees became suspicious of Torres' activities, surveillance video showed her removing at least one official receipt book from her office on the day she was suspended. Investigators later found gaps in receipt book sequences and determined they could not establish the full extent of the misappropriation because the missing records were never recovered.

Investigators determined that from January 2023, through September 2025, Torres diverted cash from citation payments and kept all or part of the money for herself. In many cases, she marked citations as dismissed before their scheduled court dates and without a court order, preventing the cases from appearing on court dockets and allowing the missing money to go undetected.

The Comptroller’s Office also determined that Torres made 36 false entries into the department’s computerized cashing system by recording cash payments at lower amounts than what was actually received. This allowed her to keep the difference between the actual amount paid and the amount entered into the system.

Based upon this investigation, in August 2026, the Bedford County Grand Jury indicted Lilia Torres on one count of theft over \$10,000,

one count of forgery, one count of tampering, fabrication, or destruction of government records, and one count of official misconduct.

“Handling public money requires strong internal controls and careful oversight,” said Comptroller Jason E. Mumpower. “Cash collections should be deposited promptly, official receipts should be issued for every transaction, and financial duties should be divided among employees. These basic safeguards help protect public funds and maintain the public’s trust.”

To view the investigative report, go to tncot.cc/doireports. To view a map depicting Comptroller investigations, go to tncot.cc/mappinginvestigations

If you suspect fraud, waste, or abuse of public money in Tennessee, call the Comptroller’s toll-free hotline at 800.232.5454, or file a report online at: tncot.cc/fraud. Follow us on X/Twitter @TNCOT and Instagram @tncot

According to a Shelbyville Police Department report this week, in September 2025, SPD identified financial discrepancies during an internal review and states it immediately launched an internal investigation.

On Aug. 17, 2026, a Bedford County Grand Jury returned the 4-count indictment and Torres was arrested and

is scheduled to appear before Bedford County Criminal Court at a later date. Her bond was set at \$25,000.

SPD Chief Jan Phillips said in the statement on Monday, “Shelbyville Police Department will continue to cooperate fully with the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury and the Office of the District Attorney General as the judicial process moves forward.” Tennessee classifies theft offenses by the value of the property or services involved.:

Class A misdemeanor – Property valued at \$1,000 or less: up to 11 months and 29 days in jail and a \$2,500 fine.

Class E felony – Property valued at more than \$1,000 but less than \$2,500: 1 to 6 years in prison and a \$3,000 fine.

Class D felony – Property valued at \$2,500 or more but less than \$10,000: 2 to 12 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

Class C felony – Property valued at \$10,000 or more but less than \$60,000: 3 to 15 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Class B felony – Property valued at \$60,000 or more but less than \$250,000: 5 to 20 years in prison and a \$15,000 fine.

Class A felony – Property valued at \$250,000 or more: 6 to 25 years in prison and a \$25,000 fine.

LAWSUIT

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decision further.

Graham added, “Under the current system, which the city agreed to decades ago, the disputed sales tax revenues must be spent on debt for school buildings. That’s a dedicated fund, and that’s the only thing the county can use that money for. For the city, if this decision stands, those will be unrestricted funds which the city will be able to use for any purpose.

“Meanwhile, the county must continue to educate children, including the children from within Shelbyville. I was a school board member before becoming your county mayor, and our county school system has been a top priority for me both in

that role and since I became mayor. The loss of that funding, about \$2 million per year, will dramatically impact our ability to operate the school system. Our continued population growth, and the aging of our older school buildings, means we can’t simply get out of the business of building schools.”

City Councilman Henry Feldhaus said this week: “I am pleased for the citizens of Shelbyville as they will now be paying their fair share of taxes for our school system. For almost 53 years, the citizens of Shelbyville have been paying more than their fair share toward the Bedford County school system.”

Feldhaus added, “From my discussions with the City of Shelbyville leadership in the 1980s, I testified about their long-held position toward the school building program tax from 1974. Combined with the records from that era, the judges agreed the tax was not to be forfeited by the City in perpetuity.”

The former City mayor said with the appellate court decision, long delayed building projects for the City of Shelbyville have the opportunity to commence.

“Also, I will advocate for a property tax decrease in the City of Shelbyville to offset any increase Bedford County may impose to replace the loss of these disputed sales tax funds.”

THREATS

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staff, parents, friends, and neighbors for their continued support in keeping FMS a safe and caring learning environment.”

Bedford County School System issued this statement Tuesday.

“Bedford County Schools is aware of the inappropriate language and threats directed toward two of our middle schools,” said Superintendent Tim Harwell. “We are working closely

with law enforcement and school officials to address the situation and support a safe environment for students, staff and families.”

Harwell said that Fayetteville City Schools has assured his office that those involved have been appropriately disciplined and that the matter has been handled in accordance with its policies.

Harwell added that enhanced security mea-

sures will be in place for games with Fayetteville City Schools.

Cascade Middle plays Fayetteville at home Aug. 20. Community Middle and Fayetteville face off in football play in September.

“Student safety remains our top priority, and we are confident in the coordinated response of our schools, districts and law-enforcement partners,” said the new school superintendent.

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Eaglettes Nab Late Equalizer to Draw With Nolensville in Season Opener

BY NOAH MADDOX
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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – FAfter taking an early lead, the Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes (0-0-1) found an extremely late equalizer through Dara Frazier to secure a draw against the visiting Nolensville Knights (0-0-1) on Tuesday night, 2-2.

“We came into the season having key players to replace, and then one of our seniors tore her ACL, so we’re still working through that,” Shelbyville Central Head Coach Casey Curry said postgame, “For the most part, as a team, we’re working right now on our defensive shape. That was a little bit better in the second half.”

Kyler Doak opened the scoring for the Eaglettes with a breathtaking solo goal. Doak received the ball at midfield, glided past four defenders before calmly slotting the ball into the net past the Nolensville keeper to take a 1-0 lead in the sixth minute.

However, from then on, Nolensville grew into the game and began to control it through the midfield. The Knights began to dominate possession while the Eaglettes seemed content to try and hit them on the counter, and this led to a screamer of a goal for the visitors in the 29th minute.

Avery Bea, a sophomore, got the ball just outside the top of the box, found space, and delivered an absolute rocket into the top-left corner to bring Nolensville level at 1-1. That would remain the score at halftime.

“All three of our midfielders are new in terms of playing together. Their first goal, our whole midfield was flat instead of holding that triangle,” Curry explained, “On offense we’ll play with one defensive midfielder and two in front while in defense we’ll shift to two defensive and one a little more advanced. I think what happened is they all three dropped back and were flat and it gave

her [Bea] space.”

Nolensville began the second half as the slightly better side, and the Knights were rewarded with a go-ahead goal in the 58th minute. Grace Schoen found space at the top of the box, and she smashed the ball past the keeper for the 2-1 lead.

Shelbyville Central had a wondrous opportunity to draw level in the 76th minute but was unable to score, but then Dara Frazier salvaged a draw with a goal two minutes later. Leila McFarland’s effort from inside the box was blocked, but the deflected ball fell right into the path of the onrushing Frazier who poked the ball home from six yards to draw level at 2-2.

Despite the draw, Curry sees a lot of room to improve from her dangerous attack.

“[Our front three] have got to learn how to play together,” she said, “If we’re going to make it as far as we want to, they’re going to have to play together. If we’re all in our defensive



Shelbyville Central's Dara Frazier (21) beats Nolensville's Layla Shelton to the ball before drawing a foul. Frazier scored the last-minute equalizer on Tuesday for the Eaglettes. T-G Staff Photo.

shape, then we can stay in our shape moving into attack, and then we have enough support for each other. We have really fast players, so we’re going to get one through ball. You

can’t run away from the ball, you’ve got to check in and come short before looking for those chances to play the through.” Both Nolensville and Shelbyville Central

head to Gatlinburg this weekend to play in the Smoky Mountain Cup.

Lady Champs Open 2026 Campaign With Mercy Rule Win at Huntland

BY NOAH MADDOX
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HUNTLAND Tenn. – The Cascade Lady Champions (1-0, 1-0) got off to as strong as a start to the season as one can on Tuesday night with a dominant 10-1 win over the Huntland Hornets (0-1, 0-1) in District 9-A play.

Lexi Comstock, who scored a record 32 goals in 2025, opened her junior season with five goals for Cascade. Adalyn Nelms – a freshman – scored twice with one assist in her first regular season game at the high school level. Olivia Winnett scored and assisted one time each, Aliana Leverette scored her first goal in a Lady

Champion uniform, and Kaylee Martin opened her 2026 tally with a goal as well.

Claire Smithson dished out two assists from midfield, and Marissa Gulick also was credited with one assist as well.

Cascade did all of its damage in the first half. Comstock opened the scoring after some

early pressure before Nelms scored her first career goal to double the Lady Champions’ lead. Then, Comstock quickly scored her second before Huntland avoided being shutout with a goal to trim the lead to 3-1.

That goal kept the Cascade attack going, as Nelms recorded her brace shortly after behind a Smithson assist

followed by Winnett’s first goal of the season to make it 5-1.

Kaylee Martin nabbed her first goal thanks to another Smithson assist, Leverette did minutes later as well, and then Comstock scored the final two goals of the half in quick succession with Gulick dishing out an assist.

Shortly after the

second half began, Comstock netted her fifth and final goal of the night to trigger the mercy rule and send the Lady Champions hope victorious.

Cascade heads to Gatlinburg to participate in the Smoky Mountain Cup beginning on Friday night against Pigeon Forge with kickoff set for 4:50 E.T.

MTSU’s Logan named to Ray Guy Award Watch List

MT ATHLETICS

AUGUSTA, GA. – The Augusta Sports Council is pleased to announce the Preseason Watch List for the 2026 Ray Guy Award. Named for football’s premier punter, the Ray Guy Award honors the nation’s top collegiate punter in the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS). Middle Tennessee’s Ashton Logan made the prestigious list.

Logan, a senior from Anaheim Hills, Calif., ended his first year with the Blue Raiders last season averaging 44.7 yards a punt while placing 29 inside the 20-yard line and seeing 19 of his kicks go for 50 or more yards. His 44.7-yard average went down as the

second-best at MTSU for a single-season.

2026 Ray Guy Award Preseason Watch List
Dante Atton, Temple
Oscar Bird, Ole Miss
Grant Chadwick, LSU
John Hoyet Chance, TCU
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Evan Crenshaw, Troy
Oscar Doyle, Boise State
Bart Edmiston, Wyoming
Hunter Green, Washington
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Ashton Logan, Middle Tennessee
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issippi State
Jackson Ross, Tennessee
Daniel Sparks, Virginia
Pierse Stainton, Miami (Ohio)
Tyler White, Texas A&M
Palmer Williams, Baylor

The candidates on the list incorporate a broad spectrum of FBS punters and were compiled based on previous Ray Guy Award Semifinalists, 2025 All-American, and All-Conference selections, top performing punters, and 2026 Preseason All-American, and Preseason All-Conference selections.

This is not a final list as the winner of the Ray Guy Award does not need to appear on the preseason watch



Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

list. The number of eligible candidates for the award will grow when the award opens nominations. A final watch list will be announced in early November, and the Ray Guy Award committee will meet to select the ten semifinalists in

mid-November. A national body of Football Bowl Subdivision sports information directors, media representatives, and previous Ray Guy Award winners will vote for the top three finalists to be announced in late November. After

the finalists are named, the voting body will cast ballots again to select the nation’s top punter. The winner will be announced live during TheHome Depot College Football Awards airing on ESPN in December.

Shelbyville Native Jay Grider Releases New Book, *Last Call: From the Minor Leagues to Nashville’s Rise as a Major Sports Destination*

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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – When you see a major event taking place in any city, whether it’s a bowl game, a major conference basketball tournament, or even the NFL Draft, most people don’t normally think about the people responsible for actually hosting the event. However, without those people behind the scenes, both the host city and the people attending would never be able to enjoy and experience the wonders of an SEC Tournament or a Music City bowl right in their backyard.

Jay Grider, a Shelbyville native who graduated from Shelbyville Central High School in 1983 before moving on to Middle Tennessee State University, is one of those important people responsible for running a major event behind the scenes. Grider is the COO/Special Advisor at the Nashville Sports Council, a non-profit organization that began in 1992, “dedicated to bringing major sporting events to the city, driving a positive economic impact, and improving the local quality of life,” according to Grider.

The Sports Council – otherwise known as the NSC – has done just that. Nashville hosts major events annually like the Men’s Basketball SEC Tournament and the Music City Bowl. In May, Nashville was also announced as the host for Super Bowl LXIV.

Of course, Nashville wasn’t always this hot of a destination for major sporting events. Grider also wasn’t always one of the leaders in the organization responsible for coordinating these major events. Grider’s career path from the bowels of MLB’s Minor League to the top of the event hosting world runs directly parallel to the city of Nashville’s growth into the destination hub it has turned into today. In his recently published book, *Last Call: From the Minor Leagues to Nashville’s Rise as a Major Sports Destination*, Grider puts those parallels on full display in an easy-to-read manner, almost like Grider and the reader are talking casually at a bar after work. Fortunately, he pulls back the curtain so the reader can get a better understanding of how event operations work, at least enough to understand the amount of time and effort that goes into something like hosting a bowl game.

One of the two main events held annually in Nashville is the Music City Bowl, begin-

ning in 1998 – one year after Grider joined the NSC. Today, the bowl game is one of the premier non-playoff games remaining on the December calendar, and it has an average attendance of nearly 52,000 in the CFP era.

“[The growth of the Music City Bowl] signifies the growth of the city of Nashville,” Grider says, “This book really is a parallel of not just my career, but really Nashville as a city. I jokingly say this but I’m also serious – Nashville is the star of the book and I’m just the tour guide. One of the things that I’ve been lucky enough to experience, when I started in 1997, was when the Titans stadium was being built as well as the Predators arena. We both started ascending at the same time, as well as the growth of Broadway. I would say the same thing about the Nashville Sports Council. Once we got the bowl game, we began to cultivate that SEC relationship, and next thing you know, we have the SEC Tournament here beginning in 2001.”

Today, the SEC Tournament is slated to remain in Nashville through at least 2035, and there is a good chance that the SEC extends its stay beyond then with how successful the event has been in Music City.

“The SEC Tournament has arguably the same economic impact as the bowl game,” he says, “It’s pretty close to 20 SEC Tournaments total if we’re counting men’s and women’s. We secured a 20-year deal from 2015 to 2035, and if you think about it, other than Omaha for the College World Series and Atlanta for the SEC Football Championship, what other city has a long-term deal like that? When the conference started talking to us about wanting a long-term deal, obviously we had gotten lucky because they had wanted to get out of the Georgia Dome. They wanted it more intimate, but also having the entertainment district right outside of our door compared to the other cities, that set Nashville apart from any other cities we were competing against.”

In his book, Grider starts the story of his career from the beginning – his time in the minor leagues. He says that his time in the minors laid the foundation for his success with the Nashville Sports Council, and the way he explains it in the book, it’s very easy to understand why that’s the case.

“My first love was baseball, so that was my first choice in what I wanted to do,” says Grider, “Looking back on everything that I went through, I would have

preferred to go the route I did: go into the minor leagues and learn everything that I did. If you’re in marketing at a major league level, that’s all you’re doing. In the minor leagues, you’re doing a little bit of everything and that helps determine your future if you want to stay in sports. It gives you the opportunity to see where your skillset develops best.”

“Working in the minors taught me a lot,” he continues, “I was lucky enough to have a great work ethic instilled in me by my parents, so I wasn’t afraid of hard work. When I got to Nashville to begin working on these different events, they were different in the fact that I had not done them before, but an event is an event. There was a learning curve on certain things, like building the Music City Bowl out of nothing. We had a lot of help from several different bowls that helped give us a playbook on what to do. But having the opportunity to work in the minor leagues the way I did, it helped with that learning curve and how to adapt than if I had not.”

That work ethic eventually got Grider in with the Sports Council, and led to Nashville becoming the major host market that it is today.

“People ask me why I wrote the book, and one of the reasons was because I kind of wanted the Sports Council to get its due to some degree,” he says, “Over 200 events, more than \$1.5 billion in economic impact, that’s nothing to sneeze at. I feel like the organization deserves a lot of credit and a major thank you.”

The truth is, he’s right. Before reading his book, this writer had been to a handful of Music City Bowls as well as a healthy amount of SEC Tournament games without having a single idea who was behind the event even taking place in Nashville. Without the NSC, none of these events would be in Middle Tennessee in the first place. That’s something that is extremely easy to take for granted these days.

“I would hope the organization has given people the opportunity to experience things they never thought they would in this area,” Grider says, “To see it go from what it was to what it is now, I would like to think that we had a large part to play in that while growing alongside the city of Nashville.”

The best part is that Grider is a local. He knows and remembers Nashville before it became what it is today because he grew up in Shelbyville, and possessing that insight is key to his book.

“I can’t think of a bet-



Shelbyville native Jay Grider (pictured) released his book, *Last Call*, to tell the story of how Nashville grew into a destination sports city during his career on the Nashville Sports Council. Submitted Photo.

ter place to have grown up in to be honest,” he says about Shelbyville, “I grew up in Brookhaven. I went to kindergarten and first grade in McMinnville, part of second grade in Arkansas, and then my father got transferred here in 1973 for third grade. I went to Southside school, then Harris for seventh and eighth grade, and then obviously Shelbyville Central for high school. We participated in Little League, and we rode our bikes everywhere. To have grown up in that community with friends I still have to this day, I’ve been very lucky. The city is definitely growing and getting better. I know a few times in the past couple of years when I would go to visit my mom before she passed away, Shelbyville had a lot of empty buildings and it was kind of sad, but from what I’ve seen and read now, it’s on the rise, and I’m glad that’s the case.”

Grider went on to major in Public Relations at MTSU, and he joked that it was primarily due to the lack of math required.

“Majoring in PR was because of the math, and they didn’t have event management at MTSU back then,” he says, “Back then I was a very shy person, and when it came to majoring in PR, I really wasn’t that comfortable with the idea of doing interviews. Being behind the curtain was more comfortable to me. The Sports Council has been behind the curtain for a long time. A lot of people get us confused with the Sports Authority, and to be honest, it was sort of by design. We wanted the events to get the exposure.”

After college, Grider dove headfirst into the minor leagues, before eventually coming back to Middle Tennessee and landing a job on the Sports Council in 1997. He played an extremely important role in ensuring the inaugural Music City Bowl was a success, including hand-scraping ice off

the field two days before the game so it could be painted. The game between Virginia Tech and Alabama was played, and the success of the inaugural game laid the foundation for the following 28 years and counting.

In his book, Grider tells multiple stories with various levels of comedic relief, but by far the most bizarre and unexpected came in 2002 on the campus of Lipscomb University during an AAU Male Wrestling event. The coach for a team from Michigan told one of his players to fake a neck injury, and this expectedly created all kinds of chaos once the EMT workers attempted to send him to the hospital in an ambulance.

“People with AAU are normally really buttoned up, and they bring in people to assist you and tell you what to do. We rented out the area, recruited the volunteers, and set the whole event up and then they tell us how to run it and help us out,” he says, “I was in that scoring room to begin with, but when that all went down, it was pretty surreal. We already had someone going to the bathroom off the dock, and then some of the kid wrestlers had climbed into the top row of the seats to dive into the suites. All the cabinets were locked, but they just ripped the doors off and started stealing stuff. By the time we got to the ambulance, we kind of got to the point where we were like what else is going to happen because nothing else is going to surprise me. Once the coach told the kid to fake the injury and the ambulance crew had the neck brace on him, the coach said that he’s faking it. They told him once he had the brace on and was on the board that there was no way he wasn’t going to the hospital. Eventually cooler heads prevailed. Word came back to us that the coach left the kid and the parents had to come pick him up from Michigan.”

Overall, Grider appreciates the opportunities that have come his way during his career thanks to the success of the NSC and Nashville as a whole, and that comes across loud and clear in *Last Call*.

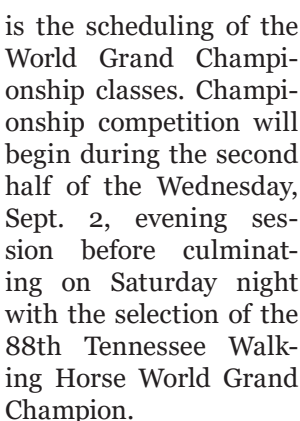
“This has been a great experience, and I’ve made great friends to this day,” he says, “It’s given me the opportunity to live my dream to work in sports. How many people can really say they enjoy what they do for a living? Working in baseball, I got to go to the ballpark every day. One of my favorite sounds is when the bat hits the ball during batting practice with no one around. To be able to have worked and been involved in such a diverse variety of sporting events...almost 30 bowl games, 20 SEC Basketball Tournaments, 25 Rock-N-Roll marathons, the NFL Draft, NHL All-Star Game, Music City Grand Prix, FCS Championships, golf tournaments, how lucky can one person be? I’m very very lucky to have lived my dream and have experienced what I’ve experienced. Hopefully that’s reflected in the book.”

Finally, as someone who spent the vast majority of their childhood in Shelbyville, Grider is proud to hail from the home of the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration – an event he worked for a couple of years as a kid.

“I’m a proud Shelbyvillian, if that’s a word,” he concludes, “I’m proud to have grown up there and be a Middle Tennessee person and helped play a small role in helping Nashville grow into what it is from a sports perspective.”

Last Call is available for purchase on Amazon.com, and is well worth the read if you’re interested in the history of how Nashville grew into the destination city that it is today from a first-person perspective.

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