

Celebration 88-Welcome to Shelbyville, Visitors! *It's Celebration Time!*

Walking horse trainer Michael Overcast says never give up on a dream, even if it takes time to accomplish



RWC Heads Up Jose, and Michael Overcast are ready for the Celebration. The horse is owned by Ann, LaRue and Bart McWaters. Bart will be showing the horse in the Elite Owner-Amateur Gentleman Riders on Walking Stallions, Class 45, this Thursday and likely next Thursday.

By Dawn Hankins
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Few people would likely argue that without Tennessee Walking Horse trainers, there would be no thrilling rides at the Celebration.

A Tennessee Walking Horse (TWH) trainer specializes in developing the breed's natural abilities — its smooth, four-beat "running walk" and calm temperament — while preparing the horse for specific riding events and shows.

A trainer's job is to enhance the horse's natural gaits. TWH trainers work to refine and maintain the horse's signature smooth, comfortable gait, whether in flat-shod (natural movement) or performance (enhanced action with specialized shoes or devices.)

For show or competition, trainers may use targeted exercises, groundwork, and under-saddle work to improve stride length, rhythm, and responsiveness, within the rules of the horse shows.

Through daily routines, the TWH Trainers ensure the horse is physically fit, balanced, and sound, which includes exercise, flexibility work, and injury prevention.

Many trainers also coach riders on how to work with the breed's unique movement and temperament, especially for beginners or those new to gaited horses.

In short, a TWH trainer's role is to unlock and maintain the breed's natural elegance and comfort, while adapting the horse's skills to the rider's goals and the demands of the chosen discipline.

They grow, groom, glide and eventually gleam inside many show rings, including the grand Celebration, going on through Sept. 5, in Shelbyville.

How could one trainer do all this and more every day?

Meet Shelbyville's own seasoned trainer Michael Over-

cast.

He's a Bedford County native who's been working with walking horses since he was in the fifth grade. He was fortunate to do that at his then girlfriend's family barn.

He rode in his first Celebration at age 15. As a teen, he was earning his own money, thanks to the industry.

At 56, he's still working the shows, now training for the McWaters family at Triple M/ Wiser Farms in Shelbyville. He's one of those trainers, as explained above, whose livelihood is grooming, teaching and striving to present the best of the best.

Michael has been working

See OVERCAST, 3B

Eppersons join long list of Bedford County Century Farm families

By Dawn Hankins

Anita and Rick Epperson's farm on Hawthorne Hill Road in Shelbyville was recently approved as a Century Farm in Tennessee.

That's big news. They make

No. 38 in Bedford County.

Anita's great-grandparents, Ed and Dillie Murray, owned the farm and passed it down to son Ralph and Daisy Murray. They passed it down to son Kenneth and Geneva Murray who passed it to daughter

Anita Murray Epperson. She and her husband of 20 years, Rick, still operate it today; they are master beef producers and maintain hay crops.

Rick handles the daily operations. Anita, a Bedford County Commissioner, stays extra busy outside the farm as a hairdresser and owner and operator of a B&B in Lynchburg.

The Eppersons have 2 sons and 6 grandchildren.

The Tennessee Century Farms Program, administered by the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University, identifies, documents and recognizes farms owned by the same family for at least 100 years.

To date, more than 2,300 farms have been certified.

The Center for Historic Preservation maintains the Century Farms database, which includes information and photographs primarily provided by participating farm families.

In 1986, the Tennessee Department of Agriculture and the Center for Historic Preservation published "Tennessee Agriculture: A Century Farms Perspective." The book-length study includes descriptions of each farm along with color and black-and-white photographs.



CITY MAYOR JOINS YOUTH THEATRE GROUP IN PRAYER CIRCLE

Fly photo

Before the young actors at the Fly Arts Center take the stage, Youth Theatre has a special tradition: a prayer circle. Shelbyville Mayor Randy Carroll recently had the honor of joining the circle.

Wartrace is gearing up for its annual Music Festival, Sept. 19

After the horse show ends on Sept. 5, stick around in Bedford County a while. More great events are coming up.

Get ready for a day filled with incredible music and community spirit at the annual Wartrace Music Festival on Sept. 19. It's guaranteed to be an unforgettable experience, featuring both free and ticketed performances throughout the day.

Event Details:

• Free Stages: Iron Horse Stage and Pickers Grove Stage 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy a variety of talented local artists as they showcase their music.

• Main Stage: Location: Jernigan Field Gates Open: 4:00 PM • Tickets: \$20

Featured Artists: Sisters Wade Revival, Graham Anthem Band, Bryce Reeg, Paxton

Peay, Cassidy Daniels (as seen on Dutton Ranch and The Road.)

"This festival is not just a music event; it's a celebration of our community and the rich musical talent that surrounds us," said organizer Amy Mitchell. "Our festival dates back to 1979. Attendees can mingle with friends, enjoy local food vendors, and soak in the lively atmosphere. Mark your calendars and don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to support local musicians while enjoying a day filled with great tunes and community camaraderie.

Grab your friends and family, and make some unforgettable memories together!

For more information and updates, please follow Wartrace Music Festival on social media.

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Barn decorating at the Celebration



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A highlight to every Celebration is to see how owners and trainers decorate their barns on the Celebration grounds. This year is no exception.



What is a urogynecologist and signs you should see one



Rony Adam MD, MMHC

Dr. Adam is a urogynecologist seeing patients at the Vanderbilt Center for Women's Health Cool Springs. He is also Director of the Division of Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery at Vanderbilt Health.

Many women are familiar with visiting a gynecologist for routine reproductive care or a

urologist for bladder issues. However, there is a specialized field of medicine that combines both, called urogynecology. A urogynecologist focuses specifically on diagnosing, managing and treating pelvic floor disorders.

The pelvic floor is a supportive network of muscles, ligaments and connective tissue that holds a woman's pelvic organs in place. When these muscles weaken or suffer damage from childbirth, aging, heavy lifting, genetics or chronic coughing, uncomfortable symptoms can develop that may even become distressing at times.

Although pelvic floor disorders are common, many women assume these symptoms are just a normal part of aging or something they simply

have to live with. These conditions are highly treatable, and early evaluation can often prevent symptoms from worsening. Knowing what signs to look for can help you decide when to seek care from a urogynecologist.

One of the most frequent reasons to see a urogynecologist is involuntary urine leakage, also known as urinary incontinence. This includes stress incontinence, which is leaking when you cough, sneeze, laugh or exercise, as well as urge incontinence, which is feeling a sudden, overwhelming urge to go that is difficult to control. Another common condition is pelvic organ prolapse, which occurs when the pelvic floor loses its support, causing nearby organs

to shift lower and create a bulging with heaviness and/or pressure sensations in the vagina or pelvis. These symptoms often get worse as the day wears on and when you are physically active.

Other subtle signs involve changes in your daily bladder and bowel habits. If you feel the need to empty your bladder more than usual throughout the day and night, experience recurrent urinary tract infections, or struggle to start urination, it is worth discussing these symptoms with a specialist. Similarly, feeling like your bladder never fully empties or having to apply pressure to the vaginal wall to encourage a bowel movement are

clear indicators of pelvic floor dysfunction.

These symptoms can be frustrating, even when not experienced constantly, but a urogynecologist can help you find relief and regain your quality of life. Treatment does not always mean surgery. In fact, many pelvic floor disorders can be managed with effective, noninvasive therapies.

Depending on your unique needs, options may include pelvic floor physical therapy to strengthen or relax the pelvic floor muscles, lifestyle and dietary modifications, medications, or a pessary, which is a small, removable device inserted into the vagina to support

prolapsed organs. When conservative treatments do not provide adequate relief, highly effective, minimally invasive surgical procedures are also available.

Your pelvic health matters, and you deserve to live without discomfort or the worry of an unexpected urine leak. If you find yourself avoiding activities you enjoy, planning your day around the nearest restroom, or noticing any of these symptoms, do not assume they are simply a part of getting older. Schedule an appointment with a urogynecologist who can develop a personalized treatment plan to help you feel more comfortable and in control.

BEDFORD BRIEFS

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

Fan Appreciation Dollar Night

\$1 General Admission tickets and select \$1 items at concession stands

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Pink Night - World Champions Wear Pink in support of Bedford Cancer Foundation

Best Dressed wins a gift certificate to the Palomino Hat Bar
Submit photos by 10:00 PM with hashtag #PinkCelebration

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Throwback Thursday - Championship Night

Trivia & old-time music and WGC rider recognition
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Meet new District 3 Commissioner Alex Mitchell

The T-G conducted an interview with Alex Mitchell, who recently won in the General Election a County Commission Seat for District 3.



1. You're young, right? Tell me how you think you're experienced enough to serve on the County Commission.

I am 24, and I understand that I'm younger than most people who serve in elected office. But I believe experience is measured by more than age. It's also measured by the responsibilities you've been willing to take on and what those responsibilities

have taught you. I've had the opportunity at a young age to run a business, manage employees, make payroll, work within budgets, oversee projects and make decisions where I'm accountable for the outcome. Earning my contractor's license and real estate license has also given me experience dealing with regulations, property, development and many of the issues that come with a growing community. I certainly don't believe I know everything, and I think one of the worst things any elected official can do is walk into office believing they do. I'm looking forward to learning from commissioners and county leaders who have years of experience. What I can bring from day one is a willingness to work, prepare, listen, ask questions and make

decisions based on what I believe is best for the people I represent. I believe those qualities matter regardless of whether you're 24 or 64. 2. Tell me a little about yourself. Bedford County is home. I grew up here, went through Community schools from kindergarten through high school, and then graduated from MTSU. A lot of the people, places and experiences that have shaped who I am are right here in this community. Outside of work, one of the things I've really enjoyed is coaching basketball at Community High School. Coaching has given me an opportunity to give back to the same community that gave so much to me growing up, and I really enjoy being around those young men and hopefully having a positive impact on them. Most importantly, I'm a husband. My wife,

Allie, and I are excited to build our life together and look forward to starting a family in the future. That next chapter is something we're both very excited about, and it gives me an even deeper appreciation for what it means to invest in your community, because this is where we want to put down roots and raise our family. At the end of the day, I'm someone who loves Bedford County, values hard work and believes you should try to leave things a little better than you found them. That's a big part of why serving this community means so much to me. 3. Not many people in your age bracket even want to run for political office these days. What's your motivation? My motivation really isn't politics. It's service. Bedford County is growing and changing, and the decisions we make today are going to

affect my generation and our children for decades to come. I decided that instead of sitting on the sidelines and complaining about decisions after they're made, I wanted to step forward, do the work and be part of finding solutions. I want us to grow responsibly while protecting what makes Bedford County special. I want strong schools, good infrastructure, safe communities and a county government that understands it is spending the taxpayers' money, not its own. I don't look at this position as something I'm entitled to because I won an election. The voters have entrusted me with a responsibility for the next four years. My job now is to listen, learn, ask good questions and work hard on their behalf. 4. What would you like to say to the people of Bedford County who voted for you

last Thursday? (Aug. 6.) First and foremost, thank you. I'm humbled and honored by the trust the people of District 3 have placed in me, and I don't take that responsibility lightly. Whether you voted for me or not, I want you to know that I'm going to work hard to represent District 3 and do what I believe is best for Bedford County. Elections are about candidates, but once the election is over, governing has to be about people. During this campaign, I promised to listen, work hard, be accessible and be a responsible steward of taxpayers' money. Now it's time to go to work and live up to those commitments. I'm grateful for the opportunity, excited about Bedford County's future and ready to get started.

The T-G will be interviewing more County Commissioners in future editions.

Dolly always shared moments of love and comfort

By Dawn Hankins I have always heard the folklore phrase that people go to heaven in 3s. That is, people you know sometimes wind up going together. I can honestly name incidents where that's happened. It can be surreal. Coincidence? Very likely. But it is something always interesting to ponder. I know there is no direct biblical or theological teaching that says people go to heaven in groups of three. This phrase is a folkloric version of the old saying "death comes in threes", which is a superstition about tragedies—especially deaths—occurring in clusters of three. This belief has no scriptural basis and is more a cultural observation than a divine rule.

What the Bible says about heaven: The Bible teaches that believers will be with Christ after death (e.g., Philippians 1:23; 2 Corinthians 5:8) and that heaven is God's dwelling place (2 Corinthians 12:2-4; Revelation 21:1-4). There is no verse that says people go to heaven in threes. The idea is not part of Christian doctrine. In Christian belief, when someone goes to heaven is determined by God's grace and the person's faith in Christ, not by a numerical pattern. Still, I thought about how sad it was for the world to lose Dolly Parton this week. What a precious person inside and out. Tennessee is mourning. But also, on Tuesday morning, in Tullahoma, TN.,

a family is mourning the loss of child who was hit on a bicycle on his way to East Middle School. The child was apparently hit by a dump truck and killed. The student was crossing at the King's Lane and Country Club intersection when the accident happened, with several witnesses, including students. Churches opened their doors on Wednesday to provide the community comfort. It is sad for all involved, even the driver who hit and killed the child, no matter what. It's sad for those, particularly students, who saw the accident. Reports are saying there was no crossing guard there at the time of the accident. I believe Dolly and this 11-year-old are in heaven today. What a comfort Dolly might be to the student

who died. They might discuss books he read from her Imagination Library she started for free. Incidentally, the local library has many of those books on display right now as a tribute to Dolly. She might write a quick song for him and put her arms around him and assure him he's with Jesus. Or sing, "He's Alive! My Sweet Jesus!" as she entered into her mansion with Jesus. As the song goes, we can "only imagine." God only knows. The outpouring of the love of Dolly is indicative of the love and respect people had for her, not just as a singer, but as a Christian-one not afraid to share her faith. Knowing for sure that you're going to heaven someday can give you great comfort in times like these.

I don't know right now who the next person is on their way to heaven. But I am assured that Dolly has gained some wings of an angel and will be there with that child as a comfort. You know she never had any biological children of her own. Remember that beautiful song with Brad Paisley, "When I get where I'm going?" That was one of her history-making performances, I think. The song was recorded by Brad Paisley featuring Dolly and released in 2005, as part of Paisley's album "Time Well Wasted." Songwriting credits belong to George Teren and Rivers Rutherford. One part of the lyrics is: "But when I get where I'm going, And I see my Maker's face . . ."

Dolly can now sing for sure, "There was Jesus!" This was another great hit she left us. Children I believe enter the arms of Jesus and are made anew. I like to think that maybe Jesus will ask Dolly to put the wings on that little boy who has passed and give the child comfort and love as she's always done. Think about Dolly when you hear "Life is Like a Butterfly," revisit the movie "Coat of Many Colors" or enjoy the many facets of Dollywood. Read your little child an Imagination Library Book in her honor and tell your little ones how she always tried to spread sunshine and that now she's earned her reward in Heaven. RIP Mrs. Dolly. You will be greatly missed.

City of Shelbyville busy acquiring local parcels

Two recent purchases by the City of Shelbyville came from the Shelbyville Water Board and Bedford County. The City of Shelbyville took title to three properties on July 30, according to Bedford County property records. All three sit in the same control-map block near the center of the city. The Shelbyville Water Board conveyed a parcel on Cannon Boulevard, classified as city property and appraised at \$449,400, at Book

406, Page 714. Bedford County conveyed a parcel on W. Holland Street carrying a 1996 building, classified as county property and appraised at \$315,200, at Book 406, Page 720. The assessor left the instrument type uncoded on both. The third was a purchase. The city paid \$32,000 for 209 Depot St., a 1940 commercial building of 2,666 square feet appraised at \$317,500, bought from Marsha Lynn Crowell at Book 406, Page 901. The assessor

coded that sale as non-arm's-length, meaning the price should not be read as market value. Together the three parcels carry \$1,082,100 in appraised value. Two of the three transfers are between public bodies — the water board and the county. The records do not state a purpose for either. The Depot Street purchase is different in kind: it moves a privately owned building into city hands at a fraction of its appraised value.

Separately, a Spring Street parcel classified as city property appears twice in the month's filings: a July 10 quitclaim recording \$25,000 and a July 23 warranty deed recording \$12,303, the latter coded as an estate sale. Both are appraised at \$37,500. Property transfers are a matter of public record. Prices reflect the consideration stated on the recorded instrument and may not represent full market value. City Manager Scott

Collins told the T-G recently that all of the above purchases have been approved by City Council as part of the right-of-way process for the TDOT TAP grant for the Riverwalk and River Overlook projects. The Riverview/Overlook projects are intended as an entertainment route and venue for the community, coming from the Duck River area across the public square. Shelbyville City Council minutes from June 29, 2026, reflect

from staff the approval of three right-of-way acquisitions needed to finish the river overlook and Greenway trail project. Staff summarized the parcels and costs: the purchase from Marshall Lynn Crow \$32,000; the Tate/Binkley property required two transactions — \$12,303 for one portion and \$25,000 for the remainder — for a total of \$37,303 for that parcel. While the City has intentions of purchasing the US Bank Building on the public square, this purchase approval has been delayed, as of last Council meeting, due to on-going questions about the condition of the property.

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ic policies and show "no concern" on all financial metrics in the Comptroller's policy and metrics documents. Application: Due one month after the annual audit filing; submitted as a single email to LGF@cot.tn.gov. Note: This is an application-based award, not an automatic annual ranking.



Outgoing Commissioners and Mayor Chad Graham held their last financial management meeting on Tuesday. From left, Tony Smith, Janice Brothers, Mayor Graham, Linda Yockey and Scott Johnson. Following a light agenda, Graham said before the meeting was adjourned that the County has received for the 17th consecutive year a ranking of "excellence" from the state Comptroller's Office for financial management reporting.

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Zelophehed's Daughters' Inheritance Numbers 27

Zelophehed, of the tribe of Manasseh, died and his five daughters came before Moses, Eleazar the priest, the leaders and the whole assembly. They reported that their father had died and left no sons and asked why his name should disappear from his clan just because he had no son. They requested that they be given property among their fathers relatives.

Moses presented the situation to the Lord and expressed his belief that the girls were right in their thinking.

The Lord instructed Moses to write it down as a legal requirement that, "If a man dies and leaves no son, turn his inheritance over to his daughter. If he has no daughter, give his inheritance to his brothers. If he has no brothers, give his inheritance to his father's brothers. If his father had no brothers, give his inheritance to the nearest relative in his clan, that he may possess it. This is to be a legal requirement for the Israelites, as the LORD commanded Moses."



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Obituaries

Nancy Estelle Yarbrough

Nancy Estelle Yarbrough, age 86, of Murfreesboro, TN., died Friday August 21, 2026.

Murfreesboro Funeral Home will host a visitation with the family on August 24, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, with the service beginning at 1:00 PM. Following the memorial service, there will be a graveside service at Simpson Cemetery in Rover, TN. There will be a post graveside service lunch for the family at Rover Baptist Church.

Nancy is survived by her son David (Tracy) Yarbrough and granddaughters Maeve and Mairin Yarbrough.

Nancy was born June 25, 1940, to Asa and Mary Maxwell in Unionville, TN. She grew up there and was a 1957 graduate of Community High School. She and her parents were mainstays of Longview Baptist Church and those years were the formation of a faith that lasted throughout her life.

Nancy began her career at Empire Pencil Company after graduating from high school. She worked in the accounting department for forty-four years, surviving several mergers and name changes. She also proudly served on the board of directors for Heritage South Credit Union (then EPCO) for several years and was on the audit committee during that time. She also worked there, part time in retirement, mainly because she loved the people so much.



She married Jim Yarbrough in 1970, and they had one son, David, who she taxied to countless sports practices and games even though it meant going back to work after dropping him off to finish her day. Nancy lived for her family and loved every moment spent with them, particularly with her granddaughters.

Nancy was a fifty plus year member of Edgemont Baptist Church in Shelbyville and was the pianist there for several decades. Edgemont was where she practiced her faith and the center of her social circle. She was there every Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday evening for services, classes, meetings, potlucks, or any other good reason to gather together people of faith.

In lieu of flowers or donations, it is the family's wish for friends to honor Nancy's kindness and compassion for others by doing something kind for someone they encounter over the next few days. Something that is not expected or necessary. Then smile and think of Nancy.

Murfreesboro Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Christopher Neil Shelton

Christopher Neil "Pookie" Shelton, 43, of Shelbyville, died August 20, 2026, after an extended illness.

Funeral Services will be held 2:00 P.M. Friday, August 28th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home with the

Rev. Luke Begley officiating. Burial will follow at Houston Whitworth Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 12:00 P.M.

He was born January 14, 1983, in Nashville, TN. He was a former Parts Sales Specialist for Newton Chevrolet GMC and a member of Community Fellowship of Chapel Hill, TN.

He is survived by his parents, Richard Dugger and Brenda Darnell Dugger of Shelbyville;



his children, Christopher Neil Shelton Jr. and Ivory Grace Shelton of Shelbyville; his fiancée, Virginia Ann Davis of Shelbyville; brothers, Brian Keith McCormick (Sherry Graham) of Peoria, Arizona, John Michael McCormick of Panama City Beach, Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, David Wayne McCormick.

Hillcrest Funeral Home in Shelbyville is in charge of arrangements.

David Kinzel Sellars Jr.

David Kinzel Sellars Jr., passed away at Marshall Medical Center after experiencing a medical emergency at his home on August 18, 2026.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, August 29, 2026 at 11:00 AM at Bills-McGaugh & Hamilton Funeral home. The family will visit with friends on Saturday from 10:00 AM until the service time.

He was born on July 1, 1960, to Pat Atkinson and the late David Kinzel Sellars Sr., in Atlanta, Georgia. Growing up, Pat had her hands full with Deke and his younger brother, Kevin. When Deke was a senior in high school, he applied for a job at the Doraville GM plant in Doraville, Georgia. He spent the next 30 years working for GM and retired in 2009.

In 1986, Deke met his first wife and the mother of his children, Susan Elaine Sellars. In 1992, they relocated to Lewisburg, Tennessee, so that Deke could take a job at the Saturn plant in Spring Hill. Susan and Deke were married for 34 years, until Susan's untimely passing in 2020 from Pancreatic Cancer.

But, life has a funny way of bringing people together. In June 2022, Deke married Cindy Neese Sellars in a small ceremony in their backyard. Over the last few years, it's been clear that Cindy was sent by Susan to take care of Deke.

Deke is survived by his wife, Cindy; daughter, Patty Sellars; son,



Trey Sellars; brother, Kevin Sellars; and his mother, Pat Atkinson.

Deke was a car guy, but specifically, only those with a bow tie. But don't let him fool you, he had a few Fords on his list that he would have owned. Deke was clever, smart, and loving. He was a sucker for animals that 'showed up' and the best Daddy to his two kids. He loved Georgia Bulldogs football, and cringed a little when his son went off to be a UT Vol, but he was a proud Dad nonetheless.

For the last 28 years, Deke's primary battle was with his heart. In 1998, he had his first heart attack at 38 years old and wasn't expected to live many more years after that. But through diligent care from medical providers, and strict guidelines implemented by Susan and later on by Patty, he beat the odds.

We will miss his humor, his snarky comments, his gloating, and hearing I told you so. But most of all we will miss his unconditional love and willingness to move heaven and earth for the people he loved.

And for good measure, we have to include a Go Dawgs!

Bills-McGaugh & Hamilton Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements.

Abraham Boykin

Abraham Boykin, born at home on November 20, 1931, in Edmund, South Carolina, to the late Dewey and Amy Boykin, lived a life marked by love, service, faith, and devotion to his family.

After graduating from Lakeview High School in West Columbia, South Carolina, Abraham proudly served in the United States Air Force, where he became a Loadmaster Sergeant. He dedicated 20+ years to the Air Force and Air Force Reserves. Following his military service, he worked for the United States Postal Service and later became Postmaster of the Nashville Post Office.

Abraham was a devoted husband to his beloved wife, Cladie Mae Boykin, and together they raised four beautiful daughters. He was a faithful member of Brandon Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dewey and Amy Boykin; his wife, Cladie Mae Boykin; his daughter, Paula Kay Boykin; his great-grandson, Christopher McClean; his sister, Eva Mae Tucker; and his brother, Joseph Boykin.

He leaves to cherish his memory his daughters, Pam (Bruce) Martin, Jan (Jimmie) Young, and Stephanie Boykin; his brother, Bobby (Elizabeth) Boykin; granddaughter, Kimberly (Tony) Thompson; grandsons,



Paul Boykin, Sheldon (Barbara) Young, and Stephen (Rachel) Young; great-grandchildren, Jakori (Lashonda) Boykin, Myles, Brandon and Kobe Thompson, Kylan, Amari and Jakari Boykin, Tyler, Gavin and Gianna Young; and great-great-grandchildren, I'yanah Bush, Kaison, Kali, Nyla Tidwell, Emmori, and Rayna Boykin.

He is also lovingly remembered by his brother-in-law, Joe Gordon; his wonderful neighbor, Mr. Tony Helton; his bonus granddaughter, Jenee Crump; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, friends, and loved ones.

Abraham's life was a beautiful testament to love, strength, faith, and dedication. Though he will be deeply missed, his memory will continue to live on through the family he loved so dearly and the many lives he touched.

Rest peacefully, Abraham. Your work here is done, but your love and legacy will live on forever.

Arrangements entrusted to Feldhaus-Gowen-Smith Chapel.

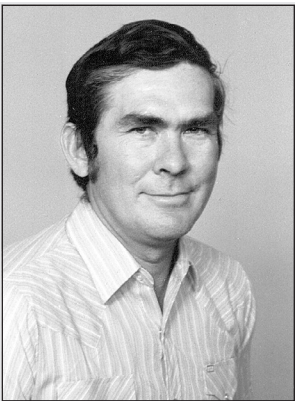
Maurice David Bowling

Maurice David Bowling, 77, of Shelbyville, died August 22, 2026.

Funeral services will be held 3:00 P.M. Thursday, August 27th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home with the Rev. Loyd Warren officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin at 1:30 P.M.

He was born May 6, 1949, in Bedford County, to the late Benjamin "Bennie" Bowling and Eliza Ann Nowlin Bowling. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two daughters, Melissa Lucille Bowling and Judy Ann Bowling; a brother, Richard Bowling; and a sister, Gail Bowling.

Maurice is survived by his wife of 58 years, Carolyn Jernigan Bowling; daughter, Desiree Bowling; sisters, Barbara Tedder, Louise (Ronnie) Bivvins; and



a brother, Dennis Bowling, all of Shelbyville.

He graduated from Shelbyville Central High School in 1967. Maurice served in the United States Navy Reserve; he helped start the W.B.T.S. Volunteer Fire Department and served on the Bedford County Utility Board. He was a retired truck driver for Roadway Express, a farmer and a member of Victory Baptist Church of Shelbyville.

Hillcrest Funeral Home in Shelbyville is in charge of arrangements.

Dr. Sue Welch Johnson

Dr. Sue Welch Johnson passed away on August 17, 2026, in Birmingham, Alabama, at age 97.

Sue was born in Savannah, Tennessee, on January 4, 1929, the daughter of Julian Kenneth Welch and Adelaide Sevier Welch. She married Alsey Mann Johnson in 1954, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by her daughters, Jane Sevier and Julia Claiborne Johnson; her son John Mann Johnson; and her grandchildren, Anna Richardson, Dr. John Lucien Johnson, Charlotte Benedict, William Marcil, and Mary Davis Marcil; and two great grandchildren, Eliza Lori Johnson and John West Richardson.

Dr. Sue graduated from Hardin County High School in 1947, and attended the University of Tennessee. She graduated from the University of Tennessee School of Medicine in 1952, where she was one of only two women in



her class. She practiced medicine in Brownsville, Tennessee, and later in Shelbyville, Tennessee. She was a dedicated physician beloved by her patients, friends, and family.

Her funeral will be held on October 17, at 2:00 P.M., at Tabernacle Cemetery in Brownsville, Tennessee. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be sent to the Tabernacle Kinfolks Association c/o Suzanna Martinez, 770 Ross Road, Brownsville, TN 38012.

Southern Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

CHURCH NEWS

WELCOME HORSE SHOW VISITORS!

First United Methodist Church of Shelbyville invites Celebration visitors to a special worship service - Celebration Sunday-on Aug. 30.

“We will acknowledge the importance of the Celebration and its many participants connected to our church.”

Pastor Abe Zimmerman will preach “When God Sends a Horse” from 2 Kings 2:1-14.

“Let us immerse ourselves in this spectacular story and see what God is still saying through it today.”

Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 a.m., followed by the worship service at 10 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church are available during worship. For those unable to attend in person, FUMC-S offers a livestream on Facebook and YouTube and a broadcast on WLIJ 98.7 FM and AM 1580.

After service, you are invited to a free and fully catered meal in the fellowship hall.

Death Notices

Virginia Sue Harwell

Virginia Sue Harwell, age 85, of Shelbyville, formerly of Lewisburg, passed away August 23, 2026. Sue was born February 23, 1941, to the late Edmond Rice Phifer and Mildred Cathy Davis Phifer in Farmington. Services in care of Lawrence Funeral Home 203 S. Horton Pkwy Chapel Hill.

Michael Andrew Jarrell

Michael Andrew Jarrell, age 56, of the Rover community, passed away on August 22, 2026. He was born in Shelbyville to the late Enoch Ensley Jarrell, Sr. and Nancy Ann Sanders Jarrell, who survives. Lawrence Funeral Chapel in Chapel Hill is in charge of services.

Monica Renee Cushion

Monica Renee Cushion, age 46, of Chapel Hill, died August 18, 2026. Survivors include her parents, Rick and Laura Cushion of Chapel Hill; daughters, Alexis Cushion of Chapel Hill and Breeana Dyer of Shelbyville; and son, Ryan Dyer of Murfreesboro. Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill is in charge of services.

CLUES ACROSS

1) Glitterati

6) Kerplunk

10) Starter for “chute” or “sail”

14) Elizabeth of cosmetics

15) “Tomb Raider” superhero

16) Ear-related

17) Law of the jungle

20) Come to understand

21) They may be black-eyed

22) Churchill successor

23) Smoke detectors

25) Single and double, e.g.

26) Pressing letters

28) Kingly trappings

32) Natalie and the old king

34) Large-scale

35) Word with “date” or “process”

38) Halloween tradition

42) Memb. of

Congress

43) Machu Picchu resident

44) Lady vampire

45) Forms mental pictures

48) No longer working (Abbr.)

49) Await

51) Ancient Roman calendar day

53) Heart up one’s sleeve?

55) Source of trouble

56) However briefly?

59) Using any means

62) Descried

63) Capital of Cambodia?

64) 38th parallel peninsula

65) A Dumas

66) Captain’s heading

67) Run down

CLUES DOWN

1) Be bratty with

2) Like a

sharpshooter’s aim

3) Trademark name for a honnone

4) Gun an engine

5) Cuts

6) “The magic word”

7) Ho Chi Minh Trail nation

8) Bobby of hockey

9) Smurf elder

10) Shakespearean heroine

11) To one side

12) Ascends

13) Head woe

18) Make a sharp tum

19) Practicing moral values

24) Famous cartel initials

26) Takes the bull by the horns

27) Still aching

29) Determine

30) Tax time (Abbr.)

31) It’s not to be believed

33) Old word after “23”

35) Five-and- I 0

GETTING CHOOSY

By Kenneth Holt

36) Motel room

37) Euphemistic sound of shock

39) It contains four quarters

40) Company whose mascot was Nipper

41) Scale adjustment

45) Chant in an unvarying voice

46) Make possible

47) NC competitor

49) Check entry

50) Upper atmosphere

52) Scrawny chicken parts

53) 1/2 fl. oz.

54) Stew ingredient

55) Fonda’s role in “Klute”

57) Freed of weeds

58) In decent shape

60) Dressing ingredient

61) Lobster eggs

Sudoku

Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9.
If you use logic, you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.
Need a little help? The answers are below.

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GETTING CHOOSY

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NOVICE

IN THE CIRCUIT 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
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EASY

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:
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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated November 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

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

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, ENERBANKUSA

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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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.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Deed of Trust. This property is being sold "as is." Additionally, no representation as to the condition of any structure(s) thereon or the accuracy of the above legal description is being or has been made. Transfer taxes and recording fees are the responsibility of the purchaser.

The following individuals or entities have an interest in the above-described property: Penelope Tyree, Tenants and/or Occupants of 700 Thompson Creek Rd., Shelbyville, TN 37160, Spouse of Penelope Tyree, Administrator, Estate of Penelope Tyree - Deceased, Unknown Heirs at Law of Penelope Tyree, Shelley Ellison Tyree, Spouse of Shelley Ellison Tyree, President, SunTrust Bank, President, Time Investment Company Inc..

DATED this 11th day of August, 2026.
James H. Swindle, Jr.
TN Bar No. 038244
MICKEL LAW FIRM, P.A., SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
1501 NORTH UNIVERSITY, SUITE 764 LITTLE ROCK
ARKANSAS 72207-5238
PHONE: 888-217-5535
FAX: (501) 664-0631
File No. 110394-1
INSERTION DATES:
08/20/2026; 08/27/2026
This sale can be viewed at www.trustee-foreclosuresalesonline.com

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated October 8, 2024, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded October 24, 2024, in Book No. TD1134, at Page 26, in Office of the Register of Deeds for Bedford County, Tennessee, executed by Charles W Slover, Sr and Janet F Slover, conveying certain property therein described to Milestone Settlement, LLC as Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Village Capital & Investment LLC, its successors and assigns; and the undersigned, Foundation Legal Group, LLP fka Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee by VILLAGE CAPITAL & INVESTMENT LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable; and that an agent of Foundation Legal Group, LLP fka Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., as Successor Trustee, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon said Successor Trustee, by VILLAGE CAPITAL & INVESTMENT LLC, will, on September 17, 2026 on or about 12:00 PM, at the At the main entrance to the Bedford County Courthouse 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, offer for sale certain property hereinafter described to the highest bidder FOR certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee. The sale is free from all redemptions, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

Land in bedford county, tennessee, being lot no, 59 on the plan of final Plat pepper hill estates, section 2 of record in plat cabinet b, envelope 211, in the register's office for bedford county, tennessee, to which Plan reference is hereby made for a more complete description of the property.

ALSO KNOWN AS: 451 Davis Lane, Bell Buckle, TN 37020
This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property:

CHARLES W SLOVER, SR
JANET F SLOVER
ESTATE OF JANET SLOVER HEIR(S) OF JANET SLOVER

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. In the event of inclement weather, the trustee hereby announces that the sale will be postponed and that notices of said postponement for inclement weather will be mailed to interested parties of record. As of July 1, 2025, notices pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated §35-5-101 et seq. are posted online at www.internetpostings.com by a third-party internet posting company. FLG No. 367036

DATED August 17, 2026
Foundation Legal Group, LLP fka WILSON & ASSOCIATES, P.L.L.C., Successor Trustee (8272tc)

Bedford County
property transfers

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

File date: August 18

Seller, Margie Ann Hager; Buyer, Margie Ann Hager Revocable Family Trust; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: 308 Carney St; Seller, Ines Aparicio Santiago, Steven Lee Jorgenson; Buyer, Nathan Clyde Cole, Calie Paige Cole; Price, \$260,000 (Deed).

Location: Mullins Chapel Rd; Seller, Demetra Pulley, Ell T Biggers Estate; Buyer, Raymond Garcia; Price, \$85,800 (Deed).

File date: August 19

Location: Lazy Branch Rd; Seller, Billy Mark Gordon, Robert Allen Gordon, Elizabeth G Floyd; Buyer, Macey Marie Robinson; Price, \$275,000 (Deed).

Location: 2338 Highway 82 S; Seller, Joseph Lee Potts; Buyer, Todd Moore Buice, Maria Buice; Price, \$437,900 (Deed).

Seller, Ann T Farrar; Buyer, James William Jefferson Farrar Sr, Amy Jenkins Farrar; Price, \$166,500 (Deed).

Location: 222 East Cedar St; Seller, CClara Ruth Lanier; Buyer, James E Farrar Sr; Price, \$80,000 (Deed).

File date: August 20

Location: 579 Lower Halls Mill Rd; Seller, J & M Development LLC; Buyer, Michelle Martin, Timothy Caine Martin; Price, \$749,000 (Deed).

Location: 525 Airport Rd; Seller, Brooke Ashley Way Atherton, Brooke Way; Buyer, Brooke Ashley Way Atherton, Marshall Colten Atherton; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: 719 Warner Bridge Rd; Seller, Kyle Malone, Jordan Malone; Buyer, Wanda Woodlee; Price, \$285,900 (Deed).

Seller, Victor Hugo Ramirez Rodriguez; Buyer, Victor Hugo Ramirez Rodriguez, Panfilo Ramirez Rodriguez, Gustavo Ramirez Rodriguez; Price, \$0 (QD).

File date: August 21
Location: 213 Republic St; Seller, Daniel Souviron, Reathia Esther Boyce Estate; Buyer, Daniel Souviron; Price, \$0 (QD).

Seller, HP Realty Co LLC; Buyer, Bedford County Tennessee; Price, \$0 (Deed).

Location: 2519 Midland Rd; Seller, Renasant Bank; Buyer, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Price, \$0 (Deed).

Location: 101 Chevrolet Ct; Seller, Marinosci Law Group, Terrance Lyons, Susan Lyons; Buyer, James Farrar; Price, \$227,000 (TRD).

Seller, R M Bobby Potts, Janet Potts, Bobby Potts, R M Potts; Buyer, Blake Grubbs, Karlie Grubbs; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: 380 Potts Rd; Seller, Blake Grubbs, Karlie Grubbs, Blake Russell Grubbs; Buyer, Logan Chase Adcock, Morgan Jo Adcock; Price, \$130,000 (Deed).

File date: August 24

Location: 122 Raven Court; Seller, Garrett Hall Slocum, Erica Lynn Slocum; Buyer, Evelyn Harper, Kevin Ross Harper, Harper Living Trust; Price, \$335,000 (Deed).

Location: 122 Coble Rd; Seller, Gina Marie Neal; Buyer, Gina Marie Neal; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: Paschal Rd; Seller, James Gregory Crowell Jr, Douglas E Crowell, James Christopher Crowell; Buyer, Carl Brenton Stacy, Betty Perrell Stacy; Price, \$315,000 (Deed).

Location: Billy Darrell Road; Seller, Billy Harold Smith Jr, Etta Marie Smith; Buyer, Cannon Lamb, Savannah Lamb; Price, \$144,000 (Deed).

Seller, HP Realty Co LLC; Buyer, Tory Mayo Homes LLC; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: Anthony Branch Rd; Seller, Sherry Watkins, Sherry Anderson; Buyer, Casey Guffy; Price, \$0 (QD).
Seller, Jordan Leverette; Buyer, Jordan Leverette, Camryn Leverette; Price, \$0 (Deed).

Seller, Betty Jo Dickson, Ronald E Dickson; Buyer, David Lodge, Amy Lodge; Price, \$0 (QD).

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

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COURT IS IN SESSION

The Criminal Justice Program at Community High School recently added a fully functional courtroom to its program. Students within the program will gain real world knowledge and experience by conducting preliminary hearings, grand jury and criminal trials. Chris Hobbs is instructor. Shown with him are vice-president Hadley Martin and president Noah Land.



A CHERISHED MOMENT WITH DOLLY

Submitted Photo
Julie Smith of Bell Buckle cherishes this photo she had taken with Dolly Parton a few years ago. She says that thanks to a wonderful family she knows, she was able to meet this grand lady. Did she get a hug from Dolly? You bet. Julie says it's a day she will never forget.



PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Town of Bell Buckle will be conducting a PUBLIC MEETING on Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. local time at the Town Hall to provide information about the Town's Application of Proposed Project: **Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project Requested State Revolving Fund Loan with Partial Principal Forgiveness in the amount of \$975,000 (with \$249,990 in Principal Forgiveness)**
The current rate structure is found to be sufficient by the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Agency, this loan will not affect customer fees.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Shelbyville Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on 09/01/2026 for the rescheduled regular meeting at 5:00 PM, 100 N. Cannon Blvd., Shelbyville, TN. in City Council Chambers. Call City Hall with questions 931-684-9001.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

1. Call to Order;
2. Roll Call;
3. Approval of Agenda;
4. Approval of Minutes from BZA Meeting of March 19, 2026;
5. Constituents' Comments;
6. OLD BUSINESS - NONE;
7. NEW BUSINESS;

A. VARIANCE. 305 GRAYDON ST. (TAX MAP 100E GROUP A PARCEL 069.00). ROGER, KAREN, AND RENE NELSON, owners, requesting a variance of the strict application of Shelbyville Municipal Zoning Ordinance Art. V, Sec. 5.4.1(C), rear yard setback on 0.398 ac. parcel currently zoned R-2, Medium Low Density Residential, to construct an accessory structure.

B. VARIANCE. 1501 E. DEPOT ST. (TAX MAP 089 PARCEL 017.000). RAY AND STACY BROWN, owners, requesting a variance of the strict application of Shelbyville Municipal Zoning Ordinance Art. VI, Sec. 6.4(N)(5), requiring 70ft building setback for Automotive/Vehicular Sales and Services land use on 2.25 ac. parcel currently zoned C-2, General Business, to redevelop parcel as vehicle sales lot and convert existing single family residence to an office use.

8. OTHER BUSINESS- None;

9. Adjourn.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Fairview Board of Mayor and Aldermen will hold a Public Hearing on the following Resolutions concerning Annexation of property located at 620 Knob Creek Road. The Public Hearing will be held on Monday 21, of September 2026, at Wartrace Town Hall, 29 Main St., E. Wartrace, TN at 5:30 PM. Anyone wishing to view the proposed Annexation Resolutions may do so during normal business hours at Town Hall, 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM except on Wednesday, which is 7:30am to 12:00pm.

A RESOLUTION TO ANNEX CERTAIN TERRITORY UPON WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE OWNERS AND TO INCORPORATE THE SAME WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF WARTRACE, TENNESSEE. THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 620 KNOB CREEK ROAD REFERENCED ON BEDFORD COUNTY TAX MAP 72 PARCEL 028.00 AND OWNED BY DANIEL AND LAURA ROODE. A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PLAN OF SERVICES FOR AN AREA PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION OF THE TERRITORY LOCATED AT 620 KNOB CREEK ROAD REFERENCED ON BEDFORD COUNTY TAX MAP 072 PARCEL 028.00 TO BE ANNEXED BY OWNER CONSENT AND TO BE INCORPORATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF WARTRACE, TENNESSEE.

a. Police - Patrolling, radio response to calls, and other routine police services, using present personnel and equipment, will be provided on the effective date of annexation.

b. Fire - Fire protection by the present personnel and equipment of the Town of Wartrace Volunteer Fire Department, within the limitations of available water and distances from fire stations, will be provided on the effective date of annexation.

c. Water - Water Service is provided by Wartrace Waterworks and Sewer System in accordance with their established policy and procedures. The Wartrace Waterworks and Sewer System indicates that the property is currently tapped onto the six (6) inch water located along Knob Creek Road. If any development is proposed on this property in the future that will require on-site water infrastructure improvements and potentially off-site water infrastructure improvements, the owner/developer will be responsible for all improvements.

d. Sanitary Sewer Service is provided by the Wartrace Waterworks and Sewer System, in accordance with their established policy and procedures. The Wartrace Waterworks and Sewer System indicates that sewer service is currently not available for this property due to there are no sewer mains within this area of Knob Creek Road. The closest sewer line is located to the north along McKinley Street. If any development is proposed on this property in the future that will require on-site and off-site sewer infrastructure improvements, the owner/developer will be responsible for all necessary improvements.

e. Refuse Collection - Private haulers or the county convenience center will handle refuse collection in the

annexed area.

f. Streets - 1. The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), under the standards currently prevailing by the State of Tennessee, will serve the State Controlled Roadways in the annexed area. The Town of Wartrace, Tennessee, under the standards currently prevailing in the town, will serve the Town Controlled Streets in the annexed area. 2. Traffic signals, traffic signs, street markings, and other traffic control devices will be installed as the need is established by appropriate study and traffic standards.

g. Schools - The annexed area will be served by the Bedford County School system that serves the entire Town of Wartrace, Tennessee.

h. Inspection Services - Any inspection services provided by the Town will begin in the annexed area on the effective date of annexation.

i. Planning and Zoning - The planning and zoning jurisdiction of the Town will extend to the annexed area on the effective date of annexation. City Planning will thereafter encompass the annexed area.

j. Public Works - Services provided by the Public Works department will be extended to the annexed area on the effective date of annexation.

k. Recreation - Residents of the annexed area may use all Town parks on and after the effective date of annexation.

l. Miscellaneous - Any other service(s) not classified under the foregoing headings will be in accordance with the standards prevailing in the Town of Wartrace, Tennessee.

Both the Annexation Resolution and the Plan of Services Resolution will be posted at Wartrace Town Hall, Wartrace Post Office, and the Wartrace Community Center.

Tyra Haight, Town Recorder



Lady Champs Outlast Viqueens in Feisty ‘Battle of Bedford’

BY NOAH MADDOX
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UNIONVILLE, Tenn. – Coming off of a perfect weekend at the Smoky Mountain Cup in Gatlinburg, the Cascade Lady Champions (5-0-0, 2-0-0) picked up their fifth-consecutive win to open the season in the ‘Battle of Bedford’ at Community (0-1, 0-1) on Tuesday night, 3-1.

Lexi Comstock’s solo goal preceded a brace from Marisa Gulick for Cascade while the Viqueens’ lone goal in their season opener came from Sara Flannagan in the second half.

“I think that what we worked on all weekend in Gatlinburg was making the extra pass, finding the extra person, and I think it showed up tonight,” Lady Champions’ Head

Coach Wendy Williams said postgame, “They [Community] dropped their line pretty deep to keep us from finding our through balls, but the girls always find a way.”

The only time the Viqueens left their defensive line high, Comstock punished them for it. In the ninth minute, the Lady Champions’ star forward received the ball near midfield, turned, and found acres of space to run past the Community backline, using her pace to beat every defender to the box and calmly slot home her 14th goal of the young season into the bottom-left corner to take a 1-0 lead.

However, over the next 20 minutes or so, the Viqueens quickly grew into the game. Despite losing all three matchups to Cascade in 2025, Community found con-



Cascade’s Marisa Gulick (5) scored a brace in Tuesday’s two-goal win at Community. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*



Community’s Sara Flanagan (21) scored the Viqueens lone goal of the game in the 52nd minute. It was the first goal conceded by Cascade in five games this season. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

fidence in upping the physicality, disrupting the passing and moving that the visitors were attempting to accomplish.

That is, until the 32nd minute when Gulick found space just inside the 18-yard box, unleashing a lofted attempt at goal that seemed to float over the goalkeeper’s outstretched arms into the top left corner to double the Lady Champions’ lead to 2-0 heading into halftime.

Despite the two-goal deficit, Community opened the second half strong, pushing forward and putting pressure on the Cascade goal before finally breaking through in the 52nd minute. Sara Flannagan powered her way into the box before calmly passing the ball into the bottom-left corner to trim the visitors’

lead in half, 2-1. This was the first goal Cascade had conceded all season.

“I was proud of them because they didn’t lose their composure,” Williams said about her team following the Viqueens’ trimming the lead to just one goal, “They didn’t get down after Community scored, they just came back and answered it with a goal to get us a two-goal lead. I guess the fear is always that the momentum shifts when someone scores, but our girls answered back and held strong.”

Adalyn Nelms nearly got the goal back for Cascade in the 63rd minute, but her shot nicked the crossbar on its way over the Community goal. The Viqueens turned the pressure back up in attack over the

next five minutes in response, earning a corner in the 70th minute before being turned away by the Lady Champions’ defense.

Finally, the pivotal next goal came in the 72nd minute. After Kaylee Martin delivered a cross from the right wing into the vicinity of Nelms, the Viqueens only managed to clear the ball to the onrushing Comstock at the top of the box. Comstock calmly waited before delivering a peach of a pass to Gulick at the back post to allow the sophomore left-winger to secure her brace with a roofed shot past the keeper to retake a two-goal lead.

“That’s the kind of thing that we’ve been working on, but from our vantage point it looked like she [Lexi Comstock]

had kicked it too hard,” Williams said, “She didn’t though, and it was beautiful, and Marisa got to it.”

That final nail in the coffin took the wind out of the Viqueens’ sails, and the Lady Champions nearly scored again three minutes later, but were offside, keeping the final score at 3-1 in the first meeting between the two sides in District 9-A play.

Cascade hosts reigning District 9-A champs Chapel Hill on Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. while Community travels to The Webb School on Thursday with kickoff set for 6:00 p.m.

Cascade Dominates Cheatham County to Open 2026 Season

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ASHLAND CITY, Tenn. – The Cascade Champions (1-0, 0-0) kicked off the 2026 campaign with a wire-to-wire blowout win at Cheatham County (0-1, 0-0) on Friday night, 42-21.

Cascade took a 36-0 lead heading into halftime and never looked back. The Cubs, who kept their starters in the entire game, scored three garbage-time touchdowns in the final nine minutes of the fourth quarter to make the final score a bit more respectable.

Early on, the Champions opened the scoring with a 21-yard touchdown run from Nate Zimmerman to take an 8-0 lead with 9:38 to go in the opening period. Zimmerman finished with 110 yards rushing and three touchdowns on 17 attempts.

On the ensuing Cheatham County drive, Allan Blanton recovered a fumble, setting up a short field for the Champions that they eventually took advantage of thanks to a Zimmerman two-yard touchdown plunge with 1:31 left in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, senior quarterback Sam Bradley, who finished an efficient 17-of-22 for 232 yards and three touchdowns through the air, found Delontae Clay for a 14-yard touchdown to grow the lead to 22-0.

A few minutes later, Bradley found Clay again from 28 yards out to grow the lead to four scores before Zimmerman found paydirt from two yards out to take a 36-0 lead heading into the halftime break.

Neither team scored in the third quarter, but after the Cubs reached the end zone twice via the legs of Luke Austin and Walker Hobbs, Sam Bradley found Braxton Burris for a 13-yard

touchdown to take a 42-14 lead late in the fourth quarter.

Cheatham County tacked on one final touchdown to reach the final score of 42-21.

Cheatham County ran for 300 yards on the ground as a team, led by Hobbs 129 yards on 19 carries as well as Austin’s 110 yards on 17 attempts. However, Cascade limited Austin to just 2-for-6 passing for 19 yards and one interception through the air.

For Cascade, Lendon Gordon caught six balls for 72 yards, Burris hauled in five receptions for 54 yards and one touchdown, and Clay finished with three catches for 92 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Champions.

Cascade improves to 1-0 on the season, and are set to host rival Moore County on Friday night at 7:00 p.m. in the 2026 home opener.



Cascade’s Sam Bradley (2) led Cascade to a commanding 36-0 first half lead on Friday, finishing 17/22 for 232 yards passing and 3 TDs. *Photo courtesy of David Smith.*

Golden Eagles Use Late-Game Heroics to Take Down Tullahoma in ‘Battle of Highway 41-A’

BY NOAH MADDOX
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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. — Trailing 7-0 with two minutes to go and facing a 4th-and-7 at the Tullahoma 25-yard line, Shelbyville Central (1-0, 0-0) looked to be one play away from being shut out in its season opener. Instead, sophomore quarterback Cyonn Rucker dropped back, uncorked a beautiful touch pass down the left sideline, hitting Jackson Themm perfectly in stride to give the Golden Eagles a second wind heading into overtime, before Themm eventually kicked the game-winning field goal to secure a 13-10 win in 2OT.

Rucker, who finished 6-for-23 through the air for 73 yards and a touchdown for the game, orchestrated a masterful late-stage scoring drive that took 5:01 off the clock by going 4-of-9 for 58 yards and capping it off with the 25-yard touchdown

bowed up in the first extra frame to force a field goal. Tullahoma (0-1, 0-0) got the ball to start the second overtime, and on second-and-goal from the seven-yard line, Wildcats’ quarterback Patrick Riddle attempted to scramble, but fumbled the football into the clutches of a Golden Eagle defender.

Shelbyville Central got all the way down to the one-yard line, but they had to settle for a 21-yard field goal to try and walk off the Wildcats. Themm, who is also the Golden Eagles’ starting middle linebacker, calmly stepped up and knocked it through to complete the comeback rivalry win.

“Watching Jackson [Themm] kick the [earlier] PAT, we thought, might as well,” Dryden said, “He hadn’t gotten many reps kicking in practice [despite kicking for much of last season].”

Thanks to his overall performance, Themm was awarded the team hammer postgame.

“Part of what



Shelbyville Central's Cyonn Rucker (14) drops back to pass in Friday's win against Tullahoma. The sophomore quarterback went 6-of-23 for 73 yards and one touchdown as well as rushing for 23 yards on three carries in his second-career start. Photo courtesy of Amy Todd.

pass to his tight end, Jackson Themm, with 1:49 remaining in the final frame. Themm was also the recipient of all four completions on the game-tying drive.

“Everything is worked on in practice, and it gets dialed up as needed in a game,” Golden Eagles’ Head Coach Jud Dryden said postgame, “You can go back across all kinds of games that we’ve had where plays get made that we work on in practice. The big thing there is that the guys believe because of the practice reps we take under stress, and it helps us even when we have young guys out there.”

Neither team scored again before overtime, and both defenses

we talk about in the program is having the intensity of focus that is hammer-like,” said Dryden, “In order to drive a nail hard, you have to hit it directly and with a ton of force. That takes focus and intensity.”

Early on, the Golden Eagles were able to drive the length of the field on the backs of a strong running game and reach the red zone on two first-half possessions, but ultimately came away with zero points. The second drive saw Shelbyville Central take 15 plays to run 6:17 off the clock, but the Golden Eagles were stuffed on back-to-back running plays from the Tullahoma one-yard line with 1:41 left before half-time.



Shelbyville Central's Jackson Themm (5) hauls in the game-tying 25-yard touchdown in the win over Tullahoma on Friday. Themm finished with four receptions for 58 yards and the one score, all coming on the monumental scoring drive. Themm also kicked both field goals in overtime. Photo courtesy of Amy Todd.

To make matters worse, this came after Tullahoma had put together a nearly six-minute touchdown drive of their own, capped off with a 17-yard touchdown pass from Riddle to Landin Johnson with 8:04 to go in the first half. Riddle finished 14/27 with 167 yards passing and the one touchdown for the game.

However, despite the untimely offensive struggles, the Golden Eagles’ defense completely shut down the Wildcats run game, allowing Shelbyville Central to stay within striking distance for the entire night.

“A lot of [our defense’s] success came from controlling the run game,” Dryden said, “Controlling the running game is huge because then we can help impact the passing game by affecting the quarterback. If you don’t have to worry about one phase of the offense, then there’s only one phase left. We’ve talked a lot about inexperienced youth in the secondary, and it showed up at times, but the talent also showed up at times.”

Neither team scored in the third quarter, but Tullahoma came the closest. After forcing a three-and-out to open the third quarter, the Wildcats reached the Golden Eagles’ 18-yard line before being stopped. On 4th-and-13, Aiden Walker’s 35-yard field goal attempt was denied by the right upright, preserving the score at 7-0 with 7:17 to go in the third.

Shelbyville Central managed a pair of first downs on the ensuing drive, but eventually were forced to punt. Despite starting on their own seven-yard line, the Wildcats drove all the way inside the Golden Eagles’ 10-yard line. However, penalties

pushed Tullahoma back to the 29-yard line, and Walker’s 46-yard field goal was well short with 20 seconds to go in the third.

After both teams traded punts, the Golden Eagles got the ball at their own 17-yard line with 6:50 remaining in the fourth quarter. Rucker found Themm for 15 yards over the middle on 2nd-and-10. Long, who came in for the injured Torrior Mathis and finished with 18 carries for 62 yards on the night, picked up two yards, plus five more for a Wildcat facemask. Two plays later, on third down, Themm once again delivers, hauling in a 12-yard catch to move the chains to the Tullahoma 48-yard line.

Long ran for exactly 10 yards over the next three plays to move the sticks again before Tullahoma was drawn offside with 3:22 to go. A six-yard completion to Themm right at the marker moved the chains yet again on third down, and then after an incomplete, the Golden Eagles were facing a 3rd-and-7 before using their second timeout of the half. Rucker was unable to find an open receiver, bringing up the pivotal fourth down, but the Wildcats lost Themm in man coverage down the left sideline, and Rucker lofted a perfectly-placed pass into the waiting arms of his tight end for the game-tying 25-yard touchdown.

Despite the close

scoreline, Shelbyville Central dominated the ground game, finishing with 41 rush attempts as a team for 202 yards. Torrior Mathis, even after he was forced to leave the game early due to an injury, finished as the game’s leading rusher with 66 yards on five attempts. Treyveon Mathis went 15 for 51, and the aforementioned Long totaled 62 yards on 18 rushes.

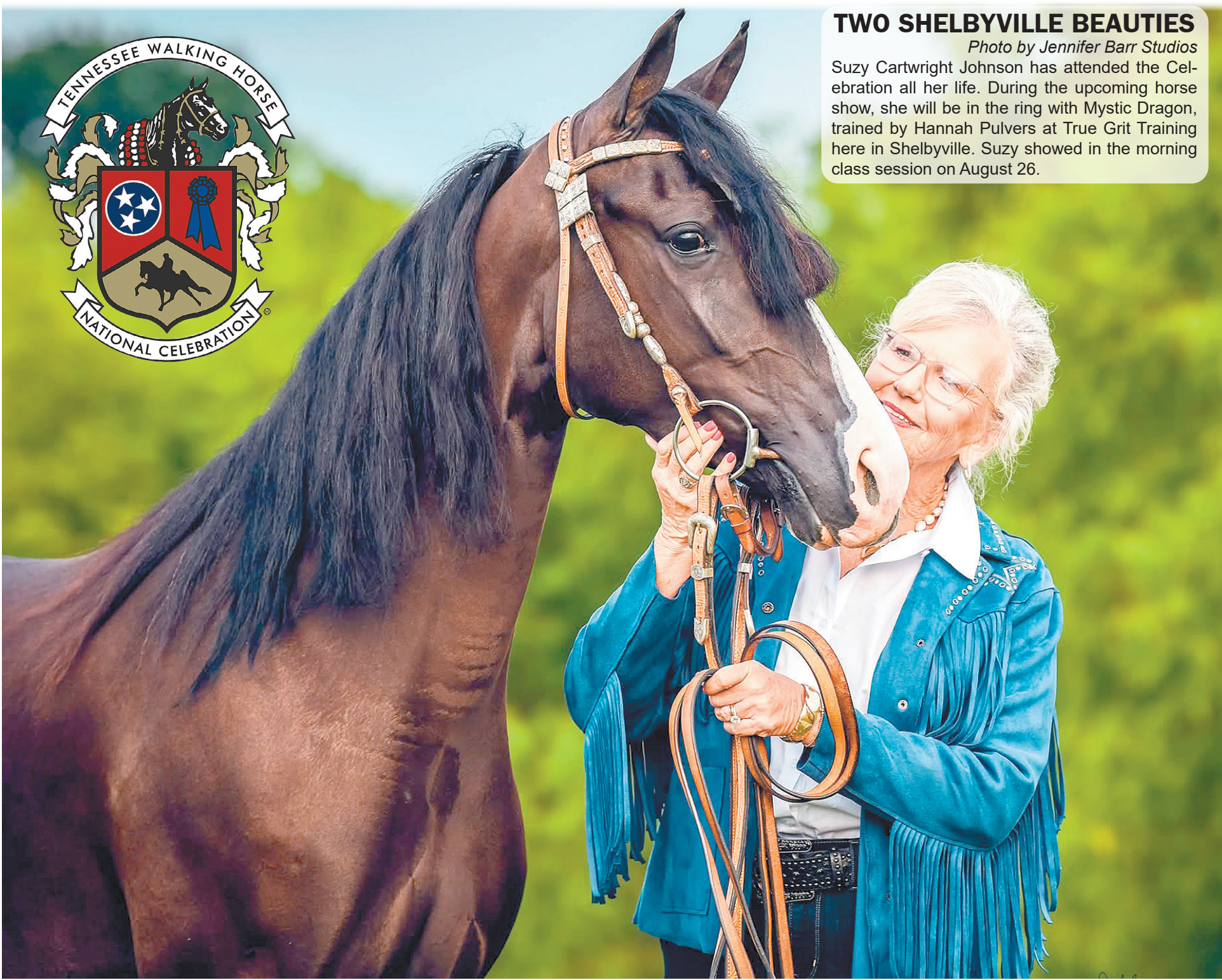
“Treyveon [Mathis] ran hard. He had a few misses where he could have popped for more, but Titan Long coming in and being a bruiser I think was huge.”

The Golden Eagles host non-region foe Marshall County on Thursday night at 7:00 p.m.



Jackson Themm (5) celebrates scoring the game-tying touchdown in Friday's win. Photo courtesy of Amy Todd.

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TWO SHELBYVILLE BEAUTIES

Photo by Jennifer Barr Studios

Suzy Cartwright Johnson has attended the Celebration all her life. During the upcoming horse show, she will be in the ring with Mystic Dragon, trained by Hannah Pulvers at True Grit Training here in Shelbyville. Suzy showed in the morning class session on August 26.

Let ‘em walk on! It’s Celebration Time!



Miranda Taylor Photography

Cindy Long, first two photos from left, is a newcomer, so to speak, to the Celebration. But she’s become a champion rider very quick. This year, due to an accident, she will be unable to compete. But friend Connie Everett, last two photos from left, has stepped up to show her horse in the 3-year-old amateur trail pleasure class. Celebration, here they come!

Walking horse industry friends giving exhibitor Cindy Long a leg up during Celebration
‘The reins have changed but the story hasn’t’

By Dawn Hankins

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Anyone involved in the walking horse industry has long been familiar with the term IYKYK

(If you know, you know) way before it became a social media slang term. Around here, it’s all about helping others in the industry, giving them a leg up, so to speak, when someone’s in need.

That’s the endearing story unfolding during this Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration season between Cindy Long of Ohio and her trainer friend Kyle Elliott of Shelbyville.

A little background.

Cindy met Kyle by happenstance at a show in 2017, when he had a horse for sale. Nine months later, he ran into Cindy again at a coffee shop in Ohio, on his way to a horse event; they talked. The rest is history.

Much has changed in her life over the last decade, particularly the passing of her husband, Dan. She notes that Dan told her to find something to do, that is, something she loves.

With an introduction to walking

horses, she’s found it.

With Kyle secured as her trainer, Cindy won in 2021, with her mare, N-V, the Novice All Day Pleasure Class World Championship at the Celebration. She also won with I’m Balenciaga in the 3-Year-Old Trial Pleasure Horses competition.

“I have never been more thrilled with a third-place ribbon in my life!” Cindy says.

Cindy recently had an accident at her horse farm in Ohio and suffered a broken hip. She will not be able to attend or show at the Celebration this year.

But her horse, After Shock, will still be going strong in the Owner-Amateur 3-year-old trail pleasure world grand competition with Connie Everett up for Cindy.

“When this happened my first reaction, since I wasn’t going to be able to ride, was to have the horse sit out of the amateur division,” said Cindy. “After giving it thought and knowing that our horse was highly competitive, we decided to ask Connie if she would ride him in my place. She is a good friend of ours and a talented rider. She was thrilled to have been asked

and has really put in the work over the last two weeks. She does a great job with him and I’m looking forward to watching them show.”

Kyle said recently that Cindy is just one of those people “you expect to see at the Celebration.” After a recent Facebook tribute to his friend, Cindy received hundreds of comments and well wishes.

Personal experiences over the last few years, and especially the love demonstrated by this community, have touched Cindy’s life so deeply that she’s contemplating moving to Shelbyville in the future.

While attending the Celebration, Cindy stays with Lorri and Marty Gordon at Gordonview Bed & Breakfast. Incidentally, they sold her the world champion.

Originally hailing from Texas, Cindy says she’s always had a love for animals, particularly horses and dogs. By profession, Cindy is a professional dog trainer, breeder and handler based in Perrysville, Ohio. Her experience, since 1997, includes a variety of breeds, including the Weimaraner.

Now add the Celebration and all its beautiful people and animals to that

love list. She humbly says she’s a “little fish in a big pond” as far as the Celebration. But it’s something she really loves.

“There’s nothing like showing here. In my 66 years, I’ve never experienced anything like it.”



Submitted Photo

Walking Horse trainer Kyle Elliott notes that helping friends, especially those in the industry, is the right thing to do. Elliott and Cindy Long are good friends; he’s her horse trainer too. So, even as busy as he is right now, he’s helping Cindy exhibit her horse, After Shock, since she cannot be at the Celebration this year, due to an accident.

From the NICU to the Celebration Arena: Harrison “Harry” Lapczynski’s Story of Hope

By David Thomas - Shelbyville NOW
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Harrison “Harry” Lapczynski was born in June 2021 at Ascension Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital, and what should have been one of the happiest days of his family’s life quickly became a fight for survival. After a traumatic birth, Harrison needed immediate care from the NICU team before being transported by Angel Transport to Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt, where he spent several weeks in the NICU overcoming one setback after another.

His family says there is no way to tell Harrison’s story without first recognizing the extraordinary doctors and nurses who cared for him during those critical early days. Without their skill, compassion, and determination, his family believes they would not have the precious little boy they have today.

When Harrison finally came home, his journey was far from over. During delivery, one of his arms had to be broken, and his other arm sustained a severe brachial plexus nerve injury. Almost immediately, he began intensive therapy, starting a long road that would require strength, patience, and determination far beyond his years.

For nearly four and a half years, Harrison attended at least four therapy sessions each week. He worked to learn skills many people never have to think about, including using his arm, swallowing safely, communicating, and completing everyday tasks. Every milestone was hard-earned, and every step forward came through effort, consistency, and the support of those around him.

Along the way, Harrison was also diagnosed with autism. Whether that diagnosis is connected to the injuries

and trauma he experienced at birth or is simply part of who he is, his family may never know for certain. What they do know is that Harrison has always faced life with a quiet strength and a determination that has inspired everyone who has watched his journey.

As a young child, Harrison was reserved and often preferred playing in his own world. He did not always seek out interaction with others, and many social situations that come easily for other children were more difficult for him. His family loved him exactly as he was, but they continued hoping he would find something that brought out his confidence, his voice, and his desire to connect with the world around him.

Then everything changed.
In 2025, Harrison’s family attended the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration, something they had done every year. This time, however, something was different. Harrison became completely captivated by everything happening around him. From seats near the entrance gate, he watched every horse make its grand entrance into the arena, listened closely to the announcer, focused on the organ music, and eagerly turned to the Jumbotron to watch each replay.

From that moment, he was hooked.
After that night, Harrison’s love for the Tennessee Walking Horse only grew stronger. His family took him to every horse show they could, and each time he watched with complete focus, taking in every sound, every movement, and every part of the experience. What began as a moment of fascination soon became something much more meaningful in his life.
Soon after, Harrison was enrolled in riding lessons. Although he is afraid of cats and even the friendliest dogs, he walked confidently up to the horses as if they were lifelong friends.

His riding coach, Amanda Manis, quickly saw something special in him and encouraged his family to enter him in the Lead Line class at the 2026 Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration. Since February, Harrison and his family have been on an unforgettable journey preparing for that opportunity.

The horses have brought Harrison joy, but his family says the greater gift has been the transformation they have witnessed in him. His confidence has grown. His communication skills have blossomed. His willingness to engage with others has improved beyond what they once imagined. Areas where he once struggled have steadily become stronger, and while Harrison still works harder than many of his peers, most people today would never realize how much he has overcome.

His love for horses does not end when the show is over. At home, Harrison puts on his own Tennessee Walking Horse Celebration every single day. After receiving a scale model of the Celebration Grounds for Christmas, made by his dad, he began recreating horse shows complete with his own announcing. He proudly imitates legendary announcer Mark Farrar, bringing the Celebration to life in his own way and showing just how deeply this world has captured his heart.

Harrison’s family says his progress has been shaped by many people who have helped write his story. His therapists, Madison McCormick and Paula Hernandez Estevez, dedicated countless hours to helping him build the skills he needed. His riding coach, Amanda Manis, believed in him from the beginning. His trainer, Jerry Williams, has encouraged him every step of the way. His teachers and the staff at Circle of Friends, especially Shan-



non Taylor, have loved him, supported him, challenged him, and helped him reach his fullest potential.

Every one of these people has played a role in helping Harrison become the little boy he is today.

His family hopes Harrison’s story encourages other families walking difficult roads. The diagnoses, therapy appointments, uncertainty, setbacks, and long days can feel overwhelming, especially when progress seems slow. But Harrison’s journey is a reminder that hope is real, progress matters, and even the smallest steps can lead to something beautiful.

The little boy who once fought simply to survive will now enter the Celebration arena, a dream that once seemed unimaginable. More importantly, he will do it with confidence, joy, and the knowledge that he is deeply loved by a family and a community that have believed in him every step of the way.

To every family facing similar challenges, Harrison’s story offers a simple but powerful reminder: you are not alone. Your child is wonderfully unique, incredibly capable, and worthy of every opportunity to shine.

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Shelbyville already feels like home New resident interested in renting home for Celebration

By Dawn Hankins

Tana Brown recently moved to Shelbyville with her three children, Cheyenne, Bennett and Mary. Celebrating her first TWHNC as a Shelbyville resident, she says that moving here has been so much more than simply changing addresses; it has been the beginning of a new chapter in their lives.

“I became a mother at just 16 years old, so my children and I have grown up together in many ways. I’ve spent the last 17 years working hard to build a life for them, learning as I went and doing everything I could to give them a future they could be proud of.

My oldest, Cheyenne, is beginning her senior year at Central High School. She is hardworking, compassionate and has one of the biggest hearts I’ve ever known.

Then there’s Bennett, my 8-year-old son, who keeps us laughing and brings plenty of energy to our home. We just joined a soccer team at the Rec Center and look forward to a season of making friends.

She says her 9-year-old, MaryAnne,

who brings her own special personality and sassiness to the family. She loves volleyball and swimming.

“They are all so different, but together they are my entire world.”

After years of working at Harbor Freight Tools, raising her children and trying to create something of her own, she finally bought our first home here in Shelbyville.

“It was a huge milestone for me not just because I became a homeowner, but because it represented everything my kids and I had worked toward together.”

It was County Commissioner Keith Davis, she says, who told her how the folks here rent out their homes during the Celebration.

Tana shares, “We chose Shelbyville because we wanted a place that felt like home. Since moving here, we’ve found a community that feels peaceful, welcoming and full of good people. We love sitting on our porch listening to the announcers at the horse arena, getting to know our neighbors and watching our children settle into a place where we know they can make wonderful memories.”



Tana, Cheyenne, Maryanne and Bennett Brown are enjoying their new home and look forward to the Celebration this week.

Tana owns Elevated Images by T, a photography business, which she says has given her another way to be creative and connect with people in the community.

She’s excited to continue building her business here while also finding ways for our family to become part of Shelbyville. When she heard about the Walking Horse Show and the number of visitors it brings to this community,

she thought it would be a wonderful opportunity to open their property to people coming into town. They have space available for parking/camping and would love to welcome visitors to Shelbyville while also getting to experience the excitement of such an important local tradition.

“For me, It feels like another small step in becoming part of the community we now call home.”

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to help the owners bring home honors with Reserve World Champion Heads Up Jose' which will show Thursday night, Aug. 27. Owner Bart McWaters will be up in the Elite Owner-Amateur Gentleman Riders on Walking Stallions, Class 45.

Trainer and rider/owners are in hopes that they'll also be in the following Thursday night championship. They're really positive this will happen with their horse.

Riding and working with TN Walking Horses just got into this trainer's blood early on. He even gave up football at Shelbyville Central High School for working with horses.

Michael recalls that his first time to show in the Celebration was in 1985. He said those were the days when there

were 30 to 40 entries in a class; he was only 15, remember.

Over the years, he's worked aside such great trainers as Billy Gray, Toby Green, the Calloways, Richard Wall and others. He reveals how so many of them have been his mentors.

"I've been blessed to work with the cream of the crop," says Michael, as he decorates his barn for the upcoming Celebration.

At one point, he says he drove a truck for a while. But his heart just wasn't in it.

The walking horse industry since, he notes, has afforded him many opportunities to rub elbows with some of the best.

As a country boy growing up here, he's proud to still be counted as one of the local train-

ers.

Training since 1988, Michael has ridden in many, many shows over the years and won since.

These days, he's pretty much sticking with training. He's been injured over the years—thrown by a mule once—but says he's still in pretty good shape, all things considered.

While trainers are sometimes in the background, Michael is really no stranger to his own victories inside the Celebration ring. His most notable fine harness class victory came in 2018, driving Lined Royal Cash to a record-breaking 11th win in the division at the Celebration event.

Michael notes the win occurred on a night when Lined Royal Cash — an 8-year-old mare by Lined With Cash out

of Royal Master's Miss — became the all-time leader in wins.

Michael, up in the buggy, secured the victory that brought the horse's total to 11 wins, surpassing the previous record of 10 set by Classic Generator. It was a record breaking, history-making night at the Celebration.

And for Michael, this was the second consecutive year he had won with Lined Royal Cash at the Celebration, as other riders like Bobby Hugh were the forerunners.

Still, this victory/new world record is widely regarded as one of Michael's signature fine harness class wins—both for its record-setting nature and for its place in the history of Lined Royal Cash's career.

As a young boy he could only dream of such

wins in the spotlight. But it all came with very hard work, he advises.

Sometimes it takes years to work your way up in this industry. There is much to learn along the way.

Michael recalls kind of how it all started. As a young kid, he says he could easily make \$20 by making himself available at the horse sales. Owners would offer kids like him the opportunity to jump in the ring and show their horses.

To Michael, his walking horse career was comparable to NASCAR, though the fast track he was on was filled with horses, instead of cars. That kind of thrill of victory still exists today for this trainer.

Being a trainer is hard work—7 days a week, he says. The horses must be taken care of, fed, wa-

tered, etc.

He may not work 'til he's 80, like some great riders he knows. But this Bedford County fellow is thankful that he's always had a job over the last 40 years, thanks to this industry.

As he prepares horses for the McWaters family this week, he will likely once again rub elbows with "the best of the best." But he remains a down-to-earth local guy, chatting over fences with millionaires and local farmers.

The veteran horseman tells people thinking of getting into the industry: "You must truly love horses to do this every day."

And indeed, the next 10 days or so will demonstrate this veteran horse trainer's long-held dedication to the TWHNC industry.



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A message from Celebration CEO

As we get ready to begin the 88th Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration, I want to take a moment to welcome you and thank you for being a part of this very special event.

We are looking forward to what I believe will be a great show and a very special Celebration. We have some encouraging numbers and signs heading into this year:

Box seat sales are trending ahead of last year.

Our corporate sponsorship program is at its highest level in my six Celebrations.

Entries are the highest we have seen in more than a decade.

The excitement and enthusiasm from our community are stronger than ever as Shelbyville prepares to welcome the Celebration home once again.

These are all great signs, but numbers only tell part of the story. The real measure of the Celebration is the people who come through our gates—the owners, trainers, exhibitors, groomers, families, fans, sponsors, volunteers, and community members who continue to support this great tradition.

You are what makes the Celebration special!!

There is something truly unique about what happens here every year. The greatest breed of horse in the world comes together in a small Tennessee town, and for 11 days, Shelbyville becomes the center of the Tennessee Walking Horse world. This isn't simply an event that happens in our community—it is a part of who we are. The Celebration is woven into the heritage of Shelbyville and Bedford County, passed down through generations of families who have made coming to the Celebration part of their lives.

That is what makes this place so special. You can travel all over the country and find great horse shows, but there is something different about a world-class event that is so deeply rooted in a small town. Our businesses, families, civic organizations, volunteers, and entire community come together to make the Celebration happen. It is truly a community effort and a community miracle.

This year is even more special as we celebrate America's 250th Birthday. The Celebration has always been about tradition, family, community, and pride, and those are values that fit perfectly with celebrating 250 years of our country. We look forward to honoring our country, our military, our first responders, and the freedoms that allow traditions like ours to continue.

And at the heart of all of it is the Tennessee Walking Horse. There is no other breed quite like ours. The combination of its beauty, athletic ability, special gait, intelligence, demeanor, and relationship with its people is what has made the Tennessee Walking Horse so special for generations. We should be proud of this remarkable breed and proud to showcase it on the national stage here in Shelbyville.

I hope you will not only compete, but also take time to enjoy everything the Celebration has to offer. Bring your friends and family so they can experience our beauty. Enjoy the special events, visit with old friends, make new ones, explore our community, and help us fill the grounds and grandstands throughout the 11 days.

We have a lot planned for this 88th Celebration, and our goal is to make it an experience that you will remember long after champions have been crowned.

Thank you for choosing to be part of the 88th Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration and for helping us continue a tradition that has meant so much to so many families for generations.

We are ready. We are excited. Our community is ready. And we are looking forward to seeing you in Shelbyville.

Best of luck to each of you, and have a wonderful Celebration!

Warren Wells, CEO
Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration

Celebration Entries Climb to Highest Total in More Than a Decade

The 88th Annual Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration has surpassed 2,500 entries for this year's show, signaling continued momentum for the industry's premier event.

The 2026 Celebration began Aug. 26 and concludes on Saturday, Sept. 5, with the crowning of the 88th Tennessee Walking Horse World Grand Champion.

Despite the show being held later on the calendar than usual, exhibitors responded with strong support, TWHNC officials note.

The final entry total reached 2,587, the highest in more than 10 years. Entries closed July 28, with a late-entry deadline of Aug. 4. The 2,582 entries are 100 more than last year, a 4% increase.

"Seeing the highest number of entries since I became CEO six years ago is incredibly encouraging and speaks to the momentum we continue to build at The Celebration," said Celebration CEO Warren Wells. "It's also the largest entry total we've seen in many years, which is a testament to the confidence our owners, trainers, exhibitors and breeders have in this event and in the future of our industry."

The show also reached the important benchmark of over 1,300 unique horses entered, rebounding after falling just short of that mark in 2025.

"While we're proud of these numbers, we're even more excited about what they represent — a growing enthusiasm for the Tennessee Walking Horse and a renewed commitment to making The Celebration the premier showcase for our breed," Wells said. "We can't wait to welcome everyone to Shelbyville for what promises to be an outstanding Celebration."

The strong entry totals resulted in 11 classes being split, consistent with recent years. The Two-Year-Old Stallions class on Monday evening is the only class that will be divided into three sections. Ten additional classes will feature A and B divisions, including the Amateur Owned and Trained class, which debuts a World Grand Championship this year.

Another new feature for the 2026 Celebration is the scheduling of the World Grand Championship classes. Championship competition will begin during the second half of the Wednesday, Sept. 2, evening session before culminating on Saturday night with the selection of the 88th Tennessee Walking Horse World Grand Champion.

Qualifying for the World Grand Championship will once again take place on the first Saturday evening in A and B divisions. For the first time in modern Celebration history, the last two Tennessee Walking Horse World Grand Champions are both entered to compete for the sport's highest honor.

The complete list of entries in the World Grand Championship qualifying classes is below.

Class 102A – Walking Stallions, Five Years & Over (Canter)

- The Iron Door
- Honor's Tee Time
- Big Henry
- Charles Lindbergh 4G
- Honky Tonk
- Cavender
- Spotlight on Jose 4G
- He's Pushin The Dollar
- Jura THF

Class 102B – Walking Stallions, Five Years & Over (Canter)

- I'm Choobacca
- Wilhelm
- 8 Mile SWF
- Ohtani
- Justified Honors
- My Addiction
- A Mighty Gin
- No Apology
- Jose's Lovin Man
- The Greatest Showman

Notable Tennessee Walking Horse Industry figures passing in 2025 and 2026

In 2025:

James Dale “Jimmy” McConnell – July 29, 2025
Age 78, of Shelbyville, TN. Legendary trainer, coach, and showman with over 200 world and world grand championships under his direction. First Celebration blue at 23; four-time “Big Stake” winner; unique record of winning both Two-Year-Old Mare and Two-Year-Old World Grand Championships in the same Celebration.

Judith Wiser Martin – November 14, 2025
Age 81, of Shelbyville, TN. Daughter of a five-time World Grand Champion trainer; won the 1976 World Grand Championship on Shades of Carbon. Recognized for her precision, mentorship, and Hall of Fame induction; received the 2025 Living Legends Award

Frank White – February 4, 2025
Age 84, of Shelbyville, TN. Pioneering African American trainer and innovator; first African American to win three World Championship classes in 1993; inventor of the Frank White Training Collar and bit; inducted into the Cowboy of Color Hall of Fame.

El Zorro's Star – February 22, 2025
Champion Tennessee Walking Horse stallion (b. 2007) with multiple World Champion titles and three consecutive years as TWHBEA Ascending Sire of the Year; notable progeny include Zorro Jr., Catherine Zeta-Jones, and Simply Country

In 2026:

James Lee “Jimmy” Norris – June 7, 2026
Age 67, of Shelbyville, TN. Respected trainer, rider, and mentor with 56 World Championships and 49 Reserve World Championships at the Celebration. Known for his humor, dedication, and influence on the industry

These individuals represent a cross-section of the Tennessee Walking Horse world — from elite trainers and innovators to celebrated champions and influential mentors — whose legacies are deeply embedded in the breed's history and community.



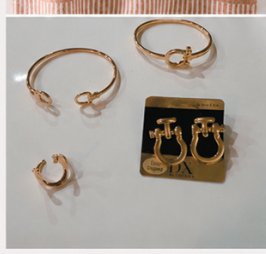
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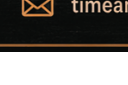
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