

THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN



Residents of Fairfield Pike and 64 East and legal teams packed the Bedford County Courthouse last Thursday for the County Board of Zoning Appeals meeting. Quarries vs agriculture zones was the hot topic.

BZA overturns own planning director's decision on agriculture zoning

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It was standing room only in the courtroom last Thursday during the Bedford County Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, as neighbors sought classification review of the use of properties off Fairfield Pike

and Highway 64. BZA overturned 4:1 its own planning director's decision that those properties, as presented to White's department by the property owners, were to be used for agriculture purposes or ponds for cattle. The property is zoned A-1. The BZA agenda item was

brought forth by Jason Holleman, on behalf of 2536 Fairfield Pike residents Jonathan & Jeanie O'Neal and other affected property owners. Neighbors attending the meeting were seeking classification review of the use of the properties. The BZA vote came down to

either agreeing with White on the agriculture usage or with the people, who voiced how the property is being used for commercial purposes, i.e., namely, a rock quarry. BZA Chair Whit Lee informed those present and planning to speak that they had 3 minutes and comments

were to remain civil and on topic. The audience did just that, stating their purpose and plight from the Hawkins and Allen venture. Jonathan O'Neal spoke first against the recent decision to classify the Hawkins and Allen operations as agricultural. See ZONING, 8A

Wartrace Mayor and Aldermen defer water rate increase Residents say they just can't afford more; recommend study

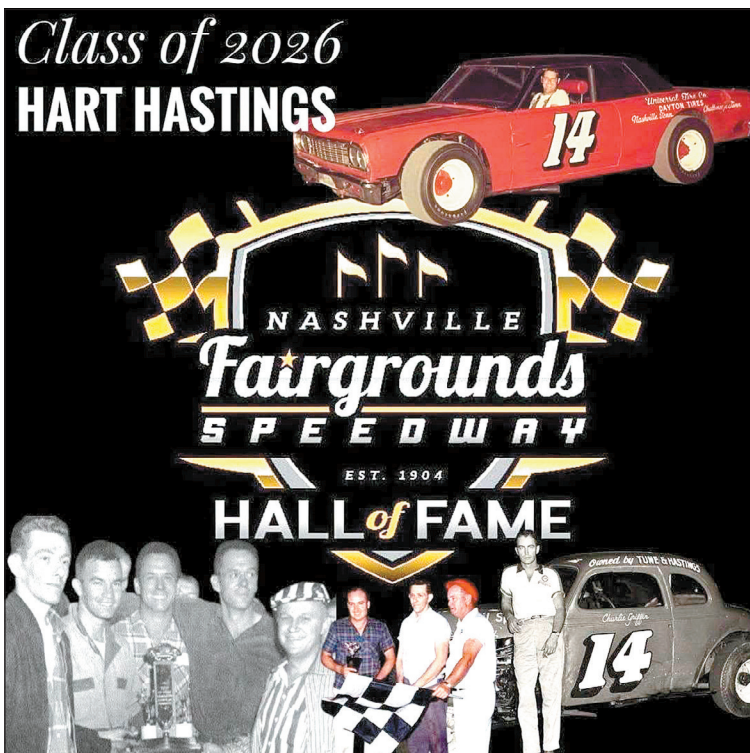
After a huge turnout and many residents standing up to speak, Wartrace Board of Mayor and Aldermen deferred a vote last week on its proposed water/sewer rate hike. Bills will stay the same for now while a new rate study is completed. Wartrace Mayor Brian Ross said there were about 75 residents/customers who attended the BOMA meeting Monday who voiced their concern about how this in-

crease would impact our community. And after hearing their concerns and after the discussion, the Board voted on Monday September 21 to keep the current fees—those prior to the voting that took place in September that would have had an increase of fees. So, no changes or increase as of now. Residents tell the T-G that they know rates will likely go up at some point. But they're hoping for some relief for a

while, as the board does a state-wide comparison. They were currently looking at a \$50 increase to their water and sewer bills. Residents already know that based on a 2014 report by Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations—a state research group—Wartrace's inside city water rate is already the highest of any municipal water system in Tennessee. In 2022, rates were raised

again. Years ago, Wartrace water came from Cascade Springs. Then, years later, it was decided to purchase water from Tullahoma. Now in 2026, some Wartrace residents have requested that the Mayor and Aldermen complete a full rate study, since 2014 is the last available. Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) apparently is working on such a study. Residents also requested that the Mayor and Aldermen

phase in those rate hikes, in an effort to take some of the burden off its water customers. The big question: Did these rates come upon advisement of the State Comptroller's Office? Or was this strictly a board decision? The people have spoken, for certain. Over 160 residents signed a petition in just 3 days to get their requests across to the board. Residents showed up on the square, at Dollar General. See WARTRACE, 3A



Hart Hastings: A century-old legacy of soil and speed

The 2026 Nashville Fairgrounds Speedway Hall of Fame Inductees will be honored on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2026. The late Hart Hastings, who was a native of Bedford County, is among the 2026 class and will be posthumously honored. Friends note that Hart lived his life at two distinct paces: the slow, deliberate rhythm of a family farm and the high-octane roar of the short-track oval. See the story and more pictures on page 12 today.

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Hi ho, booklovers! Time to attend the annual library luncheon

Staff Report

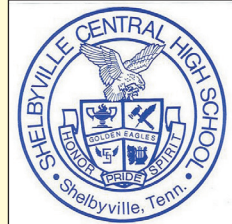
It's that time of year when book lovers have their field day! The Friends of the Library annual luncheon this year will be held on Tuesday, Oct., 6, at noon at the Fly Arts Center. Featured author will be J.C. (Chris) White, author of the novel, "Dandelion Wine." White's "Dandelion Wine" is a 2025 Southern Gothic coming-of-age novel set in 1942 Tennessee, blending small-town secrets, family tensions,

and a slow-burning summer of desire and danger. The story takes place in Springfield, during the sweltering summer of 1942, when the world outside is engulfed in World War II but the real battle is fought in the quiet, suffocating heat of the town. White, 61, works professionally as the Bedford County Planning Director and is a self-professed suburban planner, technical writer, and novelist. A lifelong lover of words and

worlds, he's traveled widely with his wife Emily, always returning to write about it. He's also a great photographer. His career has spanned undercover drug enforcement, private investigation, defense contracting and technical writing. Tickets for this event can be purchased at the library on South Jefferson Street for \$20 each. Sponsorships for the library are also available for \$300, which will include 8 tickets.

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Left to right: Amanda Badon, Emilee Blackburn, (not pictured: Chloe Hoeppner), Ashlyn Knott, Brittain Rose, Madison Warrick, Carlyn York, Destiny McCullough, Kaitlyn Burk, Naomi Floyd, Everleigh Gill, Megan Licea, (not pictured: Maci Lovvorn), (not pictured: Chloe Hoeppner)



Freshmen (left to right): Amanda Badon, Chloe Hoeppner, Emilee Blackburn



Juniors: Ashlyn Knott, Brittain Rose, Naomi Floyd



Seniors: Destiny McCullough, Madison Warrick, Carlyn York, Kaitlyn Burk



Sophomores: Everleigh Gill, Megan Licea, Maci Lovvorn

What Parents Should Know About Getting School Support

By Rachel Moses, Legal Aid Society

With the school year now underway, families across Middle Tennessee are getting familiar with new routines, new schools and new instructors. It's not always an easy process.

As the year progresses, some parents may realize that their children are struggling in school — be it because of the environment, the curriculum or even a medical or psychological condition that limits the student's ability to reach their potential. For those students, various educational support services and accommodations are available under federal law, including specialized equipment or materials, personalized instruction, counseling, interpreters,

or occupational and physical therapy.

As an attorney at Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland's specializing in education rights and school support, I provide free legal representation for low-income families as they work with school administrators to make sure their children get the services and accommodations to which they're legally entitled.

While every student's educational needs are different, most fall into a few buckets:

Students with learning disabilities, often caused by a medical condition such as ADHD or a neurodevelopmental disorder like autism, which makes it difficult for them to concentrate in the classroom.

Students with common

mental health conditions like depression and anxiety, which can cause them to miss classes or get lower grades that don't reflect their capabilities.

Students with medical conditions that necessitate regular treatment during school, such as insulin injections for diabetes.

I assist parents through the process of determining a student's eligibility for an individualized education plan, or IEP, which can include special services or support for a specific need. Students who are determined not to need an IEP might instead qualify for accommodations or modifications to their curriculum under Section 504, another federal law.

For example, a student with a learning disability might need extra time

on tests or modifications to the way material is presented in class. A student with mental health challenges may require flexible scheduling to accommodate medication side effects or extended deadlines on assignments during mental health crises. And students with medical needs can receive daily prescription medications from a school nurse or be eligible for other accessibility modifications.

Lack of clear communication is one of the most common roadblocks in getting students the educational help they need. Parents aren't always made aware of the services that are available for their children, and they also don't always know the right way to start the process through a formal request.

If you believe your child requires a special service or accommodation at school, the first step is to email or write a letter requesting a meeting with educators, making sure to include multiple people at the school to ensure the request is documented. From there, the school is legally bound to contact you within a set number of days.

Before meeting with educators, it's always a good idea for parents to consult their child's primary care physician, especially if there have been alleged behavior issues, anger, physical aggression or not paying attention. Having a formal diagnosis can help the school determine the right way to accommodate the student's specific condition.

Once a student has a formalized IEP, parents will be in regular contact with a designated special ed teacher at the school. That teacher should be following up to make sure the IEP is being implemented and updated properly.

As students mature, their IEPs should continue changing to reflect the people they're turning into. I've seen a lot of students struggle with behavior

issues during their late elementary years, which resulted in them being segregated in special classrooms where they didn't get to interact with their peers. Sometimes these isolating, restrictive environments stifle them academically. Through sustained advocacy, I've been able to get several students returned to less restrictive environments, where they've thrived academically and behaviorally.

Ultimately, educators and parents have the same goal of helping students reach their potential. If your child is having difficulties at school and may benefit from special education services, Legal Aid Society may be able to help. Please call us at 1-800-238-1443 to learn more.

About Legal Aid Society

Rachel Moses is an attorney at Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland's, Tennessee's largest nonprofit law firm, which provides free legal services for low-income residents in 48 counties across Middle Tennessee. Learn more at las.org or by following the firm on Facebook or Instagram.



ALUMNI SUPPORT RAUS HISTORY

The September meeting of Raus Community Club was a time set aside to honor alumni. It is important to the community to keep the history alive for generations to come. Don Harris and Joey Alcorn were two students from the 1940s and 1950s, before the school closed at the end of the 1955 school year.

Submitted Photos



WOMEN OF THE RAUS, FLAT CREEK AREA

From left, Connie Stubblefield Byrom and Linda Bomar Yockey, both natives of the Raus community, attended the recent meeting at the Raus Community Center along with Carolyn Brinkley Conner, a lifelong Raus resident who attended the school where her "Aunt Ocie Brinkley" taught and Ann Gordon Sanders, a Flat Creek resident, but someone who frequently visited the Raus community. The ladies in this group shot were too young to attend school but grew up in Raus.



RECORDS FROM RAUS COMMUNITY PAST

Carol Roberts, (center) Bedford County archives director, gave the program about Raus in the 1950s. She is seen here with Dwaine Stocky and Karen Yasui.

There’s no greater time for a journalist to tell THE TRUTH and shame the devil

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On some days, local government news can take on a lull. Other days, it can explode like the 4th of July fireworks. We’ve had a couple of those weeks around here. Actually, it’s been quite the year, given the election. And the noise is still going on in regard to the upcoming November election. The two women candidates running for governor are going at it tooth and nail. Marsha observes quietly. (Maybe too much so for some media.) At the T-G, we strive to report THE TRUTH involving governmental issues affecting THE PEOPLE. This week has

certainly come up with topics that require us to be fair and tell the story as it happens. No time for innuendos. As a native of Bedford County, I have a lot of friends here who are on opposite sides of the fence, literally. As a journalist, you pick the ditch you want to die in, as far as friendships vs what the public must know. But we must tell THE TRUTH in our writing which can make for a hard bed to lie in. But as my Papa always said, “Just tell the truth.” If people have a problem with THE TRUTH, then it’s on them. But what is the truth, when it comes to issues involving THE PEOPLE-those who put tax

dollars and sweat into a community. These are the people who ultimately suffer from the outcomes of some government decisions. This week I heard a man tell a room full of people how his life is being destroyed by construction going on right behind his back door. He was nearly in tears. We must decide if some community issues hinge on the fact that residents simply don’t like change or the way something appears? Again, we fall back on THE TRUTH. I always loved the phrase from the Declaration of Independence, “And these Truths shall be self-evident.” I’ve always felt to tell the story just as it hap-

pened at a meeting will be self-evident of what’s really right. For a journalist, our thought processes have to lean toward what’s better for the health and welfare of a community. How many people does a certain vote ultimately affect? And the TRUTH, there, can and should set you free. From water rate issues in Wartrace to the County planning director being nearly stripped of his dignity over a decision made pertaining to some local property zoning (read story on page 1) we’re into it this week. I’ve been reminded lately of the book we had to read and hold close to the chest in journalism school, “Tell It Slant”

by Brenda Miller and Suzanne Paola. I never liked the title, though I knew what it was intended to educate budding writers. The title was from the Emily Dickinson line, “Tell all the Truth but tell it slant,” offering writers the confidence to convey the truth without becoming mere transcribers of everyday life. Yeah, try that in a small town. Still, overall, it was a good book. Surprisingly, it’s still in circulation. (No, it didn’t fall off the boat when I sailed to America.) Yes, my feet have been in governmental cement for a while. Still, journalists should question themselves everyday as to why they do what they do. Is it for THE PEOPLE or for accolades and social aspects? One of the country’s best historical writers and orators of our time

was the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Through his struggles in life, he remained a great man who conveyed THE TRUTH to THE PEOPLE. And as a result, King faced significant opposition and was often labeled a "troublemaker" by those who resisted his message. Oh, I can feel that. Despite opposition, he remained steadfast in his belief that TRUTH must be pursued and proclaimed, even in the face of adversity. His life and work exemplified the idea that TRUTH is not only a personal conviction but also a collective struggle for justice and equality. So, we march on to write THE TRUTH, without slant, about recent events in this community. Thank you to the subscribers who stick with us each week.

Ad Veritas: Halfway Already?



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Didn’t we just start football season? It seems like I was just writing about opening night, looking forward to another season of packed stands, marching bands and hometown rivalries. Now Friday, Sept. 18, has come and gone, marking Week 5 of Tennessee’s high school football season. For teams that hav-

en’t had an open date, five of their 10 regular-season games are already behind them. I’m not sure how that happened. I barely feel like I’ve settled into the season, and we’re already talking about the second half. The weather certainly isn’t helping. According to the National Weather Service, Jackson reached 99 degrees Sunday, Sept. 20—16 degrees above its normal high for that date. It’s hard to get into the spirit of fall football when stepping outside still feels like opening the oven. The schedule says we’re heading into Week 6, but the

temperature feels more like Week 1. Meanwhile, some teams are giving their fans plenty to be excited about. Across West Tennessee, Westview, Huntingdon, Humboldt, Lexington and Jackson Christian came through the fifth week with perfect 5-0 records. Munford remained unbeaten at 4-0, while Memphis Central and Southwind were also 5-0. Those are some impressive starts, and congratulations are certainly in order. Of course, the standings don’t tell the whole story. Some teams have already worked through

a particularly difficult stretch of their schedule, while others still have their biggest tests ahead. Camden is a good example of why it helps to look beyond the overall record. The Lions are 1-4 overall but 1-0 in region play, and their five remaining games are all region contests. Their early schedule included Huntingdon, Dyersburg and McKenzie. That doesn’t make the losses any less disappointing, but there is still an opportunity to shape a different second half. Even the unbeaten teams have plenty left to prove. Westview, for example, finishes its regular season against Dyersburg and Covington. Getting through September without a loss is an accomplishment, but nobody gets to skip October on the strength of a good start. That is part of what makes this point in the

season interesting. Some fans are beginning to imagine a deep playoff run. Others are hoping their team can turn a corner. There is still plenty of football left, even if there is considerably less of it than I would like. The older I get, the more familiar that feeling becomes. You spend weeks looking forward to something, and then, while you’re busy enjoying it—or simply keeping up with everything else—it starts slipping behind you. Football season seems especially good at demonstrating that. For seniors and their families, that passing time means a little more. These aren’t just games on a schedule. They are some of the last Friday nights wearing that uniform, playing in that band or cheering along that sideline. Another season will come around for the rest of us, but this particular

group won’t get another one quite like it. So I hope we make the most of the weeks ahead. Go to the game. Take the pictures. Visit with the people sitting beside you. Encourage the kids, whether their team is undefeated or still trying to find its footing. There may even be some relief from the heat. The National Weather Service expects cooler air to spread across the Mid-South this week, with afternoon temperatures dropping into the lower to mid-80s across much of the region by Wednesday and Thursday. That sounds considerably more reasonable. I’m ready for an evening that calls for a sweatshirt instead of another bottle of water. I’m just not ready for the season to be over. Hopefully, fall will get here before football leaves.



FLAT CREEK VFD HOSTS ANNUAL BARBECUE THERE’S A WHOLE LOT OF WORK BEHIND EACH BBQ PLATE

FCVFD Photos

Before the sun comes up on the eve of the annual barbecue fundraiser, the fires were already burning at the Flat Creek Volunteer Fire Department. Yes, it was hot outside but these seasoned firefighters and other volunteers handled it all with ease. This crew spent more than 24 hours tending fires, working smokers, seasoning meat, prepping, cooking, and doing everything it takes to be ready for the event. Why do they keep doing this year after year? The firefighters say because of the community—the ones who show up, buy the plates, donate desserts, spread the word and bring their families. So, every year, they put on the gloves, fire up the smokers, lose a night of sleep, and do it all over again.



WARTRACE

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al, the Wartrace Country Store and with their questions. Mayor Ross told the T-G, “We have a water and sewer system that requires a lot of maintenance and a lot of our infrastructure needs to be replaced and the downside of that is having the necessary funds available for those replacements. In the last 4 years, we have received over 1 million dollars in grant funding to help improve our system for both water and sewer. We are extremely grateful for those opportunities, however we need to continue seeking funding opportunities and when it comes to grants, there is a required matching that must be paid in order to receive those grants. And that can be and is a challenge for us.” Ross added, “Our Board also acknowledged that we failed our community by not communicating to the best of our abilities. There was a letter that was sent out regarding price increases and that communica-

tion was not as good as it could have been and we thank our residents and customers for their feedback on how we can be doing better. Communication can be the hardest thing that we do daily.” The Mayor advised that in the upcoming months, the board will be discussing fee increases for sewer system again. But he stated the fees will be at a “much smaller percentage” than was initially discussed. “We’d like to again thank our residents and customers for their feedback on how we can be doing better and we are grateful for their patience while we continue to do and be better for

them.” More updates to come as aldermen venture into the new, requested water study and next steps. A public notice was filed with the T-G this week. The Town of Wartrace Board of Mayor and Aldermen will hold a special called meeting on Oct. 7, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., at 112 Bridgeview St. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and determine proposed fees associated with the Wartrace’s water and sewer rates.

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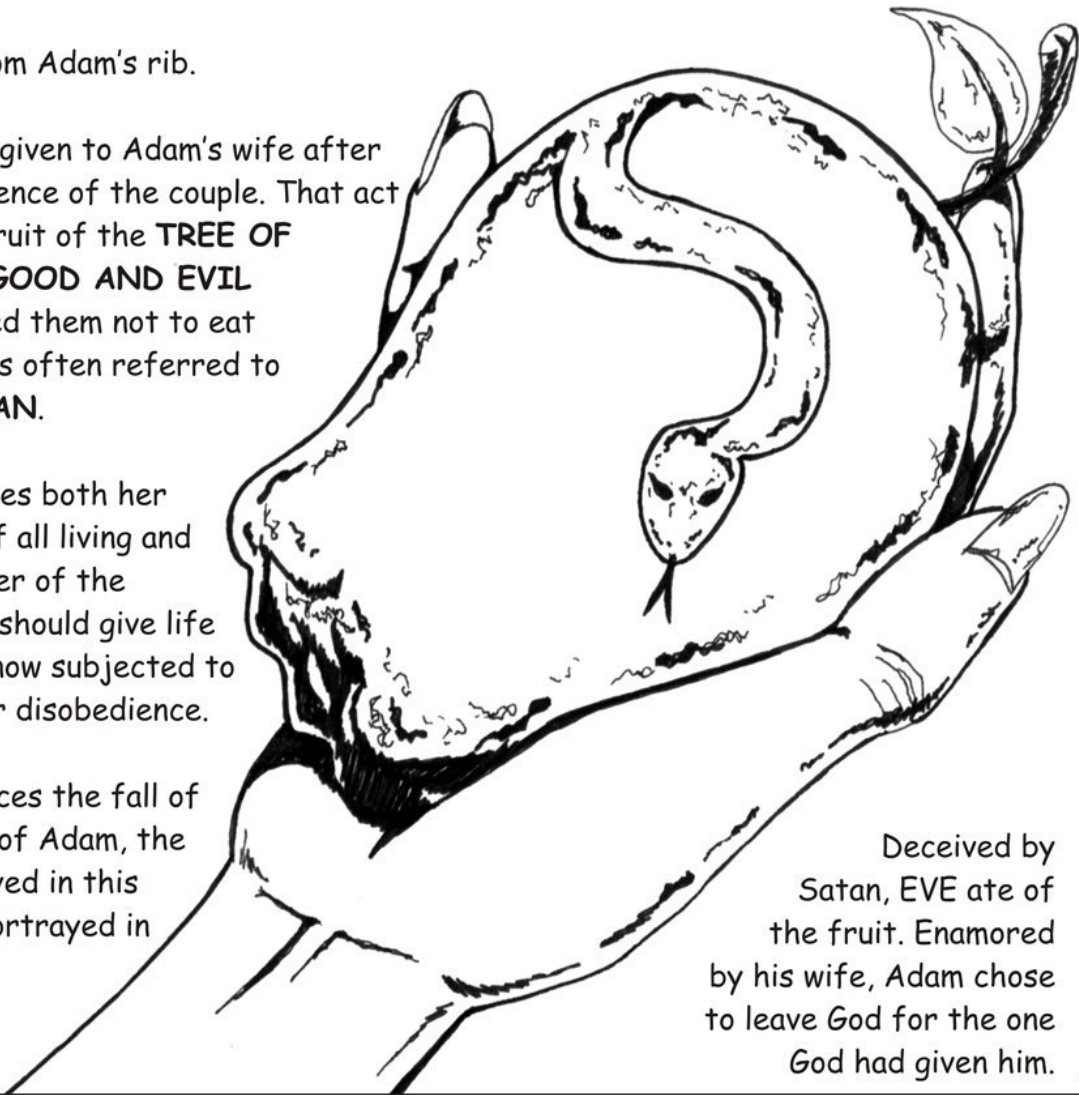
More about Eve - The first Woman. Adam's wife.

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The name **EVE** was given to Adam's wife after the act of disobedience of the couple. That act was eating of the fruit of the **TREE OF KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL** after God instructed them not to eat of that fruit. This is often referred to as the **FALL OF MAN**.

The name **EVE** implies both her being the mother of all living and she being the mother of the promised seed who should give life to the human race now subjected to death through their disobedience.

While the bible traces the fall of the race to the sin of Adam, the part which **EVE** played in this tragedy is vividly portrayed in **Genesis, chapter 3**.



Deceived by Satan, EVE ate of the fruit. Enamored by his wife, Adam chose to leave God for the one God had given him.

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Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: September 8

Location: Patricia Dr; Seller, US Department of Housing and Urban Development; Buyer, Jose Moreno Padilla; Price, \$168,000 (Deed).

Location: 210 Rolling Road; Seller, Sybil Butts; Buyer, Harriswood Investments LLC; Price, \$143,000 (Deed).

Location: Sims Springs Rd; Seller, Francisco Ochoa, Maria Guadalupe Ochoa; Buyer, Ruben Medina Govea; Price, \$10,000 (QD).

Location: 180 Coleman Harvey Lane; Seller, Margaret Baumbarger; Buyer, James Curtis Baumbarger; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: 108 Hinkle St; Seller, Robert Flade, Cindy Barnes; Buyer, Thomas E Johnson Jr; Price, \$157,850 (Deed).

Location: Clem Creek Rd; Seller, Jon E McCord; Buyer, Green Hills Growth LLC; Price, \$923,704 (Deed).

Seller, Dale Barrett Williams, Greta R Williams; Buyer, Christopher Brian Walker, Christina Marie Walker; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: Highway 64; Seller, Jacqueline P Green; Buyer, Christina Hillis; Price, \$0 (QD).

Seller, Kathryn Gilliam Cole; Buyer, Kathryn Gilliam Cole; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: 129 Hwy 82 E; Seller, Michael John Copeland, Juvy Copeland; Buyer, Nora L Ramirez Alvarado, Nahun L Larreinaga Perdomo; Price, \$443,000 (Deed).

Location: 106 Burum Dr; Seller, Ryan C Valenti; Buyer, Dylin Shaffer; Price, \$225,000 (Deed).

File date: September 9

Seller, Corey Dwayne Prater, Kelsie M Prater,

Corey D Prater; Buyer, John Berglund, Raeann Berglund; Price, \$259,000 (Deed).

Location: 210 Matt Dr; Seller, Cathy Moore; Buyer, Corey D Prater, Kelsie M Prater; Price, \$385,000 (Deed).

Seller, Roy Frank Buckingham Jr; Buyer, Roy Frank Buckingham Jr, Sonya Faye Buckingham; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: Singleton Rd; Seller, Richard Smith, Margaret T Smith Estate; Buyer, Richard Smith, Mary Margaret Tarutis Smith; Price, \$32 (Deed).

Location: Rosemary Dr; Seller, Connie M Boutwell, Lisa M Coop, Ruby Morgan, Ralph Gentry Morgan; Buyer, Old Fort Academy Inc; Price, \$270,000 (Deed).

File date: September 10

Seller, Maria Piedad Velasquez Verdel; Buyer, Maria Piedad Velasquez Verdel, Julissa Jaimes; Price, \$0 (QD).

Seller, John G Winnette, Frances Bates; Buyer, John G Winnette; Price, \$0 (QD).

Seller, John G Winnette, Frances Bates; Buyer, John G Winnette; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: 109 Horse-shoe Court; Seller, Christopher S Aude; Buyer, Yvonne McChristian; Price, \$295,000 (Deed).

Seller, Donald Wade Campbell III, Kristina Nicole Campbell; Buyer, Amber White, Jessie White; Price, \$10,000 (Deed).

Seller, Donald Wade Campbell III, Kristina Nicole Campbell; Buyer, Brian White; Price, \$10,000 (Deed).

Location: 120 Gerald Boyce Rd; Seller, Patrick Phelps, Beverly Phelps; Buyer, Glen Terone Badger; Price, \$390,000 (Deed).

Location: 190 Puncheon Camp Rd; Seller, Happy Book Stack LLC; Buyer, David Jacobs; Price, \$0 (Deed).

File date: September 11

Location: Ridge Rd; Seller, Nathan D Cox; Buyer, Nathan D Cox, Lindsey Cotter; Price, \$0 (Deed).

Location: Harrison Rd; Seller, Anita Graverer; Buyer, John Running, Mary Running, Running Tennessee Community Property; Price, \$900,000 (Deed).

Location: 769 Happy Valley Rd; Seller, Michael A Dial; Buyer, Corey Joseph Moll, Brit-tany Laine Moll; Price, \$725,000 (Deed).

File date: September 14

Location: 202 Dandelion Lane; Seller, Bruce Meadows Partnership; Buyer, Henley Homes & Construction LLC; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: 202 Dandelion Lane; Seller, Henley Homes & Constructionn LLC; Buyer, Larry Taylor, Deanna Taylor; Price, \$714,990 (Deed).

Location: 224 Carter St; Seller, Kortney Painter, Tammy Baker; Buyer, Ariana Nichole Fulwood; Price, \$260,000 (Deed).

Seller, Thurman Lee Adcock; Buyer, May Tory Homes LLC; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: 314 Spring St; Seller, DCC Strategic Realty Partners LLC; Buyer, Anna Massengill, Elliott Black; Price, \$315,000 (Deed).

Location: 1077 Bugscuffle Rd; Seller, Jeffrey L Gill; Buyer, Katelyn N Womack, Zachary K Womack; Price, \$525,000 (Deed).

Seller, Adcock Design Build & Lease LLC; Buyer, Hawkins & Hawkins Real Estate, Christopher Venson Hawkins, Howard Guy Hawkins, Matthew S Allen; Price, \$785,000 (Deed).

File date: September 15

Location: 239 Republic St; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Becky Lynn Johnson, Heath Edward Johnson; Price, \$344,990 (Deed).

Location: 114 Cherokee Trail; Seller, Marinosci Law Group PC; Buyer, Joe Garrett, Tammy Garrett; Price, \$0 (TRD).

Location: Hwy 41 A; Seller, Curtis G Burford Revocable Living Trust, Betty L Burford Revocable Living Trust, Betty L Buford Irrevocable Asset Protection Trust, Tara M Hatchell, Tyrus S Burford; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: County Road; Seller, Michael Kim Oakley, Lynn Martin Oakley; Buyer, Linda Marie Adcock, Christopher Lockwood Adcock; Price, \$260,000 (Deed).

Seller, Curl Properties LLC; Buyer, Ole South Properties Inc; Price, \$950,000 (Deed).

Location: 1650 Warners Bridge Rd; Seller, Laura Edith Moreno, Waldo Antonio Carrasco; Buyer, Ubaldo Gonzalez Guerra, Maria Teresa Rivas; Price, \$410,000 (Deed).

Location: Maplewood Drive; Seller, Melissa Hertica; Buyer, Wilma Bragg, Amy Rath; Price, \$0 (QD).

File date: September 16

Location: 108 Rabbit Run; Seller, Miranda G Womack; Buyer, Miranda G Womack, Joseph R Jacinto; Price, \$10 (QD).

Seller, Jenny Anne Biehl, Jenny Anne Kirkman, Frederick G Biehl; Buyer,

Emily A Alves; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: Center Church Rd; Seller, Cynthia G Birdson; Buyer, Kevin L Birdsong; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: 110 Hinkle Hill Rd; Seller, Robert Flade, Cindy Barnes; Buyer, Wendy Mocerri; Price, \$169,900 (Deed).

File date: September 17

Location: 2104 Patricia Dr; Seller, Jose Moreno Padilla; Buyer, Jorge Enrique Gutierrez Parrado, Ivan Felipe Robayo Valbuena; Price, \$0 (QD).

Seller, Finish Line Farms, Rodney Wayne Dick, Suan Evans Coleman, Susan E Coleman; Buyer, Rodney Wayne Dick, Susan Evans Coleman; Price, \$0 (QD).

Location: Old Columbia Rd; Seller, Rodney W Dick, Rodney Wayne Dick, Susan E Coleman, Susan Evans Coleman; Buyer, Rodney Wayne Dick, Susan Evans Coleman; Price, \$0 (QD).

School Night Ramen: Comfort Food with a Nutritional Boost



Easy Homemade Shrimp Ramen

(Feature Impact) Instant ramen is a comforting classic for students of all ages – from elementary schoolers enjoying a warm bowl on a fall day to college kids fueling up for all-night study sessions. While the nutritional contents of those packages might make you cringe, don’t write off the nourishing potential of ramen: It only takes a few simple swaps and additions to turn it into a healthy homemade meal.

Use this Easy Homemade Shrimp Ramen recipe as a jumping-off point, adapting as necessary to suit your family’s tastes and preferences. Shrimp is rich in lean protein, antioxidants and vitamins, but if the kids aren’t seafood fans, you can swap it for chicken (or tofu for a vegetarian version) and choose a different broth base. Fit in extra veggies by choosing bonus toppings like bok choy, spinach, peas, carrots, dried seaweed and more.

For an extra-easy weeknight meal, you can use instant ramen noodles and discard the seasoning packets. As a healthier option, choose fresh, frozen or air-dried authentic ramen noodles or a gluten-free alternative like soba noodles; simply adjust noodle cooking time accordingly.

Ingredients

Recipe adapted from Fork Knife Swoon

Total time: 20 minutes

Servings: 2

- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 pound raw shrimp, thawed, cleaned, peeled and deveined
- 3 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons mirin

Location: Alton Ave; Seller, Timothy Keith Maupin, Nell Mearse, Nellie Mearse; Buyer, James E Farrar Sr; Price, \$125,000 (Deed).

File date: September 18

Location: Hwy 64 E; Seller, Robert C Johnson; Buyer, Joey Curl; Price, \$5,000 (Deed).

Location: 408 Winners Circle; Seller, Wanda Kozlowski; Buyer, Jacob Linkous, Ashley Payne; Price, \$325,000 (Deed).

Location: 967 Horse Mountain Rd; Seller, Dina G Mazingo; Buyer, Opendoor Property J LLC; Price, \$284,600 (Deed).

File date: September 21

Location: 222 Warner Bridge Rd; Seller, Dwarka Gait LLC; Buyer, CSB Contractors LLC; Price, \$1,480,000 (Deed).

Location: 2832 Highway 82 E; Seller, James David Miller, Meriam Tabitha Miller, Meriam Waldron Miller; Buyer, James D Miller Living Trust, Meriam T Miller

Living Trust; Price, \$0 (Deed).

Location: 139 Tanner Circle; Seller, J Phillip Jones, Courtney Olds; Buyer, Tennessee Housing Development Agency; Price, \$0 (TRD).

Location: 967 Horse Mountain Rd; Seller, Casey Melton, Deborah Cooper Melton; Buyer, Micajah Doak Huffman, Edward Cortner Huffman; Price, \$210,000 (Deed).

Location: 120 Horse-shoe Dr; Seller, Skyler Graham, Stephanie Graham, Robert Wills Hetzel; Buyer, Skyler Graham, Stephanie Graham; Price, \$0 (QD).

Seller, Michael Devale Davis, Jerry Michael Davis; Buyer, Michael Devale Davis; Price, \$0 (Deed).

Location: Rosewood Dr; Seller, Richard Anthony Belknap, Maurice E Williams, Patricia A Williams; Buyer, Kenneth Michael Belknap; Price, \$0 (QD).

Death Notices

Margaret Elizabeth Smotherman

Margaret Elizabeth Smotherman, age 78, of Eagleville, passed away Saturday September 19, 2026 in Murfreesboro, TN. Margaret was born December 30, 1947 to William Bryan (Jack) Smotherman and Mai Katherine Neal Smotherman. Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill is in charge of services.

Betty Ann Waters Crafton

Betty Ann Waters Crafton, age 91, of Eagleville, passed away on Sunday, September 20, 2026. She was born in College Grove to the late Lenzie Waters and Ella Lurene Underwood Waters. Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill is in charge of services.

Joe Thurman Weaver

Joe Thurman Weaver, age 82, of Lewisburg January 30, 1944 - September 16, 2026 Doak Funeral Home is serving the family.

Jimmy Dwight Womble

Jimmy Dwight Womble, age 74, of Manchester September 13, 1952 - September 17, 2026 Doak Funeral Home is serving the family.

CHURCH NEWS

FUMC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Pastor Abe Zimmerman, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Shelbyville, will preach this Sunday, Sept. 27: “Living the Blessed Life: Part 3” from Matthew 5:7-8. “Together we’ll journey through the Beatitudes, discovering the blessings Jesus offers and how they can guide us toward a more faithful, grace-filled life,” shared the pastor. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 a.m., followed by the worship service at 10 a.m. Nursery and Children’s Church are available during worship. For those unable to attend in person, FUMC-S offers a livestream on Facebook and YouTube and a broadcast on WLJ 98.7 FM and AM 1580.

CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- 1) Killed, gangster-style
6) Montezuma, for one
11) Dashboard abbreviation
14) Key in Florida
15) ____ -cotta
16) "I can't believe my eyes!"
17) Prepare to stop crying
19) Charged particle
20) Bank heist units
21) Indian social class
23) ____ oblongata (brain part)
27) Simple shelters
29) Humiliates
30) Martin with an Oscar
31) Easy wins
32) Audacity
33) Backstabber
36) First-rate
37) Ratty or flea-bitten
38) Booby trap component

- 39) Leave white tracks
40) Dude kin
41) Certain mast (var.)
42) Arrange tidily
44) Mum
45) Some socks
47) Vast frozen expanses
48) Runway figure
49) Andean land
50) Busy bother
51) Be seductive, in a way
58) Use a needle and thread
59) Come to mind
60) Spooky
61) Member of the family, often
62) Marina sight
63) All-out attack

CLUES DOWN

- 1) Way past voting age
2) Wide's partner
3) Swelter
4) Teamwork inhibitor

- 5) Computer attachments
6) Baffled on the Pacific?
7) Zorro's marks
8) "Don't give up!"
9) Before, in poetry
10) Rush down in vast quantities
11) Certain skin cream
12) Quick snap
13) Fine-tunes
18) Slithering sea creatures
22) "Santa" tail
23) Convenient places to shop
24) Digital novel
25) Discouraging or dissuading
26) They often deliver good news
27) The "L" of XL
28) Jealousy
30) He's there late in Red Square
32) Directory contents
34) "Gladiator" setting

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- 35) Army shelters
37) Bit of dust
38) Uncontrolled
40) Bedroom separator, often
41) Some simple math signs
43) CBS logo

- 44) "Certainly!"
45) Accumulate
46) Event with lots of bucks
47) Article of faith
49) Fancy-schmancy
52) Victorian, for one

- 53) First syllable of a simple game
54) Hawaiian giveaway
55) Anger
56) County fair animal
57) "Comprende?"

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.

EASY

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen will hold a public hearing October 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall, concerning the proposed annexation of property near Lynn Lane, Peacock Street and Liberty Pike and its plan of services.

The public may comment, and the Board may consider final approval following the hearing. Three copies of the plan are available during regular business hours at Town Hall; information is also available at townofbellbuckle.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Wartrace Board of Mayor and Aldermen will hold a Special Called Meeting on October 7, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at:
112 Bridgeview St. West
Wartrace, TN 37183

All meetings are open to the public.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and determine proposed fees associated with the Town's water and sewer rates.

Town of Wartrace
Board of Mayor and Aldermen

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

2027 ANNUAL AGENCY PLAN

SHELBYVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Notice is hereby given to the residents of Shelbyville Housing Authority, the citizens of Shelbyville, and all persons interested, that the housing authority is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 Final Rule to submit a Public Housing Agency Plan.

The Annual Agency Plan provides details about the Housing Authority's proposed development plans, administration and operational policy changes for 2027-2031. The Five-Year Capital Fund Action Plan lists the proposed capital improvement plans for 2027-2031.

Prior to submission of the Annual Agency Plan to HUD, we are soliciting comments and suggestions. We will be conducting a **Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.**, at Shelbyville Housing Authority, Tate Street Center, Shelbyville, TN 37160, to discuss the proposed plans. All residents are invited to attend.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may submit written comments regarding the Annual Agency Plan to *Mr. Ronald Tillman, Executive Director, Shelbyville Housing Authority, 316 Templeton Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160*. Written comments will be received through October 14, 2026.
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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 March 17, 2022, executed by JEANNE MARIE ECHOLS conveying certain real property therein described to SPECIALTY AGENCY SOLUTIONS, LLC, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register’s Office of Bedford County, Tennessee recorded March 28, 2022, in Book TD1047, Page 482; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC 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 October 13, 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 FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY OF BEDFORD, STATE OF TENNESSEE, TO-WIT: LAND IN BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, BEING LOT NO. 37, ON THE PLAN OF THE MEADOWS SUBDIVISION, SECTION NO. III, A PLAT OF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN CABINET “A”, ENVELOPE 237, REGISTER’S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE COMPLETE DESCRIPTION. BEING THE SAME WHICH ALAN RAULERSON AND WIFE, SUZY RAULERSON BY DEED DATED NOVEMBER 9, 2017 AND RECORDED NOVEMBER 13, 2017 IN THE COUNTY OF BEDFORD, STATE OF TENNESSEE IN 17007018 (BOOK) D340 (PAGE) 950 CONVEYED UNTO JEANNEMARIE ECHOLS, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN.

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 October 23, 2024, executed by Bob Whitfield, unmarried, to Fidelity National Title as Trustee, for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Planet Home Lending, LLC, its successors and assigns, and appearing of record on October 29, 2024, in the Register’s Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, at Book TD1134, Page 354, and Instrument Number 24007149.

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Planet Home Lending, LLC, the party entitled to enforce said security interest; and having appointed Clear Recon LLC, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustee by instrument filed or being filed for record in the Register’s Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, with all of the rights, powers, and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust, and that the undersigned, Clear Recon LLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on October 22, 2026, at 12:00 PM, local time, at the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, located in Shelbyville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, paid at the conclusion of the sale, the following described property situated in Bedford County, to wit:

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Bedford, State of Tennessee, and is described as follows:

SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BEDFORD, STATE OF TENNESSEE

TRACT 1: BEING ALL OF THE PARCEL CONTAINING 1.86 ACRES IDENTIFIED AS “GARRETSON TO WOOTEN” ON THE RESUBDIVISION OF GARRETSON & WOOTEN, FINAL PLAT, OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK “PLG1”, PAGE 171, REGISTER’S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH REFERENCE IS HERE MADE FOR A MORE COMPLETE DESCRIPTION.

TRACT 2: BEING ALL OF LOT NO. 2A OF THERE-SUBDIVISION OF LOT 2 TONYA GARRETSON SUBDIVISION, A PLAT OF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK PLE1, PAGE 108, REGISTER’S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF SAID PROPERTY.

TAX ID NO: 002049 03605
 BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED BY DEED GRANTOR: TONYA R. GRANGER, MARRIED GRANTEE: BOB WHITFIELD, UNMARRIED
 DATED: 11/06/2023
 RECORDED: 11/08/2023
 DOC#/BOOK-PAGE: 23007479 / D385-863-867
 ADDRESS: 1070 FRANK MARTIN RD, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on October 27, 2026 on or about 11:00AM local time, At the Main Entrance, Bedford, County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, conducted by the Co-Substitute Trustees as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by FAWN EVETTE WEAVER AND KEITH EDWARD WEAVER AND THE KEITH AND FAWN WEAVER LIVING TRUST, to David Marttala, Trustee, on December 30, 2020, at Record Book TD990, Page 268-279 as Instrument No. 21000177 in the real property records of Bedford County Register’s Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: Onslow Bay Financial LLC

The following real estate located in Bedford County, Tennessee, will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:

Beginning at an iron new on the Easterly margin of Highway 82 South at the Northwest corner of the Segroves Property Deed Book 152, page 199 and same being the Southwest corner of the herein described property; thence with said margin of road N 08° 30’ 08” W a distance of 55.69’ to iron rod old at the Northwest corner of the herein described property; thence leaving said margin of road S 81° 18’ 29” E a distance of 570.34’ to an iron rod old; thence N 01° 49’ 37” E a distance of 241.77’ to an iron rod old; thence N 67° 21’ 52” E a distance of 376.00 to a point on the West side of an existing driveway; thence S 79° 12’ 36” E a distance of 49.17’ to a point; thence S 79° 12’ 36” E a distance of 26.86’ to a point; thence S 82° 39’ 06” E a distance of 157.33’ to a point at the Northeast corner of the herein described property; thence S 08° 36’ 49” W a distance of 464.31’ to a point at the Southeast corner of the herein described property; thence N 82° 39’ 06” W a distance of 1080.36` to a point of beginning, and containing 5.76 acres, according to survey by Northcutt Surveying, Inc., of record in Plat Book PLJ2, page 245, Register’s Office for Bedford County, Tennessee.

Being a portion of the same property conveyed to Keith Edward Weaver and Fawn Evette Weaver, Trustees of the Keith and Fawn Weaver Living Trust by Quitclaim Deed from Keith E Weaver and Fawn E Weaver, husband and wife, dated June 17th, 2019, of record in Book D351, page 769, Register’s Office for Bedford County, Tennessee. ALSO being the same property conveyed to Keith E Weaver and Fawn E Weaver, husband and wife, by Warranty Deed from Rafor M. Hulan, George Henry Hulan, III, Angela Hulan Bell and Charles Thomas Hulan, II, dated January 17th, 2019, of record in Book D348, page 562, Register’s Office for Rutherford County, Tennessee. FURTHER being the same property conveyed to from Rafor M. Hulan, George Henry Hulan, III, Angela Hulan Bell and Charles Thomas Hulan, II by Warranty Deed from George Henry Hulan, III, Executor of the Estate of George Henry Hulan, Jr., Deceased, dated November 16, 2004, of record in Deed Book 265, page 958, Register’s Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

Tax ID: 23-110- -110- - -007.00- -000

Current Owner(s) of Property: FAWN EVETTE WEAVER AND KEITH EDWARD WEAVER AND THE KEITH AND FAWN WEAVER LIVING TRUST

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 1409 Highway 82 S, Shelbyville, TN 37160, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced

Parcel ID: 099-172.00

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 609 MEADOWLARK DRIVE, 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): JEANNEMARIE ECHOLS

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. 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.

Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100
 Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
 rlse.law.com/property-listing
 Tel: (877) 813-0992
 Fax: (470) 508-9401

A copy of this notice is being published at www.BetterChoiceNotices.com (9103tc)

Parcel ID: 049-036.05-000

Commonly known as 1070 Frank Martin Rd Shelbyville, TN 37160
 The street address and parcel number(s) of the above described property are believed to be correct; however, such references are not a part of the legal description of the property sold herein, and, in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control
 This sale is subject to tenant(s)/occupant(s) rights in possession.

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

Notice of Sale Published On-line at [HTTPS://BetterChoiceNotices.com](https://BetterChoiceNotices.com)

If the United States or the State of Tennessee have any liens or claimed lien(s) on the Property, and are named herein as interested parties, timely notice has been given to the applicable governmental entity, and the sale will be subject to any applicable rights of redemption held by the entity as required by 26 U.S.C. § 7425 and/or Tennessee Code § 67-1-1433.

All right and equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good; however, the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

The transfer shall be AS IS, WHERE IS, AND WITH ALL FAULTS, and without warranties of any kind, express or implied, as to the condition of the Property and the improvements located thereon, including merchantability or fitness for particular purpose. Trustee shall make no covenant of seisin or warranty of title, express or implied, and will sell and convey the subject real property by Substitute Trustee’s Deed only.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded by the Substitute Trustee at any time.

THIS OFFICE IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Clear Recon LLC
 Substitute Trustee
 651 East 4th Street Suite 200
 Chattanooga, Tennessee 37403
 Phone: (877) 319-8840
 File No: 1714-233A
 Newspaper: Shelbyville Times Gazette
 Publication Dates: 9/17/2026, 9/24/2026

herein shall control.

SALE IS SUBJECT TO OCCUPANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION.

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO ADJOURN THE DAY OF THE SALE TO ANOTHER DAY, TIME AND PLACE CERTAIN WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION, UPON ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE SALE SET FORTH ABOVE. THE TERMS OF SALE ARE CASH. ANY TAXES OR FEES WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASER. 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 CO-TRUSTEES.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK AND ROGER GIBSON AND ROCKET MORTGAGE AND MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEM

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

If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-101 have been met.

All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Co-Substitute Trustee(s).

This sale is also subject to the right of redemption by the INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE/DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7425 by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in the original amount of \$528,979.83 at Record Book TD1189, Page 818-818 as Instrument No. 26002992 in the real property records of Bedford County Register’s Office, Tennessee. If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor or Workforce Development are listed as Interested Parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and the Sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities’ right to redeem the property as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. §67-1-1433.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or co-trustee(s). 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 Trustor, the Trustee or the Trustee’s attorney.

MWZM File No. 26-000693-671-1
 For additional sale information visit: <https://www.tnforeclosurenotices.com>
 Mackie Wolf Zientz & Mann, P.C., Co-Substitute Trustee
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 FRANKLIN, TN 37067
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Michael Andrew Jarrell, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on September 2, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Michael Andrew Jarrell, who died 08/22/2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and Non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent’s date of death. This the 2nd day of September 2026.
 /s/ Enoch E. Jarrell, Jr., Administrator
 /s/ John T. Bobo, Bobo, Hunt & White, Attorney
 /s/ Angela Hayes, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (9172tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Jeanne C. Spalding, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on September 9, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Jeanne C. Spalding, who died 07/28/2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and Non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent’s date of death. This the 9th day of September 2026.
 /s/ Adam L Ward, Executor
 /s/ John T. Bobo, Bobo, Hunt & White, Attorney
 /s/ Angela Hayes, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (9172tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Jennifer Ann Monce, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on September 9, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Jennifer Ann Monce, who died 08/13/2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and Non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent’s date of death. This the 9th day of September 2026.
 /s/ Tamera Suzette Beal, Executrix
 /s/ Trisha L Henegar, Attorney
 /s/ Angela Hayes, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (9172tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Donald Howard, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on September 2, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Donald Howard, who died 07/12/2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and Non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent’s date of death. This the 2nd day of September 2026.
 /s/Aaron Lewis, Administrator
 /s/ John T. Bobo, Bobo, Hunt & White, Attorney
 /s/ Angela Hayes, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (9172tp)

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS
 BY PUBLICATION STATE OF
 NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

In the General Court of Justice,
 District Court Division
 Builders Premier Insurance Company, Plaintiff, vs.
 H & J CONCRETE, LLC
 f/k/a H & J CONCRETE, INC, Defendant
 26CV024817-910

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Money damages for breach of contract and unjust enrichment arising out of unpaid insurance premiums. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than October 27, 2026 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 17th of September, 2026.
 William A. Piner II,
 NC State Bar No. 50183
 STUART LAW FIRM, PLLC
 1033 Wade Avenue, Suite 202
 Raleigh, NC 27605-1155

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ZONING

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He referred to the June 2022 meeting of the County Rules and Legislative Committee, which former Commissioner Greg Vick was a member.

He advised that Vick, who is serving as a current BZA member, discussed with Planning Director Chris White about a potential “illegal rock crushing operation.” He further stated how Vick had asked White several questions about having such an operation on private land.

He said from that discussion it was stated by the planning director that based on local zoning rules and regulations, a property owner in Bedford County can crush rock on their land if they do not convey, transport, sell or take the material off site.

O’Neal claimed that from the Hawkins and Allen properties, crushed rock is being transported off-site and used at outside building locations. He said he believes the trajectory of permit has changed, with Hawkins and Price being an LLC, rather than farmers.

“This means the Right to Farm Act no longer applies, since based on published information from their own website, Hawkins and Price is an excavation and construction company, not a farmer or farming operation,” said O’Neal.

It is his belief that Hawkins and Allen are operating illegally, without proper zoning permits from the County and State of Tennessee. In addition, he said tax dollars to the County are also being withheld by Hawkins and Allen through this operation.

He mentioned another construction company has now applied for the same type of TDEC permit for a third pond operation in the same area. “When will this stop?” O’Neal asked board members.

He requested BZA begin the process of shutting down the Hawkins and Allen operation through proper zoning ordinance and therefore also stop any similar operations in the future.

He said for 2 years, there’s been no due process from the County. O’Neal said the County has left this operation “unchecked.”

O’Neal told the BZA that most important is that the health and welfare of the neighbors in that area is being compromised for a business operation. He said homes are being destroyed by the operation and property values are being diminished as they speak.

There was applause from the audience.

Tanya Austin with Austin-Denton, representatives of Hawkins and Price, spoke after O’Neal. She explained the properties owned in Bedford County by Allen and Hawkins are part of a collaborative family initiative.

She said after a loss in a large cattle operation due to drought, the family met with an engineer and started the ponds in the rockiest area of the property.

She said this agriculture measure was to prevent such agriculture

loss in the future. Other parts of their land, Austin explained, can be used for farming.

People in the audience shook their heads at the attorney’s remarks.

Denton said right now, in Bedford County, many of the agricultural ponds are bone dry, due to this summer drought. She advised the BZA members that Hawkins and Allen are currently trucking water from a reservoir to the drought areas for their cattle.

She went on to explain some judges’ opinions but her allotted 3 minutes ran out. The attorney requested from the board that she be able to speak again before the agenda item was considered.

Resident Frankie Shumake discussed briefly the noise, blasting and disruption from the operation to his family life and health.

Jenny McKee, speaking on behalf of her neighbors, was next up, stating how the issue was not about farm ponds or TDEC mining rules but rather whether the planning director did his job correctly by proper interpretation of the zoning law.

She said the interpretation was that crushing and hauling of limestone are protected under agricultural purpose.

“Local zoning and state environmental permits are two different things,” advised McKee.

She discussed the Attorney General’s opinion regarding agricultural purpose, which she advised is sum total specific.

“Calling an industrial operation a farm pond, does not make it so. We don’t need to prove bad intent to prevail at the BZA. We are simply asking if the administrative interpretation was legal-ly correct.”

Just recently, the state’s Attorney General addressed the differences between agricultural operations and mining. The judge’s opinion is that removing of material during a legal pond operation does not mean it is not agricultural in nature.



Still, the residents in this area of Fairfield Pike want what they call a “quarry” closed for good.

With emotion in her voice, McKee closed her comment session by stating, “More importantly, I am here for the kids who cannot play in their yard; the gentleman whose horse farm lost a million dollars in value last week; and the senior who can’t breathe on his porch. Look past the labels. Look at the facts. If the facts do not establish an agriculture purpose, the label simply cannot stand.”

Fairfield Pike resident Jerry Mills stated that due to the work going on behind his house, the foundations of his home and shop have cracked. The quality of life for his family has gone downhill, he said, all due to the Hawkins operation.

“Ya’ll recently valued my house at a higher value, with this new tax assessment. And now, I couldn’t get probably half of what it’s actually worth, based on that quarry behind my house. It’s within 600 feet of my backdoor.”

With strong emotion, Mills advised BZA members, “I can’t go out Saturday morning and have a cup of coffee . . . without these people piling up rock, grinding, pushing it, disturbing the peace and the comfort that I’ve lived for and loved here in Bedford County.”

Mills added, “They’ve done nothing but destroyed it for everybody here that’s living around them stupid rock quarries. And that’s what they are; they’re quarries. They’re hauling rock out. The road is caving in . . . big old sink hole already in Fairfield Pike.”

He said millions have already been promised to be invested in repaving Fairfield Pike yet the road is “going to pot.”

“Gentleman, I appreciate your time. But it’s time something is done about it. This cancer has been created and it’s going to grow, unless you do something about it.”

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) is responsible for:

- Hearing and decid-



ing appeals from zoning administrator decisions or administrative orders.

- Granting variances from zoning ordinance provisions.

- Interpreting the Official Zoning Map when there is uncertainty about district boundaries.

The Board typically does not handle special use permit applications; that authority lies with the Planning Commission.

Members of the BZA present were: Whit Lee – Chairperson, Wayne Hart, Keenon Threet, Greg Vick and newly elected Commissioner Jason Sanders.

Before getting to the heart of the meeting, Lee told the audience that planning director White was seated several rows behind them, due to him noting he has COVID and the flu. So, distance was kept and White maintained a mask throughout the discussions.

Lee advised those opposed to White’s recent ruling that they must first establish standing in order for the BZA to move ahead with their decision of whether to overturn White’s ruling.

Lawyers presented their cases and how they saw the process going forward. BZA members asked some questions as well.

More legal detail discussed during this meeting is available at Bedford County Government YouTube/BZA meeting Sept. 17, 2026.

White said rather than read the entire analysis, he highlighted some highpoints. He said far from the truth is that his wife just had a property exchange with the Hawkins; he said that is not true and a land deal was made but it was several years ago.

“It’s not like my wife and I have a special relationship with the Hawkins, said White. “We don’t.”

He said his duties as planning director are dependent upon law. If there is some obscurity within the law, it’s up to his department to give the people with “special rights” a little leeway.

Is it at the expense of other people? He said that’s just the way the world works.

White established that when farmers come into the planning office, there is no evidence, in the beginning, of the truth. He said a farmer or property owner just makes a declaration.

White went through how the process was conducted with Hawkins and Allen. Just as the attorney had said, they had lost money with cattle and needed irrigation ponds.

White continued with how the process developed.

In the end, Chairman Lee stated that a deferral had been deemed unnecessary. Attorneys said to do so would merely repeat that night’s events.

Lee said the BZA’s two options on the floor were agriculture acceptance

or to overturn White’s decision and declare the operation as a quarry.

In the end, Threet made the motion to overturn planning director White’s decision. BZA Member Hart seconded that motion.

The roll call vote (whether to overturn White’s decision,) was as follows: Threet, yes; Hart, yes; Lee, yes; Sanders, yes; Vick, no.

The audience applauded loudly at the 4:1 decision. The meeting was adjourned.

County Planning Director White told the T-G this week, “The law provides a local appeals process for anyone who believes they have been aggrieved by a decision made by a government official to seek review and relief. In this case, that process worked exactly as intended.

There are nuances in every law, and local government does not have the luxury of declining to make a decision simply because the law may be difficult to interpret. We are always required to choose a path based on the best available information and legal analysis, and that is what the County did.

The Board of Zoning Appeals heard from the County, the appellants, and members of the public and reached a different conclusion. That is the exact purpose of the appeals process. The County always respects this Board’s decisions and will proceed accordingly.”

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF CONSTRUCTION BIDS

BIDS TO BE RECEIVED October 27, 2026

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Shelbyville at their offices at the Shelbyville City Hall, Purchasing Office, 201 N Spring Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160, during office hours (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM CDT) until **10:00 AM CDT, Tuesday, October 27, 2026** and opened publicly at the Building & Codes and Planning Conference Room, 100 N Cannon Blvd., Shelbyville, TN 37160 at 10:30 AM CDT. The reading of the bids will begin at 10:35 AM CDT.

An optional pre-bid meeting will be held for all interested contractors and subcontractors at 10:00 AM CDT on **Tuesday, October 13, 2026** at the Building & Codes and Planning Conference Room, 100 N Cannon Blvd., Shelbyville, TN 37160.

TDOT PIN: 129812.01
Federal Project No.: TAP-9314(13)
State Project No.: 02LPLM-F3-041

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Duck River Greenway Reconstruction and Scenic Overlook in Shelbyville, Bedford County: This project involves the widening and reconstruction of the Duck River Greenway beginning at the River Bottom Park and ending at SR-10/South Cannon Blvd, which is approximately 0.286 miles long. The project also involves the construction of a new scenic river 1200 SF overlook open-air structure, decorative pedestrian fencing, pedestrian greenway lighting, landscaping, and invasive species removal along the riverbank.

PROPOSAL CONTRACTS WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL THE TIME SET FOR OPENING BIDS

A Prime Contractor must prequalify with the Department of Transportation in accordance with Section 54-5-117 of the “Tennessee Code Annotated” and the Tennessee Department of Transportation Rule 1680-5-3 prequalification of contractors before bid-dable proposals will be furnished.

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Stacey Claxton, Human Resources Manager

Champs Squander Key Opportunities in Region Opener Against Sequatchie

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BELL BUCKLE, Tenn. – In the first Region 4-AAA matchup of the season, the Cascade Champions (3-2, 0-1) came up short in their upset bid against Sequatchie County (3-2, 1-0) on Friday night, 31-14.

After trailing by 17 points halfway through the fourth quarter, the Champions found the end zone on a 15-yard touchdown run by Sam Bradley with 5:30 left in the game to cut the Sequatchie Co. lead to 24-14. Cascade's defense forced a three-and-out, and Xykaiah Dixon's explosive punt return from midfield set up the Champions at the five-yard line with a chance to make it a one-score game.

Instead, misfortune struck at the worst possible time for Cascade.

"We were going to run Power up the gut with Sam [Bradley]," Cascade Head Coach Jared Carkuff said, "but the snap never got back to him. It's something that you see once in a blue moon and it just happened at the worst possible time."

The dribbled snap was kicked around as both teams fought to recover the football, and ultimately Sequatchie Co. found the ball, picked it up, and ran it all the way back for the game-sealing touchdown with less than four minutes to go.

Calling a run for their star quarterback was a great idea, as Bradley

finished the game with 129 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 14 carries, including a 72-yard sprint to the end zone that got Cascade on the board in the first half. Bradley also went 10-of-21 passing for 81 yards. The Champions' were without their star tailback and middle linebacker, Nate Zimmerman, after he suffered an unfortunate set of practice circumstances that forced him to miss this game.

Sequatchie County was also without their star senior quarterback, Hunter Minton, but his younger brother, Austin Minton, started in his place and did well enough to stave off the upset bid. Minton did throw two interceptions, but he also threw two touchdown passes while leading a third touchdown drive as well as another two possessions that ended in field goal attempts.

Cascade struggled to run the ball outside of Bradley against a stout Sequatchie defense with Josh Cunningham finishing with just 15 yards rushing on eight carries in Zimmerman's place.

Early on, the Champions struggled to get out of their own way at times, turning the ball over on downs twice as well as being forced to punt after committing a penalty the other two times. This resulted in Sequatchie County taking a 14-0 lead behind a 31-yard touchdown pass from Minton to Jack Evitts on their second drive of the night. Cascade picked off Minton



Cascade's Sam Bradley (2) evades pressure and looks to throw the ball downfield against Sequatchie County. Bradley tallied up 129 yards and two rushing touchdowns on 14 carries while finishing 10-of-21 for 81 yards passing in Friday's loss. Photo courtesy of Fotos by Finch.

on the next Sequatchie drive, but Zaryk Grant found the end zone with a four-yard rushing touchdown on the following possession to go up two in the second quarter.

Bradley responded with his 72-yard scamper on 3rd-and-2 to cut the lead in half.

"We just called a play that was designed to get five yards and the first down," Carkuff admitted, "but it was so well-blocked and Sam [Bradley] is so fast in the open field that he was able to

score."

Cascade came away with a second interception on the next Sequatchie drive, this time from Deshawn Ferrell on a screen pass to keep the score at 14-7 heading into the halftime locker room.

After a Sequatchie fumble on the first drive of the second half, Cascade couldn't capitalize and was forced to punt the ball back to the visitors. Minton took advantage of the opportunity, finding Brayden Lewis for a 57-yard touchdown

pass to go in front 21-7 with 4:46 remaining in the third quarter.

After both teams traded scoreless possessions, the Champions put together an 11-play drive, but turned the ball over on downs for the third time on the night. Sequatchie County put together a short drive of their own, and after missing a 33-yard field goal on the prior possession, the visitors connected on a 26-yarder to take a seemingly insurmountable 24-7 lead in the fourth quarter.

Despite the odds stacked against them, the Champions finally were able to find the end zone on Bradley's 15-yard touchdown run to cap an eight-play drive with 5:40 to go, setting the stage for the improbable turn of events that took place during the ensuing 90 seconds of game time.

Cascade falls to 3-2 overall. The Champions take their bye week before traveling to Giles County on Friday, Oct. 2nd.

Cascade Sweeps 'Battle of Bedford' Season Series Against Viqueens

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BELL BUCKLE, Tenn. – After taking home a 3-1 win in Unionville on August 25th, the Cascade Lady Champions (10-1, 7-0) completed the season sweep over Community (4-2, 2-2) with a hard-fought 2-0 win on Thursday night.

"I feel like our girls

controlled the game very well," Cascade Head Coach Wendy Williams said postgame, "In our team meeting we talked about wanting to possess the ball tonight. We want to control the tempo of the game, and they do that. We had great passing, excellent communication and movement, so it was beautiful."

Lexi Comstock drew a penalty in the 9th minute

after a through ball put her one-on-one with the Viqueens' keeper. Comstock got to the ball first, taking a touch around the keeper before being taken out inside the box. With Comstock taking a minute to compose herself despite seeming a bit hobbled, Olivia Winnett stepped up to bury the penalty low and hard into the keeper's left corner to give the Lady Champions a 1-0 lead.

The Viqueens continued to sit deep and invite pressure with the intent of hitting Cascade on the counter, and this allowed the hosts to accumulate the lion's share of possession and attacking threat as the first half waned on. However, Community maintained its shape, and outside of Rylee Harris hitting the crossbar in the 39th minute, the visitors were able to make it to the halftime break trailing by just the one goal to nil.

Nonetheless, despite the Viqueens' resistance, Cascade was able to find the all-important second goal of the game just six minutes into the second half. In the 46th minute, Adalyn Nelms was able to control a cross from Harris in the box before using nifty skill to dribble around three defend-



Cascade's Adalyn Nelms (12) scores Cascade's second goal of the night in Thursday's win over Community in the Battle of Bedford. Photo courtesy of Austin Holland.

ers to free up enough space to slot the ball home into the back of the net for a 2-0 lead.

"I think we were pretty creative tonight. Community sets up a strong defense and backline, so it takes a lot of creativity to penetrate that. We worked through some things, we took a lot of shots, and there were a few things that were almost there. There's of course always things we can work on, but I think

overall it was a good showing."

Cascade nearly found a third goal seven minutes later. In the 53rd minute, the Lady Champs sent in another dangerous ball across the six-yard box that found Kaylee Martin, but her shot was cleared off the line to keep the game at 2-0.

Community never truly threatened the hosts on the counter in the second half, and the final whistle blew with the

final score staying at a comfortable 2-0.

Community falls to 4-2 overall.

Cascade improved to 10-1 overall after a 6-2 win on Tuesday night at Chapel Hill behind four second-half goals from Lexi Comstock and a brace from Kaylee Martin. The Lady Champions host Fayetteville City in their final District 9-A regular season matchup on Tuesday night with kickoff set for 6:00 p.m.



Olivia Winnett (15) and Adalyn Nelms (12) celebrate Nelms' 46th-minute goal. Winnett scored a penalty in the 9th minute to put the Lady Champions in front early on. Photo courtesy of Austin Holland.

Brentwood Pulls Away From Golden Eagles in Region 6-6A Clash

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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. – The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles (1-4, 0-3) were unable to overcome some ill-timed mistakes in the first half as they suffered their third-consecutive defeat to open Region 6-6A play against the Brentwood Bruins (4-1, 2-0) on Friday night, 43-13.

After Independence scored a touchdown on eight of their nine possessions one week ago, Shelbyville Central's defense forced a punt and two field goal attempts to give its offense a chance in the first three quarters. In all, junior Bruins' quarterback Gavin Strang – who has offers from three SEC schools – finished a modest 15-of-21 for 219 yards and three touchdowns.

“Our defense put up a fight tonight,” Shelbyville Central Head Coach Jud Dryden said postgame, “We came in on Monday [after the loss at Independence], we got back to doing things the way that they’re supposed to be done, and we continued to move forward and make progress. That [Brentwood] is a really good football team, and I thought we competed all the way through. With this group, with the way they’re tracking and the way that they’re learning, that is the single most important thing.”

Meanwhile, the Golden Eagles' quarterbacks combined to go 4-of-13 for 55 yards and one interception as the hosts struggled to move the ball through the air.

Torrior Mathis, who was injured in the season opener against Tullahoma and was projected to have a breakout year as the starting running back, returned for the first time since the game against the Wildcats and finished with eight carries for 29 yards. He also took snaps at his outside

linebacker position on defense.

“It’s huge [to have Torrior Mathis return],” Dryden said, “That way they’re all rotated in, everything continues to sync the way it’s supposed to. When kids go down, it affects everybody. Everybody wants all their brothers on the field all the time. Having all the running backs back there, they’ve all got talent, they can all change a game on their own, it’s great to have them.”

Shelbyville Central got the ball first, and the hosts methodically marched down the field into Brentwood territory before a costly holding penalty derailed the drive, eventually resulting in a turnover-on-downs. Nonetheless, the Golden Eagles ran 6:43 off the clock on their 11-play drive.

Brentwood took over on its own 28-yard line with 5:17 to go, and after a holding penalty of their own, the Bruins were facing a 3rd-and-16 from their own 22-yard line. Unfortunately for the hosts, Strang launched the ball deep down the left sideline, allowing his receiver Turner Weber to outrun the Golden Eagles' defender and sprint to the end zone for a backbreaking touchdown.

After a Golden Eagles punt, Brentwood found another big play, this time from Isaac Carano on a 60-yard scamper to flip the field and reach the Golden Eagles' seven-yard line to end the first quarter. However, Shelbyville Central's defense held, coming up with a goalline stand and forcing a fumble from Parker Cates on 4th-and-goal from the two-yard line to turn the Bruins away.

However, the momentum swing was short-lived for the hosts. A bad snap on 3rd-and-2 forced Cyonn Rucker to fall on the ball at his own



Shelbyville Central's Laron Brown (12) recorded a 74-yard touchdown run in the first half of Friday's loss to Brentwood. Brown finished with 90 yards rushing and one touchdown on five carries. *Photo courtesy of Game Time Images.*

one-yard line, resulting in a safety on the punt to give the Bruins a 9-0 lead with 8:10 left in the second quarter.

On the ensuing Bruins' possession, the Golden Eagles stood tall, forcing three consecutive incompletions from Strang. This resulted in a 53-yard field goal attempt that cleared the crossbar by centimeters, extending the Brentwood lead to 12-0 with 7:19 to go in the first half.

Shelbyville Central got the ball back, picking up a first down thanks to a defensive pass interference penalty before Turner Weber jumped a slant route to pick off Hudson Oaks and take it 45 yards back the other way for a devastating pick-six, swelling the lead to 19-0 with

5:42 left.

On the ensuing Golden Eagles' possession however, Laron Brown put the hosts on the board with an exhilarating 74-yard touchdown run on 3rd-and-2, trimming the lead to 19-6 with 4:36 left after the PAT was blocked. Brown finished with 90 yards rushing and one touchdown on five carries.

“Laron [emerging] is huge because it opens them up to more snaps on defense,” Dryden said, “Laron [Brown] and Torrior [Mathis] are both great defensive players too. As they progress and are able to give up a few snaps on offense to play every snap on defense, that’s what it’s all about.”

Strang was able to connect with Cates on

a wheel route for an 18-yard touchdown pass to take a 26-6 lead with 2:21 left before the Golden Eagles reached the Brentwood 38-yard line with 25 seconds left facing a 4th-and-4 with a chance to cut into the lead. Instead, Rucker's pass fell incomplete to end the first half.

To open the second half, the Bruins benefited from a long kick return to begin their drive at the Shelbyville Central 25-yard line, but the Golden Eagles forced another fumble that Lucas Tindall recovered.

Shelbyville Central went three-and-out from its own nine-yard line, and then Brentwood connected on a 37-yard field goal on its next drive to extend the lead to 29-6 with 5:04 to go

in the third quarter.

After another Golden Eagles' punt, Strang found Parker Emerson on a screen pass, and Emerson reversed field for a 36-yard touchdown to take a 36-6 advantage with 2:01 left in the third quarter. Brentwood tacked on its final touchdown on a two-yard run from Will Luedtke at the 7:38 mark of the fourth quarter.

With 56 seconds left, Treyvion Mathis, who finished as the game's leading rusher with 17 carries for 111 yards and one touchdown, found the end zone from 13 yards out to make the final score 43-13.

Shelbyville Central hosts Summit for Homecoming on Friday night with kickoff set for 7:00 p.m.

Blue Raiders hold steady at home, down Nevada 27-20

MURFREESBORO Tenn. – Middle Tennessee football (2-1) continued its winning ways at home, taking down a non-conference opponent in the Nevada Wolf Pack (1-2), 27-20.

The Blue Raiders picked up win number two inside of the friendly confines of Floyd Stadium, with a timely forced fumble by Rickey Lee III and a recovery by Corey Smith. The turnover, marking the third consecutive game the Blue Raiders forced a fumble, set Roman Gagliano and the Blue Raider offense up on the Nevada 21-yard line.

Middle Tennessee made short work of the Wolf Pack defense, working a five play drive to take the lead. Redshirt senior running back Antonio Martin Jr. punched it in from three yards out for the game winning

score.

Martin was a big part of the Blue Raider offensive attack throughout the night as he shouldered the rushing load with 104 yards on 23 carries along with the game winning score.

Roman Gagliano had two touchdowns through the air on the night, marking his fourth career win as the signal caller for Middle Tennessee. Gagliano threw for 173 yards on 16-of-29 passing.

Koraun Perdue collected his first career touchdown during the win, opening the scoring with a 23-yard reception.

Gagliano's second score was a connection with his favorite target, as Cam'ron Lacy found open space for a 10-yard score in the third quarter. This is Lacy's fifth career score, and marks his third consecutive

game to score a touchdown.

Smith shined once again on defense from his linebacker spot, pairing the clutch fumble recovery with 10 tackles. Overall, the Blue Raiders forced three turnovers. Jason Hardy snagged his first career interception in the third quarter, while Jackson Lowe picked up his first career sack, forced fumble and fumble recovery in the same play.

By the Numbers:
3: Cam'ron Lacy has picked up a receiving touchdown in all three games so far in 2026.

23: Antonio Martin Jr.'s 23 carries marked a career-high across his five-year collegiate career.

10: Linebacker Ashton Taylor picked up a career-high 10 tackles, matching the output of

his counterpart Corey Smith at the linebacker position.

MTSU Game Notes
• Middle Tennessee tallied its first quarterback sack of the season in the third quarter, a tackle for a loss of six yards by Jackson Lowe.

• Blue Raiders have forced fumbles in three-straight games, with two of those being returned for touchdowns. It is the longest streak of the Derek Mason era.
• MTSU has grabbed three interceptions from Nevada over the past two seasons.

• Saturday marks the first time since November 9, 2024 against Liberty that the Blue Raiders have had two forced fumbles and fumbles recovered.

• With wins in both of its first two home games, MTSU is 2-0 at home for

the first time since 2021.

Offensive Player Notes
#1 | Markus Allen | WR | Gr.

• Brought in a Blue Raider-long 41-yard catch in the fourth quarter, marking the longest reception by a Middle Tennessee player this season.

#8 | Antonio Martin | RB | r-Sr.

• Set career high in rushing attempts with 23, garnering 104 yards in those attempts
• Scored first touchdown in the Blue and White as the go-ahead score in the fourth quarter.

#13 | Ziyon Butler | WR | Fr.

• Recorded first collegiate catch in the fourth quarter, an 11-yard reception for a first down.

#33 | Brooklen Davis | RB | r-Fr.

• Davis earned his

first collegiate rushing attempts against Nevada, tallying three for 20 yards.

#83 | Koraun Perdue | TE | Gr.

• Collected his first Blue Raider touchdown in the first quarter on a 23-yard reception.

Defensive Player Notes
#2 | Jackson Lowe | CB | r-So.

• Registered MTSU's first sack of the season for a loss of six yards in the third quarter. Also marks Lowe's first career sack.

• Forced a fumble on the same play as the sack, the first of his collegiate career.

#21 | Jason Hardy | CB | r-Sr.

• Grabbed his first pick of the season in the third quarter. Hardy's catch is Middle Tennessee's first pick in the 2026 season.

He’s been at Ground Zero, served his country
Now, Veteran Dave Rogers plans run for City Mayor

Dave “Grunt” Rogers says his journey to becoming a candidate for Mayor of Shelbyville didn’t begin in a boardroom or behind a political desk but on the New York streets.

He recently announced he’s running for the City mayoral seat in the November election.

From boot straps to Veteran’s fairs and councils, he believes his experience in management and leadership is what this City needs. He understands needs of the people maybe better than most, he says.

Born in NYC, Rogers found himself homeless at just 15. At an age when most young people are thinking about school, friends, and what they want to become, he was learning how to survive. Those difficult years gave him an understanding, he notes, of what it means to struggle, to need an opportunity, and to know that sometimes a person simply needs someone willing to give them a chance.

“I believe in giving people a hand up, not a hand out,” Rogers says.

Joining the US Army helped change the direction of his life. Military service provided discipline, purpose, responsibility, and an opportunity to build a future. Rogers continued his education through college and eventually earned advanced degrees, transforming a life that began with homelessness into one centered on service, leadership, and community involvement.

Rogers advises that his military career also provided experience that he believes can translate directly into City leadership. Working in logistics and management meant understanding budgets, personnel, resources, transportation, planning, and the importance of making sure many different moving parts work together toward a common mission.

A City requires that same kind of coordination, according to Rogers. Roads, public services, employees, businesses, infrastructure, budgets, and future development cannot be treated as separate issues. Decisions in one area often affect every other part of the community. Rogers believes good leadership requires looking beyond the immediate problem and planning for the long-term consequences of today’s decisions.

But his perspective comes from more than professional experience, he notes. For approximately 40 years, Rogers has advocated, volunteered, served, and worked alongside people from different walks of life. That experience, he notes, has allowed him to see community challenges from the ground level—not simply through reports and statistics, but through conversations with residents and hands-on service.

Rogers is also not afraid to roll up his sleeves and get involved personally. He started a nonprofit dedicated to helping feed veterans and their families. Together with the

Bedford County Health Fair created a Health and Veteran Fair for Bedford County to bring health resources, veteran services, community organizations, and residents together in one place. He regularly helps cook at the local soup kitchen, putting service into action “one meal at a time.”

As chair of the Health Council, Rogers has been working with the Bedford County Health Council on efforts to bring transportation to Shelbyville. He says he recognizes that reliable transportation can open the door to jobs, healthcare, groceries, education, training, and other opportunities that might otherwise remain out of reach.

These efforts reflect Rogers’ belief that leadership should not begin when someone is elected to office. But rather that leadership begins by identifying a need, bringing people together, and getting to work.

Rogers is also not afraid to speak up when he believes it matters. He has advocated against bringing data centers to the community when he believes their impact on resources, infrastructure, jobs, and Shelbyville’s character would outweigh their benefits. He has also worked to propose legislation aimed at helping people in need, taking community concerns beyond conversation and working to turn ideas into action.

That same approach shapes his vision for Shelbyville’s growth.

“Growth means change, but

that does not mean we have to give up what makes Shelbyville unique,” Rogers says.

He believes Shelbyville can grow while protecting its identity, supporting the people and businesses already here, and making thoughtful decisions about development. Growth should strengthen the community rather than simply make it bigger.

Rogers believes Shelbyville’s future should be built around practical goals that improve everyday life for the people who already call the city home.

Those goals include balancing the city budget and making responsible use of taxpayer dollars; supporting local businesses and strengthening the local economy; investing in essential city services and infrastructure; and creating more opportunities for working families to build stable, successful lives in Shelbyville.

Rogers also believes transparency and accountability must be fundamental parts of city government. Residents deserve to understand how their money is being spent, why major decisions are being made, what city government is working on, and how those decisions will affect their families and neighborhoods.

As part of that commitment, Rogers proposes creating a City Mayor Podcast to communicate directly with residents. The podcast would provide regular updates about the work of city government, explain important issues and decisions, discuss current and



upcoming projects, and help residents better understand what is happening in their city. Rogers believes communication between City Hall and the community should not be limited to meetings or election season. Residents should have an accessible way to stay informed throughout the year.

Leadership, in his view, should be accessible, accountable, and willing to answer difficult questions.

His story—from a homeless teenager on the streets of New York City, to serving in the Army, earning a college education, working in logistics and management, starting a nonprofit, feeding veterans, cooking at the soup kitchen, organizing community events, advocating for transportation, speaking up on community issues, and spending decades serving others—is the perspective Rogers hopes to bring to Shelbyville’s future.

For Rogers, leadership is not about what someone promises they will do someday. It is about what they have already demonstrated they are willing to do.

For him, the campaign comes down to two simple principles:

DEEDS NOT WORDS.
GOALS NOT PROMISES.

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Dear Editor:

The recent move by President Trump to ban three specific news agencies, CNN, MS NOW and Politico from the white House is unprecedented and the lawsuit brought by these agencies against Trump will undoubtedly be upheld by the courts.

Being a conservative and supporter of Trump I adamantly believe that the US Constitution is much more important for the wellbeing and freedom of Americans, and is larger in scope and impact than any sitting president or other politician regardless of party affiliation who would bend or alter it to their own satisfaction and self-serving views. The Founding

fathers were aware that ruling politicians might in the future attempt to change the Constitution to support their personal agendas and deny American citizens of their right to freedom of the press, and therefore included concrete restrictions to prevent such. I would agree that the subject news agencies Trump has banned are guilty of bias, falsehoods, fake news and a reporting theme based solely on their 'Hate Trump' agendas over and over. However, the fact remains and should be enforced that regardless of their liberal socialist viewpoints, hate America and negativism, the news agencies are definitely protected by the First Amendment

and freedom of the press and any attempt by any politician regardless of position must be censured and never allowed to change any segment of our Constitution to satisfy a personal vindictive.

The Constitution does not specifically address nor grant the press access to the White House, but the First and Fifth Amendments and legal precedent restricts the government (this includes the POTUS) from revoking established press access arbitrarily on the basis that they do not agree with the language of the news agency's reporting. This is the way it should be, and any deviation from this established rule should be overturned. Banning of reporters of any news agency was overturned in the landmark case of 1977 (under president Carter) in Sherrill v. Knight, whereby a journalist for The Nation, Robert SSherrill, was barred by the Secret Ser-

vice from obtaining a press pass to the White House. The Secret Service gave an adverse security recommendation on Sherrill but the government refused to provide a hearing or reason for the denial and Sherrill sued Stuart Knight the director of the Secret Service. The US court of appeals for the D.C. district ruled in favor of Sherrill and established the precedent that the White House cannot deny a reporter's presence based on conflicting viewpoint or unfavorable reporting. Consequently, denying the three news agencies is the same as our government restricting all

media from unfavorable reporting or disagreement of Trump and his administration. In a sense this is reminiscence of communist governments and the Nazis of the past in controlling the mass media and reporting only their contorted views to their citizens. We Americans do not need any politician regardless of status to tell us what we should or should not hear or see.

As free Americans we must never allow any administration the right to control what is reported via the media regardless of the content whether pro or con. If the present liberal media reports only a 'Hate-Trump-and-

America' agenda then so be it. I would think that the average intelligent American citizen is capable of wading through the endless quagmire of socialist manure the liberal media and democrat party is espousing and can make their own personal choice of right or wrong or just tune them out.

But for certain we do not need nor should accept any politician either Democrat or Republican using their power and position to dictate what news we hear or see.

God bless America and our Constitution.

Charles David Sliger
Shelbyville

WINNING TEAM OF BATTLE
OF THE BADGES IS TEAM FIRE/911!

Bedford County’s first responders faced off Tuesday in a friendly competition aimed at collecting more than 300 blood donations and helping save hundreds of lives. The Battle of the Badges ran from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Blue Ribbon Circle in Shelbyville.

Between both days of the drive (smaller group on Monday for those on-duty Tuesday), Blood Assurance saw 310 total donors. Representatives note that 180 of them were first-time donors!

A total of 326 units of blood products (some people gave double red cells) were collected. Blood Assurance notes how that has the power to save up to 978 lives!

Blood Assurance is a primary blood supplier for most middle Tennessee hospitals, including Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital, meaning donations help save local lives.



FIRST TIME DONOR

Shelbyville’s own weatherman, Elijah Kirby, participated in his first blood donor drive.

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By Dawn Hankins and Donnie J. Redd

The speed. The sharp turns. The smoke. It was life at its best for late racer Hart Hastings of Bedford County.

And what Hastings poured into the racing circuit will be remembered and embraced with love on Nov. 4, by the Nashville Fairgrounds Speedway Hall of Fame.

Sadly, Hart passed away in 2002; he is buried in his hometown. His son, Jim, from Shelbyville, is planning to accept the Hall of Fame award on behalf of the family and friends.

Donnie J. Redd, former chairman of the committee, now serving as treasurer, says Hastings was one of Bedford County's own. And he loved his hometown.

Rooted in Bedford County

Born to Dewey Smith and Hazel Woods Hart Hastings, Hart was raised on the very land that defined his character, Redd advised.

"He was a proud caretaker of his family's Century-old farm—a heritage he protected fiercely. As a boy, Hart sat at the feet of his grandfather, Joe Hastings, listening to stories of survival and resilience during the Great Depression. Those ancestral lessons forged an unbreakable work

ethic in Hart. He became a man who understood that nothing of value is built overnight, whether it is a rich harvest or a championship-winning race car."

Fueling the Passion

To fund his racing dreams and support the land, Hart dedicated decades of service to the local Uniroyal plant. Known by supervisors and peers alike for his meticulous attention to detail and flawless attendance, Hart would clock out of his grueling factory shifts and go straight to work—either tending to his crops or turning wrenches.

It was this intersection of mechanical skill and raw determination that led him to team up with fellow Shelbyville racing icons, Brooks and George Tune. Together, they campaigned a powerhouse stock car that became the scourge of the Southeastern short-track circuit.

The Legend of Number 14 and Its Masters

Redd notes, "When the legendary Number 14 rolled into the local circuits, fans and competitors knew they were looking at the gold standard of short-track racing. Guided by Hart's sharp mechanical mind and strategic vision alongside the Tune brothers, the famous Number 14 captured the

spirit of an era. The car became a regional powerhouse because Hart and the Tunes trusted only the absolute best to sit behind the wheel."

Redd advises how the history of the car is forever intertwined with an elite roster of short-track titans and racing royalty:

• **Freddy Fryar:** The legendary champion who drove this team's car to victory in the historic final race at the Nashville Legion Bowl in 1957.

• **Charlie Griffith:** The fearless pilot who took that very same machine and drove it straight into the history books by capturing the first-ever feature win when the Nashville Fairgrounds Speedway opened on asphalt in 1958.

• **George Bonee:** The master wheelman whose fierce driving style made the Number 14 a constant, dominant threat whenever the green flag dropped.

• **Bob Reuther:** The brilliant Nashville pioneer and track champion who brought his signature skill and veteran savvy to the cockpit.

• **Donnie Allison:** The iconic NASCAR legend and "Alabama Gang" pioneer who lent his championship pedigree to the car's rich regional legacy.

• **Herb Lewis:** The formidable short-track

ace whose spectacular car control and raw speed added even more silverware to the team's trophy case.

"Hart's immense contributions to the sport did not fade with the checkered flag. The historic Number 14 car has been meticulously restored and preserved, serving as a rolling monument to a golden age of Tennessee motorsports. His formal induction into the Nashville Fairgrounds Speedway Hall of Fame permanently cements his status among the titans of the track."

An Exemplary Tennessee Citizen

Hart's impact was so profoundly felt that following his passing, the Tennessee House of Representatives (Phillips) adopted an official state resolution honoring his life. The state record stands as a permanent testament to a man who lived with quiet dignity, immense courage, and an undeniable love for his community.

A RESOLUTION To honor the memory of Mr. Hart Hastings of Bedford County. WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Hart Hastings, a Bedford County farmer and a pioneer in motorsports in the Southeast . . .

Mr. Hastings had won championships at NASCAR tracks throughout the Southeast; and WHEREAS, The ever popular and always powerful Number 14 car, which was owned

'He became a man who understood that nothing of value is built overnight, whether it is a rich harvest or a championship-winning race car.'

—Friend Donnie J. Redd

by Mr. Hastings and his partners, George and Brooks Tune, was driven, at various times, by several legendary drivers, including Bobby Allison, Donnie Allison, Freddy Fryar, Charley Griffith, and George Bonee; and WHEREAS, Mr. Hastings thoroughly enjoyed his association with the Class of '49, an active group of his classmates who took great pleasure in each other's company, especially during their annual trip to Pigeon Forge; and WHEREAS, He was also active in First Families of Tennessee and the maintenance of Center Cemetery, where his grandparents are buried; and WHEREAS, Mr. Hastings was a man of strong convictions: he believed deeply in God, dearly loved his family and home, and handled his illness with a strength and courage which amazed his family and many friends; and WHEREAS, His membership at the Fairlane Church of Christ Church was testament to the strong Christian faith instilled into him by his mother; and WHEREAS, Mr. Hastings enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Patricia Gill Hastings; he is also survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Joseph Hart "Joe" Hastings and Sheila Hastings; his son, James

Dewey "Jim" Hastings; and five grandchildren, Rebecca Hazel Hastings, Christina Kay Hastings, Alex Christopher Hastings, John Dewey Hastings and Megan Patricia Hastings; and 00855347- 2 WHEREAS, Hart Hastings leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor the memory of Mr. Hart Hastings, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his bountiful life as a farmer, husband and father, his instrumental role in the development of motorsports, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and many friends of Mr. Hastings.



FINGER-PRINTING EXPERIENCE

Criminal Justice-I students at Community High School have been studying the field of Corrections. These students have been examining the booking process of a criminal defendant and learning the required career skill of fingerprint application. Pictured from left, Alayna Maddox and Nalyla Barnett.



TRAFFIC CITATION COMPETITION

Community High School Criminal justice-I students recently competed in a traffic citation competition. Students had to dissect a traffic infraction scenario, interpret the correct charges, & apply the appropriate fine while ensuring a valid court date. Each scenario was timed with students having to perform under pressure. These students not only performed well; they earned first & second place finishes out of twenty-five contestants! Eli and Cameron tied for first with Easton placing second. From left, Criminal Justice Instructor Chris Hobbs, Eli Dickinson, Cameron Beasley, Easton Brown and Principal Brad Brown.



UNKNOWN CALL RESPONSE EXPERIENCE

Submitted Photos

The criminal justice-I course at Community High School recently suited up and responded to unknown calls for service. These students took on the role of a law enforcement officer responding to an unknown emergency in progress. Students were accessed on officer safety, scene control and the implementation of criminal law. First Place: Easton Brown; Second Place: Gabe Hendon; Third Place: Diego A. Carrillo Vitervo. From left, Instructor Chris Hobbs, Easton, Gabe, Deigo and Community Principal Brad Brown.



HERE'S HOPING FOR A PLEASANT FALL

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

The weather has changed significantly in middle Tennessee over the last week. Some areas have set high temperature records for September. But Fall has nonetheless ushered in beautifully, giving a glimpse of those hopeful, cooler days.