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City Mayor Carroll prepares office for another term

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City Mayor Randy Carroll reorganizes his desk Wednesday morning at Shelbyville City Hall. With his familiar smile, he said he's honored to be serving as Mayor for another term.

Carroll won the race Tuesday with 1,922 votes, out of 4,074 total cast or 47.2 %. (See story on page 2 from Councilman Henry Feldhaus who lost to Carroll with 1,566 votes.

Mayor Carroll is a lifetime resident of Shelbyville/ Bedford County. He attended elementary and high school in Shelbyville and graduated from Shelbyville Central in 1968. He has honors degrees in both business administration from Motlow State Community College and in management/human Relations from Trevecca Nazarene University.

Carroll volunteered for and served in the U. S. Navy (aviation) from 1968 through 1972, with one tour overseas aboard the USS Saratoga.

He worked in small business in Shelbyville for 8 years before joining Duck River Electric Membership Corporation, from which he retired after 31 years of service.

Carroll has served on numerous boards and committees, both statewide and in the Tennessee Valley region.

Carroll told the T-G Tuesday night, following his victory party, "Thank you for bestowing on me the honor of serving you as Mayor for 4 more years. I will continue to serve God, my family, and the City of Shelbyville with wisdom, determination and hard work."

He added, "To my friends and supporters, I will remember your efforts and kind words spoken. Let us now move our City forward-together for the good of all."

Mayor Carroll shared with readers during his campaign:

"As we all know, Shelbyville and middle Tennessee are experiencing rapid growth. Our City is a wonderful place to live and raise your family.

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Newly elected City Mayor Randy Carroll
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Stormwater has to go somewhere, and will

City purchases Madison Street lots over flume as precaution

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Many Shelbyville residents likely remember when several feet around the underground flume collapsed after torrential rains in 2015. City Council members now are being proactive to avoid any other such potential disasters.

That flume disaster happened during a downpour around 9 a.m. on a Sunday. The road collapsed over the flume, across Lane Parkway, and in between the Shelbyville Police and Fire departments.

This was the third time a section of the flume that leads storm water into the Duck River collapsed that year.

It took many, many tax payer dollars and much time and manpower to get that disaster corrected.

Basically, the City flume is an engineered "water highway" underground, ensuring that during heavy rain, water is redirected safely away from vulnerable areas and toward the river, reducing flood risk to the community.

On Monday, during a special called meeting, City Council unanimously approved to purchase property on Madison Street owned by Brad McGee and Brett Fisher as a precautionary measure to protect the flume.

The initial offer for the

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A photo of a Shelbyville flood from 1929, which predates the current storm water system. (Flood photo by Lytle Hoover.)



IN MEMORY OF A SPECIAL VETERAN

Today's T-G issue is in memory of Jim C. "J.C." Murrah who served his country in the U.S. Navy. He was from the generation that cherished being able to read a newspaper. He enjoyed reading the Times-Gazette, according to his daughter, Melanie Murrah. Jim died Sept. 25, 2024; he would have been 101 this year.



VIETNAM VETERANS RECEIVE WELL-DESERVED HONOR

T-G Photo by Renee Brown

West Holland Street near City Hall has officially been renamed: Vietnam Veterans Way.

In a very moving service today at the VFW Post building on East Depot Street, the new Vietnam Veterans Way sign was unveiled in a special ceremony. Bedford County Mayor Curt Cobb (right) and re-elected Shelbyville Mayor Randy Carroll did the honors. See more photos on page 3 today.

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Champs roll past Vikes in 'Battle of Bedford' to end 2026 campaign.

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Sawdust to sweet dreams: DREMC supports local bed-building mission

Duck River Electric employees joined hundreds of cooperative employees across Tennessee on Thursday, Oct. 15, to participate in the 2026 Tennessee Electric Cooperative Day of Service, helping celebrate the event's 10-year milestone. "Electric co-ops do more than provide electricity," said Chief Administrative Officer Gregg Morrell. "We invest in the people and places we serve. When we learned that children in our communities were sleeping without a bed — and that some had never had a bed of their own how could we not get involved? Every child deserves, at a minimum, a clean, safe and comfortable bed. Partnering with Sleep in Heavenly Peace gave us an opportunity to help meet that basic need while supporting an organization whose care for our communities reflects our own."

A team of 26 DREMC employees volunteered a total of 72 hours to support Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a nonprofit organization that improves the lives of children who are sleeping on floors, couches, air mattresses or sharing beds with parents or siblings.

Working alongside volunteers from SHP's Bedford County chapter, DREMC employees sanded and stained 60 twin-size beds that had been built by other volunteers. Once finished, employees delivered three of the completed beds to a local family, giving volunteers an opportunity to see the impact of their efforts firsthand.

The project left a lasting impression on the Duck River Electric volunteers.

When Chapel Hill Senior Working Foreman Taylor Gentry was asked whether he would participate in future service projects benefiting local children, his answer was immediate. "Yes, I'd be there tomorrow."

"Today has been the best day serving our community and working with our fellow employees at Duck River," said Member Service Representative Lisa Hobby. "It really touches our hearts that we can do this. It makes a huge difference and is a great commitment to our community."

"I love community, serving community," said Bedford County SHP Chapter President Madeline Fontenot. "For me, it is special to know we live in such a wonderful community that is willing to step up and help. Sweat and sawdust are just a bonus to the sweet feeling of knowing we have made a difference."

"We are truly humbled to serve some of the most vulnerable members of our community through Sleep in Heavenly Peace," said DREMC's Member and Community Engagement Liaison Nathan Taylor. "And we are grateful for the opportunity to support its mission of ensuring that no child sleeps on the floor."

Taylor adds that participating in the 2026 Tennessee Electric Cooperative Day of Service was an incredible opportunity for our employees to come together and make a meaningful difference beyond the work we do each day.





"This experience gave our team a tangible way to live out our cooperative commitment to community, and it was especially meaningful to know our efforts will help provide safe, comfortable beds for children who need them most."

"Over the past decade, the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Day of Service has demonstrated what we can accomplish when we come together," Morrell added. "The projects may change, and new needs may emerge, but our commitment remains the same: to strengthen our communities and improve the lives of the people we serve. That commitment unites electric coops across Tennessee and is at the heart of who we are at Duck River Electric."



City Council members Ewing, Christie, Turnbow maintain ward seats for another term


Marilyn Ewing, Ward 2


William Christie, Ward 4


Bobby Turnbow, Ward 6

Feldhaus concedes mayor's race, continues on as City Councilman

By Dawn Hankins

For 48 years, Henry Feldhaus has been mayor, a Councilman, served on industrial development boards and won honors at the state level for his dedication. But Tuesday, the voters chose another candidate for City Mayor.

Out of a total of 4,074 votes cast, incumbent Randy Carroll retained his position as City Mayor with 47.2%. Feldhaus earned 38.4% of votes. Dave Rogers earned 543 votes and 43 people chose a write-in candidate.

Feldhaus told the T-G, "I am deeply honored and humbled by the trust the citizens of Shelbyville have placed in me over the past 48 years. I want to express my sincere gratitude to my family, my supporters, and every resident who participated in this election."

He added, "Shelbyville is a remarkable community with a bright future. As I continue on the City Council for 2 more years, I remain fully committed to working alongside our Mayor, other City Council members, local businesses, and residents to advance economic development,



strengthen our infrastructure, and ensure our public safety resources meet the needs of our growing city.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. I look forward to working together for all of Shelbyville."

CARROLL

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We need to use strategic planning to serve our existing citizens and to provide a place for new citizens. We need a safe and secure home for all of us for the future."

He added, "After taking office in 2022, I learned of many areas of the City that deserved immediate attention. Our flood pumps were old and not working at full capacity. We have used American Recovery Grant funds to have new pumps built and hope to get them installed in the near future. Many State roads into the City needed repair and have been resurfaced to handle growing traffic needs. We have increased the budget in each of the last three years to resurface more of our City streets. New police vehicles have been purchased to upgrade patrol and reduce response time. Personal safety equipment for our police and fire responders as well as a $1.7 million dollar radio communications upgrade has been purchased."

He added, "Our Downtown area of Shelbyville has been revitalized through paving, lighting, kiosk, and signage. In 2024, the City of Shelbyville received the Downtown Revitalization award from the Tennessee Municipal League. Our staff has worked with our downtown merchants and the South Central Tennessee Development District on facade grants. Buildings painted, frontage repaired, lighting, awnings, and other beautification have made our square a scenic location. I recommended to sell three deserted buildings on S. Spring St. my first year in office. We now have the total renovation and a thriving entertainment and dining area near S. Spring Street. The street is now pedestrian only for our citizens to enjoy. We will continue to work for the future on a Riverwalk to connect with S. Spring Street, The Fly Arts Center, and the new parking area the City has paved with beautiful updated lighting for safety."



CHURCH NEWS

FUMC TO HONOR VETERANS

On Sunday, Nov. 8, Shelbyville First United Methodist Church will have a Veterans Recognition service-a time to honor members who are veterans. Pastor Abe Zimmerman will preach: "A New Way of Being: Part 1" from Ephesians 4:17-24.

"When we become Christians, we are empowered by the grace of God to transform and be different. Let's explore what it means to leave our 'old self' behind," said Pastor Zimmerman. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9 a.m., followed by the worship service at 10 am. Nursery and Children's Church are available during worship. For those unable to attend in person, FUMC-S offers a livestream on Facebook and YouTube and a broadcast on WLIJ 98.7 FM and AM 1580.

SCOTT'S CHAPEL UMC FOOD PANTRY

Scott's Chapel UMC will host its last food pantry of this season on Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The next food give-a-way will not be held until March 13, 2027. The church is located at 940 Morton St. The food pantry is a first come, first served event.

City and County rededicate West Holland Street to Vietnam Veterans Way

By Dawn Hankins







T-G Photos by Renee Brown



Hearts were obviously full as Jerry Jesh, trumpeter, played for a special ceremony at the VFW Post building on East Depot on Wednesday morning.

There's a City street with a new name and a group of Vietnam Veterans and their families who couldn't feel more honored. Many were on hand Wednesday for the special ceremony of renaming West Holland Street to Vietnam Veterans Way.

Decorated Veteran Dave Plumley spoke during the street dedication service. Plumley is a Vietnam War Veteran and active community figure in Shelbyville. He's well-known in Veteran circles for both his military service and his leadership in veterans' organizations.

A New York native, he served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1973. During his career, he earned multiple honors, including a Purple Heart, Silver Star, Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge, and Conspicuous Service Cross.

Shelbyville Mayor Randy Carroll, also a service veteran, told the T-G Wednesday, "Personally, it is a well-deserved recognition of those that served during the Vietnam War. As we met this morning to unveil the street sign, my memory went back to the newscast each night of the lives lost each day. We congratulated each other today as survivors of our time of service to our Country during the Vietnam Era."

No vote for governor in this race

By Dawn Hankins
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I did not cast a vote at the polls for Tennessee governor on Tuesday.

I think maybe this is the first time in my life.

You may accuse me of being unpatriotic. Maybe so.

I hear so often that it's our civic duty to vote. Yes, I agree. So, I do assume some guilt over yesterday's decision.

But times, they are a changing.

As a journalist and someone who has always encouraged people to vote, this term seemed different.

Why?

Jerri Green was most impressive as a new candidate. It was refreshing. But I felt she had just a couple of agendas to address. There's a whole slate of problems at the state level.

Lauren Pinkston is young, in terms of TN politics. As well, I believe she needs to try a different approach to her campaign. I believe she could do better by upping her next game.

David Hatley needs to "earn his stripes" for a little longer. Sad, but that's the name of the game in TN politics. I hope he heads to the House of Representatives, first.

I commend the women of Tennessee for stepping forward in an effort to bring change to Tennessee government. But I still didn't feel these candidates could fully do the job. I could go into a lot with Marsha Blackburn, but of all, she was the most solid in the political arena.

So, perhaps I didn't vote out of protest. Perhaps.

As for Marsha, she pushed my buttons. Or, didn't make an effort to.

Here's what I mean.

I felt that Marsha had conducted her campaign against the media. So duh! In fact, I asked her campaign for some simple, honest, answers to a few questions I had. They sent me a dry press release. Typical of most campaign candidates.

But I thought she had more maturity with her years of experience to handle media inquiries. That is playing it a little safe. She didn't even attend the recent MTSU forum. TPA and MTSU rolled the carpet out for the main gubernatorial candidates.

Gov. Blackburn had other places to be that night.

Go Big Blue!

I pursued to ask for solid answers from Marsha. Her campaign ghosted me from that point forward.

And last night, Blackburn stated they had deliberately devised a campaign without media attention. Yeah! Who does that?

Pull on your media britches. Sure, it can be tough.

But who benefitted from that? Certainly not the general public. That's who this is all about, right? The people?

And it's not all for the better in the state. But Marsha does have the experience and drive to get the job done. She's demonstrated that for many years.

I laughed at how early she made her victory speech. The TV stations did cover her victory party.

I had some other real time issues with all the main gubernatorial candidates this year. I won't go into all of those.

I will say, I hope our newly elected TN Gov. Marsha Blackburn is kinder to TN media partners the next 4 years, than she was during her campaign. Newspapers, TV stations, etc., are businesses too. That doesn't bode well with us to ghost us during a campaign. Or at least try.

Many news stations continued to travel behind her. We did not.

Perhaps that's why the election was closer than thought with Jerri Green? Tick off TN journalists and see what happens.

Speaking of Green, I will reiterate that I believe she did an outstanding job. Kudos for running such a tight race with such a senior politician. Keep trying!

Well, I'm glad the state and local campaigns are over.

I know a good man won the Shelbyville Mayoral Race. Two good men running against him lost as well.

Good thing I can't vote in the City. Casting that vote would have certainly been a conundrum too.

But with more certainty, I would have voted for one.

Ad Veritas: The Cost of Being Away



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When I think about Veterans Day, I think about the people who served, the work they did and the sacrifices that came with it. But one of the memories that comes to mind most readily has very little to do with the work itself. It is the memory of leaving a seven-month-old daughter at home.

I served six years in the Marine Corps Reserve, with about two of those years spent on active duty. I got to go places and do some interesting things. Some were fun, and some were considerably less fun. I'm grateful for the experience, but when it came time to consider reenlisting, something had changed.

I had become a father.

Our oldest daughter, Emmalyn, was about seven months old when I had to go to Antigua for two months. That might not sound like a terribly long time, particularly compared with the separations many military families experience. But leaving her broke my heart, and when I returned, it seemed like she had grown so much while I was gone.

At that age, two months is a considerable portion of a child's life. They change so quickly, and there is no way to put that growing on hold until Daddy gets home. I was glad to be back, of course, but I couldn't get back the time I had missed.

That experience made up my mind about reenlisting. I wanted to be home with my family. Emmalyn is 14 now, and Lena and I have four other children. Looking at her today, it is hard to believe that little baby is already a teenager. The years have gone quickly enough even when I've been here to see them.

I have always had a particular appreciation for service members who leave children and spouses behind for six months, a year, or longer. Having felt what I felt over two months, I have some small understanding of what they are being asked to give.

We tend to think about military service in terms of where someone went and what they did. Those things matter. But there is also the part of the story that stays at home: the child growing, the spouse carrying more responsibility, and the ordinary family life continuing without someone who very much wants to be there.

A long absence can mean missing birthdays, school programs, ballgames or a child learning something new. But I suspect it is often the smaller things that hurt most—the bedtime routine, a conversation over supper or simply being there when your child wants you. Those moments don't necessarily make it into the stories people tell about their service, but they are part of its cost.

The families deserve our appreciation, too. While one parent is away, someone still has to handle the meals, appointments, homework and difficult nights. Spouses, grandparents and others help keep life going while dealing with their own worry and loneliness. They may not wear the uniform, but they share in the sacrifices that come with it.

Of course, not every veteran is a parent, and no two people's service looks exactly alike. Separation from family is only one part of a much larger picture. It happens to be the part I came to understand most personally, and it reminds me not to assume I know everything another veteran gave simply because I know where or how long that person served.

This Veterans Day, I want to thank the men and women who accepted those responsibilities. I'm thankful there are people willing to serve even when doing so means leaving behind the people they love most. I know that willingness does not make the goodbye any easier.

When we tell a veteran, "Thank you for your service," I hope we give some thought to everything those words include. We are thanking someone not only for work performed, but for time given, plans changed and sacrifices we may never hear about.

I remember how much my little girl had grown when I came home. That memory has stayed with me all these years, and it gives those words of thanks a meaning I don't think I could have understood before.

To our veterans and their families, thank you. What you gave matters, including the things the rest of us never saw.

Election results in the Towns of Normandy and Wartrace

***No Liquor by the Drink in Wartrace**. The referendum barely failed with 103 voters for and 106 against.

***Sheila Ledere** is the new Wartrace Mayor. (Brian Ross decided not to seek re-election.)

***Randi Cooper and Stephen Monroe** are elected as Wartrace Aldermen.

***Cody Sharrock** who ran unopposed remains Normandy Mayor for another term.

* **Jerry Fox and Roger Piggott** are in as Normandy Aldermen.

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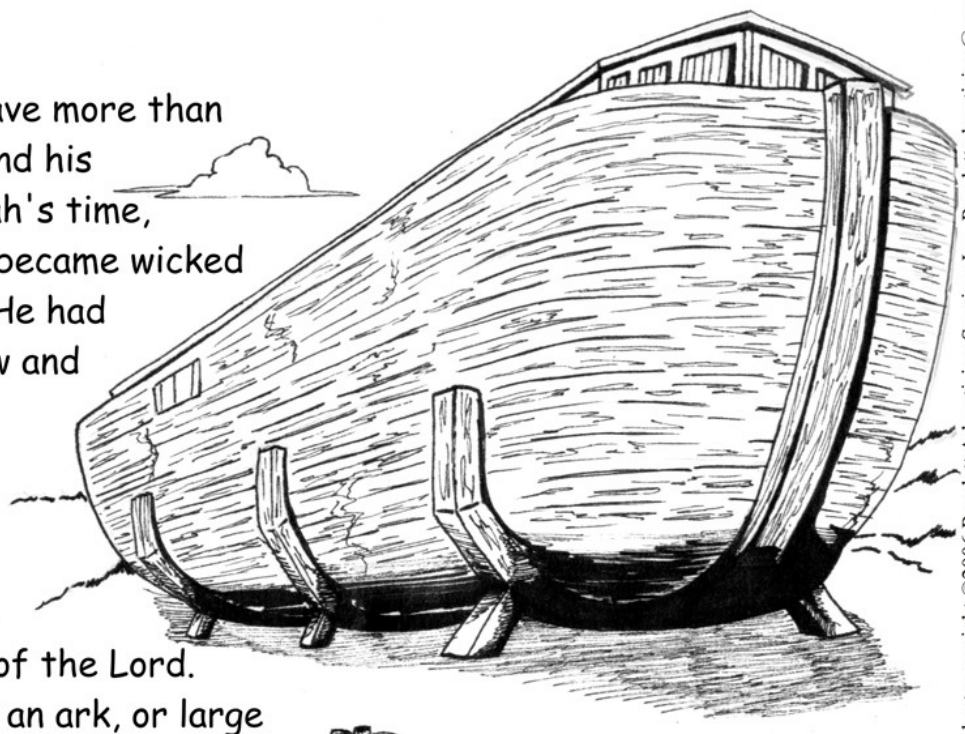
FEATURES FROM THE BIBLE

TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

Noah

Noah was the great-grandson of Enoch who "walked with God and was not, for God took him."

The writer of Genesis gave more than four chapters to Noah and his descendants. During Noah's time, the people of the earth became wicked and God was sorry that He had made man. In His sorrow and grief, God decided to destroy all living things that he had created.



Noah was a just man and found grace in the eyes of the Lord. God called Noah to build an ark, or large boat. This ark was to protect Noah and his three sons and the 4 wives during the destruction by water all of the living things on the earth. Noah was also instructed to take animals of every kind into the ark. This he did.

Genesis 6

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FLUME

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property was $425,000. A final price of $300,00 came as a counteroffer from the property owners during the meeting. Given the flume location, the City agreed to the counteroffer and to assume all liability associated with the demolition work of an existing structure.

City Manager Scott Collins told Council at the outset of the meeting about a "very unique situation" on 206 and 208 Madison Street. He said over the flume entrance are privately owned lots-properties encroaching on the City stormwater system or flume. The area over the flume belongs to Shelbyville Housing Authority, according to Collins.

Most important, according to the City manager, is getting the structure on the properties demolished while still protecting the flume entrance.

A portion of the building and access drive, which the City Council voted to buy, is directly over the flow path at the entrance to "Tube A." Tube A is the largest and longest segment in the flume system and is also the tube that has had three segment failures since 2009.

Tube A receives the stormwater from 865 acres of land in the City including Fairfield Pike, Blue Ribbon Parkway, The Celebration Grounds and H.V. Griffin Park. Anything damaging the flume during the demolition process could put all that property at risk in a flooding event, Council members have discussed.

Time was of the essence Monday, with the City facing a Nov. 9 deadline to make a deal with the property owners. The reasoning for the deadline, Council members said, was the building on the property was scheduled to be demolished by a private contractor around Nov. 9.

Owners said Tuesday during the called meeting that they wanted to work with the City; they have the interest of the City in mind.

Council discussed its options for the better part of an hour on Tuesday.

The City engineer, public works director and other City staff members had previously inspected the building and believed there was a risk of damage to Tube A of the City's flume system during the demolition process.

In the end, a deal was reached with the property owners for the City to purchase the property at $300,000 and handle all the demo work.

The owners thanked Council for pulling the meeting together on such short notice and agreeing to have the demo work done by Nov. 9. They reminded Council of how they want the City to have the property, given their fair price.

On holding the City liable for the demolition work not being done by Nov. 9th, the owners joked and said the City can't hold them liable then if a big sign goes up there after Nov. 9.

There was laughter.

Councilman Henry Feldhaus commented at the end of the meeting, "I would like to say I appreciate the owners for allowing the City to have this opportunity. Because what we have witnessed several times in recent years is just the opposite where greed took over . . . property owners saw it was the City wanting to get it and jacked the price 10 times what it should have brought."

Feldhaus said given the owners are good, Shelbyville businessmen, this speaks volumes to their integrity to try to help the City.

Purpose of a City flume in Shelbyville

Shelbyville's flume is an underground, man-made channel designed to carry stormwater away from the downtown area to the Duck River, as part of the City's flood control system.

The Times-Gazette has covered many meetings over the years about the flume —good and bad.

Meetings have surmised how the flume is made up of several corrugated metal pipes measuring 2,300, 2,700, and 3,100 feet in length — and works in conjunction with a levee, floodgates, and pumps to manage excess water during heavy rains.

When water reaches a monitoring point at Fisherman's Park, pumps are activated to move surplus water into a holding area and then out toward the Duck River. This system was originally built in the early 1960s, in an effort to protect much of downtown, which would otherwise be inundated without the levee and flume.

Historic Shelbyville pictures demonstrate what a flood looks like downtown.

The flume's primary purpose is therefore flood control and stormwater management:

- Diverting floodwaters from residential and commercial areas toward the Duck River.
- Preventing downtown flooding by channeling water through a controlled, engineered path.
- Supporting the levee and pump system to handle peak flows during storms.

Historically, flumes like this were also used for other water-transport purposes (such as irrigation or logging), but in Shelbyville's context, the City flume is specifically a stormwater conveyance structure for public safety and infrastructure protection.

Obituaries

Connie Ledbetter Collins



Connie Ledbetter Collins, age 79, of Shelbyville, passed away November 2, 2026, after an extended illness. She was born August 17, 1947, in Blair, Nebraska; a retired hairdresser/cosmetologist, she was a member of North Fork Baptist Church.

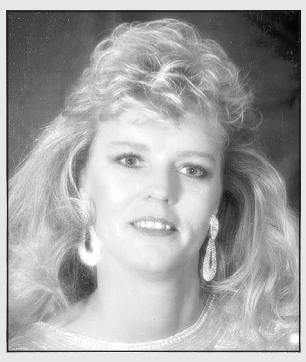
She was preceded in death by her parents, William Hilary "W.H." Ledbetter and Lois Irene Osburn Ledbetter; a daughter, Andrea Lea Collins and a brother, Billy Ray Ledbetter.

Connie is survived by her husband of 41 years, William D. "Bill" Collins; her children, Doug (Jessica Davis) Winnett of Springfield, TN., Tracy Winnett Blevins, Jill Leann (Derrick) Taylor of Shelbyville, Sammy (Chasity) Collins of Smyrna and Will Collins of Virginia Beach, Virginia; sister, Ruth White of Chattanooga, TN.; eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held 2:00 P.M. Friday, November 6th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home with the Rev. Rob McKamey officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin at 11:00 A.M.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Evelyn Donna Worden



Evelyn Donna Worden, 69, of Lewisburg, died October 18, 2026.

A Memorial Service will be held 1:00 P.M. Saturday, November 7th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home with Wendy Knight officiating. Visitation will begin at 11:00 A.M.

She was born July 29,1957, in Esmond, North Dakota to her parents, the late Ardell Raymond Georgeson and Irene Cantrell Georgeson.

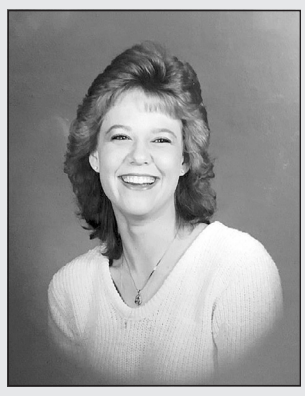
In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, George Alison Worden III and a brother, Harold Georgeson.

Evelyn was an incredible mother and grandmother. She was a very giving person who never knew a stranger. She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

She is survived by her children, Wendy Kaye Cawthron (Michelle) of Chapel Hill, Richard Dale Cawthron (Beth) of Shelbyville, Tammy Lee Cawthron of Tullahoma; step-son, George Alison "Gage" Worden IV; sisters, Cindy Meeks of Shelbyville and Christie Throneberry of Hermitage; grandchildren, Destiny Williams, Brayden Williams, Addyson Williams, Yessica Boyce, Alexis Boyce; great-grandchildren, Zaiden Mancour and Oliver Aldrich.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Dana Marie Morton



Dana Marie Morton, age 61, of Shelbyville, TN., went to be with her Heavenly Father Thursday, October 15, 2026. She was born January 8, 1965, in Shelbyville, TN to the late Thomas Earl and Alda Marie (Martin) Tribble. In addition to her parents, Dana is also preceded in death by her husband, Mark Morton and brother, David Tribble.

Dana was an outstanding softball player who had a true passion for the game. She especially loved coaching softball, sharing her knowledge, encouraging others, and helping players grow both on and off the field. Beyond her love of softball, Dana enjoyed scrapbooking and creating special memories to cherish for years to come.

Her faith was also an important part of her life, and she found comfort and strength in reading Scripture and listening to worship music. Dana's love for the game, her faith, and the memories she created with those around her will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Dana is survived by her daughter, Amber Bearden (Cannon); and son, Clay Morton.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Saturday, November 7th at Feldhaus-Gowen-Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the chapel with Brother Billy Bearden officiating. Interment will follow at Parson's Cemetery in Unionville. In lieu of flowers please make donations to St. Judes Children's Hospital.

Feldhaus-Gowen-Smith Chapel is honored to be serving the family of Dana Marie Morton.

Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: October 14

Location: Thompson Rd; Seller, Adela G Alcala; Buyer, Adela G Alcala, Everardo Alcala; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 120 Three Forks Bridge Rd; Seller, Alcorn Properties LLC; Buyer, Albert Lorentz Jr, Kimberly Lorentz; Price, $610,000 (Deed).

Location: Railroad Road; Seller, John Allen Stokes; Buyer, Monica Lynne Stokes, Monica Lynne Carr; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Calm Ventures Inc; Buyer, HT Investments LLC; Price, $750,000 (Deed).

File date: October 15

Location: Highway 82; Seller, Jo Hartsell, Jo Ann Hartsell; Buyer, Jo Ann Hartsell Living Trust, Jo Ann Hartsell; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 1420 Pickle Rd; Seller, Patricia Estes, Patricia Anne Estes; Buyer, Patricia Estes, Patricia Anne Estes, Christopher Ethan Evans, Ethan vans, Demetric Dawn Evans, Dawn Evans; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Lake Elaine Rd; Seller, Matthew David Ledbetter, Allison Brooke Ledbetter; Buyer, Jess Joseph Marquez Jr, Jade Christine Marquez; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Drew Lane; Seller, Jenna B Henderson, Joshua R Henderson; Buyer, Sarah Glidden; Price, $400,000 (Deed).

Seller, Jennifer K Olejniczak, Jennifer K Watson; Buyer, Josiah Claude Walters, Camryn Walters; Price, $230,000 (Deed).

File date: October 16

Location: 106 Cayenne Dr; Seller, Brandi Garner; Buyer, Christopher Michael Ryan; Price, $339,900 (Deed).

File date: October 19

Location: Wesley Circle; Seller, James Raymond Kulick, Melanie Dawn Kulick, James Kulick, Melanie Kulick; Buyer, Lake Day Revocable Trust, James Raymond Kulick, Melanie Dawn Kulick; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, James Raymond Kulick, Melanie Dawn Kulick; Buyer, Lake Day Revocable Trust, James Raymond Kulick, Melanie Dawn Kulick; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Kenny Foster, Donna Foster; Buyer, James Adam Deal, Courtney Deal; Price, $500 (Deed).

Location: Chestnut Dr; Seller, Rhonda Boyce, Timothy Boyce; Buyer, Sain Properties LLC; Price, $217,800 (Deed).

Location: Highway No 16; Seller, Michael H Owen, Kerrie Upchurch; Buyer, Robert E Lee Flade; Price, $155,000 (Deed).

Location: Cemetery Rd; Seller, Brenda Joyce Sharp, Heather Sue Vandenbusch, Mary Jo Delk, Candace Ruth Delk; Buyer, Jeff Delk; Price, $50,000 (Deed).

File date: October 20

Location: 400 Neely Ave; Seller, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Buyer, Julie E Villasenor; Price, $216,000 (Deed).

Location: 200 Dement Rd; Seller, Pleasant Michelle England; Buyer, Todd Ratliff, Victoria Ann Ratliff; Price, $539,900 (Deed).

Location: 107 Forrest Ct; Seller, Joseph Michael Tramonti; Buyer, Randall W Harris, Tammy J Harris; Price, $185,000 (Deed).

Location: Old Center Church Rd; Seller, Brandon M Pickett, Jenifer S Pickett; Buyer, Courtney S Burke, Michael Q Burke; Price, $860,000 (Deed).

Location: Clem Creek Rd; Seller, Green Hills Growth LLC; Buyer, Christopher Jaco, Shelley Walker Jaco; Price, $192,000 (Deed).

Location: 120 Ridgeview Dr; Seller, DRB Group Tennessee LLC; Buyer, henry W Daniels III; Price, $360,000 (Deed).

Location: 742 Kingdom Rd; Seller, Scott Demartelaere, Jade Demartelaere; Buyer, William David Gibson, Elizabeth Pansa Gibson; Price, $785,000 (Deed).

Death Notices

Susan Pugh

Susan Pugh, 65, of Lewisburg, was a devoted wife, loving mother, proud grandmother, cherished sister, and beloved friend. Her greatest joys in life were her family, caring for her beloved husband, Wendell, and spending time with her children, Charity and Kenneth, and her 4 grandchildren.
Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill
is in charge of arrangements.

Mia Grace Roden

Mia Grace Roden, age 12, of the Triune community, passed away on Thursday, October 29, 2026, at her residence. She was born in Nashville to parents, Gregory and Gayla Williams Roden; her siblings, William T. Roden, Madalyn D. Roden, Caitlyn A. Roden (her twin sister), Garrett T. Roden, all of the Triune community; grandparent, Gail Deal.
Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill
is in charge of arrangements.

Jean Bogle Waggoner

Jean Bogle Waggoner, age 89, of Chapel Hill, passed away on Thursday, October 29, 2026, in Murfreesboro. She was born in Rutherford County to the late Joseph Edward Bogle and Ora Lee Tucker Bogle. She is survived by her loving husband of 23 years, Joe E. Waggoner of Chapel Hill; children, Carl (Robyn) Warf of Eagleville; Randall (Wanda) Warf of Smyrna, Bryan Waggoner of Chapel Hill.
Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill
is in charge of arrangements.

James Edgar "Bubba" Lynch

James Edgar "Bubba" Lynch, age 59, of Franklin, passed away on Friday, October 30, 2026, at his residence. He was born in Shelbyville and was a son of the late Hiram Edgar Lee Lynch, Jr., and Geneva Irene "Baby Rene" Hartley Lynch, who survives. Mr. Lynch is survived by his wife, Melissa Spears-Wix of Franklin; son, Casey Lynch of Scottsville, KY; stepchildren, Calab Wilson, Rodney Estes, Raymond Lynch, Jr., all of Franklin and Chris Estes of Unionville.
Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill
is in charge of arrangements.

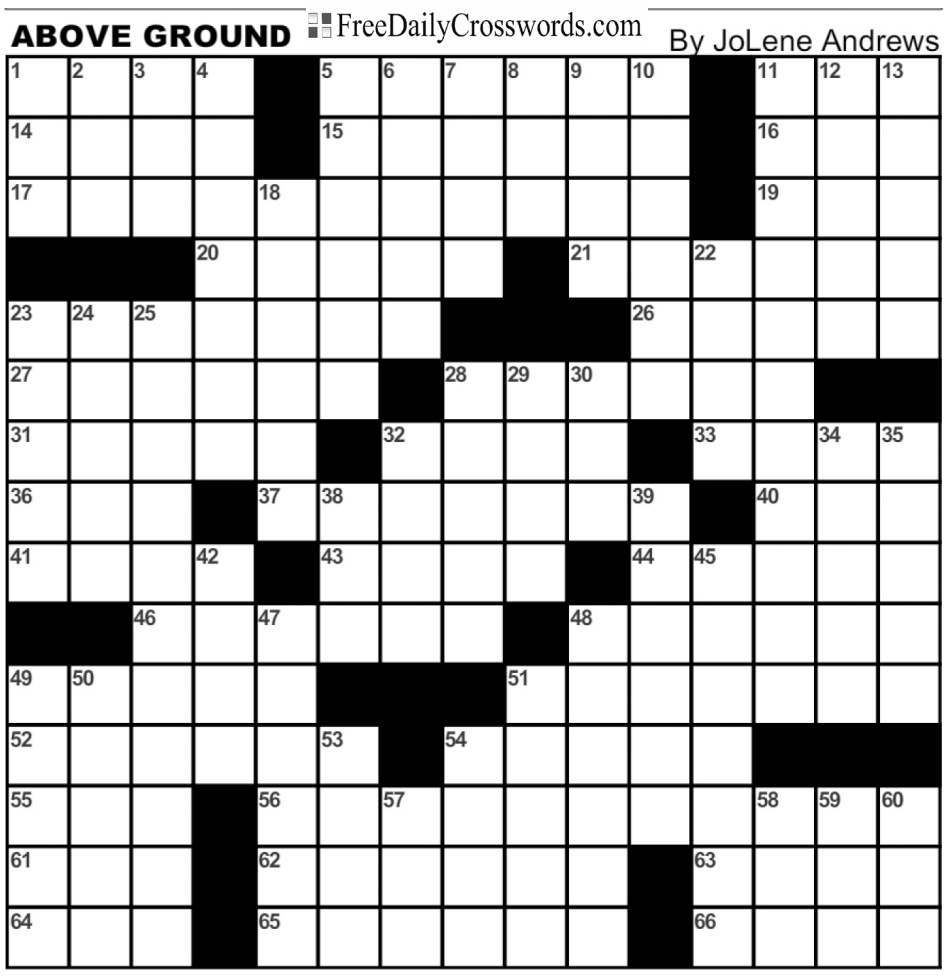
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CLUES ACROSS

1) Musician Clapton
5) "Stop acting up!"
11) "Eight" starter
14) Like Erte's style
15) Stayed away from
16) Alternate sp., in crossword clues
17) Filled with uncontrollable emotion
19) Cy Young Award stat
20) Boardwalk sights
21) One spelling for a zigzagging ribbon used as trimming
23) In an angry way
26) Give cheer to
27) Made flood-resistant, as a river bank
28) Olympic skiing category
31) Discharge through the pores
32) Ending passage in music
33) Units of resistance
36) Balloon filler
37) Job possibility
40) Three, on sundials
41) Russian despot
43) Yemeni port
44) Pops the cork
46) Bangs, yells, sirens, etc.
48) Annoyances
49) Annex
51) Numbers game, e.g.
52) Natural hideout
54) They often wear dark eyeliner
55) White House Web-address ending
56) Where Jack and Jill live now?
61) "If ___ told you once ... "
62) Make null and void
63) Cookie favorite
64) Bard's "always"
65) Acid, water or wind, over time
66) Butter units

CLUES DOWN

1) Tokyo, once
2) Accelerate (with "up")
3) Word with "skater" or "water"
4) Nonspeaking "CST" roles
5) Descried
6) Day starter?
7) "The Merry Drinker" painter Frans
8) Naval officer (Abbr.)
9) Tack, nautically
10) Swirled, as a whirlpool
11) Perform better than one needs to
12) 200 milligrams
13) Make an outline of
18) Aware of
22) History Muse
23) Athletic shoe part
24) Kathy Lee's old partner
25) Repeatedly
28) Fifth canonical hour
29) Father of Balder
30) Went lickety-split
32) Transfer ownership
34) Underground laborer
35) Oscar winner Spacek
38) Ballerina's step
39) "Faust" author
42) Dig for truffles
45) Fish-food seller
47) Chant
48) Much ado about not very much
49) Longhorn's rival
50) Herd, as cattle
51) Lehmann or Lenya
53) This puzzle's theme word
54) Mortarboard sporter, briefly
57) "I" affliction
58) Nest egg, for some
59) Permits
60) ___ Gatos, Calif.



Sudoku

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

EASY

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INTERMEDIATE

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NOVICE

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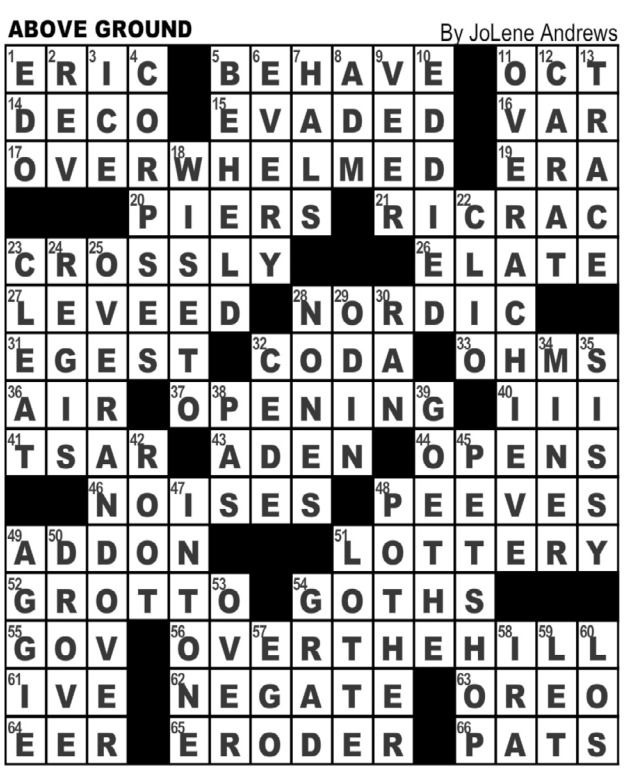
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INTERMEDIATE

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9	6	2	7	8	3	5	1	4

INTERMEDIATE



NOVICE

U.S. Postal Service To Observe Veterans Day Holiday, Nov. 11

Self-service options are available in many retail lobbies when Post Offices are closed

TENNESSEE — The U.S. Postal Service will observe Veterans Day on Wednesday, November 11. All Post Office locations will be closed. Regular mail delivery and retail services will resume on Thursday, November 12.

Veterans Day Program

Rosenwald Recreation Center will present a Veterans Day program on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 1 p.m. at First Community Bank located at 207 Elm Street in Shelbyville.

The program outline includes a welcome, prayer, presentation of colors, Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem, recognition of veterans, a guest speaker and closing remarks.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

Sale at public auction will be on January 19, 2027 at 11:00AM local time, at the south door, Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, Tennessee pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by Eric Daniel Lesemann, to Megan K. Trott, Trustee, as trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for First Community Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns on February 2, 2023 at Book TD1076, Page 531-544; conducted by LLG Trustee TN LLC, having been appointed Substitute or Successor Trustee, all of record in the Bedford County Register's Office. Default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable.

Party Entitled to Enforce the Debt: Planet Home Lending, LLC, its successors and assigns.

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

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This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded Plat or Plan; any unpaid taxes and assessments; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; rights of redemption, equity, statutory or otherwise, not otherwise waived in the Deed of Trust, including rights of redemption of any government agency, state or federal; and any and all prior deeds of trust, liens, dues, assessments, encumbrances, including those created by a fixture filing or any applicable homeowners' association dues or assessments; any defects, adverse claims and other matters that may take priority over the Deed of Trust upon which this foreclosure sale is conducted or are not extinguished by this Foreclosure Sale; all claims or other matters, whether recorded or not, which may encumber the purchaser's title and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

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

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

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

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

If you purchase a property at the foreclosure sale, the entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of a certified/bank check made payable to or endorsed to LOGS Legal Group LLP. No personal checks will be accepted. To this end, you must bring sufficient funds to outbid the lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser at the time the foreclosure deed is delivered.

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

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

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

LLG Trustee TN LLC
Substitute Trustee
8520 Cliff Cameron Dr., Suite 330
Charlotte, NC 28269
Phone (704) 333-8107; Fax (704) 333-8156
File No. 26-127381 (1152tc #292936)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated March 4, 2022, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded March 10, 2022, in Book No. TD1045, at Page 690, and modified on May 7, 2025, Document No. 25003057, in Book No. TD1152, at Page 176-190 in Office of the Register of Deeds for Bedford County, Tennessee, executed by Jason P Bush, conveying certain property therein described to Larry N. Westbrook, Esq. as Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for PHH Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns; and the undersigned, Foundation Legal Group, LLP fka Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee by PHH Asset Services LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable; and that an agent of Foundation Legal Group, LLP fka Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., as Successor Trustee, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon said Successor Trustee, by PHH Asset Services LLC, will, on December 8, 2026 on or about 11:00 AM, at the Bedford County Courthouse 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, offer for sale certain property hereinafter described to the highest bidder FOR certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee. The sale is free from all redemptions, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

Land situated in the County of Bedford in the State of TN BEGINNING AT A POINT IN CENTER LINE OF BILLS ROAD, SAME BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE CARY BILLS PROPERTY (D.B. 126; PG. 130) AND THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE LEAVING SAID CENTER LINE SOUTH 02 DEG. 27 MIN. 10 SEC. WEST 15.35 FEET TO A METAL PIN IN THE SOUTH MARGIN OF SAID ROAD; THENCE LEAVING SAID MARGIN SOUTH 02 DEG. 27 MIN. 10 SEC. WEST 749.49 FEET TO A METAL PIN IN FENCE; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEG. 22 MIN. 29 SEC. WEST 474.72 FEET TO A METAL PIN AT FENCE CORNER POST ON THE NORTH MARGIN OF A PUBLIC ROAD; THENCE FOLLOWING SAID NORTH MARGIN SOUTH 86 DEG. 19 MIN. 56 SEC. WEST 910.83 FEET TO A METAL PIN AT FENCE CORNER POST SAME BEING THE SOUTHWEST COMER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; THENCE LEAVING SAID MARGIN NORTH 01 DEG. 40 MIN. 30 SEC. EAST 565.39 FEET TO A METAL PIN IN FENCE; THENCE NORTH 02 DEG. 05 MIN. 28 SEC. EAST 800.33 FEET TO A METAL PIN IN THE SOUTH MARGIN OF BILLS ROAD; THENCE LEAVING SAID MARGIN NORTH 02 DEG. 05 MIN. 28 SEC. EAST 19.32 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTER LINE OF BILLS ROAD SAME BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; THENCE WITH SAID CENTER LINE THE FOLLOWING CALLS SOUTH 84 DEG. 57 MIN. 18 SEC. EAST 277.55 FEET; SOUTH 84 DEG. 09 MIN. 17 SEC. EAST 298.31 FEET; SOUTH 84 DEG. 28 MIN. 30 SEC. EAST 250.28 FEET; SOUTH 84 DEG. 39 MIN. 59 SEC. EAST 92.99 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 27.52 ACRES, ACCORDING TO SURVEY, DATED JUNE 4, 1996, BY REX NORTHCUTT, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR, TN LIC. NO. 77.

ALSO KNOWN AS: 151 Bills Road, Lewisburg, TN 37091

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:

JASON P BUSH

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. In the event of inclement weather, the trustee hereby announces that the sale will be postponed and that notices of said postponement for inclement weather will be mailed to interested parties of record. As of July 1, 2025, notices pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated §35-5-101 et seq. are posted online at www.internetpostings.com by a third-party internet posting company. FLG No. 367981

DATED October 29, 2026
Foundation Legal Group, LLP fka
WILSON & ASSOCIATES, P.L.L.C., Successor Trustee
FLG No. 367981 2 (1152tc #293259)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Terry Cunningham, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on October 22, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Terry Cunningham, who died 02/22/2026, 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 22nd day of October 2026.
/s/Kathryn L Cunningham, Administratrix
/s/ J. Kasey Talbott, Attorney
/s/ Angela Hayes, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (10292tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Carolyn Janelle Douglas, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on October 14, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Carolyn Janelle Douglas, who died 09/02/2026, 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 14th day of October 2026.
/s/Lynn Marie Brumfield, Executrix
/s/ W. Andrew Bobo, Bobo, Hunt & White, Attorney
/s/ Angela Hayes, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (10292tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Deanna Marlene Conchin, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on September 28 of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Deanna Marlene Conchin, who died 02/20/2026, 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 28th day of September 2026.
/s/Derek Allen Kennamer, Administrator
/s/ Jay B. Jackson, Attorney
/s/ Angela Hayes, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (10292tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of James Kenneth Gardner III, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on September 29, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of James Kenneth Gardner III, who died 08/11/2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and Non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 29th day of September 2026.
/s/Felicia Gardner, Executrix
/s/ Kristen Harvey, Attorney
/s/ Angela Hayes, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (10292tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Vera Dorene Potts, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on October 14, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Vera Dorene Potts, who died 09/26/2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and Non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 14th day of October 2026.
/s/Cindy L. Huscher, Executrix
/s/ W. Andrew Bobo, Bobo, Hunt & White, Attorney
/s/ Angela Hayes, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (10292tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Maurice David Bowling, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on October 15, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Maurice David Bowling, 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:

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

This the 15th day of October 2026.
/s/Carolyn Bowling, Executrix
/s/ Trisha L Henegar, Attorney
/s/ Angela Hayes, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (10292tp)

NOTICE
Amber Whalen and John Perry:

The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a **petition against you for termination of parental rights of Penelope Perry, DOB: 12/7/2015. It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon because your whereabouts are unknown**. You are hereby **ORDERED** to appear in Coffee County Juvenile Court on the 11 th day of January, 2027 at 8:30a.m. to answer this. If you fail to do so, a default judgment will be taken against you pursuant to Rule 55 of the Tenn. R. of Civ. P. for the relief demanded in the Petition. You may view and obtain a copy of the Petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents at the Coffee County Juvenile Court Clerk, Manchester, Tennessee. Further questions may be directed to: Dorothy Mainord, Associate Counsel, State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, 151 Freeman St., Tullahoma, Tennessee 37388.

Greg Perry, Juvenile Judge (1154tc)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Mary M. Pinkston, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on October 20, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Mary M. Pinkston, who died 09/30/2026, were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and Non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 20th day of October 2026.
/s/Judith Karen Pinkston Secore, Administrator, CTA
/s/ John T. Bobo, Bobo, Hunt & White, Attorney
/s/ Angela Hayes, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (10292tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Donald Lee Boyce, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on October 29, of 2026 Letter of Administration in respect of the estate of Donald Lee Boyce, who died 09/15/2026, 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 29th day of October 2026.
/s/Casey Michelle McCullough & Aubrey Molder, Co-Executors
/s/ Joe M. Lambert Jr, Attorney
/s/ Angela Hayes, Clerk and Master/Deputy Clerk (1152tp)

Divorce cases granted in Bedford County Chancery Court for October 2026

Nataly A Enriquez vs Jorge Armando Enriquez Calve

Nikki Patterson Johnson vs Lucan Benjamin Johnson

Yeymi Elizabeth Perez Monson vs Benjamin Roy Monson

Cheri Nicole Pickler vs Eric Shane Pickler

Jason P Plunkett vs Casey Plunkett

Vanity Gema Solis vs Carlos Nunez Solis

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Bell Buckle Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending the Bell Buckle Zoning Ordinance by increasing the minimum Lot Size in Old Town Residential to 1 acre and the minimum lot width to 100 feet. The Public Hearing will be November 19, 5:30 pm at the Bell Buckle Town Hall, Bell Buckle TN.

Request for Proposals

Bid No. 27-14 Time Management System (TMS) and Leave Management System (LMS)

Bid packages are available on the Bedford County website, bedfordcountytn.gov, or at the Bedford County Department of Finance, 200 Dover Street, Suite 102, Shelbyville, TN. Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Friday, November 20, 2026.

Golden Eagles End 2026 Slate With Close Loss at Coffee County

BY NOAH MADDOX
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MANCHESTER, Tenn. – With both teams knowing their season would end in the final week of the regular season, Shelbyville Central (1-9, 0-6) and Coffee County (3-7, 1-5) put together a one-possession thriller that resulted in a 28-21 Red Raiders' win on Friday night at the Coffee County Raider Academy.

The careers of 13 seniors for the Golden Eagles came to an end in the defeat, but despite the 1-9 record, Jud Dryden had some meaningful words to say about his Class of 2026.

"This group [of seniors] hung with us through every up and every down," he said postgame, "They showed up every single day from the moment they stepped onto the field as freshmen to tonight, they showed every single day the heart and conviction that it takes to play high school football. More importantly, they showed through their actions how much they cared about all their teammates that they played with from day one."

After taking a 7-0 lead on a 90-yard catch-and-run touchdown from Cyonn Rucker on the first play from scrimmage, the Golden Eagles committed three turnovers in the first half that allowed Coffee County to take a 21-7 lead heading into the halftime locker room. However, Shelbyville Central settled down in the second half, fighting back to trim the deficit to one score multiple times in the fourth quarter before eventually coming up just short.

"We just had to calm down and take a breath," said Drydem, "Halftime came at the right time just to let us settle down and then we played relatively mistake-free football in the second half, especially compared to the first half. We put them in great positions to make plays, came out of halftime settled, and we were ready to play ball."

After a pair of scoreless Raider drives sandwiched a Shelbyville Central turnover-on-downs, Laron Brown provided a jolt of electricity with an impressive 58-yard touchdown run down the right sideline after breaking two or three tackle attempts from Coffee County defenders. Brown, who finished with 14 carries for a team-high 122 rushing yards and the one score, trimmed the hosts' lead to 21-14 with 11:41 to go in the fourth quarter.

However, three plays later, Coffee County found paydirt thanks to a 32-yard touchdown scamper from Lowerey to double the lead to 28-14 with 10:50 remaining.

Despite taking another heavy punch, the Golden Eagles responded once again thanks to two incredible plays from Cyonn Rucker, who started the season as full-time quarterback. Rucker first somehow hauled in a 50/50 ball on the right sideline over the defender, finding a way to get one foot inbounds while maintaining possession to get into Red Radier territory. Two plays later, Hudson Oaks lofted a beautiful go-ball down the left sideline for Rucker to run underneath and waltz into the end zone for a 39-yard touchdown that trimmed the lead to 28-21 with 8:22 left.

"Cyonn [Rucker] is a phenomenal athlete, and you've got to get your best guys the ball as often as you can," Dryden said about his budding sophomore, "[Splitting him out at wide receiver] was a different way we could get the ball in his hands. Hudson Oaks has come along very well, and the more he understood, the more we could utilize Cyonn that way. It's a good one-two punch for us. It spreads the field and does a bunch of things for us."

Unfortunately for the Golden Eagles, that would be the last time they touched the ball until there were 10 seconds left. Coffee County responded with an impressive 13-play, 59-yard march that didn't produce any points, but did eat up a whopping 8:00 of clock. The hosts leaned on Corontez Garrett, who finished with 24 carries for a game-high 125 yards and one touchdown on the night. Despite stopping the Raiders on 4th-and-1 from the nine, Shelbyville Central simply did not have enough time to mount any game-tying drive, and the clock ran out.

The defeat marked the fourth one-score loss in the final five games of the season. Shelbyville Central finishes 1-4 in one-possession games this year. A large part of that was the youth on the field for much of 2026 which provides Dryden with excitement for the 2027 campaign.

"We'll be returning a lot of guys [for 2027]," he said, "We played a lot of younger guys throughout this year consistently. At any given moment you look out there and see five sophomores and a freshman with some juniors and only two seniors sometimes. Our returners got great reps. They were great in practice, and got great experience that will take them forward."

Despite the prevalent youth and rough results, Dryden saw persistent fight from his entire group all season, not just amongst the senior class.

"It was amazing to watch our younger guys continue to fight every single day for their seniors," he explained, " That's something that will carry us into this coming offseason and into next year. That willingness to give everything for someone else, that's what this game is all about. It was great to see that top to bottom."

Following Rucker's 90-yard touchdown, Coffee County's Kaysen Lowerey capped off a 70-yard touchdown drive with a four-yard plunge into the end zone for the Raider's first touchdown of the night to even the score at 7-7 with 9:03 to go in the first quarter.

Shelbyville Central threw its first of three first-half interceptions on a screen pass intended for Jackson Themm. Coffee County took advantage of the great field position, wrapping up a 30-yard touchdown drive with a four-yard touchdown run from Garrett to take a 14-7 lead with 4:05 left in the first quarter.

The Golden Eagles threw another interception on their next drive, but then the defense rose up to turn the ball over on downs at their own 35-yard line. Shelbyville Central got in range for a 33-yard field goal attempt from Themm, but his effort from the left hash ended up sailing wide-right.

Three drives later, Coffee County doubled its lead heading into the halftime locker room on a 23-yard touchdown pass on a slant to Lowerey from Caleb Hill, growing the lead to 21-7 with 1:11 left in the first half before the Golden Eagles rallied in the fourth quarter.

Shelbyville Central finishes 2026 at 1-9 overall and misses out on the postseason for the first time under Jud Dryden.



Shelbyville Central's Cyonn Rucker (14) finished with four catches for 160 yards and two long touchdowns receptions, including a 90-yard catch-and-run on a slant to open the game on Friday night at Coffee County.
Photo courtesy of Game Time Images.

Lady Champs Historic Season Ends in Class A State Semifinal

BY NOAH MADDOX
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CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. – After overcoming the loss of their leading goalscorer to win the program's first-ever state tournament game, the No. 3 seed Cascade Lady Champions (17-2-2, 8-0) saw their season end at the hands of a familiar foe in No. 2 seed Merrol Hyde (19-2-1, 2-0), 6-0, on Wednesday night at Boyd-Buchanan School.

Kenley Reeder opened the scoring for the Hawks in the third minute, then secured her brace in the fourth minute thanks to a deft assist from Peyton Evans to take a 2-0 lead before the Lady Champs even knew what had hit them.

"Merrol Hyde, their movement off the ball, their touches, their passing, their talking, everything is almost perfect," Cascade Head Coach Wendy Williams said postgame, "They are the epitome of what you want a team to be. That's just another caliber of team, and our girls don't face anything close to that all season until we get here, so it's hard to prepare them because that is next-level."

After more than a half-hour of resistance from Cascade, Gabby Cruz scored in the 36th minute from long range before she struck again one minute later for her team-leading her 25th goal of the season to give the Hawks a 4-0 lead heading into the halftime break.

Merrol Hyde was awarded a penalty in the 56th minute that Jaylin Baxter put away, and then in the 56th minute Peyton Evans poked home her third goal at state to reach the final margin of 6-0.

Makenzie Fisher recorded a season-high 13 saves in Cascade's goal as the Merrol Hyde attacking onslaught was sustained for a good 70 minutes before mass substitutions were made. With the win, the Hawks – who are playing in their 10th consecutive state tournament – advance to their eighth state championship game, and will be looking for their fourth state title on Friday morning against Westview.

Cascade, who won both the District 9-A and Region 5-A championships without Lexi Comstock, showed impressive mental fortitude to rally and make history by winning the program's first-ever state tournament game after four years of knocking.

"I think that they were sad for Lexi and kind of grieving the loss of her, but at the same time they used the situation to motivate them," Williams said about the October 1st incident, "It was a horrible situation, and we never would have wished for it, but the girls showed a lot of strength and a lot of character coming out of it pushing into the postseason and doing what they did."

The Lady Champions graduate three seniors from the 2026 squad. All three played significant minutes as starters, and they laid a foundation of success that has never been seen before in the program's history. For the first time ever, one class saw all four seasons end in Chattanooga at the state tournament.



"We're gonna miss them," Williams said about Claire Smithson, Kyla Pulley, and Brinlee Collet, "They are such a big reason for why we are where we are, as well as the mentality and morale of the team. They motivate everyone, they keep everyone pushing. I think our junior class is going to step up, but these seniors are special in their leadership and their heart. They'll be hard to replace."

Despite the three holes being left behind, Williams is optimistic about her talented junior class that will be moving up into senior leadership positions next year.

"We have such a strong junior class, and I think that they're going to be excellent leaders," she said, "They're going to push for the same amount of excellence that these seniors pushed for. I think that they all bring different things to the table and different styles of leadership, so I think that they are going to mold the team into a winning team again. The standard has been set, and these juniors really want to rise and achieve great things."

Finally, Williams shared what made this 2026 iteration of Cascade Lady Champions soccer so special to her as a coach.

"This group just would not accept defeat," she said, "They could not give up. They were always going to make it happen, and it was just amazing to watch. We might be down and we might be struggling, yet they were going to pull it out somehow."

With Wednesday's loss, Cascade's season ends in the TSSAA Class A State Semifinal as District 9-A and Region 5-A champions with an overall record of 17-2-2.

Champs Roll Past Vikes in 'Battle of Bedford' to End 2026 Campaign

BY NOAH MADDOX
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Cascade's Nate Zimmerman (20) ran for 58 yards and three touchdowns on six carries in his final high school football game in Thursday's win at Community. *Photo courtesy of Austin Holland.*

UNIONVILLE, Tenn. – With both teams eliminated from postseason play, the 2026 edition of the 'Battle of Bedford' on the gridiron came down to a primal battle for pride. With that in mind, the Cascade Champions (4-6, 1-4) came out on top over the winless Community Vikings (0-10, 0-5) in a 56-0 win on Thursday night.

The Champions took a 53-0 lead in the first half, and promptly pulled the majority of their starters for the entire second half. Sam Bradley finished his high school career by going 5-for-7 through the air for 148 yards and two touchdowns while also running for 31 yards and another score on three carries. Nate Zimmerman also saw his high school career come to a close on Thursday night, tallying 58 yards rushing and three touchdowns on six carries.

To start, Cascade returned the opening kickoff to the Vikings 33-yard line, and two plays later Xykaiah Dixon found the end zone from 25 yards out on a screen pass to take a 7-0 lead with 11:15 to go in the first quarter.

On Community's ensuing possession, after going three-and-out, the Vikings snap sailed through the punter's hands, eventually resulting in a safety to give the visitors a 9-0 lead.

Both teams traded punts before trading fumbles, eventually allowing the Champions to take over at the Community 43-yard line. Two plays later, Bradley swung the ball out to Lendon Gordon for a 46-yard touchdown on another screen pass, giving the visitors a 17-0 lead with 4:29 left in the period.

After another three-and-out resulted in a Community punt that was muffed, Cascade took over at the Vikings five-yard line. This immediately resulted in a Nate Zimmerman touchdown run to grow the lead to 25-0 after lineman Isaac Rimes converted on a direct snap for the two-point conversion to take a four-score lead with 2:02 remaining in the first.

Following yet another muffed punt attempt gave Cascade the ball at the one-yard line, senior Brett Heunik scored his first touchdown of the season on a one-yard touchdown run to take a 32-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

On the ensuing drive, Community managed to put together easily its best drive of the entire game, moving the ball on the ground from its own 33-yard line to the Cascade six-yard line before being stuffed around the goal line. Gunnar Harden recorded carries of 28 yards and 11 yards to help get the Vikings into scoring position as well as runs from Adriel Rodriguez – he tallied 82 yards rushing on 20 attempts for the game – but the ensuing 23-yard field goal attempt from the right hash was yanked wide-left.



Community's Adriel Rodriguez ran for 82 yards on 20 carries in Thursday's loss to Cascade. *Photo courtesy of Austin Holland.*

Cascade promptly drove 80 yards down the field in 1:03 and reached the end zone on a 29-yard Nate Zimmerman scamper to take a 39-0 lead with 6:33 left in the first half.

Following a Vikings turnover-on-downs at its own 29-yard line, Sam Bradley took a designed quarterback run 29 yards to the end zone to take a 46-0 lead with 3:52 to go in the half.

Then, a Community punt was blocked, allowing Nate Zimmerman to eventually find the end zone from 17 yards out for Cascade's final touchdown of the night with 55 seconds to go in the half and take a 56-0 lead heading into the halftime locker room.

With the game and result well in hand and the running clock set to begin, Cascade pulled their starters for the second half. On its second drive of the half, Diego Torres Perez drilled a 23-yard field goal with 10:30 to go in the fourth quarter.

Meanwhile, the Vikings ended all four second-half drives with fumbles.

Community finishes a turbulent 2026 campaign at 0-10 overall.

Cascade wraps up the 2026 slate at 4-6 overall.



Cascade's Sam Bradley (2) finished 5-of-7 passing for 148 yards and two touchdowns as well as three carries for 31 yards and another score on Thursday. *Photo courtesy of Austin Holland.*

HISTORIC UPTOWN SHELBYVILLE HOSTS ANNUAL SPOOKS EVENT

Historic Uptown Photos

Woody, the cowboy from the movie, "Toy Story" was still popular as a costume at Halloween events last week. And at the Historic Uptown Shelbyville Halloween party on the square, "Woody" had a special sidekick, "Buzz Lightyear." A large crowd attended.















MORE THAN JUST A JAIL

Changing Lives, Strengthening Families, and Building a Safer Bedford County

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When most citizens think about a jail, they picture locked doors, concrete walls, security cameras, and inmates serving time or waiting for court. And they are not wrong. Maintaining custody, security, and public safety is our first responsibility. But at the Bedford County Sheriff's Office Correctional Division, we are working toward something more.

We believe that a jail should do more than hold people until their release date. We want to use the time individuals spend in our custody as an opportunity to encourage responsibility, improve decision-making, develop useful skills, and help them prepare for a better future. We cannot change someone's past. But we can provide opportunities that may help them change what happens next.

1. Changing the Purpose of Time Spent in Jail

In a traditional custody-focused approach, success is often measured by whether inmates are properly supervised, safely housed, and securely released. Those responsibilities remain essential, but we want to look beyond them. We want to ask additional questions:

- Did the inmate have an opportunity to learn something useful?
- Did we encourage personal accountability?
- Did we provide opportunities to improve behavior and decision-making?
- Did we help the individual develop skills that could be useful after release?
- Did we connect the individual with constructive programs and positive influences?
- Did we make an effort to reduce the likelihood that this individual will return to jail?

These questions reflect the direction we want our correctional programs to take. We want incarceration to include opportunities for improvement, not simply the passage of time.

2. Programs That Offer Opportunities for Change

One of our goals is to provide meaningful programs that address the circumstances and behaviors that can contribute to repeated involvement with the criminal justice system. Our program approach includes approved educational, personal-development, religious, recovery-support, and work opportunities, as available through the facility and its community partners. The purpose of these opportunities is to help inmates develop knowledge, discipline, personal responsibility, and constructive habits. A person who learns to accept responsibility, manage conflict, follow directions, work cooperatively, or develop a useful skill may be better prepared to succeed after release. Not every inmate will take advantage of these opportunities. Not every program will change someone's life. But providing opportunities for positive change gives motivated individuals something constructive to work toward.

3. Work Programs That Teach More Than How to Perform a Task

Inmate work assignments and supervised work crews can serve several purposes. They allow eligible inmates to perform useful work while learning the importance of punctuality, accountability, cooperation, safety, and following instructions. We want participants to understand that work involves more than completing an assigned task. It also involves showing up, accepting direction, taking responsibility for equipment, respecting others, and completing the job correctly. Those are habits that can carry into employment and everyday life after incarceration. Work programs must operate under appropriate supervision, security requirements, and individual eligibility decisions. Our goal is for work assignments to provide structure and responsibility—not simply occupy an inmate's time.

4. Working With Volunteers and Community Partners

The Sheriff's Office cannot accomplish every correctional goal alone. Approved volunteers and community partners can play an important role by providing instruction, mentoring, faith-based activities, educational assistance, recovery support, and other constructive services. These individuals bring valuable knowledge, experience, and encouragement into the correctional environment. We also recognize that every program must operate within strict security and professional-boundary requirements. That is why our approach includes training and clearly defined responsibilities for volunteers and work-crew supervisors. We want community participation to be meaningful, safe, accountable, and beneficial to both the facility and those it serves.

5. Teaching Accountability Rather Than Making Excuses

A successful correctional program cannot be based on the idea that inmates are not responsible for their actions. They are responsible. Individuals in jail may have made decisions that harmed other people, their families, and the community. Our responsibility is not to excuse those decisions. It is to provide a secure environment in which individuals are expected to follow rules, accept consequences, and have opportunities to make better decisions. We want inmates to understand that positive change requires effort. Participation in programs does not erase criminal charges, sentences, or personal responsibility.

Accountability and rehabilitation are not opposites. They should work together.

6. Recognizing That Every Inmate Has Different Needs

Not every person enters jail with the same background, circumstances, risks, or needs. Some may require additional medical or mental health attention. Others may benefit from educational opportunities, recovery support, structured work assignments, or personal-development programs. Our assessment and classification processes help identify security requirements, special needs, housing considerations, and appropriate placement decisions. Classification is first and foremost a safety and management responsibility. But understanding an individual's circumstances can also support appropriate referrals and program decisions. A one-size-fits-all approach cannot adequately address every inmate's circumstances. We want our correctional practices to be consistent, lawful, and fair while recognizing meaningful individual differences.

7. Preparing People to Return to the Community

One fact is especially important for citizens to understand: Many of the people who enter our jail will eventually return to our neighborhoods, workplaces, and communities. They may become our coworkers, employees, customers, neighbors, or members of our families. The question is not simply what happens while they are in jail. The question is also what happens after they leave. We would rather see someone return to the community with improved skills, stronger personal responsibility, and a better understanding of the consequences of their decisions than leave with nothing gained from the experience. Preparing for successful reentry is not a guarantee that someone will never commit another offense. But it is a worthwhile public-safety goal.

8. Correctional Officers Are Essential to This Mission

Our officers are not simply responsible for securing doors and supervising inmates. They are responsible for maintaining the safe, professional environment that allows constructive programs to operate. They enforce rules, recognize problems, respond to emergencies, protect individuals in custody, and ensure that approved programs do not compromise security. They also demonstrate accountability, fairness, composure, and professionalism through their daily conduct. Our investment in correctional officer training reflects that responsibility. We want officers who are prepared not only to maintain custody and control but also to communicate effectively, recognize risks, make sound decisions, and treat people lawfully and respectfully. A successful correctional program requires well-trained correctional professionals.

9. Why This Matters to Bedford County Taxpayers

Operating a jail requires substantial public resources. Staffing, security, medical care, food, transportation, maintenance, and daily operations all have costs. When individuals repeatedly return to jail, those costs continue. Our long-term goal is to contribute to fewer repeat offenses and a safer community by creating opportunities for inmates to address behaviors and circumstances associated with their criminal justice involvement. We must evaluate our programs honestly. Reduced repeat incarceration, improved program completion, employment outcomes, and other measurable results should be examined as reliable data become available. We should not claim success simply because a program exists. We should determine whether it is making a meaningful difference. Responsible use of taxpayer dollars means maintaining a safe facility while examining whether our programs produce worthwhile results.

10. What We Want to Be Different

We are not claiming that other jails do not offer valuable rehabilitation or educational programs. Many correctional facilities do. What we are trying to establish in Bedford County is a correctional philosophy that connects security, accountability, staff professionalism, constructive programming, and preparation for release. We want these efforts to support one another rather than operate as unrelated activities. We want correctional officers to understand the purpose of the programs. We want volunteers to understand their responsibilities. We want inmates to understand that participation brings expectations and accountability. And we want citizens to understand why these efforts matter. A safe jail is essential. An accountable jail is essential. A jail that provides opportunities for positive change can contribute even more to the community it serves.

OUR MESSAGE TO BEDFORD COUNTY

The Bedford County Sheriff's Office Correctional Division will always place public safety, lawful custody, and facility security first. But we also recognize that simply locking someone up does not automatically address the circumstances or decisions that brought that person into custody. We want to do our part to interrupt the cycle of repeated incarceration. We want to encourage personal responsibility. We want to provide constructive opportunities. We want to strengthen our correctional workforce. We want to work with our community. And we want to give individuals who are willing to make positive changes a meaningful opportunity to begin that process.

We cannot promise that every inmate will change. We cannot guarantee that every person who leaves our jail will make better choices. But we can make sure that, while they are in our custody, we are doing more than simply watching the clock until their release.

Our goal is straightforward: Protect the public. Maintain accountability. Create opportunities for change. Help build a safer Bedford County.

Bedford County Sheriff's Office — Correctional Division – Lt. Gentry