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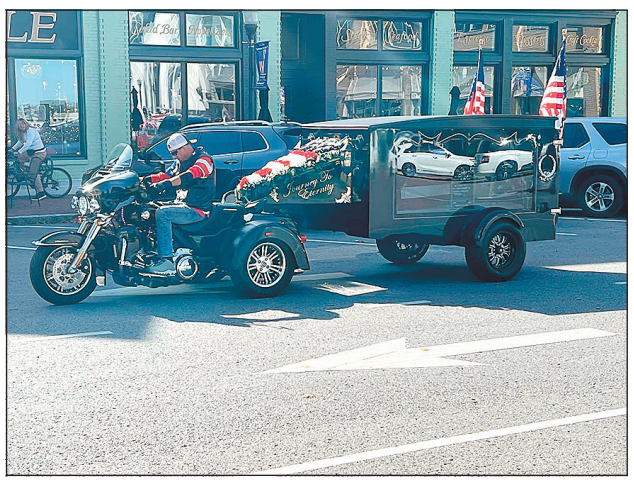
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Bridge Bedford teacher grants-Part 1

Making music, moving together, making every student count

Imagine if a simple exercise ball could become an instrument, a classroom could become a drumline, and music could bring students of all abilities together?

Thanks to an $1,800 Bridge Bedford teacher grant, Harris Middle School students will have the opportunity to experience DrumsAlive!- an exciting, movement-based music program that combines rhythm and physical activity while making music education accessible to students of all abilities.

The grant will provide the equipment and curriculum needed to introduce DrumsAlive! across three classrooms at Harris Middle School, connecting music, physical education and the Comprehensive Development Classroom (CDC). The project is expected to positively impact more than 900 students.

The vision behind the project belongs to Harris Middle School Music Teacher Chase King, who applied for the Bridge Bedford grant to bring this exciting opportunity to students. His goal is simple: make music education something everyone can enjoy.

"One of the ultimate goals is to allow students, often not included in mainstream learning due to various limitations,

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STATE CHAMPS!

Cascade HS Photo

Cascade Marching Band seniors posing with preliminary awards won at the Div. II State Championship, including Superior labels for Band, Percussion, Color Guard, and Drum Major as well as Cooper Howell winning Best Soloist. *See page 11 for more.*

BCUD hosts water treatment plant open house

Plans revealed for the future of the plant

By Dawn Hankins

On Tuesday morning, Bedford County Utility District Board of Commissioners and the entire staff at the water treatment plant held an open house to allow local residents the opportunity to visualize some "very important" improvements to the plant.

"Today is more than just an opportunity to show off new equipment and upgrades," said Kevin Mayhorn, BCUD general manager. "It's an opportunity to celebrate an investment in the future of Bedford County and recognize the many individuals and organizations who helped make this project possible."

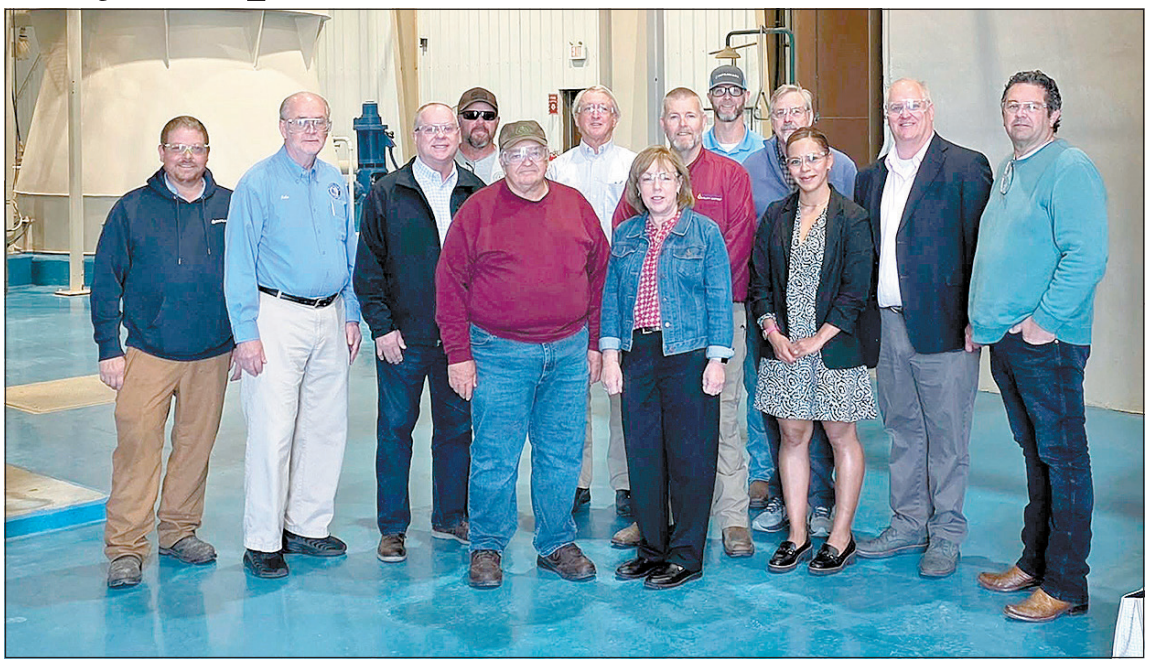
Given community growth, Mayhorn said BCUD is committed to meeting the needs of its customers today but also is planning for the needs of the future.

"This project represents a major step forward in fulfilling that responsibility. Through these improvements, we have increased the treatment capacity of this facility from 4 million gallons per day to 6 million gallons per day. That's a 50% increase in our treatment capacity."

He highlighted several major improvements within the project.

'We have a responsibility to provide safe, reliable drinking water, and these improvements will help us continue fulfilling that responsibility for many years to come.'

—Kevin Mayhorn, BCUD general manager



- Installation of a new 6-million-gallon-per-day raw water intake screen and air blower system.
- Replacement of raw water pumps and motors.
- Installation of two additional 1-million-gallon-per-day filters, increasing our total filtration capacity to 6 million gallons per day.
- Installation of new piping and two new high-service pumps.
- Major upgrades to our electrical systems and motor controls.
- Improvements to our SCADA system, which allows us to better monitor and operate both the treatment plant and distribution system.
- Installation of a new emergency generator to help ensure continued operations during power outages.

Mayhorn told the visitors that while some of these improvements may not be things customers see every day; they are critical to providing the safe and dependable water service our community relies on.

This BCUD project began in 2023 when the district pursued funding through the American Rescue Plan Act, commonly known as ARPA. Through the support of our federal and state partners, approximately $4.4 million in funding was approved for this project. The Board of Commissioners also committed approximately $2.5 million in district funds as the local match.

Because of this funding partnership and the Board's commitment, Mayhorn advised that BCUD was able to complete these much-needed improvements without placing the burden of borrowing millions of dollars on customers.

The director added, "And I can tell you, after seeing the water demands we experienced this past summer, these improvements could not have come at a better time.

He recognized the Board of Commissioners and their willingness to invest in the future. He also recognized Randy Head, former general manager, who played a significant role in starting the project.

"A project of this size does not happen because of one person or one organization. It takes planning, cooperation, commitment, and a lot of hard

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Blue Raiders win on Homecoming

Late heroics lead the way as Blue Raiders down WKU on Homecoming.

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BCUD

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work."

Mayhorn said though he came on board toward the end of construction, he recognizes the tremendous amount of work that took place long before he arrived.

"Randy deserves a great deal of credit for that."

Others thanked were Lorie Fisher with the South Central Tennessee Development District, former Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham and the Bedford County Finance. Mayhorn said all demonstrated their commitment and support in helping secure the funding necessary to make these improvements possible.

He delivered a special thank-you to Vena Jones with the State of Tennessee for her leadership and assistance with the ARPA funding program. Among others were: Inframark, along with Daniel Campbell and Will Willingham, who oversee the daily operations of this facility.

One thing that is easy to overlook during a major construction project is that the plant still has to operate. Mayhorn said customers still need water every single day, regardless of what construction is taking place.

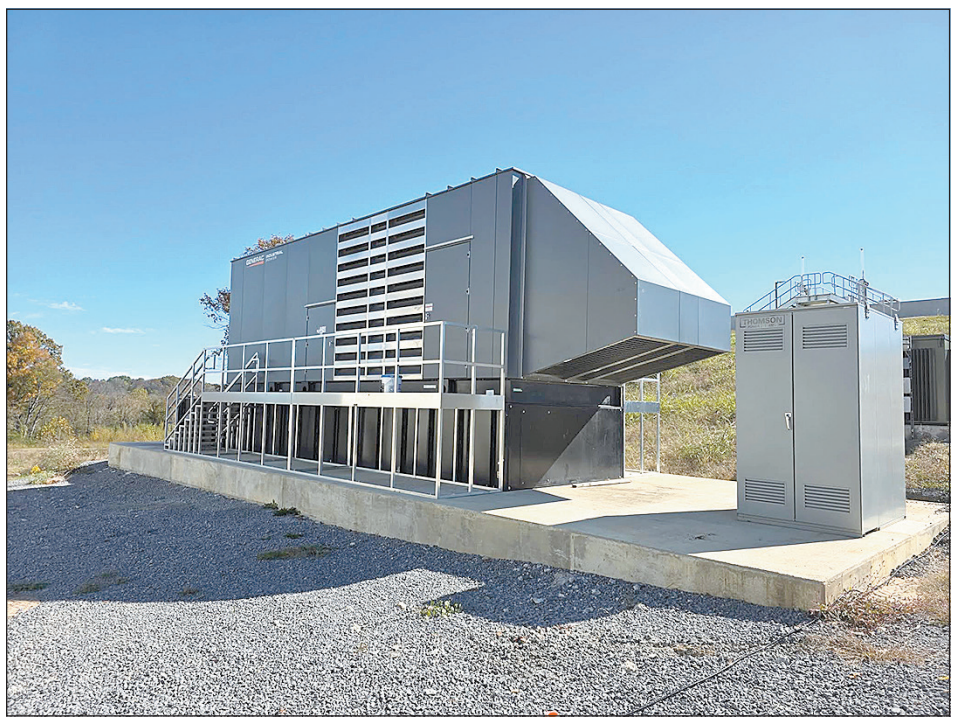
Last, but not least, he thanked the BCUD employees. "Whether they work here at the treatment plan, out in the distribution system, or in the administrative office, every employee plays an important role in our mission of serving the people of Bedford County."

"When I accepted the position as General Manager of Bedford County Utility District, one thing that became clear to me very quickly was the tremendous potential this utility has and the importance of planning for our community's future. I am proud to be part of an organization that is willing to invest in its infrastructure, improve its operations, and prepare for continued growth."

With the completion of these improvements, BCUD is in a much stronger position to meet the water needs of existing customers while also supporting future residential, commercial, and industrial growth throughout Bedford County.

At the end of the day, this project is about more than pumps, filters, and equipment. It's about the people and businesses who depend on BCUD, every day, according to the general manager.

"We have a responsibility to provide safe, reliable drinking water, and these improvements will help us continue fulfilling that responsibility for many years to come."



Mayhorn told the T-G that this water treatment plant upgrade is something he's extremely proud of, especially given the fact the utility district was able to complete such a significant project without taking on any debt.

"When the Board hired me in June 2025, I told them my number one priority would be to ensure that Bedford County Utility District continues providing safe, reliable drinking water to our community while preparing for future growth and being responsible stewards of our ratepayers' money. I believe this project is a great example of that commitment."

Mayhorn said he's excited about the future of BCUD and the positive impact these improvements will have on the community for generations to come.

More photos from the Veterans Day Parade









TERRIBLE LOSS FOR HOMEOWNER

Photo by Gene Williams

County Fire Services extinguished a home fire at Country Estates in Bell Buckle last week. There were no reported injuries.

Liberty FCE enjoys lesson: "Eat, Drink, Give and Donate"

Liberty Family and Community Education Club (FCE) met Oct. 19, with Judy Smith calling the meeting to order. Judy read: "Whispers in the Wind."

Ann Spencer gave the devotion. Bonnye Catron read the minutes.

The county-wide meeting was Oct. 27, 4 p.m. at the extension office. The committee planning Achievement Night was selected. The club will consider helping graduating seniors.

The state convention will be Nov. 15 in Gatlinburg.

Whitney Danhoff gave the education lesson: "Eat, Drink, Give and Donate."

The club discussed a menu and will feed the Farm Bureau in November.

The next meeting will be November 2. The club meeting time has been moved to 3 p.m. at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church.

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BY LAUREN GROVE

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Bedford County Commission steps up technology

EMA building officially named in memory of Scott Johnson

By Dawn Hankins
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To improve the quality of the Bedford County Board of Commission meetings, technology is now being used to give the public a better understanding of monthly meeting business.

The Times-Gazette will be printing portions of the voting roster each month so that taxpayers may see who is in attendance, votes on certain issues, etc.

On Tuesday night, Commissioners voted to allow Leadership Bedford to move forward with its Phase I renovation project-Leadership Park-behind the town square. (Courthouse and Property Committee item.)

There was applause following a 17:0 vote.

Another agenda item was to name the new EMA Building in memory of Lt. Colonel Scott Johnson, a former Commissioner who recently passed.

Biff Farrar, on the Rules and Legislative Committee, called a point of order that this naming should have gone to Rules Committee for revision from the Property Committee, then on to the full Commission for vote.

Mayor Cobb discussed there being no record for naming County buildings, only roads and bridges.

After review, County Attorney John T. Bobo said it will be the will of Commission.

Mayor Cobb, elected to office in August, apologized for not recognizing some "traditions" which have followed County business over the years.

Farrar said this current process of renaming a County building has never been applied before. "What I'm worried about is that we have a standard here of qualifications . . . seems like we're in a little bit of a hurry, with this request."

Mayor Cobb has brought the request before the Commission-Rules Committee last month. Johnson was still alive and it was planned to be a dedication of the EMA building.

Farrar said the request should go back to Rules for debate. He said protocol has not been followed. He said Rules has used this protocol for many years and it has proved successful.

Mayor Cobb called point of order and asked if the dedication rules state this process for roads and bridges only or also for County buildings. Attorney Bobo read the rules, which he said luckily, he did not draft, but likely would have, had he been attorney then.

Attorney Bobo said there was a portion in the rules which designates a family should absorb all expenses incurred with the naming process. He was not certain that had been done. He also mentioned the rules state the dedication should not come before the Commission for one year, following the deceased person's passing.

He advised that the rules state agenda items such as this should come through a committee. He said that has obviously been done with it coming through Property. This committee is also in charge of buildings, he said.

Attorney Bobo said therefore it is the will of the Commission to interpret and vote accordingly.

The original motion for approval on Tuesday was made by Commissioners Jason Sanders and Mark Thomas.

Commissioner John Boutwell amended that motion, requesting Commission send it back to the proper committee-Rules-and then put the naming/dedication item up for Commission vote. Commissioner Farrar properly seconded that motion.

Commissioner Thomas was asked by Chair Cobb if he approved that amendment. Thomas stated this was "nitpicking." He went on to talk about Johnson-a decorated veteran and a decorated leader in the community who helped build the local EMA.

"If ya'll want to nitpick this, send it back to committee, I'm OK with it," advised Thomas.

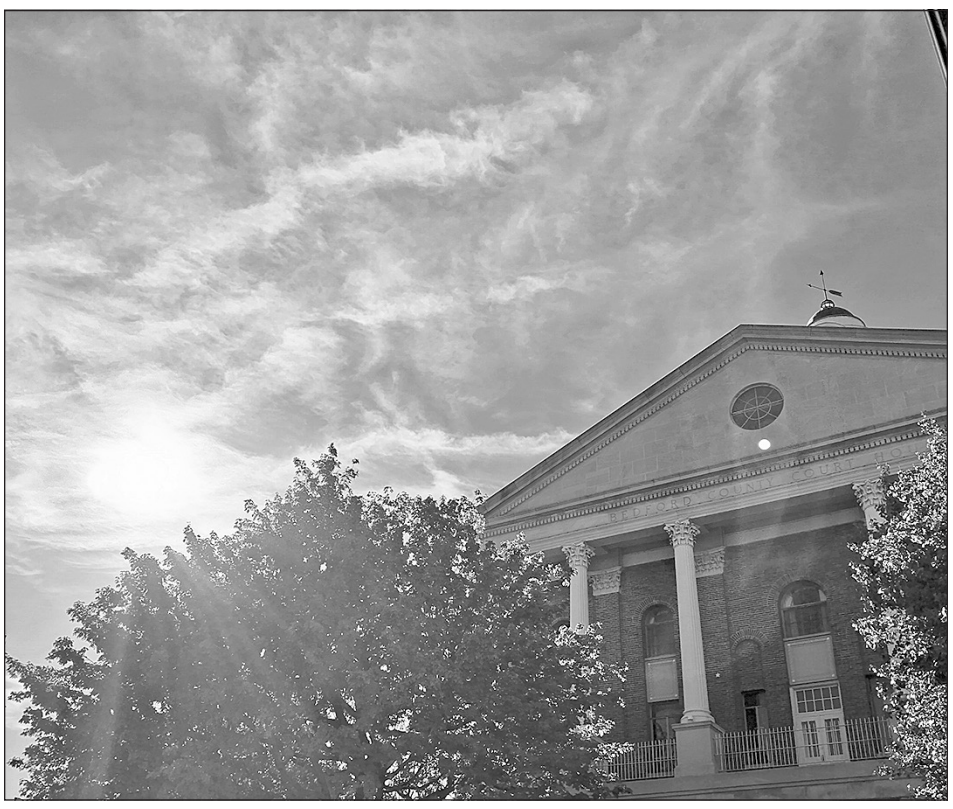
The amendment failed 9:8. (A constitutional majority of 10 is required to pass.)

The item then returned to Thomas for the original motion to approve. Jason Sanders seconded.

Mayor Cobb said the vote for this would have to be taken "old school." He said with a smile that it was fitting as the late Commissioner Johnson was an old-fashioned kind of guy.

The Commission approved 17:0 to name the new EMA building in memory of former Commissioner Johnson.

There was applause.



SHE STILL STANDS IN ALL HER GLORY

Photo by Bo Gill

The historic Bedford County Courthouse still stands today as a symbol of law and order for the people. These days, court is held at the new judicial center off Highway 231-North. County offices are still maintained at the historic courthouse-mayor's office, etc. Government meetings are also still held there. Tours can be arranged for groups.

THE ISSUE

Yet, another county lawsuit

A new lawsuit has been filed in Bedford County Chancery Court, challenging a September decision by the Bedford County Board of Zoning Appeals.

BZA reversed in September a county Planning and Zoning Director's determination that construction of two agricultural reservoirs on local farm properties was exempt from county zoning regulations.

Howard G. Hawkins, Christopher Hawkins and Matthew Allen filed a Verified Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Writ of Supersedeas on November 4, naming the Bedford County Board of Zoning Appeals, Bedford County, Jonathan O'Neal, Jeanie O'Neal, J. Edwina Chilton and Rowina Chilton Smith as respondents.

The dispute involves two properties: a farm on Highway 64 in Wartrace owned by the Hawkins family and a property on Fairfield Pike in Shelbyville owned by Matthew Allen and his wife, Ashley Allen. Both properties are zoned A-1 Agricultural-Forestry and are part of an extended family farming operation involving approximately 2,000 acres of row crops and hay production.

United Way of South Central Tennessee seeks VITA volunteers in Bedford County

United Way of South Central Tennessee is seeking volunteers in Bedford County for its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, which provides free tax preparation services to eligible individuals and families.

VITA helps local residents access free tax preparation assistance, reducing the cost of filing taxes and helping families keep more of their hard-earned money. Volunteers play an important role in making this service available to the community each tax season.

Volunteers will serve at the Shelbyville Senior Center on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Individuals interested in volunteering should be available to serve during these hours.

United Way is recruiting volunteers for four roles: tax preparers, greeters, translators, and computer helpers. These opportunities allow people with different skills, backgrounds, and experience levels to contribute to the program.

Retired accountants, certified public accountants (CPAs), and individuals with backgrounds in accounting or finance are encouraged to consider volunteering as tax preparers. However, previous tax preparation experience is not required, and training is available for those interested in learning.

Community members interested in volunteering are encouraged to contact Shannon Bauer at Shannon.Bauer@yourlocaluw.org or 615-893-7303 to learn more about available roles, training, and next steps.

To learn more about United Way of South Central Tennessee and its programs, visit yourlocaluw.org.

About United Way

United Way of South Central Tennessee creates opportunities for a better life by focusing on education, health, and financial stability. Through giving, advocating, and volunteering, United Way brings people and organizations together to create lasting change across Bedford, Cannon, Coffee, Lincoln, Moore, Rutherford, and Warren counties.

Ad Veritas: Before We Rush Past November



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Before I say anything about rushing past Thanksgiving, I should confess that we're planning to put up our Christmas decorations before it gets here. So I'm probably not the right person to lecture anyone about waiting until the turkey is finished before plugging in the Christmas lights.

I like Christmas. With five children, there is plenty of excitement in our house over the gifts, the decorations, the traditions, and everything that comes with the season. Watching your children enjoy it is a large part of the fun, and I'm certainly not suggesting we should have less of that.

But I also really like Thanksgiving, and I hate to see it treated as little more than a stop on the way to Christmas.

There is something refreshing about a holiday that focuses so much on simply being together. You gather with family, enjoy a good meal and spend some time visiting. There isn't a stack of presents to get through or much concern over whether someone received exactly what was on a wish list. The gathering itself is the occasion.

And the food, of course. I wouldn't want to overlook that important detail.

Christmas is about family, too, and I don't mean to reduce it to shopping and presents. But Thanksgiving has a different feel. There seems to be a little more room to appreciate what we already have rather than think about what we still need to buy. Instead of wondering what to get someone, we can enjoy having that person at the table.

That is worth making time for.

Of course, I recognize that what looks like a simple family gathering can involve quite a bit of work for the people planning the meal, cooking it and cleaning up afterward. A table full of good food doesn't appear by itself. Part of our gratitude ought to involve helping with that work, rather than just showing up hungry and asking when everything will be ready.

Still, there is something special about sitting around after a meal without needing to immediately move on to the next thing. A conversation wanders. Someone tells a story that most of the family has heard before. The children find something to do together, and eventually someone decides there is room for dessert after all. Those ordinary moments can be the best part of the day.

With five kids, I'm becoming increasingly aware of how quickly those moments pass. Emmalyn is 14 now, which is difficult enough for me to believe. The younger ones are growing just as quickly, and it doesn't seem to matter how often I notice it or wish things would slow down. Another week goes by anyway.

That is really what concerns me about rushing through November. It isn't the decorations. It's the habit of always looking ahead.

We look forward to the weekend, then the holiday, then the next season. We tell ourselves we'll have more time after a deadline passes or the schedule settles down. Meanwhile, the ordinary days keep moving along, full of things we may someday wish we had appreciated more.

For me, Thanksgiving offers a welcome interruption to all of that. It is an opportunity to thank God for the people in our lives and the blessings that have become so familiar we sometimes forget to notice them. Gratitude doesn't require everything to be perfect. We can have worries, unfinished work and things we wish were different while still having plenty of reasons to be thankful.

So put up the Christmas tree whenever it suits your family. We probably will. Enjoy the anticipation and let the children get excited about what is coming.

But let's leave some room for Thanksgiving, too. There are people to visit with, stories to hear and a good meal to enjoy without treating the whole occasion as something to get through before the next celebration.

Our decorations may already be up, but I'm in no hurry to clear the Thanksgiving table—especially if there's still dessert.

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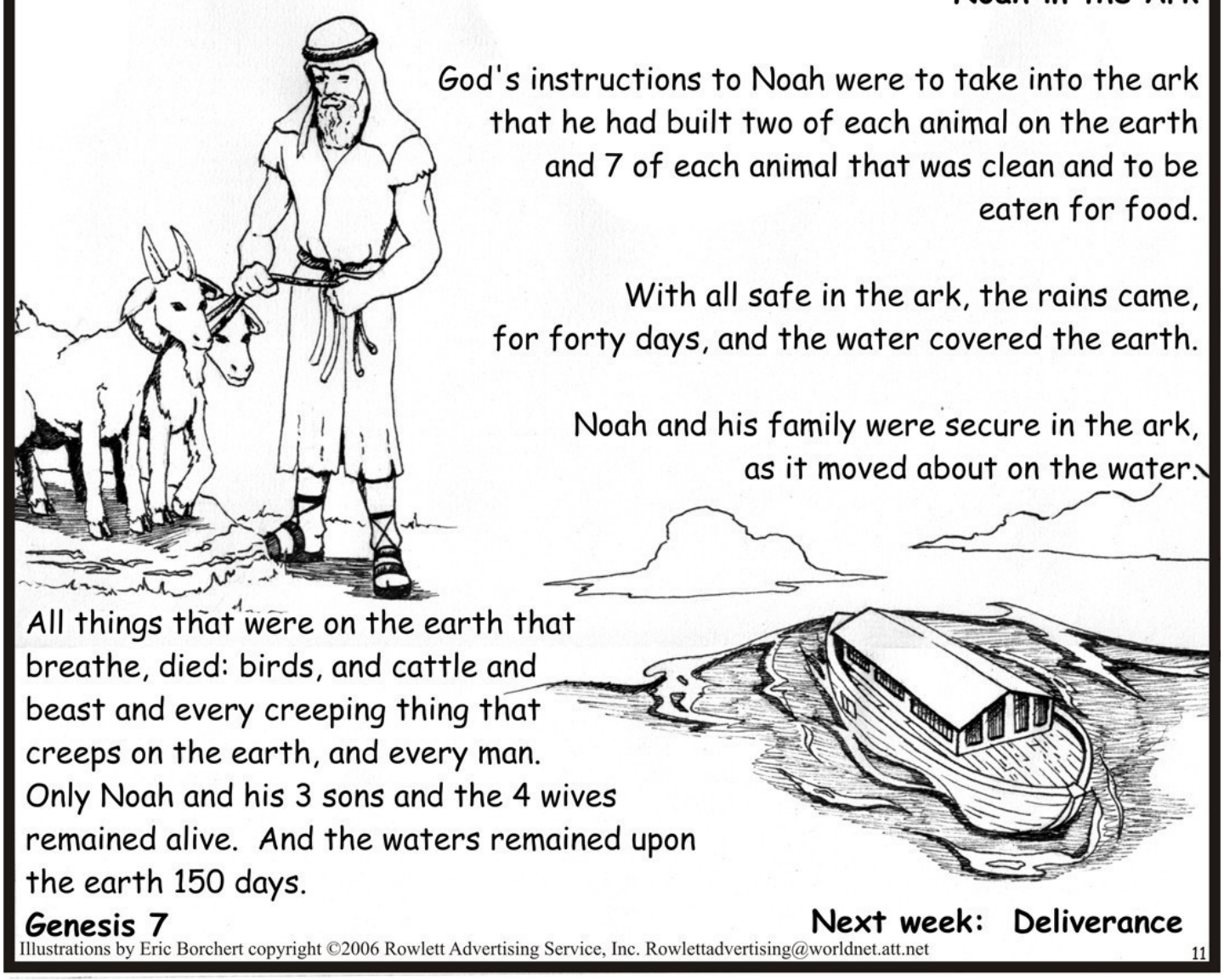
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Obituaries

Taylor Allen Underwood



Taylor Allen Underwood, 26, passed away on Saturday, October 24, 2026.

Taylor was a man who loved the outdoors, his family and living life on his own terms.

From a young age, he had a passion for hunting, fishing, and anything that allowed him to be outside.

As he once proudly told his mama, 'I'm an outside man, Mama.' That love of the outdoors stayed with him throughout his life. He was happiest in the woods, on the water, or spending time with those he loved. Some of his most treasured memories were made hunting and fishing with his brothers and sharing those same experiences with his daughters.

Taylor was incredibly talented with his hands and had a natural ability to figure out how things worked. Whether he was working on a vehicle, fixing something that was broken, or helping someone with a project, he was always willing to put his skills to use.

He had a larger-than-life personality, a mischievous sense of humor, and a love for making people laugh. Taylor was known for his pranks, especially his infamous jump scares. You never quite knew what he might be up to next, but you could count on him to leave you with a story worth telling.

Beneath that mischievous exterior was a tender and loving heart. Taylor loved fiercely and was especially protective of the people closest to him. Above all, Taylor loved his three beautiful daughters, Sophia Erin, Brooklyn Marie, and Elizabeth Grace. His girls meant the world to him, and he treasured being their daddy. He was also a loving big brother who shared a special bond with his brothers, creating memories through hunting, fishing, laughter, and the occasional brotherly mischief. Taylor was a beloved son, father, brother, grandson, and friend. His presence could fill a room, his laughter was contagious, and his love will continue to be felt by everyone fortunate enough to have known him.

Taylor is survived by his three daughters, Sophia Erin, Brooklyn Marie, and Elizabeth Grace; his mother, Laura; his father, Rodney; his brothers, Michael, Andrew, and Jaden; his maternal grandparents, Shirley and Lawrence Smith; and numerous extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Deanna Deaver and David Underwood.

Though his time here was far too short, Taylor lived a life filled with adventure, laughter, and love. He leaves behind countless memories, stories that will be told for years to come, and a love that death can never take away.

A Celebration of Life honoring Taylor will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Henry Horton State Park, Skeet Range Road, Chapel Hill, Tennessee. In honor of Taylor's love for the outdoors, family and friends are invited to come dressed casually in their favorite camo, hunting attire, or Tennessee orange. We will gather around the fireplace to share stories, laughter, and cherished memories of Taylor, celebrating his life in a way that reflects the man he was.

A special shotgun salute will be held in Taylor's honor. Those wishing to participate are welcome to bring their shotguns, following all range safety requirements and instructions.

The family will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. Guests are kindly asked to bring a favorite side dish to share. Please label any dishes with their ingredients or common allergens to help accommodate guests with food allergies. Please dress warmly, as this will be an outdoor gathering and cooler temperatures are expected. Come comfortable, bring your favorite memories of Taylor, and help us celebrate a life that was deeply loved and will be forever missed.

Feldhaus-Gowen-Smith Chapel is honored to be serving the family of Taylor Allen Underwood.



CHURCH NEWS

Pastor Abe Zimmerman will preach at **First United Methodist Church** on Sunday, Nov. 15: "A New Way of Being: Part 2" from Ephesians 4:25-31.

"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 the pastor.

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

Bedford County property transfers

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

File date: October 21

Location: 124 Barber Rd; Seller, Jeremy K Armstrong, Ashlee K Armstrong; Buyer, Alexander Cooke, Lisa M Cooke; Price, $497,000 (Deed).

Location: 1313 Raby Ave; Seller, Brandy L Cain, Jeremy L Cain, Brandy Swett; Buyer, Joey Curl; Price, $210,000 (Deed).

Location: Fruit Valley Rd; Seller, Sherre Ann Johnson Ralston; Buyer, Marvin Benjamin Ralston; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Spencer G Miller, Kimberly M Miller; Buyer, Spencer Miller, Kimberly Miller, Spencer and Kimberly Miller Revocable Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Riverbend Rd; Seller, Spencer G Miller, Kimberly M Miller; Buyer, Spencer Miller, Kimberly Miller, Spencer and Kimberly Miller Revocable Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Garrett Rd; Seller, Spencer G Miller, Kimberly M Miller; Buyer, Spencer Miller, Kimberly Miller, Spencer and Kimberly Miller Revocable Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 307 Fairlane Dr; Seller, Kevin Rains, Sherri L Rains; Buyer, Lance Rains; Price, $280,000 (Deed).

Seller, May Tory Homes LLC; Buyer, Donald White Construction LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 111 Earnhart St; Seller, Blake R Morgan; Buyer, OSU Properties LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 2123 Sims Rd; Seller, Pleasant Michelle England; Buyer, Holly Mitchell, Tyler McClintock; Price, $439,000 (Deed).

Location: 422 Fairground Heights; Seller, Blake R Morgan; Buyer, OSU Properties LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 310 White St; Seller, Blake R Morgan; Buyer, OSU Properties LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Burnt Hill Rd; Seller, Debra Wandless; Buyer, Jeff Michael Smialek, Dilyse Louse Diaz; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: October 22

Location: 904 Mead Dr; Seller, Thelma Elaine Mahaffey, Tammy Peoples; Buyer, Chanell Childress; Price, $275,000 (Deed).

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

File date: October 23

Location: Burnt Hill Rd; Seller, Jeff Michael Smialek, Dilyse Louise Diaz; Buyer, Debra Wandless; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 2096 Longview Rd; Seller, Corey R Schuette, Jenna L Schuette; Buyer, Zachary Bruce, Megan Bruce; Price, $640,000 (Deed).

Location: 128 Annas Way; Seller, Forrest Mills, Stacy Billig; Buyer, Elizabeth Wakefield, Dylan Lefebvre; Price, $329,000 (Deed).

Location: Highway 82; Seller, William C Marquette Jr, Shelby M Marquette, William C Marquette, Elizabeth B Marquette; Buyer, Elizabeth Clare Marquette, William Caldwell Marquette Sr; Price, $800,000 (Deed).

Location: Highway 82; Seller, Sales Opportunities Unlimited Inc; Buyer, Elizabeth Clare Marquette, William Caldwell Marquette Sr; Price, $100 (QD).

Location: Coleman Harvey Road; Seller, Russell E Boothe, Angela M Boothe; Buyer, Richard Seth Alexander, Kaitlyn Nicole Alexander; Price, $159,900 (Deed).

File date: October 26

Location: Crestview Circle; Seller, Brett Fisher, Shannon Dearing; Buyer, Brad McGee, Brett Fisher; Price, $275,000 (Deed).

Location: Smith Rd; Seller, Barry F Keatts, Emma Sue H Keatts; Buyer, Bedford Poultry Farms Inc; Price, $500,000 (Deed).

Location: 1806 Hwy 130 W; Seller, Kai Tubberville; Buyer, Charles Tubberville; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 119 Annas Way; Seller, Jennifer McGuire, Gregory McGuire; Buyer, Cora Payne; Price, $324,000 (Deed).

File date: October 27

Location: 215 Warren Circle; Seller, Kassandra King, Jimmy P King; Buyer, KOJ Properties LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Maxwell Chapel Road; Seller, Patrick Todd Christian, Elinor S Christian; Buyer, Patrick T Christian, Patrick T Christian Revocable Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 413 Winners Circle; Seller, Tennessee Housing Development Agency; Buyer, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation; Price, $0 (Deed).

Location: 301 Brown Ln; Seller, Ewing Wallace Cartwright, Martha Gene Cartwright; Buyer, Ewing Wallace Cartwright, Martha Gene Cartwright, Cartwright Tennessee Community Property Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Cascade Hollow Rd; Seller, David E Mcintyre, Particia Diane Mcintyre, Mcintyre Family Revocable Living Trust; Buyer, Matthew Lee Wheeler, Monica Paige Wheeler; Price, $189,000 (Deed).

File date: October 28

Location: 358 Jack Pickle Rd; Seller, Simone De Camargo; Buyer, Pickle Bend Farm LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 356 Laws Hill Rd; Seller, Brian Kilgore; Buyer, Leticia Hernandez; Price, $551,920 (Deed).

Location: Mt Olivet Rd; Seller, DCC Strategic Reality Partners LLC; Buyer, Joey Curl; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Dunnaway Rd; Seller, Barbara J Waterson; Buyer, Barbara J Waterson Revocable Family Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 3 Main St E; Seller, Curl Properties LLC; Buyer, FCC Holdings LLC; Price, $200,000 (Deed).

Location: 120 Fox Run Rd; Seller, Rubin Lubin Tn PLLC, Lexi West, Brian Mielneczk; Buyer, Tennessee Housing Development Agency; Price, $0 (TRD).

File date: October 29

Location: 996 Haley Rd; Seller, Brenda Bland, Brenda C Gentry, Thomas Bland; Buyer, Brenda Bland, Thomas Bland; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Lamb Rd; Seller, Connie Eileen Scales Demonbreun; Buyer, Demonbreun Family Trust, Connie E Demonbreun, Timothy G Demonbreun; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Lamb Rd; Seller, Connie Scales Demonbreun; Buyer, Demonbreun Family Trust, Connie E Demonbreun, Timothy G Demonbreun; Price, $0 (QD).

Seller, Joe M Lambert Jr; Buyer, Danny G Bellew Jr; Price, $206,000 (Deed).

Location: 451 Davis Lane; Seller, Foundation Legal Group LLP, Charles W Slover Sr, Janet F Slover; Buyer, Village Capital and Investment LLC; Price, $252,150 (Deed).

Death Notices

Hila L. Kincaid, age 90, of the Pottsville community in Tennessee, passed away on November 9, 2026, in Pottsville surrounded by her family. Born on April 13, 1936, in Lewisburg, she was the daughter of the late Henry Grady Griggs and Katie Louise Porterfield Griggs. In addition to her parents, Hila is preceded in death by her husband, Jessie James Kincaid, by an infant daughter, and a son, Terry Kincaid. Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill is in charge of arrangements.

Bonnie Jo Dotson, age 68, of Chapel Hill, passed away Monday, November 9th, 2026, at Williamson Medical Center. Bonnie Jo was born in Hamilton, Ohio and was the daughter of the late Glenmore and Leola Boomshine Kidd. Bonnie is survived by her husband, Ray Dotson Jr. and one son, Steven Dotson (Nerina Jusufovic.) Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill is in charge of arrangements.

Carl Scales "PawPaw", 85, of Chapel Hill, formerly of Nolensville, passed away on Saturday, November 7, 2026, in Murfreesboro. Carl was a son of the late Plez Edward Scales and Mary D Clark Scales. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Linda Scales. Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill is in charge of arrangements.

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CASCADE TANK RECOATING AND REPAIR PROJECT

General Notice

The Town of Bell Buckle, Tennessee (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

CASCADE TANK RECOATING AND REPAIR PROJECT

Sealed Bids for furnishing all materials, labor, tools, equipment and appurtenances necessary for the Cascade Tank Recoating and Repair Project will be received by the Town of Bell Buckle located at the Town Hall, 8 Railroad Square, Bell Buckle, TN 37020 or mailed to P.O. Box 276, Bell Buckle, TN 37020, until December 1st, 2026 at 2:00 PM local time. At that time, the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The work to be performed under this Contract shall consist of furnishing all labor, materials, tools, equipment, and incidentals and performing all work required to conduct a full blast and recoat of the interior and exterior of the 200,000-gallon steel ground water storage tank, including miscellaneous repairs, and return the tank to service. The interior and exterior finish coat colors shall match the existing tank colors.

The Project has an expected duration of 45 calendar days for substantial completion, and 60 calendar days for final completion. The work must be performed between June 1, 2027, and be completed by July 31, 2027. The tank must be in service before August 1st, 2027.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is LJA, Inc., 1111 N. Northshore Dr., Suite N-800, Knoxville, TN 37919.

Electronic Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office by contacting Vickie Wilhite vwilhite@lja.com or 865-328-3141. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Pre-bid Conference

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held on November 12, 2026, 10:00 AM local time via virtual Teams meeting or in-person at Town of Bell Buckle, Town Hall, 8 Railroad Square, Bell Buckle, TN 37020. Please contact Vickie Wilhite vwilhite@lja.com or 865-328-3141 to obtain a link to the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference.

RFI's will only be accepted in writing to vwilhite@lja.com until November 18th, 2026 until 1:00 PM local time.

Instructions to Bidders

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

All bidders must be licensed and shall comply with all requirements of the State of Tennessee Contractor's Licensing Act.

This Invitation is issued by:

Owner: Town of Bell Buckle, TN
By: Ronnie Lokey
Title: Mayor
Date: October 26, 2026

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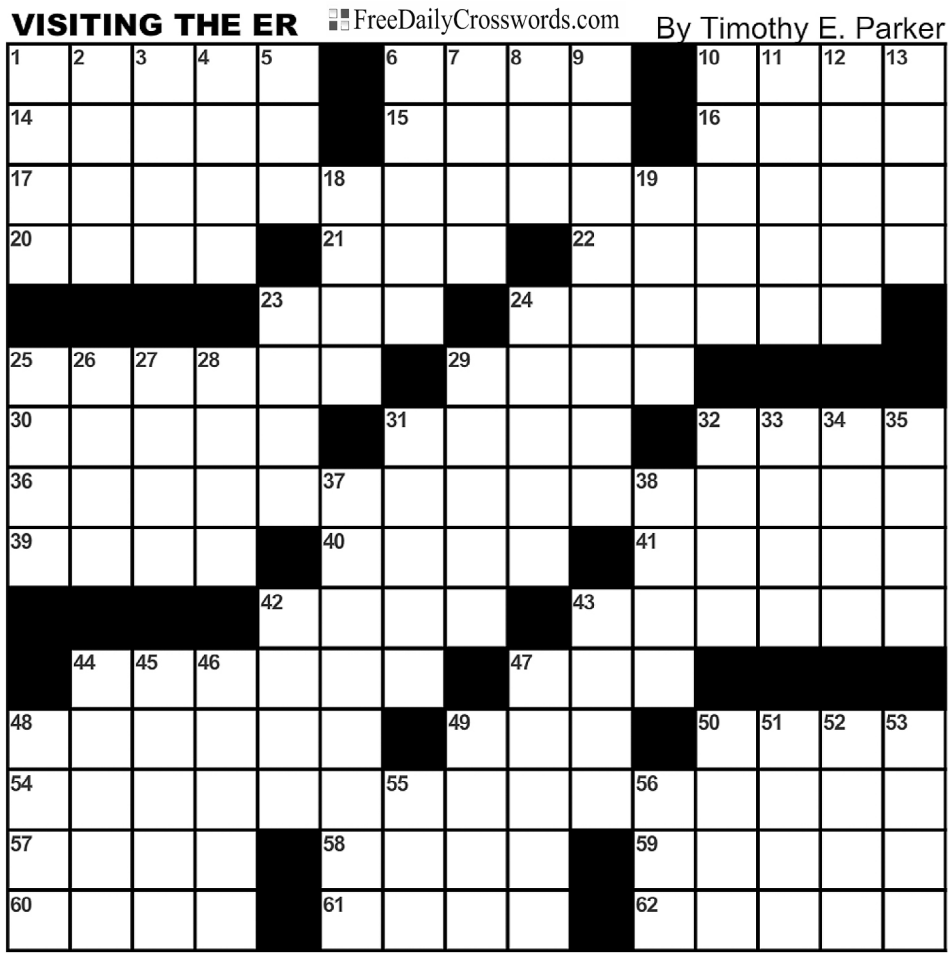
CLUES ACROSS

1) On one's toes
6) Developer's map
10) Hard knocks upside the head
14) Unusual collectible?
15) Grain holder on a farm
16) Assortment of stuff
17) Reward for an outstanding investor
20) Con
21) Color subtlety
22) Societal no-nos
23) Disobeyed a zoo sign?
24) Most like King Solomon
25) Flowering ornamental shrub
29) Exclusive
30) Break one of the Ten Commandments
31) Lass
32) Chickens and ducks, e.g.
36) Transportation choice in Chicago
39) Dress in India
40) Have confidence in (with "on")
41) Tractor handle?
42) Bulk beer purchase
43) Mixes smoothly
44) Certain iron, in golf
4 7) Sauce variety
48) Caterpillar case
49) "Eureka!" relative
50) On the briny
54) Privilege for some producers
57) Italian money of old
58) ___ out a living (barely scraped by)
59) Certain meat cut
60) "All in the Family" producer Norman
61) Addition column
62) Moms' relatives?

CLUES DOWN

1) Tablet brand
2) Hilo feast
3) Blows it
4) Irritate
5) Part of a Happy Meal
6) Prefix meaning "false"
7) Dietary, in ads
8) Late rhyming boxing champ
9) Mexican snack
10) Frigid, molded dessert
11) Unnatural bread spreads
12) Burgundy grape
13) Drunkards
18) Perlman of "Cheers"
19) "___ on Down the Road"
23) Greek cheese
24) Fret
25) Air force heroes
26) "J'accuse" author
27) Affirm
28) Jeans name
29) Emulate a crab
31) "Silly" birds
32) Hightail it
33) "A Prayer for___ Meany"
34) Mr. Cleaver of classic TV
35) Caustic cleaning supplies
37) Thing on an HO scale
38) One way to stand by
42) Chinese dynasty during Confucius' time (var.)
43) Crude dude
44) Daring
45) Ghana capital
46) Kind of battery
47) Place for rakes and shovels
48) Kind of phone
49) Baker's necessity
50) Eastern pooh-bah
51) Con artist's operation
52) Volcano in Sicily
53) Tries to get an answer
55) Eisenhower's nickname
56) "Catholic" ending

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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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NOVICE

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EASY

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INTERMEDIATE

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9	6	2	5	4	7	8	3	1
7	4	8	1	2	3	9	6	5
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NOVICE

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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:

(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 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)

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.

Street Address: 112 Sanders Street, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160
Parcel Number: 100E A 047.00
Current Owner(s) of Property: Eric Daniel Lesemann

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 OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated July 14, 2022, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded July 19, 2022, in Book No. TD1060, at Page 152, in Office of the Register of Deeds for Bedford County, Tennessee, executed by Ezequiel Estrada and Jeanette E Diaz H, conveying certain property therein described to Yale Riley as Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns; and the undersigned, Foundation Legal Group, LLP fka Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee by Rocket Mortgage, 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 Rocket Mortgage, LLC, will, on December 8, 2026 on or about 10:00 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. Being all of lot no. 2, of the 'West End Subdivision' plat of which is recorded in deed book 23, page 297, registers office of Bedford County, Tennessee, fronting 100 feet on baker street and running back and west from said street 200 feet and bounded on the north by Statum, South by Cable, and West by Moore. Included in the above description, but excluding the following: Beginning at a metal pin on the west margin of baker street at the northeast corner of the herein described tract, being the southeast corner of lot 3 of west end subdivision and the northeast corner of lot 2 of said subdivision and being the southeast corner of the Annie Laura Statum property and the northeast corner of Russell Taylor Property; thence with the west margin of baker street south 3 deg. 00 min. East 15.00 feet to a metal pin of the southeast corner of the herein described tract; thence leaving the margin of the street south 87 deg. 04 min. West 201.18 feet to a metal pin in fence at the southwest corner of the herein described tract; thence north 3 deg. 06 min., west 15.00 feet to a metal pin in fence at the northwest corner of lot 2 and the southwest corner of lot 3; thence north 87 deg. 04 min. East 201.21 feet to the point of beginning, being a 15 foot wide strip across the north side of lot 2 of west end heights, a plat of which is recorded in deed book 23, page 297, register's office of Bedford County, Tennessee, described according to survey of rex Northcutt, registered land surveyor, license no. 77, 177 Hickory Drive, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160, dated December 31,1990.

ALSO KNOWN AS: 132 Baker Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160

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:

EZEQUIEL ESTRADA
JEANETTE E DIAZ H
MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC

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. 367049

DATED November 2, 2026
Foundation Legal Group, LLP fka
WILSON & ASSOCIATES, P.L.L.C., Successor Trustee
FLG No. 367049 2 (11122tc #293390)

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 November 21, 2025, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded November 24, 2025, in Book No. TD1172, at Page 875, in Office of the Register of Deeds for Bedford County, Tennessee, executed by Kristofer Everett, conveying certain property therein described to David Marttala as Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for First National Bank of Middle Tennessee, its successors and assigns; and the undersigned, Foundation Legal Group, LLP fka Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee by Planet Home Lending, 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 Planet Home Lending, LLC, will, on December 22, 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:

Lying and being in the Eleventh (11th) Civil District of Bedford County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows: Being Lot No. 34, Deer Point Subdivision, Section II, as shown on plat of record in Plat Cabinet "A", Envelope 254, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, to which reference is hereby made for further description of said property. THERE IS ALSO HEREBY CONVEYED a sewer easement for the above described property, said easement being more particularly described on the sewer easement plat of record in Plat Cabinet "A", Envelope 140, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee. THIS CONVEYANCE IS SUBJECT to the sewer easements and other matters shown on the sewer easement plat of record in Plat Cabinet "A", Envelope 140, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

ALSO KNOWN AS: 216 Deer Point Road, Unionville, TN 37180

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:

KRISTOFER EVERETT

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. 368172

DATED November 2, 2026
Foundation Legal Group, LLP fka
WILSON & ASSOCIATES, P.L.L.C.,
Successor Trustee
FLG No. 368172 2 (11122tc #293414)

Classifieds

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204 Cloverdale Road
Friday, 11/13 and
Saturday, 11/14
8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Household items, decor, vintage items. Cheap prices!

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Saturday - 11/14
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NOTICES

Today's date is 11/12/2026. The following vehicle will be sold at Auto Collection, LLC at 319 Madison Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160. beginning on 11/23/2026 at 8:AM. If you have any interest in this vehicle, call 931-492-4663.

Vehicle: 2014 Jeep
VIN#:
1C4PJMCS5EW150318

Today's date:
11/12/2026
The following vehicle will be sold or disposed of if the registered owner does not claim it within 10 days of this notice.

2011 Cadillac
VIN#
1G6DF5EY1B0108158
Elite Automotive
1663 Hwy 41A North
Shelbyville, TN 37160

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)

LEGAL NOTICE

The Shelbyville Housing Authority will hold a Regularly Adjourned Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 18th, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. at the Tate Street Community Center in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

By: Jenni Feldhaus, Chairman

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 23, 5:30 p.m. at the Bell Buckle Town Hall, Bell Buckle, TN.

Request for Proposals

Bid No. 27-16 2026 or 2027 Three Quarter Ton Service Truck with Service Bed for Bedford County Fire Department

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., Tuesday, December 1, 2026.

Request for Proposals

Bid No. 27-15 Construction of Bedford County Highway Department Administrative Offices & Warehouse

A pre-bid meeting at the Bedford County Highway Department (328 Dover Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160) will be conducted on Thursday, November 19, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. 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, or from Kline Swinney Associates, 48 Lindsley Avenue, Nashville, TN 37210. Sealed bids will be received by the Bedford County Department of Finance at 200 Dover Street, Suite 102, Shelbyville, TN 37160 until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 8, 2026.

Blue Raiders get back on track with 73-68 defeat of Evansville

MT ATHLETICS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – The old cliché that offense sells tickets, but defense wins games could be said about Middle Tennessee's (2-1) 73-68 win over the Evansville Purple Aces (2-1) Tuesday evening inside the Murphy Center.

Middle Tennessee held Evansville to a 35.5% shooting percentage as a team as the Blue Raider trio of Ofri Naveh, Kaleb Siler and Jarred Hall held UE big man AJ Casey to four points on 0-of-10 shooting.

Following a rough first-half at just 42.9% shooting, Middle Tennessee attacked Evansville down low to help the Blue Raiders shoot 60% in the second half to grind out the win.

Coming out of the first media timeout, the Blue Raiders went on a 13-3 run that spanned over seven minutes to take a 15-7 lead. The run was sparked by a pair of Quintero Barnett three's and some solid defense, forcing Evansville to turn it over five times in that span.

Defensively, forward Naveh had a first half for the books. The senior grabbed eight rebounds, blocked three shots and had two steals. His play set the tone for the Blue Raiders to keep the Purple Aces off the scoreboard for a near nine-minute stretch and kept them to just 26.9% shooting as a team. Evansville's Casey was held scoreless in the first half.

Fellow big man Kaleb Siler ended the first half with six points and three boards. Barnett led the team in scoring with 10 first-half points.

The Evansville defense held the Blue Raiders at bay in the first half, keeping Middle Tennessee to just 12-of-28 shooting from the field, resulting in a 27-20 Blue Raider lead at the break.

Jarred Hall has played significant minutes off the bench through the first two games and continued the trend through Tuesday night. The big man followed up an 11-point, three rebound game against Kansas with a nine-point, three-rebound game tonight with a plus-eight rating in 20 minutes of action.

Guard Marcus Whitlock Jr. had a pair of put-backs on missed free throws with less than five minutes to play and his 11 second-half points helped the Blue Raiders ice it, late. The sophomore finished with a total of 13 points and eight rebounds. Jahvin Carter had a team-high five assists and had 14 points with two steals.



Photo courtesy of MT ATHLETICS.

Barnett did a good job of getting to the basket late, scoring all six of his second-half points down the stretch to lead the Blue Raiders with 18 total points on the night with four assists and six rebounds.

Middle Tennessee's biggest offensive advantage was down low, where they outscored Evansville 40-20. The Blue Raiders finished the final six-and-a-half-minute stretch going eight-of-eight from the field, with all those attempts coming from within the paint.

Aside from Hall's 11 points, Siler provided 10 points on five-of-eight shooting and pulled down three rebounds. Naveh had five points, a season-high 11 rebounds, four blocks and three steals.

By the Numbers:

4: Career-high in blocked shots for Ofri Naveh. The 6-foot-7 forward hit his new career-high by halftime.

8: Career-high in rebounds for Marcus Whitlock Jr.

17: Middle Tennessee committed a season-low 17 fouls tonight.

13: Middle Tennessee took care of the basketball, turning it over a season-low 13 times.

Next Up: Middle Tennessee remains at home for a 6:30 tip on Friday night with the SEMO Redhawks on ESPN+ and the Blue Raider Network.

Follow the Blue Raiders: Follow Middle Tennessee Men's Basketball on social media on Facebook (MTMensBasketball), X (Twitter) (@MT_MBB) and Instagram (@mt_mbb).

Blue Raiders drop low-scoring contest at Memphis

MT ATHLETICS

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – Middle Tennessee women's basketball (1-1, 0-0 CUSA) suffered its first loss of the 2026-27 season Friday night, falling 47-38 to Memphis (2-0, 0-0 AAC).

After a back-and-forth, low-scoring first half that included eight lead changes, the Blue Raiders entered halftime tied at 25 with the Tigers. Memphis opened the third quarter with a 6-0 run, eventually outscoring MTSU 22-13 in the second half to secure the nine-point victory.

Leading the charge for Middle Tennessee was forward Blair Baugus, who poured in a team-high 15 points on 6-of-11 shooting from the floor and seven rebounds. Mya Kone followed with nine points, while Maayan Cohen added seven. Stanislava Kabernick anchored the Blue Raiders' rebounding effort with nine boards, six of which came on the offensive glass.



Photo courtesy of MT ATHLETICS.

Defensively, MTSU limited Memphis to 33.9 percent shooting from the field and one made shot from three-point range. In the paint, six Blue Raiders recorded at least one block, with Baugus and Kabernick swatting two apiece.

By the Numbers:

1: The Blue Raiders held Memphis to just one made three-pointer on 17 attempts.

8: Middle Tennessee tallied eight blocks, the team's most since recording seven against Missouri State on March 12, 2026.

9: Kabernick hauled in a team-high nine rebounds.

40: Baugus played all 40 minutes of the contest.

Up Next:

Middle Tennessee continues its two-game road swing on Thursday, Nov. 12, with an in-state matchup against the Tennessee Lady Vols in Knoxville, Tennessee. Tip-off is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. CST, with coverage provided by the Blue Raider Network.

MTSU's Baugus named CUSA Player of the Week

MT ATHLETICS

DALLAS – Middle Tennessee women's basketball sophomore Blair Baugus has been named Conference USA Player of the Week following her performances during the Blue Raiders' opening week of the 2026-27 season, the league office announced Monday afternoon.

Baugus helped lead Middle Tennessee to a 1-1 start, averaging 19.0 points, 9.5 rebounds, 3.5 steals and 2.0 assists per game across the team's first two contests.

The sophomore opened the season with a standout performance in Middle Tennessee's 91-84 overtime victory over Saint Louis, recording a double-double with 23 points and 12 rebounds. She also contributed four assists and four steals while shooting 6-of-14 from the field and 11-of-12 from the free-throw line.

At Memphis, Baugus led the Blue Raiders with 15 points, adding seven rebounds, three steals and two blocks. She shot 6-of-11 from the floor, including a perfect 2-of-2 from three-point range.

The honor marks Baugus' first career Conference USA Player of the Week selection. She was previously named Conference USA Freshman of the Week eight times during the 2025-26 season as part of the program's conference-record 12 Freshman of the Week honors.



Late heroics lead the way as Blue Raiders down WKU on Homecoming

MT ATHLETICS



Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – With 31 seconds left in the fourth quarter in a 42-42 game, Middle Tennessee (5-4, 3-2 CUSA) was scratching and clawing for its first win over rival Western Kentucky (3-6, 2-3 CUSA) in seven years. 31 seconds later, Middle Tennessee claimed a 51-42 win over that team in red, in possibly the most chaotic sequence of the college football season.

After a WKU kickoff sailed into the endzone for a touchback, redshirt junior Roman Gagliano went 3-for-4 for 42 yards paired with a defensive holding call, setting Dominic Bourgeois up for a 49-yard go ahead field goal with five seconds to play. After missing from 51 earlier in the game, Bourgeois sent Floyd Stadium into a frenzy with the go-ahead kick putting MTSU up 45-42.



MTSU's Ziyon Butler (13) hauled in six catches for 129 yards and one touchdown in Saturday's win. *Photo courtesy of MT Athletics.*

With a second left in the ballgame, Bourgeois squib kicked to the Hilltopper return team. After two laterals, the ball hit the turf. The game ended with the ball in senior cornerback Aidan Singleton's hands, putting the Blue Raiders on top of WKU 51-42.

The late heroics stole the show from Middle Tennessee's offensive effort, as the Gagliano led unit put up a record number of points for the Derek Mason era. Saturday night's win was on pace to be the first 40 point performance under Mason, until Singleton turned it into the first 50 point outing. It also marked the first time in Mason's head coaching career to put up 50 or more.

Gagliano rattled off a career-high four passing touchdowns, while his 312 passing yards was the second highest mark of his career. The Opelika, Alabama native found redshirt freshman Neo Clifton twice for scores, while hooking up with freshman Ziyon Butler and senior Koraun Perdue as well.

Saturday served as a breakout for Butler, as he hauled in six catches for 129 yards. Both categories sent new career highs. The Gagliano-to-Butler connection struck gold in the fourth quarter for a 65-yard score, the first of Butler's career.

Antonio Martin Jr. was yet another Blue Raider with a career day, running his way to 125 yards on the ground. Martin opened the second half with a 75-yard rushing touchdown on the first play from scrimmage, putting the Blue Raiders up 28-13. This was his fifth 100-yard effort of the season.

Defensively, Korey Smith and Zeion Simpson-Smith led the way. Smith led the team with seven tackles, while Simpson-Smith had five including a tackle for loss and a sack.

By the Numbers:

300+:Roman Gagliano tallied 300 or more passing yards for the second time in his career with 312 today. The prior 300-yard outing came in his first career start against WKU last season with 383.

7: The Blue Raider win marked the first win over WKU on the gridiron in seven seasons.

3: Three Blue Raiders on offense put up career-highs: Roman Gagliano with four passing touchdowns, Antonio Martin Jr with 125 rushing yards and Ziyon Butler with six receptions and 129 yards.

2016: Antonio Martin Jr's fifth 100-yard game of the season makes him the eighth Blue Raider running back to accomplish the feat, and the first since I'Tavius Mathers in 2016.

Up next: The Blue Raiders will hit the road to Lynchburg, Virginia, for a showdown with the CUSA-leading Liberty Flames (7-1, 4-0 CUSA).

Motlow State Cross Country Heads to National Championships in Inaugural Season

MOTLOW STATE ATHLETICS

LYNCHBURG, Tenn. – Motlow State's first-year cross-country program will compete at the 2026 NJCAA Cross Country National Championships on Saturday, Nov. 14, at John Hunt Park in Huntsville, Alabama

The national appearance follows a season of steady improvement for the Motlow State Bucks. After finishing last in their opening meet, Motlow State progressed to finishing ahead of several teams in its final meet before regionals. Every Motlow State runner recorded a personal-best time at the regional meet.

"What a season it has been for our program," said head cross country coach Bradley Makuvire. "Taking on a new program comes with its fair share of tough challenges, but this group of student-athletes has blown past every expectation. They show up day in and day out, and they truly understand the culture we are trying to build here."

Makuvire credited the runners' work ethic and commitment to one another for the program's progress.

"They might not be the fastest kids on paper nationally, but they are some of the hardest-working individuals I have ever known," he said. "They push each other every single day, and they will do everything they can to move this team forward."

Motlow State Athletic Director Ross Fanning said the national appearance marks a meaningful achievement for the new program.

"To see this program reach nationals in its first year is something special," Fanning said. "These student-athletes have set a strong foundation through their hard work and commitment, and we're proud to have them representing Motlow on the national stage."

As the Bucks prepare for nationals, Makuvire sees this season as the beginning of the program's growth.

I am incredibly proud of these kids, proud of what we're building, and even more excited for the future," he said.

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an enjoyable and equitable way to learn alongside their peers,"

King stated. "And to have an absolute BLAST making music together!"

The Drums Alive! program will turn exercise balls into drums, using rhythm and coordinated movement to create an energetic, hands-on musical experience. Equipment will include sturdy exercise balls, bucket drum bases, drumsticks, Boom whackers, shakers and colorful scarves and ribbons. With enough equipment for an entire class to participate simultaneously, Harris Middle School students can learn, move and make music together.

But the benefits go far beyond making a great beat, King explained. At Harris Middle School, the project will strengthen connections between physical and musical education while helping students develop coordination, musical skills, creativity and self-regulation. The structured movement provides a positive outlet for physical energy, helping students channel their enthusiasm into focused, purposeful activity.

King added that there are academic connections, too.

"Research has linked the ability to maintain a steady beat with the development of reading skills, making rhythm an engaging way to reinforce learning that reaches far beyond the music setting. And just as importantly, DrumsAlive! will help students build friendships and strengthen relationships with classmates they might not otherwise have the opportunity to interact with."

King says the program's portable equipment also creates possibilities for expanding the experience beyond the initial Harris Middle School classrooms, potentially reaching elementary and high school students. And when Harris students are ready to show off its new skills, an end-of-semester group performance will give them an opportunity to celebrate what they've learned together.

Different abilities. One shared rhythm. Endless possibilities!

Postal Service gearing up for 2026 holiday season

TENNESSEE — The Postal Service is ready to deliver the holidays for 2026. The organization is continuing to build upon the successful delivery performance of the 2025 peak season.

Thanks to investments in new technology and new logistics planning and implementation by the organization, the Postal Service significantly improved its delivery performance during last year's holiday season. In 2025, mail and packages were delivered, on average, in 2.5 days compared with 2.8 days during the same period in 2024 (Nov. 15, 2024-Jan. 9, 2025).

Plans for holiday deliveries began in January. Preparing so far in advance enables the Postal Service to manage the influx of mail and packages it receives — volumes increase about 40 percent between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31 — for the holiday season

"The Postal Service performed very well during last year's holiday season, and we are even better prepared this year for the upcoming peak mailing and shipping season," Postmaster General David Steiner said. "We have been preparing all year for this peak season, and we have enough capacity to handle whatever comes our way."

Key accomplishments and areas of progress ahead of the 2026 peak holiday season include:

• **Increasing daily processing capacity by deploying more than 600 package sorters**: USPS has expanded its daily package processing capacity by adding 673 state-of-the-art package sorting machines over the past six years, including 164 installed this year alone. The machines have automated scanning capabilities that ensure tracking visibility for our customers as packages move through the postal system. These machines allow us to handle more and larger parcels than the legacy machines and prepare the Postal Service for the expected surge in volume for the holidays. Also, a new, next-generation package tracking and reporting platform increases package visibility within the postal network.

• **Hiring more than 10,000 seasonal employees**: Within the last six years, a combination of improved staffing, reduced supervisor vacancies and lowered overtime rates has resulted in a more stabilized workforce. This has allowed the Postal Service to hire a little more than 10,000 seasonal employees — down from 40,000 just a few years ago.

• **Launching next-generation package tracking and reporting platform**: In 2025, USPS launched its next-generation package tracking and reporting platform. The tracking is nearly four times faster than the previous version, often providing updates within a minute of scanning. The platform works seamlessly with other USPS systems to not only allow customers to see a more accurate location of their packages using the tracking tool on usps.com or Informed Delivery, but to also ensure packages are delivered to the correct address.

• **Debuting new facilities**: Since 2022, the Postal Service has opened a total of 182 sorting and delivery centers (S&DCs), 19 regional processing and distribution centers (RPDCs) associated with 68 local processing centers (LPCs), and four standalone regional transfer hubs (RTHs). Of this total, in fiscal year 2026, USPS launched 31 S&DCs and 10 RPDCs working in tandem with 35 LPCs.

• **Improving proactive, strategic planning in targeted markets**: The organization recently created a Chief Solutions and Strategy Office to look across its entire enterprise, centralize network planning and identify ways to work more effectively and efficiently. Additionally, this group is working more closely with USPS customers and taking a consultative approach to matching customer needs with postal solutions.

• **Deploying new postal delivery vehicles**: Within the last three years, USPS has received and deployed more than 45,000 new vehicles nationwide. This new fleet is a combination of both gas and electric powered, commercial off the shelf (COTS), and purpose built, next generation delivery vehicles (NGDVs). The modern fleet provides increased fuel economy and reduced carbon emissions, while ensuring safe and reliable service. New vehicles will continue to be deployed throughout the 2026 holiday season and into the next calendar year.

• **Making the returns process easier**: USPS offers a seamless experience for both customers and merchants through an unmatched retail network and flexible returns options. Customers can drop off returns packages at any of the organization's more than 31,000 retail locations, use one of its more than 3,000 self-service kiosks, or schedule a free carrier pickup to help make returns stress-free any time of the year.

• **Installing USPS Smart Lockers for a safe and flexible way to send and receive packages**: USPS has installed hundreds of smart lockers in cities throughout the country. The lockers provide an alternative free, secure and convenient solution for customers and businesses to send and receive packages when home or business delivery isn't practical or preferred.

• **Making products and services widely available for shipping gifts**: The Postal Service has a range of convenient and affordable options for customers to get their mail and packages where they need to go during the holidays quickly and reliably. With $100 insurance and tracking included on most shipments, customers can rely on USPS Ground Advantage (2-5 business days) *, Priority Mail (2-3 business days) and Priority Mail Express (1-3 business days) during the holidays.

A Fresh *Twist* on Holiday Gathering and Gifting



FEATURE IMPACT



The holiday season is a beautiful time of gathering with loved ones, making memories, giving gifts and sharing the year's bounty with one another.

Bring a little extra sunshine to the season by showcasing citrus fruits at your holiday table this year. This Florida Grapefruit and Apple Galette recipe combines creamy custard, tangy grapefruit and sweet apple slices in a flaky puff pastry crust for a uniquely flavorful dessert. As your friends and family come together to enjoy the merriment of the season, raise a toast with a colorful Holiday Citrus Sparkler Cocktail featuring fresh Florida Oranges.

If you're looking for a thoughtful way to celebrate the people in your life whether they're near or far, consider Florida Citrus Gifts, which are a fresh, flavorful source of vitamin C. You can choose from a variety of cheerful gift boxes and baskets filled with juicy, fresh-picked fruits – perfect for snacking or adding to delicious seasonal recipes – ready to brighten your loved ones' days when they arrive on their doorsteps.

Find more holiday recipes and gift ideas at PickFLA.com.

Florida Grapefruit and Apple Galette

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Servings: 12

- **3 tablespoons custard powder**
- **3 tablespoons sugar, divided**
- **3/4 cup, plus 1 1/2 tablespoons, milk**
- **1/3 cup, plus 1 1/2 tablespoons, freshly squeezed Florida Grapefruit juice**
- **1 roll puff pastry, about 11 ounces**
- **1 egg, beaten**
- **4 Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and sliced**
- **1 Florida Grapefruit, zest only**

Preheat oven to 340 F.

To make custard: Place custard powder and 2 tablespoons sugar in jug with milk then stir until fully dissolved. Add grapefruit juice and stir.

Transfer mixture to microwave and heat 3 minutes, stopping every minute to stir, until custard is thick and smooth.

Roll out puff pastry and use sharp knife to score 1-centimeter border around edge.

Transfer pastry sheet to nonstick baking tray lined with parchment paper. Brush edges with beaten egg and sprinkle with 1/2 tablespoon sugar for crispy, caramelized finish.

To assemble galette: Spread custard evenly over pastry, staying within border. Layer sliced apples on top to fully cover custard. Finish by lightly sprinkling remaining sugar over apples.

Bake 25 minutes, or until pastry is golden and crisp.

Just before serving, zest fresh grapefruit over galette.



Holiday Citrus Sparkler Cocktail

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 5 minutes
Servings: 1

Orange Simple Syrup:

- **1 cup superfine sugar**
- **1 cup hot water**
- **1 Florida Orange, zest only (no pith)**

Cocktail:

- **1 ounce freshly squeezed Florida Orange juice**
- **1 ounce pomegranate juice**
- **1 1/4 ounces vodka or gin**
- **1/2 ounce lime juice**
- **1/2 ounce orange simple syrup**
- **ice, divided**
- **1 ounce club soda, chilled**
- **1 Florida Orange slice**
- **1 tablespoon pomegranate seeds**
- **fresh rosemary sprigs (optional)**

To make simple syrup: In saucepan, combine sugar, hot water and orange zest; heat 3-5 minutes until sugar is completely dissolved. Set aside and let cool.

To make cocktail: In cocktail shaker, combine orange juice, pomegranate juice, vodka or gin, lime juice and orange simple syrup. Add ice, shake and strain into tall glass over fresh ice. Top with club soda.

Garnish with orange slice, pomegranate seeds and fresh rosemary sprigs, if desired.



STATE CHAMPS!

Cascade Band Wins Program's First-Ever Division II State Title

By Noah Maddox

SMYRNA, Tenn. – After having won three state titles in Division I under director David Lucich, the Cascade Champions Marching Band took home the program's first-ever State Championship in Division II on Saturday night with a score of 90.700.

Cascade also racked up a number of preliminary awards from its first performance earlier in the day, followed by two awards in the Finals as well. The Champions were tabbed with a Superior label for Band, Percussion, Color Guard, and Drum Major as well as Cooper Howell winning Best Soloist for his Euphonum Solo.

The Champions earned the highest score in the prelims, and then picked up two more awards in the Finals, winning the Best Visual Performance as well as Best Effect.

Cascade beat out Lakeland Prep, who finished nearly a full point behind the Champions with a score of 89.750. South Gibson finished in third place with a score of 89.400, and Union City came in fourth place at 89.200.

With Saturday's win, Lucich has secured the program's fourth state championship overall with the previous three coming in 2008, 2012, and 2019 in Division I.





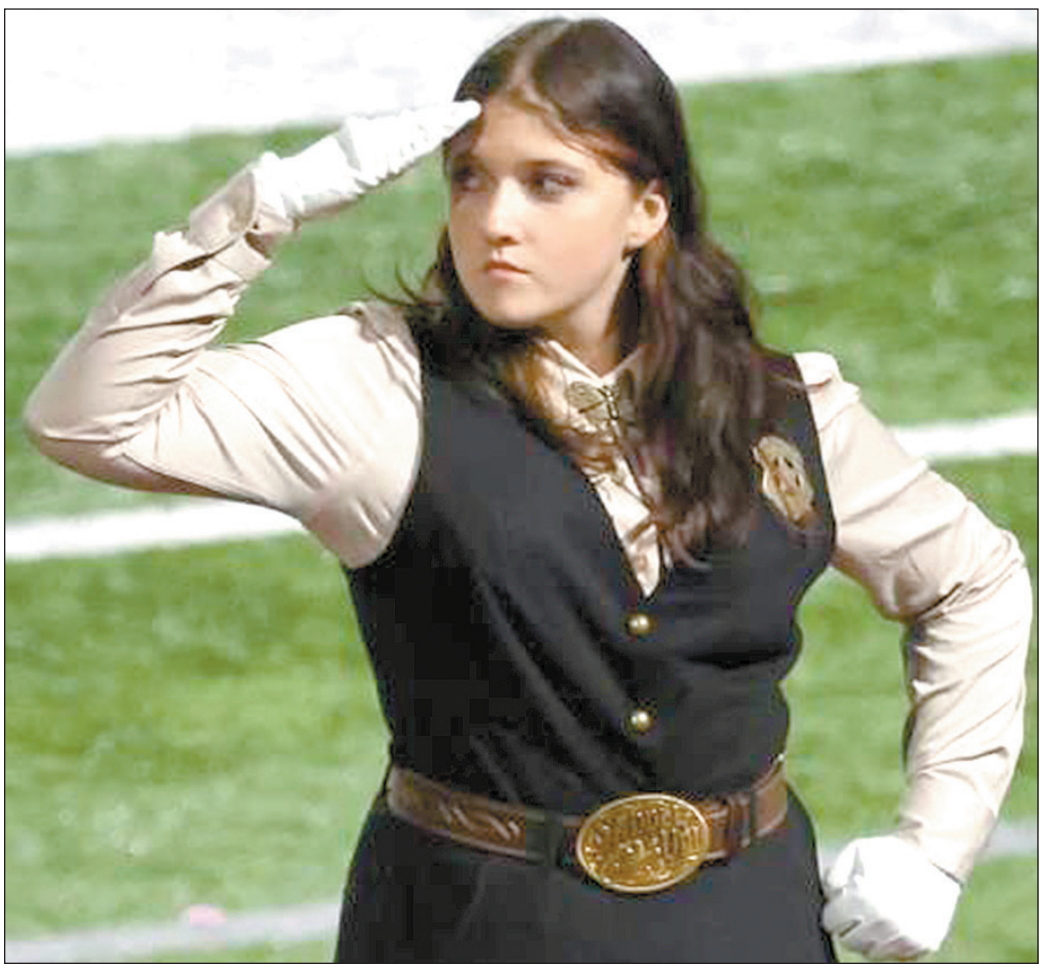


Cascade HS Photos

The entire Cascade band celebrates winning the program's first-ever Division II State Championship on Saturday night at Stewarts Creek High School.









The House that hosts, with the most

When your home becomes your holiday entertaining partner



There's a special pleasure in opening your home for the holidays to share the menu you've imagined, welcome guests to the glow of a room ready for company and enjoy the anticipation of familiar faces at the door. Every detail is an opportunity to make the loved ones you've invited feel especially welcome.

This year, make sure the house itself can lend a hand.

From the kitchen to the living room to the guest bathroom, residential technology offers new ways to turn a host's imagination into a memorable experience. The best innovations don't take over the occasion. They help the person bringing everyone together make it extraordinary.

Nor does a home need an elaborate network of connected gadgets. A few well-chosen technologies can make a difference. Explore these ideas from the bathroom design and technology experts at TOTO to level up the different hosting areas of your home as you prepare to gather with family and friends this holiday season.

The Kitchen: Bringing Something Extraordinary to the Table

The holidays invite a little culinary ambition, and today's kitchens are borrowing a few tricks from professional chefs.

Imagine presenting a beef tenderloin cooked to a perfect rosy pink from edge to edge, thanks to the precision of sous vide cooking. Or bringing a platter of roasted root vegetables to the table, their edges beautifully caramelized and their centers tender, prepared in a steam-convection oven. On an induction cooktop, precise, responsive heat helps turn fresh mushrooms into a golden, savory accompaniment.

These technologies put sophisticated techniques within reach of adventurous home cooks, opening the door to new preparations and dishes worthy of special occasions. Experiment with new flavors and rich cuisines that fill your home with enticing aromas and your guests with awe at the first bite.

Nothing says "happy holidays" quite like watching guests discover what you've created for them.

The Living Area: Setting the Stage for Connection

Holiday gatherings have a rhythm all their own. The first arrivals are greeted with excitement, conversations pick up where they left off months (or years) prior, and before long, the room is filled with laughter and the pleasure of being together.

Today's smart lighting systems allow hosts to create and schedule scenes that shift from the sparkle of a festive welcome to the softer, golden glow of an intimate evening. Multiroom wireless audio systems can bring lively music into the kitchen while keeping it a gentle accompaniment to conversation in the living area. Digital art displays can turn a television screen into a gallery of artwork chosen to complement the celebration, bringing holidays past to life as loved ones mingle in the present.

Successful holiday entertainment engages people not merely as observers, but participants. A short film could start an inspiring conversation, the right music might get people dancing and atmospheric visual-audio experiences, like a crackling fireplace or soft snowstorm, can create a relaxing seasonal backdrop for shared activities.

With the atmosphere changing quietly in the background, no one needs to interrupt a favorite story to adjust the lights or lower the music. The host can simply enjoy the company they've brought together.

The Bathroom: The Art of Personal Comfort

The most gracious hosts think beyond the rooms where guests gather. Fresh towels, fragrant soaps and a few unexpected comforts can make the guest bathroom feel every bit as welcoming as the rest of the home.

Technology adds a new dimension to that hospitality. Consider a TOTO WASHLET bidet seat, which offers the welcome warmth of a heated seat, the refreshing pleasure of warm-water cleansing and the soothing comfort of warm-air drying. It's an unexpected luxury that makes an everyday experience feel special.

Long after the last guest has departed, what lingers isn't the sophistication of the house. It's the meal that inspired compliments, the conversations no one wanted to end and the little surprises that made everyone feel at home.

Those are the moments that make holiday entertaining special. Behind each one is a host whose warmth, creativity and attention to detail made it possible, with a little help from the house.

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