

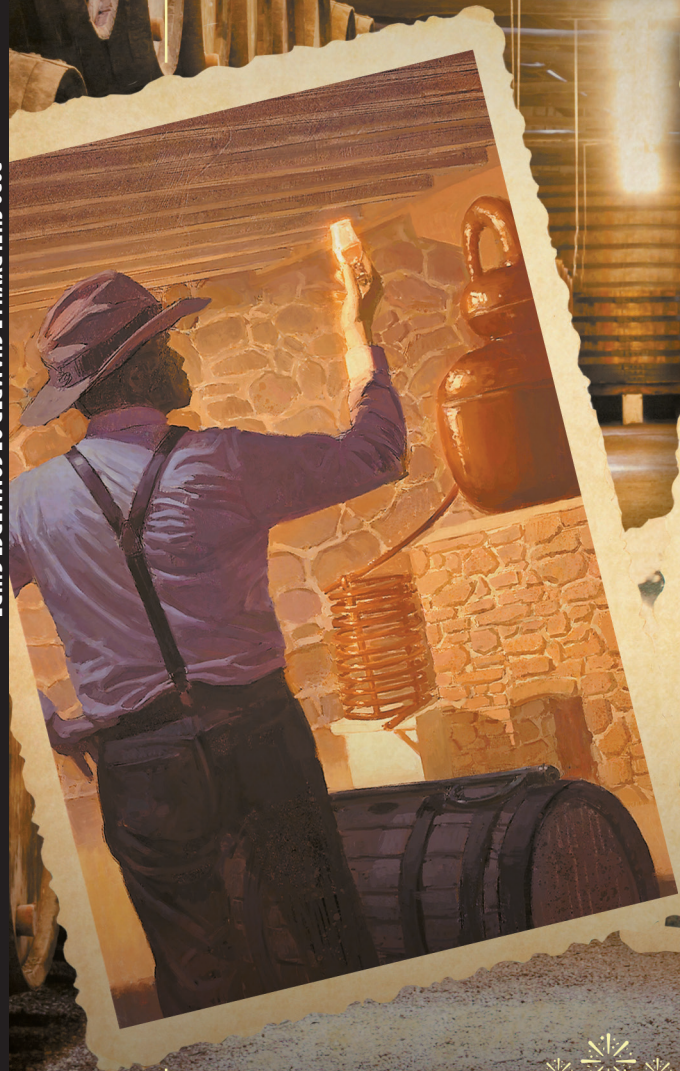
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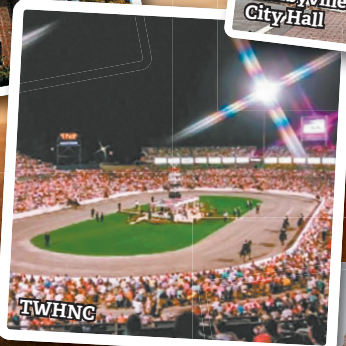
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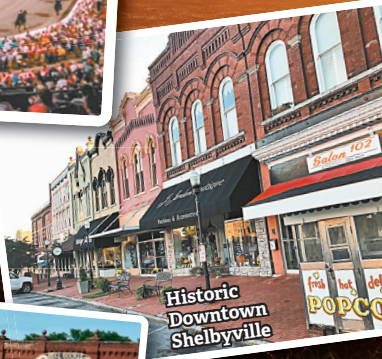
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Of Whiskey & Men

Nearest Green Distillery honors the life
and legacy of the slave who taught
Jack Daniel how to make whiskey





by Trisha Sandora

It's been said that behind every glass of whiskey, there's a story. And just like a barrel of good whiskey, a good story gets better with time. Such is the story of Nearest Green, the first known African-American master distiller in the country—a slave who taught Jack Daniel how to make whiskey at distillery No. 7 and later became his first official master distiller. It's an old story, one that dates back to the 1800s, but it's one that hasn't been widely told, that is until now.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Fawn Weaver, the story of Nearest Green has come into the spotlight, and the timing couldn't be better. Weaver, a USA Today and New York Times best-selling author, and businesswoman, meticulously researched the life of Nathan "Nearest" Green, and his contributions to whiskey history, and is now sharing the long-forgotten story with the world. What originally began as research for a book, has since grown to encompass an award-winning whiskey brand and several projects including a memorial park, a movie, and a multi-faceted distillery that will all serve to honor the life of Nearest Green.

The Man

Nearest Green, fondly called Uncle Nearest by his friends and family, was a slave who worked on the property of Reverend Dan Call in Lynchburg, Tennessee. Call owned a farm, a general store, and ran a little whiskey-making business on the side. According to the book "Jack Daniel's Legacy" by Ben A. Green, Call introduced Nearest as "the best whiskey maker I know." Nearest helped perfect the charcoal filtration method known as the Lincoln County Process, which is what sets Tennessee Whiskey apart from all other whiskeys and bourbons.

In the 1950s, Call took in a young boy named Jack (Jasper Newton) Daniel. Seeing some promise in the young boy, Call had Nearest teach Jack the art of distilling whiskey. Nearest became Jack's mentor and the two later developed a friendship that would last a lifetime and continue with their descendants. Their friendship was unlikely in that it happened during an oppressive and racially divided time of America's history. And today, as the story

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of Nearest Green spreads, their close relationship sends a unifying message of hope—Uncle Nearest and Jack Daniel, side by side, two legendary men, two legendary whiskeys.

The Whiskey

Launched in July of 2017, Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey is the first spirit brand in history to commemorate an African-

American. The Uncle Nearest brand currently features its core 1856 Premium Aged Whiskey, Nearest Green 1820, and 1884 Premium Small Batch Whiskey, all of which are distilled, aged, bottled, and hand-labeled in Tennessee. The 1884 Premium Small Batch Whiskey is curated by a different descendant of Nearest Green, with the back label of each bottle signed by the descendant who created the batch.



The Nearest Green Distillery

The Nearest Green Distillery is built on the 270-acre former home of Sand Creek Farms, a Tennessee Walking Horse farm and event center in Shelbyville, Tennessee. Phase one opened in September of 2019. The Welcome House features a custom-made horseshoe bar where visitors can learn about and sample Uncle Nearest's award-winning whiskeys. When completed, the distillery will include a single barrel warehouse and tasting room, still house, rick houses, several bars and a Heritage Hall. The Heritage Hall will showcase a collection of all things invented in Tennessee, such as NASCAR, miniature golf, Moon Pies, and Mountain

Dew. There will also be a special focus on Tennessee Whiskey, Walking Horses, and country music. In addition, there will be a Bottling House, open to the public, that will allow visitors to take part in labeling the whiskey sold in the retail store.

What sets this distillery apart is that it's not only about the whiskey. The Nearest Green Distillery shares the important story of a few other things that are uniquely Tennessee, including the majestic Tennessee Walking Horse. With more than 50 championship walking horses, and those they've sired, living at Nearest Green Distillery, visitors will have the chance to see and learn about the stately breed.

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A visit to the Nearest Green Distillery in Shelbyville, Tennessee is an experience the whole family will enjoy, it's also a wonderful lesson in Tennessee history. And though some stories are forgotten over time, others come to life when the time is right and touch us to our very core. Are you ready to learn more about Nearest Green? Pull up a rocking chair, it's a heartwarming story and you won't want to miss a thing.

To learn more, visit www.unclenearest.com and follow @unclenearest on Instagram and Facebook.

When To Go

Saturday from 10 am-6 pm

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What To Expect

Visitors can visit the Welcome Room and retail store during opening hours. Currently, two tours are available.

Nearest Green Distillery Tour and Tasting - \$20

A 90-minute experience, that includes a walk-through Phase one and Phase two of the distillery and a tasting of the Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey flight, which includes Uncle Nearest 1884, 1856, and 1820.

The Nearest Green Distillery Founders Tour - \$30

A unique experience walking the distillery with CEO and Co-Founder, Fawn Weaver, as she shares the story of Nearest Green. This tour is offered every Saturday but sells out weeks in advance, so plan ahead for this one. Visit www.unclenearest.com to book a tour.

There is also a Copper Skies Experience where visitors can watch the most beautiful sunset in Tennessee from a rocking chair under a covered patio while sipping on an Uncle Nearest cocktail. Closed October through March each year.



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We brought a Hollywood production to town and it was a magical summer.

~ Cam Watson ~

Lights, Camera, Action

Shelbyville's Hollywood Connection

by Trisha Sandora

It's not uncommon to find film crews set up in Shelbyville's historic town square. It's the perfect setting to tell a story. In the 1960s, Johnny Cash came to Shelbyville to shoot segments for a video he used in his series "Ride This Train." Miranda Lambert's "Famous In a Small Town" music video was filmed in the town square, and there are others.

But there is another type of star power that comes from within Shelbyville—the actors, artists, musicians, and writers who call this close-knit community home. Tucked away from the big-city lights, Shelbyville is a place where artists and performers can hone their crafts on small stages and hidden studios throughout town. It's about big ideas, silver-screen dreams, and an unyielding desire to go for the big time.

Hollywood actor and director Cameron (Cam) Watson was raised in Shelbyville

and is living proof that Hollywood dreams do come true. "When I was growing up in Shelbyville we had a small community theater. There was a little cluster of us that did plays and people came to see us," Cam says. "When I got into high school, we had a really great drama teacher who fostered those of us who wanted to be actors into this good, almost professional, training program in high school."

After graduation, Cam moved to New York to pursue his acting aspirations and then to Los Angeles. In casual conversations, Cam would share stories about growing up in Shelbyville. Those stories became so well-liked that, at the encouragement of his friends, Cam created and performed a 30-minute monologue based on his experiences. Cam recalls that after the performance, "A director friend of mine pulled me aside and said, 'You've got a movie in your heart that you've got to make.' That started the whole thing."

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Movie Making 101

Cam began working on the screenplay based on the small group of friends he ran around with. “During that time, the most famous story was Sondra Locke, who had come out of Shelbyville and became the leading lady for Clint Eastwood. We were all enraptured with her and wanted to be exactly like her—get out of that small town and make something of ourselves,” Cam says.

Once he finished writing the screenplay, a friend set Cam up with a one-time, sit-down reading at Paramount Studios—and as fate would have it, Sondra Locke came to the reading. Remembering the unforgettable moment, Cam recalls, “Sondra kept looking at me and then she said, ‘I had no idea I had this kind of impact on you,’ I said, ‘you’re the inspiration for all of it.’”

For the next several years, Cam worked relentlessly to bring all the pieces together to make the movie—raising money, working with production companies, and bringing actors on board. Actress Allison Janney (*The West Wing*, *Mom*), was one of the first to commit to the production. “Allison has been one of my best friends since we were young actors,” Cam says. “I told her I had written this screenplay about my hometown, would you take a look at it, and if I can raise the money, would you do it?” Allison read the script and said yes. “And that changed everything,” Cam says. “With Allison on board, we were able to get Keith Carradine, Cheryl Hines, Beth Grant, Jason Ritter, and all of these amazing actors—all of a sudden I had this A-list cast doing a tiny movie in my hometown.”

Cam’s hard-earned efforts were rewarded when the movie, “Our Very Own” was released in 2006. Today, the DVD is available for purchase online and the movie can be streamed as well. The Capri Theater recently showed the film while Cam was in town for a high school reunion. Today, Cam is busier than ever, and although he lives in Los Angeles, Shelbyville will always be close to his heart and where the seeds of his show business dreams were first planted.

Setting the Scene With Music

Another Shelbyville native, Chase Perryman, is breaking into show business on the music side of things. Although commercials may be the first thing that comes to mind, that’s not the music Chase writes. “I don’t do jingles. I write songs like you hear on the radio, except they’re not put on the radio, they’re put in tv or film,” Chase explains. He has already met success with several placements, including his song “Tired of Losing You,” which is featured in the movie “Bottom of the Ninth.” Writing songs has been a continuous creative force in Chase’s life, but according to him, he’s just getting started. “My peers, they literally have 1000 songs being pitched, and well over 200 placements. That’s what it takes.”

Chase got an early start in music at the age of six, tapping out rhythms on tables, walls, and anything within reach. A short time later he got his first drum set and has been making music ever since. Growing up, he spent hours listening to Otis Redding on a cassette tape of his mother’s. The influence of the blues singer is evident in Chase’s genuine and soulful voice, giving



Shelbyville is a place where people can hide out and do their craft.

~ Chase Perryman ~



his songs a uniqueness all their own. Was there ever a time when he wanted to leave the small-town life for big-city opportunities? For Chase, Shelbyville is home and it's right where he needs to

be. In today's world, he can collaborate with people without being in the same room. "If you're a creative person, you can live in the middle of nowhere and still make great music," Chase says.

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Let the Duck River take you away
to the wonderful world of nature

by Trisha Sandora

Whether you want to fish, float, or just enjoy the scenery, the Duck River is the perfect place to spend some one-on-one time with nature. At 284 miles long, the Duck River is the longest river located entirely in the state of Tennessee. It is also one of the most biologically diverse rivers in North America, home to more

than 50 species of freshwater mussels and over 150 species of fish. It's the ideal location for kayak, and canoe enthusiasts to explore the scenic waters of South Central Tennessee. The river also offers an excellent opportunity to get a closeup view of the abundant wildlife that lives within the delicate ecosystem along the water.



Row A Boat

The Duck River has long stretches of slow-moving water that make it ideal for beginners. Several access points along the river allow for trips ranging from 2 miles, which takes about an hour, to 14 miles, which takes approximately six hours, depending on how many stops you make

along the way. It's not uncommon to see deer, mink, otter, wood ducks, kingfishers, turtles, and even bald eagles as you float down the river. If you don't have your own boat, Float-A-Boat kayak rental in Normandy has everything you need to spend an enjoyable day on the river. For

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a small fee, boat owners can park at the Normandy location and take advantage of the shuttle service to and from the river. For more information about kayak and canoe rentals visit their website at fabontheduck.com or call 931-619-6959.

Cast a Line

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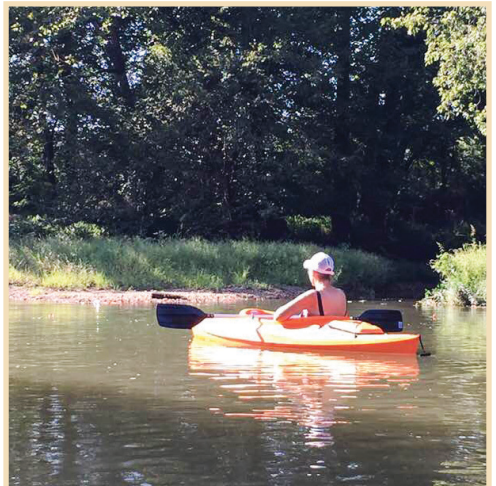
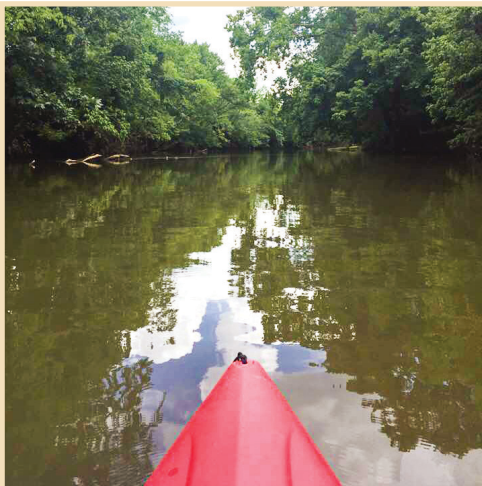
Keeping it Clean

The last 15 years have brought major improvements to the cleanliness of Tennessee rivers and lakes. Each June, Bedford County residents join forces with several other counties for the annual Duck River Cleanup. Through these efforts, and others that help to raise public awareness of water quality issues, wildlife habitat is being restored.

River Safety

While out on the river, it is extremely important to keep informed of the water flow. In a matter of seconds, dangerous fast-rising water can make the river unsafe for wading or floating. The fluctuations are a result of water being released from Normandy Lake by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

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sense of awe and reverence for the natural world that is just outside our windows. Listen to the sound of a blue heron taking flight, or the splash of a trout jumping, while you watch the water gently lap against the bank. A day spent on the river is a good day, relaxing, peaceful, refreshing, and exhilarating all at the same time.

Getting to the Point

Musgrave Pencil Company keeps American-made pencils a thing of the present



by Trisha Sandora

Musgrave Pencil Company was a maker before makers were cool. For over a century, the factory has been transforming cedar slabs of wood into simple and elegant writing tools that are affordable, sustainably crafted, fit into a pocket, and are ready at a moment's notice.

Established in 1916, Musgrave Pencil Company is a cornerstone of Shelbyville's history. At one time, there were several pencil factories in the bustling town, earning it the nickname The Pencil City. Today, Musgrave is

the only one that remains. How does one small pencil factory stay in business for 103 years amidst the economic giants that import pencils from China? Henry Hulan, grandson of founder James "the Colonel" Rafor Musgrave, admits it's been tough. He credits much of the company's success to the niche markets they serve along with dedicated employees and loyal customers.

The Making

Musgrave Pencil Company has been the workplace of generations of factory workers. Today, the factory



has over eighty-five employees that keep it running like clockwork. The step-by-step process of making pencils begins with wooden slats of pencil-length cedar which are put through a machine that cuts grooves in the surface of the wood. Graphite cores are then placed into those grooves and another grooved slat is glued on top— it's kind of like making a sandwich. Once the slats are dry, they are put into a cutting machine which divides the slats into equal pencil-sized pieces. From there the pencils are shaped, painted with up to ten coats of paint, tipped with ferrules and erasers,

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custom printed, and boxed up for shipment. Quality checks at each stage of the manufacturing process result in picture-perfect pencils ready to catch the next big idea.

Pencil Talk

All pencils are not created equal, and the No. 2 pencil has garnered quite a reputation. It's the one used to fill in the little circles on standardized tests such as the SAT. "A No. 2 is a medium-soft graphite writing core," Henry says. "Everybody calls them a lead pencil but there has never been any lead—it's a graphite core which is made with graphite and clay." The numbering system was created by writer Henry David Thoreau, who came up with the idea while he was working at his family's pencil factory.

It's easy to take the ordinary pencil for granted, but it's worth noting a few observations that this one writing

instrument has on our lives. As soon as we can hold a pencil we begin to make our mark on the world—a tiny dot turns into a line, a scribble, a picture of mom, dad, and the family dog. Then, there are letters, numbers, names, and math equations. Words turn into sentences and then stories. The pencil allows a direct line of communication from the mind, through the hand, to the paper connecting the intangible to the tangible. The pencil also delivers a multi-sensory experience. There's the sound of the pencil sharpener, the smell of the wood, the feel of the smooth surface, and the satisfaction of the crisp line created with the sharpened graphite tip. Then, there's the eraser which allows us to change our minds and our answers. Although advances in technology may have changed the way we communicate and express ourselves, there is still nothing quite like a pencil.

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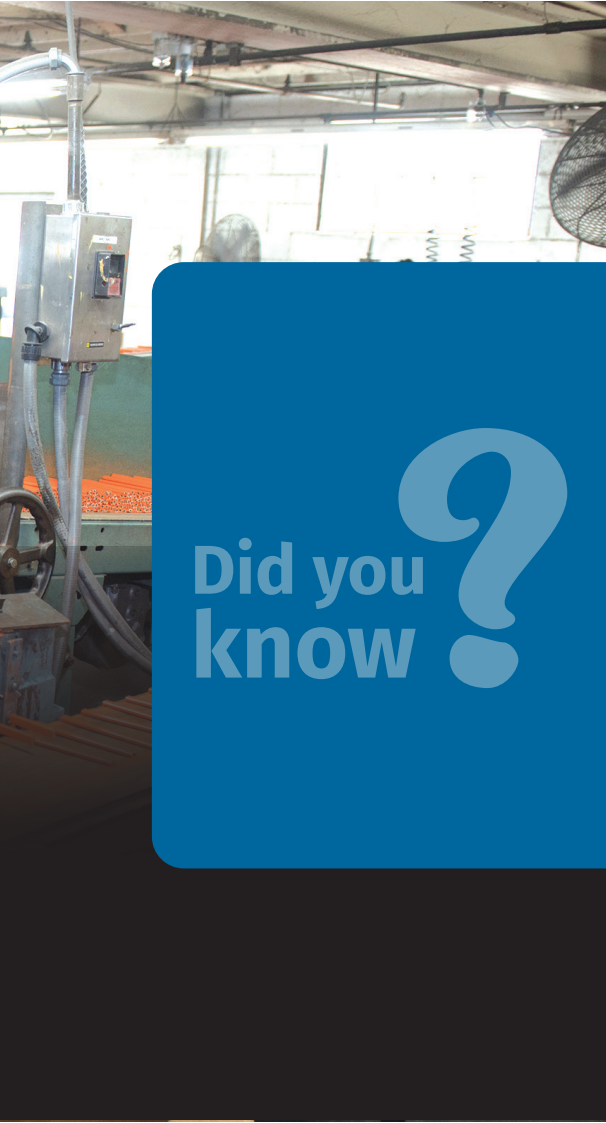
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Engraved pencils for business cards? It's a great way to have your information at someone's fingertips, literally. Musgrave Pencil Company makes a variety of pencil styles including round, hex, jumbo, carpenter, bridge, and golf, all of which are available as custom pencils. There is even

a grape-scented pencil. You can design your own pencils online and have them delivered to your door.

Sorry, No Tours

Musgrave Pencil Company is a working factory with machinery and skilled workers who are busy making pencils.



Did you know ?

- Hemingway used to sharpen pencils ritualistically as a means of getting his creative juices flowing and he wrote his first drafts in pencil, standing up.
- Abraham Lincoln wrote most of the draft of the Gettysburg Address in pencil.
- Franklin Roosevelt like to doodle with a pencil by drawing little fish.

Therefore, for safety reasons, the factory is not open for tours. However, If you want to get an up-close view of what goes on inside, check out the videos at **musgravepencil.com**.

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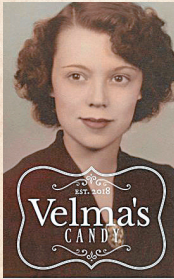
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For the Baum family of Shelbyville
It's all about the
Horses





by Trisha Sandora

As soon as you get within a few miles of Shelbyville, you'll start noticing that there is something different about this town. Horses seem to be everywhere—on billboards, roadside banners, farm entrances, license plates, and storefronts. Horses with names like Putting on the Ritz, I'm Mayhem, and Led Zeppelin. Mind you, these are not just any horses, but Tennessee Walking Horses, and Shelbyville is a Tennessee Walking Horse town.

For Veterinarian James Baum, his love of Tennessee Walking Horses is what brought him to Shelbyville for the first time back in 1964. He came to attend The Celebration, the Super Bowl of Tennessee Walking Horse shows. And although that was quite a few years ago, he remembers it well. "Perfection's Carbon Copy won the grand championship. Second place horse was a bay horse named Triple Threat—I liked Triple Threat better," Jim says with a smile.

For as long as he can remember, Jim's world has revolved around horses. His very first horse was a Tennessee Walker that he got when he was twelve years old, and he's had a special affinity for the breed ever since. It was one of the main reasons he and his wife Lisa decided to move to Shelbyville over twenty years ago—a decision made one cold winter night in Wisconsin when the wind chill was between 80 and 90 degrees below zero. As he walked into the house, Lisa asked him when he was going to look for that land in Tennessee. Jim replied, "As soon and I get my eight layers of clothing off, I'll check."

Horses have brought many couples together throughout the ages, and such was the case with Jim and Lisa. Lisa fell in love with horses when she was a little girl, and her early experiences included taking hunter/jumper lessons. Years later she headed out west to Idaho to ride quarter horses in rodeo

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“The Celebration is a very positive experience, even if you’re not a horse person.”

~ Jim Baum ~

events, and then came back to Wisconsin, where she began showing Arabians. “When I first met Jim, he brought me down here to see these horses and I was like, ‘What are these walking horses?’” Lisa says. She hopped on one, and the rest is history. “It only took one step—it was unbelievable, and I was hooked.” Jim laughs and says, “You know what they say, ride one today, buy one tomorrow.” Although the couple agrees that they love all breeds of horses, Lisa’s eyes light up when she talks about the attributes of the Tennessee Walkers, “They’re exciting to ride, they feel good, and most of them are very gentle and kind.” Jim adds, “As a veterinarian, they’re really easy to work on—they’ve got a great temperament. I’ve

got colleagues that say if they can’t work on a Tennessee Walking Horse, they quit.” Today, the couple works side-by-side, whether they’re traveling to the next horse show or working in the equine clinic. While Jim performs surgical procedures, Lisa administers and monitors the anesthesia. Baum Equine Veterinary Clinic is located on their farm, just a short walk from their home, and has all the amenities to assure the comfort and quality care of their equine friends. The walls of the reception area and offices pay tribute to the great horses they have had the privilege of knowing throughout the years, with pictures, silver plaques, trophies, and floral wreaths and garlands of past champions. How many horses do they have today? “We have a lot of

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horses, at least forty—I can't sell them," Lisa says. "They're family. Once they're gone, you don't know if other people will take care of them." The couple nods and agrees "sell is a four-letter word around here."

Jim and Lisa Baum's passion for horses runs in the family—it's what they do, it's what Jim's parents did, and it plays a big role in their children's lives as well. Their grandson, Bentley, who was born in February, went to his first horse show in March. A proud grandfather, Jim pulls out his phone and plays a video taken by Bentley's mother. The video shows the toddler intently watching a live stream of his grandma riding a horse at

a recent competition. A few years ago, Jim's mother performed a riding exhibition at the Celebration, when she was 91 years old. Today, she still travels to shows with Jim's sister. She also attended every performance of this year's Celebration. For the Baums, the Tennessee Walking Horse holds a special place in the family, and it's what most of their conversations revolve around—that and of course, the Green Bay Packers.

To learn more about the Tennessee Walking Horse and catch the Baum family in action, attend the Celebration. The annual event is held over eleven consecutive days, ending on the Saturday night before Labor Day.

Did you
know ?

- Roy Rogers famous equine screen star Trigger was played by several different horses, including a Tennessee Walker named Allen's Gold Zephyr, aka Trigger jr.

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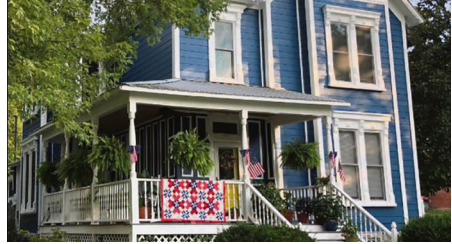
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Daffodil Day Bell Buckle

Third Saturday in March

A celebration of spring and Bell Buckle's green thumb. Mass plantings of Daffodils began over 100 years ago resulting in fields of daffodils that burst forth in color every March. The event includes a Daffodil flower show, vendors offering bulbs and spring plantings, speakers on beekeeping, honey, and gardening, and other activities. As the smallest town in Tennessee to have Tree City USA status, they also celebrate Arbor day at the festival, offering free tree seedlings.



Strolling Jim 40 Ultra Marathon Wartrace

First Saturday in May

For nearly 4 decades, the Strolling Jim 40 mile Ultra Marathon has taken place in Wartrace every May. The race is named after a legendary Tennessee Walking Horse. Road warriors from around the world return each year to compete in the race which winds through some of the most picturesque vistas in the south. In conjunction with the race, there is a standard 26.2 mile marathon and a 10 K race for those not quite ready to take on the challenge of the big one.



Tennessee Walking Horse Spring Fun Show - Shelbyville

May

Ranked as one of the top horse shows in America after the Celebration, the Spring Fun Show takes place on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday before Memorial Day. The show offers fans a sneak preview of the horses which will perform at the Celebration later in the summer. Classes will be held in Calsonic Arena. Plan to visit the Fun Show Emporium on the concourse of Calsonic Arena. Vendors from all over will be set up for shopping.



Wartrace MusicFest Wartrace

First weekend in June

This annual celebration of various genres of music takes place the first weekend in June each year at Jernigan Field in Wartrace. Whether it's rock and roll, blues or country, you will find some of your favorite songs being played here. There is fun for the entire family with great food, pony rides for the kids, arts and crafts and a fireworks show finale on Saturday night.



RC Cola & Moon Pie Festival Bell Buckle

Third weekend of June

Celebrating two southern favorites, RC Colas and Moon Pies, this festival draws visitors from around the country each year. Highlights include a 10-mile run, parade, music and food. The parade culminates in the crowning of the King and Queen, followed by games for all ages. The grand finale is the cutting of the World's Largest Moon Pie.



The Great Celebration Mule & Donkey Show - Shelbyville

Second Weekend in July

Held each year at the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration ground. The show brings three days of quality mules and donkeys from 25 states. Riders and exhibitors of all ages are welcome to come and show their prized animals. The festive atmosphere includes vendors with unique items for sale as well as great food.



Annual First Square Fair & TN State Chili Cook Off - Shelbyville

July 10 & 11

Located in Historic Uptown Shelbyville. Events include state and regional chili cook off, chili tasting, car show of the south, craft and product vendors, dog days of summer dog and mutt show as well as chili dog eating contest and ice cream eating contest.



Farmers Market Bell Buckle

Fourth Friday in June; Second Friday in Oct.

The Farmers Market features locally grown vegetables, baked goods, gourmet coffees and other various local homegrown products. held under the new pavilion beside the Fidery.



4th of July Celebrations Bell Buckle & Shelbyville

July

Bell Buckle features fireworks and free music in the Bell Buckle Park. Shelbyville's celebration is held at H.V. Griffin park and features games for the entire family, music, fireworks and \$1 swimming at the pool from 10:00 until 4:00.



Bedford County Fair Shelbyville

Last week of July

Held each year for six days at the Bedford County Agricultural Center and Fairgrounds. Events include a tractor pull, baking contests, carnival rides, music, livestock judging of all types and great food. This is great way to cap off the summer before school starts each year.



The Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration - Shelbyville

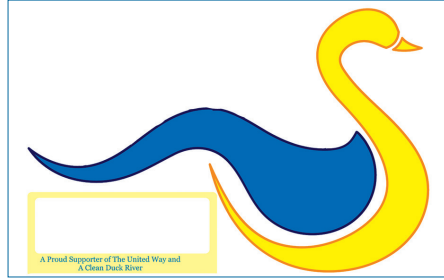
Late August-early September

Beginning in 1939, this is the premier event in the industry with the World Grand Champion being crowned on the last Saturday night. Spectators and exhibitors from around the world assemble in Shelbyville at the historic Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Grounds for the annual spectacle.



Butterfly Festival Shelbyville September

The Butterfly Festival is a two-day juried arts and crafts show along with art demonstrations, hands-on crafts for children, an outdoor classroom of the butterfly metamorphosis, live butterflies release (Saturday only), and entertainment stage. It is held at the historic Fly Arts Center in Shelbyville. www.flyartscenter.com



Edge of the Duck River Event Shelbyville September 26

Street festival celebrating Shelbyville's proximity to the Duck River. Vendors, music, activities for the family as well as a Duck Walk for all ages! Event is held the 4th Saturday of September in conjunction with World River Day on the 4th Sunday. The month preceding, Trail of Ducks stickers are sold to raise money for the United Way & A Clean River Project.



Boo & Brew 5 Shelbyville October 24

Located in Historic Uptown Shelbyville. Events include live music, costume contests for all ages, Halloween car show, shopping, food vendors, beer and coffee specials, fun games and much more!



Old Fashioned Christmas Bell Buckle December Saturdays before Christmas

Old fashioned decorations, twinkling Christmas lights, and festive greenery adorn the small town stirring memories of simpler times. Santa and his old-fashioned sleigh offer free rides around the historic village. The first Saturday sports a free S'mores bar set up around a fire pit near Southern Charm. Many of the stores offer a taste of the holidays.



Halls Mill Sorghum Squeeze Unionville

October

Rural simplicity abounds! Craft vendors, entertainment, lunch available. Event is held on ground with several Pre-Civil War building to explore. Bring you lawn chairs, watch molasses being made and learn about history!



Webb School Arts & Crafts Festival Bell Buckle

Third weekend of October

There are over 500 booths with unique and eclectic items from across the United States. Over 100,000 people attend this event each year. This festival includes live music, plenty of food vendors, health vendors, hand made furniture, photography, pottery, prints, clothing, purses, yard items, antiques, and so much more.



Sip, Shop & Stroll Shelbyville

December 12

Spend a festive evening walking around the candlelit historic Shelbyville Square for the annual Wine Walk. Participating businesses offer tastings of different wines. The event is free, but with a \$10 donation you will receive an engraved commemorative wine glass. Donations benefit the Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library.

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The event kicks off with a preview party on Friday evening which includes wine, hors d'oeuvre, door prizes, and early-bird shopping opportunities from art, jewelry, and craft vendors. On Saturday, children who want to participate in the butterfly release can pick up a packet that includes milkweed seeds and a folded envelope containing a butterfly. The festive atmosphere and the excitement of butterflies flying into the sky make this an event the whole family will enjoy. For updates and more information about the annual Butterfly Festival Fine Arts & Crafts follow @thebutterflyfestival on Facebook.



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Butterfly Facts

Monarch butterflies will not fly at night. Monarch caterpillars only eat leaves from the milkweed plant. Thus, the monarch butterfly is also known as the "milkweed butterfly." Every fall huge clouds of monarch butterflies make the 2,500-mile trek south to Mexico where they hibernate for six to eight months. In February or March, the entire cycle starts all over again.



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May

1st, 2nd, 8th-10th
Theatre Production:
"Til Beth Do Us Part"

September

4th, 5th, 11th-13th
Theatre Production:
"Twelve Angry Jurors"

25th-26th
3rd Annual
Butterfly Festival

February

8th-19th
Triple C
(Chili, Chicken,
Chocolate)
Competition

June

11th-13th
Children's Theatre
Production:
"Jungle Book"

October

23rd-24th
Theatre Fundraiser:
"Clue"

31st
Steven King Event
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March

13th, 14th, 20th-22nd
Theatre Production:
"Gladys in
Wonderland"

July

10th, 11th, 17th- 19th
Theatre Production:
"Biloxi Blues"

November

4th-26th
Annual Festival
of Trees Holiday
Craft Fair

21st-Dec. 17th
Festival of Trees
Viewing of the Trees

April

11th-18th
Regional
Postcard Show

16th
Bedford County
Youth Art Show

August

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December

4th, 5th, 11th-13th
Dinner Theatre:
"Dashing Through
The Snow"

31st
New Year's Eve
Dance





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Take a flight

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Take a drive in the country

- Drive the scenic Hwy. 231 to Fayetteville
- Take a picnic lunch out to Normandy Lake
- Take the Flat Creek Highway (Hwy. 82) to Lynchburg

Follow the Civil War Trail

- Blockade Runner Civil War Store and Museum in Wartrace

Get a workout or play

- Shelbyville Recreation Center
- H.V. Griffin Park in Shelbyville

Pick some berries

- Pick blueberries, strawberries, and blackberries at Valley Home Farm, a 5-generation family farm. They are open daily in season. www.valleyhomefarm.com

Go geocaching

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Go horseback riding

- Clearview Horse Farm offers riding lessons or a trail ride

Go shopping

- Shelbyville's Historic Uptown Square
- Downtown Bell Buckle Railroad District

Learn about Tennessee Walking Horses

- Attend an event the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration in Shelbyville
- Visit the Walking Horse Museum, Wartrace
- Visit the gravesite of Tennessee Walking Horse Strolling Jim in Wartrace

Take in a car show

- Celebration City Region Car Club Cruise-in held monthly

Try some fresh vegetables and fruits

- Shelbyville Farmers Market
- Bell Buckle Farmers Market

Attend a play, see an art exhibit or catch a movie

- Fly Arts Center in Shelbyville
- Capri Theatre in Shelbyville

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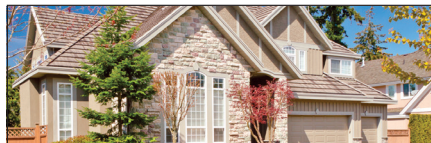
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