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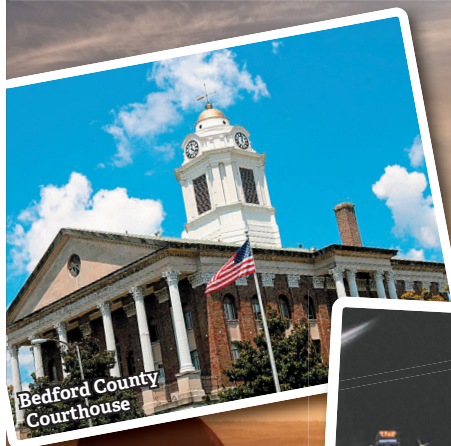


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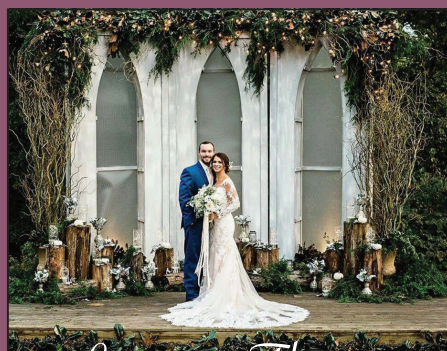
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For the Nash Family, the green, green grass of home is a 500-acre farm north of Shelbyville, Tennessee. However, it wasn't always that way. The story of Nash Family Farms began over nine decades ago on a small farm in central California. It was there that Wallace and Ida Nash, along with their three young children, started a little side business selling extra milk from their cows. As many a farming story goes, the business fell on hard times. Three years later, the cows perished due to an illness. So what did the young family do? They began again, in the middle of the Great Depression. Their resilience and perseverance paid off. Four generations later, the fruits of their labor have grown into a full-scale dairy operation that currently includes approximately 1,800 cows.



A Crew of Contented Cows

My Tennessee Home

In 2013, due to falling market prices, lack of water, and increased cost of doing business in California, the Nash family decided to make the big move to greener pastures. Today, the 90-plus-year family legacy continues to thrive in its Tennessee home. Climate-controlled barns, equipped with misters and fans, comfortably house the dairy cattle. Spring and fall crops provide much of the high-quality feed that keeps the herd happy and healthy. The result is delicious and nutritious milk.

Cody Nash is the 4th generation to carry on the family tradition. Working together with his wife Kara, his sister Stephanie, and his mom and dad, Terry and Steve, the family keeps the day-to-day operation running smoothly with the help of more than twenty employees. Through the years, there have been several bovine stars who were extra special. Some have taken the spotlight at county fairs and livestock shows and even brought home a blue ribbon or two.

There was Miracle, a sweet Jersey heifer, and a Brown Swiss named Belle. Today, the big brown eyes of Belle's daughter, Maple might beckon you to get a little closer. "Everyone knows her. She'll let you walk up to her and pet her," Cody says.

In 2020, Cody expanded the family business to include a creamery. "This is our first step of making a product from dairy farming that people can enjoy directly," Cody says. The Nash Family Creamery sells handcrafted ice cream and will begin selling its cheese sometime this summer. Also, in the summer months, they will have a specially selected super-sweet variety of corn available. The store also stocks products from other area farms, including meats from Potts Meat Processing in Wartrace; beef from Pleasant Valley Farms in Shelbyville; honey from TruBee Honey in Eagleville; barbecue, and hot sauces from Captain Rodney's of Lewisburg; and fruit cider from Morning Glory Orchard in Nolensville.

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20 Delicious Flavors



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The Art and Science of Ice Cream

So what's the secret of the incredibly creamy ice cream at Nash Family Creamery? The process of making the ice cream starts with a high butterfat sweet cream. "We make it 5 gallons at a time using high-quality ingredients and lots of natural flavors. The process is streamlined to get the ice cream to an extremely cold temperature to preserve the smoothness and creaminess of the ice cream," Cody explains. From there, he adds special ingredients to create 20 delicious artisan flavors: Buttered Pecan, Minty Chocolate Swirl, Cookies & Cream, Strawberry Swirl, Southern Pecan Pie, and more. The Premium Homemade Vanilla and Chocolate Brownie Batter rank at the top as best sellers. And if you can't make up your mind and want to try it all, there's the Cow Trough — a jumbo-sized sundae with seven scoops of ice cream, four house-baked cookies, hot fudge, marshmallow topping, and whipped cream. Take-home ice cream is also available in pints and half gallons. Cody shares that 8 oz. cups

of ice cream, with spoons included under the lid, will soon be available at farmers markets and festivals in Middle Tennessee. You will also be able to purchase them at several retail locations in the area, along with Nash Family Creamery cheese.

The Nash Family is currently working on adding farm tours and experiences for guests, clubs, and schools to enjoy. In the meantime, visitors can enjoy the picturesque views from the creamery. For the Nash Family, farming is a way of life built on family heritage and sustained with modern technology. "Almost every single dairy farm has a family that runs it. It's not just milking cows. It's growing the feed for them and getting the milk to market. There's a lot that goes into it," Cody says.

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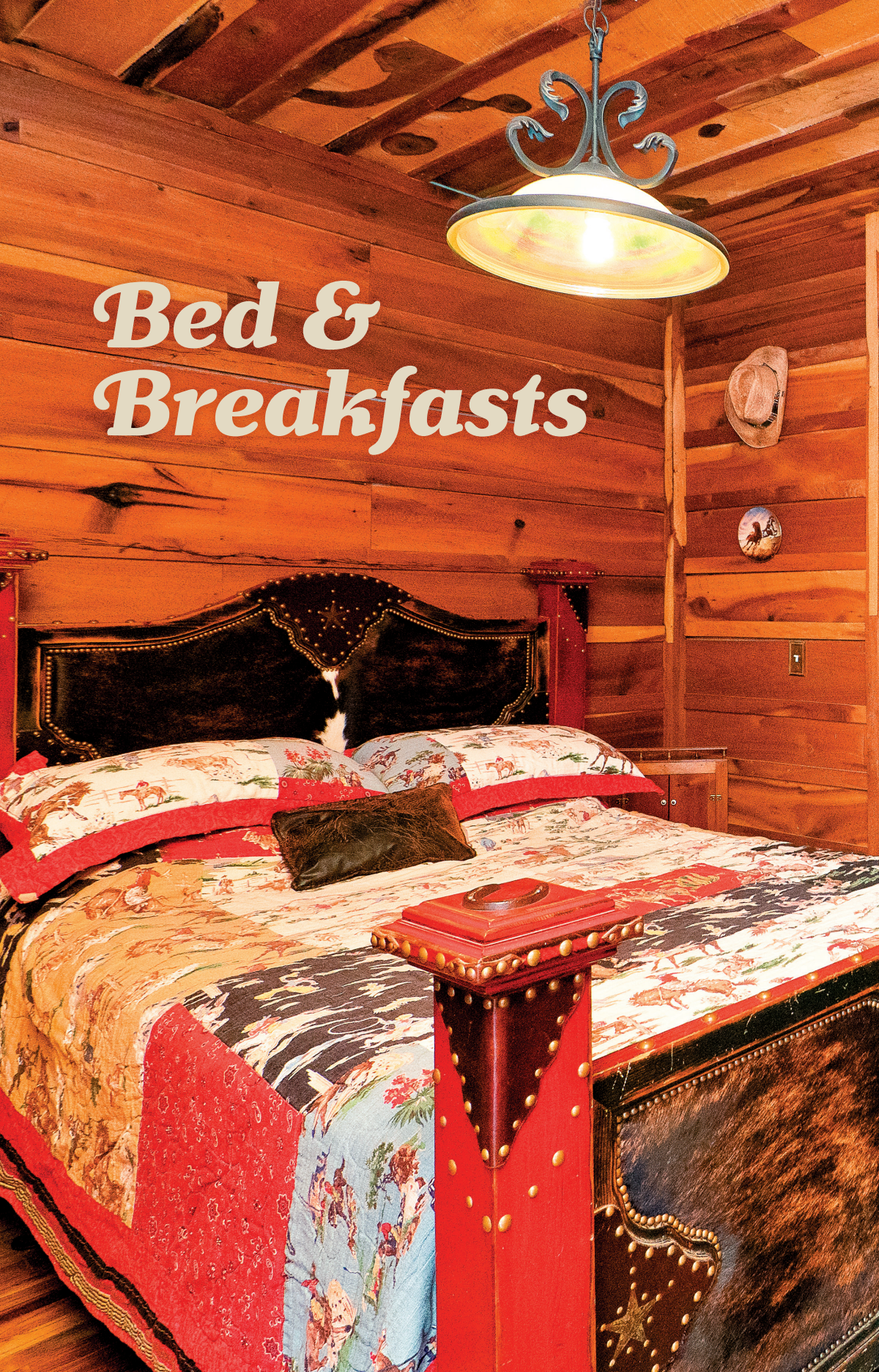
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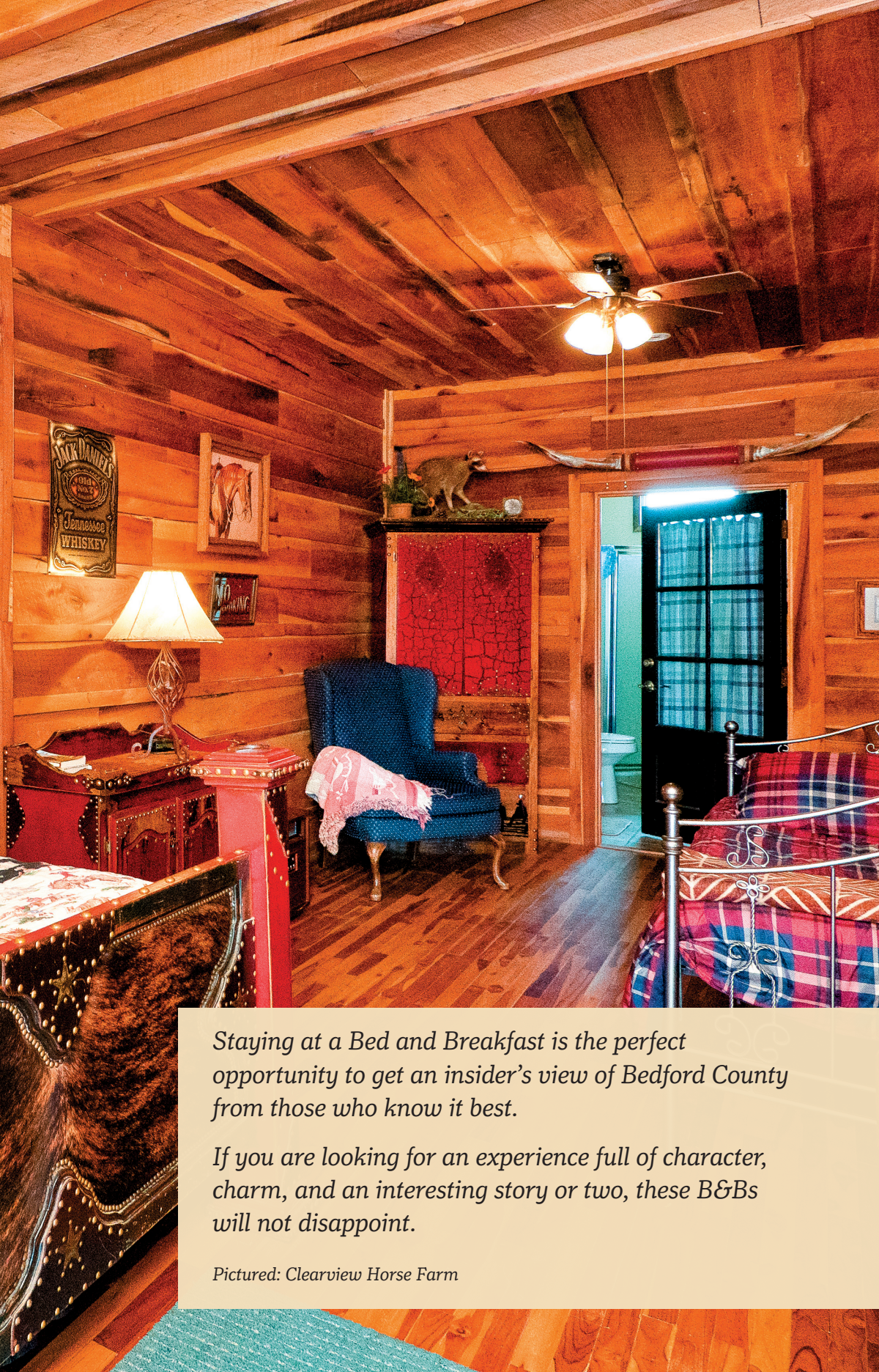
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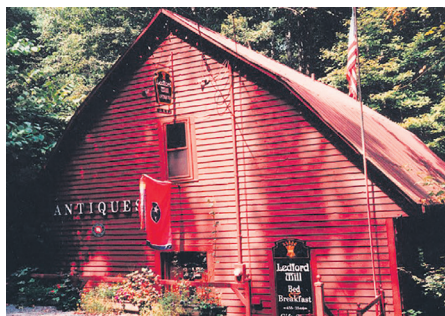
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Spending a day on the river is a gift to yourself. Watching a blue heron taking flight, or hearing the splash of a trout, fills you with a sense of awe and reverence for the beauty and power of the natural world. It's relaxing, peaceful, refreshing, and exhilarating all at the same time. Whether you want to cast a line, paddle a boat, or enjoy the scenery, the Duck River offers a fresh and ever-changing experience in nature for everyone.

For kayak, canoe, and stand-up paddleboard enthusiasts, long stretches of slow-moving water make the Duck River an ideal place for beginners to get their feet wet. 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. If you don't have your own boat, Float-A-Boat Kayak rental in Normandy has everything you need and will even pick you up after a long day on the river.

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At 284 miles long, the Duck River is 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. A wide variety of wildlife also makes its home along the delicate river ecosystem, including deer, mink, otter, wood ducks, kingfishers, turtles, and even bald eagles.

Fish species that swim in the waters of the Duck River, include smallmouth,



spotted Bass, largemouth, stripers, and more. Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) stocks Normandy Lake and the Duck River year-round. At Normandy Dam, low water intakes pull cold water from the bottom of the reservoir and release it into the Duck River. For a stretch of approximately 6 miles, the conditions are optimal for trout habitat.

However you choose to enjoy the river, remember that it is critical to keep informed of the water flow. In a matter of seconds, fast-rising water can make the river unsafe for wading or floating. Visit tva.gov/Environment/Lake-Levels/Normandy, get the app on your mobile device, or call (800) 238-2264 for current information on water being released from Normandy Lake by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

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Dement Bridge	mile 243.1
Three Forks Bridge	mile 239.9
Mullins Mill Bridge	mile 235.6
Hwy. 82 Bridge	mile 224.2
River Bottom Park	mile 221.8
Shebyville Old City Dam	mile 221.4
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Bell Buckle

Third Saturday in March

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Strolling Jim 40 Ultra Marathon

Wartrace

Third Saturday in May

For nearly four 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 10K race for those not quite ready to take on the challenge of the big one.



Festivals & Events



TWH Spring Fun Show

Wartrace

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 & MoonPie Festival

Bell Buckle

Third weekend in June

Celebrating two southern favorites, RC Colas and MoonPies, 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 MoonPie.



Farmers Market

Bell Buckle

Fourth Friday in June - Second Friday in October

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



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.



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.



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.



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.



Tour #13 Haunted History Tours

Shelbyville

August 13; September 25; October 23 & 30

This tour costs \$13 a person / \$35 for parents with children. This is a one hour walking tour of Historic Uptown Shelbyville. You will hear 13 stories of the ghosts and unusual acts that have taken place in the century old buildings. The tour starts at 111 South Main Street in the 120 year old building that was originally built as a doctors office and ends in a local cemetery. Our Friday the 13th Tours have a history of being very interesting. Start time for the tours is 8:13 p.m.



TWH 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.

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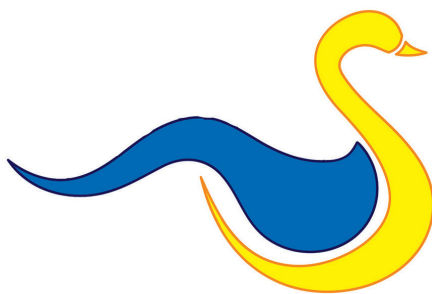


Butterfly Festival

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

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 31

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

Saturdays in December 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

Halls Mill

October

Rural simplicity abounds! Craft vendors, music and clogging. Watch molasses making from the field to the table. Event is held on ground with several Pre-Civil War buildings to explore. Bring you lawn chairs, have lunch while watching molasses being made.



Webb School Arts & Crafts Festival

Bell Buckle

Third weekend in 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

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 Backroads of Bedford County

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ready for an unforgettable drive in the country.*

BY TRISHA SANDORA // PHOTOGRAPHY BY JAMES JORDAN



Taking the backroads is all about discovery. It's not worrying about an estimated time of arrival or the fastest way to get from point A to point B. It's more about meandering. After all, some roads are destinations unto themselves. On a two-lane highway, just minutes outside of Shelbyville, fields of wildflowers, newborn calves, horse farms, old barns, and historic trail markers are a few of the sights you might see as you gaze out the car windows. However, when you're ready to stop and stretch your legs or get a bite to eat, spending a few hours in the charming town of Bell Buckle is always a good idea.

One of the first things you'll notice when you arrive in Bell Buckle is an old red L & N train car that pays tribute to the important role the railroad played in the town's history. In 1852, local merchant A. D. Fugitt donated the land for the main line and depot for the Nashville and Chattanooga (N&C) Railroad. The railroad quickly brought prosperity to Bell Buckle. It became the largest shipping point for livestock between Nashville and Chattanooga. It also played a vital role during the civil war, moving troops by both armies. Today when you drive across the old tracks, it's like taking a trip back to a simpler time. Amidst Victorian homes, churches, eclectic shops, and eateries is a thriving arts community accented with boardwalks, rocking chairs, colorful murals, and metal signs featuring the iconic RC Cola and MoonPie. For a fun way to get to know this little town, the Bell Buckle Chamber created three scavenger hunts: the Art Walk Scavenger Hunt, the Historic Walk of Bell Buckle Scavenger Hunt, and the Bell Buckle Town Scavenger Hunt. You can download the information from their website at bellbucklechamber.com.



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Wandering through the shops, you're sure to find a few things you can't live without. Hilltop Antiques offers a fun selection of Bell Buckle T-shirts. 1852 Antiques features items by Olde Southern Charm, embroidery, hand-painted signs, and other home decor items. Simplicity in Bell Buckle has a variety of Garden-in-a-Bag collections, including Mint, Cilantro, Dill, Tomato, Sunflower, Mini SnapDragons, and Lavender. For over 50 years, Phillips General Store has stocked the shelves with items you won't see anywhere else. You'll also find calico folk art and locally made potpourris, oils, candles, and garden statuary. Around the corner, at Bluebird Antiques and Ice Cream Parlor, Mama Phillips' delicious handmade Fried Pies cooked in a cast-iron skillet are a local favorite.

Situated two miles east of Bell Buckle, on Highway 82, is the South's oldest continuously operating boarding school. Established in 1870, the Webb School is an integral part of the town's history. Students from twelve countries

and twenty states attend grades 6 through 12 at the school. On the grounds, a restored schoolhouse from the 1800s gives visitors a glimpse into the past of this world-renowned college preparatory school.

Traveling the winding back roads of Bedford County, you're sure to pass by some beautiful horse farms as well. Some of them offer a hint of Shelbyville's glory days as the Tennessee Walking Horse capital. Several are still active breeding and training facilities, where some of the finest horses in the country graze in the green pastures surrounding the sprawling barns and arenas. In the small town of Wartrace, tucked in the picturesque historic district, the Tennessee Walking Horse National Museum tells the story of the horses and farms that made history, through historical artifacts, photos, and other documents.

Wherever the road may lead, it's never the same trip twice. There's always something new to discover.



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

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Learn about TN Walking Horses

- Attend an event at 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

Go for a drive

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

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
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Nearest Green Distillery

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What is the Lincoln County Process?

The Lincoln County Process is a step used in producing almost all Tennessee whiskeys. It is a charcoal mellowing system where whiskey filters through large tanks filled with 10-14 feet of charcoal. The process can take up to fourteen days and is a requirement in being categorized as Tennessee Whiskey.



Uncle Nearest makes dreams come true

How Tennessee whiskey and entrepreneurship changes lives

BY WESLEY BRYANT // PHOTOS by JAMES JORDAN



100 years ago, an angry white mob in Tulsa, Oklahoma destroyed “Black Wall Street.” It was a predominantly African American district in Tulsa. Black-owned businesses were successful and living the American dream... before the mob came. Now, a century later, a world-famous whiskey in Bedford County is acknowledging the tragedy. In 1921, businesses were torn down; livelihoods were changed forever. Now with the help of a venture fund, the opposite is happening. Lives are once again changing forever with the opportunity of generational wealth in spite of the 1921 tragedy.

Fawn Weaver, the entrepreneur turned founder and CEO of Uncle Nearest

Whiskey, wants to build up minority-owned whiskey businesses in America. Fawn and the Uncle Nearest Venture Fund will open the door to the whiskey industry for minority entrepreneurs. The Uncle Nearest Venture Fund is specifically meant to invest in rapidly growing, minority-founded and owned spirit brands. As of June 7, 2021, they have already donated \$4 million to minority-owned brands.

Fawn had a video call with her staff and said, “I am looking for the brands that have the ability to be the next Uncle Nearest. What that means to me is: they are not building to flip; they’re not building to sell. They’re building to create generational wealth.”



Tennessee whiskey has become world-famous. It all started with Uncle Nearest, the freed slave who taught the famous Jack Daniels how to make whiskey. According to the book “Jack Daniel’s Legacy” by Ben A. Green, Uncle Nearest was known as “the best whiskey maker.” The new funds and opportunities from the venture fund will allow the smooth Tennessee Whiskey to stay true to the legacy of the father of Tennessee whiskey himself, Uncle Nearest.

Along with building success for minority-owned whiskey businesses, Fawn’s company also boosts the economy right here in Shelbyville. The distillery and headquarters call Shelbyville home. Their booming business brings millions of dollars to the local economy. Uncle Nearest is the fastest-growing American whiskey brand in U.S. history. In both 2019 and 2020, the company was the most-awarded bourbon in the

world. Fawn and Uncle Nearest are also bringing in nationwide media attention, boosting Shelbyville’s presence on the map. The company has been featured in Fox News, *Forbes*, *Oprah Magazine*, *The New York Times*, CBS, and *Rolling Stone*.

Last month, on June 19, Uncle Nearest reopened their Nearest Green Distillery after being closed to the public for more than a year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the post-pandemic world, it welcomed visitors for whiskey tasting and a walking tour of history.

“Every bit of our 270-acre, four-phase, \$50 million build-out, is a master class in storytelling and history-making,” the Uncle Nearest website read. “No matter where you turn on our property, we are either unveiling history-making moments of the past or history being made in the present.”



Breaking New Ground

The Nearest Green Distillery grand opening ceremony was a joyous culmination of hard work and dedication. These pages are a record of just a few glimpses into the excitement of the occasion.



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American Mule & Bluegrass Festival

loads the wagon with charities

BY ELENA CAWLEY, EXPERIENCETN.COM



Fiddle and banjo players will team up with artisans and food vendors to create an atmosphere of fun and harmony at the inaugural American Mule and Bluegrass Festival. Put on your dancing shoes and prepare to sing along with Rhonda Vincent and The Rage, the most decorated bluegrass band. Uncle Shuffelo and His Haint Hollow Hootenanny, Tennessee Mafia Jug Band, The Grasskickers, The Borrowed Mules, and Brush Arbor Revival will join Rhonda Vincent and The Rage to bring melodies and joy.

One of the main goals of the event will be educating visitors about the history and value of mules, according to Marty Ray Gordon, organizer of the festival.

The American Mule and Bluegrass Festival will welcome visitors to the Calsonic Arena in Shelbyville, Sept. 13-18. The festival will feature various events, including bluegrass concerts; crafts fair; mule show, mule clinics, mule logging competition and mule demonstrations; square dancing and cloggers; a wagon train; chuckwagon cooking; Pickers Alley with a stage, where pickers and bands will showcase their musical talents.

Gordon decided to launch the initiative a few months ago. A team of supporters joined Gordon to create an event aiming to unite the community and help charities.

"I had been sitting around, looking at the news, frustrated with all the stuff that's been going on, and that wasn't helping anyone," Gordon said. "I decided to do something to help somebody."

Gordon decided to create a fun festival and provide funds for worthy causes. He wanted to entertain visitors and educate them about mules. "We have mules, we raise mules, and we train mules," Gordon said. "My wife and I show mules."

His appreciation for mules began in his childhood when he spent time with his grandfather, Ray Tenpenny, who was a legendary walking horse trainer, said Gordon.



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“Most people underestimate the value of a good mule.”

“I was raised with mules,” Gordon said. “My grandfather was born in 1908, and he always had good mules. I used to work with him in the field. When I was a young man, he told me most people underestimate the value of a good mule.”

One day, when they worked on the field, Gordon’s grandfather said, “You will find out about the value of a mule today.”

“When you work and you have a good mule, it makes things easier,” Gordon said. “My grandfather raised six kids during the depression with a good mule. He always thought people didn’t recognize how much mules helped.”

His grandfather, who is listed in the Walking Horse Hall of Fame, was one of the pioneers creating the

walking horse industry, said Gordon.

Gordon inherited determination and dedication from his grandfather and uses these qualities to aid organizations in need. The American Mule and Bluegrass Festival will provide entertainment with the goal to raise funds.

“We decided to include bluegrass to get people to come and listen to music,” Gordon said. “At the same time, we will educate people about mules. The mule has pulled people out of the Great Depression. The mule pulled us out of war – mules participated in every war we had. There’s no reason mules can’t help to provide funds for charities and help them get back on their feet. That’s what I’m trying to do – leverage the mule

and give some entertainment through bluegrass and crafts. The mule, the bluegrass, and the crafts are all American-made. What the mules are going to be pulling for now is charity. In the past they ploughed the dirt, put the seed in, pulled the loads. Now, we are loading the wagon with charities.”

The five charities the event will support are Shelbyville Soup Kitchen, the Boys and Girls Club of Bedford County, the Habitat for Humanity, the Center for Family Development of Shelbyville, and Horse Play of Coffee County.

“We will showcase the mule, the bluegrass and the crafts to support these organizations,” Gordon said. One of the event’s highlights will be educating the youngest visitors.

“We want to educate the youth and people who want to learn about mules and the equipment,” Gordon said. “We will have a learning center, where kids can become a junior mule skinner. They will learn how to hook mules up, about the parts of the harness and the implements that they pull.”

Children will have a chance to earn a mule skinner certificate.

“We will also have a petting zoo,” Gordon said.

Pickers Alley will provide opportunities for those who’d like to show their musical talents.

“Pickers Alley is going to be an area where we invite pickers to play on the barn porches,” Gordon said. “There



PHOTOGRAPH BY BARR STUDIOS

will be dedicated porches where the pickers can play. And we will provide opportunities for them to pick on a stage outside. We will have a stage outside and a stage inside the Calsonic Arena. We will have an award for the best picker.”

Visitors will have a chance to sign up for a drawing to win Angel, a 2-year-old mule.

“Angel will be given away the last night of the event, Saturday night,” Gordon said. “If you win her and don’t want to take her home, you can auction her off. And all the money will go to charity.”

Vendors will ensure visitors enjoy tasty meals and American craftsmanship.

“We expect to have food trucks so people can expect to eat good food,” Gordon said. “We have about 30 spots for vendors to display their handmade crafts.”

The event will offer camping, as well. “We have 350 campsites available to rent, with electric and water, and nearly 2,000 stalls to rent,” Gordon said.

Visit www.americanmuleandbluegrassfestival.com to purchase tickets and learn more about the festival.



A Horse of Every Color

A visit to Clearview Horse Farms offers a glimpse into the everyday lives of Bedford County's equine companions

BY TRISHA SANDORA // PHOTOGRAPHY BY JAMES JORDAN

YOU NEVER know what kind of horse you might find at Clearview Horse Farm. You might see a Clydesdale mare named Dixie with her new foal Remington. Or you might see a flashy Gypsy Vanner stallion up at the barn, getting ready for his next show. There are also Tennessee Walkers, Standardbreds, Quarter Horses, ponies, gaited mules, and more. At Clearview Horse Farm, every horse is welcome, and their owners too. Even if you don't own a horse, you'll enjoy a visit to this beautiful farm that is a slice of equine heaven on earth.

Clearview Horse Farm got its start in 2012, when Marie Lloyd Campbell, originally from Manchester, England, purchased the farm and set out on a mission to create a welcoming place for people, horses, and dogs. Starting with a small structure originally on the acreage, Marie has developed the farm into a top-notch equine facility complete with a professional indoor show arena, a lighted outdoor arena, an extreme trail course, and two barns with 110 stalls. Fifty-two of the Victorian-styled stalls were imported from England, handcrafted by the same company that builds stalls for the Queen of England's Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace.

Clearview Horse Farm welcomes

horse enthusiasts from all over the world. Whether you want to come for an hour, a day, or a month, there is something for everyone. If you don't happen to be traveling with a horse of your own, no problem. You can go for a ride on one of Clearview's well-trained horses. Supervised rides begin at \$45 per hour.

If you would like to stay overnight, four horse-themed guest rooms are available — the Tennessee Walking Horse Room, the Quarter Horse Room, the Thoroughbred Room, and the Safari Room. RV hookups are also available. There are stalls and pens available for your equine companions as well. Throughout the year, many special events take place at the farm, including equine workshops and clinics, horse shows, miniature donkey shows, youth rodeos, and dozens of other activities.

As you pull in the gravel driveway that leads to Clearview Horse Farm, keep an eye out for some of the unique horses that call these beautiful green acres home. Just observing them as they graze and interact with one another has a calming effect — horses just seem to know something we don't.

To learn more about Clearview Horse Farm, visit the website at clearviewhorsefarm.com.



Kingdom Acres

A unique family business harvesting for the community

BY WESLEY BRYANT // PHOTOGRAPHY BY JAMES JORDAN

Cannabidiol (CBD) is just one small chemical compound found in the cannabis plant. Many people confuse CBD for tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). They are not the same thing. In fact, they're very different. CBD is not addictive or psychoactive,

but it does provide therapeutic and analgesic benefits. Kingdom Acres in Bell Buckle provides a wide variety of CBD products for the community. The benefits of CBD include helping lower anxiety, reduce pain, help with arthritis, reduce diabetes, and more.

Ron and Malinda Tuggle decided to grow hemp after raising a family in Tennessee. In the beginning, it was unknown territory. Family members from the Tennessee Valley and far away participated in making the dream come true. The crop brought on new education and new difficulties as they worked to clone 12,000 plants from January 2019 to June 2019. They worked tirelessly in the fields, planting and harvesting the plants. Then, the family built a processing room and used a Pollen Sifter and Rosin Press to process the plant. The answer became clear: the family had something good on their hands. They decided to open the business in March of 2020.

“Our mission is to make a pure product that can help others like it has helped our family. We do not use chemical pesticides, solvents or synthetic fertilizers but instead, our grow methods are based on building good, clean soil using natural fertilizers. Our products are then made from the fresh, pressed rosin. Any ingredients that we add to our products are made with the cleanest, all-natural materials we can grow or source,” their website read.

The company uses a third party to test their products before shipping all over the country to their customers across the nation. The testing is to make sure no heavy metals, microbials or pesticides are present in their products. But their products are not only helpful for humans, they’re also helpful for pets. They have pet-specific products to help your four-legged friends.

You can shop at their location in Bell Buckle or online at www.kingdomacrescbd hemp.com





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MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
13-14; 20-22 Theatrical Performance <i>(TBA)</i>	16-18 Children's Theatrical Performance <i>(TBA)</i>	1-2; 8-10 Theatrical Performance <i>(TBA)</i>	 @flyartscenter
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
2-3; 9-11 Theatrical Performance <i>(TBA)</i>	8 Writers' Workshop 21-22 Mystery Theatre 29 Literary Event <i>(Theme TBA)</i>	19 Festival of Trees Craft Fair	2-3; 9-11 Dinner Theatre Performance <i>(TBA)</i> 31 New Year's Eve Dance

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The Other Horse in Town

Although Tennessee Walking horses may take the spotlight more often than not, Shelbyville is far from a one-horse town. At the Southern Saddlebred Show, all eyes are on the American Saddlebred.

BY TRISHA SANDORA // PHOTOGRAPHY BY JAMES JORDAN

It's a well-known fact that Shelbyville is the Walking Horse Capital of the World, but more recently, the American Saddlebred is also kicking up some dust at the Celebration Showgrounds. In June of 2020, when the annual Southern Saddlebred Spring Fling horse show had to be relocated due to the restrictions of the pandemic, the privately-owned Celebration welcomed the organization with open arms. One of the main criteria for selecting an alternate site for the Spring Fling was the footing base in the show arena.

According to Show Chairman Jackie Hale, different breeds require different footings. "The ground surface requirements in the arena change from one breed to another. Walking horses want it really hard. Saddlebreds want it a little cushier. Quarter Horses, cutting horses, and rodeo horses want it dry, loose, and deep," Jackie explains. Making changes to the arena ground surfaces is no small undertaking. "The Celebration allowed us to bring

in the additional footing that we needed, and the Shelbyville/Bedford Chamber of Commerce awarded us with a Tourism Grant in 2020 that helped to cover that cost."

The Saddlebred is referred to as the "Horse America Made." The roots of the breed can be traced back to the 1800s to the Kentucky Saddler. The Kentucky Saddler descended from riding-type horses bred at the time of the American Revolution, including the Narragansett Pacer, Canadian Pacer, Morgan, and Thoroughbred. It is prized for its beauty and style and has a versatility that is hard to match. These people-loving horses are also very calm, cool, and collected in crowds. Historically, Saddlebreds were considered superior US Cavalry mounts during the Civil War and are still used in present-day law enforcement. For 200 years, Saddlebreds have been a trusted companion, one that can work the farm during the week and take the family to church on Sunday.



Fancy Footwork

If you've ever ridden a horse bareback at a trot, you know what a choppy ride feels like. On the other hand, a smooth, comfortable ride is a whole different experience. Like our walk, jog, and run, horses have different gaits and speeds of moving. "Saddlebred horses walk, trot, and canter, and some of them, slow gait and rack. "There's a three-gaited variety and a five-gaited variety," Jackie explains. "Three-gaited horses do the three natural gaits: walk, trot, and cantor. The five-gaited horses perform those same three natural gaits, plus two 'man-made' gaits - the Slow Gait and Rack. The slow gait is a 'stepping pace', and the Rack is a faster version of the slow gait that showcases the American Saddlebred's athleticism and speed, with only one foot on the ground at a time."

Dressed to the Nines

With its eye-catching good looks, the American Saddlebred excels in the show ring. "As a breed, they're called the peacocks of the horse show," Jackie says. "They're very showy, athletic, intelligent, and explosive. They have a lot of presence." Under the lights of the arena, the horse shines, and the polished tack sparkles. With a horse that looks that good, the rider must be impeccably and beautifully dressed as well. As in other sports, equestrian events require specific attire. Equestrian dress takes into account the history of the sport and the physical demands of the rider. It also varies widely from one riding discipline to another. American Saddlebreds are exhibited in a variety of disciplines - primarily Saddle Seat, but also Hunt Seat, Dressage, and Western. "Each class has specific apparel requirements, and the Saddlebred exhibitors are typically more conservative and traditional in their apparel choices than other breeds," Jackie states. Attention to detail doesn't stop with the clothing. Women typically wear their hair pulled back in a low bun or hair net, and makeup is applied to the perfection of a Hollywood movie actress.

Although Shelbyville remains the Walking Horse Capital of the world, the Saddlebreds are back in town, which is a good thing for horses and horse lovers of every kind. "Shelbyville, Tennessee is the Walking Horse Capital, and it just so happens that Shelbyville, Kentucky is the Saddlebred Capital of the world. So, we have a sister city in Kentucky," Jackie says. "You're basically just showing your horses to yourself when you stay in your own bubble. But when you can get outside of that bubble, and show your horses to somebody else, you're prospecting, and others gain interest. It's a catalyst for the breed."



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