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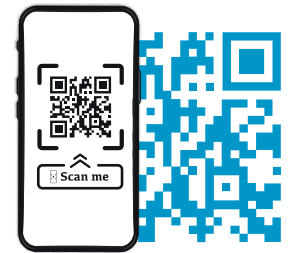


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Traveling to places we only see on screens is a part of life—and you may find me sitting on a beach at the first opportunity—but there is a world of wonder right in our backyards. Tennessee has an endless list of things to do. I would bet money you haven't done them all. In fact, there are 'vacations' sitting right under our noses. And I'm not talking about Nashville or Dollywood. I'm talking about the attractions in our hometown. The things we drive by on the way to work. The things people from neighboring states notice with an unbiased lens.

You don't have to get away to let your hair down. You don't have to stay in Tennessee, either. But you should know about the hidden gems we may have forgotten about. Spend every weekend like a vacation.

Find joy in your backyard. And if you can't find it, make it. This issue of Good News is about shining a light on Tennessee and the things that make us great. **-GN**



*Wesley Bryant*  
**Wesley Bryant,**  
MANAGING EDITOR

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— Liz Huber, Winchester

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**CORRECTION:**  
*In the May 2022 issue, MyRide Bedford's phone number was listed on page 39. The last two numbers were transposed. The correct number is (931) 703-0286.*

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# Fishing, picnics, kayaking, and camping

A trip to the beautiful Duck River is a trip worth taking, and Mark Thomas is working to make it safer.

By Jeriah Brumfield

**S**PANNING 284 miles long, with 87 miles landing in Bedford County, the famous Duck River is where visitors and locals alike enjoy fishing, family picnics, and kayaking, among many other activities. According to Executive Director of Tennessee Duck River Development Agency Doug Murphy, the river is a freshwater system that contains 153 species of fish and 54 species of mussels, making it the most biologically diverse river in North America.

He said, “It’s worth a trip just to see the beauty of Duck River and enjoy the wildlife.” As a young child, Fire Chief Mark Thomas said he remembers fishing at the river in the 70s and said, “It’s always been a very attractive river.”

Thomas said he would often go to the river to fish, enjoy the peace of the river, and see its creatures. Along with its peaceful and calm surroundings, the river is a safe environment for families to enjoy. Thomas reports that Duck River is a class one river, which means there aren’t a lot of rapids, and for the most part the water is calm, but it is important to note that after a flood, the river changes. They have set a limit to 500 Cubic feet per second (CFMs). Once it gets above 500, they consider it too dangerous for beginners to kayak on the river. Under 500 CFMs are deemed to be normal flows. Thomas said visitors should be aware of low-head dams that lead kayakers to dangerous territory. Thomas reports they are working with legislation to fund a signage and trash pick-up program. They would also like to develop an app that notifies visitors when water flow hits more dangerous levels. Visitors need to have proper water equipment and let loved ones know where they are when visiting the river.

Thomas said that cell phones are the best means of communication for river tourists. The next plan is to mark the bridge and create signage to notify visitors about how long it will take them to get from one point of the river to another.

The SBCF and Bedford County Public Safety partnered with Art teachers Megan Straub and Angie Jackson to create the artwork for the River Life Project: A specialty license plate honoring the Duck River. The funds raised from the sale of the specialty license plate will help fund the river rescue program. **-GN**

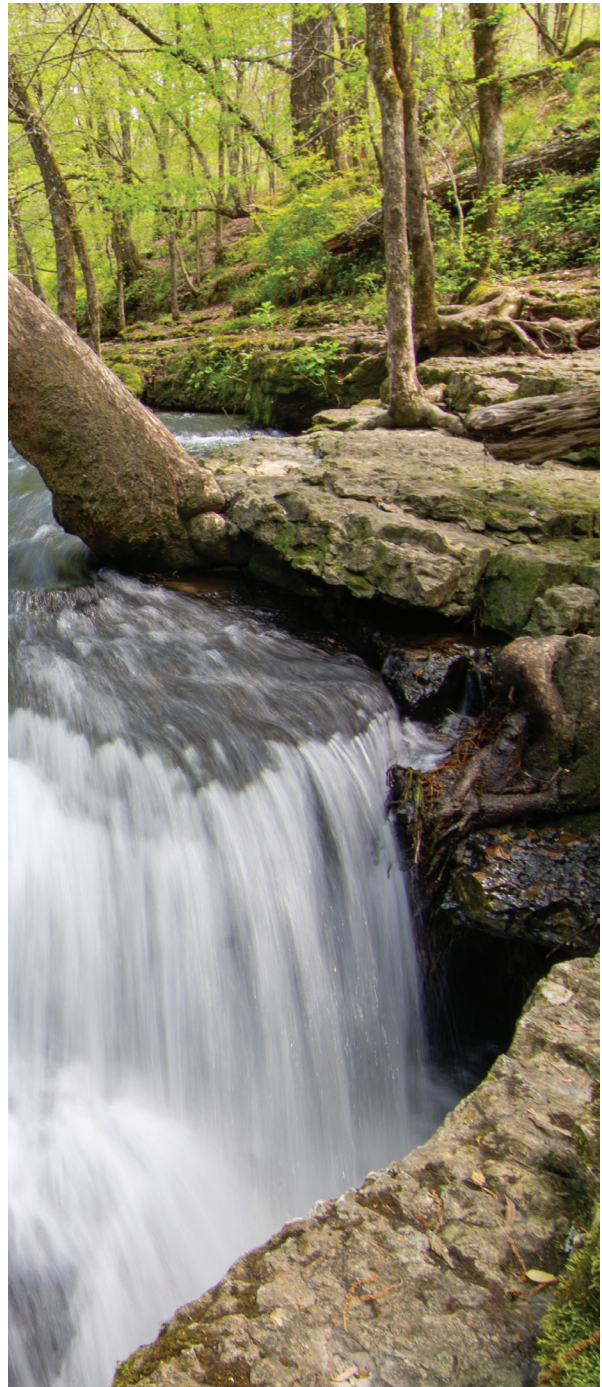


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By Jeriah Brumfield

**R**OOTED IN African American History, Uncle Nearest Distillery is more than a place for tourists to try new drinks; it is a historical monument and reminder of an incredible moment when a skilled man left a lasting legacy for generations to come.

Nathan “Nearest” Green was born into slavery around 1820 in Maryland. After moving to Lynchburg, Tennessee, he became a recognized distiller of fine whiskey, on the Dan Call farm.

A young neighbor boy, Jasper “Jack” Daniel, who worked for Call, showed such an intense interest in Green’s whiskey-making process that he became a student and friend of



the distiller. When Jack Daniel initially opened his distillery, he made Green, now a free man, his first master distiller. Nearest would later become the first known African American master distiller.

Moved by Uncle Nearest's story, author, historian, and entrepreneur Fawn Weaver founded Shelbyville's renowned Nearest Green Distillery in 2019. The distillery is located on a historic 323-acre Tennessee Walking Horse farm.

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Uncle Nearest Distillery tour guide Sylvia Pinson said, "Tourism has always been my middle name, considering my professional career in recreation and parks for 40-something years." Pinson also serves on the Shelbyville Tourism and Advisory Board. She said she loves what she does and prides herself on being a community connector.

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The tour continues to the speakeasy for a brief history of Tennessee's role in women's rights, concluding with a poignant video of the story of Nearest Green.

Other points of interest consist of tasting enriching whiskey flavors at the horse-shoe-shaped bar, known as the Family



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SCHOOL NEWS

# A day in the life of a state government employee

Bedford County Youth Leadership visits the state Capitol.

By Jeriah Brumfield  
Photos contributed by Carol Garrette



Annie Arnold



Slayden Taylor

NINETEEN HIGH school seniors from Bedford County Youth Leadership visited the state Capitol on their annual State Government Day trip on Wednesday, March 16, 2022. The purpose of the trip was to expose the youth, participating in youth leadership, to what it's like to work for the state government.

Each month the students travel to a different area within the county to learn about various careers. They have special days each month like "Public Safety Day," "Medical Social Services Day," "Education Finance and Real Estate Day," and "Industry Day," among many other activities.

During State Government Day, students learned about a day in a senator's and lawmaker's life, talked to the secretary of state, and participated in a mock legislative session.

During their mock legislative session in the house chambers, a member of their adult leadership class volunteered to present a bill to the group. One of the youth leadership members volunteered to be the speaker of the house, facilitating the passing of the bill.

In addition to receiving a hands-on experience in the house chambers, they toured the Capitol building, which Carol Garrette said impacted the group tremendously. Garrette is the communications coordinator for the Bedford County School District.

Shelbyville Central High School senior Slayden Taylor said, "The opportunities in the Capitol are vast and expansive, with several ways to be a part of not only the Tennessee community and government but also American history."

Cascade High School senior Annie Arnold said the Capitol visit prepared her to

be a leader. "I feel like my experience at the Capitol has further prepared me to become a leader by allowing me to see that not everything is a one-person job; everyone needs help and a team to provide support and give more of an impact to a community."

Arnold said the most exciting part of the experience was learning about the history of the Capitol building and the history of the state leaders, and artists who helped create Tennessee's heritage. State leadership positively impacted the students' lives, but the students also made an impact on some of the city's most outstanding leadership.

Impressed by the students' engagement and interactive questions during Local Government Tourism and History Day, Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham invited several students to talk on the monthly "Local Government Talk Show" radio program.

Garrette said the students' ability to ask questions and engage with leadership was telling. "I thought that was telling and illustrative how these youth have stepped up to think, engage, question, and explore, through this program."

Garrette said that the Leadership Bedford class is different from other leadership programs because it combines youth and adult classes, which provides both groups with the ability to learn and grow from one another.

She said, "These are hopefully our future leaders, and it's great for them to be together in this experience."

Garrette encourages community members to continue to support the Bedford youth by supporting the chamber of commerce and allowing their employees to serve on the Leadership Bedford board. "The chamber and the chamber board support go hand-in-hand in developing our young and adult leaders." -GN







INDUSTRY NEWS

# Prosperity through partnership strengthens the community.

The Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership builds relationships and provides support.

By Shane Hooper // Photos contributed by Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership

**T**HE SHELBYVILLE-BEDFORD Partnership recruits new industries and businesses to Shelbyville and Bedford County, but the Partnership also has a robust program to retain and expand existing businesses. The Partnership recognizes the vital role each company plays in the economic prosperity of Shelbyville and Bedford County. We are fortunate to have a vibrant and diverse industrial sector. We must maintain open lines of communication with each entity to build relationships and provide support.

The Business Retention and Expansion (BR&E) program builds relationships between the community and the current portfolio of companies and industries. The BR&E program aims to open communication channels with existing industries for workforce development, infrastructure, and other business development needs. The BR&E meetings allow the company to share its experiences in the community, with the Partnership. The visits provide tangible information on the health of the local company and may reveal any opportunities for the local community and the Partnership to provide support to the company.



The BR&E meetings also allow Shelbyville and Bedford County to share opportunities, concerns, and observations from the community, with the local industry. The Partnership sets meetings with local industries and serves as the spokesperson for the community. The Partnership and others invited to attend may know of emerging educational initiatives and other support programs that could provide solutions to industry issues. Periodically, it is helpful for elected officials, educators, and others to attend the





meetings. The free flow of information during a BR&E meeting is beneficial to all parties.

The Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership conducts business retention and expansion visits with existing local industries throughout the calendar year. The frequency of visits varies depending on many factors such as; industry requests, implementation of programs, issue resolution, and familiarity. The base goal for the Partnership is to visit each employer at least annually.



Late in 2022, the Partnership observed that many industries in Shelbyville and Bedford County had never interacted with each other. Superficially this may not appear to be unhealthy, but the reality is that local industries may have shareable industry-specific information, employment opportunities, and purchasing needs easily solved between each other at the local level.

To facilitate the free flow of information between large employers in Shelbyville and Bedford County, the Partnership organized the first annual “C-suite Event.” C-suite refers to the executive-level managers in an organization. The top 25 largest employers received invitations to attend. Cooper Steele sponsored the event held at the Nearest Green Distillery. Dwell Interiors and Jesco Construction provided door prizes. The Uncle Nearest whiskey brand presented the guests with tours and entertainment. The event delivered a quality informal atmosphere for c-suite executives to network. “C-suite” also touched the employment leaders by providing jobs to thousands of households in Shelbyville and Bedford County. The employers in attendance, afford thousands of households the ability to earn pay for their family’s hopes, dreams, and aspirations.

The Partnership proudly works to strengthen the relationship between existing industry and the community. Strong industry relationships fit the Partnership’s motto, “Prosperity through Partnership.” -GN





SPORTS NEWS

# Winning is not convenient, it takes sacrifice.

Webb School's girls basketball team wins the championship for the second consecutive year.

By Jeriah Brumfield  
Photos contributed by Julie Harris

**T**HE WEBB School girls basketball team clinched their 68-point game-winner against Middle Tennessee Christian School, making them TSSAA Division II Class A champions for the second consecutive year.

Director of Enrollment Management and Webb School graduate Julie Harris said she has watched the team change completely since coach Matt Shewmake has been coaching. She said he transformed the program. "He's coaching at a different level than I've ever seen."

Harris said the school prepares well-rounded individuals by emphasizing excellence in arts, athletics, and academics.

"They are such a draw to colleges because they're athletically talented and academically at the top of their game."

Shewmake, the girls varsity basketball coach, is currently in his second year of coaching at Webb School. He coached D-1 basketball for 10 years, leaving him with 12 years of coaching experience.

Shewmake said winning a championship takes sacrifice.

"Winning is not convenient. It takes not going on the beach trip with your friends and staying home with your team and practicing."

Shewmake said one thing that makes the team stand out among other groups is their diverse backgrounds.

"The thing that is so unique about our team is that we have the most diverse team, probably in the state of Tennessee, by far."

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*“It’s a special place, a special group of kids, and they want bigger than themselves.”*

the U.S. Shewmake said that despite their differences, the players took the time to get to know one another and their various backgrounds, which is one of many factors that helped them get to where they are now. “It was unbelievable to watch a team of people, who maybe didn’t know each other, learn to compromise and respect each other, and it was fun to watch,” Shewmake said.

The team has played against eight top 25 teams in the country, and Shewmake said the girls could have chosen any school they wanted, but they decided to attend Webb School.

“It’s a special place, a special group of kids, and they want bigger than themselves.” The team was inspired to reach the next level of their athletic careers by former Webb School

girls basketball player Lashae Dwyer, who Shewmake said brought a lot of notoriety to the Webb School’s basketball program.

Dwyer participated in the program during the 2020-2021 school year and went on to compete in the Elite 8 and AAU basketball during her time in Shelbyville.

Shewmake said the players watched Dwyer blossom at Webb School and later travel to Miami to begin her career and decided they wanted to work hard in hopes of competing at a higher level just like their former teammate.

“Anytime people have [a] vision and dream of what they want to make something into, they can. It just takes the right group of people wanting to achieve the same goal, and that’s what we have here.” -GN



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Jayden on  
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Jayden Jackson's

# extraordinary journey

Bedford County's 2021  
Fairest of the Fair finishes big.

By Tina Neeley // Photographs aquired from Facebook

**I** AM. I can. I will. . . . I am. I can. I will," she repeated silently, studying the judges' faces and feeling hopeful about her chances.

The top five had been called to the stage, and each contestant stood regally composed, or so they hoped. Minutes were passing like hours as their nerves threatened to betray them. The five were willed by their family and friends in attendance to hold on just a little longer, knowing they were winners awaiting their rank.

"She is. She can. She will. . . . She is. She can. She will," her mother repeated silently, fixing her gaze on her daughter's face, telepathically conveying her confidence that the results would be favorable. Inhaling deeply, she closed her eyes and whispered a prayer for her daughter.

Only two spots remained. Her knees were weakening. She drove her heel into the stage floor for stability.

"Tennessee's Fairest of the Fair's first runner-up is Jayden Jackson!" the emcee announced.

For the first time since 2006, Bedford County's Fairest of the Fair queen placed in the top five of the State's Fairest of the Fair pageant. Each county crowns their fairest then they all compete in January for the Tennessee's Fairest of the Fair title.

The pageant is more than sequined gowns and hairspray; it's a sisterhood. Jackson competed in the fair's young miss division in 2016, 2017, and 2018, then took a break to allow time to further mature. She returned to the competition in 2021 stronger than ever. Her time spent there has helped shape her life.

"I have met great friends, as well as the fair board and the pageant director, who have grown to be great influences in my life," Jackson said.

Pageant Director Brandi Smith said, "It has been amazing watching Jayden. She always pays close attention to details, her dress, her walk, hair, and makeup. She has been a huge help during fair week and never shies away from talking to younger girls who look up to her. We've been so incredibly proud to have her represent





Bedford County in the last year and know that she will remain part of our fair family for a long time.”

“Competing in pageants has definitely helped me in many different ways. It has given me a sense of confidence as a young woman, that I don’t think I could have experienced without it. It has helped me so much with communication skills, getting to speak with different judges and young girls who have similar, but different, interests. You get to learn so much about yourself as a person, what drives you and makes you want to be successful in all you do,” Jackson said.

The pageant created a connection that resulted in her being invited to Fashion Week in New York this year.

Jackson said, “It was such an amazing opportunity. I got to meet so many great people, but one of the best parts of going to Fashion Week was seeing such diversity. All of the fashion and the models there were super cool.”

She will crown the 2022 Fairest of the Fair Queen in July. Although she will retire her crown at that time, her work with the pageant and her connection to its people will continue.

The composure and tenacity Jackson exudes in pageants carries over to the show ring. Jackson and her family have been a presence in the Tennessee Walking Horse arena for many years.





Jayden with Tennessee State  
Fairest of the Fair Winners

Her Poppie, Jack Heffington, and mom, Jacquelyn Way, publish *The Scoop*, a walking horse trade publication. Her father is hall of fame horse trainer, Chad Way. One of the greatest influences in her life has been her Nannie, Nancy Ballentine Elliott, a former Miss North Carolina, who championed her in pageant competitions and showing horses. Although her Nannie has passed away, Jackson feels her ongoing encouragement and presence.

Jackson began showing when she was 5 years old and won her first world championship at the age of 6. She's

won 14 world championships and two world grand championships and will be showing three of her horses in this year's Tennessee National Walking Horse Celebration.

Jackson and her five-year-old brother, Wylder, show together in the lead line class. Their time together at the barn and in the ring is more than a shared passion for horses. It's Wylder's therapy. Jayden has seen Wylder, who has autism, benefit from his involvement with the horses.

"It's very calming. You learn to appreciate the small things. He's my best friend," she said.

She's committed to looking out for Wylder and others with his diagnosis. As an ambassador for Autism Speaks for two years, Jayden and the group's mission is "enhancing lives today and accelerating a spectrum of solutions for tomorrow."

Jayden will be a sophomore at MTSU in the fall, having just finished her freshman year majoring in biochemistry. She plans to apply for the physician's associate program upon graduation.

"I'm just an ordinary girl who's decided to take extraordinary opportunities," she said.

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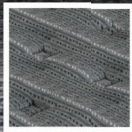
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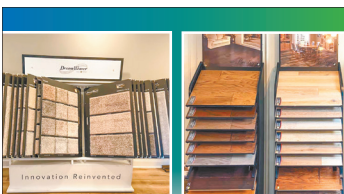
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*By Tina Neeley // Photos submitted by MTSNC*



**W**HILE WE envision lives filled with companionship and cuddles, the reality of homeless dogs and cats is much more problematic than we imagine. Significant progress has been made locally, due to the Middle Tennessee Spay & Neuter Clinic (MTSNC) and its staff. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, they are committed to lowering the number of dogs and cats euthanized by offering affordable sterilizations to all Middle Tennessee residents.

Locally, outside (community and/or feral) cats make up the largest population of animals at shelters and create overpopulation and public health issues. MTSNC's services have successfully aided in lowering the numbers of both dogs and cats in shelters and their overbreeding as strays. Regardless of pet parents' financial situations, low-cost veterinary services are available to all clients. Those on low income are eligible for assistance.

February is National Spay Awareness Month, and the last Tuesday in February is World Spay Day when MTSNC provides free feline fixes for community cats through grant funding from The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee.

In October, for Feral Cat Day, MTSNC fixes feral cats for free in its Trap and Release (TNR) program. Underserved, due to the need to trap them for spaying, feral cats are often left to continue reproducing. Because of this, MTSNC offers traps and instructions on using them. For a small deposit, traps may be obtained from MTSNC. Rescuers then trap the feral cats and oversee their recovery after neutering. Then the cats are released, and the cages are returned for a full refund of the deposit.

Kimberly Warren, MTSNC's executive director, said the same-day clinic has performed over 32,000 sterilizations since its

founding in January 2010, with one-third of the animals' owners receiving grant assistance. These procedures leave only a small incision, resulting in reduced recovery time. MTSNC's veterinarians, Dr. Alex Simon and Dr. April Pinelli, are specially trained in high-volume, high-quality spay and neuter procedures, enabling MTSNC to perform an average of 25+ surgeries a day, three days a week.

While in the clinic for these procedures, dogs and cats receive their vaccinations and are examined for other issues that may have been otherwise undiscovered; for example, untreated abscesses that can lead to more serious issues, including death. MTSNC can provide these services through a grant from Tito's Handmade Vodka. They also treat the animals' parasites, such as fleas, ticks, and intestinal worms. Heartworms, a terrible and preventable disease, are expensive to treat and seriously damage an infected animal's heart. Clinic clients can get a heartworm test for their dog, and if negative, will receive a prescription for necessary preventatives. Cats may also get feline leukemia/aids tested, and if negative, will receive a leukemia vaccination.

While the main service MTSNC offers is surgical spay and neuters, general pet education is another important part of their mission.



“Providing education in addition to affordable low-cost pet sterilization aids us further in our mission of reducing overpopulation,”

– Kimberly Warren

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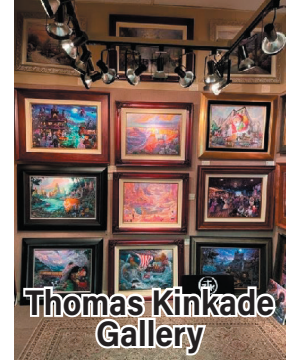
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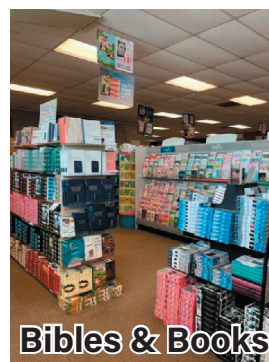


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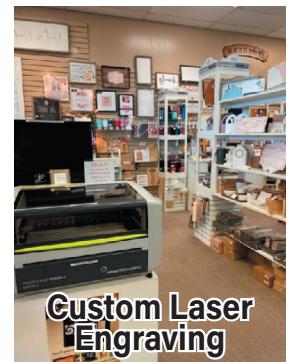
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# DOTTIE IN BELL BUCKLE

*This piece is a dramatization of actual events,  
a fictional retelling of 1972 Bell Buckle.*

*Written by Tina Neeley*



**F**ROM HER DESK ON THE FRONT ROW, Dottie willed her foot to stop tapping as she watched the clock on the office wall, longing for the last bell. The days crawled – even the halls yawned. She closed her doodle-covered notebook filled with her wonderings and slid it toward her book-bag. She could write what she couldn't say aloud. It eased her mind, if only for a while.

Mama glanced at her watch as she put the last load of clothes into the dryer. Almost 3:00; it came so fast, and she wasn't ready. Dottie used to have so much to tell her about her day; the house was alive with chatter. She said so little now, and Mama wanted Dottie to enjoy this time. It was passing so quickly.

The back door slammed as Dottie followed the hall to her room, barely looking at Mama. Had she slowed down, she'd have seen Mama's longing for the light to come back to Dottie's eyes and the pep back to her step. But Mama couldn't bring back her old friends or stop the rumors of a new high school. Dottie had lost her appetite and collapsed onto her bed for the rest of the day. It was a temporary escape; morning always came so soon.

"Dottie, wake up! Wake up!" her mother screamed, pulling Dottie to her feet and pushing her toward the door. "The school's on fire! It could spread!"

The sky blazed so brightly that Dottie had to look away. Of all the things she should worry about, she had only one thought: she didn't remember making it home with her notebook. Her worries had gone up in smoke.





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*Northeast Bedford County school blaze put change on the fast track.*





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PRIL 12, 1972, THE BELL BUCKLE SKY was indeed ablaze. The school that housed grades 1-12 was fully engulfed and a total loss.

Bell Buckle students finished the school year at Wartrace School. In the fall, the schools merged into a single student body in the Wartrace building until final plans could be approved.

The impact of the Bell Buckle School loss was two-fold. Due to the declining rural population and the quickly deteriorating condition of the county's schools, the rebuilding needed to address consolidating area schools. In particular, it was being considered that Bell Buckle, Wartrace, and Normandy unite, but the communities were hardly united.

From spring 1972 until early 1975, the issue was highly debated. Both Bell Buckle and Wartrace communities wanted to retain their own schools. School board members were fighting for more than a new school, as residents clung to local traditions. The resolution would not be an immediate one.

While the construction of a new school moved slowly through the systems, students and faculty joined together in the Wartrace School under a new name, Cascade School. Cascade Springs supplied water to Normandy, Wartrace, and Bell Buckle. It was something that connected the communities. A similar mindset determined the school's colors and mascot.

After four years of debate and conflict over rebuilding the county's rural school system structure, a unified program was realized. In 1976, students moved into the new Cascade School building located at the corner of Fairfield Pike and the Bell Buckle-Wartrace Road. Former rivals are now family at the crossroads.

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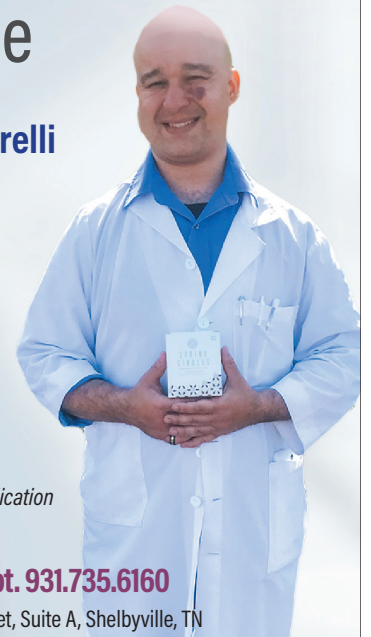
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***Staycation: a vacation,  
without all the hassle.***

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# ation

By Julia Eads

**B**EEP BEEP BEEP, beep beep beep was the noise that rallied her out of bed long before the sun peered over the horizon. With a quick press of a button, the coffee maker began to gurgle and drip. "I'm definitely going to need this," she sighed as she thought about that dreadfully long car ride ahead.

Pulling sheets out of the dryer and moving over the damp items from the washing machine, "shew wee," she said aloud to herself. "These smell like they have sat too long," she thought. She shrugged and tossed a few more dryer sheets in with the load. "Oh well, we have to have Jenny's favorite teddy bear or she won't sleep well this weekend."

Heading over to the kitchen, she gathered up some healthy snacks and drinks and filled the cooler. Next, she grabbed a pen and wrote "get ice" at the bottom of her "Things To Do Before We Leave" list. On another sheet of paper she began writing out detailed instructions for the dog sitter. "Hopefully, they will show up this time. That was a nightmare last vacation."

"So many things to do, so little time," she whispered, beginning to accumulate tension in her neck and shoulders. While traveling out of town is nice, it's also a lot of work. She still had to pack everyone's bags for the trip, empty the fridge, run by the pharmacy, and ask the neighbor to pull in the mail and packages. Just then, she began regretting that she had even made vacation plans in the first place. "Gee, I want to take time off and enjoy my family but not have to travel so far. Like being on vacation, but just staying home."

Just as she finished that thought, she pulled out Good News magazine from her mailbox. In bright and bold lettering, the first words read, "Staycation." She laughed to herself and chalked the whole situation up to fate.

Just then, she decided to cancel all the plans. She stopped packing bags, climbed back into bed, and reset her alarm for a few hours later. She realized she didn't have to go far away to have fun, experience new things, or have a vacation. She would have a staycation with her family right here, all while supporting the local community. Relief and peace washed over her as she realized adventure was waiting right in the backyard.

And she is right! Adventure is in our backyard. While traveling is a blast, it's not a prerequisite to having a good time.



# Floating Vacations

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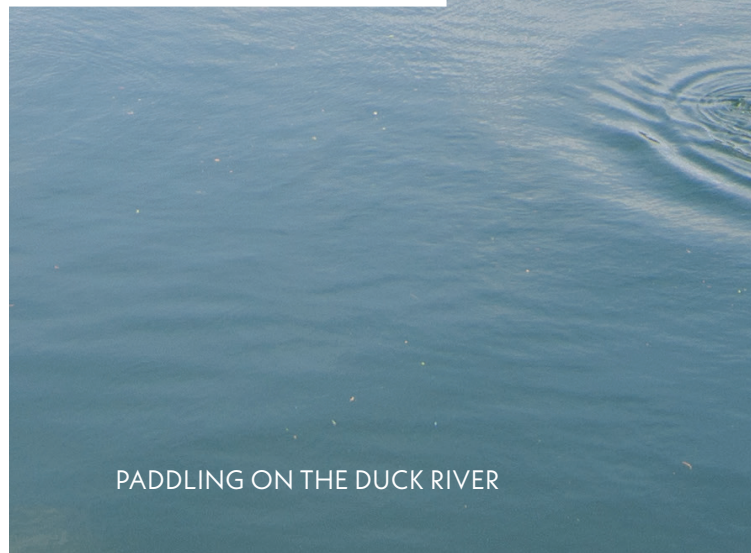
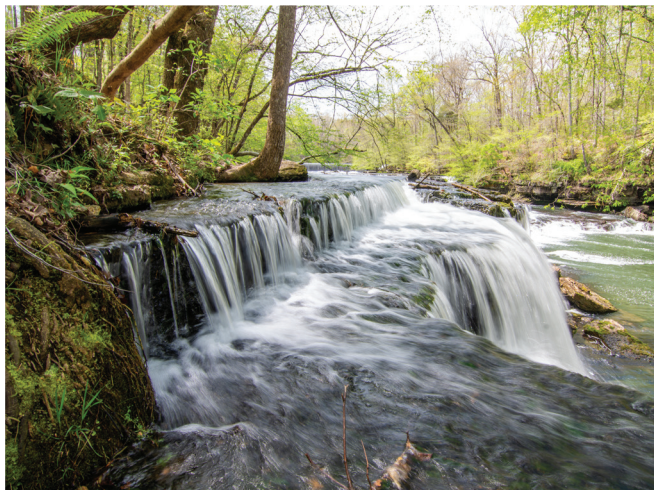
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Plan to explore our waters and their surrounding areas. Take advantage of the amenities offered by our state parks, including hiking trails, camping, fishing, floating, swimming, golfing, bird-watching, and a year-round schedule of activities and events. Make exploration of your home state a summer tradition.



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A photograph of a person in a red kayak paddling on a wide, calm river. The river is surrounded by lush green trees and a concrete bridge spans the water in the distance. The sky is overcast.

# A Duck River float will carry you away.

According to nature.org, the Duck River is one of the state's most scenic waterways and North America's most biologically diverse freshwater river. It is located entirely within the state of Tennessee and originates in the Barrens on the Highland Rim, flowing through seven Middle Tennessee counties. Its long deep pools and shallow stretches of mini-rapids wind 269 miles through Middle Tennessee.

Rentals are available in many locations and offer drop-off and pick-up services. Fill a cooler with snacks and drinks and launch your kayak or canoe at one of the many access points along the Duck River. Wood ducks, mallards, kingfishers, and songbirds serenade you. Expect to see deer, mink, and the shells of the once-endangered mussels. Look overboard for bass, channel catfish, and darters. Watch out for logs, limbs, gravel bars, and tricky drops that sometimes appear out of nowhere.

End your float with dinner at a nearby restaurant or cook over a campfire near the river. An overnight stay under the canopy of starlight is just what you need.

**Remember to check the water current at [tva.gov/environment/lake-levels/normandy](https://tva.gov/environment/lake-levels/normandy) by calling (800) 238-2264, or using their app, TVA Lake Info.**





FLY FISHING ON THE ELK

## The **Elk River** trout are calling.

Located below Tims Ford Dam, the Elk River is popular for panfish and trout fishing. The tailwaters below the dam are about 50 feet wide with gravel bars and intermittent deep pools. For approximately 15 miles, brook, brown, and rainbow trout await you whether you wade, fish from a boat, or fish from the bank.

Wade into the river's pools as the morning's mist still hangs sleepily over it. A turtle splashes as it jumps clumsily from the fallen log. Squirrels chatter among the branches. Cicadas are waking. The day is already heating up, but you're not worried about checking the time. You have all the time in the world.

Take your catch back to your cabin at Rivers Edge and prepare a dinner of fresh trout and grilled veggies. Top off the evening in an Adirondack chair by the fire pit. Life is good.



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# **Tims Ford Lake** *inviting water recreation*

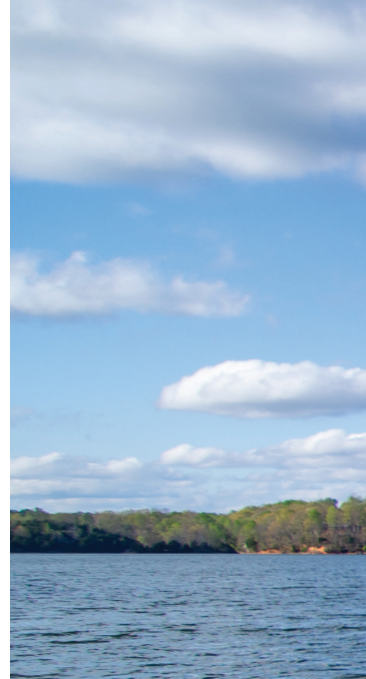
Tims Ford Reservoir is 10,600 acres in South Central Tennessee, a major portion of which is located in Franklin County. The lake is considered one of the most picturesque in Tennessee. It's regarded as one of the Southeast's top bass fishing and recreational lakes.

Play all day on the water. Kayaks, pontoons, paddleboards, jet skis, tubes – bring your own or rent from area marinas and shops. Crank up the music and work on your tan. Tighten up the kids' life jackets and holler with them as they swoosh down the pontoon slide, and pop up ready to go again.

Rather fish? Put your boat in and motor to your favorite spot. Pull into a shady cove and cast your line. Try a new lure or jig.

Consider overnight stays in the area campgrounds or cabins. You'll find RV hookups, showers, and laundry facilities. Evening activities and entertainment are often scheduled so look ahead and plan around your favorite ones.

There's something for everyone on Middle Tennessee's waters. Don't overlook your own backyard for this summer's vacation.



## **Where to Eat**

**Hard Dock Café at Tims Ford Marina** - 175 Marina Lane, Winchester (800) 722-1164

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Tim's Ford Lake is a haven for wildlife. Whether on the water, in the sky or on land, there is always something to see.



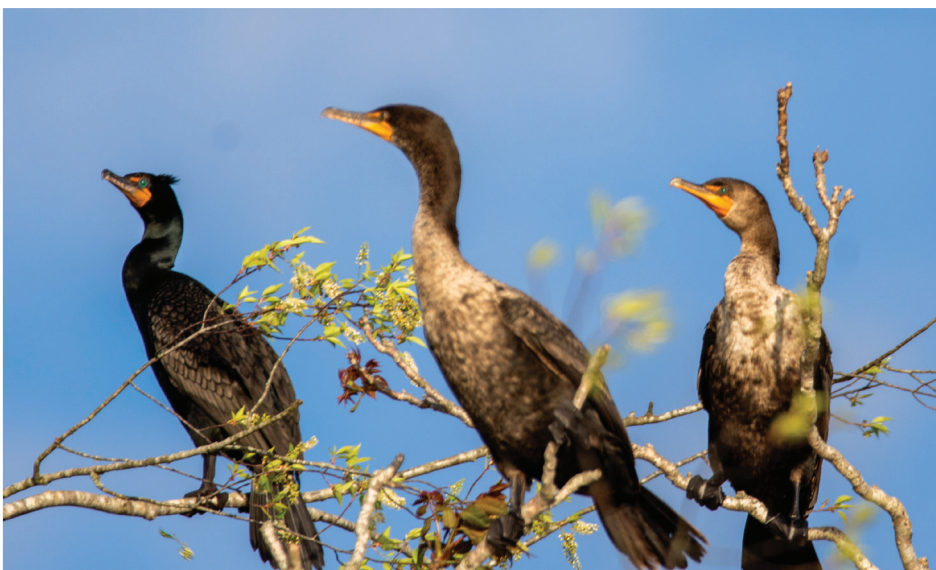
ON THIS PAGE: Northern Shoveler (top), White Tailed Deer, Canada Goose



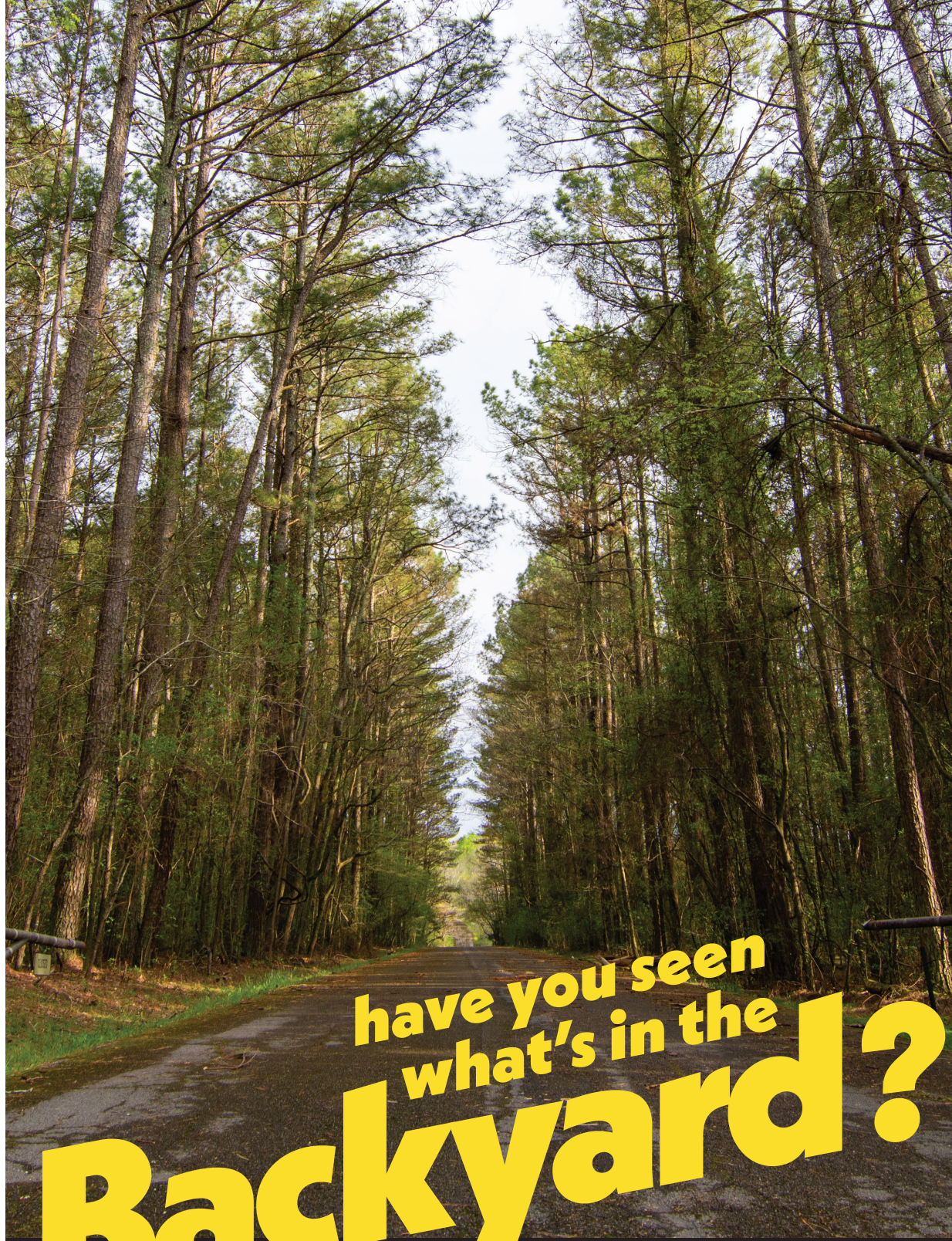




ON THIS PAGE: Common Loon (top left), Crayfish (top right), Red Eared Slider (middle), Double Crested Cormorant (bottom left), Canada Goose nest (bottom right).







have you seen  
what's in the  
**Backyard?**

Right in our own backyard, we have access to one of the most diverse ecosystems in the world. Henry Horton State Park (HHSP) neighbors the peaceful Duck River and is waiting to be explored. The park, built in the 1960s, has a variety of activities for visitors to enjoy. So pack your day bag and lace up your hiking boots; it's time to get outside!

By Julia Eads

**DISCOVER THE MANY  
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## Fishing

There is no thrill like the one you experience when a fish bites down and takes hold of your bait! Then begins the battle of reeling the fish in before it can maneuver itself free. Whether you are an angler who enjoys fishing from the shore, wading through the water, or sitting in a small boat, HHSP has plenty of access points for anglers of all styles. Visitors often brag about catching largemouth and smallmouth bass, red-eye bass, catfish, and many other fish species.



## Camping

Warmer weather is upon us, so we can finally pull out the camping gear. Spend these beautiful, sunny days exploring the outdoors. Then, as the day turns into a chilling night, cozy up by a crackling fire. Whether you are an outdoor enthusiast looking for the next challenge or simply wanting to take a family trip with your children to enjoy nature, HHSP has you covered. The park offers RV, tent, hammock, and backcountry campsites. Other than the backcountry campsites, every site is equipped with a grill, picnic table, and fire pit. Two bathhouses are available on location as well. Still too primitive for your taste? HHSP has cabins available for rent for those who want to enjoy the outdoors but have a bit more of the comforts of home. Book a campsite or cabin at HHSP today!



## Golfing

Whether you are an experienced golfer looking at expanding your skill set or an amateur needing some practice, the heavily treed course at HHSP is the perfect place to spend your Saturday afternoon. The Buford Ellington championship 18-hole golf course has 37 bunkers, making it a pretty difficult course to navigate. So ditch your regular tee time at the country club and take a swing through these luscious trees! The younger crowd might be more prone to visit the 18-hole disc golf course. The best part about it is that it is free to the public!





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### **Bird Watching**

Hey! Don't knock it until you try it. While wildlife observation might be a laughing matter to some, those who have tried it have found themselves in awe. With over 1,500 acres, HHSP offers various landscapes for bird species of many types to inhabit and make their home. Over 70 species have been spotted and identified on park property. Will you be a first-time bird watcher? Here's a tip: be as quiet as possible. Silence is crucial. Once you get settled and still enough, you'll be able to hear and see activity. If you have never watched a massive heron hunt for fish in shallow waters, seen a wild turkey, or listened to an owl hoot right overhead, you are in for a real treat!





## Hiking

The fun thing about taking off down a trail is the discovery. What is going to be around the next bend? What about over the next hill? With over 10 miles of hiking trails, HHSP is a perfect place to get outside, get some fresh air, exercise, and explore. There is always something unique, from deep sinkholes to desert-like cedar glades. As the Duck River neighbors the park, visitors can enjoy observing riverbank ecosystems or investigating remnants of an old mill and bridge. Just show up at HHSP, pick a trail, and follow the blaze!



## Trap and Skeet Shooting

If you hear, “PULL!” you might want to hit the ground and take cover. The Henry Horton Trap and Skeet Range is one of the finest in the state. The range offers five skeet fields, two trap fields, and a lodge-style building with concessions. While you must be 18 years of age or a youth sportsman to participate in this activity, the good news is that you do not have to be a gun owner! Gun and ammo rentals are available on-site at the park. A fun-filled and safety ensured afternoon of shooting is just a short drive away!





# treat yourself to Wellness

By Tina Neeley

## **KINGDOM ACRES OFFERS RELAXATION & REJUVENATION**

You're invited to a day, two if you choose, of indulgence. Escape life's stresses and treat yourself to rest and renewal. Bell Buckle's Kingdom Acres is holding your spot.

What ails you? Joints and muscles? Headaches? Mildly anxious or depressed? Just worn out? Kingdom Acres' products may offer some relief.

What questions do you have about cannabidiol (CBD) and hemp? The retreat provides the perfect opportunity to have them answered and to experience first-hand the products offered by Ron and Malinda Tuggle.

There are often misconceptions about CBD and hemp. Many people's first thoughts are of marijuana, getting high, and legal troubles. While the two plants share a common ancestor, hemp allows you to access the health benefits of the cannabis plant without the psychoactive elements. Hemp is a common name for a variety of the plant *Cannabis sativa*. The 2018 Farm Bill established the official definition of hemp, compared to marijuana. The bill limits the amount of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) content in hemp to no more than 0.3% as opposed to marijuana which is 30%, a thousand times more THC. They both are varieties of cannabis and are more like cousins than siblings, according to [whatishemp.com](http://whatishemp.com).

The Tuggles explained, "Around 1930, men began to genetically modify and increase the THC content of the cannabis plant, creating what we know as marijuana. In today's hemp farming, using the whole plant, known as full-spectrum use, the plant in its original format does not alter your capacity for anything. It just has







the healing properties to naturally relieve the things that are bothering you.”

We’ve answered the hemp question. Now, what is CBD? CBD is a naturally occurring compound found in the resinous flower of cannabis. It’s one of more than a hundred phytocannabinoids that give the plant its therapeutic properties. Consuming a phytocannabinoid-rich product can help the body produce more medicinal effects and trigger therapeutic responses.

So, CBD and hemp are legal, safe, and non-impactful on mental processes. They

are known to help relieve pain, reduce anxiety and depression, reduce inflammation, calm acne, aid healthy sleep, and increase focus. They are a natural aid to healing and wholeness.

The Tuggles 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 plant. 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.

Kingdom Acres takes excellent care and pride in hemp production, resulting in a clean, toxin-free product. They are a family-owned and operated seed-to-shelf company that harvests and processes their own products.

One of the best ways to experience their products is through their wellness retreat. With many available dates throughout the year, attend for one day, or two, and enjoy relaxing services that



## ***What does a retreat schedule at Kingdom Acres include?***

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Hemp Farming Education  
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CBD Latte and Tea Time





pamper and inform. Arrangements can be made for overnight accommodations, and groups of seven or less can schedule independent dates.

“Our goal for these retreats is for people who come to our farm to relax and experience our products. We want everyone to have a chance to sample our products throughout the day,” Malinda said.

You’re also welcome to experience the harvest. Come to their Hemp Crumble 2022 on Saturday, October 1, to participate in working from plant to product. You’ll work firsthand and see exactly how the plant is harvested and processed.

The harvest celebration extends into

their Holiday Farm Festival, Friday and Saturday, November 18-19, 2022. It’s a fun day for the whole family. You can shop vendor booths in the barn, take photos with Santa, enjoy the petting zoo, entertainment, and free samples.

The Tuggles are passionate about Kingdom Acres. Working with their children and each other is a treasured part of their journey. Malinda, a former teacher, enjoys combining her passions of teaching and farming through the wellness retreats. The couple’s mission is to share the benefits their family has experienced through the hemp plant, with others. They’d love to tell you more. **-GN**



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# THE IRON HORSE

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**I**MAGINE it, a Friday night after a long week, and you're looking for something fun to do. Somewhere with great food choices, ice cold beer, and live music. Look no further than The Iron Horse Restaurant in Wartrace.





Located on the historic square, The Iron Horse is the only place in Bedford County with authentic brick oven pizza and appetizers that are out of this world. I went with a big group of friends and family to see our very own friend, Wade Walker, play live music. He comes all the way from Huntsville, Alabama, and it's such a treat to hear him strum his guitar and sing live. Of course Walker isn't the only musician who plays here. The Iron Horse hosts many musicians, open mic nights, and even karaoke.

We ordered many different appetizers before diving into our brick oven pizzas, which are masterfully crafted by hand. The pickle fries had the perfect crunchy-fried exterior while retaining their authentic pickle taste. As someone who doesn't like pickles, even I couldn't stop eating these. The cheese sticks are massive and filled with melty cheese, served with a hearty marinara sauce. The chicken wings come

in many styles, but we ordered the hickory smoked barbecue chicken wings. The sauce was sweet with a mouth-watering smokey taste that captures all that Southern barbecue lives up to be.

The main attraction is their brick oven pizza, which I cannot get enough of. The crust is as soft as a pillow with crisp edges that only a brick oven can create. The options for a custom pizza are endless. Of course pepperoni is a great choice, but why not up the flavor profile by adding bacon, garlic, and feta for an even more outstanding taste. Or add jalapeños for that extra punch of heat. Whatever you choose, you will be satisfied with every bite.

This go-to venue is small in size but offers massive entertainment with some of the best pizza and appetizers you can get your hands on. Come for the food, stay for the live music, you'll probably even run into a familiar face or two at The Iron Horse. **-GN**

### **Good News is coming to dinner!**

We will feature a local food critic's thoughts as he dines in Bedford County. This month Colby Prince visited The Iron Horse.

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FAITH

# Life Lessons on the Lawn

Learn what it takes to protect your spiritual house.

By Julia Eads

**H**AVE YOU ever given something away and later felt regret settle in? Last summer, I was push-mowing our grass. I thoroughly enjoy breaking a sweat and getting a little exercise while doing yard work. However, I have to admit our lawn was toeing the line of size appropriateness for push-mowing. It was a bit of a task. Plus, it was in the blistering heat of the summer, and I had a refreshing drink waiting by the poolside with my name on it.

I had already finished cutting our backyard and was working in the front yard, moving left to right. There is a row of trees and an oddly placed bush between mine and my neighbor's lawn. When we purchased our home, the land survey showed these trees fell on our side of the property line. However, over the summer, any time I mowed the grass, I had slowly begun scooting our lines over and ending a few inches short. Besides,

the neighbor was new to the subdivision and he had a riding lawn mower. Plus, it's not like he really knew the exact property lines either.

On this particular day, I was just about ready to release the blade control handle and call it a day. I was covered in sweat. My shoes were green and caked with clumps of grass, and mentally I was more than over it. However, the Holy Spirit spoke to me, "Is that all it takes for you to give up ground? Because you are tired? Because it is a little bit more work? Nobody even has to take it from you. You are just giving it away."

I was the owner of this land, and I was essentially willing to give it up because of my laziness. Inch by inch. And while that might seem insignificant to some, if you add an inch here or there

over a trajectory of time, that is a lot of territory being forfeited! The Lord used a physical analogy to convey a message regarding my spiritual life.

The Bible says in John 10:10, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy," but I had become so passive and inattentive that the thief did not even have to come steal from me! I was freely giving up ground on my own! After wrestling in my head for a few moments, I leaned down, yanked at the lawnmower cord, and mowed my lawn to the fullest measure. This was not my neighbor's grass to cut. It was mine, and I was no longer going to let laziness win. **-GN**







# GOOD TIMES

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“There’s nothing to do in a small town.” We hear it often, but is it true? There are Good Times every weekend in Bedford County. It doesn’t matter if it’s a s’more at a bonfire, a lazy day with a book by the window, or exploring the town with the people you love most—there is something to do.

*ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS SAY YES.*

PHOTO BY BROOKE SNYDER







# The Celebration's *Spring Fun Show*



## A little horsing around is good for everyone!

By Julia Eads // Photos submitted by Shane Shiflett and Joe Blanton

**I**N MAY of each year, the town of Shelbyville starts filling up with King Ranch trucks with massive horse trailers in tow. License plates are caked and covered in dust, as many of these vehicles have journeyed across the country to get here. Walking horse enthusiasts, owners, riders, and trainers alike, are all headed to the Spring Fun Show held at the Calsonic Arena located on the Celebration Showgrounds. The Spring Fun Show marks the first of three horse shows exclusively managed by the Celebration itself. Each August the official Celebration Show, as many people are aware, is the biggest of the three horse shows and is held over a span of 10 days. A lot is on the line at that show, as competitors contend for World Grand Championship titles. The Spring Fun Show in May,

on the other hand, is exactly what it sounds like! It is a more lighthearted competition where many world class equestrians and their horses compete without all the pressure of attaining a crown. Let's just think of it like a practice round!

While many people who attend the Spring Fun Show have grown up around horses or are closely connected to equine life, spectators do not have to have prior knowledge about walking horses for the show to be enjoyable. Many event attendees have just as much fun taking in all of the sights and watching the activity without having much foreknowledge or knowing technicalities. The horse show is one of those experiences that's fun even when you aren't sure exactly what is happening!





This year's Spring Fun Show will be held May 26 through May 28. If you have never made the trip to Calsonic Arena to watch dolled up horses and riders prance round and round, it is an experience you will not want to miss! Last year, 473 horses were entered in the Spring Fun Show to compete. This year, the Celebration staff and board members are expecting about 2,000 people to attend the show, over the three-day event. On April 8, 2022 the Celebration delivered an official press release sharing their selected panel of judges. Unlike years past, this year's Spring Fun Show will have three judges instead of one. The Walking Horse National Celebration (TWHNC) has selected Leah Boyd, Derek Bonner, and Jamie Bradshaw to judge the 52nd Annual Spring Fun Show. Warren Wells, CEO of TWHNC shared, "We are excited to have this panel judge our show. We receive a lot of feedback from our exhibitors about the lack of variety in the judging panels across the industry, so the Celebration feels it is vital to do what we can to help grow the list of experienced judges while also providing the most competent panels for our exhibitors to show before."

*For more information on the Spring Fun Show visit [twhnc.com](http://twhnc.com). -GN*



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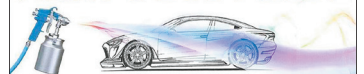
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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Makers and shoppers meet at the market.

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Shelbyville Makers Market held their spring market on April 16 just off of Shelbyville's square, behind the Bedford County Courthouse Annex building. 50 vendors and food trucks welcomed spring shoppers.







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## Hope Ball is more than an opportunity to dress up

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The first fundraiser for Whispers of Hope, a 501(c)(3) Christian organization that supports women in the adult entertainment industry, was held on April 22 at The Fly Arts Center. The event included dinner, dancing, “Unwanted No More” author B.J. Garrett, and video testimonials. [www.whispershopecom](http://www.whispershopecom)





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# EVENTS CALENDAR

JUNE 2022



## May 17

**8:30 am Bedford County Schools Pre-K Registration**  
Bedford County Board of Education  
500 Madison St. Shelbyville

Children must be 4 years old on or by August 15, 2022. Please have these documents with you:

1. Certified copy of birth certificate
2. Proof of Income (paycheck stub, food stamp case number, families first, income tax return).

## May 19

**8:00 am Third Thursday Together Business Networking**  
The Coffee Break  
121 South Side of Square  
Shelbyville

Independent Marketing Executive Rose Ramirez  
(931) 224 3060

## May 20

**5:00 pm Mardi Gras Shrimp & Crawfish Boil**  
Blue Ribbon Circle  
1110 Evans St., Shelbyville

By United Way of Bedford County.  
Silent and live auction.  
[www.unitedwaybedford.org](http://www.unitedwaybedford.org)

## May 21

**10:00 am Mutts in May**  
Bell Buckle Chamber of Commerce  
4 Railroad Square, Bellbuckle

Come join us at the Captain Rodney Stage Lot for a tail waggin' good time! Vendors, contests, food, drinks, and who knows, you may even find your next FUREVER friend!

**1:00 pm Teen D&D/RPG Club**  
Shelbyville Bedford County Library  
220 S Jefferson St.  
Grades 6-12

**1:00 pm Cascade Wrestling 5K**  
239 Cortner Mill Rd.  
Normandy

Event starts at 8 a.m.  
T-shirt included with registration.

Ammon King CW@5k.run  
[www.CascadeWrestling.5k.run](http://www.CascadeWrestling.5k.run)

**2:00 pm Spring Colors Run**  
1 Public Square, Shelbyville

3 mile walk/run (not a race) where you get sprinkled with color powder!  
Sponsored by the Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce.

## May 27

**10:00 am Main & McGrew Fifth Anniversary Party**  
Downtown at Main and McGrew, Shelbyville

**5:00 pm Fourth Friday Fest**  
Shelbyville Square

After hours shopping at uptown merchants, local craft vendors & food trucks. Enjoy the car club's cruise-in and live music. Activities include scavenger hunts, cornhole, and selfie stations/photo booths.

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### May 28

**7:30 am Airport Fly-In Breakfast**  
Shelbyville Airport EA Hangar  
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Contact Information:  
Paul Perry (931) 684-1669

**9:00 am Shelbyville Makers Market Art & Craft Street Fair**  
Shelbyville  
Courthouse Square

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For more information,  
Misti Appleby (615) 631-2636

### June 4

**10:00 am Kid's Construction Fun Festival**  
Lucky Ladd Farms  
4374 Rocky Glade Rd.  
Eagleville

Get your hard hats on, and gear up for some big time fun with some oversized toys! A special construction site will be ready for exploration. Kids can climb on excavators, a bulldozer, and lots of other farm and construction equipment. Plus fun activity centers to practice skills of trade, life-size Jenga games, and giant Lincoln Logs.

### June 5

**6:00 pm First Baptist Church Shelbyville Vacation Bible School**  
June 5-8  
304 Depot St.  
Shelbyville

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For more information, contact  
(931) 684-1634

### June 6

**8:30 am Summer Camp at Lucky Ladd Farms**  
4374 Rocky Glade Rd.  
Eagleville

If your kids love animals and nature, summer camp at Lucky Ladd Farms is the ideal summer activity where they learn and play through caring for farm animals, gardening, and exploring the wilderness.

### June 11

**10:00 am Wags and Whiskers Summer Bash**  
Red Cedar Farms  
2041 Hwy. 99  
Chapel Hill, TN

Shop with local craft artisans and direct sales merchants. Red Cedar Farms will be selling some of their yummy specialty burgers and other foods.

Fundraising event for  
Marshall Co Animal Alliance.

### June 18

**9:00 am Bedford County Juneteenth Celebration**  
Shelbyville  
Courthouse Square

Attendees can enjoy a parade, arts, crafts, food vendors, children and youth activities, and music performances by local talent. At noon, a special program will include a recognition of the Juneteenth Proclamation and keynote speaker, Jason Scales. Parade starts at 9:30 am Bring a lawn chair.

Contact Information:  
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