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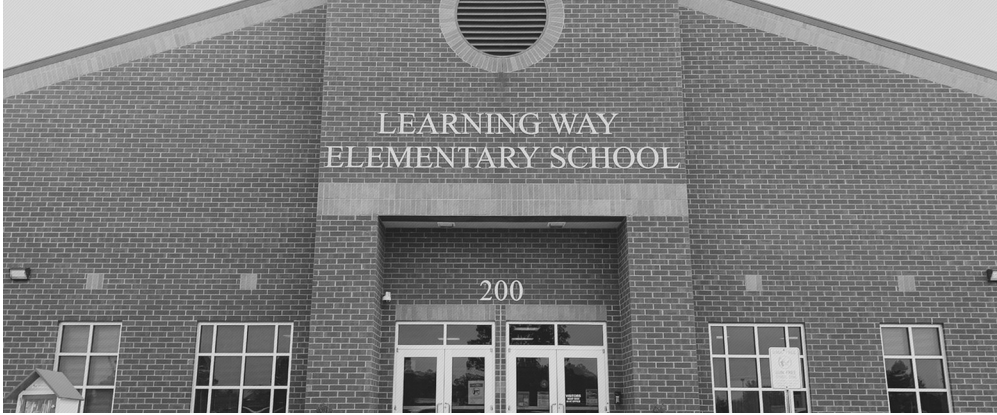
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THIS WEEK IN BEDFORD

School board holds fall retreat tonight; City Council meets Thursday

The library closes for a midday luncheon Tuesday, and Wartrace aldermen meet Wednesday on water and sewer fees.



Learning Way Elementary. Photo: Bedford County Schools site

Today is World Teachers' Day. Bedford County Schools has been recognizing its teachers, including a Teacher Walk at Shelbyville Central for staff who are new this year. The Board of Education holds its fall retreat tonight at 5 at the Central Office on Madison Street.

The Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library will close from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday so staff can attend the Friends Authors Luncheon at The Fly. The featured author is J.C. White. The library reopens at 1:30.

In Wartrace, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen has called a special meeting for Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. The town's notice says the board will discuss and set proposed fees tied to water and sewer rates. It does not list amounts.

Shelbyville City Council meets Thursday at 6 p.m. A Dover Street rezoning for duplexes is expected on first reading after the Planning Commission recommended it.

Looking ahead, the city holds a pre-bid meeting for Duck River Greenway work next Tuesday morning, and the Bedford County Commission meets that night at 7 at the Historic Courthouse.

WEATHER · SHELBYVILLE

82° / 47° SUNNY

Patchy fog early, then sunny with a high near 82. Clear tonight with a low around 47. Dry, sunny days continue through Friday, with highs in the upper 80s by Thursday.

TUE	Sunny	84/51
WED	Sunny	86/50
THU	Fog, then sun	88/50
FRI	Sunny	89/53

Showers and storms are possible Saturday night. Sunday has about a 47 percent chance of rain.

National Weather Service, Nashville office, forecast issued 8:28 a.m.

INSIDE

A2 · CITY

Dover Street rezoning vote, Duck River Greenway bids, the library's midday closure, the Vietnam Veterans Way delay and the Housing Authority hearing.

A3 · COUNTY AND TOWNS

County Commission, Wartrace water and sewer fees and liquor ballot, the Webb Art & Craft Fair, a state transportation note and the county calendar.

A4 · SPORTS AND PUZZLES

Friday's football finals, this week's football, volleyball and soccer schedule, a mini crossword and a word search.

COMING UP

WEBB ART & CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, Oct. 17, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on the Sawney Webb lot along Maple Street in Bell Buckle. Admission is free.

TODAY

5 P.M.	Board of Education fall retreat	CENTRAL OFFICE
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THIS WEEK AND NEXT

TUE. 11:30	Library closed until 1:30 p.m.	LUNCHEON
WED. 5:30	Wartrace aldermen special meeting	WATER, SEWER FEES
THU. 6 P.M.	Shelbyville City Council	100 N. CANNON
	Dover Street rezoning on first reading.	
OCT. 12, 7 P.M.	Ag & Education Center Board	AG CENTER
OCT. 13, 10 A.M.	Duck River Greenway pre-bid	100 N. CANNON
OCT. 13, 7 P.M.	Bedford County Commission	COURTHOUSE

CITY COUNCIL

Council takes first vote Thursday on Dover Street duplex rezoning

The Planning Commission recommended moving about 1.67 acres from R-2 to R-3.

Shelbyville City Council meets Thursday, Oct. 8, at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 100 N. Cannon Blvd.

A rezoning on Dover Street is expected on first reading. The request covers about 1.67 acres and would change the zoning from R-2 to R-3 so duplexes can be built there. The owner is DCC Strategic Realty Partners.

The Planning Commission has already recommended the change.

DUCK RIVER GREENWAY

City takes bids to rebuild greenway section and add river overlook

The work runs about three-tenths of a mile from River Bottom Park to South Cannon.



River Bottom Park. Photo: BCN site

Shelbyville is taking bids on reconstruction of part of the Duck River Greenway and a new scenic overlook. The section runs about 0.3 mile, from River Bottom Park to South Cannon.

A pre-bid meeting for contractors is Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 10 a.m. at 100 N. Cannon Blvd. Bids are due Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 10 a.m.

LIBRARY

Library closes midday Tuesday



The Fly Arts Center. Photo: BCN site

The Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library is closed from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday. Staff are going to the Friends Authors Luncheon at The Fly on South Main Street, where J.C. White is the featured author.

STREET NAMES

Vietnam Veterans Way rename put off

City Council delayed a vote on renaming West Holland Street, just off the square, to Vietnam Veterans Way. The Planning Commission has already approved the name. The vote moves to the next council meeting.

HOUSING

Housing Authority hearing set for Oct. 14

The Housing Authority holds a public hearing on its 2027 plan Wednesday, Oct. 14, at noon at the Tate Street Center. Written comments are accepted through Oct. 14.

CITY CALENDAR · SHELBYVILLE

THU, OCT. 8 · 6 P.M.
Shelbyville City Council
Council Chambers, 100 N. Cannon Blvd.
Dover Street rezoning on first reading.

TUE, OCT. 13 · 10 A.M.
Duck River Greenway pre-bid
100 N. Cannon Blvd.
For contractors bidding on the greenway and overlook work.

WED, OCT. 14 · NOON
Housing Authority hearing
Tate Street Center
Public hearing on the 2027 plan.

THU, OCT. 15 · 6 P.M.
Shelbyville Planning Commission
Council Chambers

TUE, OCT. 27 · 10 A.M.
Greenway bids due
City of Shelbyville

COUNTY · TOWNS · CALENDAR



Bedford County Courthouse. Photo: Wikimedia Commons (CC BY-SA)

COUNTY COMMISSION

County Commission meets Oct. 13 at the Historic Courthouse

The monthly meeting starts at 7 p.m. on the second floor.

The Bedford County Board of Commissioners holds its monthly meeting Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m. in the Historic Courthouse at 1 Public Square in Shelbyville.

A public notice for the meeting was posted Oct. 1. The agenda will be posted on bedfordcountyttn.gov.

BELL BUCKLE

Webb Art & Craft Fair is Oct. 17 and 18



Downtown Bell Buckle. Photo: Wikimedia Commons (CC BY-SA)

The Webb School Art & Craft Fair runs Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is held on the Sawney Webb lot along Maple Street in Bell Buckle. Admission is free.

WARTRACE

Wartrace aldermen meet Wednesday on water and sewer fees

The Wartrace Board of Mayor and Aldermen holds a special called meeting Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 5:30 p.m. at 112 Bridgeview St. West. The meeting is open to the public.

According to the town's notice, the board will discuss and set proposed fees connected to the town's water and sewer rates. The notice does not list amounts.

WARTRACE

Liquor-by-the-drink question on Nov. 3 ballot

Wartrace voters will see a liquor-by-the-drink question on the Nov. 3 municipal ballot. It asks yes or no on allowing it downtown.

FROM THE STATE · TDOT

Greenway work is on TDOT's local projects bid list

The Tennessee Department of Transportation lists Shelbyville's Duck River Greenway reconstruction and scenic overlook among its current local programs projects. The state listing says the work includes fencing, landscaping and lighting.

TDOT shows the bid advertisement dated Sept. 24, with bids due Oct. 27.

COUNTY, SCHOOLS AND TOWNS CALENDAR

MON, OCT. 5 · 5 P.M.
Board of Education fall retreat
Central Office, 500 Madison St.
Tonight.

WED, OCT. 7 · 5:30 P.M.
Wartrace aldermen, special called
112 Bridgeview St. West
Proposed water and sewer fees.

MON, OCT. 12 · 7 P.M.
Ag & Education Center Board
Ag & Education Center

TUE, OCT. 13 · 7 P.M.
Bedford County Commission
Historic Courthouse
Agenda at bedfordcountyttn.gov.

THU, OCT. 15 · 5:30 P.M.
County Board of Zoning Appeals
Courthouse, 2nd floor

THU, OCT. 15 · 6 P.M.
Board of Education
Central Office, 500 Madison St.
Regular meeting.

SAT-SUN, OCT. 17-18 · 9 A.M.
Webb Art & Craft Fair
Maple Street, Bell Buckle
Free admission. Sunday closes at 4 p.m.

TUE, NOV. 3
Wartrace election and liquor ballot
Wartrace
Includes the liquor-by-the-drink question.

SPORTS · PUZZLES

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Forrest visits Cascade Friday; Shelbyville Central hosts Clarksville

Community plays at Giles County. Volleyball and girls soccer teams have games this week too.

FOOTBALL · FRIDAY, OCT. 9

7 P.M.
Forrest at Cascade DISTRICT

7 P.M.
Clarksville at Shelbyville Central

7 P.M.
Community at Giles County DISTRICT

FOOTBALL · FRIDAY, OCT. 16

7 P.M.
Shelbyville Central at Ravenwood DISTRICT

7 P.M.
Cascade at Watertown DISTRICT

7 P.M.
Community at Sequatchie County DISTRICT

VOLLEYBALL AND GIRLS SOCCER

MON. 4 P.M.
Volleyball: Cascade at Battle Creek

TUE. 6 P.M.
Volleyball: Shelbyville Central at Lincoln County DISTRICT

TUE. 6 P.M.
Soccer: Fayetteville at Community DISTRICT

THU. 6 P.M.
Soccer: DCA at Cascade

THU. 7 P.M.
Soccer: Siegel at Shelbyville Central

FRIDAY'S FINALS · OCT. 2

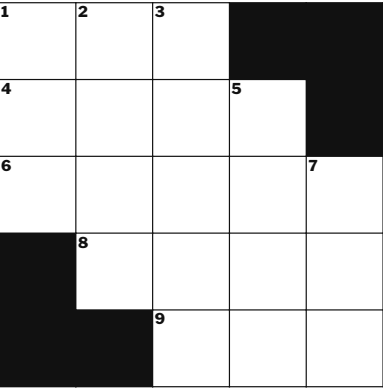
FORREST 49, COMMUNITY 0
At Unionville.

GILES COUNTY 38, CASCADE 7
At Pulaski.

SHELBYVILLE CENTRAL
Did not play.

Schedules from MaxPreps team pages, updated Oct. 2 to 4. All games varsity.

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ACROSS

- 1 Quarterback's throwing limb
4 Wartrace ___ east of Shelbyville
6 What visitors do at the Webb fair, free of charge
8 Forrest at Cascade, Friday at 7
9 Pot cover

DOWN

- 1 Pub pour
2 What a school bell does
3 Steel or iron
5 18-wheeler, for short
7 Stop-sign color

WORD SEARCH · AROUND BEDFORD COUNTY

E A G L E S W T S L H L P
W F D H Y C O B H M I I U
A D U B M A C E E C C B N
R G C C N S O L L A O R I
T R K R U C M L B S U A O
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Words run across, down or diagonally.

SHELBYVILLE
WARTRACE
BELLBUCKLE
UNIONVILLE
NORMANDY
DUCKRIVER
GREENWAY
COURTHOUSE
CASCADE
COMMUNITY
EAGLES
LIBRARY
TEACHERS
CRAFTFAIR

Across: 1 ARM, 4 LIES, 6 ENTER, 8 GAME, 9 LID, Down: 1 ALE, 2 RING, 3 METAL, 5 SEMI, 7 RED.