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THIS WEEK IN BEDFORD

Early voting opens Wednesday; County Commission meets Tuesday

Bell Buckle holds an annexation hearing Tuesday, and the Housing Authority goes over its 2027 plan Wednesday at noon.

Early voting for the Nov. 3 election starts Wednesday, Oct. 14, at the Bedford County Election Commission, 100 Public Square West. It's in the basement. Voting runs through Oct. 29. Bring a photo ID.

Want an absentee ballot instead? Requests are due Oct. 24.

The County Commission meets Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the second-floor courtroom of the Historic Courthouse. One item would raise the monthly probation supervision fee from \$45 to \$60. Notaries and Ag Board appointments are also on the agenda.

An hour earlier, Bell Buckle aldermen hold a hearing at Town Hall on annexing property near Lynn Lane, Peacock Street and Liberty Pike. The board may take a final vote after the hearing.

The Shelbyville Housing Authority hearing on its 2027 plan is Wednesday at noon at the Tate Street Center.

Last week, City Council passed the Dover Street duplex rezoning on first reading and renamed West Holland Street Vietnam Veterans Way. Wartrace put off its water and sewer rate vote again.

TODAY

TODAY	Sunny, high near 86	PATCHY FOG EARLY
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THIS WEEK AND NEXT

TUE. 10 A.M.	Duck River Greenway pre-bid	100 N. CANNON
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TUE. 6 P.M.	Bell Buckle annexation hearing	TOWN HALL
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TUE. 7 P.M.	Bedford County Commission	COURTHOUSE
	Probation fee, notaries, Ag Board.	

WED. NOON	Housing Authority hearing	TATE STREET CENTER
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WED. OCT. 14	Early voting opens	100 PUBLIC SQ. W.
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SAT. OCT. 17	Webb Art & Craft Show	BELL BUCKLE
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LAST WEEK

THU. OCT. 8	City Council passes four zoning and street items	ALL YES
	Dover Street, Sevier Street, Eagle Boulevard, Vietnam Veterans Way.	

WED. OCT. 7	Wartrace defers water and sewer rates	NEW STUDY
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TUE. OCT. 6	Phothong second at state golf	WEBB
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FRI. OCT. 9	County rebids Cascade kitchen	BID 27-13
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WEATHER · SHELBYVILLE

86° / 58° SUNNY

Patchy fog this morning, then sunny with a high near 86. Clear tonight, low around 58. More sun Tuesday through Thursday, with highs in the upper 80s.

TUE	Sunny	88/59
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WED	Sunny	88/60
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THU	Fog, then sun	89/59
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FRI	Mostly sunny	78/41
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Cooler for the craft show. Saturday is sunny with a high near 65 and a low around 37 Saturday night. Sunday is sunny, high near 71.

National Weather Service, Nashville office. Forecast issued 7:02 a.m.

INSIDE

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What City Council passed Thursday, the Housing Authority hearing, greenway bids and the city calendar.

A3 · COUNTY AND TOWNS

County Commission agenda, Wartrace water and sewer rates, the Bell Buckle annexation hearing, Cascade's kitchen bid and the craft show.

A4 · SPORTS AND PUZZLES

Last week's scores, a state runner-up from Webb, Friday's football games, a mini crossword and a word search.

COMING UP

WEBB ART & CRAFT SHOW

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

CITY COUNCIL

Council passes Dover Street rezoning on first reading, names Vietnam Veterans Way

Sevier Street and Eagle Boulevard rezonings also passed Thursday night.

Shelbyville City Council met Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Planning & Codes Building on North Cannon. All six members were there.

The Dover Street ordinance covers four vacant lots at 420 to 426 Dover Street, about 1.67 acres. It moves them from R-2 to R-3 so duplexes can go in. It passed on a roll-call vote, all yes. Second reading would come in November.

Two more rezonings passed, both all yes. About 1.2 acres on Sevier Street goes from C-2 business to R-4 high density residential. Two Eagle Boulevard parcels, about 2.19 and 0.54 acres, go from R-2 to I-2 industrial. Cooper Steel Fabricators is the listed owner.

HOUSING

Housing Authority hearing on 2027 plan is Wednesday at noon

The plan covers development, policy changes and a five-year capital list.

The Shelbyville Housing Authority holds a hearing Wednesday, Oct. 14, at noon at the Tate Street Center. It's on the 2027 Annual Agency Plan, which goes to HUD.

The plan lays out proposed development, management and policy changes. A separate five-year capital fund plan lists improvements planned for 2027 through 2031. Written comments go to Executive Director Ronald Tillman, 316 Templeton Street, through Oct. 14.

DUCK RIVER GREENWAY

Greenway pre-bid is Tuesday morning

Contractors bidding on the Duck River Greenway rebuild and river overlook meet Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 10 a.m. at 100 N. Cannon Blvd. The section runs about 0.3 mile from River Bottom Park to South Cannon. Bids are due Oct. 27 at 10 a.m.

STREET NAMES

West Holland Street is now Vietnam Veterans Way

The vote was unanimous. The Planning Commission had already backed the name. During discussion the mayor called it a small way to honor local Vietnam-era veterans and said more than a thousand still live in Bedford County. He said he served in naval aviation from 1968 to 1972.

BAND

Golden Eagles band heads to Austin Peay

Shelbyville Central's marching band plays at Austin Peay State University on Saturday, Oct. 17. Bedford County Schools says it's the first college stadium show for these students. The band took second in Class AAA at the Indian Nation Invitational on Oct. 3, one point out of first.

ELECTION

Early voting: where and when

Bedford County Election Commission, 100 Public Square West, basement. Wednesday, Oct. 14, through Thursday, Oct. 29. Photo ID required. Absentee requests are due Oct. 24. Election Day is Nov. 3.

CITY CALENDAR · SHELBYVILLE

TUE, OCT. 13 · 10 A.M.
Duck River Greenway pre-bid
 100 N. Cannon Blvd.
 For contractors.

WED, OCT. 14 · NOON
Housing Authority hearing
 Tate Street Center
 2027 Annual Agency Plan.

WED, OCT. 14
Early voting opens
 100 Public Square West
 Runs through Oct. 29.

SAT, OCT. 24
Absentee request deadline
 Election Commission

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

COUNTY · TOWNS · CALENDAR

BELL BUCKLE

Webb Art & Craft Show is this weekend

The Webb Art & Craft Show runs Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Booths fill the old Sawney Webb lot on Maple Street. The Bell Buckle Chamber says it's held every year on the third full weekend of October.

It should be cool and dry. The weather service has Saturday sunny with a high near 65.

COUNTY COMMISSION

Commission takes up probation fee hike Tuesday

The monthly meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the second-floor courtroom.

The Bedford County Board of Commissioners meets Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse.

Resolution 26-20 would raise the monthly probation supervision fee from \$45 to \$60. The Finance Committee put it on the agenda with a unanimous vote.

Commissioners will also elect notaries for November and make Ag Board appointments.

Under Financial Management there's a broadcast contract for Shelbyville Central High School. First-quarter reports are due from the trustee, register of deeds, property assessor, highway superintendent and election registrar.

The agenda and full packet are posted on bedfordcountyttn.gov.

SCHOOLS

County rebids Cascade culinary kitchen

Bedford County is taking bids again on the culinary arts kitchen at Cascade High School. Every bid in the last round, Bid 26-7, was rejected. The new one is Bid 27-13.

A pre-bid meeting is Thursday, Oct. 22, at 10 a.m. at the school. Sealed bids are due at the Finance Department, 200 Dover Street, by 2 p.m. Nov. 5.

WARTRACE

Wartrace puts off water and sewer rate vote, orders new study

Wartrace aldermen held off again Wednesday, Oct. 7, on raising water and sewer rates. A new rate study comes first, the Shelbyville Times-Gazette reported.

Any increase would be phased in over about four years. In September, residents got notice of a proposed \$50 monthly water base fee and a \$60 monthly sewer base rate.

BELL BUCKLE

Annexation hearing Tuesday at Town Hall

Bell Buckle's Board of Mayor and Aldermen holds a hearing Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 6 p.m. at Town Hall. It's on annexing property near Lynn Lane, Peacock Street and Liberty Pike, plus the plan of services that goes with it.

The board may vote on final approval after the hearing. Copies of the plan are at Town Hall during business hours.

COUNTY, SCHOOLS AND TOWNS CALENDAR

TUE, OCT. 13 · 6 P.M.
Bell Buckle annexation hearing
Bell Buckle Town Hall
Lynn Lane, Peacock Street, Liberty Pike.

SAT, OCT. 17
Shelbyville Central band at Austin Peay
Clarksville

THU, OCT. 29
Last day of early voting
100 Public Square West

TUE, OCT. 13 · 7 P.M.
Bedford County Commission
Historic Courthouse, 2nd floor
Probation fee resolution.

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

TUE, NOV. 3
Election Day
Countywide
State general plus Normandy, Shelbyville and Wartrace.

WED, OCT. 14
Early voting opens
100 Public Square West
Through Oct. 29.

THU, OCT. 22 · 10 A.M.
Cascade kitchen pre-bid
Cascade High, 3035 Fairfield Pike

THU, NOV. 5 · 2 P.M.
Cascade kitchen bids due
Finance, 200 Dover St., Suite 102

SPORTS · PUZZLES

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Webb's Phothong takes second at state; Eagles go to Ravenwood Friday

Cascade plays at Watertown and Community travels to Sequatchie County.

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

LAST WEEK · FOOTBALL, VOLLEYBALL

THU. OCT. 8
Football: Giles County 61, Community 7

TUE. OCT. 6
Volleyball: Lincoln County 3, Shelbyville Central 0 25-15, 25-19, 25-20

TUE. OCT. 6
Volleyball: Battle Creek 3, Community 2

MON. OCT. 5
Volleyball: Battle Creek 3, Cascade 1

LAST WEEK · GIRLS SOCCER

THU. OCT. 8
Siegel 1, Shelbyville Central 0

THU. OCT. 8
Cascade 0, Donelson Christian 0 TIE

TUE. OCT. 6
Community 9, Fayetteville 0

MON. OCT. 5
Webb 0, St. Cecilia 0 TIE

STATE GOLF · DIVISION II-A GIRLS

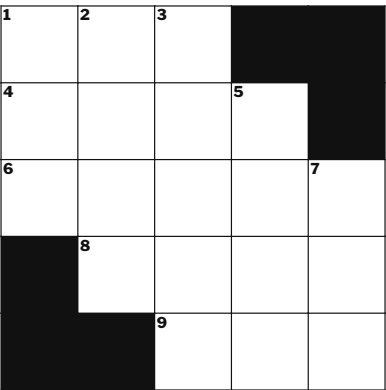
THAWANPORN PHOTHONG, WEBB
Second place. She shot 76 both days at Sevierville Golf Club for a 152.

WEBB GIRLS
Fifth as a team at 360. Knoxville Grace won with 327.

UP NEXT FOR THE BAND
Shelbyville Central's Golden Eagles band plays Austin Peay Saturday, Oct. 17.

Schedules from MaxPreps team pages, updated Oct. 9 to 12. Golf results from TSSAA.

MINI CROSSWORD



- ACROSS
- 1 Yellow school ride
 - 4 One apartment in a housing complex
 - 6 Polling places, e.g.
 - 8 Short-term office worker
 - 9 Place for a massage
- DOWN
- 1 Ride to Cascade or Community, for some
 - 2 Single thing
 - 3 Web pages, for one
 - 5 Reading near 86 today, for short
 - 7 Hot tub

Across: 1 BUS, 4 UNIT, 6 SITES, 8 TEMP, 9 SPA, Down: 1 BUS, 2 UNIT, 3 SITES, 5 TEMP, 7 SPA.

WORD SEARCH · AROUND BEDFORD COUNTY

C B C O H O U S I N G G Y
S U S R O W F G Y O N T W
A N S O A A U C O I A L A
N I O H W F G W T L I N R
N O C I E D T O R C F O T
E N C N F L V S N U N R R
X V E R G Y B U H O D M A
A I R W L P O Y K O K A C
T L A R U C C U V O W N E
I L A I C G P D E I L D Y
O E N B A L L O T N L Y R
N B E L L B U C K L E L M
T C O M M I S S I O N H E

Words run across, down or diagonally.
SHELBYVILLE
WARTRACE
BELLBUCKLE
UNIONVILLE
NORMANDY
EARLYVOTING
BALLOT
COMMISSION
COUNCIL
CRAFTSHOW
ANNEXATION
GOLF
SOCCER
HOUSING