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THIS WEEK IN BEDFORD

Schools close Thursday for fall break; planners take up The Willows

County committees meet Tuesday, city zoning appeals Wednesday, and Bell Buckle has its Haunted Evening Friday night.

Bedford County Schools students are off starting Thursday. Oct. 22 is parent-teacher conference day, noon to 6 p.m. Fall break runs Oct. 23 through 26. The director of schools gave the dates at last week's County Commission meeting.

Thursday at 6 p.m., the Shelbyville Planning Commission looks at the final plat for Phase 2 of The Willows on Dover Street. It's 20 lots on 3.81 acres.

The night before, the city Board of Zoning Appeals meets on two house-lot setback variances and a self-storage request on Cedar Glade Circle.

Three county committees start at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Historic Courthouse. A senior tax freeze study is on the Rules and Legislative list.

Last Tuesday commissioners raised the monthly probation supervision fee from \$45 to \$60. The road superintendent told them his paving money for the year is spent.

Cascade's girls beat Community 4-1 Thursday for the District 9-A soccer title. Early voting goes through Oct. 29, and absentee ballot requests are due Saturday.

TODAY

TODAY	Sunny, high near 72	LOW 43 TONIGHT
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THIS WEEK AND NEXT

TUE. 5 P.M.	County committees Rules first, then Public Safety, then Courthouse and Property.	COURTHOUSE
WED. 6 P.M.	City zoning appeals board	100 N. CANNON
THU. NOON	Airport Authority	AIRPORT
THU. 5 P.M.	Sheriff's Office Truck or Treat	JUSTICE CENTER
THU. 6 P.M.	Planning Commission The Willows Phase 2 plat.	100 N. CANNON
FRI. 5 P.M.	Old Fashioned Haunted Evening	BELL BUCKLE

LAST WEEK

TUE. OCT. 13	Commission raises probation fee to \$60	VOICE VOTE
TUE. OCT. 13	Shelbyville Central girls beat Columbia Central 4-0	SOCCER
THU. OCT. 15	County zoning board OKs three guest houses	A-1 ZONE
THU. OCT. 15	Cascade wins District 9-A girls soccer	4-1 FINAL

WEATHER · SHELBYVILLE

72° / 43° SUNNY

Sunny today with a high near 72. Clear tonight, low around 43. It stays dry all week, with highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 40s. Watch for patchy fog early Wednesday and Thursday.

TUE	Sunny	75/40
WED	Fog, then sun	75/42
THU	Fog, then sun	74/41
FRI	Sunny	76/45

Clear for the Haunted Evening Friday night, low around 45. Saturday is sunny with a high near 75. Sunday is sunny, high near 76.

National Weather Service, Nashville office. Forecast issued 7:05 a.m.

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COMING UP

OLD FASHIONED HAUNTED EVENING

Friday, Oct. 23, 5 to 8 p.m., downtown Bell Buckle. Haunted house, pumpkin carving, storefront trick-or-treating and Halloween movies at the pavilion.

CITY · SHELBYVILLE

PLANNING COMMISSION

Willows Phase 2 plat goes to city planners Thursday

Twenty lots on 3.81 acres on Dover Street. The land is already zoned R-3.

The Shelbyville Planning Commission meets Thursday, Oct. 22, at 6 p.m. at the Planning and Codes building, 100 N. Cannon Blvd. The one new item is the final plat for Phase 2 of The Willows on Dover Street. It covers 20 lots on 3.81 acres. DCC Strategic Realty Partners is listed as owner and Northcutt Surveying as the representative.

The tract is zoned R-3, medium density residential. Under the city's planning rules, subdivision plats are decided by the Planning Commission and don't go on to City Council. This is a different matter from the Dover Street duplex rezoning that passed first reading at City Council on Oct. 8. Staff also lists a joint city and county training for planners and zoning board members on Nov. 9.

AIRPORT

Airport Authority meets Thursday at noon

The Shelbyville Municipal Airport Authority holds its regular meeting Thursday, Oct. 22, at noon in the airport conference room, 2828 Highway 231 North.

ELECTION

Early voting runs through Oct. 29

Early voting for the Nov. 3 election is at the Bedford County Election Commission, 100 Public Square West, in the basement. Bring a photo ID. Saturday, Oct. 24, is the last day to ask for an absentee ballot.

HALLOWEEN

First Presbyterian holds Trunk or Treat Sunday

First Presbyterian Church, 600 N. Brittain Street, has its Trunk or Treat on Sunday, Oct. 25, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The church says there will be candy, games and hot dogs.

ZONING APPEALS

City zoning board hears two house lots and a storage plan Wednesday

It's a special called meeting at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers.

The Shelbyville Board of Zoning Appeals meets Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 6 p.m. at 100 N. Cannon Blvd.

Two cases are setback variances so single-family houses can be built on small R-3 lots, one at 601 Plum Hill Drive and one on Morton Street. Each lot is under a sixth of an acre. The third is a special exception for Cedar Glade Storage, a self-storage business on 9.32 acres on Cedar Glade Circle. The board also picks a chair and vice chair.

CITY CALENDAR · SHELBYVILLE

WED, OCT. 21 · 6 P.M. Board of Zoning Appeals Council Chambers, 100 N. Cannon Blvd. Plum Hill Drive, Morton Street, Cedar Glade Storage.
THU, OCT. 22 · NOON Airport Authority 2828 Highway 231 N.

THU, OCT. 22 · 6 P.M. Planning Commission 100 N. Cannon Blvd. The Willows Phase 2 plat.

SUN, OCT. 25 · 4 P.M. Trunk or Treat First Presbyterian, 600 N. Brittain St. Until 5:30 p.m.
THU, OCT. 29 Last day of early voting 100 Public Square West

COUNTY · TOWNS · CALENDAR

COMMITTEES

Tax freeze study on Tuesday's committee list

Three County Commission committees meet Tuesday, Oct. 20, in the second-floor community room of the Historic Courthouse. Rules and Legislative starts at 5 p.m. Public Safety goes next, then Courthouse and Property.

Rules and Legislative has a senior tax freeze study discussion and a resolution setting a policy on non-disclosure agreements in county government. Public Safety gets reports from the sheriff, animal control, EMA, juvenile detention and probation. Courthouse and Property hears from codes, fire, E-911 and county building projects.

COUNTY COMMISSION

Probation fee goes to \$60; road chief says paving money is spent

All 18 commissioners were there Oct. 13. Every vote was by voice.

Bedford County commissioners raised the monthly probation supervision fee from \$45 to \$60 on Tuesday, Oct. 13. Resolution 26-20 passed on a voice vote.

They also approved a broadcast contract for Shelbyville Central High School, elected November notaries and filled an Ag Board seat.

Quarterly reports took up most of the meeting. Road Superintendent Mark Clanton said there's no paving money left this year, so he's chip sealing the worst roads for now. Two miles of Warner's Bridge Road cost about \$34,000 that way, he said. Paving it would have run about \$400,000. All of Midland Road would take about \$1.2 million.

He also said a regional solid waste disposal fee is going from \$3.76 to \$7.24. He put that at about \$80,000 a year the county didn't budget for. Trucks now haul straight from the convenience centers to the new local transfer station, and he said fuel costs on those runs were cut about in half.

The meeting video is on the county's YouTube channel.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Truck or Treat is Thursday night

The Bedford County Sheriff's Office holds Truck or Treat on Thursday, Oct. 22, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Criminal Justice Center. It was announced at last week's Commission meeting, with county departments and vendors expected.

SCHOOLS

No school Thursday through Monday

Thursday, Oct. 22, is parent-teacher conference day in Bedford County Schools, from noon to 6 p.m. Fall break follows, Oct. 23 through 26.

CASCADE

Kitchen pre-bid meeting Thursday

Contractors bidding on the Cascade High culinary arts kitchen, Bid 27-13, meet at the school Thursday at 10 a.m. Sealed bids are due Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. at county Finance, 200 Dover Street.

ZONING APPEALS

County board OKs three guest houses

The Bedford County Board of Zoning Appeals approved three special exceptions for guest houses Thursday, Oct. 15. Each passed on a voice vote. All three properties are zoned A-1.

They're at 285 Minkslide Road, 2258 Unionville Deason Road and 290 Substation Road. Neighbors sent letters on the Substation Road case about wells, septic and future use. County staff said septic and building permits still have to clear.

BELL BUCKLE

Haunted Evening is Friday downtown

Bell Buckle's Old Fashioned Haunted Evening is Friday, Oct. 23, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the downtown pavilion on Railroad Square.

The Bell Buckle Chamber lists a haunted house, a pumpkin carving contest, storefront trick-or-treating and Halloween movies at the pavilion. Friday looks sunny, with a high near 76.

COUNTY, SCHOOLS AND TOWNS CALENDAR

TUE, OCT. 20 · 5 P.M.

County committees

Historic Courthouse, 2nd floor
Rules, Public Safety, Courthouse and Property.

THU, OCT. 22 · 10 A.M.

Cascade kitchen pre-bid

Cascade High, 3035 Fairfield Pike
Bid 27-13.

THU, OCT. 22 · NOON

Parent-teacher conferences

Bedford County Schools
Until 6 p.m. No school for students.

THU, OCT. 22 · 5 P.M.

Truck or Treat

Criminal Justice Center
Sheriff's Office. Until 8 p.m.

FRI-MON, OCT. 23-26

Fall break

Bedford County Schools

FRI, OCT. 23 · 5 P.M.

Old Fashioned Haunted Evening

Downtown pavilion, Bell Buckle
Until 8 p.m.

SAT, OCT. 24 · 5 P.M.

Fish fry and yard sale

Shiloh Outreach Church, 2547 Hwy. 64 W.
Until 7 p.m.

SAT, OCT. 24

Absentee request deadline

Election Commission

THU, OCT. 29

Last day of early voting

100 Public Square West

TUE, NOV. 3

Election Day

Countywide

THU, NOV. 5 · 2 P.M.

Cascade kitchen bids due

Finance, 200 Dover St., Suite 102

SPORTS · PUZZLES

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Cascade girls win District 9-A; soccer moves on Tuesday

Shelbyville Central plays at Hendersonville Friday and Cascade hosts Marion County. Community is off.

FOOTBALL · FRIDAY, OCT. 16

FINAL
Ravenwood 42, Shelbyville Central
7 DISTRICT

FINAL
Watertown 25, Cascade 6 DISTRICT

FINAL
Sequatchie County 50, Community
7 DISTRICT

GIRLS SOCCER · LAST WEEK

THU. OCT. 15
Cascade 4, Community 1 9-A FINAL

THU. OCT. 15
Franklin County 1, Shelbyville Central 0

TUE. OCT. 13
Cascade 8, Huntland 0 9-A SEMI

TUE. OCT. 13
Shelbyville Central 4, Columbia Central 0

THIS WEEK

TUE. 6 P.M.
Richland at Cascade SOCCER

TUE. 6 P.M.
Community at Culleoka SOCCER

TUE. 7 P.M.
Shelbyville Central at Ravenwood SOCCER

FRI. 7 P.M.
Shelbyville Central at
Hendersonville FOOTBALL

FRI. 7 P.M.
Marion County at Cascade FOOTBALL

NOTES

DISTRICT 9-A CHAMPS

Top-seeded Cascade beat Community 4-1 at home Thursday. Two nights earlier the Lady Champions beat Huntland 8-0 in the semifinal.

COMMUNITY FOOTBALL

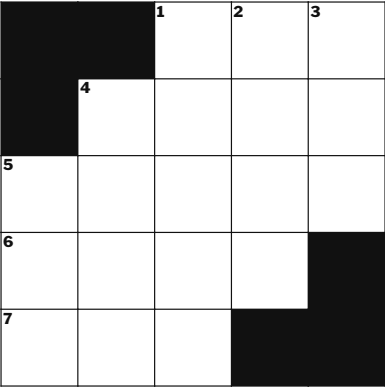
Off this Friday. Cascade comes to Unionville on Thursday, Oct. 29.

SHELBYVILLE CENTRAL

After Hendersonville, the last game on the Eagles schedule is at Coffee County Central on Oct. 30.

Scores and schedules from MaxPreps team pages, updated Oct. 17. District final from the Times-Gazette.

MINI CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Pronoun for a ship
4 Cascade scored four of these Thursday
5 ___ or Treat, at First Presbyterian Sunday
6 It's 0 to 10 mph most of this week
7 Not even

DOWN

- 1 What a marching band makes
2 Lend a ___
3 Big deer
4 Crossword layout
5 Number of house-lot variances before the city zoning board

WORD SEARCH · AROUND BEDFORD COUNTY

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

Words run across, down or diagonally.

FALLBREAK
PLANNING
WILLOWS
HAUNTED
PUMPKIN
ZONING
PROBATION
CHIPSEAL
CASCADE
COMMUNITY
EAGLES
DISTRICT
FOOTBALL
STORAGE

Across: 1 SHE, 4 GOAL, 5 TRUNK, 6 WIND, 7 ODD. Down: 1 SOUND, 2 HAND, 3 ELK, 4 GRID, 5 TWO.