



Bell Buckle Park

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Need a great Christmas gift? We have the answer!

Our newly published cookbook, compiled by Bell Buckle Park Board members, is just what you are looking for. The book contains nine sections filled with recipes from the fabulous cooks of Bell Buckle.

Interesting features of the book are the sections giving a short history of Bell Buckle with pictures showing “then” and “now” views of our town. Also included are pictures of historic homes that are accompanied with brief descriptions of the architecture taken from a publication of the National Register of Historic Places.

The cookbooks are going fast. Books are still available, at this time, in the Bell Buckle Town Hall, the Bell Buckle Café, Phillips General Store and Bluebird Antiques and Ice Cream Parlor. Don't miss getting your copy! Price is \$10.00.

All proceeds from the sale of the cookbooks go directly to the park fund.



Mr. & Mrs. Ted Daniel finish planting Philip's tree.

First Arboretum Tree Planted

The first tree of the Bell Buckle Park Arboretum was planted in memory of Philip Daniel, a member of the Bell Buckle Volunteer Fire Department who died in an automobile accident on Christmas Eve last year.

Since October was Fire Safety and Prevention Month, the members of the Fire Department thought it appropriate that a flowering dogwood be the first tree planted in the park's arboretum. Fire Chief Mary Lokey concluded the Memorial Ceremony with a tree blessing.

*O tree, in earth and water will you grow.
In the air will your branches and leaves
reach toward the fire of the sun.*

*We give thanks for Philip and the blessing he brought upon our lives.
We give thanks, O tree, for the blessing you will bring upon our land.
May you fare well in this chosen place.*

BELL BUCKLE RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE

On September 17, 2003, the Bell Buckle Park was awarded a \$2,500 discretionary grant from the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee.

Since our goal is to have the grading of the park site completed by spring of 2004, this grant money is enabling us to begin the grading and landscaping. The grading of the 13 acres is the biggest project in terms of size and money and the most crucial element of the park plan.



Over 600 loads of dirt and fill are needed to achieve the desired contour and drainage, according to the landscape architect, Josh Henrick of Heibert & Associates.

With the help of the Community Foundation, the Park was able to purchase 400 loads of dirt from the Lowe's construction site and rent a dozier to begin the initial grading phase.

The Bell Buckle Park Board is thankful for the support of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. To find more information about the Community Foundation visit them online at www.cfmt.org

The phrase "dirt poor" has new meaning for us now.



The modified Amphitheatre blueprints are now in the hands of the Leadership Bedford class of 2002. Several changes were made revising the plan that was originally designed for the park in Shelbyville. These changes will make the amphitheatre more appropriate for Bell Buckle.

Early 2004 is the much hoped for groundbreaking date for the amphitheatre. Leadership president Amy Mitchell and builder Kay Adcock have been working on the revised plans to determine materials, labor and cost estimates for the construction.



Custom engraved bricks for the park are for sale. They will be used to create a beautiful entrance pathway. These bricks, with your name or the name of someone you wish to honor, will be placed in a prominent area of the park and will become a lasting part of the park.

For those of you wanting more information on the bricks, brochures are available at the Bell Buckle Town Hall or call Mark Felices at 389-9223 or contact us on line for information to be sent to you.

*All Contributions to the Bell Buckle Park are tax-deductible under Title 67-6-329(a).
Checks should be made payable to Bell Buckle Park Fund.*

TENNESSEE ARTS COMMISSION SUPPORTS THE BELL BUCKLE PARK

In July 2003, the Tennessee Arts Commission approved a matching grant of \$2,800 to provide assistance to the Bell Buckle Park. Acquiring this grant is the first step leading to the acquisition of an important piece of art work that will be important to Bell Buckle and its role in the arts in Tennessee. The park committee, working with local sculptor Russ Faxon, is planning for a bronze piece that will be a centerpiece for the park. As part of this program, Russ will be giving seminars on the "lost wax" process to educate the public on this art form. *Watch for information on these seminars in the coming year.*

On September 13, 2003, park committee members Florence Hall and Katherine Strobel attended a reception at the Tullahoma Fine Arts Center to honor and thank members of the Tennessee House and Senate for their support of the arts in Tennessee. The Bell Buckle Park Board thanks the Tennessee Arts Commission for their valuable support.



SECOND ANNUAL CAR RALLY PLANNED



The Second "Bell Buckle Park Car Rally", sponsored by the Tri-Lakes Sports Car Club of Tullahoma is planned for Saturday, May 1, 2004 at the Bell Buckle Park. The day's event will feature a Ladies' Auto Maintenance Class. A Mustang "Cruise-In" will also be part of the day's activities. If you missed the Car Rally last year, you will want to mark your calendar for the coming May event.

A \$20.00 entry fee per car will include a "Bell Buckle Happy Meal" and detailed instructions for the rally course. The Tri-Lakes Sports Car Club will donate all of the proceeds from the event to benefit the park.



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- ◆ **Kevin Williams of Williams Nursery** for donating the dogwood tree planted in the arboretum in memory of Philip Daniel.
- ◆ **Park Board member Larry Lowman and Bridlewood Farm** for donating, planting and mulching eight of the new trees at the park.



Let's check the tree planting plan first.



This is the spot, boys!



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you may log onto our web site, www.bellbucklepark.info and click on "Contact Us"

BELL BUCKLE PARK RECEIVES GRANT FROM TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The Bell Buckle Tree Board received news in June that a \$5,000 matching grant was awarded to Bell Buckle. The Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Forestry Division announced the award just days after the Park Groundbreaking Ceremonies. Bell Buckle is in a favorable position to receive such grants since it has achieved the Tree City USA designation for the last three years . By the way, Bell Buckle is the smallest town in Tennessee to be named a Tree City.

This grant money is to be used to create an arboretum at the park . A list of trees to be included in the arboretum, which will be located within the park, was compiled by the Tree Board Chairman, Eugene Strobel and members of the board. All of the trees on the list are species of trees native to Tennessee.

To qualify for arboretum status, there must be a minimum of 30 different species of trees which are labeled to denote the common name and the scientific name. There are four existing trees that will be included in the 30. These trees are a White Oak, Elm, Hackberry and Red Oak.

The 26 new trees are listed below with their prices.

Arboretum Trees

Red Maple	\$ 60 *	Bald Cypress	150
Sugar Maple	65 *	Greenspire Linden	190
Hop Hornbeam	150 *	Canadian Hemlock	275
Autumn Purple Ash	85	Black Cherry	90
Catalpa	85	Trident Maple	220
American Holly	85 *	Heritage River Birch	44 *
Sweet Gum	65 *	Eastern Redbud	60 *
Tulip Poplar	90 *	White Dogwood	72 *
Southern Magnolia	95 *	Eastern Red Cedar	150
Dawn Redwood	150	Leyland Cypress	195
Black Gum	100	Pink Flowering Crabapple	70
American Sycamore	120	Sourwood	80
White Pine	145	Sassafras	65

* **These trees have been donated**

Trees may be purchased by the general public as a donation for the park. Trees purchased as memorials or in honor of an individual or group will have special markers. To purchase trees, contact Jenny Hunt, Chairman of the Park Board (931-389-6784) or Eugene Strobel, Chairman of the Tree Board. (931-389-9427)

