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### CANDLELIGHT VIGIL HONORS WILL WARNER



A candlelight vigil honored the late Will Warner on the Bedford County Courthouse lawn Friday night. Left, Will's mother Christy West Warner (center), Heather Johns and Jason Grant show T-shirts bearing a favorite expression of Will's. At right, Will's father James Warner addresses the crowd. See more photos inside today's T-G.



T-G Photos by David Melson

## Shelbyville hires new planning director

By **ZOË HAGGARD**  
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Waleed Albakry has visited the middle Tennessee area for 14 years. It's a long way from Canada, where he's lived since 2004 and an even longer way from Alexandria, Egypt, where he was born.

And with his older brother, Mohammed Albakry Ph.D., not too far away—working as a professor of English and applied linguistics at Middle Tennessee State University—Albakry says this area has always felt like home. It's also an area in constant movement and development, which is something Albakry looks to utilize as Shelbyville's Planning and Community Development Director, a position he began last Tuesday.

Previously, Kevin Chastine, of Griggs and Maloney, served as the interim planning director, working closely with Shelbyville City Manager Joshua Ray, whose role is to provide support and direction to department heads based on the policy and vision set by Shelbyville City Council.

Working as a team with Ray,

Albakry's role will be to focus on short-term and long-term planning. "The short-term includes the day-to-day operations of building development, residential development, planning, and community support. The long-term processes include determine best uses for different parts of the city, updating ordinances, and working with community partners on enrichment projects," Ray said.

The City stated that Albakry's annual salary will be \$75,000.

When a city is well laid out, Albakry said, it makes residents and visitors more social. And when they're more social, there's more economic development and the ability to thrive.

Previously serving as senior planner for the city of Kingston in Ontario, Canada, Albakry said he wants to implement "new visions" for Shelbyville, which includes smart growth. This utilizes the space and buildings Shelbyville already has, saving both land and money. This, in addition to making the city more pedestrian friendly, adding bike lanes and more landscaping, and incorporat-

ing the many empty buildings, will also be in the dialogue to make Shelbyville more appealing for new and lifelong residents.

But most importantly, Albakry emphasized, Shelbyville needs to maintain its identity. It does not need to become another Nashville—which is unlikely in this lifetime, according to Albakry—but it does need to meet the demands of the future and needs of the people moving here.

"What it really boils down to is having this kind of building into your history, preserving your identity—preserving your green space, for example—and having mixed uses. You don't have to have everything isolated," Albakry said.

This has been brought up before as Ray, Chamber CEO Lacey Deeds, and Celebration CEO Warren Wells—all of whom are new in their leadership positions—said they look to utilize facilities, like the Celebration grounds, the whiskey distilleries, and the historic downtown, year-round.

Albakry said he also plans to maintain the identity of Shelbyville through collaboration and commu-

nication with the City and community. "First, we have to have personal connections, so know each other. And have a system to get everyone at the table for every major application, so that it's all like a team effort. Once we build this, it's great for the community and for us because it can streamline work. And also, once we have this trust, it's easier to express opinions," Albakry said.

In the upcoming months, he said he's looking forward to hearing people's ideas that may have otherwise not been heard before, all while being transparent with the community about the city's plans. For now, as he settles in, Albakry said he plans to observe and get to know people here in the community as well as organize the city's planning documents into a digital catalogue.

City manager Ray said, "Waleed is intelligent, experienced, and has an energy about him that resonates with who he is. These traits will allow him to have a positive impact on our team and our Shelbyville."

### RETIREMENT PLANS IN ORDER



Submitted Photo

Connie Cook will retire from her position as Bedford County Assessor of Property office's GIS manager at the end of August. She said she's very happy that she will get to spend more time with her grandchildren, hence the office T-shirts to mark the upcoming occasion. See more pictures on page 2.

## Nurse finds meth, pills on patient

By **DAVID MELSON**  
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Approximately 3.5 grams of methamphetamine and several non-prescribed pills were confiscated from a suspect Friday morning, Shelbyville police said.

A driver was clocked at 43 mph in a 35 mph zone at 4:25 a.m. on North Main Street. The driver, who wasn't charged, told a 911 dispatcher he was driving a friend with a medical emergency to Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital.

Officer Bailey Dineen followed them to the hospital and later questioned the man with the medical problem, a police report said.

The man, Charles Jackson Dempsey, 29, of Center Street in Normandy, said he had been given a pill at a Shelbyville home and remembered nothing afterwards.

A nurse trying to find identification on Dempsey found bags containing the pills and meth, police said.

Dempsey was charged with possession of schedule II and IV drugs and was held on \$6,000 bond after his hospital release.

### Rising COVID numbers

Editor's Note: Bedford County has on record as of today over 300 active COVID-19 cases. Of those nearly 50 were new, according to Tennessee Health Department.



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OBITUARIES

Patricia Louise 'Pat' Farris

August 24, 2021

Funeral services for Patricia Louise (Pat) Farris, age 62, of Shelbyville, will be held 1 p.m. Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Bro. Jimmy Gray officiating. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. She passed from this life Friday, August 20, 2021.

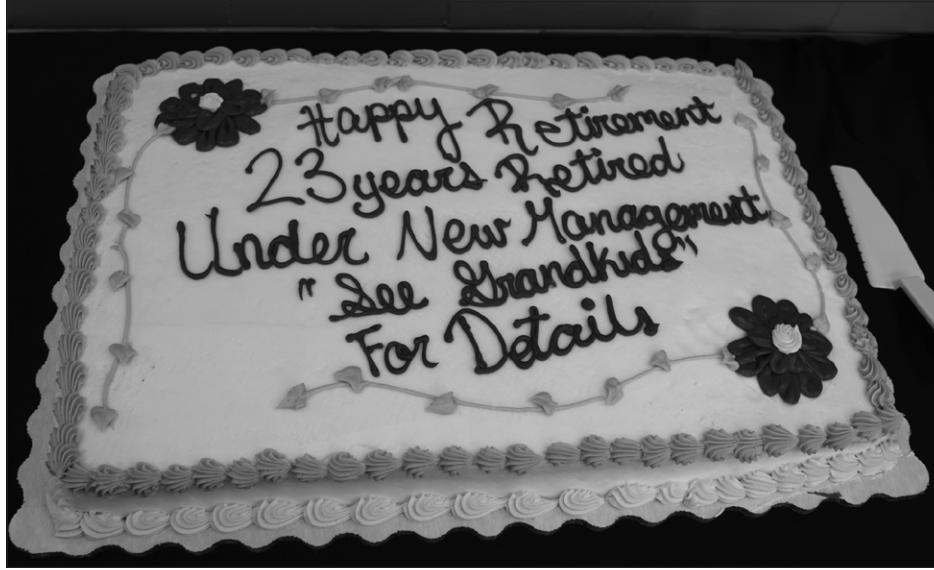
Visitation will begin at 11 a.m.

Mrs. Farris was born on June 1, 1959 to the late Vernon Estell Warren and Betty Lou Bledsoe Warren who survives. She was a registered nurse for 40 years, always caring for others before herself. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and was longtime member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Mrs. Farris is survived by her husband of 40 years David Farris Sr.; children David Farris Jr., Lesley (Shaun) Maillet, one grandchild Kaleb Maillet; siblings Timmy (Michelle) Warren of Chapel Hill, Carol Troue, Vickey Blackman of Richmond, and Jim (Jan) Bledsoe of Shelbyville. Along with her father she was preceded in death by her brother Randy Warren.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105-9959.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family. www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com



COOK TO RETIRE

Bedford County Government Photos Bedford County Assessor of Property Ronda Clanton and staff honored co-worker Connie Cook Friday, Aug. 20, on the occasion of her forthcoming retirement. Cook will retire from her position as the office's GIS manager at the end of August. Front row, from left, Paige Beech, Emily Hodges, Connie Cook, Ronda Clanton. Back row, left to right, Drew Reed, Rachael Brown, Teresa Butler and Larry Morton.

Did you know?

Modern cars are technological marvels, and it turns out drivers may value tech over all else, including their choice of automaker. A 2017 study from Autotrader asked 1,000 participants an assortment of questions about technology and car buying. Roughly 60 percent of millennial car shoppers and more than 40 percent of baby boomers indicated they would switch vehicle brands just to get the technology features they want. Drivers are even willing to pay extra for their preferred tech. The Autotrader study found that the average shopper would pay an extra \$2,276 to get the right tech features.

Crowd attends vigil for Will Warner



A crowd gathered at Bedford County Courthouse on Friday night to honor Will Warner of Shelbyville, whose body was found with Aug. 13 in Nashville.

Attendees held lighted candles to honor the memory of Will Warner.

T-G Photos by David Melson



Among the crowd were, from left, Havyn Huggler, Brooke Anne Farrar, Shelby Henson and Haley Bobo.



Three former football coaches of Will Warner were at the event. Seated from left are Will's grandfather Aaron West, Lloyd Taylor and Jimmy Darden.



Those honoring Will Warner hold lighted candles as the sun sets over Shelbyville.

**POLICE BLOTTER**

By **DAVID MELSON**  
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**Shoplifting**

A man with more than \$300 worth of allegedly-stolen items on him Saturday at Walmart was charged with shoplifting, according to police.

**Cameron Letrell** Johnson, 34, of Lewisburg posted \$1,500 bond.

**Theft**

A subwoofer was stolen overnight Thursday from a vehicle in the 1100 block of West Lane Street, police were told.

**Jail intake**

The following were charged since Friday by the Bedford County Sheriff's Office, Shelbyville Police Department, Tennessee Highway Patrol or 17th Judicial District Drug Task Force. They are only charged; guilt or innocence will be determined by the

courts.,  
 •Chasity Nicole Anderson, 42, Thompson Creek Road; move over law; summons issued  
 •Daniel Blaine Armstrong, 47, Scales Road; probation revocation; released, \$2,500 bond  
 •Joshua Emanuel Bailey, 21, Jefferson Street; financial responsibility, driving on suspended license (fourth offense), light law; summons issued  
 •Michael James Brown, 31, Readyville; failure to appear; held, \$1,500 bond  
 •Joshua Allen Bryson, 33, Green Lane; speeding, financial responsibility, driving on suspended license; citations issued  
 •Daniel Rodriguez Cruz, 34, La Vergne; violation of probation; released, \$1,500 bond  
 •Charles Jackson Dempsey, 29, Center Street, Normandy; possession of schedule II, IV drugs; held, \$6,000 bond  
 •Roman Estabon Diaz,

33, Dover Street; speeding, DUI, driving on suspended license; held, \$4,000 bond  
 •Brenda Katherine Fanning, 36, Highway 82 East; driving on suspended license; released, \$1,000 bond  
 •Roberto N. Francisco Domingo, 34, East Highland Street; domestic assault, vandalism; held, \$4,000 bond  
 •Brook Marie Fults, 29, Ray Street; aggravated domestic assault; released, \$5,000 bond  
 •Christopher Gomez, 22, Waycross Drive; domestic assault, stalking; released, \$4,000 bond  
 •Keith Rozelle Harris Jr., 26, Neeley Avenue; domestic assault; released, \$2,500 bond  
 •Pedro Pablo Hernandez, 37, Eagle Boulevard; public intoxication; released, \$500 bond  
 •Lakisha Shantelle Holman, 38, Belmont Avenue; light law, driving on revoked license, finan-

cial responsibility; released, \$3,000 bond  
 •Cameron Letrell Johnson, 34, Lewisburg; shoplifting; released, \$1,500 bond  
 •Justin Paul Logan, 42, Bradyville; violation of probation; held, no bond  
 •Ashley Dawn Marsh, 36, Highway 64 West; driving on suspended license, financial responsibility, hands-free law; summons issued  
 •Martin Martia Mateo, 20, Dunnaway Street; no driver's license, speeding; summons delivered  
 •Jamien Nicholar Pellar, 20, Haskins Chapel Road; financial responsibility, driving on suspended license; summons issued  
 •Manuel Saban Picornio, 36, Nashville; DUI, failure to maintain lane, no driver's license; released, \$2,000 bond  
 •Fred Wayne Putt JR., 55, Warners Bridge Road; driving on suspended license (fourth offense), financial

responsibility, light law; released, no bond  
 •Blandy Maribel Rivas, 24, Maplewood Drive; no driver's license, failure to yield; summons issued  
 •Ana L. Galindo Roblero, 42, Apache Place; no driver's license, financial responsibility, speeding; summons issued  
 •Adolfo Diego Sebastian, 49, Archery Lane; probation revocation; released on recognizance  
 •Thomas Melvin Smythe, 61, Belmont Avenue; aggravated domestic assault; held, \$5,000 bond  
 •Carley Alicia Stella, 30,

Kokomo, Indiana; domestic assault; released, \$2,500 bond  
 •Richard Andrew Varner Jr., 29, Saddlewood Drive; show cause hearing, violation of probation; released, \$1,500 bond  
 •Asuncion Nave Velez, 45, Petersburg; driving on revoke dlicense (fifth offense), light law, financial responsibility; held, \$2,500 bond  
 •Roger Dale Ward, 60, Highway 82 South; DUI, implied consent, possession of handgun while under the influence (two counts), driver to exercise due care; released, \$4,000 bond

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**22 dead, many missing after 17 inches of rain in Tennessee**

*Editor's Note: Bedford County Emergency Medical officials said Sunday the state has strike teams that get dispatched to disasters like the flooding in Waverly. The regional strike team has not yet been deployed, officials said.*

Officials commented, "It is an absolute horrible situation for that community."

By **JONATHAN MATTISE and JEFFREY COLLINS**

WAVERLY, Tenn. (AP) — At least 22 people were killed and rescue crews searched desperately Sunday amid shattered homes and tangled debris for dozens of people still missing after record-breaking rain sent floodwaters surging through Middle Tennessee.

Saturday's flooding in rural areas took out roads, cellphone towers and telephone lines, leaving families uncertain about whether their loved ones survived the unprecedented deluge. Emergency workers were searching door to door, said Kristi Brown, a coordinator for health and safety supervisor with Humphreys County Schools.

Many of the missing live in the neighborhoods where the water rose the fastest, said Humphreys County Sheriff Chris Davis, who confirmed the 22 fatalities in his county. The names of the missing were on a board in the county's emergency center and listed on a city department's Facebook page.

"I would expect, given the number of fatalities, that we're going to see mostly recovery efforts at this point rather than rescue efforts," Tennessee Emergency Management Director Patrick Sheehan said.

The dead included twin babies who were swept from their father's arms, according to surviving family members, and a foreman at county



music star Loretta Lynn's ranch. The sheriff of the county of about 18,000 people some 60 miles (96 kilometers) west of Nashville said he lost one of his best friends.

Up to 17 inches (43 centimeters) of rain fell in Humphreys County in less than 24 hours Saturday, shattering the Tennessee record for one-day rainfall by more than 3 inches (8 centimeters), the National Weather Service said.

Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee toured the area, calling it a "devastating picture of loss and heartache." He stopped on Main Street in Waverly where some homes were washed off their foundations and people were sifting through their water-logged possessions. All around the county were debris from wrecked cars, demolished businesses and homes and a chaotic, tangled mix of the things inside.

Shirley Foster cried as the governor walked up. She said she just learned a friend from her church was dead.

"I thought I was over the shock of all this. I'm just tore up over my friend. My house is nothing, but my friend is gone," Foster told the governor.

The hardest-hit areas saw double the rain that area of Middle Tennessee had in the previous worst-case sce-

nario for flooding, meteorologists said. Lines of storms moved over the area for hours, wringing out a record amount of moisture — a scenario scientists have warned may be more common because of global warming.

The playground at Jason Chapel Church is covered in debris following heavy rainfall and flooding Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021, in Dickson, Tenn. (Josie Norris/The Tennessean via AP)

The downpours rapidly turned the creeks that run behind backyards and through downtown Waverly into raging rapids. Business owner Kansas Klein stood on a bridge Saturday in the town of 4,500 people and saw two girls who were holding on to a puppy and clinging to a wooden board sweep past, the current too fast for anyone to grab them. He hadn't found out what happened to them.

Not far from the bridge, Klein told The Associated Press by phone that dozens of buildings in a low-income housing area known as Brookside appeared to have borne the brunt of the flash flood from Trace Creek.

"It was devastating; buildings were knocked down, half of them were destroyed," Klein said. "People were pulling out bodies of people who had drowned and didn't make it out."

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*Nancy Holman*  
**Member Services Representative**

**Q:** Hello. I heard Heritage South has a community event coming up. Can you tell me more?

**A:** Yes. Heritage South is having our annual Crafts (and More!) Festival on Saturday, September 25th at our Shelbyville office at 736 North Main Street. The craft fair runs from 8:00am-2:00pm and will feature a wide variety of original and handmade crafts or goods from local vendors. We will even have a food truck or two there. If you would like to learn more, or know someone who would like to be a vendor at the craft fair, visit our website: [www.heritatesouth.org/crafts](http://www.heritatesouth.org/crafts). We hope to see you there.



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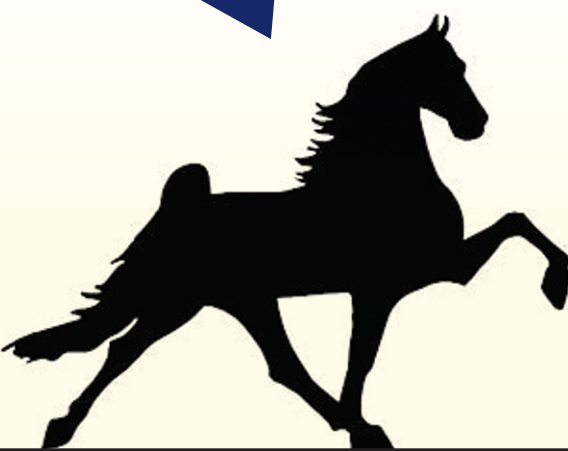


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Betty Jean Lamb

# Using paper towels

**Dear Heloise:**  
I would like to encourage your readers to try to reduce the number of paper towels they use for cleaning up messes, drying hands, etc., and to instead use something that can be used over and over again, like dishcloths, dish towels, rags, etc. These fabric items can be easily rinsed out and thrown in the washer when doing a load of clothes. While paper towels are certainly handy and time-savers, let's not forget that in order to conserve our natural resources, we should try to cut back where we can on using something only one time.

Thanks for your hints on the proper care of pets. You are doing them a great service. -- Diane in Ohio

Diane, yes, paper towels are so useful for emergencies, but there are many microfiber cloths and terry-cloth kitchen towels that can do the job, too. And you can repurpose old bathroom or beach towels for household duties. It's good to see how we can help our environment.

And here's another hint from Johnny B., via email: "I put old bath towels on the floors that connect the kitchen, bathroom and bedrooms, because they get the most traffic and I can cut down on carpet shampooing." -- Heloise

## WINDOWS NEED CLEANING?

Dear Readers: If you notice that your windows need a bit of spiffing up, first wipe off dirt and debris, then grab a bottle of white vinegar to make them sparkle again. Here's how: Mix 1/2 to 1 cup of white household vinegar with 1/2 gallon of water. Spray on the windows, then dry off.

Vinegar is a must-have in every home! There are so many ways it can be used for cleaning, deodorizing and cooking, so I've put together a six-page pamphlet full of vinegar uses that you can have by visiting [www.Heloise.com](http://www.Heloise.com) or by sending \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (75 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Vinegar, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. FYI: To freshen your toilet bowl, pour in full-strength vinegar. Leave in for five minutes, scrub and then flush. And if your patio or porch has exposed brick that needs a bit of freshening, scrub with a brush dipped in full-strength white vin-

## Hints from Heloise

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## PASSWORD SUGGESTION

**Dear Heloise.** You recently printed a letter warning people not to use the same password for all accounts. I agree. But people have trouble remembering them. This is what I do: Come up with a solid password (example, Syperman@1776), then add one letter at the end for each account; a "v" for Visa, "a" for Amazon, etc. For example: Syperman@1776v. You only have to remember the main part and add the extra letter (or letters, if you want) to make them different. -- Timothy Gray, via email

## HOW TO SKIN A PEACH

Dear Heloise: If you like to eat your peaches standing over the sink, with the skin on, this is not for you. But if you want beautiful slices with no waste, do this. (Note that peaches have skin, not peel, they are not a hard fruit like apples.) To easily skin a peach, bring a pot of water to a boil and fill a bowl with ice water. Drop the peach into the boiling water, turn to be sure the whole peach is covered and leave for about 30 seconds. Immediately scoop the peach into the ice water, also turning to be sure the whole peach is cooled. Have something to hold the skin and a bowl in which to slice the peach. Take the fruit from the water and, using the tip of a knife or your thumb nail, pierce the skin and peel it off! It works like magic! -- Glenna in Middletown, Ohio

Glenna, thanks for this useful info on peaches. We have many peach orchards in the Hill Country in Texas. You can find more info at [TexasPeaches.com](http://TexasPeaches.com) -- Heloise

*Send a money-saving or timesaving hint to Heloise, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001, or you can fax it to 1-210-HELOISE or email it to Heloise@Heloise.com. I can't answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column.*

# SHELBYVILLE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



T-G Photo by Zoe Haggard

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Send calendar items to [tgnews@t-g.com](mailto:tgnews@t-g.com), notify us on Facebook, call 931-684-1200 or drop by our offices, 323 E. Depot St., weekdays from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

### AUGUST 27

#### Cruise-in

Celebration City Car Club's monthly cruise-in will be 6-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27 on the Shelbyville square. Chase Clanton and Vintage Vibes will perform and food trucks will be present.

### AUGUST 28

#### Brannon reunion

The 51st annual Brannon family reunion is scheduled Saturday, August 28 beginning around 10-10:30 a.m. at the William Ralph Brannon Memorial Pavilion on Arnold

Road. Masks are recommended. Attendees should bring enough food to feed their family for a potluck dinner at noon.

### SEPT. 1

#### Retired Teachers meeting

Bedford County Retired Teachers will meet 11 a.m. Wednesday, September at the Urban Plantation. Program will be Engaging in Lifelong Learning with speaker Whitney Danhof.

### SEPT. 4

#### Fish fry

Bedford County Rescue Unit, 433 E. Depot St., is having a carry-out only fish fry 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4. French fries and hush puppies will also be available. Plates are \$8. Call Charles Grant,

931-580-1142, or Phillip Grant, 931-205-4168, for more information.

## ONGOING

#### Soup kitchen

Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen serves meals from 4-5 p.m. Tuesdays at the old Save-A-Lot building on South Cannon Boulevard. One take-away meal per person present, with come-and-go service only. Donations may be made to Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen, 122 Public Square N., Shelbyville, TN 37160 and are tax deductible under its 501c3 non-profit designation.

#### DesJarlais forum

Lynne Davis, field representative for U.S. Rep. Scott DesJarlais, is available from 10-11 a.m. each Thursday at the Bedford

County Courthouse to field constituent questions. DesJarlais, who represents the 4th District, will not be present.

#### Seniors meals

Shelbyville-Bedford County Senior Citizens Center will have meals available for curbside pickup until further notice. Call April, 931-684-0019 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. weekdays for more information or to place an order. A two-day notice is required.

#### County meetings

Bedford County Courthouse is closed for government meetings until November due to remodeling. Meetings of the full County Commission are held at Shelbyville Central High School auditorium on Eagle Boulevard and committee meetings at Bedford County Office Complex on Dover Street.

# Hobbies you can pursue on your own

### (StatePoint)

Whether you simply prefer doing things solo or you have a tight schedule that makes it difficult to commit to classes at set times of the week, you don't need to forgo the pursuit of new hobbies. Here are five activities that you can take on completely on your own:

1. Running: Running is great for cardiovascular health, a proven stress reliever and a fun way to explore your local area. The good news? All you need is a pair of sneakers

to get started. While many people prefer to join a running group or pair up with a buddy, this is one sport that's ideal for individuals.

2. Music: Teach yourself to play piano at your own pace using a keyboard that features built-in learning tools. 3. Arts and crafts: From cake decorating and sewing to drawing and painting, you can learn more than 20 hobbies with a Crafts membership. The site hosts over 1,500 classes and members get access to live events, a newslet-

ter and additional resources designed to educate and inspire DIY-ers.

4. Coding: If you are looking to pick up a new job skill or you simply want to exercise your mind, you can learn the fundamentals of coding by programming a graphing calculator. Some of the models available from Casio, which have a natural textbook display for ultimate readability and user-friendliness, feature built-in Python programming functionality. Get started by visiting [casioeducation.com](http://casioeducation.com) where you can find free

resources and tutorials.

5. Indoor gardening: Indoor gardening is a satisfying and calming hobby that you can take on in order to beautify your space and grow your own herbs and vegetables. What's more, you can get started any time of year, making it a great activity for those who march to the beat of their own drum.

Using new tools and resources, you can make your hobbies completely your own, fitting them into your schedule when, where and how you see fit.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

This Notice is to inform the public that the **Shelbyville Housing Authority**

in accordance with Section 511 of the "Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act (QHWRA) of 1998" and HUD's implementing Regulations, will hold a Public Hearing on the Housing Authority's Public Housing Agency Plan (Five Year Plan) for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2022 - 2026. The Draft Public Housing Agency Plan and supporting documentation may be reviewed by all interested parties at the Shelbyville Housing Authority Office. The Office is located at 316 Templeton Street, Shelbyville, Tennessee. All interested parties are requested to make comments and recommendations before the Board of Commissioners adopts the Five-Year Agency Plan and submits to HUD for approval.

The Public Hearing will be held as follows:  
Date: September 22, 2021  
Time: 12:00 Noon  
Location: Tate Street Community Center  
539 Tate Street  
Shelbyville, Tennessee

Comments should be addressed to **Mr. Ronald Tillman, Executive Director, Shelbyville Housing Authority, P.O. Box 560, 316 Templeton Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160.** Comments should be sent on or before the date of the Public Hearing.

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By: Jenni Feldhaus  
Chairman



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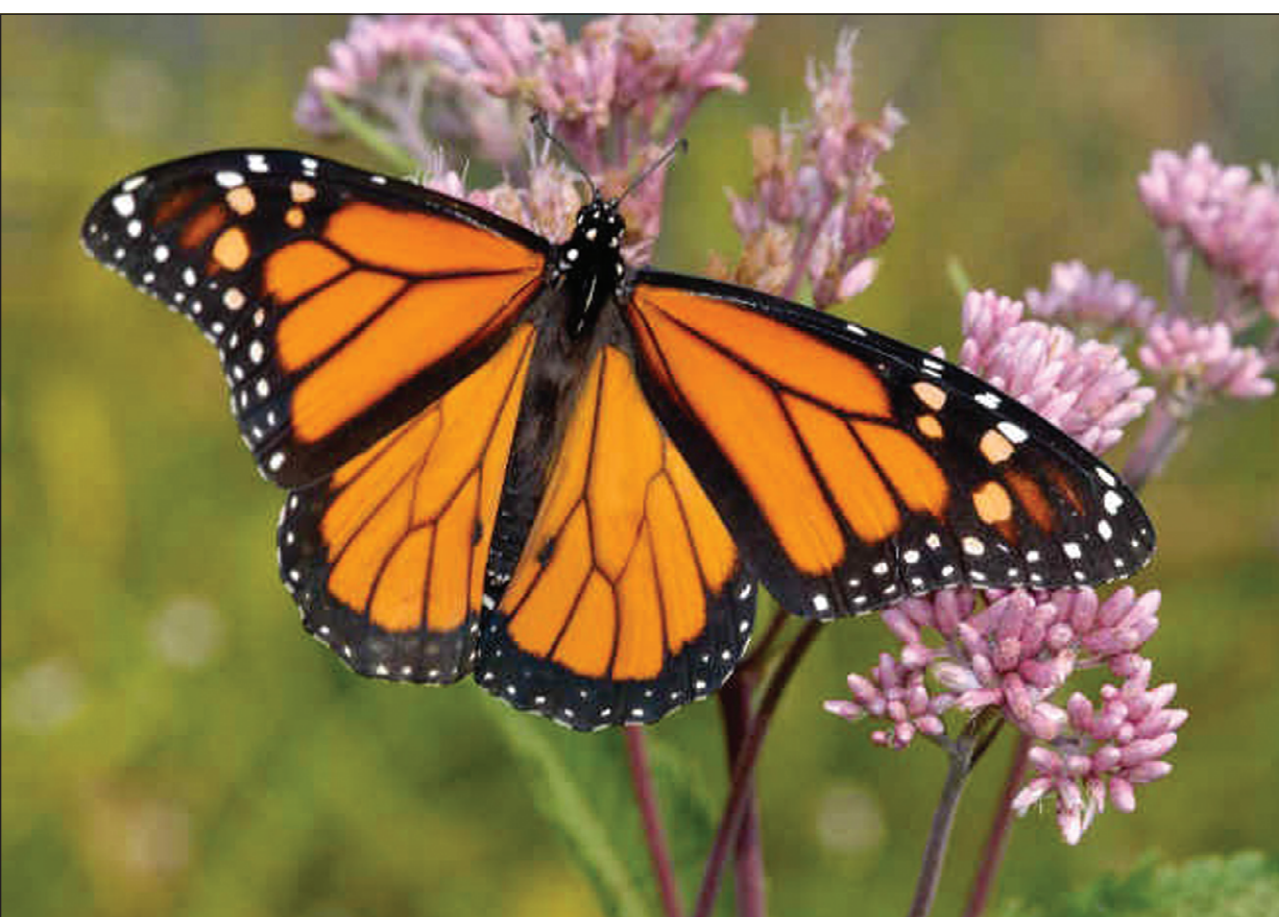
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The University of Tennessee Arboretum Society's 6th Annual Butterfly Festival will be available online beginning Saturday, September 18th. This year's Butterfly Festival will again be virtual with outstanding lectures and special video programs for children.

The festival will go live online at 10:00 a.m. and remain available for you to watch at your convenience. You may register to be emailed the links for these free programs at [www.utarboretumsociety.org](http://www.utarboretumsociety.org). Registration for this event is required. These programs will be recorded and closed captioning is available.

Co-sponsored by the UT Institute of Agriculture, this event has become one of the most popular events annually with over 2,000 people attending in 2019. Due to the uncertain nature of COVID-19 precautions, this year's festival has been filmed in advance to be presented online. This will be a different festival than in the past as there are no on-site activities, but we are excited to bring the public some great online options.

To celebrate the spirit of the festival, we invited the public to order and decorate wooden butterflies. These butterflies will be on display throughout the month of September around our Visitors Center. We invite you to enjoy this display whenever you visit the Arboretum during September.

Special presentations for children will be presented by Dr. Jerome Grant and students from the University of Tennessee Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology.

**Our educational talks for the 2021 UTAS Butterfly Festival are:**

"Of Biodiversity and Butterflies: Planting Design and Conservation for Pollinators" will be presented by Michael Ross. As more productive butterfly habitats are converted to residential, agricultural, and

commercial sprawl the need for well-designed landscapes that support the full lifecycle of Lepidoptera species is increasingly important. This presentation will discuss key considerations, design, and planning goals for successful pollinator habitat implementation. Michael Ross, SITES AP, ASLA, is an assistant professor for the University of Tennessee Department of Plant Sciences' Sustainable Landscape Design concentration and in the School of Landscape Architecture.

"Principles of Butterfly Garden Design and Management: A Case Study in Pollinator Habitat Garden Management," will be presented by Olivia Sievers Ross. The Lady Bird

Johnson Wildflower Center's approach to pollinator habitat provides an enlightening case study into best practices for butterfly garden implementation on a residential site. Prior to her training as a landscape architect Olivia was the Horticulturist and Lepidoptera specialist at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center's Ann and O.J. Weber Pollinator Garden and helped install the Luci and Ian Family Garden.

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The Forest Resources AgResearch and Education Center which celebrated its

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To learn more about the Arboretum Society, go to [www.utarboretumsociety.org](http://www.utarboretumsociety.org). For more information on the program, contact [mcampani@utk.edu](mailto:mcampani@utk.edu).

## AG NOTES

By John Teague  
UT/TSU Extension

### FARMERS MARKET

The Farmers Market will continue on regular schedule during the Walking Horse Celebration. The market is held on Thursday afternoons at the Pavilion next to the big blue water tower at the Celebration Grounds in front of Calsonic Arena.

We've had a really good selection of vendors each week, and we expect that to continue as the market continues. Produce in good supply, baked goods, eggs, jellies and jams, honey and other items have been in demand, and we look for more in-season vegetables to come to the market.

The starting time is 2:30 pm, with no early sales as long as vendors are setting up. Come to the market on Thursdays and help yourselves to some good products.

### AG ENHANCEMENT

I now have the application packets for the Tennessee Ag Enhancement Program from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. The TDA program has been a popular aid to farmers as they use the cost-share funding to accomplish operation changes that improve production, processing, and over-all efficiencies on the many farms across the state.

There are three different packets. Packet A is for farmers who want to apply for a wide range of projects such as livestock equipment, livestock genetics, livestock solutions, dairy solutions, permanent working structures for livestock, row crop solutions, etc. The definitions and rules for eligibility for applicants and their projects are in the packet.

The Packet B is for horticulture, agritourism, fruit and vegetables, honey bees, organic food production and value-added products. Be sure to study the project proposals and how this section works.

Packet C is for our commercial poultry growers. This is a limited and specific project list and applies to our broiler growers and related pullet/hen operations. This program is a big help in this county with our larger number of producers.

These packets are available at the office here at 2105 Midland Road in Shelbyville. Come by and pick one up. The information is also available at the TAEP website at <https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/farms/taep.html>

Remember that the application period is the week of October 1-7, not before nor after. You may apply online during this time or complete a paper application and have it postmarked during this time. Most importantly, read the details in the packets or online.

### BEEF QUALITY ASSURANCE

As most folks refer to this certification as BQA, a current certification from the Tennessee Cattlemen Association is required at the time of application for the Tennessee Ag Enhancement Program.

I do these certifications at the office by appointment when I'm here. If you plan to apply for the first time, or if you have a BQA certification and it expired last year or before, we need to discuss your needs and get this done. PLEASE DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE APPLICATION TIME. Let's do this now or during September. Contact me by email at [jteague1@utk.edu](mailto:jteague1@utk.edu) or by phone at 931-684-5971.

### THE CELEBRATION

It's here. It'll start this week. It's special to me. I came to this town the first time in a horse van and helped with horses all week long, staying at the barn and taking my showers in the old grooms' quarters.

We ate fabulous meals all week long as we tailed gated at the barns, went to sales during the day, worked horses early morning, showed them at night, and I was so impressed by the customs of the times. Whittling cedar sticks, which led to trading knives, seeing the crafts and stuff for sale, listening to the conversations between horse traders at the old warmup ring, eating donuts, and on and on. So many farmers of the day had a brood mare or two and raised those good foals and yearlings that would become the show horses of later days.

That was in 1971, and I never dreamed of living here then. Ten years later, we had moved here. Since 1971, we've only missed two years, and we were having little ones those two years. Of course, Melody has been to me more than I, and her mother has never missed a year.

We'll be there. This is a huge event for our community. We need to support it and the folks involved in it. The horses are a work of art, the people are precious to us, the history is a part of us.

See you there over the next two weeks!

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Ryan Inmon (3) and Shamari McChristian (58) pursue a Moore County running back for the tackle. See additional photo on page 7.

## Champs' defense dominates Raiders in opener

By WILL CARTER

For the T-G

High school football is a high emotion sport.

Those emotions are maximized in the season-opener, especially in a home game.

Coaches, players, and fans all impatiently wait for the pregame clock to strike zero, so they can enjoy the game.

Friday night the Cascade Champions (1-0) hosted the Moore County Raiders (0-1) for both teams first game of the season.

Dynamic defense and hard-nosed offense proved successful for the Champions in the 29-14 win over the Raiders.

"The defense was flying to the football tonight," Cascade coach Jake Tyre said.

"We looked at that all week and we thought we would get some interceptions and fumbles."

From the first drive of the game, the

Champion defense showed they came to play.

On Moore County's opening drive, senior Taylor Dowell snatched a pass out of the air giving the Champion offense their first possession of the game.

The Champions could not get much going on their first drive, going three-and-out.

On the ensuing drive for the Raiders, senior Ryan Inmon bolted to reel in the second interception of the game for the Champions.

"The defense turned it up tonight," Tyre said.

"The depth we have and the summer work we put in helped a lot."

The first score of the game came from the Raiders' defense.

Following the interception by Inmon, Raiders defender Keller Morey picked off one of his own, taking it all the way back

for a touchdown right before the first quarter ended.

The score remained 7-0 for most of the second quarter until Champion quarterback Elijah Arnold lofted a touchdown pass to Taylor Dowell with less than two minutes left in the first half.

Arnold went on to score two more touchdowns with his feet in the second half, but he wasn't the only Champion quarterback to field snaps.

Ryan Inmon saw his fair share of snaps as the signal-caller Friday night.

"I've been in a place where I haven't had any quarterbacks," Tyre said.

"It's a luxury that I have right now. They both play on defense, so it's good to get them a break sometimes offensively."

Defense translated into offense for the Champions all night and allowed for the run-game to take control.

The Champions totaled 240 yards with

207 coming from the ground game.

Junior Xamarion Dixon rushed 12 times for 97 yards, and junior Connor Huie rushed 9 times for 78 yards and one touchdown.

Aside from only passing eight times Friday night, the Champions were firing on all cylinders to secure the home-opener.

"It was a great team win across the board. The offense and defense both played well," Tyre said.

"Everything that went bad tonight, we did to ourselves."

Cascade	0	7	14	8	—	29
Moore Co.	7	7	0	0	—	14
	First Quarter					
M	— Keller Morey 51 interception return (Kick) :41.					
	Second Quarter					
C	— Elijah Arnold 27 pass to Taylor Dowell, (Drake Hodge Kick) 1:42.					
	Third Quarter					
M	— Dawson White 31 run, (Kick) 11:34.					
C	— Elijah Arnold 1 run, (2-pt run failed) 6:27.					
C	— Elijah Arnold 3 run (Dixon 2-pt run) :45.					
	Fourth Quarter					
C	— Connor Huie 42 run (Blake Olive 2-pt run) 3:25.					

## Vikings pile up the yards, but fall in opener

By RICKEY CLARDY

For the T-G

HOHENWALD — The Community Vikings were able to effectively move the ball up and down the field against the Lewis County Panthers Friday night, but a Panther score off a turnover and two third quarter touchdowns turned the tables as Lewis County defeated the Vikings 35-14 in the opening game of the 2021 football season.

After John Stanley ran the opening kickoff back 23 yards, the Vikings started in good field position at their own 34-yard line.

Stanley picked up a Viking first down, but the drive stopped as the Panthers intercepted a Community pass.

Lewis County took advantage of its opportunity as Dyer Barnes hauled in a 17-yard pass from Bryson McDonald to give the Panthers a 7-0 first quarter lead.

An 18-yard pass from Dallas Grooms to Stanley highlighted the next Viking possession before the drive stalled.

The Community defense came up big with a fourth-down stop on the ensuing Panther possession as the game moved to the second quarter.

The teams traded possessions in the quarter before the Panthers found the end zone.

Lincoln Brewer exploded for a 44-yard TD run to give Lewis County a 14-0 lead with 5:48 remaining before the Vikings answered.

After a scamper for a first down by Maki Fleming, Grooms connected with Fleming on a 49-yard pass play to put Community on the board.

The run failed, leaving the Panthers with a 14-6 lead with 3:41 left.

The Vikings weren't through with the theatrics as Fleming recovered an onside kick to give Community good field position.

The Vikings could not take advantage of the field position but did threaten with two first downs on their final possession of the half before time halted their drive.

"That's kind of our M.O. We've got different kicks we like to do," Coach Chris Grooms of the Vikings said.

Two scores on the first two Panther drives of the second half proved costly for the Vikings.

Blake Carroll scored on a 51-yard run and Kael Feichtinger ran from one yard out to increase the Lewis County lead to 28-6.

"We were where we wanted to be at half, but we just didn't line up right," Grooms said. "We were there, but we were a little late getting to the party."



T-G Photo by Rickey Clardy

John Stanley (2) eludes a Lewis County tackler and gains yardage.

The remainder of the third quarter was plagued by numerous penalties as the teams looked to mount drives.

A Stanley 17-yard pass play was the highlight for the Vikings as the Panthers took their advantage to the final quarter.

Carroll remained effective with a 3-yard touchdown run as Lewis County increased its lead to 35-6.

The Vikings got their

offense in gear on their next possession.

A 15-yard pass from

► See Vikings, Page 7



Xamarion Dixon breaks up a pass in the first quarter.

T-G Photo by Sydney Segroves



Maki Fleming eludes a Lewis County defender and races to the end zone after hauling in a 49-yard TD pass from Dallas Grooms.

T-G Photo by Rickey Clardy

# Webb falls at Silverdale

## T-G STAFF REPORT

In their opener at Silverdale Baptist Academy, the Webb School ran into a buzzsaw Seahawk team and could never recover after a huge first half.

Silverdale piled up 35 first-half points and coasted to a 42-6 win over Webb.

Silverdale found the end zone three times in

the first quarter, with two touchdowns coming on explosive plays, to jump out to a 21-0 lead.

The hosts tacked on 14 more points before the half to lead 35-0 at the intermission.

While Silverdale found the end zone one final time in the third quarter, Webb avoided the shutout in the fourth quarter when Justus Haggard scored on a four-

yard run.

As a team, Webb churned out 163 yards while SBA added 428.

Quarterback Weston Coop completed 6 of 12 passes for 72 yards.

Webb returns home and will host Clarksville Academy on Friday night in Bell Buckle.

Webb	0	0	0	6
Silverdale	21	14	7	0

# Titans' head coach positive for COVID

## By TERESA M. WALKER

AP Pro Football Writer

NASHVILLE — Tennessee Titans coach Mike Vrabel said Sunday he has tested positive for COVID-19 and has quarantined pending further testing.

Vrabel told reporters he woke up with a sore throat and an earache. He went to the team headquarters Sunday morning to be tested, and the result came back positive. Another rapid test also turned up positive, so Vrabel was given a PCR test, which he expects will return Monday as positive.

"This isn't the first time that we've gone through this, so whatever the protocols are we'll follow them exactly how they're laid out," said Vrabel, who disclosed this spring that he was vaccinated.

The Titans beat the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 34-3 in a preseason game Saturday night. They traveled to Florida on Tuesday and practiced jointly with the Buccaneers on Wednesday and Thursday.

Vrabel originally was scheduled to meet with reporters in person, but the availability was pushed back an hour and conducted remotely by Zoom. Vrabel wouldn't say if others also were in quarantine. He said the Titans would have updates on Monday.

"As of now, I don't think that anybody that has been tested this morning has tested positive," Vrabel said.

Under NFL protocols, Vrabel must have two negative test results within 48 hours to go back to work inside the Titans' headquarters or remain in quarantine for 10 days. That could keep him away until Sept. 1. The Titans open the season on Sept. 12, hosting Arizona.

Vrabel said he would figure out who would run the team while he's limited to attending meetings remotely, though he is comfortable with special teams coordinator Craig Aukerman filling the role. Inside linebackers coach Jim Haslett and senior defensive assistant Jim Schwartz both are former head coaches.

"So there's a lot of guys that we could lean on in that capacity," Vrabel said.

The Titans had the first COVID-19 outbreak during the NFL season last year. The NFL postponed two Tennessee games and later fined the team \$350,000.

Vrabel made clear he didn't want to take away from what he saw in the Titans' win over Tampa Bay even with so many starters watching from the sideline.

"Watching the tape after the game just really proud of a lot of those guys that competed," Vrabel said. "And that's what I want this to be about. And I'm sorry that it's not."

The Titans (2-0) have not allowed a touchdown through two preseason games, outscoring their opponents 57-6. They host Chicago (1-1) on Saturday night.

Rookies Caleb Farley and Elijah Molden made their NFL debuts against the Bucs with Molden, a third-round draft pick, starting as a third cornerback. Farley came off the bench and played 16 snaps as he recovers from back surgery in March.

Molden not only led the Titans in tackles, he had a sack and two tackles for loss while also forcing a fumble.

"That was really cool to see," Vrabel said. "The blitz was amazing. He kind of popped underneath two guys and we said it should have been a caused fumble. But we're not nitpicking."

Sam Ficken moved closer to winning the job at kicker, taking advantage of Tucker McCann missing the past week after hurting his right foot in the preseason opener. Ficken made field goals from 48 and 58 yards and had five touchdowns on kickoffs.

Vrabel said Ficken hasn't done anything to hurt himself.

"I think his leg has gotten even stronger since he's got here," Vrabel said. "And I asked (assistant coach) James (Wilhoit), 'Is it stronger or is he just hitting it with more confidence?' And James thinks that he's just swinging with more confidence because it clearly looks like like a stronger leg to me."

# Vikings

(Continued from Page 6)

Grooms to Fleming took Community out of the shadow of its goal before Stanley took a forward pass from Grooms and raced 77 yards to paydirt.

Grooms ran for the conversion as the Vikings cut the Panther lead to 35-14 with 8:48 left.

The Vikings used a

71-yard pass play from Grooms to Fleming on their final possession to move deep in Panther territory before time expired.

"I was proud of how we played," Grooms said. "It's not many of us, but the ones we've got have heart."

"They play hard. They're the hardest team I've had the privilege of coaching as far as playing until the whistle blows," Grooms added.

Community travels to Chattanooga to take on Lookout Valley next Friday night at 7 p.m. Eastern time (6 p.m. Central time).

Community	0	6	0	8	— 14
Lewis Co.	7	7	14	7	— 35
	First Quarter				
L — Dyer Barnes	17	pass	from	Bryson McDonald,	(Blake Carroll kick) 8:35.
	Second Quarter				
L — Lincoln Brewer	44	run,	(Carroll kick) 5:48.		
C — Maki Fleming	49	pass	from	Dallas Grooms,	(2pt. run failed) 3:41.
	Third Quarter				
L — Carroll	51	run	(Carroll kick),	11:46.	
L — Kael Felchtinger	1	run,	(Carroll kick) 8:02.		
	Fourth Quarter				
L — Carroll	3	run,	(Carroll kick) 9:43.		
C — John Stanley	77	pass	from	Grooms,	(Grooms run) 8:48.

# McCarron out, Falcons need QB

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga (AP) — Falcons quarterback AJ McCarron is done for the season after sustaining a knee injury in a preseason loss to the Miami Dolphins, putting Atlanta in the market for a quarterback to back up Matt Ryan.

The team announced Sunday that an MRI showed a season-ending ACL injury to McCarron's right knee.

McCarron was apparently injured while fighting for extra yards on a scramble early in the second quarter of a 37-17 setback at Miami on Saturday night. He stayed in the game for one more play, a handoff, before hobbling toward the sideline.

"I really feel for AJ McCarron," Falcons coach

Arthur Smith said. "It's tough when you know what these guys put into it."

The 30-year-old McCarron was signed by the Falcons to fill the void left by the retirement of longtime backup Matt Schaub.

Undrafted rookie Felipe Franks is the only other healthy quarterback on the roster behind Ryan, so the Falcons will surely be looking to sign another veteran quarterback before their final preseason game.

Best known for leading Alabama to back-to-back national championships, McCarron played sparingly his first seven seasons in the NFL. He made three starts for the Cincinnati Bengals and one with the Houston Texans, while also spending

one year with the Raiders.

McCarron played poorly in the Falcons' first preseason game, completing just 5 of 12 passes for 36 yards with an interception in a 23-3 loss to Tennessee. He completed 3 of 6 passes for 36 yards against the Dolphins before the injury.

Among the quarterbacks who might be of interest of the Falcons: Josh Rosen, Robert Griffin III, Blake Bortles and Josh McCown.

Rosen, the No. 10 overall pick by Arizona in 2018, was recently cut by the 49ers.

There's also a chance the Falcons might try to persuade Schaub to come back for another season. The quarterback, who turned 40 in June, attended a recent practice.



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# Tigers slugger Cabrera hits 500th career homer

TORONTO (AP) — Miguel Cabrera celebrated with his teammates on the Detroit Tigers. He took a curtain call on the road. He paid tribute to his family, his team and his native country.

It was quite a day, even for one of baseball's most accomplished sluggers.

Cabrera became the 28th major leaguer to hit 500 home runs, reaching the milestone in the sixth inning Sunday against the Toronto Blue Jays.

The 38-year-old Cabrera connected on a 1-1 pitch from left-hander Steven Matz, sending the ball over the scoreboard in right-center field. Measured at 400 feet, the homer tied it at 1.

Many of the 14,685 fans at Rogers Centre rose for a standing ovation as Cabrera rounded the bases. After celebrating with his teammates, he came out of the dugout to accept a curtain call, taking off his helmet and bowing to the crowd behind Detroit's dugout.

Cabrera, who won the Triple Crown and the first of back-to-back MVP awards in 2012, is the first Venezuelan to hit 500 homers. He is hoping to become the first hitter to reach 500 homers and 3,000 hits in the same season.

"It's something special for my country, for my family, to be able to do this," he said after Detroit's 5-3 victory. "I'm really happy." Jeimer Candelario, who

was on deck, was the first teammate to celebrate with Cabrera.

"When he hit that ball, I knew something special was about to happen and history was about to happen," Candelario said. "For me, being a part of that is a blessing. It helped us to win a ballgame, too."

Cabrera's 500th home run was hit No. 2,955 of his career, and he can reach that 3,000 milestone this year, too, if he can stay healthy and average one hit per game. Only six players have 3,000 hits and 500 homers: Hank Aaron, Willie Mays, Rafael Palmeiro, Albert Pujols, Alex Rodriguez and Eddie Murray.

His pursuit of these big numbers has become a bright spot for a Detroit team that finally seems to be emerging from a difficult rebuild, approaching a .500 record.

Cabrera is the sixth player born outside the United States to reach 500 homers. He joins Pujols, Palmeiro, Sammy Sosa, Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz, who reached the mark in 2015 and was the last to pull off the feat before Cabrera.

He is also the first player to reach the mark in a Tigers uniform.

"So proud for him and his family, and a career accomplishment so rare you may never get to be a part of this again," manager A.J. Hinch said. "We

have no idea who the next person can be to pass this big number."

In 2012, Cabrera became the first player in 45 years to win the Triple Crown by leading the league in batting average, home runs, and RBIs.

When Cabrera made his major league debut with the Marlins in 2003, he was just 20 years old. He helped them win the World Series that year.

The Tigers acquired him in a trade with the Marlins in 2007, a year after losing the World Series to St. Louis, in the hopes that he would help them win a world championship for the first time since 1984.

However, the Tigers have never won it all with the slugging superstar. They lost in the 2012 World Series to San Francisco and later in the decade went into a rebuilding mode that bottomed out with 310 losses between 2017-19.

Cabrera's hitting and his jovial on-field demeanor made him popular in Detroit, but his production has dipped significantly in recent years as age and injuries caught up with him.

While other Tigers such as superstar pitcher Justin Verlander were traded away, Cabrera's declining value and huge contract made him difficult to move. His 500th homer was his 13th this season, his highest total since 2017.

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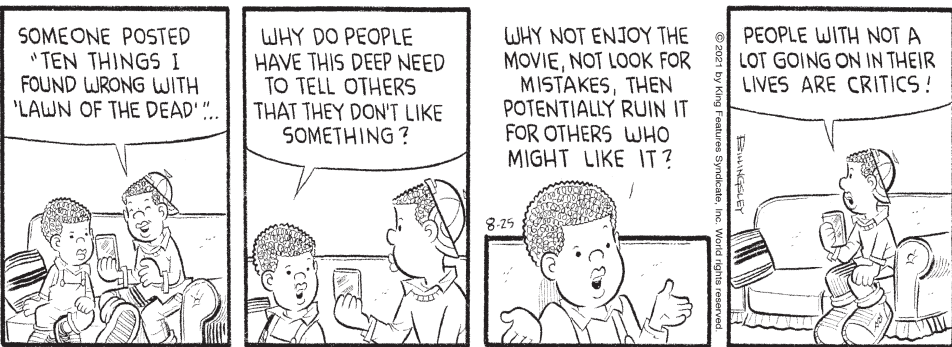
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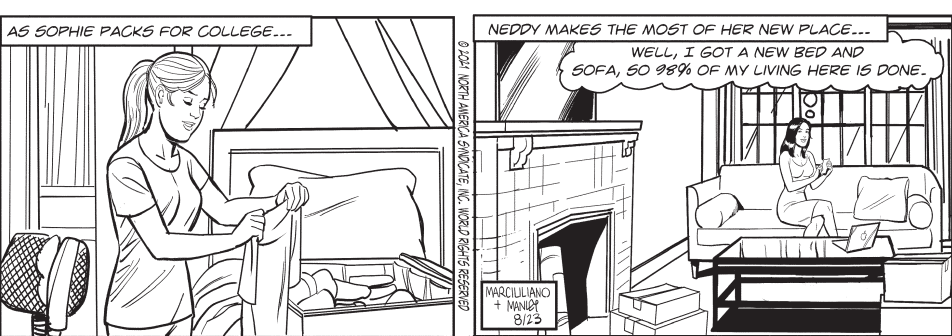
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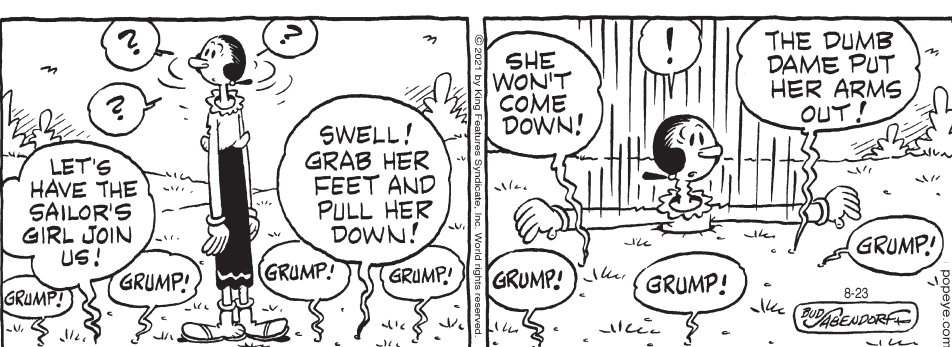
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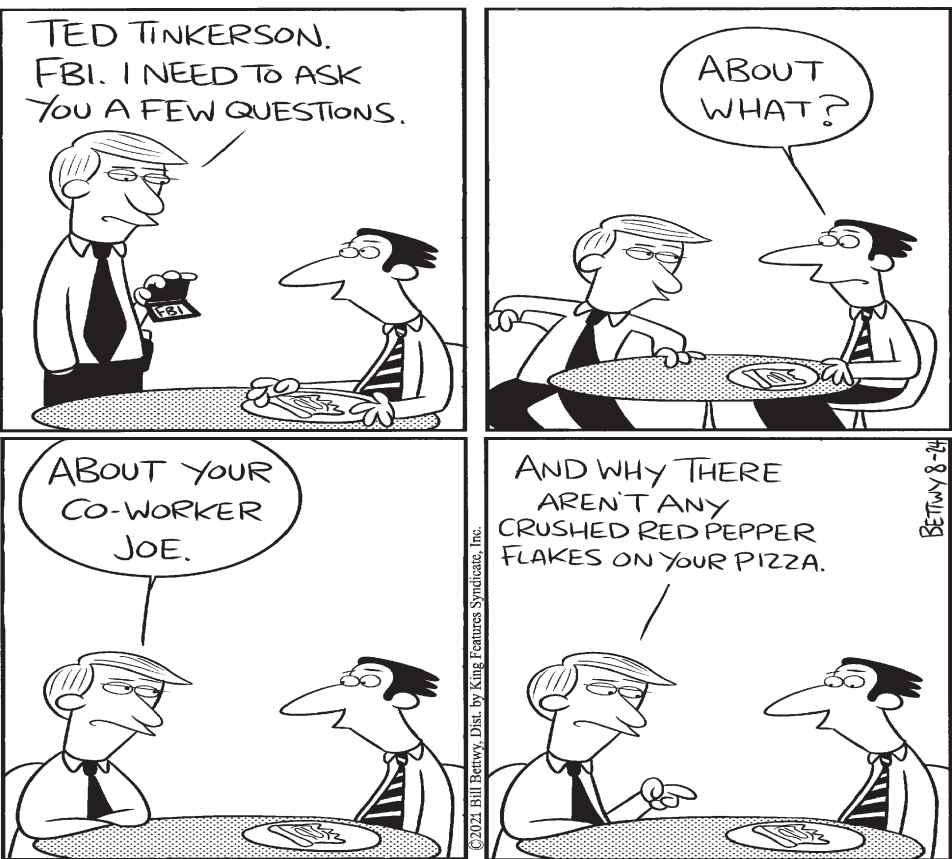
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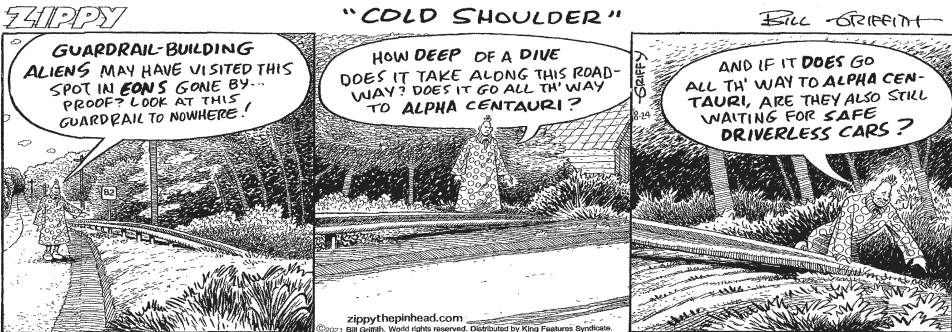
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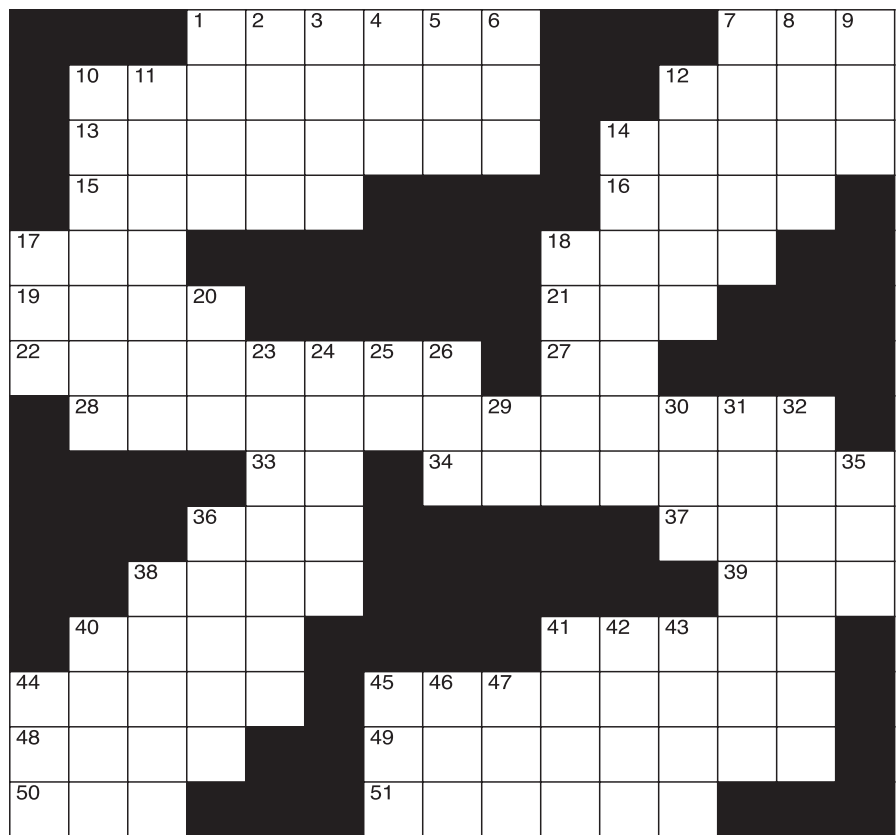
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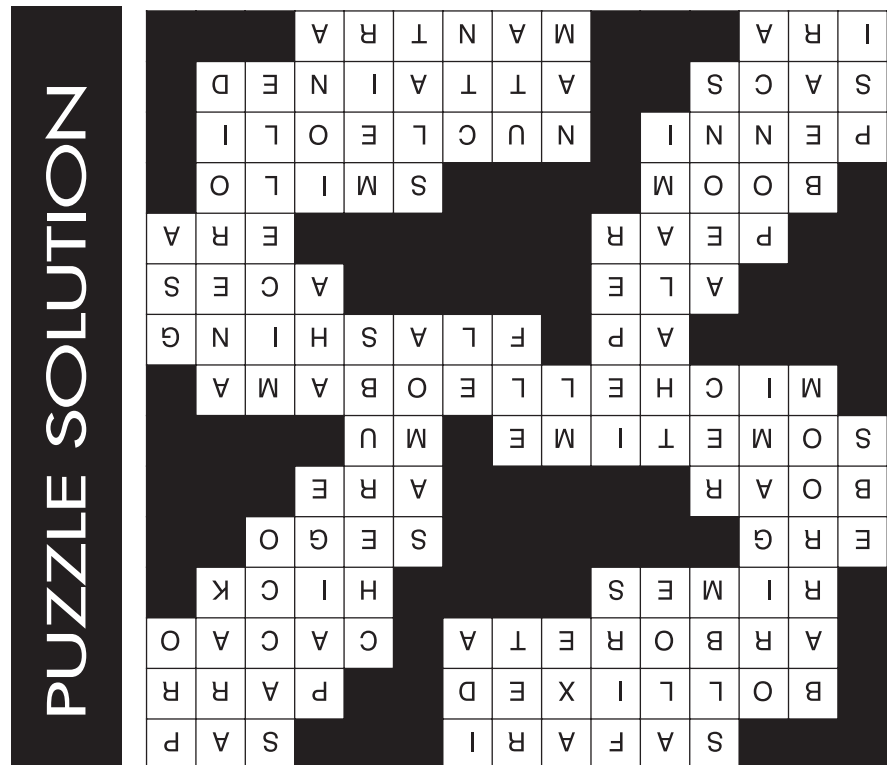


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- 17. Unit of energy
- 18. Plant of the lily family
- 19. Tusked wild pig
- 21. Form of "to be"
- 22. Formerly
- 27. Letter of the Greek alphabet
- 28. Former First Lady
- 33. News organization
- 34. Shining brightly and intermittently
- 36. Brew
- 37. Teams' best pitchers
- 38. Edible fruit
- 39. Pitching stat
- 40. \_\_\_ or bust
- 41. Baby product manufacturer
- 44. Monetary unit of Finland
- 45. Small spherical structures in cells
- 48. Pouches
- 49. Reached
- 50. Investment account
- 51. Oft-repeated slogan

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Nuclear undersea weapon
- 2. Helps the skin
- 3. Evergreen coniferous trees
- 4. Relieve of employment
- 5. A way to drench
- 6. Journalist Tarbell
- 7. \_\_\_ and Venzetti
- 8. Alcoholic liquor
- 9. An athlete who plays for pay
- 10. Where to get drinks
- 11. Japanese art form
- 12. Baseball great Satchel
- 14. Winged angelic beings
- 17. One point south of due east
- 18. Group of islands in Polynesia
- 20. A place to play: \_\_\_ center
- 23. Masses of gray matter in the brain
- 24. Belgian city (alt. sp.)
- 25. Millilitre
- 26. Beloved Will Ferrell film
- 29. Railway above ground
- 30. Satisfaction
- 31. Aggregate of molecules
- 32. Type of barometer
- 35. Type of college teacher (abbr.)
- 36. Long periods of time
- 38. Native people of Nebraska and S. Dakota
- 40. Deliver
- 41. Thin, narrow piece of wood
- 42. Modern Israel founder
- 43. Small NY college
- 44. Pounds per square inch
- 45. Veterans battleground
- 46. Hollywood talent agency (abbr.)
- 47. Popular kids' channel



ASTROGRAPH FOURTH WEEK OF AUGUST

**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, emotional awakenings may change your goals for the time being. Expect opportunities for more travel or even new educational endeavors. Involve Pisces in your decisions.  
**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, keep a light schedule this week because you may have to fit something in at the last minute. This is an easy week to connect with others as well.  
**GEMINI – May 22/June 21**

Powerful revelations can stir up many emotions, Gemini. You may need to take time out to process some new developments. Look to others for support.  
**CANCER – Jun 22/July 22**  
Elements of your health and well-being may need to be addressed sometime soon, Cancer. Other things have been taking priority and you need to focus on improving health.  
**LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, stay alert this week because bold and potent feelings may be drummed up and will need to be

addressed promptly. Now isn't the time to deflect or procrastinate.  
**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**  
You're the wildcard in various situations, Virgo. People may expect one thing from you, but then you deliver something else. Keep people on their toes.  
**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Step back and examine the big picture, Libra. If you don't, you may get lost in the small details. Take some time away for yourself if the need arises.  
**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**

Nov 22  
Explore some hidden talents, Scorpio. Something you do as a hobby or just for fun could provide an opportunity for an entrepreneurial endeavor.  
**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, you may need to step into the spotlight more often, even if doing so takes you out of your comfort zone. You can do it with the support of a few friends.  
**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Capricorn, if you are seeking a clear mind, it

is best to get away from home for a few days to be free from distraction. Too much going on in your life can limit possibilities.  
**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Now is an ideal time to clear out social media accounts and do some digital housekeeping, Aquarius. Keep the online friends whom you interact with in person.  
**PISCES – Feb 19/March 20**  
Emotions are bound to be intense for a little while, Pisces. You may be inspired to make some

major changes in your life.  
**FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS**  
**AUGUST 22**  
Dua Lipa, Singer (26)  
**AUGUST 23**  
Seth Curry, Athlete (31)  
**AUGUST 24**  
Sofia Richie, Model (23)  
**AUGUST 25**  
Blake Lively, Actress (34)  
**AUGUST 26**  
Keke Palmer, Actress (28)  
**AUGUST 27**  
Aaron Paul, Actor (41)  
**AUGUST 28**  
LeAnn Rimes, Singer (39)

# Columnist Phil Valentine dies from COVID-19

## Talk radio host with COVID regrets vaccine hesitancy

*Editor's Note: The country learned over the weekend that columnist and conservative talk radio host Phil Valentine has died. His death, family reports, was a result of complications from the coronavirus.*

By **TRAVIS LOLLER**

**N**ASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A conservative talk radio host from Tennessee who had been a vaccine skeptic until he was hospitalized from COVID-19 now says his listeners should get vaccinated.

Phil Valentine's brother, Mark Valentine, spoke at length on WWTN-FM in Nashville on Thursday about his brother's condition, saying he is in a critical care unit on supplemental oxygen, but not on a ventilator. Phil Valentine has had an afternoon talk radio show on the station for years.

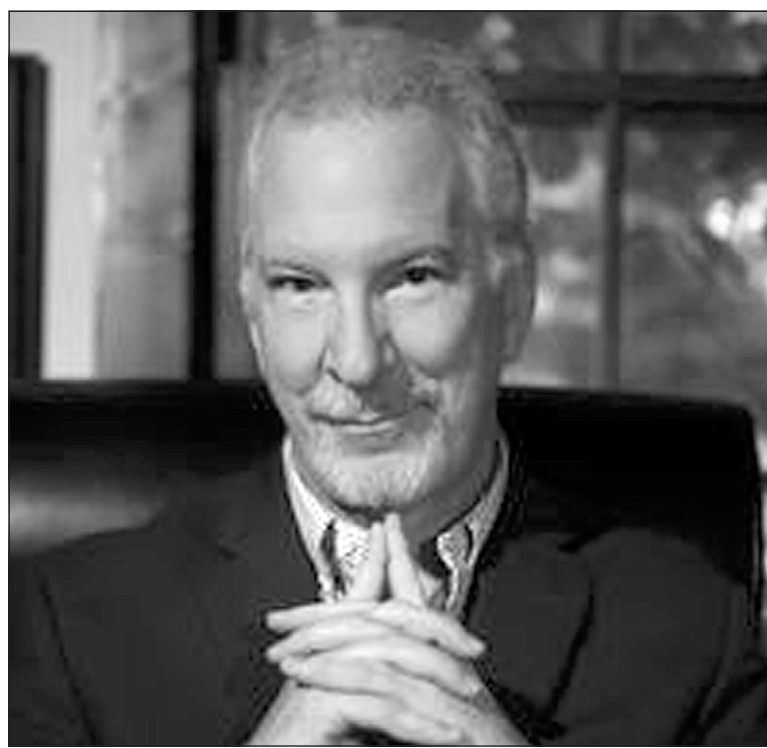
"First of all, he's regretful that

he wasn't a more vocal advocate of the vaccination," Mark Valentine said of his brother. "For those listening, I know if he were able to tell you this, he would tell you, 'Go get vaccinated. Quit worrying about the politics. Quit worrying about all the conspiracy theories.'"

Mark Valentine took exception to the idea that Phil Valentine was anti-vaccination, labeling him "pro-information" and "pro-choice" on the vaccine but adding, "he got this one wrong."

After Phil Valentine tested positive for COVID-19 but prior to his hospitalization, he told his listeners to consider, "If I get this COVID thing, do I have a chance of dying from it?" If so, he advised them to get vaccinated. He said he made the decision not to get vaccinated because he thought he probably wouldn't die.

Phil Valentine also said that he was "taking vitamin D like crazy" and had found a doctor



who agreed to prescribe ivermectin, a drug primarily used to treat parasites in animals. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration warns against taking ivermectin for COVID-19, advising that it is not an anti-viral drug and can be dangerous. With regards to

vitamin D, the National Institutes of Health says, "There is insufficient evidence to recommend either for or against the use of vitamin D for the prevention or treatment of COVID-19."

Mark Valentine said he got vaccinated against COVID-19

after his brother became ill. Realizing that he has a family he is responsible for, he said not getting vaccinated "is just a selfish position to have, and, absent any concrete evidence to the contrary in terms of side effects and negative effects of the vaccine, I have a duty to do that."

Mark Valentine's comments came the same day Tennessee's Republican Gov. Bill Lee defended his administration's firing of the state's vaccination chief and rollback of outreach for childhood vaccines, both of which sparked national scrutiny over Tennessee's inoculation efforts against COVID-19.

Former state vaccine chief Michelle Fiscus has repeatedly said she was terminated to appease some GOP lawmakers who were outraged over state outreach for COVID-19 vaccinations to minors. Some lawmakers even threatened to dissolve the Health Department over the marketing.

Tennessee continues to have some of the lowest vaccination rates in the country even as cases are rising. As of Thursday, 12,666 people in Tennessee had died from COVID-19.

# The man (and woman) in the middle

You ignored August 12th, didn't you?

That's when the world celebrates National Middle Child Day every year, but you ignored it just as you have ignored us "middles" our entire lives!

I'm the third-born child in a family of six — an only boy with five sisters.

As a tyke I longed for the acceptance of my older sisters. At times, they doted over me but other times they were repulsed by their stinky, sweaty baby brother who always had a nose full of boogies.

I was permanently banished to the back seat of our station wagon, which faced the rear window, and which is why I spent most of my childhood in a state of motion sickness.

When my sisters were teeny boppers, they, like all girls in America, were infatuated with pop singer David Cassidy.

Since he sported a shag haircut — he parted his hair down the middle and feathered it over the sides of his noggin — they were determined that I get one, too.

I became the first kid in St. Germaine Catholic School to do so and by the end of the school year every single boy had the David Cassidy cut.

When my three younger sisters arrived, and as my older sisters started doing their own things outside the family unit, I evolved into the older brother and finally was treated with a little respect.

The experience I had as a middle child in the '70s is one that few kids experience today — mainly because there are so few large families today.

In our neighborhood, a small '70s family had three kids, but most families had four to six and a few had more than 10.

Now, with both parents working and the cost of raising children considerably higher than it was 40 years ago, most parents prefer to have one or two kids, according to The CUT.

For several reasons, this trend is not good for the rest of us.

The unique character-

**Tom Purcell**

Review Columnist



istics of a middle child are honed by his or her experiences in the family pecking order.

For starters, we are good mediators.

In my family, I always disliked seeing my siblings arguing and always sought to moderate and quell them — and I still do. I'm happiest when we are all getting along.

The International Business Times reports that because middle children "are more willing to compromise and look at all sides of a question," they turn out to be excellent negotiators compared to first-born or last-born children.

Is the lack of middles one of the unheralded causes of eroding civility? Could be.

I'd also argue that we middles have a highly refined sense of humor — which is also beneficial to our national health and well-being.

Humor is how we got attention. Using comic relief is also how we calm everyone down in stressful times and improve the discourse and the general happiness of our friends and family.

I've long thought that first-borns and last-borns are generally the most focused and ambitious family members who go on to become leaders in their chosen fields, but I was surprised to learn that half of our presidents were middle children, according to Business Insider.

Joe Biden is the oldest of four, so he probably doesn't know how to use the most powerful middle-child negotiating tactic to neutralize his opponents: threaten to use their toothbrushes!

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*Eric Wright* CAGLE CARTOONS



# A COVID booster? Not so fast...

Yeah, I'll get the booster. I might even ask for a double, just in case.

The CDC, which is now running the country, told me I need it and very few, including the media, have the temerity to take on the CDC.

"A booster shot will be needed to maximize vaccine-induced protection and prolong its durability," the CDC announced Wednesday.

Good enough for me.

Not so fast. This just in, as we say in the news business.

Some other scientists, who are pretty smart and don't work for the government, are highly critical of the Biden administration's push for booster shots.

"People are still highly protected against severe disease, hospitalization, and death. This is what vaccines are supposed to do," said Dr. Anna Durbin, a vaccine researcher at Johns Hopkins University, CNBC reported.

Durbin also said that any so-called "breakthrough" infections are presenting as nothing more serious than a moderate cold. Even the FDA agrees and maintains that boosters might be more appropriate for folks who are severely immunocompromised, according to her report.

"There isn't enough data to support the third booster for all at this point," Dr. Priya Sampathkumar, an epidemiologist at the Mayo Clinic, told CNBC.

I'm not a scientist, but Johns Hopkins and the Mayo Clinic seem like pretty reliable sources for medical information.

I believe in science. Whose science am I supposed to believe? I'd really rather not have some strange emergency-approved cocktail injected into my body if it isn't absolutely necessary. I'll deal with the cold. On the other hand, I realize that rejecting our government's advice is akin to asking for a course of leeches instead of a vaccine. I'm also aware that such a stance could get me banned from social media, which I might care about if I was on social media.

In the spring, I had the vaccine, administered at the local public library, which seemed like a sketchy choice of venues to inoculate the citizenry. Who knows where those books have been?

More interesting than the shot itself was the 15-minute, let's-see-if-anyone-keels-over-waiting period. I had a bit of a cough that day, though I had tested negative for COVID. I stifled the

cough for obvious reasons. Clearly, if the overseers thought I was too far gone to be useful, my organs would be ripe for the harvesting. The government has been looking for an excuse to get its hands on my pancreas. I also hadn't ruled out the possibility of a "Soylent Green" situation; a shout-out to my conspiracy theorist friends out there. By the way, the dystopian thriller was set in 2022. Look it up and beware of Sloppy Joe.

I left the library with no side effects. I did, however, get a sticker and my vaccination card; each verification that I have been vaccinated and am therefore better than those who remain skeptical and unvaccinated.

As an aside, I do wonder how many boosters it will take before the TSA eases up on mask mandates, which have now been extended until at least January.

The airlines are vigilant about masks, less so about getting you to your destination on time. The heightened vigilance makes sense because flight attendants have a lot less to do now that they're no longer serving snacks. They do warn you that if you fall asleep and your mask falls below your nose, they will not hesitate to wake you. I saw it hap-

**Rich Manieri**

Syndicated Columnist



pen the other day. A guy across the aisle was in his fourth REM cycle when the flight attendant shook him by the shoulder. He was startled.

"What?! What?! Mom?"

The flight attendant pointed to her nose, which I suppose is now the universal signal to pull up your mask. So, if you're playing charades, you'll have to come up with something else.

Still, the question remains. To booster or not to booster? I might wait on this one, let it marinate a bit. Wait for some other smart people to weigh in. As we've already learned, there's nothing more helpful during a pandemic than a multitude of conflicting opinions.

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CASE # 33468  
AMANDA LEE ABED, PETITIONER VS. BRANDON ERIC LUTTRELL-ABED, RESPONDENT  
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In this cause, it appearing from the Order of Publication, that the Respondent, Brandon Eric Luttrell-Abed residence is unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry, it was ordered that publication be made for four successive weeks, in the Shelbyville Times-Gazette, to notify Respondent, Brandon Eric Luttrell-Abed, to file an answer with this court and send a copy to Petitioners' attorney, Debbie Z. Boudreaux, whose address is 205 West Commerce Street, Lewisburg, TN 37091, within 30 days from the last date of publication, exclusive of the last date of publication, or a judgment by default may be entered against Respondent. This 16th day of August, 2021.

Curt M. Cobb  
Clerk & Master  
(Aug 24,31;Sept 07,14)

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The Bedford County Highway Department has been notified by TDOT Bridge Inspections Division that the bridge on Zion Hill Rd. must be closed due to work that needs to be performed. The bridge will be closed on August 25th, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Mark Clanton  
Bedford Co. Highway Superintendent  
(August 21, 24)

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Stacey Claxton  
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(August 17,19,21,24)

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# NYC mandates vaccinations for public school teachers, staff

NEW YORK (AP) — All New York City public school teachers and other staffers will have to get vaccinated against the coronavirus, officials said Monday, ramping up pandemic protections as the nation's largest school system prepares for classes to start next month.

The city previously said teachers, like other city employees, would have to get the shots or get tested weekly for the virus. The new policy marks the first no-option vaccination mandate for a broad group of city workers in the nation's most populous city, though Mayor Bill de Blasio announced Friday that coaches and students in football, basketball and other "high-risk" sports would have to get inoculated before play begins.

Now, about 148,000 school employees — and contractors who work in schools — will have to get at least a first dose by Sept. 27, according to an announcement from the Democratic mayor and the city health and education departments.

"We're going to do whatever it takes to make sure that everyone is safe and that we push back delta," de Blasio said at a virtual news briefing. Schools Chancellor Meisha Ross Porter called the policy "another layer of protection for our kids," including her own 11th-grader.

The city hasn't immediately said whether there will be exemptions or what the penalty will be for refusing, though de Blasio told MSNBC later Monday that "there will clearly be consequences." The previous vaccine-or-test requirement had provisions for unpaid suspensions for workers

who didn't comply. De Blasio said the city would start bargaining this week with school system unions over specifics, and officials hope for agreements. But the mayor said the city intends to implement the requirement Sept. 27, with or without a deal.

Unions that represent city school employees said they needed answers — and input. "I understand completely why you have the requirement: There's a pandemic. We just have to make sure that we negotiate" accommodations if a doctor certifies that someone shouldn't get vaccinated, said Gregory Floyd, the president of Teamsters Local 237. It represents about 4,400 school safety agents.

Michael Mulgrew, president of the United Federation of Teachers, said provisions for medical exceptions and other details needed to be negotiated, and he raised the potential of arbitration "if necessary." The city principals' union, the Council of School Supervisors & Administrators, said it would "work to protect our members' rights and interests."

Custodians' union President Robert Troeller said he was concerned that the city had announced the requirement without bargaining. He said he believed about 60% of the 850 members of Local 891 of the International Union of Operating Engineers had gotten at least a first shot, but some others "are dead-set against this."

At least 63% of all school employees already have been vaccinated. Though that figure doesn't include those who may have gotten their shots outside the city,

de Blasio told MSNBC that officials felt the vaccination rate needed to grow "much more quickly" than it has been rising.

Citywide, over 70% of adults have gotten at least a first dose. The new requirement came as federal regulators gave full approval to Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine, one of three vaccines available in the U.S. All already have authorization for emergency use, but officials hope the full approval will increase public confidence in the vaccines.

School starts Sept. 13 for the city's roughly 1 million public school students, with no remote-learning option planned. Last year, families could choose between all-virtual learning and a blend of in-person and remote classes.

U.S. Education Secretary Miguel Cardona hailed the city's "leadership" on teacher vaccinations, tweeting that it's important to maximize the amount of inoculated people in schools.

New York and some other cities and states have been fighting the virus' highly contagious delta variant by ratcheting up pressure to get more people inoculated.

New York City last week began requiring proof of vaccination to enter restaurant dining rooms, gyms and many other public places, a first-in-the-nation policy that a few other cities have copied since it was announced. Meanwhile, New York state announced last week that hospital and nursing home workers would have to get inoculated.

# Northeast cleans up as Henri heads out to sea

MONROE TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — Residents across the waterlogged Northeast began clearing mud and tearing out sodden carpets Monday after deluges dropped by Tropical Storm Henri, whose remnants threatened further flooding in New England as the system made a slow trek back to the sea.

The smell of sewage filled the air as residents of Rossmore, a retirement community in central New Jersey's Monroe Township, returned to soaked homes and ruined possessions after Henri turned their streets into rivers.

Roseann and John Kiernan said they'd have to likely toss their appliances, tear up walls and carpets and replace their car after their house filled with nearly 2 feet of water on Sunday.

"This is what we were left with. Nothing, nothing," lamented Roseann Kiernan. "They told us that everything has to go."

A few miles away from Monroe, the whirring of portable pumps split the air on the main street in Jamesburg, another hard-hit New Jersey community.

Luke Becker, co-owner of the Four Boys ice cream stand, said nearly 4 feet of water rushed into the shop, dislodging a tall cooler and leaving 3 inches of mud behind.

"We were initially hoping to be back open by Labor Day, but now it looks like we've got to go through all the plumbing and rip out a ton of electrical because we don't know how much of that was affected," he said. "Right now there's really

no timetable."

New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy toured the storm-ravaged towns Monday, which remained under a flood warning until midnight.

Henri spared coastal areas of New York and New England major damage when its center made landfall Sunday in Rhode Island. But its size and slow speed led to deluges in areas from Maine to Pennsylvania.

On Monday, Henri's remnants were moving eastward over New England at a leisurely 6 mph but were expected to accelerate later Monday, prompting flood watches or warnings across swaths of the Northeast.

In the Catskills region of New York, Hunter Town Supervisor Daryl Legg believed his mountain community, which was devastated by Tropical Storm Irene in 2011, would be able to weather the slow-moving storm.

"I think we escaped any kind of danger so far only because of the length of time it took for the storm to move through," he said. "This has been a 24-hour period, so it's not really the same storm, thank goodness."

But downpours, flooding and even tornadoes were still possible in New England, where officials fretted that just a few more inches would be a back-breaker following a summer of record rainfall.

"The ground is so saturated with water that every inch of rain creates immediate floods and flash floods," Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont said Monday after seeing damage in the community of Canterbury, where nearly every home lost power.

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### Celebration preparations underway



ABOVE: The by-pass welcomes visitors with open arms. Thanks for the signage from Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce and the city of Shelbyville!

RIGHT: Ciera Holder puts up the tricolor ribbon on the front of the Times-Gazette. The ribbons are available from local florists.



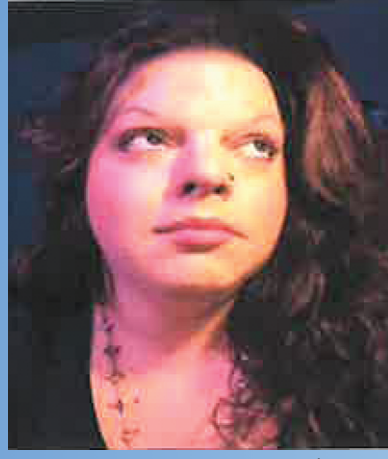
### BIRTHDAY PARTY AT FUMC

Submitted Photo

The recent birthday party held in honor of Mandy Jean was sponsored by the outreach and mission team at First United Methodist Church-Shelbyville, not Shelbyville Police Department, as reported in Saturday's Life and Leisure section. Toys will be donated to Juniors House.

## Memorial Service for Sara Stephens New Life Church

111 Church St, Shelbyville TN  
Saturday, August 28th at 11:00am



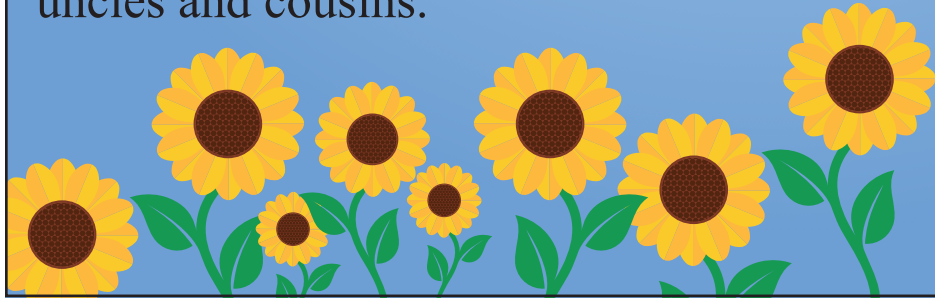
Sara Elizabeth Stephens {Clark}

Sara was born 1-8-1981 She passed 8-6-2021 cause of death a tragic car wreck in Sapulpa, OK. Sara was 40 yrs old.

Sara is survived by her 7 yr old daughter Lilly Clark, and Phillip Clark, Lilly's dad of Drumright, OK.

Sara's parents Rick and Cathy Stephens of Lewisburg, two sisters Vickie Gillespie of Ky. Tria Cassell of Tulsa, OK.

Three brothers Daniel Stephens of Knoxville and James Stephens of Shelbyville and John Stephens of Centertown. Many aunts, uncles and cousins.



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