

Small earthquake shakes Halls Mill

T-G STAFF REPORT

As most of Bedford County slept early Wednesday, a small earthquake rumbled underground near the Halls Mill Community.

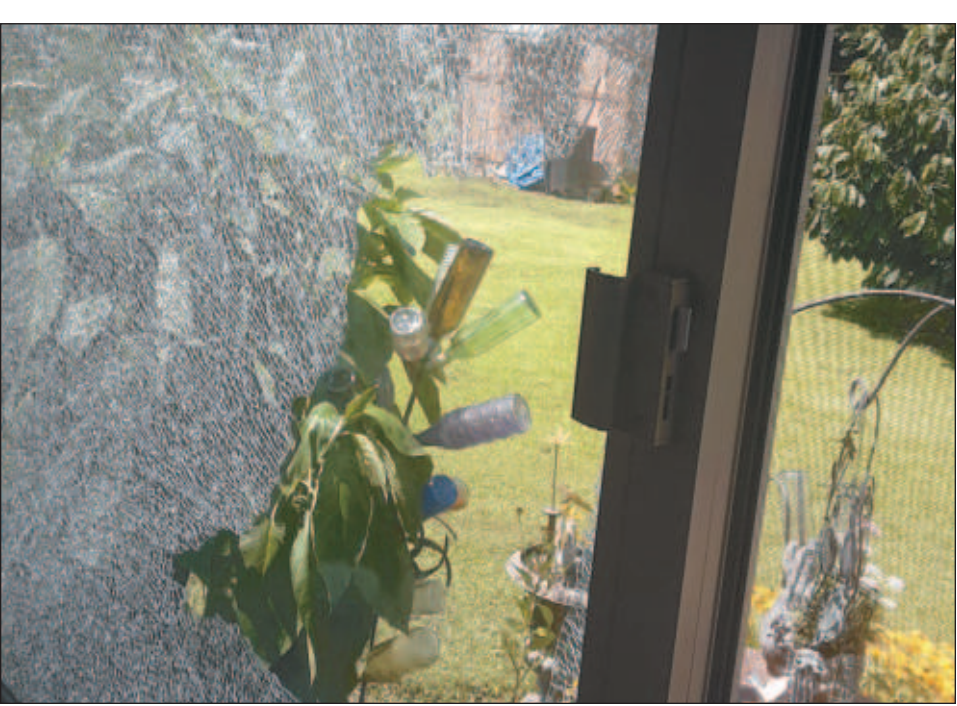
The quake registered at 2.3 on the Richter scale, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The quake occurred at 1:19 a.m. and was centered just to the north of Halls Mill Road and top the west of Scales Road.

Many residents of the area posted on Facebook they slept through the quake without hearing or feeling anything.

A shattered window at the residence of Tony Howell on Warners Bridge Road was the only damage reported. Howell said the window wasn't broken when he went to bed Tuesday night.

"I didn't think an earthquake that small even could cause that kind of damage," Howell said. "But, I had looked at all my windows just the evening before."

A Times-Gazette staff member who lives in northern Shelbyville said he heard what sounded like a rumble of thunder or muffled explosion at the time of the quake but felt no vibration.



Tony Howell of Warners Bridge Road submitted this photo of a shattered window at his home. He suspects the quake early Wednesday caused the damage.

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LITTLE TWHNC FAN



T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

Laynie Jo Leverette is all set for the 83rd Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration, which officially opens tonight, Thursday. Because her family owns Layne Leverette Stables, Laynie Jo participates in classes for her age and was also a part of a traditional stick horse show at Miss Judie's Daycare on Wednesday. See inside for more stick horse photos.

TWHNC worship service Aug. 29

By ZOË HAGGARD
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A nondenominational worship service will be held 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, at the north end of Celebration Arena. Presenting the devotion will be Edgemont Baptist Pastor Jimmy West.

West said he was approached by members of Bedford County Ministerial Association and accepted their invitation recently to preach at the Celebration because it was "an opportunity to preach."

"The Celebration is always a great time to get people together to worship and engage both the community and people out of town who are visiting," said West, who's in his fourth year of service at Edgemont.

"I hope when people come to the Celebration and Shelbyville, they will feel welcome and that it will be a home away from home," said Pastor West.

He said attendees can arrive as early as 7:45 a.m. with music beginning at 8 a.m. and the service ending around 9. Worship will be led by The Cavaliers, a gospel-singing quartet based in middle Tennessee.

Starting in 2011, The Cavaliers have been regular performers during the Dollywood Southern Gospel and Harvest Celebration in October at Pigeon Forge, performing in the Pines and Celebrity Theaters. That same year, The Cavaliers began sharing the stage with Ernie Haase & Signature Sound on numerous tour dates.

As well as being regulars on many of the National Quartet Convention showcases and events, The Cavaliers have had chart success on all major southern gospel charts with songs like "Jesus Saved My Soul" and "Nothing But The Blood."



PASTOR JIMMY WEST

County rivalry

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Kelsey Wallace, 30, dies in childbirth

Family mourns, in shock

By DAWN HANKINS
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Phyllis Ann Thompson-Green is very brave. But the honest truth is, her world came to an abrupt halt this summer when her beloved daughter, Kelsey Michele (Thompson) Wallace—one known and loved by many all over this country—died suddenly during childbirth at a California hospital.

Phyllis is now painfully grieving for her 30-year-old daughter, Kelsey or "Bella," as she was affectionately known.

Formerly of Bedford County, Kelsey was a Shelbyville Central High cheerleader and went on to cheer for Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, where she was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.—Eta Psi Chapter. She graduated in 2014 from MTSU with a bachelor's degree in education.

Her mom shares memories of how "Bella" loved working at Dancy's dance studio on the public square for many years. She also assisted in a lot of pageants.

After moving to the West Coast, where her husband, Marcus, is stationed, she went to work in human resources and later serve as "the best mother and wife she could be"—words of adoration written in her obituary.

She and husband and their two children, seemed

to be living a great life on the West Coast. Soon, it was time to have another baby, little Beaux, who would survive his mom.

Due to childbirth complications, Kelsey will not have the opportunity to blow out the candles on her 40th birthday cake or see her children graduate from high school.

Since her daughter's passing on July 16, her mom, Phyllis, has had many questions relating to how her daughter could die this day and time in childbirth. Could her death have easily been prevented?

Phyllis has researched how death during childbirth is more common than one might think in 2021, particularly within the African-American community. According to a 2019 article from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Black, American Indian, and Alaska Native (AI/AN) women are two to three times more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes than white women—a disparity which increases with age.

The CDC notes while most pregnancy-related deaths are preventable, racial and ethnic disparities in pregnancy-related deaths have persisted over time, according to the CDC. Pregnancy-related deaths per 100,000 live births (the pregnancy-related mortality ratio or PRMR) for black and AI/



BEXLEY LITTLEJOHN, BRAXTON AND BEAUX WALLACE

Submitted photo

AN women older than 30 was four to five times as high as it was for white women. Even in states with the lowest PRMRs and among women with higher levels of education, significant differences persist.

These findings suggest that the disparities observed in pregnancy-related-deaths for black and AI/AN women is still a complex national problem.

"These disparities are devastating for families and communities and we must work to eliminate them," said Emily Petersen, medical officer at CDC's Division of Reproductive Health and lead author of the report. "There is an

urgent need to identify and evaluate the complex factors contributing to these disparities and to design interventions that will reduce preventable pregnancy-related deaths."

What apparently went wrong?

Phyllis describes the day Kelsey Michele, "Bella" was about to give birth. She also remembers getting the call a while later from her son-in-law—one which revealed her youngest daughter did not survive.

The local mom was stunned, to say-the-least. This now marks three deaths in her immediate

family in the last 2 years; she grieves the lost her husband, mother and now, her youngest daughter.

Phyllis tells of how Kelsey had previously undergone two Caesarean section deliveries or C-sections, as they're commonly known, with her other two children. Secure in having a vaginal birth with the third, as she strived to bring her youngest, Beaux, into this world, Kelsey suffered fatal heart failure.

Isn't this archaic, that is for this to happen in today's hospitals some might ask?

For years, it was believed that the safest choice after giving birth via Cesarean

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DEATH NOTICES

Douglas N. Wright

August 21, 2021

Douglas N. Wright, 90, of Bell Buckle died Saturday, August 21, 2021, at his home.

Funeral service were 3 p.m. Tuesday at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Pastor Fay Tucker officiated. Burial, and additional services, will be with John A. Santeiu and Son Funeral Directors in Garden City, Michigan.

OBITUARIES

James Carlton 'Mac' McCarty

August 25, 2021

Mr. James Carlton "Mac" McCarty, age 92, of Murfreesboro, TN passed away Wednesday, August 25, 2021. He was born in Bedford County, TN to the late James F. and Albulah Elliott McCarty. Mac managed the Murfreesboro Moose Lodge #645 for over 30 years where he knew most everyone in town. He then worked for and retired from Tennessee Rehabilitation in Smyrna, TN. Mac was a faithful member of Hillview Baptist Church.



Mac is survived by his sister, Eunice Sudberry of Unionville, TN; grandchildren, Ralph Carlton II and his wife Jamie, Angela Brown, and Charles Pope; and great-grandchildren, Lane and Lucas Carlton. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Frances Neeley McCarty; sister, Jessie Hart; daughter, Judy Faye Pope; and sons, Roger McCarty and Ralph Carlton.

Visitation with the family will be Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Woodfin Memorial Chapel. Funeral services will be held Sunday, August 29, 2021 at 1:00pm at Woodfin Memorial Chapel. Bro. Tom Brantley will officiate. Burial will take place in Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Hillview Baptist Church, 3113 Lascassas Pike, Murfreesboro, TN 37130 in memory of Mac.

An online guestbook is available for the family at www.woodfinchapel.com.

Woodfin Memorial Chapel (615) 893-5151

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.

Wallace

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was another Cesarean delivery, Phyllis reveals. But now, guidelines have apparently changed—those which apparently did not ensure Kelsey's health and safety.

According to the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), a vaginal birth after Cesarean, also known as VBAC, can be a safe and appropriate option. The group also states that VBAC can work for many women who've had one, or even two, previous Cesarean deliveries.

Sadly, Kelsey's family cannot say their experience was positive, except that little Beau survived.

Marcus is now charged with raising his children as a single parent.

Bedford County was home

Phyllis and friends shared many fond memories of when Kelsey grew up here in Bedford County, during her recent funeral services. Her mother reveals that due to Kelsey's popularity, she had to have the funeral at Fairlane Church of Christ, instead of the smaller chapel of Bird Street Church of Christ, where they're members. Kelsey was buried in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens off Madison Street.

Surviving her in addition to her husband and mother is a daughter, Bexley Shang Klark Little John and another son, Braxton Andrew Clark Wallace. Kelsey is also survived by her father, George Tyron Hudspeth, and a grandmother, Marva Hudspeth, both of Mount Pleasant. Marcus' parents also survive, Andrew and Sheila Wallace.

She was preceded in death by her stepfather, Clifton Clark Green, who helped rear her and grand-

parents, Charles and Emma Thompson and William Hudspeth.

Phyllis cries when she explains how her child's life goal was simple: to be loved. "She did that with her unique southern charm and hilarity. Kelsey loved all things related to cheer, dance and pageantry."

She participated in pageant competitions across middle Tennessee, including Miss Black and Gold. So much so, Phyllis is contemplating the start of a scholarship in her daughter's memory.

She was touched, she says, during the recent Bedford County Fair, when crowns were given out to non placing contestants—something her daughter often did with her own pageant crowns—in Kelsey's memory.

Phyllis cries deeply as she says, "She touched so many people."

She says there are so many people as well to thank for their kindness, love, gifts and cards and she likely will never get all the necessary notes written. Her sorrow is a deep one, particularly given the shock.

But she wants those who shared their love recently for Kelsey and family to know the depth of their gratitude. "We are grateful for friends, family and the community . . . at this time of sorrow. We are blessed to have a loving community that loved our Bella Wallace."

Pregnancy-related death numbers

The CDC's Pregnancy-Related Surveillance System (PMSS) defines a pregnancy-related death as the death of a woman during pregnancy or within one year of the end of pregnancy from a pregnancy complication; a chain of events initiated by pregnancy; or the aggravation of an unrelated condition by the physiologic effects of pregnancy.

A CDC study, based

SCHS GRAD PASSES



Submitted Photo

Kelsey Michele Thompson-Wallace, a native of Bedford County, passed away July 16, after suffering heart failure as a result of childbirth. She was very involved as a Shelbyville Central High School cheerleader and was a familiar face at Dancy's in the mid to early 2000s.

on analysis of national data on pregnancy-related mortality from 2007-2016, found that:

- Overall PRMRs increased from 15.0 to 17.0 pregnancy-related deaths per 100,000 births.

- Non-Hispanic black (black) and non-Hispanic American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) women experienced higher PRMRs (40.8 and 29.7, respectively) than all other racial/ethnic populations (white PRMR was 12.7, Asian/Pacific Islander PRMR was 13.5 and Hispanic PRMR was 11.5). This was 3.2 and 2.3 times higher than the PRMR for white women – and the gap widened among older age groups.

- For women over the age of 30, PRMR for black and AI/AN women was

four to five times higher than it was for white women.

- The PRMR for black women with at least a college degree was 5.2 times that of their white counterparts.

- Cardiomyopathy, thrombotic pulmonary embolism, and hypertensive disorders of pregnancy contributed more to pregnancy-related deaths among black women than among white women.

- Hemorrhage and hypertensive disorders of pregnancy contributed more to pregnancy-related deaths among AI/AN women than white women.

- Disparities were persistent and did not change significantly between 2007-2008 and 2015-2016.



Director of Bedford County Schools Tammy Garrett was guest speaker during a meeting of Bedford County Democrat Women, held at Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce on Monday.

Schools CEO Garrett guest of Democrats

By ZOË HAGGARD
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Bedford County Democratic Women held a community forum Monday featuring guest speaker Dr. Tammy Garrett, director of Bedford County Schools. Even though Bedford schools have done well in growth, Garrett emphasized the need to improve proficiency, which is based on how the schools did on standard tests.

"Our students have been impacted, especially our students that are in different subgroups, like black students, English language learners, special education students. Those are the students who were impacted the most as we looked at test scores," said Garrett.

Early learners have also been impacted the most this past year, with stan-

dards showing that many are missing out on basic applications, such as segmenting sounds, according to Garrett. But Bedford's goal, Garrett said, is to exceed the state average on standard tests. One way of accomplishing this is through tutoring, which is being state and federally funded, Garrett assured.

"So, over the next three years we are going to have lots of money for tutoring. And it's happening at high-dosage, low ratio, which is one of the most effective things to do," said Garrett. Studies show tutoring is most effective when the focus is put on one to three students at a time.

Garrett encouraged the meeting attendees to sign up to become a tutor. Rates are \$35/hour and include subjects of science, social

studies, math, and language arts. The question was raised if substitutes would be paid more, and Garrett responded saying it was something they were looking into. Bedford pays subs \$55/day. But Tullahoma, for example, pays \$100.

Garrett also said the schools' goal is to increase graduation rates. Hispanic males, for example, have the lowest graduation rate. Garrett said they're looking to provide more work-study programs, working alongside Nashville Hub Learning Academies, as well as providing more dual-enrollment and the ability to get certified at TCAT while in high school. Such solutions are how Nashville increased their numbers, according to Garrett.

She also told the group

how there are 800 students in portables, most prominently at East Side and Eakin elementary schools. Garrett said her number one goal is to get those students out of portables as they are not ideally safe locations and do not provide adequate internet access.

The County is looking to purchase land for a new elementary school to accommodate growth around the 41A to Fairfield by-pass area. As for the virtual schools, there are 64 enrolled in 3rd through 8th. Garrett said she was hoping for closer to 130 enrollees. On September 7, COVID-19 count and case numbers in the schools will be released on their website, Garrett said. "I am very excited to be in Bedford County...I have



Bedford County Democratic Women and guests at Monday's meeting asked Director of Schools Tammy Garrett several interesting and pertinent education questions.

received so much support. I think we have one of the best administration teams around," said Garrett. She

said she is passionate about public schools because "I know what we do will change lives."

Homeless people face charges

By **DAVID MELSON**
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Two people who told Shelbyville police they're homeless were arrested Tuesday after officers discovered they were wanted in other areas.

Police were called after a report the suspects had spent a long time at outdoor tables at Speedway, Madison Street.

The two allegedly gave Officer Chris Vest false names, but Officer Matt Sharp found their actual names on Facebook and warrant checks were run.

Vest found Joseph Dakota Medley, 24, and Jennifer Nicole Britten, 30, later in the day at the old Rite Aid building on Madison Street.

Medley, who had active warrants from Alabama and Coffee County, allegedly had a bag containing crystal methamphetamine and glass pipes. He told Vest the bag was found in the roadway.

Britten was wanted in Marshall County for violation of probation.

Medley was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and criminal impersonation and held on \$3,500 bond. Britten was charged with criminal impersonation and held on \$1,500 bond.

Not actual escape

A suspect being sought for what's listed on a warrant as "jail escape" was arrested Tuesday by Shelbyville police.

Jessica Dean Barrett, 24, was riding in a vehicle seen by Detective Nathaniel Everhart pulling out of a business parking lot. Everhart and Officer Matt Sharp stopped the vehicle and arrested Barrett without incident.

Barrett didn't actually escape from a jail, the Bedford County Sheriff's Office said. She was ordered to go through a rehab program and allegedly stopped attending before completion, which is legally termed a form of jail escape.

Jail intake

The following were charged since Monday 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 and innocence will be determined by the courts.

•Samantha Summer Aikens, 25, Fairview Avenue; violation of probation; released, \$2,500 bond

•Jessica Dean Barrett, 27, Chestnut Drive; violation of probation, jail escape; held, no bond

•Luke Aaron Barton, 27, Rabbit Branch Road; violation of probation, show cause hearing, released, no bond

•Jeremy David Bomar, 50, Spring Street, Wartrace; domestic assault; held, \$2,500 bond

•Jae Lynsey Boyce, 49, Knoxville; show cause hearing, violation of probation; released, \$2,500 bond

•Seth Anderson Brewer, 29, East Lane Street; failure to appear; summons issued

•Jennifer Nicole Britten, 30, homeless, Shelbyville; criminal impersonation; held, \$1,500 bond

•Angela Joy Conner, 50, Pepper Hill Road; violation of probation; held, \$1,000 bond

•Daniel Rodriguez Cruz, 34, La Vergne; violation of probation; released, \$1,500 bond

•Roman Estabon Diaz, 33, Dover Street; speeding, DUI, driving on suspended license; released, \$4,000 bond

•Domingo Juan Domingo, 24, Tanner Circle; failure to appear; released, \$1,500 bond

•Joshua Cain Edison, 34, Madison, Tennessee; violation of probation; released, \$1,500 bond

•Jose M. Gomez, 39, Tullahoma; no driver's license; summons issued

•Dylan Barry Grogan, 24, Murfreesboro; violation of probation; released, \$1,000 bond

•Angel Lopez, 30, Apache Place; driver to exercise due care, no driver's license; summons issued

•Jorge Ramando Luna Curces, 33, Maplewood Drive; speeding, DUI; released, \$1,500 bond

•Joseph Dakota Medley, 24, homeless, Shelbyville; criminal impersonation, drug paraphernalia; held, \$3,500 bond

•Justin Dale Peoples, 68, Railroad Road; DUI, failure to maintain lane, open container, implied consent, possession of firearm while intoxicated; held, \$4,000 bond

•Stephanie Carol Randolph, 47, Hendon Memorial Road; failure to appear, bench warrant; released, \$5,000 bond

•Isidora Santiago, 46, King Avenue; no driver's license, speeding; summons issued

•Jonathan Shaver, 39, homeless, Shelbyville; failure to appear; held, \$1,500 bond

•James David Stinnett, 33, Petersburg; public intoxication; held, \$500 bond

•Rosemary Michelle Walker, 50, Lane Parkway; possession of schedule II, VI drugs and paraphernalia; held, \$3,000 bond

CITY WORK, ONGOING



T-G Photos by Dawn Hankins

As if the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration, which officially begins Thursday, isn't keeping them busy enough, City of Shelbyville public works crews and contractors are busy repairing sidewalks on Holland Street—a larger project portion which should be completed by next weekend.



The City of Shelbyville is also addressing storm water construction needs off North Brittain Street, next to Koffee Beanz restaurant.

ABSOLUTE ESTATE AUCTION

Saturday, September 11th
9:00 AM



Nice Home on 1.86+/- Acres, Antiques, Collectibles & Personal Property
The Estate of Barbara J. Green

759 GOOSE CREEK ROAD
SHELBYVILLE, TN

Nice country home, featuring 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, living room with gas fireplace, kitchen with all appliances, dining room, utility room, covered patio and back porch. This home is also improved with replacement windows and a 2009 HVAC system. Great cozy home, ready for your personal touch and updates. Beautiful 1.86+/- acre lot with mature trees, long road frontage, city water, sheds & barn. This is a rare opportunity in the Flat Creek community.
Selling Absolute, regardless of price.

REAL ESTATE sells at 12:00 Noon

Furniture: Baldwin Piano & stool, Oak table with leaf & 6 chairs, oak curved glass china cabinet, oak kitchen cabinet, oak china hutch, small round oak dinette table, arrow back chairs, bakers rack, book cases, sofa, recliner, side chair, oak Curio cabinet, coffee table, oak library table, oak high back bed, oak dresser w/ mirror, oak chest, (2) camel back trunks, corner what not, oak wash stand, iron bed, oak rocker, side tables, gun cabinet, round oak claw & ball table, wooden file cabinet, entertainment center, computer desk, oak desk chair, card table/chairs
Household: Punch bowl set, asst. dishes, kitchen items, several mirrors, Proform XP Treadmill, Lg. Asst. movies & CD's, HP printer, asst. lamps, pictures & frames, Shark Rocket vacuum cleaner, asst. figurines, christmas decorations, old quilts & blankets, asst. baskets, small crocks, crock churn, asst. books, christmas dishes, pots & pans
Guns: Ruger 22 single 6 pistol, Daisy Red Ryder BB gun (new in box), Cobra BB gun, 1088 BB/pellet pistol, ammo box
Collectibles: Nascar collectibles, Jack Daniel's/ beer asst. bottles, collectible toy tractors, framed presidential coin collection, toy train cars, asst. walking canes, lg. asst. glassware, wexford pitcher & glasses, vintage vinyl albums, kerosene lamps, large bell collection
Appliances & electronics: Whirlpool washer & dryer, small Kelvinator freezer, Vizio flat screen TV, Samsung flat screen TV, Detrola Radio/ turntable, LG stereo
Tools & Misc: Huskee LT4200 mower 17HP-42" cut, Fiberglass step ladders, plastic storage cabinets, Asst. garden tools, milk can, ext. ladder, truck tool boxes, craftsman tool boxes, drill press, Lincoln 225 welder, air tank, asst. tools

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SPECIAL NOTE: Homes built prior to 1978 are subject to have lead-based paint. In accordance with federal law, all potential buyers will be allowed 10 days prior to sale to have the home inspected at their expense.

ABSOLUTE AUCTION

Saturday, August 28th
10:00 AM

REAL ESTATE SELLS AT 10AM



171 LOOP ROAD
WARTRACE, TN

Log Home & 7.52+/- Acres

4 bedroom 4 bath log home on 7.52 +/- acres in Cascade school district. Formerly used as an income producing bed and breakfast. The property features long road frontage on Bell Buckle / Wartrace Road and Loop Road. It also includes an 1800's barn with chestnut beams and is very convenient to the historic towns of Bell Buckle & Wartrace.


Don't miss out on this property with unlimited potential. Plenty of room for horses.

Also selling Personal Property:
Furniture: several ornate statues, grandfather clock, set of (4) wicker chairs, ornate clock, formal dining table w/ 6 chairs (2) leaves, hand carved table w (2) chairs, leather love sofa, oak kitchen table with (4) chairs & heavy glass top, wooden bench, porch swing, antique heavy beveled glass mirror, hospital bed, fireplace set, plant stands, oriental wall decor, pottery pieces, cherry jewelry chest, several oil on canvas paintings, lamps, Hitachi 8 track/cassette player, brass oil lamp w/ glass shade, commercial meat slicer, 5' tall hand-painted oriental vase, ceramic planters, hand painted oriental screens, coffee and side table, mini fridge, lamps, vacuums, fans, dehumidifier, & more.
Tools & Appliances: Frigidaire washer & dryer, shopvac, Krause multimatic alum. ladder, Hitachi planner, several nail guns, palm sander, jg saw, Hitachi table saw, air compressor, Ryobi drill press, Delta table saw, Delta band saw, chainsaw, vise, drills, 3/4 hp water pump, Ryobi chop saw, skill router table, hand tools, & more...

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DIRECTIONS: From Murfreesboro or Shelbyville, take Hwy 231 to Hwy 82 East to Bell Buckle. Then right on Hwy 299 or Bell Buckle / Wartrace Rd. to a right onto Loop Road to sale on the right. **TERMS:** Real Estate: 10% down day of sale, balance due in 30 days. Cash, check, visa, mastercard accepted for personal property. 10% Buyer's Premium to be added to bid to determine final sale price on real estate & personal property.
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Storing photo albums

Dear Heloise: While sorting through plastic boxes of photo albums, I noticed that baby books, yearbooks and similar type albums I had stored with the photo albums had covers that became mottled and discolored. I tried cleaning the covers, but they remain stained (from the mildew? dust?) that had accumulated.

Hints from Heloise

Heloise



at the end of the outdoor mall it's at, and I can always find a space on the side.

-- At other locations I park straight out from the exit, no matter how far.

-- I never park downhill from a shopping cart corral or near a storm drain. It's too easy to fumble the keys, especially in the cold. -- Edward Beal, via email

Edward, thanks for that good information. Parking lots can be so large that it's easy to forget where your car is and waste time wandering around to find it. -- Heloise

REUSING PLASTIC LIDS

Dear Heloise: I place plastic lids from coffee cans under jars and bottles of oil to keep drips off the counters, refrigerator and pantry shelves. -- Shiranee Hardin in Florida

Shiranee, this is a simple but good way to reuse plastic, and it serves a need. -- Heloise

STINKY GARBAGE CAN

Dear Readers: Is there a bad odor coming from your garbage can? Take these easy steps to help prevent this smelly and common problem. Wash the inside and outside of your trash can often. Then put in a clean, large garbage bag inside to contain the trash. And toss in several used fabric softener sheets -- a low-tech way to deodorize -- along with a spritz of disinfectant spray to help cover the smells that will surely develop. To help lessen the odors, place your trash can in the shade. -- 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.

OPTIMIZING YOUR BLENDER

Dear Readers: If you are getting your first blender or food processor, be aware that they work best if they are only two-thirds full. Some blenders might not operate at all if they are crammed too full. Also, if some food processors are too full, it can be difficult to take out the blade from the bowl so that you can remove the food. -- Heloise

PARKING AT MALLS

Dear Heloise: I seldom have to remember where I parked my car in large lots. I always park in the same area at places I frequent. For example, I park in the aisle extending out across from the garden center at a big-box retailer. -- My local grocer is



HOT WEATHER WORK

Crews were busy getting Holland Street sidewalks in better shape on Wednesday morning.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Send calendar items to 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.

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

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.

FRIDAY

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.

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.

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.

SATURDAY

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.

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Hazardous waste

The annual Household Hazardous Waste cleanup will be Saturday, September 25 from 8 a.m.-noon at Bedford County Agriculture Center.

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.

WEDNESDAY

Retired Teachers meeting

Bedford County Retired Teachers

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Send church news to tgnews@t-g.com by noon Wednesday.

-- A Faithful Leader for the Lord." Children's worship will also be held.

Baptist

The sermon at Edgemont Baptist will be "Being a Leader" based on I Samuel 22:1-2.

"It Is The Spirit That Bears Witness" from I John 5:6-13 will be Grace Baptist's message.

Church of Christ

Fairlane Church of Christ's sermon will be "The Prayer of Jesus" from Luke 11:1-4. The service will be livestreamed and broadcast on WZNG (100.9 FM/1400 AM).

Southside Church of Christ's series on Luke's gospel will be the lesson: "Sinners Jesus Will Receive" from Luke 7:36-50. A gathering on the lawn will be held at 5:30 p.m. Sunday with a devotional at 6:15 p.m. Jeff Smith will speak about Mary Magdalene at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the

Christian (Disciples of Christ)

First Christian's series on "Faithful" continues with an examination of the life of "Queen Esther

Summer Series. The 10 a.m. Sunday and 6 p.m. Wednesday services are livestreamed at cofcsouthside.com.

Church of God of Prophecy

The Shelbyville Church, 1014 West Lane St., will have services at 11 a.m. Wednesday and 6 p.m. Sunday.

Methodist

"Water From a Rock" from Exodus 17:1-7 will be the topic Sunday at First United Methodist. The service will be livestreamed on Facebook and broadcast on WLII (98.7 FM/1580 AM).

Health coverage helps students safely return to school

(StatePoint)

As a new school year kicks into gear, make sure your child is ready to safely return to in-person learning and extracurricular activities. This means being on top of routine medical visits and ensuring they are protected against vaccine-preventable diseases (like measles and mumps). While parents may have delayed their children's vaccinations and preventive care due to the COVID-19 outbreak, medical offices and clinics are taking extra steps to see children safely during this time. Call to schedule an appointment today. And if your child is 12 years or older and hasn't received their COVID-19 vaccine yet, talk to their doctor about getting it as soon as possible. If your children don't currently have health insurance, it is not too late to get them covered!

Nationwide, millions of school-aged children and teens qualify — and are enrolled — in free or low-cost health coverage through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). These health programs can provide vital access to care,

including well-child visits and vaccinations, to keep students focused on learning and give parents the peace of mind that comes with knowing their children are covered inside and outside the classroom. The start of the school year is a good opportunity to catch up on important well-child visits and ensure children are up-to-date on their immunizations. Vaccinations, such as those for seasonal influenza, measles and mumps, are particularly important this year, and are covered for children by Medicaid and CHIP. Not only can routine vaccinations, as well as the COVID-19 vaccination, protect children from getting sick and developing serious complications, they can also protect others who may be vulnerable to serious illness, such as babies and other young children, older people, and people with pre-existing health conditions.

Studies have shown that academic performance and health insurance go hand in hand. Children who have health coverage miss fewer classes and perform better in school than those who are uninsured. But health

coverage doesn't just benefit students. Fewer missed days of school also mean fewer missed days of work for parents. With health coverage, children can get the routine and emergency care, immunizations, check-ups, eye exams, dental visits and mental health services they may need to fully participate in school and remain engaged in class. Health coverage also provides access to important care if children get sick or injured.

Medicaid and CHIP provide free or low-cost coverage for eligible children and teens up to age 19. Eligibility is dependent on household size and income and varies by state. States have different income eligibility rules, but in most states, children with family income up to \$50,000 per year (for a family of four) may qualify for Medicaid or CHIP. In many states, family income can be even higher and children can still qualify. Young people up to 21 may be eligible for Medicaid. And if your family is currently receiving the monthly child tax credit, this does not affect your ability to qualify for Medicaid

and CHIP. Additionally, the Department of Homeland Security will not consider applying for or receiving Medicaid or CHIP when making a "public charge" determination (with one exception for individuals who are institutionalized for long-term care (such as nursing facility residents or residents of mental health institutions) and are receiving Medicaid coverage for their institutional services). This means that having Medicaid or CHIP will not affect someone's chances of becoming a Lawful Permanent Resident or U.S. citizen. Enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP is open all year, and, once your child is enrolled, health coverage must be renewed annually.

You can apply online, over the phone, by mail or in-person with your state's Medicaid or CHIP agency or visit the "Find Coverage for Your Family" section on InsureKidsNow.gov. For more information, call 1-877-KIDS-NOW (1-877-543-7669).

Information provided by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

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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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Boris Zecevic, center, opened HomeWell Care Services in March. A ribbon cutting was held on Aug. 19 to commemorate their new office location on the public square.

Ribbon cutting for HomeWell

By **ZOË HAGGARD**
 zhaggard@t-g.com

Boris Zecevic said he's had quite a change of pace since becoming HomeWell Care Services Chief Executive Officer last March. But there's one aspect that continues from his former profession to what he does today and that's working with people. Born in Croatia, Zecevic's family migrated to Nashville some 20 years ago. Zecevic went on to study at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, where he graduated in 2011. From there, he went on to work as a business developer in financial software.

HomeWell is a nationwide care service and Zecevic's location services Columbia, Shelbyville, McMinnville, Manchester, Tullahoma, and surrounding areas to provide different levels of care for individuals. And, so far, Zecevic says, the Shelbyville-Bedford area has proven to be a great location.

Since the area is more rural than Metro-Nashville, care services were much needed, he advised. Plus, a little over 15 percent of Bedford County's population is 65 and older, according to the Census Bureau's 2019 study. Even though home care services are traditionally marketed toward seniors, HomeWell provides services to a variety of those who need it—those with disabilities or going through a severe illness. Like Zecevic's mother, who's 63 and was severely ill with COVID-19 the past year. She required adequate home care or possibly living in a nursing home.

It was an instigator for Zecevic to get into the home care business.

This, plus the stories his wife, a nurse practitioner, would tell him about people not receiving proper care because they wanted to stay home, encouraged him to open a HomeWell center. Zecevic today co-owns the business with his wife.

A ribbon cutting, conducted by Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce, was held on Aug. 19 at their office on the second floor of 112 Public Square. "We can provide caregivers, certified nursing assistants, home health aides. And then when it's time to go to a nursing home, we can discuss that. But this is definitely another option," Zecevic said.

The care they provide comes in three levels: companion care, which is pretty hands off and includes services such as housekeeping, cooking, cleaning; standard care, which is more hands on and includes helping individuals to dress and maintain general hygiene; and specialty care, which is for those who cannot function alone, and includes more intensive care, such as bathing and constant attention.

"It depends on how hands-on you want to be," he said, giving families the freedom to choose what best fits their lifestyle.

Zecevic, in addition to growing an apparently much-needed company, said he is most looking forward to seeing how many families HomeWell can help. "This is completely different but in a good way. It's more fulfilling in a lot of ways...here it's more about people in front of people," Zecevic said.

DREMC membership news

Zone 5 Board Member Elected

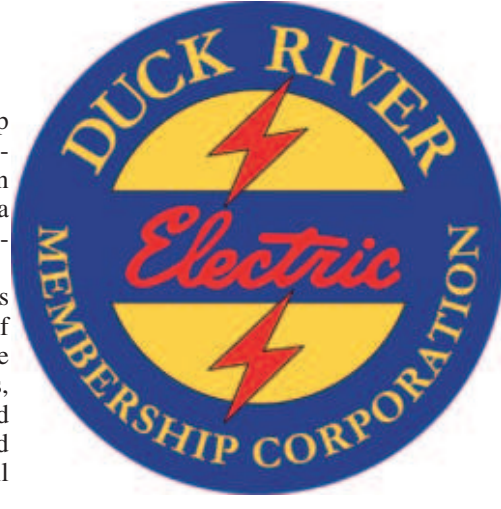
Duck River Electric Membership Corporation (DREMC) announces the re-election of incumbent board director Lyn Stacey to serve another 3-year term as a representative of Marshall and Giles counties.

Stacey, a Marshall County native, was first elected to the DREMC Board of Directors in 2018. He was confirmed as the winner of the 2021 election with 124 votes, over candidate R.L. Williams who received 49 votes, following five days of voting held at the DREMC Lewisburg and Chapel Hill offices.

"Congratulations to the candidates on their campaigns," said Barry Cooper, DREMC Chairman of the Board. "We welcome Lyn back and look forward to serving with him again. On behalf of the board, I would like to thank both candidates for the time and effort they invested in running for this seat—it is a true testament to their commitment to serving their community."

Stacey is currently the Technology Education Director at Spot Lowe Technology Center within the Marshall County school system and has previously served as a teacher and administrator in Marshall and Maury counties. His family also raises soybeans, corn and wheat on their 950-acre farm in Marshall County.

The DREMC Board of Directors is comprised of 13 directors, who have fiduciary responsibility for the cooperative.



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- 14 *Model Pleasure Walking Stallions
- 15 Owner-Amateur Riders on All Day Pleasure Walking Horses, Five Years and Under, Optional Tack (Registration Required)
- 16 *Lite Shod Walking Horses, Five Years and Under, Optional Tack
- 17 Owner-Amateur Novice Riders on Novice Country Pleasure Walking Horses, Optional Tack
- 18 Owner-Amateur Riders on Flat Shod Walking Horses, Canter, Optional Tack (shoe size not to exceed 3/8" x 3/4")
- 19 Amateur Owned and Trained All Day Pleasure Walking Horses, Optional Tack (Registration Required)
- 20 Owner-Amateur Riders on Three-Year-Old Trail Pleasure Walking Horses, Optional Tack
- 21 Owner-Amateur Novice Riders on Novice Park Pleasure Walking Horses, Optional Tack
- 22 Owner-Amateur Riders on Three-Year-Old Country Pleasure Walking Horses, Optional Tack
- 23 *Two-Year-Old Park Pleasure Walking Horses, Optional Tack
- 24 Amateur Owned and Trained Trail Pleasure Walking Horses, No Professional Training Within 90 Days, Optional Tack
- 25 Owner-Amateur Riders on Two-Year-Old Country Pleasure Walking Horses, Optional Tack

FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 27, 2021, 7:00 PM

- 50 Owner-Amateur Lady Drivers, Fine Harness
- 51 Owner-Amateur Youth Riders 6-11 Years on Walking Geldings
- 52 *Walking Mares or Geldings 15.2 and Under
- 53 Owner-Amateur Riders on Walking Horses, Riders 70 Years and Over
- 54 *English Lite Shod Walking Horses
- 55A *Three-Year-Old Walking Stallions
- 55B *Three-Year-Old Walking Stallions
- 56 Owner-Amateur Riders on Park Performance Walking Horses, Five Years and Under
- 57 Owner-Amateur Riders on Four-Year-Old Walking Stallions
- 58 Owner-Amateur Novice Lady Riders on Novice Walking Stallions
- 59 *Four-Year-Old Walking Mares or Geldings (Canter)
- 60 Owner-Amateur Riders on English Park Pleasure Walking Horses
- 61 Owner-Amateur Lady Riders on Walking Mares
- 62 *Show Pleasure Walking Mares or Geldings

THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 26, 2021, 7:00 PM

- 26 Owner-Amateur Youth Riders 6-11 Years on Walking Mares
- 27 Elite Owner-Amateur Gentlemen Riders on Walking Stallions
- 28 Owner-Amateur Riders on Walking Ponies, Stallions
- 29 *Trail Pleasure Walking Horses, Optional Tack
- 30A Owner-Amateur Riders on Two-Year-Old Walking Stallions
- 30B Owner-Amateur Riders on Two-Year-Old Walking Stallions
- 31 Owner-Amateur Riders on Western Park Pleasure Walking Horses
- 32 Owner-Amateur Youth Riders 15-17 Years on Walking Mares or Geldings
- 33 Owner-Amateur Youth Riders on Walking Stallions, 15.2 and Under
- 34A Owner-Amateur Novice Lady Riders on Novice Walking Mares or Geldings
- 34B Owner-Amateur Novice Lady Riders on Novice Walking Mares or Geldings
- 35 *Park Pleasure Walking Horses, Five Years and Under, Optional Tack
- 36 Owner-Amateur Riders on Park Performance Walking Mares or Geldings
- 37 Owner-Amateur Lady Riders on Show Pleasure Walking Horses

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 28, 2021, 9:00 AM

- 63E Auxiliary Equitation Medal Class Youth Division, Riders 6-11 Years
- 64 Owner-Amateur Youth Riders 6-17 Years on Park Performance Walking Mares or Geldings
- 65 Owner-Amateur Youth Riders 12-17 Years on Show Pleasure Walking Mares or Geldings
- 66 Owner-Amateur Youth Riders 12-17 Years on English Trail Pleasure Walking Mares or Geldings
- 67 Owner-Amateur Weanlings
- 68 Owner-Amateur Youth Riders 6-11 Years on All Day Pleasure Walking Mares or Geldings, Optional Tack (Registration Required)
- 69 Youth Weanlings, Handlers 6-17 Years
- 70 Owner-Amateur Youth Riders 6-11 Years on Trail Pleasure Walking Mares or Geldings, Optional Tack
- 71 Owner-Amateur Youth Riders 12-17 Years on Park Pleasure Walking Mares or Geldings, Optional Tack
- 72 Owner-Amateur Youth Riders 12-17 Years on English Country Pleasure Walking Mares or Geldings
- 73 Owner-Amateur Youth Riders 6-17 Years on Lite Shod Walking Mares or Geldings, Optional Tack
- 74 Owner-Amateur Youth Riders 6-11 Years on Country Pleasure Walking Mares or Geldings, Optional Tack
- 75E Auxiliary Equitation, Youth Medal World Grand Championship® (Canter)

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 27, 2021, 9:00 AM

- 38 Owner-Amateur Youth Riders 6-11 Years on Show Pleasure Walking Mares or Geldings
- 39 *Model Pleasure Walking Geldings
- 40 Owner-Amateur Riders on Two-Year-Old Trail Pleasure Walking Horses, Optional Tack
- 41 Owner-Amateur Novice Youth Riders 6-17 Years on Novice Country Pleasure Walking Mares or Geldings, Optional Tack
- 42 *Yearling, Fillies or Geldings
- 43 Owner-Amateur Novice Riders on Novice All Day Pleasure Walking Horses, Optional Tack (Registration Required)
- 44 *Yearling Colts
- 45 Owner-Amateur Youth Riders 12-17 Years on Western Country Pleasure Walking Mares or Geldings
- 46 Youth Yearling Fillies or Geldings, Handlers 12-17 Years
- 47 Owner-Amateur Youth Riders 12-17 Years on Western Trail Pleasure Walking Mares or Geldings
- 48 Owner-Amateur Yearlings
- 49 Owner-Amateur Youth Riders 12-17 Years on All Day Pleasure Walking Mares or Geldings, Optional Tack (Registration Required)

SATURDAY EVENING, AUGUST 28, 2021, 7:00 PM

- 76 ***Lead Line Ponies (54" & Under), Riders 6 Years and Under, World Grand Championship®
- 77A Owner-Amateur Lady Riders on Walking Geldings
- 78 *Three-Year-Old Walking Mares
- 78B *Three-Year-Old Walking Mares
- 79 *English Park Pleasure Walking Horses
- 80 Owner-Amateur Novice Youth Riders 12-17 Years on Novice Walking Mares or Geldings
- 81 Owner-Amateur Novice Gentlemen Riders on Novice Walking Stallions
- 82 *Walking Yearling World Grand Championship®
- 83 Owner-Amateur Youth Riders 6-14 Years on Walking Ponies
- 84 *Western Lite Shod Walking Horses
- 85 Owner-Amateur Novice Gentlemen Riders on Novice Walking Mares or Geldings
- 86 Owner-Amateur Riders on Five-Year-Old Walking Mares or Geldings
- 87A *Walking Stallions, Five Years and Over (Canter)
- 87B *Walking Stallions, Five Years and Over (Canter)



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Makenna Lamb battles Community's Chloe West (1) for possession and pushes the ball into Viqueen territory.

T-G Photo by Chris Siers

Viqueens make it 2 straight

T-G STAFF REPORT

PULASKI — The Community Viqueens notched their second-straight victory with a convincing 3-0 sweep on Tuesday at Giles County.

Quite frankly, the Viqueens dominated each of the three sets to claim the district victory.

The Purple and Gold jumped out to a 25-6 first set win and followed with a 25-9 second set victory.

Community finished the sweep in convincing fashion, notching a 25-6 third set to claim the match.

Jacey Collier led the Viqueens with four kills and five aces, while M.J. Simmons added four kills and three aces.

Community was back in action on Wednesday afternoon with another district match at Central Magnet, however results were unavailable at press time.

Community 3, Giles Co. 0
Set scores: 25-6, 25-9, 25-6
M.J. Simmons 4 kills, 3 aces
Jacey Collier 4 kills, 5 aces
Abi Brown 1 kill
Paige Simmons 3 kills, 1 dig
Lizzy Beasley 1 kill, 2 digs, 2 aces
Izzy Martinez 1 kill
Breanna Grooms 1 dig

Cascade sweeps tri-match

T-G STAFF REPORT

After falling in four sets at Culleoka on Thursday, the Cascade Lady Champions rebounded with a pair of wins on Monday afternoon at Giles County in a tri-match against the Lady Bobcats and Collinwood.

In the first game against Giles County, Cascade edged out a 25-18 win in the first set and outlasted the hosts, 25-23 in the second set to secure the sweep.

Caroline McKamey recorded four kills, an ace and a block, while Hayden Jones chipped in six assists, a kill and a block.

Cascade kept it rolling against Collinwood, once again claiming a 2-0 sweep, but having to edge out both set victories.

In the first set, the Lady Champs took the 25-22 win and followed with a 25-23 second set victory.

The Lady Champs were again led by the senior duo of McKamey and Lauryn Matthews.

McKamey led the way with 12 kills, while Matthews chipped in three kills and a pair of block assists.

Cascade 2, Giles Co. 0
Set scores: 25-18, 25-23
Caroline McKamey - 4 kills, 1 ace, 1 block
Ivy Womack 1 ace, 1 dig
Ashley Cope 2 aces, 4 digs
Addison Pope 1 kill, 2 aces
Hayden Jones 6 assists, 1 kill, 1 block, 2 block assists
Lauryn Matthews 2 kills
Abrielle Presley 2 kills
Sarah Hope Maddox 3 aces

Cascade 2, Collinwood 0
Set scores: 25-22, 25-23
Caroline McKamey 12 kills
Ashley Cope 2 aces, 2 assists
Addison Pope 1 ace
Maribel De La Rosa 1 kill, 1 block, 1 block assist
Hayden Jones 9 assists, 2 kills, 1 ace, 2 digs
Lauryn Matthews 3 kills, 2 block assists
Abrielle Presley 3 kills
Sarah Hope Maddox 1 ace, 1 dig

After slow start, Lady Champs pull away from Viqueens

By **CHRIS SIERS**
sports@t-g.com

For much of the first half of Tuesday night's Battle of Bedford soccer edition, Cascade and Community settled into a back-and-forth tempo of game that neither team was able to overcome.

Once Cascade broke the stalemate nearly 30 minutes into the match, the Lady Champs were able to fully execute their game plan and went on to knock off the Viqueens, 3-1.

"We came out slow. We had to step it up and our girls really picked up and played hard until the end, Lady Champion coach Wendy Williams said.

With a sluggish first half, Cascade eventually broke through on a penalty kick by Angelina Rodriguez in the 29th minute.

That score held through the remainder of the half, although the score appeared to give Cascade more momentum that allowed the Lady Champs to dominate possession.

With extreme heat plaguing both teams, Cascade was able to liberally substitute throughout the game and no matter the lineup on the front line, the Lady Champs saw quality production.

Cascade played add on later in the second half, largely in part to the effort by Caroline Stone.

Stone notched the game's second goal in the 62nd minute and assisted Savannah Soto on a cross pass two minutes later to put the home team up, 3-0.

"We're trying new things all the time and trying to see what combinations work best. We do have enough people to sub in that we're able to try different things," Williams said.

Community avoided the shutout in the closing minutes when Zoey Dixon found the back of the net on a penalty kick in the 74th minute.

Tuesday's win avenges a pair of losses Cascade suffered against the Viqueens last season, which Williams hopes will springboard

her team through the remainder of district play.

"I think it gives them confidence. Last year, we lost to Community both times, so they needed this to have confidence moving forward in the district," she said.

Both teams get a break until after the horse show when the Lady Champs will return to action at Coffee County on September 7 while Community travels to Cannon County.

Community	0 1 - 1
Cascade	1 2 - 3
First Half	
Cas — Angelina Rodriguez goal, (29th minute).	
Second Half	
Cas — Caroline Stone goal, (62nd minute).	
Cas — Savannah Soto goal, Stone assist, (64th minute).	
Com — Zoey Dixon goal, (74th minute).	

ACC, Big Ten, Pac-12 join to 'protect collegiate model'

By **RALPH D. RUSSO**
AP College Football Writer

Facing a rapidly shifting landscape in college sports, the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten and Pac-12 have agreed to work together to create stability during volatile times.

Less than a month after the Southeastern Conference made an expansion power play by inviting Texas and Oklahoma to the league, three of the SEC's Power Five peers countered with an alliance of 41 schools that span from Miami to Seattle.

The commissioners of the ACC, Big Ten and Pac-12 on Tuesday pledged broad collaboration on myriad issues and committed to league members playing more football and basketball games against

each other.

They also suggested they wouldn't be poaching each other's schools.

"The history of college athletics, one expansion of a conference has usually led to another to another and to another," ACC Commissioner Jim Phillips said during a video conference. "And to the three of us, we felt the stabilization of the current environment, across Division I and FBS — in Power Five in particular — this was a chance for a new direction, a new initiative that I don't think has ever been done before."

After weeks of internal discussions, the alliance is still mostly conceptual and collegial.

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Webb outshoots PCA for another team win

T-G STAFF REPORT
MURFREESBORO —

It was another team victory for the Webb School on Monday afternoon at Stones River Golf Course as the Feet saw three players card their round under 40.

Webb knocked off PCA with a team score of 149, beating PCA's 162.

Eli Brown was the top scorer for Webb, shooting a 35, while Conner Brown followed with a 37.

Andrew Reeves finished his round with a 36, while Noah Brown shot

a 41 to round out Webb's varsity scores.

For the girls, Kennedy Clarkson was the lone golfer who played on Monday.

She finished with a 51. Webb returns to action today at the Sundrop Classic Invitational, which is held at Willowbrook Golf Course.

PCA (163)
Webb (149)
Conner Brown 37
Eli Brown 35
Andrew Reeves 36
Noah Brown 41
Kennedy Clarkson 51

Big Ten

(Continued from Page 6)

“There’s no contract. There’s no signed document,” Pac-12 Commissioner George Kliavkoff said. “There’s an agreement among three gentlemen and a commitment from 41 presidents and chancellors and 41 athletic directors to do what we say we’re going to do.”

The SEC sent shockwaves through college athletics in July when it was revealed that Texas and Oklahoma would be leaving the Big 12 to join the nation’s most powerful football conference no later than 2025.

“I wouldn’t say this is a reaction to Texas and Oklahoma joining the SEC, but to be totally candid you have to evaluate what’s going on in the landscape of college athletics,” Big Ten Commissioner Kevin Warren said.

In a statement, SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey said: “We have respect for each of our conference colleagues and look forward to our future collaborations. I believe we remain unified by our shared beliefs around the positive impact college sports has on the lives of student-athletes throughout our communities.”

As for the Big 12, its future is murky at best as the eight remaining members plot their next moves and try to work out a divorce from the Longhorns and Sooners. The realignment of Texas and Oklahoma could lead the Power Five to shrink to four.

“We want and need the Big 12 to do well,” Phillips said. “The Big 12 matters in college athletics.”

But it will not be part of the alliance.

The alliance also is being formed as the NCAA shakes off a Supreme Court loss and considers handing off more responsibility to conferences and schools to run college sports. The NCAA Board of Governors has called

a special constitutional convention in November, the first step toward what could be sweeping reform and a decentralized governance model.

“We did the alliance to protect the collegiate model,” said Kliavkoff, who is only in his second month on the job of leading the Pac-12 after serving as president of sports and entertainment for MGM Resorts International in Las Vegas.

There is also a proposal to expand the College Football Playoff from four to 12 teams currently in the pipeline. The proposal was crafted by Sankey, Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby, Mountain West Commissioner Craig Thompson and Notre Dame athletic director Jack Swarbrick, and unveiled publicly in June.

Kliavkoff and Warren both said their conferences support playoff expansion, while Phillips said the ACC had not landed on a final position.

The commissioners and university presidents are scheduled to meet in late September in Chicago to discuss what comes next for the expansion proposal.

“This is not a voting bloc,” Kliavkoff said of the alliance in a brief interview with AP. “We’ve not committed to voting together on anything. We’ve committed to discuss all of these issues, and to try to come up with solutions that are in the best interest of long-term college athletics.”

“I’d be surprised if we come to different conclusions with respect to how we think about CFP expansion, but it’s not a voting bloc.”

The scheduling piece could lead to numerous nonconference football games each season and multiple team events in basketball involving ACC, Big Ten and Pac-12 teams, potentially creating new and valuable television inventory.

But that could take time to come together, especially in football.

Jaguars make Lawrence starting QB

By **MARK LONG**
AP Pro Football Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Trevor Lawrence will start Jacksonville’s season opener at Houston on Sept. 12, one of the least surprising decisions in franchise history.

Coach Urban Meyer made the announcement Wednesday, giving Lawrence the nod over third-year pro Gardner Minshew after two pre-season games and a month of training camp. Meyer expects Lawrence will never have to earn a starting job in the NFL again.

“You can capitalize that if you want. Underline it. Cap it,” Meyer said.

Lawrence, the top pick in the 2021 NFL draft, and Minshew, a two-year starter in Jacksonville, split repetitions with the first-team offense during camp. Meyer wanted “healthy competition” at every position, including quarterback.

Nonetheless, just about everyone outside Minshew’s camp expected Lawrence to be Jacksonville’s starter in Houston. Lawrence was the No. 1 pick, the top college prospect in nearly a decade, and outperformed Minshew at every turn during camp.

Meyer also said Lawrence will start Jacksonville’s preseason finale at Dallas on Sunday.

“It doesn’t really change anything,

though,” Lawrence said. “Still got the same task in front of us, got to get a lot better, individually, as a team, as an offense. Just looking forward to going to work this week. It brings some clarity, which is nice, going forward. But it really doesn’t change much, but, yeah, I’m really excited for the opportunity, grateful for it.”

Lawrence has completed 20 of 32 passes for 184 yards in two exhibitions, both losses. He started each game, was sacked three times, and led the offense to just a field goal in six series.

“It’s frustrating, but also we just got to stick together and keep playing,” Lawrence said. “We’re going to figure it out. I’m really confident in that. We got a bunch of guys that are putting the work in and we’re going to do everything it takes to get on the right track.”

Lawrence went 34-2 at Clemson, recording the third-best winning percentage by a starting quarterback (minimum 30 starts) in college football since 1978. He finished his college career undefeated in regular-season play and led the Tigers to the national championship as a freshman in 2018.

After a slow start to the offseason — Lawrence had surgery to repair a torn labrum in his non-throwing shoulder in February and then was hampered

by a strained hamstring in organized team activities — he looked every bit as advertised in camp. Teammates raved about his arm, his mobility, his touch on deep passes and his command of the huddle.

Minshew, meanwhile, looked about like he did last year. He’s undersized and has a mediocre arm and average mobility. He is 7-13 in 20 career starts for Jacksonville. He appeared to be on the trading block in March when the Jaguars signed former San Francisco backup C.J. Beathard to a two-year contract worth \$5 million. Most of Beathard’s salary this season is guaranteed, making it unlikely he will get cut.

Minshew has completed 17 of 29 passes for 196 yards, with two interceptions and two sacks. He now joins Beathard in vying for the backup spot.

Beathard has been the most effective quarterback while playing with the third-team offense. He has completed 22 passes for 223 yards and three TDs.

“Obviously, my respect for Gardner has been well documented as just a warrior,” Meyer said. “Gardner got stuck behind some protection issues, at times was running for his life back there, and then C.J. came in. That’s two weeks in a row (he’s played well).

‘Coach Prime’ raises Jackson State’s profile

By **PAT GRAHAM**
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Coach Prime, aka Deion Sanders, sauntered into the office of Nick Saban with a marching band following his lead.

“Coach Prime, what, no smoke machine?” the Alabama coach quizzically asked.

Yep, that happened — in a scene for an Aflac commercial featuring the two high-profile college head coaches.

It’s the sort of splash Sanders hopes to make this fall in his second season at Jackson State. With that, another objective: Raising the profile of schools such as Jackson State and other historically Black colleges and universities.

“We’re going to fight and do our darndest to start changing the landscape of

HBCU football,” Sanders said in an interview with The Associated Press. “Then, consequently, we can go to the next step and the next level. The fight is not going to be easy. Getting the players to commit to a historically Black college is not easy because you’ve got to level the playing field.”

“You’re competing against a Power Five that has 100 times more resources than we do, and the exposure. So it’s not a level playing field whatsoever. But with the type of person that’s coming to these historical Black colleges, I think we can.”

Sanders took full advantage of his time on the commercial set with Saban, the architect behind six national championship teams with the Crimson

Tide. Sanders even brought some of his staff with him. In between commercial takes, they talked X’s and O’s.

“Nick Saban to a coach is like heaven,” said Sanders, who partnered with Aflac in an effort to help close support gaps for HBCUs. “That’s like a basketball player meeting (Michael Jordan).”

It’s not the first time he’s chatted with Saban. They also got acquainted when Saban was recruiting one of Sanders’ sons, two of whom are currently on the Tigers roster.

“Definitely (can learn from Saban), just being on the set, seeing how he handles the staff, see how he handles himself, seeing the football side of it,” said Sanders, who was brought

on board at Jackson State, located in Mississippi, last September.

The first step in turning around a Tigers team that competes in the Southwestern Athletic Conference was introducing a new mindset. So far, so good. They went 4-3 in a spring campaign.

This fall, a bigger test. His team opens with Florida A&M on Sept. 5 in the Orange Blossom Classic. It will be shown on ESPN2, one of eight times Jackson State is scheduled to appear on an ESPN network.

“I have so much hope,” said Sanders, a Hall of Famer and two-time Super Bowl champion. “I’m optimistic all the time and I look for the good in everything and everybody.”



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STICK HORSE EXHIBITORS



Celebrating their annual stick horse competition were members of Miss Judie's Daycare, back row, from left, Adaiah Thompson, Karson Davis, Charli Evans, Gracie Shreve, Maddox Cooper, Maci Bell, Natalie Vines, front, from left, Kinsley Copeland, Mason Johnson, Kamden Davis, Colton Moore, Truly Standley, Madi Gassaway and Laynie Jo Leverette.



Miss Judie's Daycare celebrates 10th 'show'

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Judie Pope of Miss Judie's Daycare held its annual stick horse Celebration on Wednesday morning. This is the daycare's 10th year to celebrate the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration.

Children came out in their boots, hats and Celebration-worthy attire. As the music played, the preschoolers' little feet kicked into action.

Most rode stick horses. However, it doesn't matter what you ride, but how stylish you look.

Maddox Cooper took on the Indiana Jones motif and chose for his steed a dinosaur.

Pope said she is thankful to her brother, Micky McCormick, a long-time contender at the Celebration, for his sponsorship of the yearly event. She was also appreciative, she said, to Layne Leverette Stables for their work on the display for the children and tricolor ribbons.

"Everyone is a winner, during our Celebration," said the long-time daycare owner.

T-G Photos by Dawn Hankins



Back from the Dead?

Last week, I wrote about conservation and one reason why it matters. The gist of it was, the loss of just one species can disrupt the balance of an entire ecosystem which can then make life harder for humans. I talked about Yellowstone and its loss of wolves as an example, but one thing I didn't mention is that wolves were actually reintroduced into Yellowstone in the 1990s, and many of the negative effects caused by their loss have reversed.

Reintroduction simply refers to putting a species back where it has been lost and is a common technique used in conservation. We killed the wolves in Yellowstone, then realized "oops, this is causing problems," so more wolves were collected from other areas and brought back. Simple and effective. But what if we could do this with species that have been lost everywhere on earth—species which have gone extinct?

It might sound like science fiction, but bringing species back from extinction is actually not so far-fetched. It's being called de-extinction, and scientists aren't too far from achieving this. I won't go into all the details here, but importantly, most de-extinction methods require DNA from the lost species. DNA is like an instruction manual for how to build an organism. A single cell with just one copy of DNA can go on to become you, or a bullfrog, or an oak tree. It just depends on the DNA. So when you have DNA from an extinct species, it can be used to recreate that organism, at least in theory. In practice, this is a whole lot more complicated, but scientists are working to figure it out.

Because DNA degrades over time, we could only "de-extinct" things that were lost not long ago. I'm talking woolly mammoths, passenger pigeons, Tasmanian tigers, and the like—things that humans have coexisted with in the past. These animals lived 10,000 years ago in the case of mammoths, and closer to 100 years ago in the case of passenger pigeons and Tasmanian



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tigers. Their DNA is still accessible in preserved remains. Dinosaurs and other more ancient creatures' DNA however is long gone, so no Jurassic Park visits will be happening anytime soon.

On the topic of Jurassic Park though, one quote from this film that is particularly relevant here is from Dr. Ian Malcolm: "Your scientists were so preoccupied with whether they could, they didn't stop to think if they should." And that's the essential question—in this case and in all of science. It's always important to stop and ask if we even should do something, regardless of whether we can. And, surprise surprise, not everyone agrees.

Like most real world issues, there aren't any easy answers. I personally think that if it's clear an ecosystem would benefit from the reintroduction of a species, de-extinction is okay. If it can be shown, for example, that a struggling tundra or boreal forest ecosystem would thrive if woolly mammoths returned, and no significant harm would come to the people, plants, and other animals in the area, then why not bring it back? Not everyone agrees with that though.

What do you think? A number of species have gone extinct in recent years due to human activity, is it not our responsibility to try and fix our mess using whatever tools available? The technology to do this isn't quite there yet, but it is on the horizon. This means now is the best time to decide what animals might be resurrected from their ecological graves, and which should stay gone for good.

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Service dogs heal trauma of war

Our botched withdrawal from Afghanistan is hard to witness, but hearing the reports of Taliban brutality is even worse.

The U.S. Sun reports that "women face having 'fingers cut off for using nail varnish'" and that the Taliban "reportedly shot a woman dead in the street for not wearing a burqa..."

My heart aches for all Afghans. It especially aches for the young women who've flourished during the last 20 years by freely developing their minds and talents in school, but who now must submit to the Taliban's draconian rules.

Reuters reports that the Taliban have pulled Afghani women from their banking jobs and told them to stay in their homes because, by their primitive religious laws, only men can hold such jobs.

As I monitor the unpleasant withdrawal safely in my home, I wonder how the 800,000 Americans who fought in Afghanistan since 2001 are being affected by it.

Watching the shocking images from Kabul is far more unpleasant for veter-

ans, according to Military News:

"Mental health experts say that the fall of Afghanistan may cause symptoms of mental health trauma to emerge. A VA story noted that news of the end of the Afghanistan mission has already led to an increase in veterans seeking help at their facilities."

That is a worrisome trend.

According to Newsweek, approximately "four times as many active duty personnel and veterans have died by suicide than in combat since Sept. 11, 2001."

That grim fact comes from a June 2021 study published by the Costs of War Project that estimates that "30,177 service members and veterans of post-9/11 wars have died by suicide, compared to the 7,057 service members killed in action..."

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) estimates that suicide already takes the lives of nearly 20 veterans every day on average.

I hope and pray that the situation in Afghanistan doesn't result in more suicide by vets here at home.

There's one thing the Biden administration should do about that concern immediately, according to Rory Diamond, CEO of K9s For Warriors: provide more funding for service animals for veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

Diamond refers to the Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers (PAWS) for Veterans Therapy Act, which Congress recently passed in a bipartisan manner.

Diamond writes in The Hill that though historically the VA has declined to cover the cost of service dogs for veterans with PTSD, research "has yielded undeniable proof of a service dog's ability to reduce their veteran handler's symptoms of PTSD."

NBC News reports that research conducted by Maggie O'Haire, an associate professor of human-animal interaction at Purdue University who works with K9s for Warriors, shows that veterans "paired with service dogs trained for PTSD had fewer suicidal behaviors and ideations within the first 18 months, compared to people with emotional



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support animals." Each PTSD service dog is trained to the specific and unique needs of each veteran.

"Training a service dog to help someone with PTSD is an immersive program that helps the veteran and dog form a bond," NBC News said. "The dog learns to notice signs of anxiety and how to soothe its owner."

My yellow Labrador puppy, Thurber, has given me a richer, happier life. I can only begin to imagine how a well-trained PTSD-service dog could change — and save — the life of a veteran.

Hey, Joe, the Congress did its job in a bipartisan manner. The PAWS Act is on your desk. Please sign it immediately.

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Safety net policies aren't enough for poor

The share of Americans living in poverty shrank to an estimated 9.2% in 2020, according to the Urban Institute, a think tank that closely tracks this rate with a widely used model. There were 29.3 million Americans living below the poverty line, the institute's researchers found. Another 10.3 million appear to have been kept out of poverty through government efforts to cushion the blows from massive economic upheaval triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This new estimate contradicts many prior predictions and is significantly lower than the 10.5% of the U.S. population the U.S. Census Bureau said was in poverty in 2019, the most recent official data available. If confirmed when the government agency releases official 2020 numbers in

September, it would signal that that the coronavirus didn't interrupt a gradual decline in poverty. The rate has been falling since 2010, when it stood at 15.1%.

It makes sense if you find this news surprising.

There were massive job losses when coronavirus-related lockdowns began in 2020, particularly among workers without a college degree, who typically earn lower incomes. And as of July 2021, the U.S. jobless rate was 5.4%, well above the 3.5% rate seen in February 2020.

Poverty declined even though fewer people were employed because the government stepped up, strengthening the safety net. It halted evictions, gave workers who lost their jobs larger unemployment benefits, bolstered the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and adopted

other policies to assist people facing economic hardship.

Notably, the Internal Revenue Service began to distribute a series of COVID-19 relief and stimulus payments to all but the wealthiest Americans.

While on the surface this appears to be good news, as a scholar who researches poverty, I believe the situation is much more complex than it appears.

First, the way the government measures poverty is outdated.

It does adjust the poverty line for inflation, but poverty today looks very different from what it was like back when statistician Mollie Orshansky based the government's initial poverty calculation in the early 1960s on 1950s data that suggested people spend one-third of their budget on food. She was figuring out not how much money people needed to

thrive, but rather the point below which people would starve. Nor was she trying to devise an indicator to be used in policymaking.

There were issues with this formula from the beginning. For one thing, food prices vary from place to place, causing regional differences in how much it costs to put food on the table. For another, families differ in terms of what they need to eat.

Many researchers have found that any family of four living on less than about twice the poverty threshold, which stood at \$25,750 in 2019, would have trouble making ends meet. The Census Bureau itself calculates a Supplemental Poverty Measure, which finds somewhat more people living in poverty than through its original method. The Department of Health and Human Services sets its own fed-

eral poverty guidelines, which are about the same as the official poverty thresholds. Eligibility for SNAP and other benefits for low-income people is often pegged well above this minimum.

Another reason to not get too excited about a lower 2020 poverty rate is that the share of Americans experiencing food insecurity, meaning that they couldn't get enough of the food needed for a balanced diet, rose to an estimated 13.9% in 2020 from 10.9% in 2019.

This increase could be unrelated to income. Many people had new transportation challenges, and numerous families had a hard time replacing the food their children would ordinarily consume at school, despite government efforts to avoid that problem.

It could also indicate that many people scrimped on food to meet



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other basic needs. That's because more low-income Americans get assistance through a food bank or food pantry as opposed to programs that help them pay their rent or keep up with their car loans.

This discrepancy is another reason I believe the government needs to improve how it measures poverty. Something doesn't add up when there are more Americans who cannot get enough of the food they need than there are living below the poverty line.

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Blinken: 1,500 Americans may still await evacuation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Wednesday that as many as 1,500 Americans may be awaiting evacuation from Afghanistan, a figure that suggests this part of the U.S.-led airlift could be completed before President Joe Biden’s Tuesday deadline. Untold thousands of at-risk Afghans, however, are struggling to get into the Kabul airport.

Blinken said the State Department estimates there were about 6,000 Americans who wanted to leave Afghanistan when the airlift began Aug. 14, and that about 4,500 of them have been evacuated so far. The 6,000 figure is the first public estimate by the State Department of how many Americans were seeking to get out when the Taliban completed its takeover of Afghanistan.

“Some are understandably very scared,” Blinken told a State Department news conference.

About 500 Americans have been contacted with instructions on when and how to get to the chaotic Kabul airport to catch evacuation flights.

In addition, 1,000 or perhaps fewer are being contacted to determine whether they still want to leave. Blinken said some of these may already have left the country, some may want to remain and some may not actually be American citizens.

Of the 1,000, the number who are “actively seeking assistance” to leave Afghanistan “is lower — likely significantly lower,” Blinken said.

The Biden administration has stressed that American evacuees are its first priority, even as it attempts also to airlift Afghans who worked for the U.S. government or military or to build Afghan civil society during the 20-year war as well as what it calls “vulnerable Afghans” — those who believe they face retribution from the Taliban for their role in opposing the insurgency.

The Tuesday deadline aside, Blinken said, “There is no deadline on our work to help any remaining American citizens who decide they want to leave to do so, along with the many Afghans who have stood by us over these many years, and want to leave, and have been unable to do so. That effort will continue, every day, past August 31.”

Biden said Tuesday he has asked his national security team for contingency plans in case he decides to extend the deadline.

The U.S. Embassy in Kabul has been evacuated; staff are operating from the Kabul airport and are to leave by Aug. 31.

However, refugee groups are describing a different picture when it comes to many Afghans: a disorganized, barely-there U.S. evacuation effort for Afghan allies that leaves the most desperate to risk beatings and death at Taliban checkpoints.

Some Afghans are reported being turned away from the Kabul airport by American forces controlling the gates, despite having approval for flights.

“It’s 100% up to the Afghans to take these risks and try to fight their way out,” said Sunil Varghese, policy director with the International Refugee Assistance Project. “Those with young children and pregnant are willing to take those beatings to get out.”

His group is one of several working with the U.S. government, and communicating with clients and colleagues on the ground, to get out those Afghans most in danger from the Taliban. Those include Afghans who formerly worked with Americans, as well as journalists, women’s rights advocates and others.

Just days are left before the U.S. military is to start shutting down its anchoring role in a massive operation that the White House says has evacuated 82,300 Afghans, Americans and other foreigners on a mix of U.S., international and private flights. The withdrawal comes under a 2020 deal negotiated by President Donald Trump with the Taliban.

Taliban leaders who took control of Afghanistan this month say they will not tolerate any extensions to the Tuesday deadline. But Taliban spokesman Suhail Shaheen tweeted that “people with legal documents” will still be able to fly out via commercial flights after Tuesday.

U.S.-based organizations, speaking on background to discuss sensitive matters, cite accounts from witnesses on the ground as saying some American citizens, and family members of Afghans with green cards, still are having trouble pushing and talking their way into the Kabul airport for flights.

Kirby said the U.S. military will preserve as much airlift capacity at the airport as possible in the coming days, ahead of Tuesday’s deadline. The military will “continue to evacuate needed populations all the way to the end,” he said. He added that in the final days and hours there will have to be a balance in getting out evacuees as well as U.S. troops and their equipment.

Maj. Gen. Hank Taylor, the deputy director of regional operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said U.S. forces had conducted another helicopter mission beyond the perimeter of the airport to pick up people seeking to evacuate.

He said the operation happened in Kabul during the night and that the people were now safely at the airport awaiting an evacuation flight.

Taylor provided no other details, but Germany’s top military commander, Gen. Eberhard Zorn, said separately that 21 German citizens had been extracted by the U.S. helicopter. He said the helicopter crew was American and that German troops picked up the evacuees.

In White House news conferences and remarks during the airlift, Biden has offered varying degrees of commitment to getting former Afghan translators and others most at risk from the Taliban included in the airlift.

U.S. military and diplomatic officials appear to still be compiling a list of eligible Afghans but have yet to disclose how — and how many — they may be getting out, private Americans and American organizations said.

“We still have 1,200 Afghans with visas that are outside the airport and haven’t got in,” said James Miervaldis with No One Left Behind, one of dozens of veterans groups working to get out Afghans who worked with the U.S. military during America’s nearly 20 years of combat there. “We’re waiting to hear from the US. government and haven’t heard yet.”

Marina LeGree of Ascend, a U.S.-based nonprofit that worked to develop fitness and leadership in Afghan girls and young women, described getting calls from U.S. officials telling the group’s interns and staffers to go to the airport for evacuation flights, only to be turned away by American forces keeping gates closed against the throngs outside.

One Afghan intern who went to the airport with her family saw a person killed in front of them, and a female colleague was burned by a caustic agent fired at the crowd, LeGree said.

“It’s heartbreaking to see my government fail so badly,” said LeGree, the group’s American director, who is in Italy but in close contact with those in Kabul.

The number of U.S. troops at the airport has dropped by about 400, to 5,400, but the final withdrawal has not begun, Kirby said Wednesday.

He said Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin will consult directly with Gen. Frank McKenzie, the head of Central Command and overseer of the evacuation operation, before McKenzie moves ahead with the final withdrawal.

Crews scour debris for more flood victims

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WAVERLY — Crews with chainsaws and heavy equipment cleared their way through trees densely matted with vegetation, garbage and building debris Tuesday as searchers scoured a normally shallow creek for more flooding victims.

Even cars and sheds were woven into the tangle of debris lining Trace Creek in Humphreys County, where the town of Waverly saw the most death and destruction from Saturday’s flooding that killed 18 people. Three people remained unaccounted for Tuesday.

At one bridge, an excavator crawled into the creek to dig through a debris plug that included large trees, huge spools of cable, panels of wooden fencing and chunks of concrete. Officers watched from above and downstream in case a body was uncovered.

Other crews were working with chainsaws along the banks, clearing smaller objects. Several miles downstream, officers had deployed drones to help with the search. It’s difficult to know how far the bodies might have been carried, but one car was found about a half-mile from where it had been parked, Humphreys County Chief Deputy Rob Edwards said.

Sheriff’s deputies and police were aided by crews from agencies all over the state, he said. The teams have cadaver dogs at the ready if they suspect a body might be nearby. With the heat in the mid-80s and rising, it was not difficult to detect the odor of decay, Edwards said, although crews also were finding animals.

As the search for the missing continues, officials have started to comprehend the scope of devastation in the community. The Humphreys County Emergency Management Agency said in a

news release that more than 270 homes had been destroyed and 160 have major damage.

“Some are just gone — off the foundation — twisted, turned,” Humphreys County Sheriff Chris Davis said at the news conference. “They would probably have to be totally destroyed before they could be built back.”

“The sheer devastation that we saw in that helicopter ride yesterday has made me realize that we have got an extremely long road to go in all of this,” he said.

Authorities revised the confirmed death toll to 18 people Tuesday, a drop from as high as 22. Waverly police Chief Grant Gillespie said that one person in the emergency room who died of natural causes was mistakenly added to the count and John and Jane Doe victims were not crossed off the list once they were identified.

Gillespie said authorities had detectives follow up on each case and confirm the numbers, which now line up with the state tally.

“Just an honest mistake, and I hope everybody understands that,” Gillespie said. “It’s still a tremendous loss of life. I hope that number doesn’t grow.”

Three people are still on the list of those missing who witnesses said they saw in the water, he said.

The flooding took out roads, cellphone towers and telephone lines in the county of about 18,000 people, leaving some uncertain about whether family and friends survived the unprecedented deluge, with rainfall that more than tripled forecasts and shattered the state’s one-day record.

It also left large swaths of the community about 60 miles west of Nashville suddenly displaced, leaving many to sort through difficult decisions about what comes next. GoFundMe pages sought help for funeral expenses for the dead,

including 7-month-old twins swept from their father’s arms as they tried to escape.

Matthew Rigney and Danielle Hall described to WTVF-TV how the water began to rage through their apartment as he held onto their twins and two other young children.

“The water, when it hit us it just pulled us under, all of us and we were trapped underneath a bed,” Rigney told the station, his voice trembling behind tears.

The other two children survived.

“I was trying to find all of them, and Leah came up like a big girl. You swam like a big girl, and I’m so proud of you,” Rigney said to 5-year-old Maleah, who sat with her family during the interview.

A neighbor helped Rigney and the two children up to the roof. Hall was ultimately rescued from a tree by boat.

School was canceled for the week, according to the sheriff’s office. Waverly Elementary and Waverly Junior High had extensive damage, according to Kristi Brown, coordinated health and safety supervisor with Humphreys County Schools.

About 750 customers were without power Tuesday, down from 2,000 the night before, utility officials said.

Meanwhile, the state received approval from President Joe Biden for a major disaster declaration, which frees up federal aid to help with recovery efforts in Humphreys County, the White House said in a statement Tuesday.

Sheriff Davis told reporters Tuesday, “You’ve seen us get a little emotional. You have to remember, these are people we know, people’s families, people we grew up with — just the people of our small town. It’s just very close to us.”

Church shooter’s death sentence upheld

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A federal appeals court Wednesday upheld Dylann Roof’s conviction and death sentence for the 2015 racist slayings of nine members of a Black South Carolina congregation, saying the legal record cannot even capture the “full horror” of what he did.

A unanimous three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond rejected arguments that the young white man should have been ruled incompetent to stand trial in the shootings at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston.

In 2017, Roof became the first person in the U.S. sentenced to death for a federal hate crime. Authorities have said Roof opened fire during the closing prayer of a Bible study at the church, raining down dozens of bullets on those assembled. He was 21 at the time.

In his appeal, Roof’s attorneys argued that he was wrongly allowed to represent himself during sentencing, a critical phase of his trial. Roof successfully prevented jurors from hearing evidence about his mental health, “under the delusion,” his attorneys argued, that “he would be rescued from prison by white-nationalists — but only, bizarrely, if he kept his mental-impairments out of the public record.”

Roof’s lawyers said his convictions and death sentence should be vacated or his case should be sent back to court for a “proper competency evaluation.”

The 4th Circuit found that the trial judge did not commit an error when he found Roof was competent to stand trial and issued a scathing rebuke of Roof’s crimes.

“Dylann Roof murdered African Americans at their church, during their Bible-study and worship. They had welcomed him. He

slaughtered them. He did so with the express intent of terrorizing not just his immediate victims at the historically important Mother Emanuel Church, but as many similar people as would hear of the mass murder,” the panel wrote in its ruling.

“No cold record or careful parsing of statutes and precedents can capture the full horror of what Roof did. His crimes qualify him for the harshest penalty that a just society can impose,” the judges wrote.

One of Roof’s attorneys, Margaret Alice-Anne Farrand, a deputy federal public defender, declined to comment on the ruling. Roof’s other attorneys did not immediately respond to emailed requests seeking comment.

The Rev. Kylon Middleton, a close friend of Mother Emanuel Pastor Clementa Pinckney, a state senator who was killed in the massacre, said Roof’s appeal reopened some of the psychological wounds felt by loved ones of the victims and survivors. Middleton said he is personally opposed to the death penalty, but had accepted that as the sentence Roof received.

“We just want whatever the consequence or the justice that had been delivered based on the court’s ruling to be final, period,” Middleton said.

All of the judges in the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which covers South Carolina, recused themselves from hearing Roof’s appeal; one of their own, Judge Jay Richardson, prosecuted Roof’s case as an assistant U.S. Attorney. The panel that heard arguments in May and issued the ruling on Wednesday was comprised of judges from several other appellate circuits.

Following his federal trial, Roof was given nine consecutive

life sentences after pleading guilty in 2017 to state murder charges, leaving him to await execution in a federal prison and sparing his victims and their families the burden of a second trial.

Last month, however, Attorney General Merrick Garland issued a moratorium and halted all federal executions while the Justice Department conducts a review of its execution policies and procedures. The review comes after a historic run of capital punishment at the end of the Trump administration, which carried out 13 executions in six months. A federal lawsuit has also been filed over the execution protocols — including the risk of pain and suffering associated with the use of pentobarbital, the drug used for lethal injection.

President Joe Biden as a candidate said he’d work to end federal executions. White House press secretary Jen Psaki said in March that he continues to have “grave concerns” about it.

Biden has connections to the case. As vice president, Biden attended the funeral for one of those slain, state Sen. Clementa Pinckney, who also pastored the congregation. During his 2020 presidential campaign, Biden frequently referenced the shooting, saying that a visit to Mother Emanuel helped him heal in the aftermath of the death of his son, Beau.

Roof’s attorneys could ask the full 4th Circuit to reconsider the panel’s ruling. If unsuccessful in his direct appeal, Roof could file what’s known as a 2255 appeal, or a request that the trial court review the constitutionality of his conviction and sentence. He could also petition the U.S. Supreme Court or seek a presidential pardon.

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Bedford County Board of Education Special Called Meeting August 26, 2021 5:00 PM Central Office Board Room
 I. PROCEDURAL ITEMS
 A. Call to Order
 B. Opening Remarks
 II. CONSENT AGENDA
 A. Approval of Agenda Motion to Approve Previous Month Agenda.
 III. ACTION ITEMS
 A. Bid 22-11 (August 26, 2021)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

John Leroy Beeman,
 Deceased
 Notice is hereby given that on August 4 of 2021 Letters Testamentary in respect of the estate of John Leroy Beeman, who died 7/15/2021, were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice

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 Date: 08/04/2021

Lisa Croasmun, Executrix
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 Megan K. Trott Attorney (August 19, 26)

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 Notice is hereby given that on August 5 of 2021 Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of Mary Ann Allison, who died 2/26/2021, were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an

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 Date: 08/05/2021

Jettson K. Allison, Administrator
 Curt M. Cobb Clerk & Master/Deputy Clerk
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Public Notice

The Shelbyville Municipal Airport Authority will meet in Regular Session on Thursday, September 2, 2021, at 12:00 PM at Shelbyville Municipal Airport, 2828 Hwy 231 N. Shelbyville, TN. Any person wishing to view the Agenda may do so by contacting Paul Perry, Airport Director at the Shelbyville Municipal Airport.

Lisa Smith City Recorder (August 26)

Request for Proposals

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