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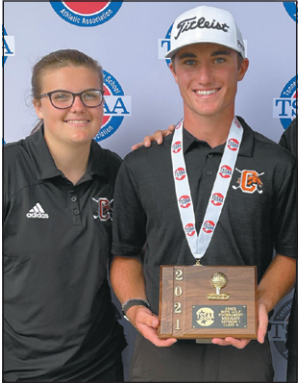
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EARLY MORNING FOG AND FROST



There was fog and frost on pumpkins and steeples this morning as the area received its first frosting of the season. The East View Baptist Church lawn glistened. A gentle fog settled at the front of the building.

T-G Photos by Dawn Hankins

Enjoy Your Weekend

- Shelbyville Veterans Parade** will be held 4 p.m. Sunday. The parade will follow the usual route from North Cannon Boulevard to the public square, north on North Main Street and east on Madison Street to Calsonic Arena. Karen Purdom will sing the National Anthem. Mike Ruess, local veterans service officer, is contact for the event and says there are already 52 entries (as of Friday morning.) "I love my job," Ruess said Friday. "I live to support the veterans. I will do it, until I can't physically do it anymore." Local scouts and also bands from all three local high schools plan to participate. There will also be a Black Hawk helicopter at the Celebration grounds as part of the static displays.
- The annual **Fall Lights** wine tasting and social will be held 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, today, at Blue Ribbon Circle. All proceeds benefit the nonprofit Shelbyville-Bedford County Humane Association. Tickets are \$30 at the door. Participants must be 21 years of age or older. Call 931-684-5463 for more information.
- The **Celebration Fall Classic** horse show runs through Saturday night at Calsonic Arena.

2019 Circle K robbery trial begins

By **TERENCE CORRIGAN**
 Special to the T-G

Two men charged with robbing a Shelbyville convenience store on Jan. 20, 2019, are finally going to jury trial this week.

The State of Tennessee is bringing the case in Bedford County Circuit Court against Leslie Lamont Coleman, 54, and co-defendant Deontre Cortez Farris, 21, (Case No. 19084.) Judge Forest A Durard, Jr., presides.

According to police, Farris and Coleman robbed the convenience



Coleman



Farris

store around 1 a.m., at knifepoint, stealing \$78, two cartons of cigarettes, an 18 pack of Bud Light beer, and a Blu starter kit (smokeless tobacco.)

Aggravated robbery in

the state is a Class B felony which carries a sentence of 8 to 30 years imprisonment, as well as a fine of up to \$25,000.

Arraigned in 2019 and charged with aggra-

vated robbery, Coleman is currently in custody of Tennessee Department of Corrections (TDOC.)

Farris bonded out.

Coleman and Farris are acquaintances, having shared an apartment on Landers Street.

Already a convicted felon, Coleman has been on parole after being found guilty of first-degree murder and especially aggravated robbery in 1991 in Nashville.

Coleman, then 23, and his stepbrother, Kenneth Robinson Jr., then 17,

robbed several businesses in the Harding Mall-Nolensville Road area of Nashville in the summer and fall of 1990, according to newspaper archives.

The 1990 victim in Nashville had reportedly given the men free sandwiches before they shot her to death, hid her body in the store and left in her car with less than \$100 in cash—a similar amount to that taken in Shelbyville.

The Shelbyville trial of the two men is scheduled on the Circuit Court docket through Wednesday, Nov. 10.

Matthew Griffy's a man on a mission

By **ZOE HAGGARD**
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"Make time." That's Matthew Griffy's motto.

It's how he owns and operates his 24-hour gym, MG Fitness on Northside Park Drive in Shelbyville, while also serving as chief of police in Petersburg.

Monday through Thursday, Griffy's at the station throughout the day. Then in the evening, he goes to his gym.

"It's tough," he admits. Sometimes that "making time" means cutting out some things—like personal training, which he did for 25 years, and competitive body building which he did from 2005 to 2015.

Griffy got into fitness while he was a teenager playing baseball and basketball at Community High School.

"I just fell in love with the process of it. I, like anybody else,

Weekend business feature

'It's the aspect of helping people—making a change, making a difference.'

— Matthew Griffy, Shelbyville businessman

once you start seeing results, you want more of them."

He went to Martin Methodist College with the expectation of teaching physical education. But

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Matthew Griffy works in Petersburg as policeman and also as a Shelbyville businessman. He serves to make a difference in people's lives.

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Courthouse in red

Vanderbilt Health Night Lights is an annual event Vanderbilt Health hosts in downtown Nashville that includes many of its community partners. Vanderbilt is expanding the experience to its community hospitals across the region next week. Bedford County Courthouse will be lighted in red on Monday night, Nov. 8 and Tuesday night, Nov. 9.

Griffy

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after transferring to Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Griffy said he became interested in law enforcement.

"It's the aspect of helping people—making a change, making a difference," he said.

But even though being a police chief and a personal trainer are seemingly two different careers, there's a few commonalities between them. Mostly, it's the connections.

Attracted to the other motto of "make a difference or be the difference," Griffy said, "I just relate that to many facets of my life—just being able to be here at the gym, helping people overcome obesity, anorexia, gain muscle, lose weight..."

And in law enforcement, "A lot of times, we'll get calls to where we can just actually go and have a one-on-one...Some people, they just want somebody to talk to."

It's a different kind of one-on-one training. But the psychology of helping people overcome whatever rut they're in, is essentially the same.

He worked as a crash investigator for the Shelbyville Police Department from 2003 until 2010, when he opened MG Fitness that June.

Now 10 years — and a year of shutdown — later, Griffy said he's servicing around 2,300 people at his gym, helping them to make time and accomplish the fitness goals they want.

"Just seeing the many facets of different people who are here every day, it's something I love to see. Because a lot of people think fitness is not for them, but there are so many people just like them that are doing it," he said.

Griffy, along with the late Rusty Reed, had a radio show "Shut Up and Train," which Griffy said was more popular than he thought. It allowed Griffy to go into the homes of shut-ins, who would call into the station asking for help, to help train with them — helping them to curl with cans of corn or learn how to stretch.

"I've been blessed with having good people here," he said, "You can do so much, but without the sup-

port of other people, it's hard to do anything."

With the remaining trick or treating cady lying around and with the holidays around the corners, staying fit is more challenging during this time of year. But that's ok.

Griffy says don't focus on the mainstream ideology of fitness. To do that you need to train your mind.

"Body dysmorphia affects everybody," he said. "The biggest thing is the psychological part of it. A lot times we want to look a certain way, but we want to get there in a week...it takes time to build what you want."

It's a lifestyle change—continuously do throughout your life. Griffy also highly recommends researching your supplements, which help supplement your diet and exercise. They're not made for everybody. Also, don't just focus on the weight number—look at measurements.

And again, make time—even if it's just an hour, or 30 minutes, or three minutes of walking through the neighborhood or doing a few push-ups or sit-ups.

"You have to work hard, and you have to do things right. Are you going to slip along the way? Yeah, everybody does...but as long as you stand up each time with a goal to be better, then I think you're making progress," he said.

And in the spirit of "doing it right," Griffy's biggest advice for anyone wanting to go into law enforcement is "do it for the right reasons." Often the badge and the gun can cause a power-grip for some officers, but Griffy says don't think you're better than anybody or because they stand differently than you.

"For me personally, I got into it to make a difference, to help, and to make a change in my community. And that was something I really wanted, even before I got into law enforcement," he said.

So, for those interested in becoming members at MG Fitness, Griffy encourages any interested members to give him a call at 931-685-8100 or email at griffy14@hotmail.com.

"Everything that you want in life, you have to make time for it," he said.



Left to right: Driver Clayton Prince, sanitation officer Calvin King, driver Kent Carter

T-G Photos by Zoe Haggard

City officials: solid waste is 'timely' coordination

By ZOË HAGGARD

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Solid waste disposal is about timely coordination among manpower, trucks, and the residents of a city, according to City of Shelbyville officials.

As for Shelbyville City Public Works department, with their two main truck drivers, they cover some 7,500 stops over some 500 miles Monday through Thursday, according to Shelbyville Public Works Director Buck Vallad.

Vallad has been director of public works since December 2019. Coming from Newberry, Mich., Vallad said he came to middle Tennessee for the opportunities and for the warmer weather.

"Snow is beautiful. But when you're responsible for getting it off the roads, it's ugly," Vallad joked.

Working at one time as a welder and in highway/airport runway construction, Vallad got into public works for the tangible aspect of coordinating and building projects to keep a city like Shelbyville going.

"Public works is never boring," Vallad said. "People always ask 'What does public works do?' Basically—if you can pull out police and fire—we do everything else."

"We're more of the stage crew of the big play. And the guys do a good job."

So getting that coordination flowing for something like solid waste disposal is a challenge, especially after the pandemic and with the population influx.

"COVID was terrible. There was so much trash during COVID," Vallad said, referring to people staying at home more. June caused an additional 400 residents to have another can," he said.

In order to combat this, Vallad said the hope is to acquire more automated trucks as well as look into getting software for route management to find the



These rear-loader garbage trucks require two men working in the back. Public works director Buck Vallad said they hope to purchase two more side-arm automated trucks which require only one driver and make route management more efficient.

most efficient route.

But more people also require more coordination.

"We do not provide this service effectively without the assistance of our citizens," said Shelbyville City Manager Joshua Ray. "If someone misses a pickup, then they should return their trash can to its appropriate storage location and wait until the following week's collection. Our crews operate on a schedule to ensure that every trash can is picked up every week."

Vallad asks that residents adhere to the trash pickup policies. The biggest thing—make sure your trash can is not overflowing and that the lid closes.

"In our policies, if the lid can't close, then you've got too much in it," he said. The arm trucks are chain-driven machines, so when the arm jerks, trash bags fall out, Vallad explained.

The policy says if a resident's can is overflowing three times in a row, then the public works department can charge you for another can. But Vallad says they don't want to do that.

Residents can purchase a second trash can at the public works office, located at 714 Industrial Drive or call (931) 684-2644. Due to current chain supply shortages,

pricing for that second trash can has increased from \$65 to \$100. Council will vote on pricing at Tuesday's meeting. The next meeting will also decide on purchasing on two new trucks.

"Solid waste collection is an expensive service within any community," said City Manager Ray. "In Shelbyville, solid waste collection includes personnel, equipment, and disposal fees. We do our best to maintain an efficient and effective operation so that our community is a clean, inviting place for people to enjoy."

So, "bag your trash," said driver Clayton Prince. Any loose garbage is counterintuitive to what the garbage men do.

"If you don't bag it, and you put stuff in there loose, and it's windy and we dump it, it blows all over. My drivers aren't getting out of the truck—that's why we have an automated truck," said Vallad.

With close to 8,000 stops in any given week, drivers getting out will slow down the process.

And make sure cans are easily accessible—not blocking or being blocked by mail boxes or cars. Garbage trucks can weigh up to 80,000 pounds, so

maneuvering down residential roads can be a challenge, especially when people park in the roads.

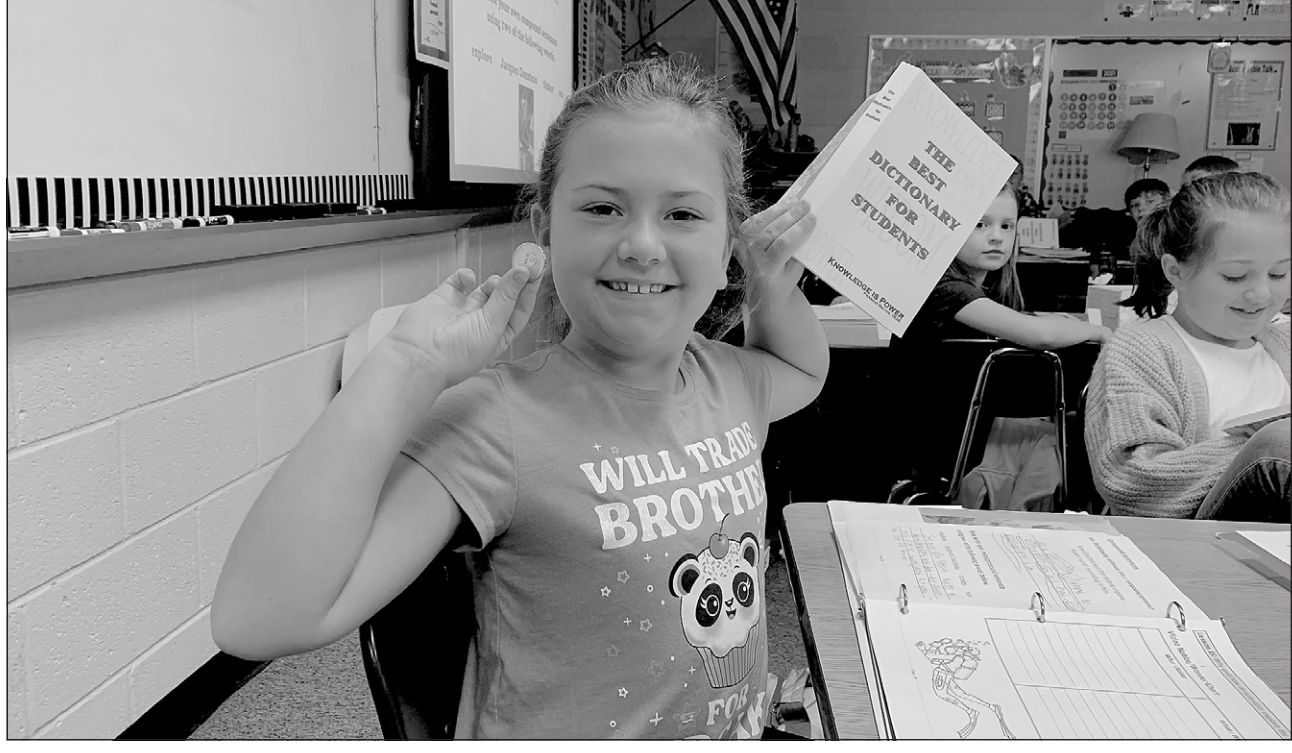
"People will come and ask about the location of the trash can we sat back down and why wasn't it put exactly in the spot they had it. Those are more relationship-building questions between us and the customer," said Vallad.

The landfill transfer station, located at 712 Blue Ribbon Pkwy, takes regular household trash and is free for all residents. Bigger items, like mattresses and couches, go to a burn pit and can be picked up for \$8.50 per cubic yard. Items like this can also be taken away for \$25 to \$50, depending on which truck is needed. Brush pickup week is also every month and Vallad encourages residents to check the City of Shelbyville website.

"A cleaner community is a safer and healthier community. If we all do our part, we will create a better Shelbyville where people want to live, work, play, and raise a family," said Ray.

Vallad said, "In any town you go to, public works is foundational. It's not only about maintaining what we have but also improving."

NEW DICTIONARY



A young student from Community Elementary enjoys her new dictionary and challenge coin earned by finding the word "service." The dictionaries were recently presented by the Rotary Club.

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Victim loses thousands to scammer

By DAVID MELSON
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A Bedford County woman had \$54,000 taken from her without permission over the past two months through online fraud, a Bedford County Sheriff's Office report said Friday.

The victim had received a text message from an unknown number about a \$249 charge for a business transaction that hadn't taken place. She called the number and was given a website to visit.

She said the money was taken from her bank account and credit cards.

"She stated that she does not know who the people are and did not give them permission to take the money," the report said.

Drug Task Force. They are only charged; guilt or innocence will be determined by the courts.

•Kevin Scott Davis, 37, Brookhaven Circle; failure to appear; held, \$7,500 bond

•Whitney Katrise Hampton, 36, Ligon Drive; harassment; released, \$1,000 bond

•Jason Jerome Jones, 42, Carrier Mills, Illinois; DUI, possession of schedule VI drug, possession of drug paraphernalia; held, \$6,500 bond

•James Lester Kimbrell III, 55, Laws Hill Road; domestic assault; held, \$3,500 bond

•Frank Jamar McCullough, 37, Murfreesboro; violation of probation; held, \$2,500 bond

•Kerrin Machele Mulgado, 43, Tate Avenue; violation of probation; held, \$1,000 bond

•Brandon Levi Porter, 28, homeless, Shelbyville; held for Marshall County on attempted criminal homicide charge

•Misty Dawn Powell, 41, Old Flat Creek School Road; theft of property under \$500; released on recognizance

•Norman Paul Pritt, 68, Madison Street; domestic assault; released, \$1,000 bond

•Sydney Raven Smartt, 22, Warners Bridge Road; theft over \$1,000; held, \$5,000 bond

•Eric Dwayne Smith, 32, Shelbyville Mills Road; DUI, light law, simple possession of schedule VI drug, possession of drug paraphernalia; held, \$4,500 bond

•Angel Olea Vitervo, 36, U.S. 41A South; domestic assault; held, \$3,500 bond

•Frankie Lee Wilhoite, 41, Garden Drive; violation of probation; released on recognizance

Stolen vehicle

A vehicle stolen in Manchester was left in a driveway of a Jolley Road home early Thursday, according to the BCSO.

The ignition was torn from the vehicle and one window and a headlight broken, the report said.

Checkpoints

Three holiday season Tennessee Highway Patrol sobriety checkpoints have been announced.

•Friday, November 26, 8 p.m., Highway 437 (Shelbyville bypass) at the 1.2 mile marker.

•Friday, December 3, 9 p.m., Highway 82 South at the 6.5 mile marker.

•Friday, December 31, 8 p.m., Highway 82 South at the 6.5 mile marker.

Jail intake

The following were charged since Wednesday by the Shelbyville Police Department, Bedford County Sheriff's Office, Tennessee Highway Patrol or 17th Judicial District

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

10/26/2021—
11/01/2021

Ted K. Taylor, Elisha Taylor to Muhamed Faqur—\$620,000, 16.3 acres, Hwy 231 N.

Jon Riddle to Katie L. Riddle—0 money, 0 acres, no address

J & M Development LLC to Jose R. Ferreria—\$214,900, 0 acres, no address

Justin Tyler Smith, Rachelle L. Moulton to Justin Tyler Smith, Rachelle L. Smith—0 money, 0 acres, Conquest Ct., Unionville

Quintin A. Stimpson, Michelle C. Stimpson to Avila Hendericks Nilon, Frederica Hendericks Noble—\$175,000, 0 acres, Liberty Pike, Bell Buckle

Ida Gladys Wilhoite Brixey, Susie Mai Wilhoite Hardy, Joy Francine Singer, Mary Raquel Alvarez, Hallie Alana Lauren Stohler, Aubrey Keith Wilhoite, Christopher David Trail to Curl Properties—\$950,000, 21.97 acres, Hwy 231 N.

Jonathan Austin to Jacob T. Marks—\$375,000, 10.24 acres, Midland Rd.

Duane Clark, Shannon Elaine Clark to Morgan Lester—\$480,000, 42.52 acres, Lower Halls Mill Rd.

Robert Edward Wright,

Adelia C. Tidwell, Edwina Jonette Wright to Terri D. Smith—\$335,000, 0 acres, Hulan St.

Zackary L. Hitchcock, Meagan G. Hitchcock to Loretta Johnson—\$550,100, 0 acres, Sulphur Springs Rd.

Maribel Vandygriff to Rebuilt Realty LLC—\$140,000, 1.098 acres, Hwy. 82

SDH Nashville LLC to Deidra Danielle Elijah, Lawrence Earl Barnes Jr.—\$258,320, 0 acres, Anna's Way

Brett Jones, Shelton Stogner to Jack Roper, Karin Roper—\$350,000, 37.03 acres, Roddy Rd.

Jeffrey L. Sanders to Georgette Henderson, Christopher Markell Henderson—\$425,000, 0 acres, no address

Jason Richardson, Melynia Richardson to Jason Richardson, Melynia Richardson—0 money, 0 acres, Hilltop Rd.

Gayle Brinkley Whitworth McKnight, Gayle Brinkley Whitworth to Mid State Realty LLC—\$675,945, 50.07 acres, Thompson Creek Rd.

Rex Anthony Brothers, Janelle Brothers, James Oscar Wortham to Rex A. Brothers, Carol A. Brothers—\$190,000, 13.97 acres, Old Columbia

Rd. David Allen Ross, Kaitlyn Watson, Joseph Watson to Christina McLaughlin—\$240,000, 0 acres, Cowan Ave.

Kelly Kirby, Eason Syler to Jeromy Henderson, Elizabeth Rocha Henderson—\$163,000, 0 acres, Enden Ave.

Michael H. Owen to Shari Lynn Dick, Michaela Rose McFarren—\$215,000, 0 acres, no address

Rebuilt Realty LLC to Joseph Hafner—\$165,000, 1.098 acres, Kingree Rd.

Maleah Claxton, Donnie Claxton to Robert Flade, Wilfred L. Alcorn—\$95,000, 0 acres, W. Jackson St.

Warren Keith Moore, Crystalee D. Moore, Crystalee D. Utz to Tammy Mellons, Warren Keith Moore, Crystalee D. Moore—0 money, 27.98 acres, Hickory Rd.

Juan C. Alvarado to Tera S. Warren, Joseph J. Henley—\$185,000, 0 acres, no address

C. James Sutton, Carolyn L. Sutton to Eleazar Cruz, Aide Gonzalez—\$325,000, 3.7 acres, Railroad Ave.

Shukonia R. Williams, Dustin S. Dillon to Michael S. Winkle, Julie M. Winkle—\$240,000, 0

acres, Deer Point Rd. Rachel Daniel Johnson to Karlie Niccole Franks—\$204,900, 0 acres, Briar Patch Dr.

Justin Stallings to Justin Stallings, Sarah Elizabeth Stallings—0 money, 0 acres, no address

Charles Abblett to Orion Gage Duncan—\$143,000, 0 acres, no address

Cassie Lorene Mosley to Renee J. Blocker—\$250,000, 0 acres, Conquest Ct., Unionville

Lane Primm, Cody Primm to Jeanette Carlisle—\$75,000, 0 acres, Hwy. 64 West

Shelby Burton to Richard L. Burton—\$170,000, 0 acres, Henderson Rd.

Juvenal Onate, Ofelia Onate to Jeffrey L. Sanders—\$60,000, 0 acres, Garden Gate Way

Meadows At Backward S Ranch LLC to Mark A. Clark, Karen R. Clark—\$1,750,000, 45.55 acres, Lewisburg Hwy.

Joseph Owen Jr. to Johnson Equities Inc.—\$65,000, 0 acres, South Fairoak St. Michael R. Clanton, Mike Clanton, Nicole R. Clanton to Virginia Parrish—\$350,000, 0 acres, no address

PUBLIC RECORD

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Austin Hayes Coffey and Elizabeth Grace Patterson John Thomas Taylor III and Brittany Nichole Brassell Boone

Heath Christian Nunley and Teri Lynn Slater William Kevin Moore and Sarah Soto

Nathan Alex Smith and Katie Grace Coleman Lewis Steven Reed Gilbert and Marygrace Louise Dennis

Jesse Aaron Guthrie and Paige Navada Keefer

Justin Blaine Sudberry and Lynsey Danielle Green

DIVORCE CASES GRANTED

Bedford County Chancery Court

Jacqueline Anchondo vs Ociel Anchondo Lisa Lechelle Belt vs George Anthony Belt

Maria Koons Campbell vs Glen Dale Campbell David Lee Claxton vs Vickie Lynn Claxton Dallas SarahAnn Fairdale vs Jacob Heath Carlton

Wendy Denise Lokey Frutiger vs Jerry Donald Frutiger

George Howard Harrison vs Amanda Lynn Harrison Tyler Ray Lawrence vs Danielle Nicole Lawrence

Nicole Ryan Lovvorn vs Jon Canda Lovvorn Gayle Maher vs Robert William Maher Jr.

Dale Avery Ogles vs Aprylmae Nichole Ogles Melvin Chase Perryman vs Tania Rene Perez Steven Earl Scaggs vs Cynthia Ann Scaggs

Derek Richard Shafer vs Brandy Nicole Shafer

Ramiro Soriano vs Melissa Rosario Soriano

Graciela Arroyo Stewart vs William Stewart

Tommie Belle Webb vs Gregory Scott Jimison

BUSINESS LISTINGS—NEW BUSINESSES

10/28/2021—
11/04/2021

Freedom Lawncare And Tree Service—1945 Sims Rd., Shelbyville, Dustin Stacey

Mid Tn Gutters—206 Richdale Lane, Shelbyville, Christopher Peacock

Aguascalientes, Inc.—223 Lane Pkwy.,

Shelbyville, Brayan Pichardo

Shelby Auto Sales

Co.—2215 N. Main St., Shelbyville, Abdeljabbar Abdelrahman

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Hair-raising issue

Dear Readers: If your dog is shedding excessively and leaving hair everywhere, including all over the carpet, here's how to deal with this hairy problem.

Hints from Heloise

Heloise



There are several ways you can take care of this. First, vacuum the carpet thoroughly using the brush attachment, going over hairy areas a couple of times, which should help grab the hair. Or you can wipe a lightly dampened sponge over the area to lift off hair. Another tack you can take is to roll several lengths of duct tape around your hand to pull off smaller amounts of hair.

And finally, you can try to vacuum your pooch, very gently and carefully, to get rid of loose hair. It might take a bit of time to get your dog used to this approach! And, of course, you can prevent a lot of this problem simply by brushing your dog often. -- Heloise

BAKING SODA AS FIRE EXTINGUISHER

Dear Readers: When baking soda is on sale, buy a couple extra boxes to keep in your kitchen. Baking soda can be used to curtail small oil or grease cooking fires. Here's how to use it the right and effective way in most situations.

The minute you see small flames, turn off the stove. Then back away from it and throw a handful of baking soda on the base of the flames. If needed, add more baking soda. And, if possible, put a big metal lid over the frying pan, which will help put out the fire.

Never toss baking soda in a deep fryer, because it's likely to splash and spread the grease. And if the fire is spreading fast and growing bigger, leave the kitchen immediately and call 911.

Baking soda is a safe and cheap household product that has a lot of uses around the home. For more helpful hints about baking soda, order my six-page pamphlet Heloise's Baking Soda Hints and Recipes by sending \$5 and a long,

self-addressed, stamped (75 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Baking Soda, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. FYI: If the garbage disposal is stinky, pour several tablespoons of baking soda down the drain to freshen it. -- Heloise

GUM MELTED IN THE CLOTHES DRYER?

Dear Readers: Oh yes, this laundry disaster happens. It's a trying task to get rid of that sticky gunk from the inside of the dryer. Take these steps. Put several old towels in the dryer and turn it on to warm for a couple of minutes. This will soften the gum. Then mix 1 tablespoon of powdered laundry detergent with enough water to make a paste. Apply it with a cloth and rub over the gum inside the dryer, then wipe out. Before putting clothes in the dryer again, run it again with several damp rags to ensure that all of the gum is gone. -- Heloise

ZAP HARD BROWN SUGAR

Dear Readers: If the brown sugar in your kitchen cabinet has gotten hard as a rock, you can solve this problem by placing the brown sugar in a microwave-safe dish. Cover it tightly and microwave on high for 30 seconds. Check and repeat, if needed. To prevent this from happening, store brown sugar in an airtight container with a slice of bread to keep it from getting hard. -- Heloise

PET PAL

Dear Heloise: This is Coco. She is a 12-year-old calico that is sweeter than pecan pie. -- Gary Philips, via email
Readers, to see Coco, go to www.Heloise.com and click on "Pet of the Week."

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.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Bedford County veterans will be held 6 p.m. Wednesday, November 10 at Fellowship for Christ, 142 Richdale Lane.

email www.bedfordcountytfnair.org.

NOV. 25

Thanksgiving meal

Free Thanksgiving Day dinners will be available from 10 a.m.-noon Thursday, November 25 at Bird Street Church of Christ, 428 Bird St., in a joint effort with Fairlane Church of Christ. Delivery will be available within Shelbyville. Orders can be placed at 931-684-3876 or bird-streetcofc.org.

NOV. 27

Wartrace Christmas

Wartrace is holding a Christmas Marketplace on Saturday, November 27, which is National Small Business Day. Local artisans, bakers, and crafters will be set up on the town square throughout the day. Food and photos with Santa will be available.

DEC. 3

Quilted Christmas

A Quilted Christmas walk featuring historic homes and churches will be held from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, December 3 in Bell Buckle, sponsored by the town's Chamber of Commerce.

DEC. 4

Christmas Parade

"A Super-Hero Christmas" will be the theme for this year's Shelbyville Christmas Parade, scheduled Saturday, December 4 along the traditional route — the Shelbyville square, north on North Main Street and east out Madison Street to Celebration Drive. Entry forms are available on the Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page. The parade is sponsored by the Chamber and the Shelbyville Jaycees.

ONGOING

COVID tests

Free drive-through COVID-19 tests are available at Bedford County Health Department, 140 Dover St. (enter at the Hope Street entrance) from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Soup kitchen

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

DesJarlais forum

Lynne Davis, field representative for U.S. Rep. Scott DesJarlais, is available from 10-11 a.m. each Thursday at the Bedford County Courthouse to field constituent questions. DesJarlais, who represents the 4th District, will not be present.

Seniors meals

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

County meetings

Bedford County Courthouse is closed for government meetings until at least March 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.

NOV. 6

Community Breakfast

Blankenship United Methodist Church, Midland Road in the Vannatta community, will have its monthly Community Breakfast at 8 a.m. Saturday, November 6. An old-fashioned country breakfast will be served.

Flat Creek music

Flat Creek Community Center will host its annual local music night with players and singers from the area. A potluck meal will begin at 6 p.m. and music will start at 7.

Autumn Lights

All proceeds from Autumn Lights, scheduled 7-9 p.m. Saturday, November 6 at Blue Ribbon Circle, will go to Shelbyville-Bedford County Humane Association. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. A food festival, wine tasting, music and silent auction are included. For more information and tickets call 931-684-5463 or 931-224-1059, text 931-639-3504, email sbcha@hotmail.com or see sbc.humane.org on Facebook.

NOV. 7

Community alumni

The Community School Alumni Association Reunion is scheduled 1:30 p.m. Sunday, November 7 in the Community High School auditorium. The Student Council will provide refreshments afterwards.

Veterans parade

Shelbyville's Veterans Day parade will be 4 p.m. Sunday, November 7. The parade will follow the usual route from North Cannon Boulevard to the public square, north on North Main Street and east on Madison Street to Calsonic Arena. Call Michael Ruess, 931-685-4838 for more information.

Toy Convoy

Planning is in progress for the 25th annual Highway 41 Toy Convoy on Sunday, November 7 following a route from Manchester north to Beech Grove, then west on State Highway 64 in Bedford County to the town square in Wartrace. Entry fee for vehicles that can travel 45 mph safely is \$10 to enter the convoy and \$20 to exhibit in a car show at route's end on the Wartrace square. All are asked to bring new unwrapped toys and fly American flags. The Gene Taylor and Steve Graves Christmas Foundation, Manchester Police Department and Wartrace Fire Department will distribute the toys.

NOV. 8

GOP forum

Bedford County Republican Party will hold a Community Forum at 7 p.m. Monday, November 8 at International House of Prayer, Union Street. Dr. Tammy Garrett, Bedford County Schools Director, will be featured speaker.

NOV. 9

Bell Buckle board

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor & Aldermen will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, November 9 in Town Hall.

NOV. 10

Veterans supper

A pancake/sausage supper for all

Bell Buckle P&R

Bell Buckle Parks & Recreation Committee will meet at 4 p.m. Wednesday, November 10 in Town Hall.

NOV. 12-14

Silent auction

CASA Works is holding its second annual online fundraising auction from noon November 12 to 6 p.m. November 14. Items ranging from furniture to sports tickets to decorative items will be offered. See www.32auctions.com/casaworks2021or or www.facebook.com/CASAWorksInc. Call 931-455-7426 with questions. CASA Works advocates for abused and neglected children in Bedford, Coffee and Franklin counties.

NOV. 13

Special breakfast

A free breakfast for veterans, law enforcement and first responders is scheduled Saturday, November 13 from 6-9 a.m. at Fairlane Church of Christ's Fellowship Hall. Jason Bush is hosting the event.

Flag retirement

A flag retirement ceremony/ceremonial burning will be held at 10 a.m. at the Moose Lodge, Highway 82 South. Food will be provided for veterans.

NOV. 14

Open house

The Care House, 304 Old Nashville Dirt Road, will hold an open house 2-4 p.m. Sunday, November 14. The non-profit organization provides short term emergency housing for children and teens awaiting foster care placement.

NOV. 16

Lung screenings

Mobile lung cancer screenings will be conducted Tuesday, November 16 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Community Clinic of Shelbyville & Bedford County, 200 Dover St. For more information or to make an appointment (walk-ins are welcome), call 423-495-5864. Participants must be between ages 55-80 if uninsured or 50-80 if insured, current or former (within past 15 years) heavy smokers, and have no symptoms of lung cancer or have had a CT scan in the past year. Self-pay price for those who don't meet the guidelines is \$150.

Bell Buckle history

Bell Buckle Historical Commission will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, November 16 in Town Hall.

NOV. 18

BB beautification

Bell Buckle Beautification Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, November 18 in Town Hall.

NOV. 20

Food pantry

Scott United Methodist Church will host a food pantry from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, November 20.

Christmas Village

Bedford County Fair's Christmas Village is scheduled Saturday, November 20 at Bedford County Agricultural Center. For more information call Jeri Lynn Smith, 931-580-7060, or

Sunny days, cool nights expected in area

Bedford County will enjoy a sunny weekend with high temperatures of

60 to 65 degrees but we will still have scattered Frost at night. Monday and Tuesday will see sunshine and high temperatures in the upper 60s. I am expecting another cold front from the 13th to the 18th with more frost and freeze in our area.

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Saturday night. The sun will set shortly after 4:30 on Sunday afternoon so it will be dark near 5 p.m.

Nov. 2-3 1966, an incredible early-season snowstorm brought 13 inches to Woodbury, 8 inches to Shelbyville and 7 inches to Nashville. On Nov. 6, 2018, an overnight tornado outbreak spawned at least nine tornadoes across Middle Tennessee. The strongest tornado caused EF2 damage and

Steve Norris

Weather

killed 1 woman west of Christiana, and another EF2 tornado tracked for 40 miles across Franklin, Coffee, and Grundy counties.



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Foes of death penalty support the condemned

By **DAVID CRARY**
AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — After Sister Barbara Battista, a Roman Catholic nun staunchly opposed to the death penalty, agreed to accompany a condemned man at his execution in federal prison, she wondered doubtfully, “Am I just part of this whole killing machine?”

“The answer is ‘No,’” she decided, proceeding with her mission to the death chamber in Terre Haute, Indiana, where in August 2020 Battista said a silent prayer while witnessing the lethal injection of Keith Dwayne Nelson, convicted of kidnapping, sexually assaulting and killing a 10-year-old girl.

“No matter how heinous the act, no matter how much I’m opposed to it, that person deserves to have someone who is there simply because they care,” she said.

Battista’s name is now on a friend-of-the-court brief submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court by the American Civil Liberties Union. Along with other spiritual advisers and former corrections officials, Battista argues against a Texas policy that prohibits a Southern Baptist pastor from praying aloud and laying hands on a condemned man, John Ramirez, as he is executed.

Ramirez, sentenced to death for the 2004 murder of a convenience store clerk, was scheduled to be executed Sept. 8, but the Supreme Court ordered a delay to consider claims that restrictions on the pastor’s role would violate his religious liberties. Oral arguments are scheduled for next Tuesday.

The ACLU has a long history of opposing the death penalty and also says that condemned prisoners, even at the moment of execution, have religious rights.

“If the state is going to engage in this practice, it should make every effort to honor the dignity and religious liberties of those it plans to kill,” said Daniel Mach, director of the ACLU Program on Freedom of Religion and Belief.

Intriguingly, the ACLU’s position in the Ramirez case is echoed by some conservative religious groups which support the death penalty and are often at odds with the ACLU on other issues, for example in cases where religious conservatives believe they have a right to discriminate against LGBTQ people.

The Southern Baptist Convention has an official position supporting “the fair and equitable use of capital punishment.” Last month the SBC joined six other faith-based groups in a friend-of-the-court brief making the same argument as the ACLU — that Ramirez’s pastor, Dana Moore, should be able to lay hands on him and pray aloud during the execution.

“Religious freedom doesn’t end as you approach the moment of death,” said Brent Leatherwood, acting president of the SBC’s public policy arm. “The state has yet to make a compelling reason for why Pastor Moore cannot minister to Mr. Ramirez in these final moments.”

Texas allows spiritual advisers into the execution chamber but bars them from praying audibly or being by the condemned inmate’s side. In its arguments to the

Supreme Court, Texas said granting Ramirez’s request would be a step toward enabling federal courts to “micromanage” details of execution protocol.

In some cases, states still employing capital punishment have made adjustments to comply with court orders regarding spiritual advisers.

In February, for example, the Supreme Court blocked Alabama from executing Willie Smith III — convicted of the 1991 abduction and murder of a 22-year-old woman — unless it allowed his personal pastor to be present in the execution chamber. Alabama complied; Smith was executed Oct. 21 with the pastor, Robert Wiley, by his side.

Efforts to provide condemned prisoners with spiritual comfort at their executions have been eumenical.

In 2019, the Supreme Court blocked Texas from executing a Buddhist prisoner unless he was allowed to have a Buddhist priest at his side. The same year, the high court allowed Alabama to execute a Muslim inmate, Domineque Ray, even though his spiritual adviser was not allowed to be present; the court said Ray was too late in making his request.

In the past year, Yusuf Nur, a Muslim professor of business who teaches at Indiana University Kokomo, was the spiritual adviser at two federal executions of Muslim inmates. He was present — and permitted to say a traditional Islamic prayer aloud — for the executions of Orlando Hall in November 2020 and Dustin Higgs in January 2021.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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

Baptist

Church services will be held 10 a.m. at **Calvary Baptist Church**, led by Pastor Jimmy Gray. All services are livestreamed.

“Showing Others the Way” from II Chronicles 22:5-16 will be Pastor Jimmy West’s message at **Edgemont Baptist Church**. Services are livestreamed.

Grace Baptist Church’s message will be “Walking through The Valley Of The Shadow Of Death?” from Psalms 23:4. Services are livestreamed. The church will hold its Fall Festival Sunday at 2 p.m. at Julia Cole’s house, 342 Sulphur Springs Road.

Christian (Disciples of Christ)

A short sermon series on the Sacraments of Baptism & Communion will begin Sunday at **First Christian Church**. Dan Asche will teach on “What About Baptism?”

Church of Christ

Sunday will be the second sermon in the series, “The Body” at **Fairlane Church of Christ**. The sermon will be entitled, “How to Destroy a Church” from Colossians 3:12-17. The service is available on livestream via Fairlane’s Facebook page and website, and broadcast on WLII (98.7 FM/1580 AM), which is a change from the previous station.

Jerry Bates of World Evangelism will speak on “Where Is Your Mind” from Philippians 3:20-21 at 10 a.m. Sunday at **Southside Church of Christ**. A guided discussion on developing your

prayer life is scheduled for 6 p.m. Sunday. The 6 p.m. Wednesday service will be a study of 1 Peter. The Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services will be livestreamed at cofcsouthside.com.

Methodist

Blankenship United Methodist Church will have its monthly Community Breakfast, Saturday, November 6, 2021 at 8 a.m., an old-time country breakfast with all the trimmings. All Saints Sunday will be observed Nov. 7 with the message “Precious Memories” with Scripture from Philippians 1:1-8. Look for Blankenship’s float in the Veterans Day parade Sunday afternoon! Wednesday night’s message will be “A Good Soldier” from 2 Timothy 2:1-7. The 9 a.m. Sunday morning and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday services can be viewed on Facebook livestream.

First United Methodist

Church will be observing All Saints Sunday, remembering members of our church family who have died in the past year and entered into the Church Triumphant. The Rev. Dr. Paul H. Mullikin will share a message called “The Other Side of the River” based on Revelation 21:1-7. Services will be livestreamed on Facebook and broadcast on WLII (98.7 FM/1580 AM).

Nazarene

Rev. Kevin Thomas’ sermon at **First Church of the Nazarene** will be “Go, Stop, Wait” based on Matthew 28:16-20 and Acts 1:4-11. Services are livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook.

Non-denominational

A pancake/sausage supper for all Bedford County veterans will be held 6 p.m. Wednesday, November 10 at **Fellowship for Christ**, 142 Richdale Lane.

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Evan Woosley-Reed gets a hug from coach Jeremy Bankston after capturing his second state title in 2020.



Woosley-Reed sinks a putt during the Region 5-A match this season.

Woosley-Reed leaves legacy at Cascade

By **CHRIS SIERS**
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Evan Woosley-Reed has had quite the career playing golf for Cascade.

After finishing second in the state tournament as a freshman, Woosley-Reed rattled off three-straight state titles, cementing himself in Cascade history forever.

The Cascade senior out-dueled Aiden Collier of North Greene to cap his career with a one-stroke lead.

He finished 12 under par for the tournament.

On his last day of play,

Woosley-Reed finished strong, shooting three birdies on the last five holes to take the win.

“I would say all the stress I’ve had over the years was kind of released. Over the last two days of the event I just tried to stay in the moment and not get ahead of myself. I just tried to keep calm and take it one shot at a time. Luckily it worked out,” he said.

While each championship certainly carries its own memories, Woosley-Reed says the way his career came to pass mirrored that of his mother’s playing career as well.

“I would say the last one

because it tied my mom’s record. She lost by four her freshman year, just like I did, then she won the next three. We had the same exact state record. I would say that last one means a little more,” he said.

Woosley-Reed’s impact, not only on the Cascade golf program, but the community cannot be understated.

“Evan has put a name and a face to this program in a positive way. Coaching him has been an honor for me because a golfer like him only comes along once in a lifetime. His ability to eliminate fear, anxiety, and nerves

then focus on the task at hand is unparalleled. They say you have to have a short memory in golf but he is unforgettable. He will definitely be missed and impossible to replace,” Champion coach Jeremy Bankston said.

During his junior year, he edged out a one-stroke win for his second title.

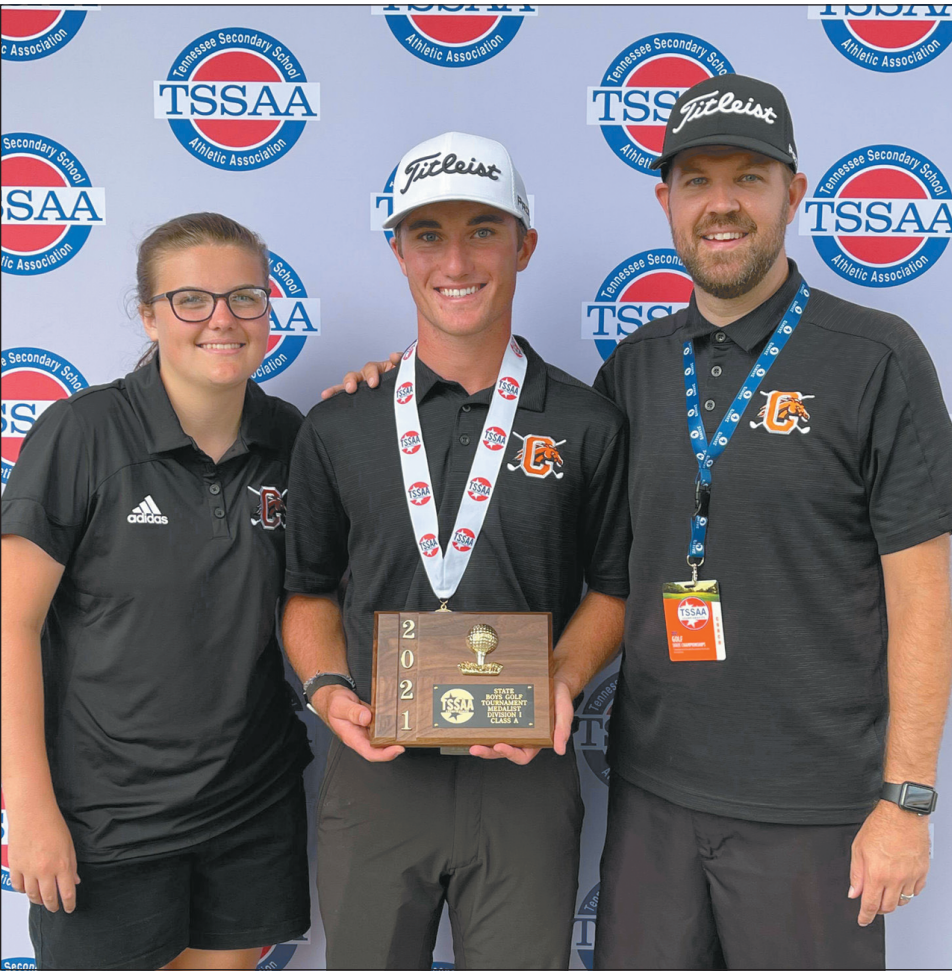
As a sophomore Woosley-Reed beat Collier by six strokes, shooting a blistering 65 on the final day of competition to secure his second first title.

As his playing career ended, Woosley-Reed played in a couple of events following the TSSAA

state tournament, but now sets his sights on graduating and heading to college.

With his legacy cemented in Cascade lore, Woosley-Reed hopes his accomplishments can inspire future athletes to push themselves to the highest level of training and competition and your goals are 100% achievable.

“It means a lot to leave something that I never imagined leaving. I hope all the young kids can look up and see the banners and see that they just need to push harder to achieve their goals,” he said.



Submitted photo



ABOVE: Tatyana Greene eyes her approach shot on Hole 1 during the Region 5-A match earlier this season.

LEFT: Greene, along with three-time state champion Evan Woosley-Reed, pose with coach Jeremy Bankston at the 2021 Class A state tournament.

Freshman star Greene looks toward bright future

By **CHRIS SIERS**
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As a freshman, it can be tough to find your footing in a sport during your first year of high school athletics.

Cascade’s Tatyana Greene hit her stride early on in her career and blazed her way to a top-10 finish in the Class A state tournament this season.

When the season began, Greene’s goal was to just qualify for the two-day tournament, which was held in Sevierville.

After making it, she set her sights even higher, to finish top 10 in the state—and she did just that.

“I was very happy I finally made it. That was one of my goals. When I got there, I thought I needed to make a new goal and Coach (Jeremy) Bankston asked me what my new goal was and I said it was to be top 10,” Greene said.

Greene has been among the best golfers in the mid-state throughout the entire season.

Greene was fairly consistent in her two-day competition last month, shooting an 84 on the first day and closing the tournament by shooting an 83 on the second day.

She also birdied her last hole to secure a tie for ninth-place to conclude her freshman season.

“She’s been great. She’s definitely a leader on the team. Every time she’s out there, she’s working hard on her game. When we got to the state championship, we were able to walk through the course

and look at every shot selection. She did a really good job and she executed the game plan to perfection,” Bankston said.

Greene qualified as an individual for the state tournament as Cascade just missed out on a trip to the state tournament as a team with a second-place finish in the Region 5-A match.

The ability to represent Cascade as a freshman, Greene says, was particularly special.

“It’s a great feeling that I’m a girl golfer and doing something

that I love,” she said.

She hopes her placement in her freshman season was enough to help inspire other golfers to work at making Cascade a known power when it comes to girls’ golf.

Bankston agreed and thinks the girls’ program could be knocking on the door as a state qualifier sooner than later.

“It’s very obtainable. Our girls are very young and very talented.”
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Greene

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I feel like we can make it to state as a team very soon. We're just going to keep working hard and focus on beating the course and not other teams," he said.

For now, Greene says she's going to continue working on her game and having gotten a taste of the competition at the highest level in the state, she knows what it takes to compete among the best players in the state.

"I know what I am now and who I'm up against. I'm working harder on my game to improve so I can become better for state next year," she said.

Luster off LSU-Tide contest

By JOHN ZENOR
AP Sports Writer

Much has changed since the last time LSU visited Alabama — for the Tigers, at least.

Nick Saban has the third-ranked Crimson Tide (7-1, 4-1 Southeastern Conference, No. 2 CFP) in national title contention once again and they are led by another Heisman Trophy candidate. For LSU, Ed Orgeron and the Tigers enter Saturday night's game at Bryant-Denny Stadium trying to salvage his final season in Baton Rouge.

It's nothing like that No. 1 versus No. 2 showdown two years ago when the Tigers (4-4, 2-3) won a tight shootout on their way to a perfect season, a national championship and a Heisman for quarterback Joe Burrow. Last season it was the Tide's turn for the title and the Heisman; and quarterback Bryce Young is the apparent front-runner now.

Orgeron said he couldn't help thinking to himself before a news conference: "Wow, how things have changed."

"That was a big victory for us," he said. "Things are different now, but it's still LSU-Alabama. My job is to get these guys to play as hard as we can. We're going to be prepared."

It's November, and normally that means title pursuit for both teams. That remains true for the Tide.

"You're remembered for what you do in November; that's what we say around here," Alabama defensive lineman Phidarian Mathis said. "And so you know, we just got to bring it harder."

Alabama won 55-17 last season and has taken nine of 10 versus LSU.

But Orgeron gave 'Bama some inadvertent bulletin board material after the 46-41 win two years ago, saying that "we're gonna beat their ass every time they see us" and ending with another profanity. A player live-streamed the speech.

Orgeron apologized then and again this week.

But the loss lingers in Brian Robinson Jr.'s mind and so do Orgeron's words to his team.

"That's something that we keep lingering," the Tide tailback said. "We make sure people know just the disrespect that was with that, how it made us feel and everything we have to do to make sure that doesn't happen again."

Both teams have running backs who have been hot lately. Alabama's Brian Robinson Jr. is averaging 124.5 yards over the last four games with nine touchdowns. LSU's Tyrion-Davis has scored all six of his touchdowns in the last three games, including a monster 287-yard performance against Florida.

Tre Bradford, who transferred back to LSU from Oklahoma, is ready to make this season debut after overcoming his ailing hamstring. He joins Corey Kiner, along with Armoni Goodwin, who has missed two games with an undisclosed ailment.

Titans, Rams prepare for showdown

By GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — News of Derrick Henry's foot injury early this week removed some of the luster from the Tennessee Titans' visit to Los Angeles on Sunday night for a prime-time clash between surging conference co-leaders.

A few hours later, Von Miller's trade to the Rams turned a spotlight back up on a showdown between two teams that would love to meet again on the same SoFi Stadium field Feb. 13 in the Super Bowl.

Although an ankle injury might slow him, Miller expects to debut for his new team when Los Angeles (7-1) goes after its fifth straight victory in its only home game of November. The pass-rushing star calls his trade from Denver an "incredible" opportunity to suit up alongside Aaron Donald and Leonard Floyd for a team already leading the NFL in sacks.

"You hear stories of the Fearsome Foursome, you hear stories of this legendary defense, and we want to recreate that," Miller said. "They've been playing great defense all year. I just want to add some of the things that I do best."

Tennessee's Ryan Tannehill is the first quarterback to get the dubious honor of avoiding both Donald and Miller, his teammate

for three years at Texas A&M.

"Can't say I love facing him, but a ton of respect for him and know that he is a dangerous player," Tannehill said.

The Rams just finished surging through a soft stretch of their schedule, but the arrival of the Titans (6-2) signals the start of LA's big second-half tests. Tennessee is tough even without Henry, who's on injured reserve when the Titans make their first visit to still-new SoFi Stadium in search of their own fifth consecutive win.

The Tennessee offense faces dual difficulties, both in handling the Rams' defense and in forging a new identity without Henry, by far the NFL leader in yards rushing and attempts.

"We have a certain style that we are accustomed to, and when we win football games, we are doing certain things," Titans coach Mike Vrabel said. "And then also, we will always try to find new ways to help us run the football, throw the football."

Even with the sport's most dynamic ball carrier sidelined, this matchup retained some excitement when the Titans quickly added Adrian Peterson, the 2012 NFL MVP and one of the eight men to run for at least 2,000 yards, to the practice squad Tuesday. Exactly

who replaces Henry remains to be seen, and it certainly won't be Peterson on his own.

"I hate that, because he's a great football player," Rams coach Sean McVay said of Henry's injury. "He's a dominant player. I love watching the way this guy has competed and really done so many special things for that offense over the last handful of years. ... I still think they'll probably keep a similar identity, but Derrick Henry, he's 1 of 1, the way that he's played these last handful of years."

Timing is everything

If the NFL trade deadline was a week later, Tannehill wouldn't have had to face off against Miller. Instead, the Titans quarterback now has to prepare for an already loaded Rams defense that now features the linebacker Tannehill has known since they went to College Station as part of the same recruiting class.

Miller left A&M a year before Tannehill, who says it's been fun watching Miller as a friend over the past decade or so.

"Talk about the timing," Tannehill said. "I love Von. We had some great times together at A&M. Played in some really big football games, some fun football games."

Overflowing Kupp

Cooper Kupp's spectacular half-season is reaching historic territory. The Rams receiver needs 76 yards receiving against Tennessee to join Hall of Famers Don Hutson, Elroy Hirsch, Raymond Berry and Jerry Rice as the only players in NFL history with at least 1,000 yards receiving and 10 touchdown catches in their team's first nine games.

Kupp is rolling because of his immediate connection with Matthew Stafford, who's second in the league in yards passing (2,447), TD passes (22) and passer rating (118.0). He's averaging 319.5 yards and three TDs per game at SoFi.

Committee approach

Whether or not Peterson plays, the Titans will likely use a group approach to handle the heavy load Henry literally carried for this offense. Jeremy McNichols knows the offense best, having been the third-down specialist catching plenty of screens. They also have Dontrell Hilliard, who signed Oct. 27, and D'Onta Foreman.

"We will kind of see where everything goes as it plays out through the week and see which guys will be available to play for us on Sunday," Vrabel said.

Wildcats, Vols seek to end 2-game SEC slides

By GARY B. GRAVES
AP Sports Writer

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Either No. 18 Kentucky or Tennessee will end a two-game losing streak when they meet this weekend.

Kentucky (6-2, 4-2 Southeastern Conference) might have more reason for concern following defeats at top-ranked Georgia and unranked Mississippi State. The loss to MSU followed a bye week for the Wildcats. One bright spot the Wildcats is that Saturday night's match-up of border rivals is at Kentucky, where they're 5-0 this season.

The Wildcats hope familiar scenery spurs a rebound from last week's 31-17 dud at MSU.

Mississippi State was "more physical than us, and that can't happen," coach Mark Stoops said. "They seemed to be more motivated at times, certainly more physical at times, executed better. You name it, they outplayed us and it's up to us to get back to being who we are."

Kentucky's offense has stalled the past two weeks, averaging just 229 yards. Ball protection might be the bigger issue for the Wildcats after committing four turnovers last Saturday in Starkville, two of which MSU converted into third-quarter touchdowns that broke the game open.

That needs to be corrected against Tennessee (4-4, 2-3), which is an opportunistic plus-8 in turnover margin the past

six games. The Volunteers look to avoid consecutive series losses for the first time since 1976-77 and fall below .500 for the first time this season.

They had a week off to recharge from an eight-game stretch capped by consecutive defeats to then- No. 13 Mississippi (31-26) and No. 4 Alabama (52-24). Tennessee hopes that will help navigate a challenging stretch run that begins with Kentucky and then Georgia.

"Everybody remembers what you do in November right?" Vols tight end Jacob Warren said. "We lose a game here, lose a game there, win one here but it is all going to come down to these last four games. ... That whole thing is driving us to keep getting better and try to keep pushing through the season."

Pocket poise

Kentucky quarterback Will Levis needs a reboot after throwing three interceptions last week at MSU. The Penn State transfer still has more TDs (14) than picks (nine), but Stoops stressed the need for more patience after arguably his worst game this season.

"I think you see a lot of quarterbacks doing that at times and maybe regroup during (the) game," he said. "Will had a chance to hit a few strikes, complete a few passes to possibly hit a touchdown or two and we missed them. So, we have to get that fixed."

UT probe completed; no bowl ban

By TERESA M. WALKER
AP Sports Writer

Tennessee will not self-impose a post-season bowl ban after wrapping up its investigation into the recruiting issues that led to the firing of coach Jeremy Pruitt and nine others in January.

"We will hold ourselves accountable considering the nature of the violations, our prompt investigation and corrective personnel actions, the new recruiting environment and other factors," the university said in a statement Thursday. "In the interest of protecting the rights of innocent student-athletes, the university will not impose a postseason bowl ban."

Tennessee started the internal investigation after receiving a tip on Nov. 13, 2020, about alleged recruiting violations. The university cited NCAA bylaws for preventing it from sharing details of what it found.

Chancellor Donde Plowman called the issues "serious violations of NCAA rules" that "warrant immediate action" on Jan. 18 at a news conference announcing the firing of Pruitt, two assistant coaches and seven members of the recruiting and support staff.

The chancellor said then that the

potential NCAA issues involved Level I and II violations with a number of people and incidents. NCAA investigators opened a case in December.

Pruitt, who went 3-7, hired an attorney after Tennessee refused to pay his \$12.6 million buyout. He went 16-19 in his three seasons.

Tennessee said in the statement that university officials are focused on rebuilding the football program and supporting its athletes.

"We will now work to finalize a fair and efficient resolution through the applicable process while navigating a rapidly changing landscape in intercollegiate athletics that includes transformative change for the NCAA, the Alston decision and significant new name, image and likeness rights for our student-athletes," the statement said.

First-year coach Josh Heupel already has improved on Pruitt's last season with a 4-4 record with four games remaining. With South Alabama and Vanderbilt the final games at home, Tennessee could become bowl eligible with six wins. The Vols visit No. 18 Kentucky on Saturday night in their final road game this season.

Ball control

Tennessee brings in an uptempo offense averaging nearly three plays per minute to lead the nation. The Vols have started notably fast, outscoring opponents 124-30 in the first quarter. While the Wildcats will try to slow Tennessee down, they must also to pick up the offensive pace after holding the ball for just 18:50 last week.

"Obviously, when you turn it over, you don't hold it as long as you'd like to," Kentucky offensive coordinator Liam Coen said. "But that's something we're definitely challenged with this week."

Improved rushing

Kentucky's ground game has generated just 117 combined yards the past two games, includ-

ing 66 at Mississippi State. The Wildcats are averaging 175.2 per game, down from 214.2 entering the Georgia game. Chris Rodriguez Jr. ranks second among SEC rushers (809 yards) but has just 41 yards on 15 carries in that span and fumbled after running into his own lineman last week. Stoops acknowledged the junior wasn't at full strength but said that's no excuse for his struggles.

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Virginia election shows Republican strength

Democrats can certainly try to convince themselves that the Virginia gubernatorial defeat is no big deal. All kinds of rationales are available.

For instance, the incumbent president's party has lost 11 of the last 12 gubernatorial races in Virginia, when choosing its chief executive, tends to vote against Washington's "in" party. And Terry McAuliffe, the losing Democratic candidate, has never been super popular — he's from the old-school Democratic establishment, with leftover Clinton ties, and when he won his previous gubernatorial race in 2013, he only managed to beat a right-wing nutcase by two percent. And it just so happens that deep blue states do elect red governors from time to time — most recently, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Vermont.

Nevertheless, if we point forward to the 2022 midterms and beyond, the likeliest forecast for Democrats is that winter is coming. And we know what that likely portends for the future health of democracy itself.

A president's party almost always loses seats in midterm elections — there were recent exceptions in 1998 and 2002 — and some of the rumblings Tuesday night in Virginia fit that pattern.

President Biden's poll numbers have slid in Virginia (a state he won by 10 points) and nationally as well. We can debate whether he deserves such a fate, but fairly or not, it's been happening. And the issue mix that helped propel Glenn Youngkin to victory in Virginia — worries about the economy, general parental frustration with schools (some of it idiotic,

but cleverly exploited by the GOP) — has potential national resonance. At the Democrats' expense.

Youngkin also hit on a winning formula that conceivably could work for House and Senate Republican candidates next year: Be Trumpish on the stump without the baggage of Trump. Make all the requisite MAGA noises, especially in the suburbs — "I'm gonna abolish critical race theory!" (Even though it's not taught anyway) — but do it with a friendly face. Ensure that Trump stays away, but say the stuff he says in ways that can woo back the Republican-leaning college-educated suburbanites that voted against Trump in 2020.

Meanwhile, if the current Republican minority on Capitol Hill (with the help of Joe Manchin, Krysten Sinema, and the usual Democratic infighting) can continue to stymie Biden's ambitious attempts to make life better for average Americans, then presto!, the Democratic base voters, who always stand ready to be apathetic and disillusioned, will be increasingly inclined to sit on their asses on midterm election day — just as they did when Barack Obama's party was routed in 2010 and 2014.

The result, of course, would be GOP takeovers of the House and Senate, and the death of any progressive agenda in advance of the 2024 presidential contest.

Oh, and did I mention that Biden's poll slide in deep blue New Jersey has imperiled its Democratic governor, Phil Murphy, whose re-election bid remained a nail-biter well into Wednesday?

Granted, there are scenarios that could save the Democrats in time for the

Dick Polman
 Syndicated Columnist



midterms. The pandemic could be in the rear view mirror next fall, especially now that vaccines for kids have been approved — a move that could drastically reduce parental tensions about the schools. And Democrats on the Hill this week even managed to revive a Build Back Better provision that would lower prescription drug prices, and, who knows, maybe they'll even finally manage to pass something big that swing voters will notice. Because they need to prove they can govern; it ain't enough to just be anti-Trump.

Democratic pollster Geoff Garin tweeted a plaintive plea Tuesday night: "Hey Democrats, the circular firing squad is the problem, not the solution. Stop. We need to pass the strongest bills we can pass with our current majorities." Indeed. As two Democratic sources told the Politico website last night, everything "will get so much worse if we don't pass the agenda and aren't able to run on it... Democrats need to stop fighting each other and start delivering for voters. If we don't, 2022 is going to be brutal."

Gee, ya think?

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The Emperor has no clothes

An essay on the disastrous Biden Administration.

The Emperor's New Clothes was published by Hans Christian Andersen in 1837.

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This results in no one admitting that the Emperor is in fact naked, up until the very end of the tale, when he is displaying it publicly in the streets.

The story ends with a boy suddenly shouting "The Emperor has no clothes!" and the whole audience bursting into laughter.

As we can see from the story above, many parallels can be drawn between this children's story and the current Biden Administration. Let me give you a very brief explanation.

• Biden has dementia and is obviously suffering from it yet no one, especially his lapdog press, will admit it. His bumbling and stumbling

is an embarrassment to the country and smells of elder abuse.

• Our US borders are in free-fall collapse and he will not even visit the border. Right now, thousands of more migrants are crushing through Mexican police lines, making their way to our southern border. However, Biden doubles down and has decided to pay illegal aliens \$450,000 per person if they were turned away during the Trump administration. Meanwhile, our service members who have died in battle during our endless wars are only awarded \$100,000 in death.

• Inflation is surpassing even the Jimmy Carter years. Gas is approaching \$7.00 a gallon in some parts of the country and food prices and shortages are at an all time high. Yet Biden says nothing and the press runs air cover for this disaster that has huge economic impact on the people he said he wanted to help the most.

• Cargo ships are unable to unload due to vaccination mandates, ridiculous California laws around trucking, and government money being paid to people to not work and

Brent Smith
 Guest Columnist



Biden says or does nothing the remedy the problem.

• Unconstitutional mandates around vaccines are dividing our country like never before and decimating our workforce. Yet Biden reminded us during the election of how he would bring us all together after Trump.

I could go on and on but I've highlighted just a few of this week's issues to remind you we are living through history. We are watching the dismantling of the United States of America politically, socially and economically. Is this planned? Is this what 21st Century warfare looks like? Many are beginning to ask themselves that question. I, for one, surely am.

• *Brent E. Smith Former Bedford County Commissioner Past Bedford County Republican Party Chairman*

Conservatives cling to fake outrage over critical race theory

Unless you've been in a deeply comatose state, you've probably noticed the profoundly intense battles occurring over the issue of critical race theory, the latest bogeyman for many right-wingers.

A number of conservative cultural critics have been working morning, noon and night in an attempt to discredit proponents of the movement. While some of these antics have been amusing, others attacks have been disingenuous and downright offensive. In some cases, certain teachers have been subjected to physical, verbal and various other sorts of abuse, and in some cases, death threats.

Things have reached a fever pitch in a handful of state legislatures. Some states, like as Mississippi, Tennessee (where I currently live) and Oklahoma, have enacted laws prohibiting the teaching of such content, arguing that this kind of literature teaches children to develop an augmenting hatred for their nation and causes white children to feel bad about themselves.

None of this is true, and conservatives who have weaponized the issue for political gain know this.

This is just one of the numerous defensive positions that have been echoed by many on the political, social and cultural right. Charges of being "anti-American", "racially divisive," and "hate-filled" have been leveled at those who highlight issues of prejudice in American society. Some of the most fervent observers have also been freely hurling terms like "Marxist" and "communist" as insults.

Conservatives believe they have found another issue in the so-called culture wars to entice their largely bigoted, sexist, homophobic, and xenophobic base of voters with.

These (largely white) men and women believe the nation has become infested with hordes of immigrants, overtaken by non-white radicals, and become saturated with gays and lesbians advocating supposedly "perverted and unhealthy lifestyles." Predictably, the situation has become a battle royal of irrational emotions.

Groups invade school board meetings, swarming like locusts while targeting school districts and bombarding administrators with tedious, time-consuming requests. They also routinely engage in chronic litigation alleging discrimination against white students.

Unfortunately, these agitators have become superheroes in right wing circles, and have successfully placed the debate over critical race theory front and center on the national stage.

Critical race theory recognizes that systemic racism is part of American society and challenges the beliefs that allow it to flourish. Some of the theory's earliest origins can be traced back to the 1970s, when lawyers, activists, and legal scholars realized the advances made during the civil rights era of the 1960s had stalled and were in need of a jump start of sorts.

It is one of a number of approaches that examine white supremacy. The model combats the nostalgic beliefs of those who harbor the idea of a sedate America that was

Elwood Watson



once innately fair and confronts those who seek to promote and embrace a "let bygones be bygones" message among the American public. Most notably, it is not taught at the K-12 level.

Sadly and predicably, most of the drama is rooted in politics. Because it's all but impossible to tar President Biden with a "radical leftist democrat" brush, MAGA supporters and other right-wingers need a more frightening villain to keep their people engaged. They believe they've found a suitably malevolent specter in the form of critical race theory, and at the moment, offering up a scapegoat appears to have had some temporary effect in terms of fostering hostility. But the truth is such victories are likely to be Pyrrhic.

In a nation where the majority of children who inhabit the public education system are students of color, it will be imperative that the history of Black and Indigenous people of color be included as part of the curriculum. Moreover, white fragility, white supremacy and intellectual dishonesty are vices that must and will always be challenged.

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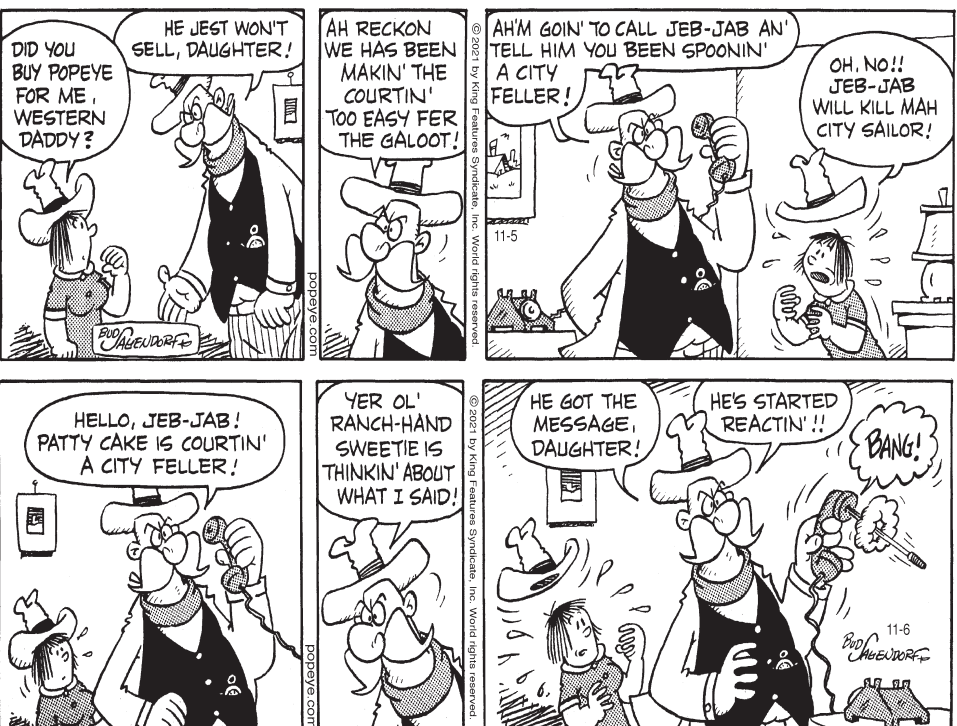
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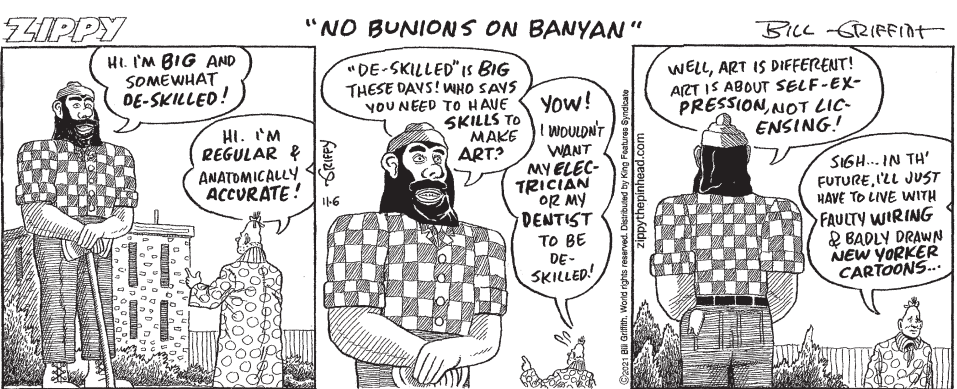
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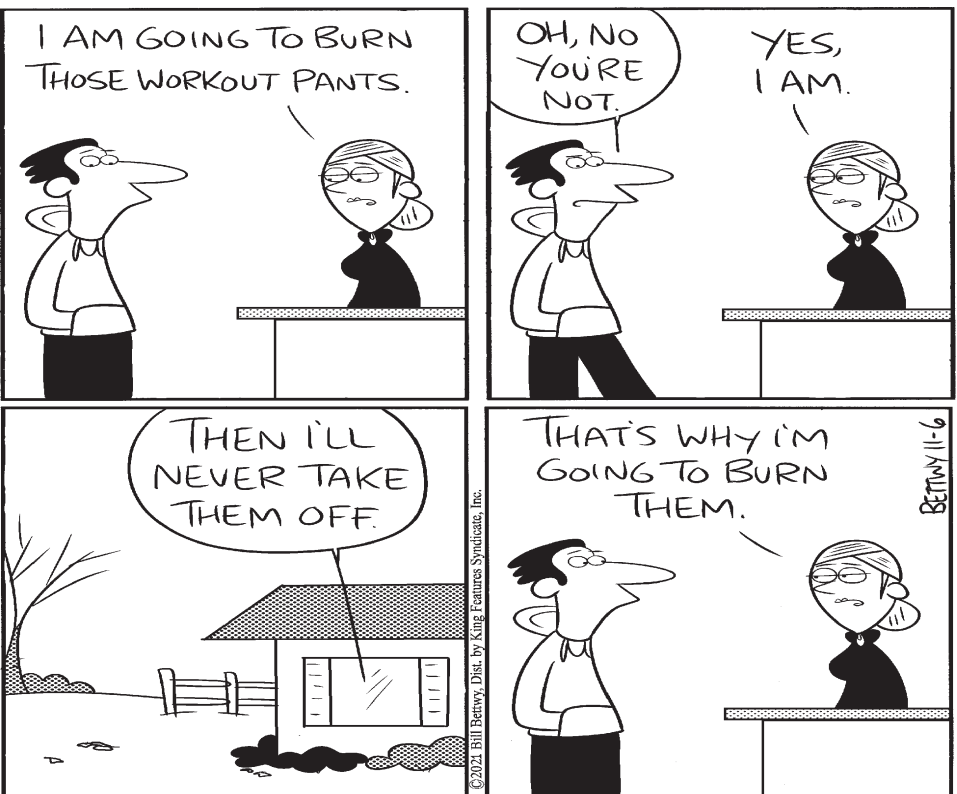
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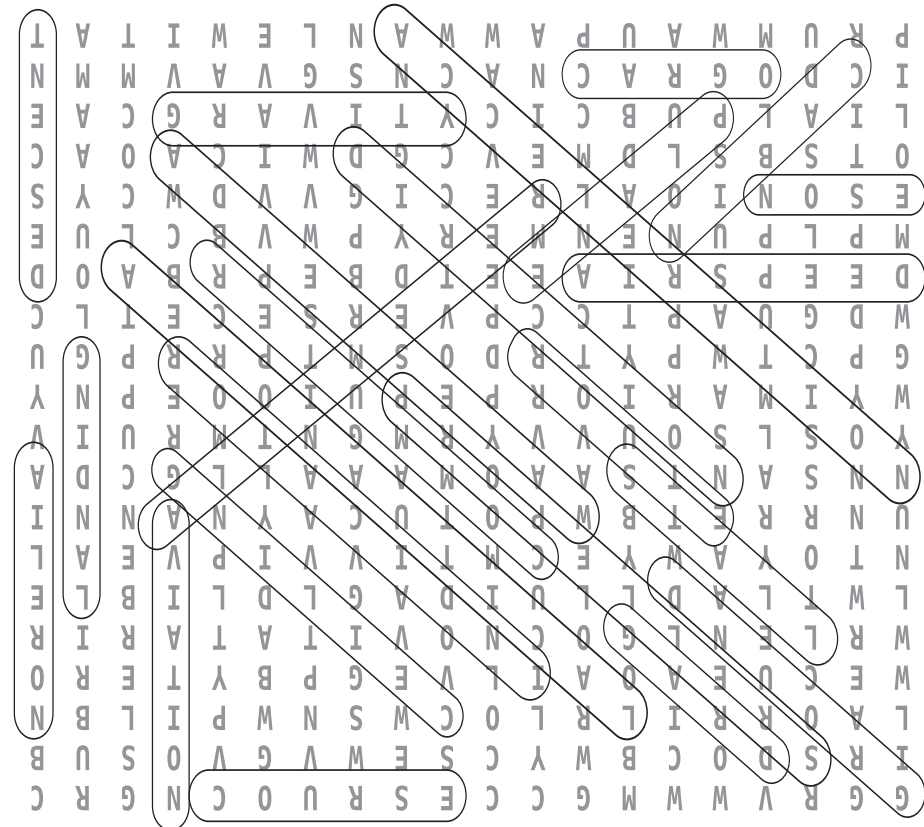
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Lawsuits over workplace vaccine rule focus on states' rights

By DAVID A. LIEB, GEOFF MULVIHILL and ANDREW DeMILLO
Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — More than two dozen Republican-led states filed lawsuits Friday challenging President Joe Biden's vaccine requirement for private companies, setting up a high-stakes legal showdown pitting federal authority against states' rights.

The requirement issued Thursday by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration applies to businesses with more than 100 employees. Their workers must be vaccinated against COVID-19 by Jan. 4 or face mask requirements and weekly tests. The lawsuits ask courts to decide whether the administration's effort to curtail the pandemic represents a federal power grab and usurps the authority of states to set health policy.

At least 26 states filed lawsuits challenging the rule. "This mandate is unconstitutional, unlawful, and unwise," Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt said in a court filing in the St. Louis-based 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on behalf of 11 states.

The Biden administration has been encouraging widespread vaccinations as the quickest way out of the pandemic. A White House spokeswoman said

Thursday that the mandate was intended to halt the spread of a disease that has claimed more than 750,000 lives in the U.S.

The administration says it is confident that its requirement, which includes penalties of nearly \$14,000 per violation, will withstand legal challenges in part because its safety rules preempt state laws.

"The administration clearly has the authority to protect workers, and actions announced by the president are designed to save lives and stop spread of COVID," Karine Jean-Pierre, a spokeswoman for the White House, said during a briefing Thursday.

Lawrence Gostin, a professor at Georgetown University Law Center and director of the World Health Organization's center on health law, said the half-century-old law that created OSHA gives it the power to set minimum workplace safety measures.

"I think that Biden is on rock-solid legal ground," he said.

Critics have taken aim at some aspects of the requirement, including that it was adopted as an emergency measure rather than after the agency's regular rule-making process.

"This is a real emergency," said Gostin, who has spoken with the Biden administration about the requirement. "In fact, it's a national crisis. Any delay

would cause thousands of deaths."

Missouri's lawsuit was joined by the Republican attorneys general of Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming. Also joining the lawsuit was the office of Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller, the only Democratic attorney general to take part in the legal challenges to the mandate.

In a statement, Miller said he was filing at the behest of Gov. Kim Reynolds, a Republican: "It is my duty, under the law, to prosecute or defend any actions in court when requested by the governor."

Other coalitions of states also filed lawsuits Friday: Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, Utah in the New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals; Kansas, Kentucky, Idaho, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee and West Virginia in the Cincinnati-based 6th Circuit; and Alabama, Florida and Georgia in the Atlanta-based 11th Circuit.

It's unclear whether different judges will rule on the challenges separately at first, or whether the cases will be consolidated in one court early in the process.

Several businesses, associations and religious groups also joined with the states' petitions, and some filed lawsuits on their own.

Among them are a conservative media company, two Wisconsin manufacturers, companies in Michigan and Ohio, the owner of 15 grocery stores in Louisiana and Mississippi, and a group of remote workers in Texas. All are represented by conservative law firms.

"Over the past 20 months, my employees have showed up to work and served their

communities in the face of COVID and hurricanes. Now I'm being told by the government to insert myself into their private health decisions?" Brandon Troclair, owner of grocery stores that employ about 500 workers, said in a statement. "That's wrong and I won't stand for it."

The Daily Wire media company objected on several fronts, including the idea that employers will have to track which workers have been vaccinated and treat those who have received shots differently from those who have not.

"What the government is asking us to do is discriminate against our own employee over their own personal health care decisions," said Ryan Boreing, co-CEO of the company. Shannon Royce, president of the Christian Employers Alliance, said the group wasn't challenging the rule out of opposition to vaccines, noting that some group members have provided incentives for employees to get the shot. Instead, they "oppose being used as a tool" of the federal government.

Albert Mohler, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, said the workplace rule also changes religious organizations' relationship with their employees.

"That, I believe, is a form of government coercion — turning a religious institution into a form of government coercion that we must resist," Mohler said.

So far, courts have allowed businesses on their own to require employees to be vaccinated. But Michael Elkins, a Florida-based employment lawyer, said those decisions do not necessarily mean judges will rule the same way when it

comes to the federal government's requirement.

"You may see a federal judge, or a bunch of them, say, 'This is just overreach,'" Elkins said.

Benjamin Noren, a New York-based labor lawyer, said he thought the rule is likely to be struck down because OSHA was intended to deal with workplace hazards such as chemicals, not a virus. He said OSHA has made 10 emergency rules in the last five decades. Of the six that were challenged, only one survived intact.

"It's an innovative use by the Biden administration to figure out some way to mandate vaccination in the private sector," Noren said. "I hope it works. I have doubts."

Ahead of the OSHA rule, several states have passed laws or issued executive orders blocking or limiting employer mandates related to the virus.

In Arkansas, Gov. Asa Hutchinson allowed such a bill to become law without his signature. It takes effect early next year and allows employees to opt out of vaccine requirements if they are tested weekly for the virus or can prove they have COVID-19 antibodies from a previous infection. Health officials say antibody testing should not be used to assess immunity against the virus and that people who have had it should still be vaccinated.

Hutchinson, however, noted that his state's opt-out law creates a difficult scenario for businesses if both it and the federal requirement — which does not allow for antibody tests in place of vaccinations — are in effect.

"We've put our businesses in a catch-22," he said. "You're going to be violating somebody's law here."

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Inside and outside climate talks, youths urge faster action

By SETH BORENSTEIN and FRANK JORDANS
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GLASGOW, Scotland (AP) — Young people both inside and outside of the United Nations climate talks are telling world leaders to hurry up and get it done, that concrete measures to avoid catastrophic warming can't wait.

Ashley Lashley, a 22-year-old from Barbados who is on her country's climate negotiation team in Glasgow, thought about how to communicate the need for urgency during a session on carbon trading. As she listened to other delegates debate the intricate and intractable topic that has baffled negotiators for more than six years, a phrase popped into her head: "blah-blah-blah."

That's the expression prominent teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg has started repeating to express her thoughts on the pace of government actions to curb global warming. The Thunberg-inspired Fridays for Future movement held a demonstration outside the conference venue to pressure the negotiators inside, drawing tens of thousands of participants.

And inside, the session Lashley attended droned on. She worries her fellow negotiators too easily become bogged down in minutiae and lose sight of the big picture: keeping emissions from exceeding 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit), which could wipe out some island nations and other vulnerable spots.

"Can't you guys just wrap it up," Lashley, one of the few young people sitting in on negotiations, recalled thinking on Friday.

Umuhoza Grace Ineza, 25, a negotiator for Rwanda, said she watches some sessions crawling along and hears other negotiators say "Ooh, let's try this way, that way, and then we can come up with a decision next session." Ineza says she wants to ask them if they understand how urgent limiting climate change is for the next generation.

"In my mind, it's like do these people have children?" she said.

University of Michigan graduate student observers AJ Convertino and Evan Gonzalez said watching the sessions on the inside made them both more impatient but also more optimistic because they see the right things being said and done, if still way too slowly.

Friday was the day the U.N. conference said it was dedicating to youth. But the schedule didn't reflect that, at times: a news conference where officials talked about youth had a panel with no members under 30, and the lunchtime events featured former U.S. Vice President Al Gore, 73, and 77-year-old John Kerry, the U.S. climate envoy.

"When I arrived at COP26, I could only see white middle-aged men in suits," Magali Cho Lin Wing, 17, a member of the UNICEF U.K. Youth Advisory Board, said at a press event. "And I thought, 'Hold on is this a climate conference or some corporate event? Is this what you came for? To swap business

cards?'"

And except on rare occasions, young people say they are not being listened to. "It's our future. Our future is being negotiated, and we don't have a seat at the table," said 20-year-old Boston College student Julia Horchos, who is inside the conference, but hasn't gotten into negotiating sessions.

Still, they know it's important to be at least near the room where it all happens.

"It's my life," Horchos said. "Its definitely my responsibility to step up."

Greenpeace International Executive Director Jennifer Morgan gave the conference participants and activists under 30 credit.

"Youth have brought critical urgency to the talks," Greenpeace International Executive Director Jennifer Morgan said. "They have emphasized what is at stake for young people if the gap to 1.5 C is not closed."

Outside the negotiations, the worry about the future was the same, but the way it was expressed was different. During the Fridays for Future demonstration in Glasgow's Kelvingrove Park, mostly young activists carried banners with slogans such as "I have to clear up my mess, why don't you clear up yours?" and "Stop climate crimes."

Speaking at the Fridays rally outside the conference venue, Greta Thunberg branded the U.N. climate talks in Glasgow so far "a failure," accusing leaders of actively creating loop-

holes in the rules and giving misleading pictures of their countries' emissions

"World leaders are obviously scared of the truth, yet no matter how hard they try, they cannot escape it," the 18-year-old Swedish activist said. "They cannot ignore the scientific consensus, and above all they cannot ignore us - the people, including their own children."

The Fridays For Future protest was part of a series of demonstrations being staged around the world Friday and Saturday, to coincide with the talks.

Some at the rally accused negotiators of

"greenwashing" their country's failure to curb greenhouse gas emissions by trumpeting policies that sound good but won't do enough to prevent dangerous temperature rises in the coming decades.

Brianna Fruean, a 23-year-old activist who grew up in Samoa, a low-lying Pacific island nation that is particularly vulnerable to rising sea levels and cyclones, said: "My biggest fear is losing my country."

"I've seen the floods go into our homes, and I've scooped out the mud," she said.

Fruean was given the stage at the beginning of

the conference, known as COP26, where she told leaders about the effects of climate change already being felt in her country.

"I feel like I'm being seen," she said. "I will know if I've been heard by the end of COP."

Natalia Gomez, 24, of Costa Rica, has been on negotiating sessions and cheered on the outside protest from afar. Outside, youths are making important points, getting attention and putting pressure on leaders, she said. Inside, youths are helping try to get things done. She keeps asking herself which one is more important.

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It's been quite a journey

In 2005, I knew that I needed a break from ministry to troubled people. I had been helping addicts deliver and a new life in Christ for nearly 30 years; and then my wife and I knew we needed to spend our focus closer to home. With God's permission being foremost, I resigned from the ministry I had started in Murfreesboro, and I answered an ad in the Shelbyville Times-Gazette for the position of "Staff Writer."

After arriving for my appointment, I was ushered into an office to meet with the Publisher and the amazing Editor, Kay Rose. I was nervous to say the least. I had taken a journalism class in college years before that, but I didn't know anything about the news business.

As I looked at Kay seated next to me and the Publisher across his desk from me, to say I felt intimidated is an understatement. Here were two "professionalism experts," and there I was... afraid... and "pretending" not to be.

I remember saying something stupid and off the wall in our conversation; I said, "I think I can handle this job of interviewing people for articles, after all I'm at the age where I am not afraid of what people think."

I mean...there I was "afraid" of what Kay and the Publisher were thinking of me.

Well, Kay Rose, Editor-Extraordinaire, took a chance on me and she hired me.

My first morning on the job she took me around the newsroom and introduced me to a "scary" bunch of journalists, people who have become dear friends over the years. They all welcomed me (looking at me with that glare that says, 'What in the world are you doing here?').

They must have sensed that I was thinking the same thing.

Well, then Kay introduced me to these two women sitting at computers in the very back of the newsroom. She told me these "scary" looking ladies were the Paginators.

I said 'hello scary ladies,' and then I found my new desk and immediately Googled the word paginator. Even with the help of Google I had no idea what those women did.

Well, let me tell you something. No matter what they do at the Times-Gazette, those two ladies



Some Shelbyville residents get into what they say is "too much fun" at 3 p.m. Wednesday afternoons. The group plays chair volleyball. The only rule is you can't leave your chair. It makes for a not-so-easy set and strike, they say, but still for a good laugh.

T-G Photo by Zoe Haggard



Disney and the love of decency

... makes no difference who you are

The column jump was left off in last Saturday's paper so we are re-running this article with the full story.

This world gets weirder every day. What some people think is appropriate in public amazes me.

A couple wearing sexually suggestive T-shirts in the Magic Kingdom at Disney World earlier this week has caused a major outcry online asking for officials of the Walt Disney Company to completely ban such apparel from all of their theme parks.

Disney World's website states, "We reserve the right to deny admission to or remove any person wearing attire that we consider inappropriate or attire that could attract from the experience of other guests."

I know they have adhered to this policy in at least one occasion. I personally saw it happen.

A young woman walked in the Magic Kingdom wearing a black sweatshirt and matching sweatpants adorned with all the obscene words you can imagine, and some you might not be able to imagine, in bright gold lettering. For those familiar with the park, she made it under the train trestle before security guards surrounded her. How she got past the gate I will never understand.

I saw what was happening and the reporter in me kicked in. I had to find out what was going on.

Security guards told her she had two choices - she could simply turn around and leave the park, get a refund of her ticket and not return. Or she could go back to her change room, home, or car, change her clothes, and get a voucher to re-enter the park. I don't know what her choice was. I just know she had to leave the park.

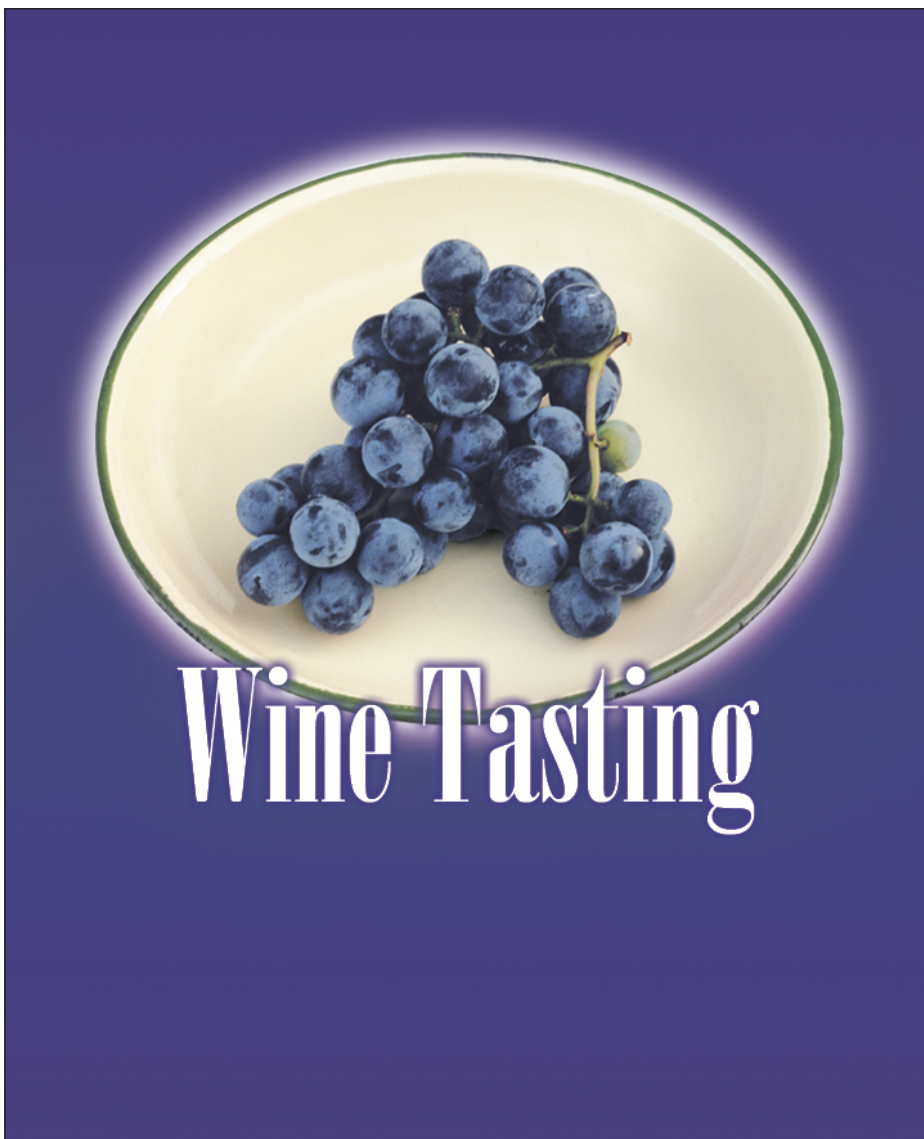
They also monitor inappropriate clothing and a TikTok "star" posted she had been given a "\$75 T-shirt" by Disney employees because her top was deemed to be too revealing.

The T-shirt incident has gone viral with photos of the couple with their faces covered are posted on social media and in stories printed by news organizations worldwide.

People are upset with the wearing of such offensive apparel. I find that to be more than a little

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Sip some wine, help 'fur buddies'



By DAWN HANKINS
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The annual Fall Lights wine tasting and social will be held 7 to 9 p.m., today, Nov. 6, at Blue Ribbon Circle on the Celebration grounds.

Delicacies from the area's finest restaurants and great wines will be featured.

In addition, 75 items ranging from art to jewelry will be a part of the silent auction.

All proceeds benefit the nonprofit Shelbyville-Bedford County Humane Association.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Participants must be 21 years of age or older.

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Are veterans the heroes who keep on giving?

I'm not complaining, but after 23 years of column writing, it becomes increasingly challenging to find new angles for recurring events such as Mother's Day or Memorial Day.

So, when it came time to write about Veterans Day (again), I sought inspiration by calling a dear friend who served as a track mechanic during the Vietnam War.

Larry said he has good memories of military service and genuinely appreciates what the Veterans Administration hospital system does for him now, but he didn't feel he had anything particularly profound to share with his peers or with non-veterans.

A dud of an angle for a Veterans Day essay? Not necessarily.

A few days after my conversation with Larry, I abruptly switched gears and shifted my thoughts to all the things Larry has done (involving family, church and work) in the more than four decades SINCE he was a staff sergeant.

Don't get me wrong. Veterans Day should still be an occasion when a grateful nation organizes parades, delivers speeches and offers business discounts for those who defended our republic. We should always commemorate that brief-but-intense time in veterans' lives when they were dodging bullets, patching up wounds or solving logistical nightmares.

And, of course, we should continue to care about the mental health of those whose lives were shattered by their wartime experiences.

But we should also take time to acknowledge the post-military accomplishments of those who make a successful transition back into civilian life.

These are the men and women who take the self-respect, discipline, widened horizons, teamwork and technical skills honed by the military and use them to benefit their communities.

We don't always draw a connection with their military background, but these people go on to become good parents, good neighbors, good bosses, good co-workers, good citizens.

Think how much poorer society would be without



Danny Tyree
Tyrades

these veterans coaching youth sports teams, coordinating fundraisers, serving on boards (industrial, school, library), organizing neighborhood watches and just generally making life better for the rest of us.

Some veterans may become paradigm-changing entrepreneurs or deep-pocketed philanthropists. But even the most humble still have something to offer long after they can no longer fit into their old uniform.

True, veterans who serve only a single tour of duty will likely have many more years for a productive civilian life than do career military personnel. But the careerists can earn double honors. Their well-deserved retirement years don't have to be limited to sitting in a rocking chair, reminiscing. Retirement can be a rich time of mentoring, volunteerism and leadership.

It can be monotonous to spend 365 days a year constantly reminding veterans of what they did in Germany, the South Pacific, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf or Afghanistan; but avail yourself of every opportunity to recognize veterans for what they're doing now.

If a veteran goes the extra mile for you on a loan approval, helps your child secure a scholarship, spearheads a "downtown beautification" campaign, saves your company a bundle with some ingenious workaround or changes your flat tire, be sure to show your appreciation.

Veterans should not be frozen in amber. Yes, they have a past, but they also have a present and a future.

Thanks, Larry, for serving your country by traveling half a world away from home. But thanks even more for all the lives you've touched since then.

• *Danny Tyree welcomes email responses at tyreetyrades@aol.com and visits to his Facebook fan page "Tyree's Tyrades."*

"Mama Malika" shares homeland Iraqi Cookbook

Enjoying life in Shelbyville

Taha and Malika Muhammad fled their homeland of Kurdistan, northern Iraq, about 30 years ago, due to Sadaam Hussein's dictatorship. After a long journey, they stepped on American soil on Sept. 25, 1991.

That was the beginning of their new start. Taha notes, "My wife and I are happy and lucky to make accidentally Shelbyville our little home and U.S. our big family." That was about a year ago.

Like many, they liked what they saw and picked the county out from a map. In their late 70s, they decided to move from the cold winters of Michigan.

Life, as it should be, finally began for the Muhammads—once they had their new home and Taha had his teaching career.

Taha received a bachelor of arts degree and a master's degree in the United States and taught high school math for seven years. Taha was also a linguist for six years with the U.S. Air Force and Special Forces and Civilian Army for three.

Taha and Malika note how they're glad to have chosen Shelbyville as their home last April. He and Malika can now finally experience living within four seasons, he says.

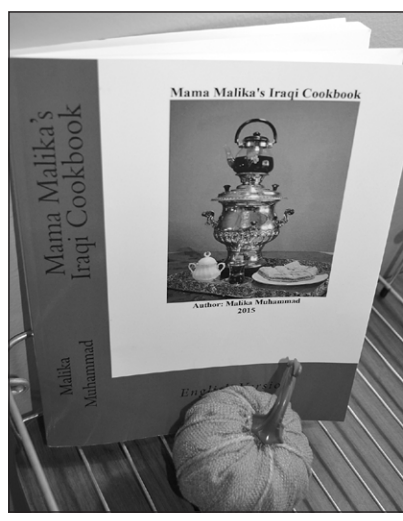
While it's pretty well-known in Shelbyville that Taha's written a book, "We Survived Iraq and Turkey: Long Road to Freedom," wife Malika has also written, "Mama Malika's Iraqi Cookbook"—both available on Amazon.com.

"I learned cooking from an early age out of necessity but also because I was surrounded by a lot of wonderful women who were amazing cooks. I am grateful to my mother, aunts, as well as lady friends for their cooking tips and their patience while making mistakes when I first started cooking."

She says one of her greatest pleasures in life is cooking savory meals for family and friends.

She says the purpose of her cookbook is, "... to help people bring joy to their family and friends with these tasty and healthy meals."

Malika shares some of her recipes from her kitchen this holiday season.



Malika Muhammad

pepper, and curry. Mix well. Turn off heat to cool.

B.Final stuffing:
 Peel zucchinis, cut each into halves, with small knife cut away the zucchini's inner soft tissue and leave 1/3-inch thickness of the wall. Chop interior tissues. Remove the stem of each eggplant and divide it into halves, then with small knife, cut away the interior soft tissue from the skin (don't cut the skin) and leave 1/3-inch of the flesh with the skin. Chop the interior tissues.

Remove the stem of each tomato. Cut near the top of the tomato without cutting the top off such that the thickness of connected upper cover is approximately 1/2-inch. Scoop out of its interior tissue and chop. Cut off the stem of green pepper, leaving the base of the stem in the pepper. Cut the peppers close from near the top, leaving a connected cover. Scoop out the interior tissues for empty green pepper.

Cut away the root of each onion by inserting the small knife 1/2-inch and core. Then cut each onion ball from surface to the near center. Gently open the cut and take the core ball out with your fingers. Take out the first interior shell by fingers too and proceed in this manner until all shells are removed. You now have several empty open onion shells. Peel the garlic and chop.

Put grape leaves or Swiss Chard into warm water to wilt (flexible and bendable.) Wash the rice and drain it immediately in appropriate bowl. Add to the rice the cool cooked ground beef (prepared in Part A), chopped celery, chopped dill, chopped garlic, diced zucchini, diced eggplant, diced tomato, diced onion and 1/2 tsp. salt. Mix all well to get final stuffing.

C. Filling shells and wrapping leaves with final stuffing:

Place stuffing in part B in the shells of the eggplant, zucchinis, green pepper, tomato and empty onion balls. Fill to approximately 3/4 of their sizes. Place two halves of eggplant and two halves of zucchini so that they face each other. Put eggplants and zucchinis in the bottom of the pot that contains 3 Tbsp. of vegetable oil. Place tomato, green pepper and onion on eggplants and zucchini. Spoon stuffing in part B on grape leaves or Swiss Chard leaves and fold them around stuffing without pressure so that 3/4-size of wrapped grape leaves or Swiss Chard are filled.

Add lemon juice to the pot, or put sumac powder into hot water to get sour liquid and add it to the pot with-

out any sumac seed.
 Add water to the pot gradually to almost cover vegetables (one inch lower than top layer.) Place suitable flat ceramic plate on top of uncooked Douлма to keep graves leaves close and tight. Cover the pot and turn heat on high for about 20 minutes. If boiled water escapes pot, reserve.

Remove the ceramic plate from the pot. Turn heat to low and take a cooked grape leaf and taste the rice to make sure that it's done. If not, let the pot remain on low for about 5 minutes or until cooked well. Turn off heat. Leave pot covered for 5 to 10 minutes in order to get a nice Douлма. Serve hot alone or with bread.

Dried Apricot Soup

- 1 lb. dry apricots
- 1 lb. beef meat
- 1/4 C. raisins
- 2 Tbsp. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 10 C. water

On high heat, cook the meat in 6 cups water until the meat is cooked and water evaporated. Add oil and fry the cooked meat one minute. Wash apricots in cold water quickly and add to the pot of fried meat. Wash raisins in cold water quickly and add to meat mixture. Add 4 cups of water and sugar to the pot. Cook on high heat until apricots are done. While you are cooking the apricots, add water as needed in order to keep the desired level of liquid. Serve soup hot with warm rice, bread and vegetables.

Cookie With Fruit Jam

- 2 C. white flour
- 1 C. Crisco oil
- 1 egg yolk in bowl
- 1 egg white in bowl
- 1 C. sugar
- 1/2 C. finely chopped almonds
- 1 tsp. fennel seeds or vanilla

In Iraq, the cookies are known as "Shakilama" or "Shakirlama" which means cookie with jam.

Add oil with sugar into food processor. Mix one minute. Add yolks, fennel seeds or vanilla, and the flour into mixture. Mix well to get homogeneous fragile dough. Form dough balls slightly larger than the size of a nut. Insert each ball in egg white liquid and then dip it with finely chopped almonds. Put cookie balls on greased baking sheet and press one finger on each to make less than half-inch hole. Place the baking sheet in 300 degree oven. Bake about 30 minutes or until balls get slightly brown in color. Remove the baking sheet from the oven and fill every hole with 1/4 tsp. fruit jam. Serve the cookies with tea or coffee.

Tips to simplify Thanksgiving entertaining

Preparing Thanksgiving dinner for a houseful of close friends and relatives can be a tad overwhelming. Thanksgiving is a food- and tradition-centric holiday, and all eyes will be typically on the dinner table. Pulling off a feast of this magnitude — multiple courses, side dishes and desserts — takes considerable effort. These tips, tricks and timesavers can be a Thanksgiving host's saving grace.

Pick the menu early

Don't leave menu planning and shopping to the last minute. Decide what you'll be cooking in addition to turkey several weeks before the big day. Select two or three side dishes, preferably items that can be prepared in advance and then reheated on Thanksgiving. These can include a baked macaroni-and-cheese casserole, mashed potatoes, roasted vegetables, and a cornbread stuffing.

Brine your bird

Turkey is the centerpiece of the feast, so give it every opportunity to shine. No one wants a dry turkey, but unfortunately this lean poultry can dry out easily. Meats typically lose about 30 percent of their weight during cooking. However, by soaking the turkey in a brine prior to cooking it, you can reduce this moisture loss to as little

as 15 percent, according to Dr. Estes Reynolds, a brining expert at the University of Georgia. Brining the fowl for a day or more can infuse flavor and moisture. Food Network personality Alton Brown has a fan-favorite roast turkey recipe with an aromatic brine that has garnered five stars and was featured on his show "Good Eats" (www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/alton-brown/good-eats-roast-turkey-recipe-1950271). A simple salted water soak also can work.

Start prep work a few days before Thanksgiving

Take some stress out of Thanksgiving by cutting all vegetables and/or preparing some dishes a few days early. Label and organize prepared ingredients by recipe and store in the refrigerator. Make extra room in the fridge by removing nonessential items and placing them in a cooler with ice and cleaning out any old food or condiments. Plan your table settings and label which bowls and other serving dishes will be used for which items. This will make it much easier to set the table on Thanksgiving.

Serve batched cocktails

It can be challenging and expensive to have a full bar for guests. Mulled wine, hot cider and punches are ideal



ways to service a crowd looking for delicious spirited drinks.

Create simple centerpieces

Use seasonal sights for your centerpieces or place settings. These can include small squashes, gourds, citrus fruits, nuts, or acorns. A hollowed-out pumpkin filled with fresh flowers also can be eye-catching.

Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate bounty. Treat guests to a great experience by learning some hosting tips to make the holiday easier to manage.

Times-Gazette has boo-tiful guests at Fall Festival



Doug

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have become some of my dearest friends over the years.

People at the T-G called them The Sisters.

I now realize they aren't scary. Not all the time anyway...well, maybe sometimes.

As we got to know one another over my work assignments and our lunch breaks spent together, we learned each other's stories.

We talked about our histories and our families, and they seemed to like the idea that I was an ordained minister now working in the news business.

It wasn't long and they asked me to perform ministerial duties away from work.

I was asked to perform a wedding ceremony for a son and his girlfriend. I insisted on giving them

marriage counseling before the wedding. And then I officiated at their wedding.

I was asked to pray for family members and friends, and provide counseling and comforting for family and friends.

Those people soon became my friends and family too.

I went out to visit with a mother who was suffering from cancer, and her husband who had lost a leg. That elderly couple soon became my friends, and I would make a point to go out to see them whenever I could.

Then one day I preached at their funerals, and was with the family when we laid them to rest.

I was working there at the newspaper for several years when I felt God stirring my heart to get back into ministry. He was using The Sisters for that.

I reminded Him that I was doing ministry as well as working as a staff-

writer. And then He spoke to my stirring heart and said, "Doug, I know. I was the One who sent you there for that purpose."

One morning I came into the office and was asked to go interview the new pastor at a Methodist church there in town.

I called the church phone number and soon spoke with a friendly gentleman and we set an appointment time for me to come by the office so we could talk. That man who I went to interview soon became a friend of mine.

One thing stood out to me from our first visit together; he was an ordained Disciples of Christ minister pastoring a United Methodist Church.

I went back to the office after that interview wondering if I might be able to pastor a Methodist church.

I mentioned that pastor to the City Editor. He just happened to be a Methodist lay preacher

and the son of a Methodist pastor. He gave me the name of the UMC District Superintendent and suggested I give her a call.

I mentioned my interview with the pastor to The Sisters, and one of them said that the Methodist church she was raised in didn't have a pastor at that time.

She told me the name of the church and how to get there. One day I took my lunch break and drove out into the country to take a look at this church.

I pulled into the parking lot of one of the prettiest little white churches I had seen. Immediately I thought of the old hymn, The Church in the Wildwood.

I pulled up to a fence surrounding a cemetery that bore the same name as the church, and sat there in the peace and quiet of that country setting and I prayed.

I went back to the office and called that District

Superintendent.

In June of 2008 I became the pastor of Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church; The Sister's family's home church.

I still worked as a staff-writer at the T-G full-time, but I was also a part-time pastor.

In the spring of 2011, my Disciples/Methodist pastor friend, Dr. Tom Rouseau, died unexpectedly.

Not long after my friend's funeral the District Superintendent called me. She wanted to know if I would be willing to take Dr. Tom's place as pastor at Cannon United Methodist Church, adding that to my already busy schedule.

I talked to my wife about it and we made it a matter of prayer, and in June of 2011 I added Pastor of Cannon UMC to my assignments from God.

The Paginators...The Sisters...Mary Cook and Carol Spray, both played a big part in my desire to

return to the ministry.

I served as their "at-work-pastor." And then I became their pastor at Mt. Lebanon UMC.

The Sisters, and The City Editor, John Carney, and the District Superintendent, Kathy Leiminstall, were all instruments in the Hands of God to get me where I am today.

God has used the prayers of all of my T-G family and my churches' families to help improve my family troubles. Our daughter, Laura Michelle, is doing well today. Thank You Lord!

It's been quite a journey...

It all started with an ad in The Shelbyville Times-Gazette.

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Mark

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refreshing in this day and time, especially when individual freedom is being touted by so many. My daughter and I have

been frequent visitors to Disney World in the past. She even spent time working at Animal Kingdom and lived in Disney housing. She loves the parks, especially EPCOT. At the age of 28 she is not easily offended, but if we

had encountered a similar situation at Disney World when she was a young child I would have been upset.

Over the Thanksgiving holidays my daughter plans to visit Disney World. I won't return until I there is

no longer a mask requirement.

It has been a while since we have visited. I admit I miss going there, something I never thought I would say based on how many times we have been

there.

It is billed as "the happiest place on earth" and for a hefty price it is a wonderful place to forget about the real world and be immersed in fantasy.

For those tempted to

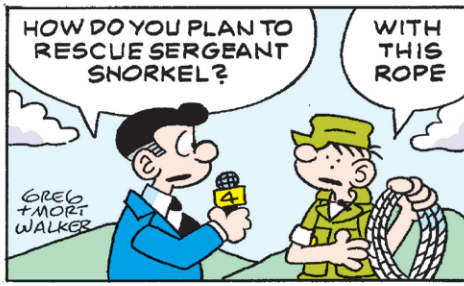
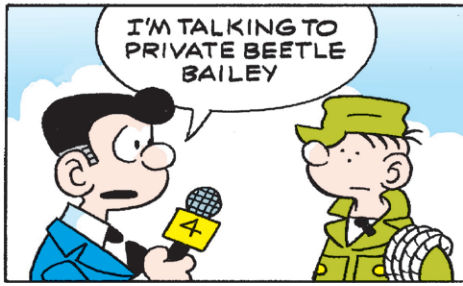
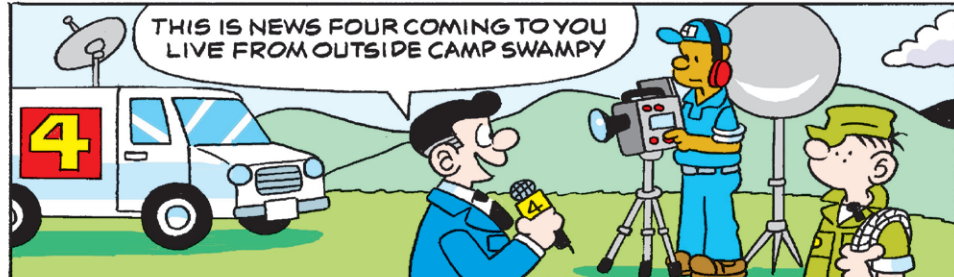
follow those wanting to shock the family crowd, I have one thing to say. Don't do it.

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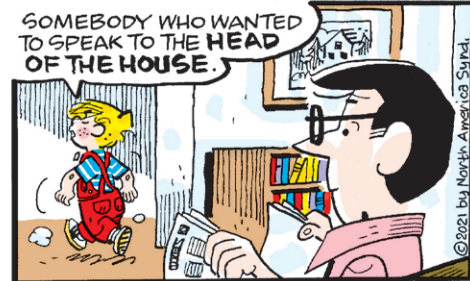
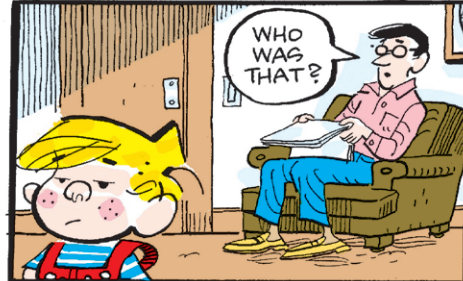
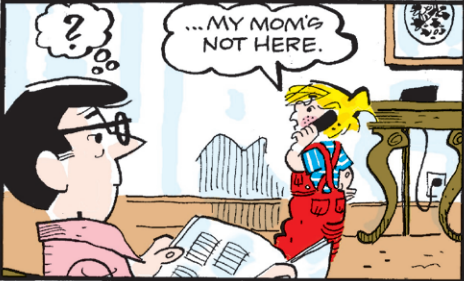
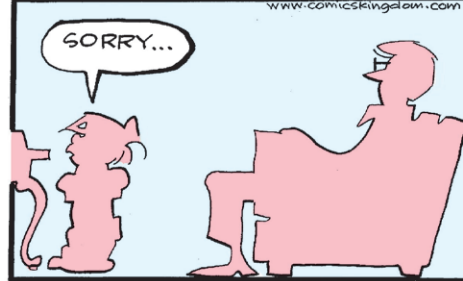
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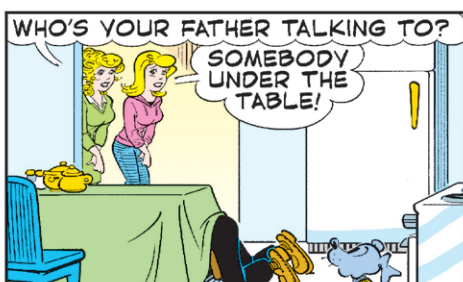
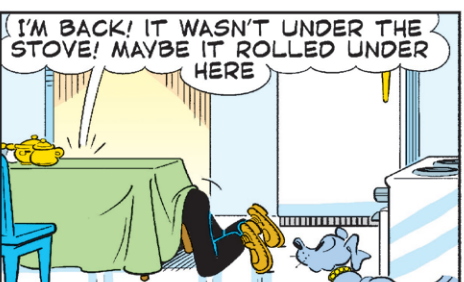
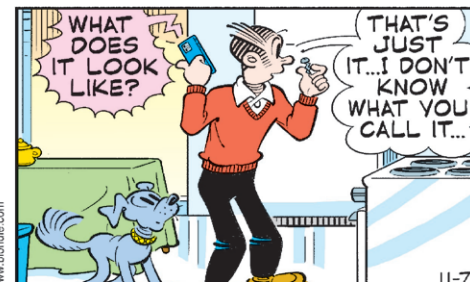
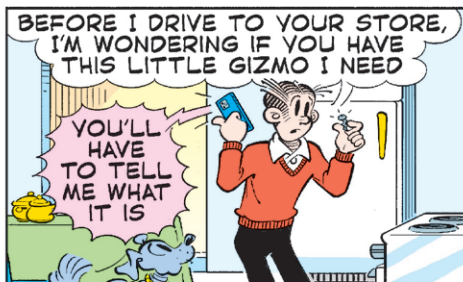
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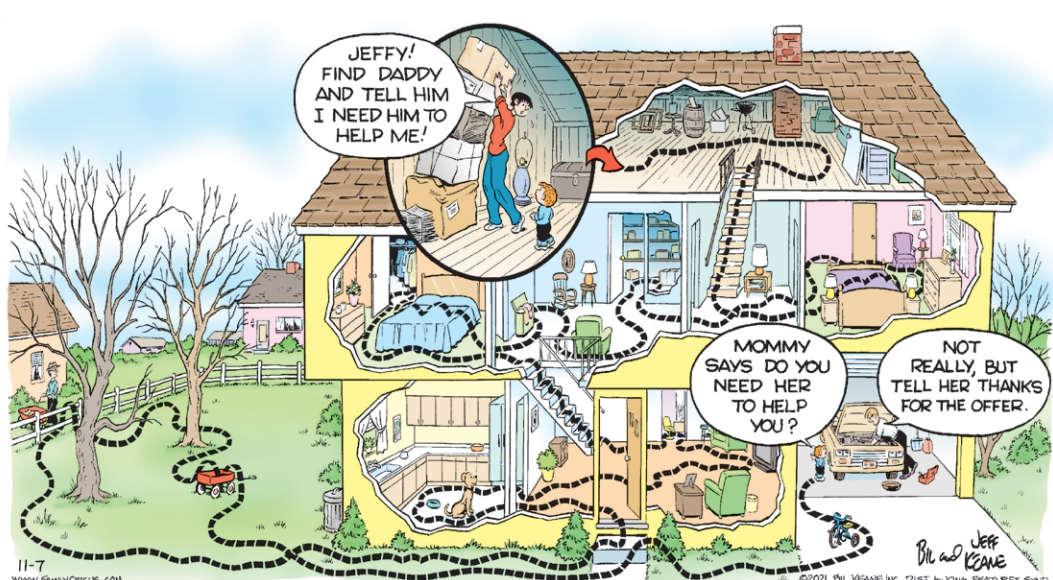
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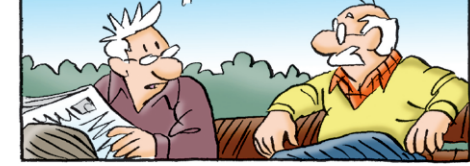
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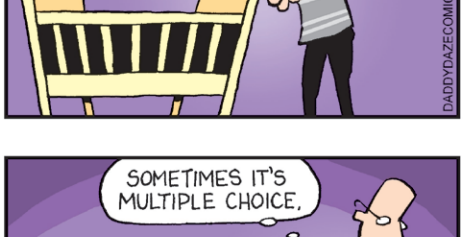
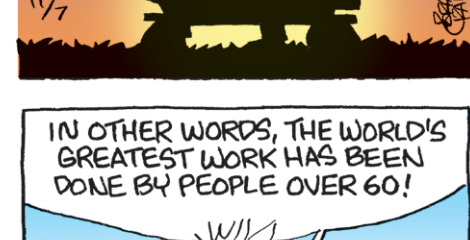
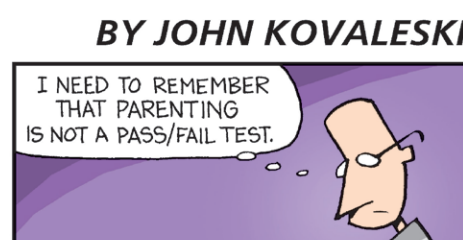
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BY JOHN KOVALESKI



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by Francesco Marciuliano

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YOU'RE PUTTING UP CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ALREADY?

WELL, IT'S BEEN ANOTHER CHALLENGING YEAR, SO I THOUGHT WE COULD USE SOME EARLY HOLIDAY CHEER.

BUT HALLOWEEN JUST ENDED. HAVE THAT ALL COVERED. JUST FOLLOW ME OUTSIDE...

...TO OUR 12-FOOT HALLOWEEN SKELETON I DECORATED AS SANTA, SO WE CAN HAVE A SMOOTH TRANSITION FROM ONE HOLIDAY TO THE NEXT. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I THINK IT'S WIELDING A GIANT AX.

WELL, AT FIRST I WANTED IT TO BE CUTTING DOWN A CHRISTMAS TREE.

BUT THAT WOULD INVOLVE PLANTING A FULL-GROWN TREE IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR FRONT YARD. ALSO, I

JUST SO YOU KNOW, WITH THAT AX NO ONE'S GOING TO THINK THIS BAG IS FULL OF TOYS.

The PHANTOM

by Lee Falk

AH, WHAT A TEAM! NAYO AND ABEQ! THEY WANT ME TO CHANGE OUR WAYS OVERNIGHT.

SO HEAD-STRONG...

...ESPECIALLY THAT NAYO!

NAYO AND ABEQ ARE RIGHT. WE SEND BOYS TO ADVENTURE ON THE SEA AND WE WELCOME THEM HOME AS MEN.

WHAT SAYS A GIRL HAS BECOME A WOMAN? HAVING A CHILD?

I WOULD LET THEM RACE! IF ONLY...

THE ELDERS DON'T WANT IT.

THEY LOATHE THE NOTION...

THEY WANT ME TO PUNISH ABEQ AND NAYO FOR SPEAKING OF IT—FOR RILING ALL OUR GIRLS TO THEIR WAY OF THINKING.

HE MEANS TO PICK HIS BATTLES UNTIL HE GETS HIS FEET UNDER HIM...

SMART MAN...

IF HE WERE TO START HIS REIGN FEUDING WITH THE ELDERS, THEY COULD BADLY UNDERMINE HIS LEADERSHIP.

THERE'S NEVER BEEN ANY QUESTION THAT A WOMAN BORN TO THE WALKER CLAN IS OUR EQUAL...

SHE CARRIED ON THE LEGEND IN HIS STEAD WHILE HE RECOVERED FROM HIS WOUNDS.

JULIE WALKER RESCUED HER TWIN BROTHER, THE 17TH PHANTOM...

Hi and Lois

by Brian and Greg Walker

LOOKS LIKE FALL IS WRAPPING UP.

NOW THAT THE LEAVES ARE DOWN, THE GUTTERS NEED TO BE CLEANED.

I'M GETTING TOO OLD TO CLIMB UP ON A LADDER.

OK...I'LL GO MAKE SOME CALLS.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP THERE?

I'M STILL TOO CHEAP TO PAY SOMEONE TO DO THIS.

ZITS BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

WELL...?

I AGREE WITH THE CAT.

NOT YOUR BEST EFFORT.

THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

"YOU DO REALIZE THAT WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT, PICKING UP MY MOTHER OR WATCHING THE JETS GAME" WAS A RHETORICAL QUESTION?"

"SILLY ME... I THOUGHT YOU WERE BRINGING ME A DOZEN ROSES."

"THEY SAY SPACE IS EXPANDING, AND THAT INCLUDES LORETTA'S CLOSET SPACE."

FUNKY WINKERS

by Tom Batiuk

WE HAVE TO HIT THE KOMIX KORNOR BEFORE YOUR BOOT COMES OFF!

SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

Rachel Rabbit says she saw Reeky Rat flee her darkened home last night with a handful of her son's red cherry jelly beans. She claims he deliberately selected the red cherry candies, leaving the lime green and purple grape varieties. Reeky insists he's innocent, and claims his poor rat night vision would prevent him from being so selective. Why is Slylock Fox not convinced the rat is innocent?

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"SOME PEOPLE MAKE A LASTING IMPRESSION... LEROY MAKES A LASTING ONE."

Rotary visits local schools to deliver dictionaries

For over 16 years, Shelbyville Rotary Club has distributed dictionaries to 3rd graders as part of an effort to promote literacy. This year, over 680 English dictionaries were provided to students in 8 local elementary schools.

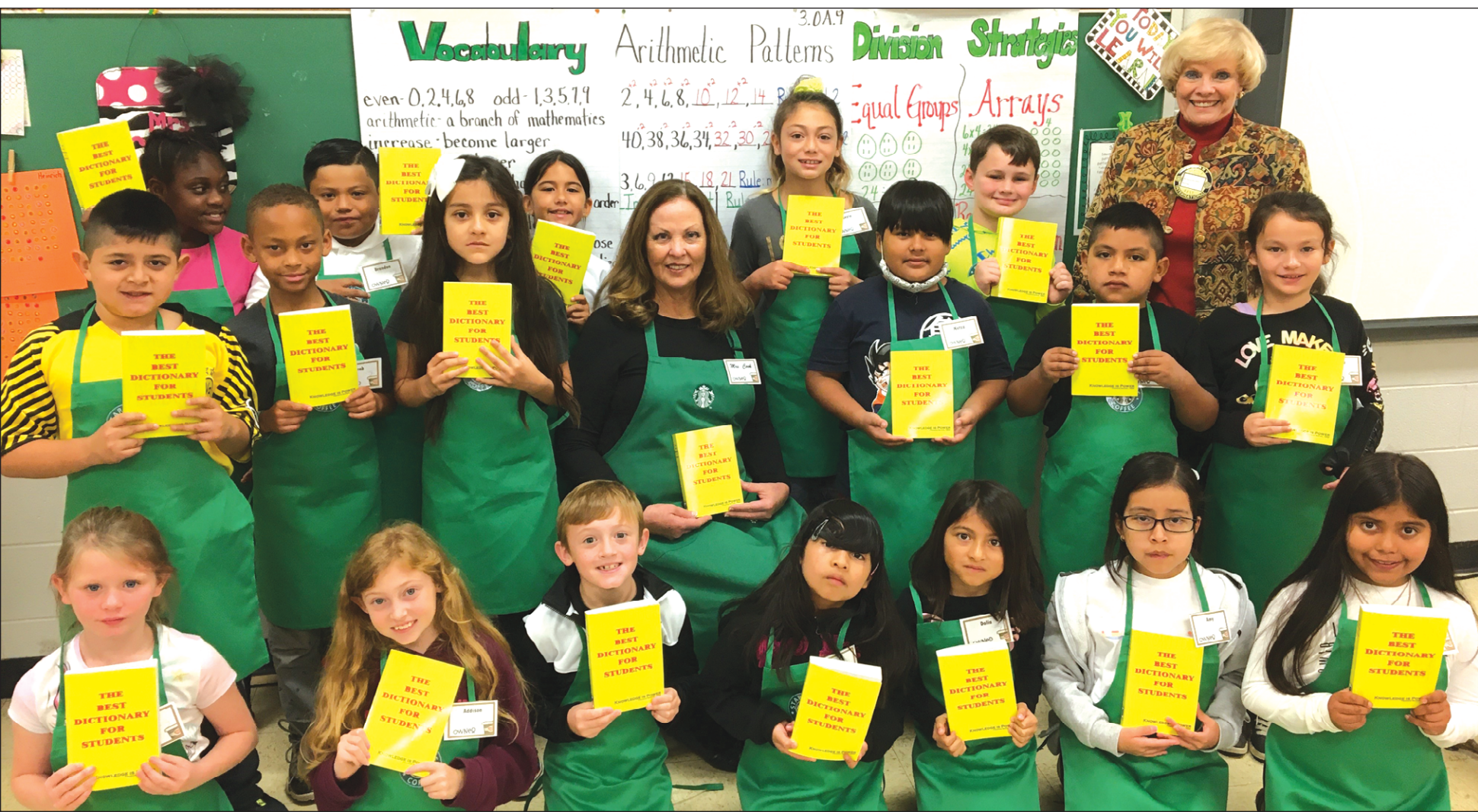
The Rotary Club purchases special student dictionaries through the non-profit organization, The Dictionary Project. Third graders receive the dictionaries at this time in their formal education as most elementary schools teach the children to use an English dictionary at that grade level.

“Rotarians are happy to personally present students their own dictionary this year,” said Rotary President Dawn Hobbs. “We appreciate our relationship with the Bedford County School System and are happy to continue supporting literacy in Bedford County with this project.”

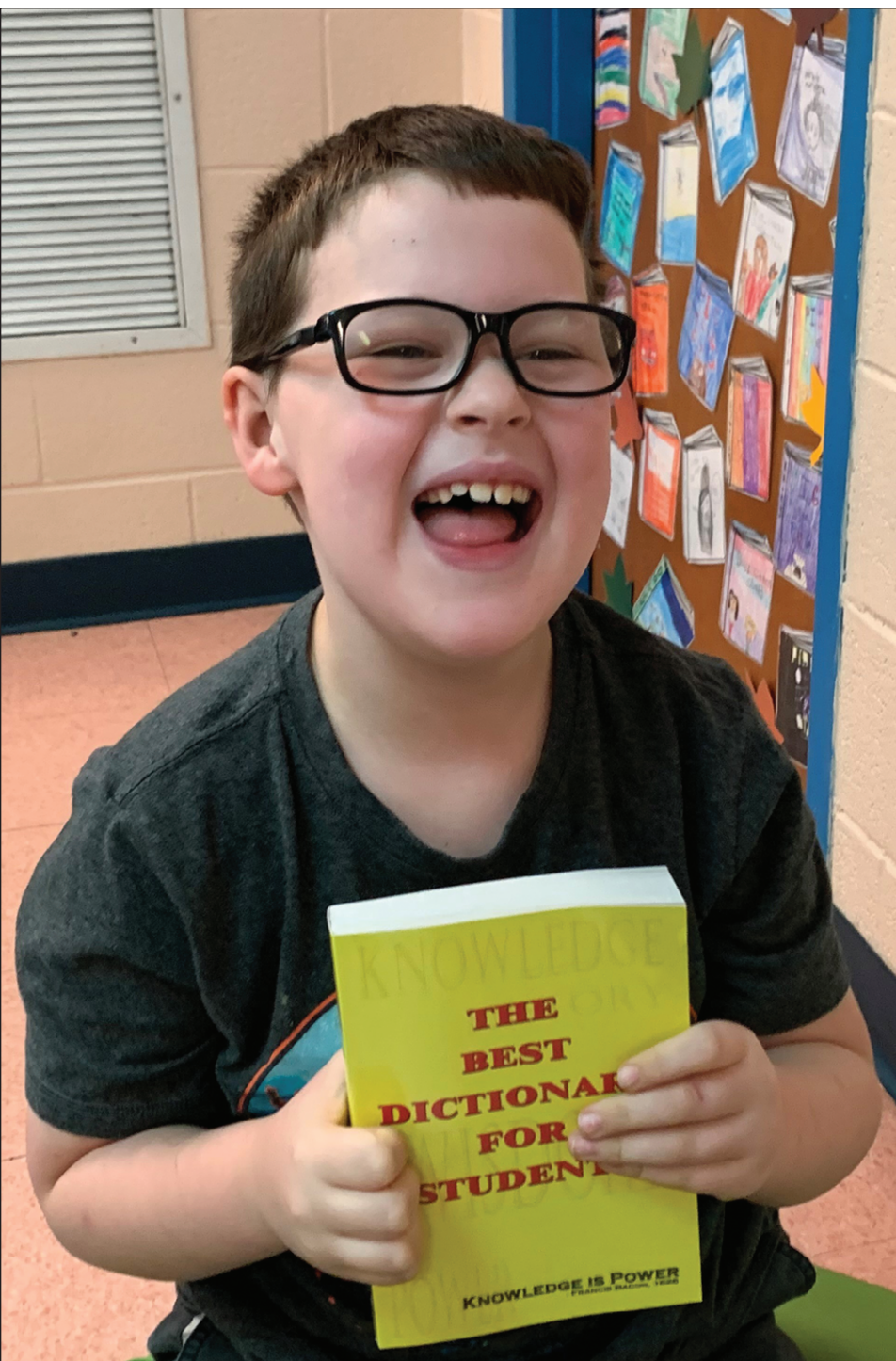
One of the four pillars of service in Rotary is literacy. The Dictionary Project is one way that the Rotary Club of Shelbyville has chosen to help meet that goal.



Rotarian Darin Hasty poses for a photo with Challenge Coin winners from Liberty School.



Rotarian Barbara Blanton presented South Side Elementary students with their dictionaries.



It seems a young student from Cascade Elementary was really enjoying his new dictionary, presented by the local Rotary Club.



Dictionary labeling
Members of the Shelbyville Rotary Club met at the Adult Learning Center to label dictionaries to be presented to third grade students in Bedford County as part of their annual Dictionary Project.

FCE CLUB REPORTS

Butler's Creek

Butler's Creek FCE Club met Monday night, Sept. 13, at 4:30 p.m. at the Farm Bureau Office.

Vicky Faulkner, 1st vice president, called the meeting to order with the Household Hint and "Smile" read by Gloria Crick. The devotion was a blessing given at the Farm Bureau meal.

Extension Agent Whitney Danhof presented the educational lesson, "Seeing is believing" about eye health, and provided resources and handouts. Roll call was answered by 11 members, answering the question: "What is the one thing that makes you smile?"

The minutes from the Aug. 9 meeting were read and approved.

Debbie Crosslin gave the treasurer's report with a current balance of \$16.02. Brenda Gregory gave the "Sunshine Report."

New Business:

Whitney Danhof, extension agent, advised the County Council needs a 2nd vice president and a secretary for 2022. This was a work night for the club and members prepared the meal for the Farm Bureau meeting.

The menu included: pork tenderloin, frozen pink salad, yeast rolls, brownies and whipped topping.

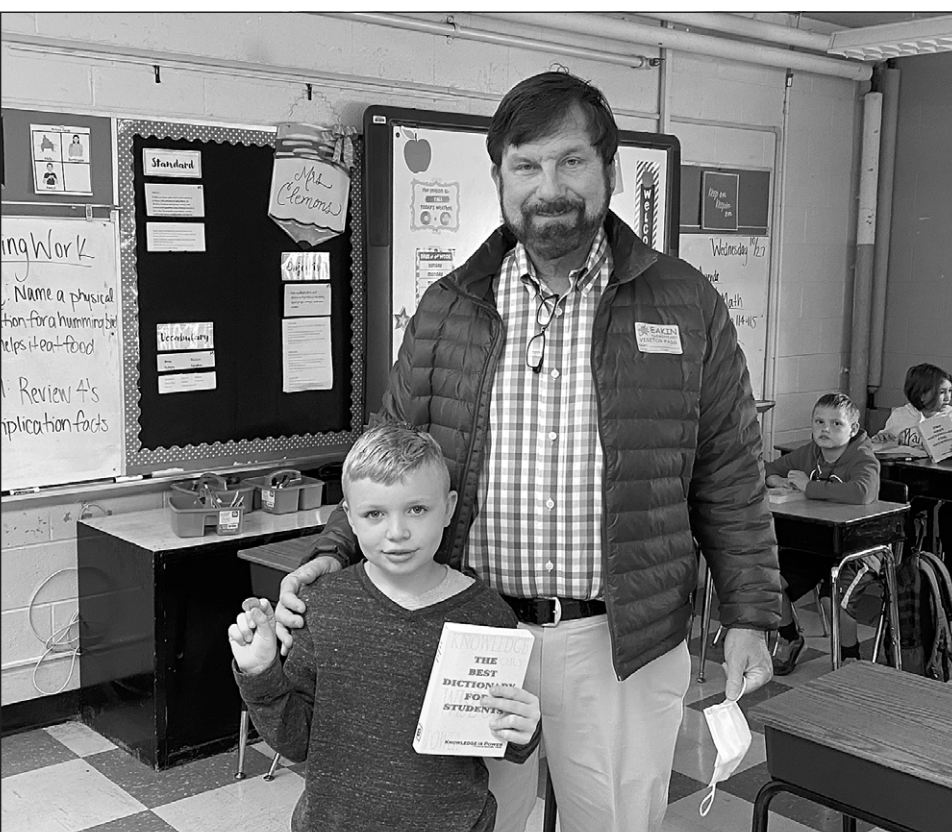
Club demonstrations included: hand-made masks by Amy Martin; she presented them as a gift to everyone at the meeting. And, a waffle stitch afghan by Louise Moore.

Vicky adjourned the meeting by reading: "Families are like quilts . . . lives pieced together, stitched with smiles and tears, colored by memories and bound by love."



Rotarians Anita Teague and Ashley House and Learning Way students pose with their new dictionaries.

Submitted Photos



Rotarian Barry Cooper shares a moment with a "happy" student.

ROTARY SUPPORTS CASCADE INTERACT



Submitted Photos

The Shelbyville Rotary Club presented a \$250 check to the Cascade Interact Club for their assistance with Rotary projects. From left are Interact sponsor Wendy Williams, Interact vice president Caleb Fletcher, Rotary president Dawn Hobbs and Interact president Jaylenn Bates.



Rotarian Barbara Blanton poses for a picture with Thomas Magnet students.



SHARING PICTURE

Jeffrey McGee loves Christmas; he's not ashamed to admit he starts decorating early each year. We wanted to share this picture as it is part of a story coming soon in our winter Bedford Life. Stay tuned for your copy. McGee decorates at Grace Baptist every year and stays pretty busy, given his tree decorating skills.

Upcoming events

Wartrace Christmas—Wartrace is holding a Christmas marketplace on Saturday, Nov. 27. Local artisans, bakers, and craftsmen will be set up on the town square throughout the day. Food and photos with Santa will be available.

Quilted Christmas—A quilted Christmas walk featuring historic homes and churches will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Bell Buckle on Dec. 3.

Christmas Tree Lighting— Come kickoff the holiday season at the official Christmas tree lighting party at the Bedford County Courthouse Lawn on Friday, Dec. 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. Watch the Mayors flip the switch and enjoy food, music, Santa!

Christmas Parade—"A Super-Hero Christmas" will be the theme for this year's Shelbyville Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 4, along the traditional route—the Shelbyville Square, north on North Main Street, and east out Madison Street to Celebration Drive. The parade starts at 4 p.m. with line-up at 2 p.m. at the Dinner Table on Lane Parkway.

11th Annual Wine Walk—will be Friday, Dec. 10, from 4 to 8 p.m. on the Shelbyville Square. Enjoy sipping, shopping, and strolling with friends and with late shopping hours.

Holiday Gift Drive—The Waters at Shelbyville is looking for local businesses interested in hosting a holiday donation tree from now to Dec. 15. Call 931-575-8486.

Bell Buckle New Year's Eve Moon Pie Celebration—will be Dec. 31 from 9 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

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