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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Bryan Belden, with Quara and Chrinyin Belden, were among attendees at Saturday morning's Breakfast with Santa. Kids enjoyed a light breakfast, were read the traditional story "Twas The Night Before Christmas by Santa Claus (Johnny Reed) and received small gifts and sweets. More photos, Page 12.

Clothing thief hits classroom

By **DAVID MELSON**
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Ten duffel bags containing almost \$2,000 worth of clothing were stolen overnight Thursday from a portable classroom at Bedford County Vocational School, J.G. Helton Drive.

Each bag contained 20 pairs of jeans and men's shirts, 16 pairs of shoes, 10 girls' shirts, eight packs of men's briefs and six jackets, Shelbyville police said.

Video shows a suspect inside the classroom from 10:26-10:32 p.m., 11-11:56 p.m. and 12:34-12:47 p.m.

The suspect changed clothes at one point, leaving behind a wet shirt and pants.

Storage sheds behind Shelbyville-Bedford County Senior Citizens Center, J.G. Helton Drive, Harris Head Start, Elm Street, and Bright's Temple Church of God in Christ, Elm Street, were also entered with nothing reported missing from either.

A knife was used to open the Head Start lock, police said. The knife was found in the parking lot.

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Shining with country stars to boutiques

LeDere opens Old Petticoat Trading Co.

By **ZOË HAGGARD**
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Shelia LeDere was born in Nashville to musically and artistically inclined parents.

Growing up, she spent Saturday nights at the Grand Ole Opry where her aunt and uncle square danced on stage. While her dad was a praise and worship leader at their church, her mom worked at Werthan Bags Co. in Nashville where she would bring home 80 cent doll clothing patterns for her young daughter. So, at age 5, LeDere began to sew.

It was the first spark of her life-long creativity. "I was passionate about it. I remember thinking at a really young age, this would look so pretty with fur. I mean, my brain was already working like," she recalled.

California dreaming

As a young adult, LeDere started work for Channel 5 in Nashville, working in national sales. It's where she got in the loop with Nashville entertainers that would later pave the way for a later career.

"First of all, I have no fear. I'm a visionary, if I might say so," LeDere said. "Don't be afraid to be passionate because fear kills creativity."

Taking that passion and a spark of vision, she moved to California where she studied at College of the Sequoias, taking every art class she could.

After graduating, LeDere worked for Eugene McAvoys who was art director for The Sonny and Cher Comedy Hour in the mid-1970s.

"I didn't design for Cher, but I was there on set," LeDere said. Being surrounded in that creative atmosphere, LeDere said she was influenced, leading her to work in wardrobe departments while living in California.

Rhinestone cowboys and girls

In 1985, LeDere made the move back to Nashville and opened a studio and storefront in Hillsboro Village

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Sheila LeDere holds a picture of the country group, The Judds, at a set in Arizona where she helped to create their wardrobe.

COVID around for second Christmas season

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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Tennessee Department of Health announces walk-in options at clinics for COVID-19 vaccine. That's good information, as Bedford County continues to deal with the coronavirus and its mutations, or strains, for the second consecutive Christmas.

As of Friday afternoon, Tennessee Health Department reports 128 active new COVID-19 cases in Bedford County, with 11 new cases reported in that single

day. Though, the good news for the season is that compared to 2020, the numbers are lower.

Bedford's total COVID-19 case count, since recording began in March of 2020, is 9,746 positive cases. There's been 176 deaths since, due to the pandemic.

Neighboring Coffee County is near the same COVID-19 case level this season as neighboring Bedford with currently 130 cases, as reported by THD on Friday. That includes 20 brand new cases for Dec. 17.

Tennessee remains and optional state, when it comes to masks, though some businesses continue to request them.

THD reports that over 8 million Tennesseans have to date received a COVID-19 vaccine. That breaks down to about 57% having had one dose, while about 50% are fully vaccinated, THD reports.

How do vaccines work?

THD reports that these vaccines work by giving your body

"the recipe" to make the protein that is on the outside of the coronavirus. When your body "sees that protein," THD states it will make protective antibodies to it.

Later, if the body sees the real virus, it will remember seeing that protein and destroy the virus before it has a chance to make you sick, according to THD. For more information, see Understanding mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines | CDC.

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DEATH NOTICES

James Edward Crosby

December 17, 2021

James Edward Crosby, 51, of Shelbyville died Friday, December 17, 2021 at St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital after an extended illness.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Tony Thibodeaux officiating. Burial will follow at Pressgrove Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Tuesday.

Larry Womack Arnold

December 19, 2021

Larry Womack Arnold, 72, of Shelbyville died Sunday, December 19, 2021, at Community Care of Rutherford County after an extended illness.

Funeral service will be held 1:00 p.m. Thursday, December 23 at Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Jay Pope officiating. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m.

OBITUARIES

Joann Messick

December 17, 2021

Joann Messick, 83, of Shelbyville died Friday, December 17, 2021.

Per her request she will be cremated. No services are scheduled.

She was born May 25, 1938 in Bedford County; was a retired employee of Empire Pencil Company and a member of Fairlane Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carl Ray Messick and Lorene Wisner Messick; two sisters, Mattie Messick and Rachel Messick and a brother, Johnny Messick.

Joann is survived by two sisters, Carlotta M. Clay and Betty Jane Messick of Shelbyville.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Ola Beatrice Carter Reed

December 18, 2021

Ola Beatrice Carter Reed, 85, of Shelbyville died Saturday, December 18, 2021.

A gathering of friends will be held 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Monday, December 27 at Hillcrest Funeral Home.

She was the daughter of the late Edgar Herman Carter and Mamie Sue Crosslin Carter and the wife of the late James Henry Reed Sr.

She was also preceded in death by sisters and brothers, Shirley Carter, Dorothy Wood, Pete Carter, Amy Sue Carter, Glen Carter and Austin Carter.

Ola is survived by two sons, James Henry (Lynn) Reed Jr., Charles Herman Reed Sr.; brother, Charles Wayne (Brenda) Carter, sisters, Anita Carter, Helen Carter Raby and Carolyn Carter; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



Barry D. Smith

December 17, 2021

Barry D. Smith, 63, of Shelbyville died Friday, December 17, 2021.

Graveside services were held 2:00 P.M. Sunday, December 19 at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Dale Grosch officiating.

He is survived by his parents, Howard D. Smith and Mary Frances Wiseman Smith; his wife of 39 years, Kathy Sawyer Smith; children, Barry Kain (Ashley) Smith, Whitley Brooke (Blake) Troutman; five grandchildren, Kaiden, Maddie, Isaac, Makenzie and Ian; brother, Brian Keith (Julie) Smith and sister, Tammy Michelle Smith. He was preceded in death by brother, Tony Smith.

Barry was an employee of Marelli Corp. for over 34 years. He was a loving and devoted husband who loved his children and grandchildren and enjoyed going to soccer games with his grandchildren. He especially loved the challenge of fixing things and would help anyone who needed help.

Hillcrest Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



COVID

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Immunity after vaccine

Health department officials report they've learned from clinical trials involving tens of thousands of people who took the vaccine that vaccination helps protect adults and children ages 5 years and older from getting severely ill with COVID-19. For more information on how the vaccine works and data on effectiveness visit Ensuring COVID-19 Vaccines Work | CDC.

More COVID cases in L.A.

Los Angeles County, California health officials

today that 3,512 new coronavirus cases for Sunday—more than double the number of cases recorded just a few days before.

California recorded 49 cases of the Omicron variant as of Wednesday, with 38 of those in L.A. County. That's much lower than the 184,700 identified cases of the Delta variant, which remains the state's dominant strain.

Health officials expect the number of Omicron cases to rise as the variant is believed to be more contagious than Delta and better at evading immunity generated by vaccines or previous infections.

Health department officials state that vaccines still offer protection against severe illness and death caused by Omicron.



T-G Photos by Zoe Haggard

Wartrace has proved to be the ideal spot for both Sheila LeDere's home and creativity.



For more information on the Old Petticoat Trading Co., in Wartrace, visit the Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/www.petticoat>. There's lots to see at the boutique.

LeDere

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where she designed stage wear.

"I just hit it at the right time." The 80s and 90s were the neotraditional country music era, which produced such stars like Reba McEntire, The Judds, Toby Keith, Tanya Tucker, Brooks and Dunn—all of whom LeDere worked with as an image consultant.

"I worked with the record labels. They would send their artists to me to create an image," LeDere said. With a crew of about five ladies she would design, and they would sew.

"Also in the store, I had a boot maker . . . silversmith. We did everything from guitar straps to custom boots to the whole Nashville scene," she recalled.

It wasn't overnight though, right? "It really kind of was," LeDere said with a laugh. "And what's funny is really the only experience I had was Barbie Dolls, sewing and creating that. I was just really blessed. I can't describe it in any other way."

She had the studio until the mid-1990s. During that time, LeDere said she also worked backstage of the CMA awards and eventually got to work on a movie set with Country Music Hall of Famer Ray Stevens.

While recently going through some old boxes in the process of moving, LeDere said she came across some leather costumes. She recalled one of her proudest moments, when she with two other ladies, designed and made 30 Native American costumes for Stevens' movie "Get Serious" (1995) in one night.

"We were supposed to do a really simple scene, and I was prepared. I had been prepared for days. But they changed it," LeDere said. "So, we had to stay up all night making those



Sheila LeDere is owner of the Old Petticoat Trading Co. in Wartrace.

leather clothes. But that's an accomplishment—you do it on set and get it done. Then you get to sit back and watch it."

New territory

Growing tired of the Nashville scene, LeDere decided to take another—maybe less creative—direction in her career, working as a Southwest Airline hostess. But after Sept. 11, 2001, LeDere said it was time for another career change.

So, she opened a boutique in Lexington, Ky., where she had settled after working for Southwest. With her daughter, T.J., they opened Simply Divine Boutique in Lexington and eventually in Murfreesboro.

But as her parents began to age, LeDere found she wanted to be closer to them. She bought a 6-acre farm in Bell Buckle, which she turned into—unplanned as usual—a wedding venue

called Greystone Farms.

"It was beautiful. I loved watching the people's reaction when they walked into it the first time," LeDere said.

Eventually, the farm became a lot to take care of—constant storm damage, an injured horse, downed fences. So, LeDere sold and closed on the farm at the end of December 2020.

Back to boutiques

But LeDere was far from being done in the creative realm.

After selling Greystone Farm, LeDere decided to buy the downtown shop building that used to be Gallagher Guitars in downtown Wartrace. Passionate about antiques and with her experience of owning boutiques, LeDere opened the Old Petticoat Trading Co., which sells just about anything and a little bit of everything.

"This has gone up really

fast...I was opened by the first of May," LeDere said. But it's taken a lot of work. With the help of many local friends, LeDere is chipping away at the building's plaster and wood in a complete remodeling and preservation of the old storefront and shop.

Wartrace has proved to be the ideal spot for both LeDere's home and creativity.

"It's a natural, God-given talent. But I also thrive on other people's energy, so I surround myself with creative people. It's just a whole different atmosphere. When I came here it just felt so right . . . I mean, these people have become my family."

For more information on the Old Petticoat Trading Co., visit the Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/www.petticoat>.

Thief

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Video shows a dark truck behind the building.

Hedge clippers from the church were found on the ground nearby.

A CB radio was taken from a truck at Wayne's Auto Repair, East Highland Street between Sunday, Dec. 12 and Sunday, Dec. 19, police were told.

Other thefts investigated by authorities:

•A woman who told police she'd smoked methamphetamine earlier allegedly broke into a home and car on Apache Place Friday night.

Ashlynn Giselle Nava, 21, Cheyenne Circle, told police people inside the walls of her home were trying to kill her. The owner of the car said Nava, who he doesn't know, allegedly got into his vehicle and rummaged through the glove box after forcing her way through a bedroom window at his home and taking a cellphone.

She was charged with aggravated burglary and public intoxication and held on \$30,500 bond.

•A suspect in the burglary of a vehicle Saturday morning was arrested after he passed out on the porch of a Myers Street home with the victim's wallet

and identification in his jacket, police said.

Christopher Keith Dewese, 56, of King Arthur Court was charged with burglary, theft of property under \$1,000 and possession of drug paraphernalia and held on \$16,500 bond.

Dewese allegedly tried to enter the victim's East Depot Street home before breaking into his vehicle and taking several items. Dewese, who had been seen running from the scene, was identified by the victim as the suspect.

He also allegedly possessed a broken crack pipe, police said.

•A Ruger LCR .38 spe-

cial revolver was stolen from a vehicle last week in Tillet's Trailer Park.

•A man described as white, in his 40s, with a "scruffy beard" ordered \$38 worth of food from Serv-N-Go Market, South Cannon Boulevard, and ran away without paying Sunday.

•Two German Shepherd dogs, Zoe and Jazzy, were stolen from kennel at a Coble Road home late Sunday morning, police said.

A suspicious person in a dark Jeep Cherokee with red writing on the rear window was seen in the area, a Bedford County Sheriff's Office report said.

BABY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS

Williamson Medical Center recently photographed some of its "cutest elves" in Santa's workshop. These Williamson Medical professionals seemed to be having a lot of joy holding these newborns.

Photos by Kristie Loyd Photography



BE A CINDY LOU WHO



Photo by Heidi Davis

It "be-Whooves" us all to be more like Cindy Lou Who than The Grinch at Christmas. Makenzie Davis, daughter of Heidi Davis and a first grader at Liberty School, dressed up recently as Cindy Lou for The Grinch versus Polar Express event.

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DUI suspect endangers his child, oncoming drivers

By **DAVID MELSON**
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An allegedly intoxicated driver was arrested after allegedly having a child in this SUV while almost hitting three vehicles Saturday night on Highway 64 West.

A Bedford County deputy found Rony Say, 47, parked on Highway 130 West. Say allegedly said he'd had "a little bit" to drink and failed field sobriety tests.

He was charged with reckless endangerment, DUI, open container and refusal to voluntarily provide a blood sample. He was held on \$8,500 bond.

Say's 8-year-old son was picked up by a family member.

Resisting arrest

A disruptive customer struggled with officers attempting to remove him from Topsy Tavern, Sims Road, Sunday night, a police report said.

William Matthew Dalton, 38, of Davis Lane was charged with resisting arrest and public intoxication. He was held on \$6,000 bond.

Assault

A man accused of refusing to give a friend her

phone out of fear she'd call 911 during a fight was arrested early Friday by police.

Bobby Scott Jr., 55, allegedly refused to hand over the phone while hitting her in the face, busting her lip, and attempting to choke her. He was charged with aggravated assault and interference with 911 and released on \$5,500 bond.

Jail intake

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

•Soledad Lopez Apiricio, 29, Warners Bridge Road; no driver's license, speeding; released, no bond

•Monica Marie Ball, 41, Hawthorne Road; probation revocation; held, \$1,500 bond

•Tiffany Barden, 38, Blue Grass Drive; no driver's license, light law; released on recognizance

•Charles Kenneth Brannon, 46, U.S. 41A North; aggravated domestic assault; released, no bond

•Sandra Leann

Cornelison, 40, Woodbury; probation revocation; held, \$4,000 bond

•William Matthew Dalton, 38, Shelbyville; public intoxication, resisting arrest; held, \$6,000 bond

•Christopher Keith Deweese, 56, King Arthur Court; burglary, theft of property under \$1,000, possession of drug paraphernalia; held, \$16,500 bond

•Andy Eliel Dubon Cordova, 40, Gulfport, Mississippi; no driver's license, speeding; released, \$250 bond

•Atray Alexander Fryman, 23, Tulip Tree Road; driving on suspended license, no insurance, running stop sign, speeding; released on recognizance

•Peyton Nicholas Garrett, 24, Cherokee Lane; failure to appear (two counts); held, \$6,000 bond

•Kyle Matthew Hamlin, 30, Fayetteville; violation of community corrections; summons issued

•Jeremy Bryant Hardison, 47, Pepper Hill Road; possession with intent, possession of firearm, felony possession of firearm, possession of drug paraphernalia; held, \$13,500 bond

•Juan David Lopez, 19, King Avenue; no driver's license, speeding (45/30);

summons issued

•Francisco Lorenzo, 22, Saddlewood Drive; driving on suspended license, speeding; released, no bond

•Ryan Rasha Martin, 34, McMinnville; failure to appear; released, no bond

•Ashlynn Giselle Nava, 21, Cheyenne Circle; public intoxication, aggravated burglary; held, \$30,500 bond

•Victor Villanueva Perez, 32, Tullahoma; no driver's license, speeding (45/30); summons issued

•Fernando Ramirez Corona, 23, Barksdale Lane; DUI; released, \$3,000 bond

•Jason Daniel Robart, 39, Manchester; theft involving merchandise, criminal trespassing; held, \$3,000 bond

•Lenora Lynn Rush, 59, Murfreesboro; failure to appear (two counts); held, \$2,000 bond

•MacKenzie Lynn Sadler, 28, Tullahoma; DUI; released, \$2,000 bond

•Rony Say, 47, Nashville; DUI, reckless endangerment, open container, implied consent; held, \$8,500 bond

•Bobby Scott Jr., 55, Rolling Road; aggravated domestic assault, interference with 911; released, \$5,500 bond

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Use fast-food extras

Dear Readers: When you order from a fast-food restaurant and go through a drive-thru, the meal usually comes with plastic utensils, napkins, condiments, straws, and salt and pepper packets. Don't throw these items out, even if you are not going to use them for that meal. Instead, save them to take when you are picnicking or camping, or put them in a lunch bag for school or work. -- Heloise

Hints from Heloise

Heloise



use this method for making banana pancakes by slicing the bananas on top of the batter. -- Nancy Hyneman, Princeton, Indiana

STINKY PLASTIC CONTAINERS

Dear Readers: Plastic containers are good for food storage, but they can retain a smelly odor from the food. Here's how to get rid of it. Fill the container with half household vinegar and half water. Allow this to sit overnight. Rinse thoroughly with hot, soapy water and air-dry. Store these containers with the lids off to prevent a stale smell.

Vinegar is a great, effective product for lots of household jobs, including cleaning, deodorizing and cooking. To learn more, check out my six-page pamphlet full of vinegar uses. Get a copy by visiting www.Heloise.com or by sending \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Heloise/Vinegar, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. FYI: To refresh the toilet bowl, pour a cup or so of white vinegar inside for about five minutes, then quick-scrub and flush. -- Heloise

IS WILD RICE ACTUALLY RICE?

Dear Readers: Wild rice is the grain of a tall grass that grows in water in North America's Great Lakes region. It's also known as water rice. You normally buy it mixed with white rice. Here's how to use this chewy, nutty-flavored rice. Boil or bake it. Add onions, butter, mushrooms or sliced almonds to enhance it. Wild rice is a great accompaniment to duck and game. -- Heloise

CUTTING BOARD REMINDER

Dear Readers: During the rest of this holiday season, you still will be having large family gatherings. And your cutting board will get a workout when preparing all those meals. Don't forget that bacteria grows on plastic and wood cutting boards. After each use, wash and sanitize it to remove bacteria. Here's how to do it well: Wash the board in hot, soapy water. Then soak it for two minutes in a solution of 3 tablespoons of household bleach and 1 gallon of water. Rinse and dry with a paper towel or air-dry. -- Heloise

BLUEBERRY PANCAKE HINT

Dear Heloise: I read your column from Laura M. from Hillsboro, Oregon, about making pancakes. I would like to share my solution. I live alone, so I don't make big batches of pancakes. I buy a box of blueberries, wash them and roll them in a tea towel to dry as much as possible. Then I lay them in a single layer on a paper towel on a cookie sheet and freeze them. After they are frozen, I put what I will need for one pancake in a plastic zip-top bag. When I make my pancakes, I pour enough batter out for my one pancake then put my berries on top, then cover them with more batter. This might solve her problem of missing her blueberry pancakes. I hope you can use this hint. I also

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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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.

ONGOING

Soup kitchen

Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen serves meals from 4-5 p.m. Tuesdays at the old Save-A-Lot building on South Cannon Boulevard. One take-away meal per person present,

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

CHRISTMAS DAY

Food giveaway

The Johnson Family food giveaway will be noon-2 p.m. Christmas

Dear Santa,

Santa Letters
Melissa Themm's Kindergarten class at Liberty School

Dear Santa,
My name is Electra. I am 5 years old. This year I would like: a tablet. Love, Electra

Dear Santa,
My name is Tripp Cooke. I am 6 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like: a phone, water balloons, and red Nerf guns. Love, Tripp

Dear Santa,
My name is Hunter. I am 6 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like: a phone. Love, Hunter

Dear Santa,
My name is Lillian. I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like: a doll and a tablet. Love, Lillian

Dear Santa,
My name is Ally. I am 5 years old. This year I have been very sweet. For Christmas I would like: an Elsa doll. Love, Ally

Dear Santa,
My name is Aven. I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like: a dog and cat. Love, Aven

Dear Santa,
My name is Matthew. I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like: a car, toy train, phone, cat. Love, Matthew

Dear Santa,
My name is Eli. I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For



Christmas I would like: a remote-control car, toy truck, and a phone. Love, Eli

Dear Santa,
My name is Hadley. I am 5 years old. This year I have been very sweet. For Christmas I would like: legos and a reindeer. Love, Hadley

Dear Santa,
My name is Jax. I am 6 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like: a 4-wheeler and a pellet gun. Love, Jax

Dear Santa,
My name is Case. I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like: a robot. Love, Case

Dear Santa,
My name is Chephirah. I am 6 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like: dinosaurs and turtles. Love, Chephirah

Dear Santa,
My name is Layna. I am 6 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like: a unicorn. Love, Layna

Dear Santa,
My name is Kimberly. I am 5 years old. This year I have been very sweet. For Christmas I would like: an Elsa doll. Love, Kimberly

Dear Santa,
My name is Jaxon. I am 6 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like: a Nintendo Switch, PS4. Love, Jaxon

Dear Santa,
My name is Paisley. I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like: a new LOL doll. Love, Paisley

Dear Santa,
My name is Mallory Kate. I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like: a unicorn. Love, Mallory Kate

Dear Santa,
My name is Juleon. I am 5 years old. This year I have been very good. For Christmas I would like: a hot wheels track. Love, Juleon

All the kids say thank you to Santa and that they hope he has safe travels!
Thanks and Merry Christmas to all, from Liberty School!

Holiday cookies the whole family will love

Many people enjoy baking come the holiday season, and perhaps no dish is more synonymous with holiday baking than cookies. Children leave cookies out for Santa Claus on Christmas Eve, while adults may indulge and enjoy an extra cookie or

two at family gatherings or holiday office parties.

Cookies come in all shapes and sizes, so bakers have an array of options at their disposal when planning their holiday menus. Chocolate chip cookies may be among the most popular types of cookies,

and bakers who want to capitalize on that popularity while giving loved ones something a little different may want to try the following recipe for "Double Chocolate Chip Cookies" from Maxine Clark's "Chocolate: Deliciously Indulgent Recipes for Chocolate Lovers" (Ryland, Peters & Small).

- 5 tablespoons light brown sugar, sifted
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla essence or chocolate extract (see note)
- 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons self-rising flour
- 3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup (or more) dark and white (or milk) chocolate chips (or roughly chopped chocolate)
- A heavy, nonstick baking sheet
- Preheat the oven to 350 F.
- Using an electric mixer, cream the butter and sugars together until pale and fluffy. Beat in the egg and

vanilla essence. Sift the flour with the cocoa and salt in a small bowl. Fold into the egg mixture with the chocolate chips. Place 4 heaping tablespoonsfuls of the mixture on the prepared baking sheet, spacing them well apart. Press down and spread out to about 1/4-inch thick with the back of a wet spoon or with dampened fingers (you may like to scatter some more chocolate chips over the top). Bake for 10 to 12 minutes. Let cool on the baking sheet for 1 minute, then transfer to a wire rack. When cool, store in an airtight container.



Repeat with the remaining mixture. **Note:** Chocolate extract is a fat-free flavoring ingredient made from a blend of roasted cacao beans, water and alcohol.

Public Notice

City Hall Christmas Holiday Closing & Trash Schedule

Christmas:

City Hall will be Closed on Thursday, December 23rd and Friday, December 24th in observation of the Christmas holidays.

Public Works will be closed Thursday, December 23rd and Monday, December 27th in observation of the Christmas holidays Thursday's trash will be picked up on Wednesday, December 22nd with Wednesday's regular route. Monday's trash will be picked up on Tuesday, December 28th with Tuesday's regular route.

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THE FULL COLD MOON



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NASA scientists note this full moon might be the last we can see for a while. It rose on Saturday evening. It is said to be the longest full moon, as indicated by this shot taken early Monday morning. It gave a mystical appearance Monday. According to Shelbyville's own Billy Hix, some Native Americans refer to this moon as "The Full Cold Moon," but there are other names.



AG NOTES

By John Teague
UT/TSU Extension

PROGRAM REMINDERS

There are some very good online programs coming after the first of the year. Registrations are open now so I'm going to keep reminding farmers of the opportunities.

FARMING FUNDAMENTALS

Dr. Charley Martinez has announced the Farming Fundamentals series is launched and open for registration. The link to the website is below and there is the description of the series.

” <https://arec.tennessee.edu/extension/farming-fundamentals/> The link to the registration site is on the website.

This series is in a different format. There are five videos that are required and four that are optional to pick out three. This series was designed by the Ag Economics Department to help beginning farmers.

Topics include Financial Statements, Taxes, Farming Foundations, Business Actions, Livestock Basics, Specialty Crops, Value Added, and Crops. This series is available to help beginning farmers meet the requirements for the Tennessee Ag Enhancement Program. The cost is \$100 for the series. Details are on the website and the registration site.

MASTER FARM MANAGER

A new version of the manager series is now ready for registration. The Master Farm Manager Course will utilize a hybrid method, with both pre-recorded videos and live Zoom webinars. Eight sessions must be completed to receive a certificate.

There are five live sessions and three recorded sessions. This series is very popular, and there are new additions to the topics. Dates, speakers, registra-

tion information and costs are given on the website <https://arec.tennessee.edu/extension/manage/tennessee-master-farm-manager/> Deadline is January 15 for mail-in and January 25 for online. This series will qualify for 50% reimbursement with Tennessee Ag Enhancement Program for several projects listed on the flyer.

MASTER HORSE

Based on the positive response from participants and agents to the last TMHP, we are planning another state coordinated hybrid program that will run from January - March 2022. The program will contain the following contents: 12 virtual sessions from 7-8:30pm on Thursdays from January 13-March 31, 2022, one admission to the Horse Management Field Day (held regionally), one TMHP manual (main manual plus additional supplements), one forage or soil test, Google Classroom access from January - June 2022, and certificate and TMHP promotional items upon completion.

The early bird registration cost is \$165 and is open now until December 31, 2021. Late registration costs \$190 and will run from January 1-January 14, 2022. Registration is open to individuals 15 years of age or over.

A schedule, additional details, and the online registration link can be found at <https://uthorse.tennessee.edu/tennessee-master-horse-program/> or in the Programs tab at UTHorse.com.

LANDSCAPING COURSE

The 2022 Landscape Short Course will be held January 11th and 12th @ the Williamson County Ag Expo Park, 4215 Long Lane, Suite 200 Franklin, TN 37064. We will also be offering a virtual option for those who cannot attend in person.

Fee for the class will be \$100 for virtual attendees

(via Zoom) and \$125 for those planning to attend in-person. Lunch and snacks will be provided both days for those joining on site. Registration and more information: <https://williamson.tennessee.edu/landscape-short-course/> Pesticide points will be awarded in Categories 2 (January 11 only), 3, 10 and 12.

BARNs AND BIRTHS

I've always been comfortable in a barn. I milked when I was three, and it was love for animals from that point. My Teague grandparents taught me about animals. Precious memories.

It's the most fascinating thing to me, the whole process of livestock reproduction, genetics, feeding, caring, etc. My college education is in animal husbandry. I never wanted to do anything else but raise livestock.

My family knows that it is one thing that I enjoy a lot. Some of my most peaceful times have been at the barn. Observing a quiet birth, watching a baby nurse, listening to the animals eat and watching for them to chew their cud. It's what I do.

I wasn't born in a barn, but I heard about somebody who was. He was arguably the most influential person in the history of the world and still is at the center of focus, some for and some against. He lived for a time with animals such as a donkey and sheep and goats. His first visitors were farmers. Some kings were the last ones. Goes to show you who ranks in importance, the ones who feed others!

For some of us, it's a peaceful time. For the rest of the world, maybe not so much. A busy time, sometimes too busy, but there's some real peace in the middle of it all. I can go to the barn and at least for a time, I can get real peace.

Our Extension staff wishes you a peaceful time. Listen for it, look for it, live it, enjoy it.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Shelbyville City Council will hold a Public Hearing on the following Resolutions concerning Annexation of property located on Highway 231 North. The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, January 13, 2022, at the Shelbyville Recreation Center, 220 Tulip Tree Drive Shelbyville, Tennessee at 6:00 PM. Anyone wishing to view the proposed Annexation Resolutions may do so during normal business hours at City Hall, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

A Resolution to Annex Certain Territory Upon Written Consent of the Owners and to Incorporate the Same Within the Boundaries of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee. This Property is a 22.52 (+/-) Acre Tract of Land Located on the Westside of Highway 231 and Referenced on Bedford County Tax Map 69 Parcel 4.00 and Owned by Ida Brixey.

A Resolution Adopting a Plan of Services for an Area Proposed for Annexation, the Territory Located on the Westside of Highway 231 Referenced on Bedford County Tax Map 69, Parcel 4.00, to be Annexed by Owner Consent and to be Incorporated Within the Boundaries of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee, and Owned by Ida Brixey.

WHEREAS, the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee, having been petitioned by interested persons, proposes the extension of its corporate limits by the annexation of certain territory into the city limits; and

WHEREAS the owners of all property within the territory proposed for annexation have given their written consent by notarized petition so that a referendum is not required; and

WHEREAS the owners of this property have indicated their intention to develop this property for commercial and residential use; and

WHEREAS the proposed annexation and plan of services were submitted to the Shelbyville Municipal Planning Commission for study, and it has recommended the same; and

WHEREAS notice of the time, place, and purpose of a public hearing on the proposed annexation and the plan of services was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee, not less than fifteen (15) days before the hearing, which notice included the locations of a minimum of three (3) copies of the plan of services for public inspection during all business hours from the date of notice until the public hearing; and

WHEREAS a public hearing on the proposed annexation and this plan of services was held by the governing body on January 13, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Shelbyville have determined that the area located along on the Westside of Highway 231, referenced on Bedford County Tax Map 69, Parcel 4.00, should be annexed into the City of Shelbyville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee that the following Plan of Services is adopted:

- a. **Police** - Patrolling, radio responses to calls, and other routine police services, using present personnel and equipment, will be provided by the City of Shelbyville Police Department on the effective date of annexation.
- b. **Fire** - Fire protection by the City of Shelbyville Fire Department will be provided on the effective date of annexation.
- c. **Waste Management** - Waste Management services will be provided by the Shelbyville Public Works Department on the effective date of annexation.
- d. **Roads** - Maintenance of the roads will continue to be provided by the City of Shelbyville, and service will not be interrupted by this annexation.
- e. **Street Lighting** - Lighting will remain under the rules and regulations of Shelbyville Power, Water and Sewer and the City of Shelbyville.
- f. **Recreation** - The residents of any and all properties in this annexed territory will have complete access to all of the City of Shelbyville's Parks and Recreational services, effective on the date of this annexation.
- g. **Sewer** - Sewer will be provided by Shelbyville Power, Water, and Sewer and service will be provided through an agreement with Shelbyville Power, Water and Sewer and the developer for servicing this annexation.
- h. **Water** - Water will be provided by Shelbyville Power, Water, and Sewer and service will be provided through an agreement with Shelbyville Power, Water and Sewer and the developer for servicing this annexation.
- i. **Electricity** - Electricity will be provided by Shelbyville Power, Water, and Sewer and service will be developed through an agreement between Shelbyville Power, Water and Sewer and the developer for this annexation.
- j. **Planning and Zoning** - All Planning and Zoning services will be provided by the Shelbyville Planning and Community Development Department and the Shelbyville Municipal Planning Commission on the effective date of annexation.

Both the Annexation Resolution and the Plan of Services Resolution will be posted at Shelbyville City Hall, Bedford County Courthouse, Shelbyville US Post Office, and the subject property for inspection.
Lisa Smith, City Recorder



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Simmons scores 1,000th, Viqueens edge Eaglettes



M. J. Simmons scores from the paint late in the second quarter to become the ninth Viqueen to reach the 1,000-point club. Simmons scored 23 points to lead Community over Shelbyville.

T-G Photos by Rickey Clardy

By **RICKEY CLARDY**
Sports Writer

UNIONVILLE — M.J. Simmons reached the 1,000-point plateau in her basketball career and led the Community Viqueens with 23 points as the Viqueens edged the Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes 55-54 in an intra-county basketball matchup Friday night.

The Viqueen win avenged a loss to the Eaglettes a week ago.

"We played with a lot of passion tonight," Coach Cody Pierce of the Viqueens said. "We were down a couple of players tonight and had a couple of players step up and do a great job."

Lilly Brown scored six points and Jaleigha Harris added four as Shelbyville (8-3) got out to a quick 4-0 lead in the opening quarter. Breanna Whitaker and Shelby Cawthon each scored four points for Community (8-3) as the Viqueens scored their first points three minutes into the game. The score was tied five times, including a 12-12 deadlock as the game headed to the second quarter.

Harris scored five points to lead the Eaglettes, but it was the Viqueens who gained the upper hand.

Community led 26-25 with 1:26 left before Simmons, who netted 13 points in the quarter, scored the last seven points in the final minute to increase the Viqueen lead.

After making a field goal at the 1:03 mark, Simmons became the ninth Viqueen to reach the 1,000-point club by connecting on a shot in the lane with 35



Lilly Brown of the Eaglettes is fouled as she goes up for a shot in the opening quarter. Brown had 11 points for Shelbyville

seconds left.

For good measure, the junior added a three-point-er just before the half to send the Viqueens into the intermission with a 33-25 advantage.

The Viqueens cooled down in the third quarter and could only score six points as the Eaglettes made a comeback. Simmons led Community with four points, but it was Sammie Brown who scored six points as Shelbyville went on a 9-0 run to tie the game at 37-37 with 2:34 remaining.

A basket by Simmons gave the Viqueens a 39-37 lead heading to the fourth quarter.

Paige Blackburn scored nine points for the Eaglettes in the quarter, including a three-point-er to give Shelbyville its final lead at 40-39 with 7:04 left. The game was tied 44-44 before the Viqueens took the lead for good.

After a Jacey Collier free throw put Community up 45-44, two consecutive treys by Zoey Dixon and Whitaker gave the Viqueens

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Eagles fight back to upend Vikes

By **RICKEY CLARDY**
Sports Writer

UNIONVILLE — The Shelbyville Central Eagles battled back from deficits with three big runs in their contest against the Community Vikings Friday night, including a 16-0 run in the second half to take the lead for good and held on for a 65-62 victory over the Vikings in an intra-county basketball game.

The Eagle win avenged a loss to the Vikings a week ago.

With the help of five points from Stratton Lovvorn and four from Maki Fleming, Community (4-7) appeared to be in control and took a 10-1 lead just three minutes into the opening quarter.

"That's all on me," Coach Kody Howard of the Eagles said. "We started out in a zone and they were ready for it. My guys said let's go man and we're going to lock them up."

"All the credit to my guys for sitting down and guarding them and making it tough on them," Howard added.

Shelbyville (3-8) bounced back with an 8-0 run to cut the Viking lead to 10-9 as Devyn Heath scored five points.

The Vikings ended the quarter with a 14-9 lead.

"We came out and started pretty well," Coach Robbie Davis of the Vikings said. "We shot free throws better than we have. But we stopped attacking the basket."

Lovvorn scored five points in the second quarter and Jacob Flannagan added four as the Vikings maintained their lead at 24-21 with 1:50 left.

But the Eagles stayed close as Jayshon Jones scored nine points and Heath added six.

A trey by Jones tied the game at 24-24 and a field goal and free throw by Heath with less than a minute to go propelled the Eagles to a 27-24 lead at the intermission.

Lovvorn stayed hot with 10 points in the third quarter as the Vikings used an 8-0 run to gain the momentum and took a 42-36 lead with 1:30 remaining before Shelbyville went on its biggest run.

Joe Harris came up big with two treys and Jones added a late field goal as the Eagles scored the last eight points of the quarter to take a 44-42 lead to the fourth quarter.

Harris was not through with his three-point barrage as his trey to start the quarter gave the Eagles a 47-42 advantage. Another trey and field goal by Zay Reese completed the 16-point run and gave Shelbyville a 52-42 lead with 5:30 left.

With Lovvorn, Fleming, and Ramon Hernandez each scoring five points in the quarter, the Vikings fought back with eight consecutive points of their own to cut the Eagle lead to 52-50 with 4:00 left.

Shelbyville held a slim 58-54 advantage in the final

minute before a field goal by Jason Ragland and two free throws by Jones gave the Eagles a 62-54 lead with 22 seconds left.

Two free throws in the final seconds by Heath gave the Eagles a 65-59 lead and was enough to offset a trey at the buzzer by Hernandez.

Jones had three dunks and joined Heath with 17 points to lead the Eagles.

Lovvorn scored 25 points to lead three Vikings in double figures.

Fleming and Hernandez each added 11.

Shelbyville was 13-of-21 at the free throw line while Community was 15-of-18.

"The struggle is real for us," Davis said. "Usually by now you should start progressing in a lot of areas and right now we're not. We are deficient in things that keep getting us beat."

"There's not a connection from the practice to the game," Davis added. "We've got to simplify things even more and get more down to the basics."

"Hats off to them. They were better than us tonight, by far," Davis said.

"All we did this week at practice is work half court man-to-man and work half court offense," Howard said.

"It's a credit to our guys for playing as hard as they

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Maki Fleming drives to the basket for the Vikings. Fleming had 11 points for Community.



Zay Reese puts up a shot for the Eagles. Reese had five points in the Shelbyville win.

T-G Photos by Rickey Clardy



Viqueens

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a 51-44 lead with 2:01 left. With the Eaglettes forced to foul, the Viqueens capitalized on their free throw attempts in the final seconds to seal the deal. Whitaker connected on two foul shots while Simmons made one to give Community a 55-51 lead.

A late trey by Blackburn was not enough as the Viqueens ended with the close win.

Whitaker scored 12 points to join Simmons in double figures for the Viqueens.

Harris led three Eaglettes in double figures with 14 points. Blackburn added 12 points while Lilly Brown had 11.

The Viqueens were 11-of-16 at the free throw line while the Eaglettes were 12-of-17.

“We didn’t defend the entire night,” Coach Kyle Turnham of the Eaglettes said. “We were very fortunate to lose the game by one point based on our defensive mentality.”

“We got owned in the paint,” Turnham added. “Simmons has 23 and Cawthon has eight. The area we talked about defend-

ing the most was the area where we were the worst defending. They scored 55 and got 31 out of their two post players.”

“We were up eight at the half and that is what we were up at their place,” Pierce said. “At halftime I told them we had to come out and be better than we were last week.”

“We came out like last week, but then we settled down and got back in the flow and hit some free throws at the end,” Pierce added. “Lot of big plays at the end and that’s what it comes down to in most of your close games.”

“The bottom line is they outworked us,” Turnham said. “Congratulations to them. They played really, really well and played hard. We got what we deserved.”

Community plays Franklin County at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Tullahoma Classic while Shelbyville played Providence Christian Academy on Monday.

Shelbyville	12	13	12	17	—54
Community	12	21	6	16	—55

Shelbyville: Jaleigha Harris 14, Paige Blackburn 12, Lilly Brown 11, Sammie Brown 8, Lanaya Young 6, Jaz Western 3, Taylor Wessner. Community: M. J. Simmons 23, Breanna Whitaker 12, Shelby Cawthon 8, Zoey Dixon 6, Jacey Collier 6, Izzy Martinez, Addison Brothers. 3-Point goals: Shelbyville (4): Blackburn 3, Western; Community (6): Whitaker 2, Dixon 2, Simmons, Collier. Halftime score: Community 33, Shelbyville 25.

Eagles

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could,” Howard added. “The game rewards you when you play it the right way and our guys tonight played it the right way.”

The Eagles played Providence Christian Monday while the Vikings

take on Franklin County for a 3:30 p.m. game Tuesday at the Tullahoma Classic.

Shelbyville	9	18	17	21	—65
Community	14	10	18	20	—62

Shelbyville: Joe Harris 9, Kyle Trice 5, Terrance Johnson 4, Zay Alexander 1, Jeremiah Jones, Jayshon Jones 17, Devyn Heath 17, Jason Ragland 7, Zay Reese 5, Tim Parsons. Community: Stratton Lovorn 25, Maki Fleming 11, Ramon Hernandez 11, Jason Cullum 4, Noah Newkirk 3, Jacob Flannagan 7, Cole Crockett 1, Trace Broiles. 3-Point goals: Shelbyville (8): Harris 3, Jones 2, Heath, Trice, Reese; Community (5): Lovorn 4, Hernandez. Halftime score: Shelbyville 27, Community 24.

NFL reduces testing for many players

By **ROB MAADDI**
AP Pro Football Writer

Only unvaccinated players and those experiencing possible symptoms of COVID-19 will be tested, starting Sunday, under the NFL’s revised protocols.

Also, higher risk players have until 2 p.m. Monday to send written notice if they choose to opt out, according to a memo sent to clubs on Saturday and obtained by The Associated Press. The players will not be paid and the notice is irrevocable.

“Medical information strongly indicates that this variant is significantly more contagious but possibly less severe than prior variants, particularly for people who are fully vaccinated and have received a booster shot,” NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said in another memo sent to clubs.

“Our experience with the omicron variant is fully consistent with this expectation – while more players and staff are testing positive, roughly two-thirds of those individuals are asymptomatic, most of the remaining individuals have only mild symptoms, and the virus appears to clear positive individuals more rapidly than was true with the delta or earlier variants. In many respects, omicron appears to be a very different illness from the one that we first confronted in the spring of 2020.”

Until now, vaccinated players had been tested weekly. Unvaccinated players will continue to test daily. The NFL Players Association has advocated for daily testing for all players since before the season but the league and the union agreed to decrease testing instead.

Dr. Allen Sills, the league’s chief medical officer, called the modified testing policies “strategic” and “smarter.”

“It’s not about loosening our standards,” Sills said. “If anything, we’re just bringing a higher degree of precision in how we ourselves against a more

precise ruler.”

On Friday, the league moved three games scheduled for this weekend because of COVID-19 outbreaks: Las Vegas at Cleveland from Saturday to Monday; and Seattle at the Los Angeles Rams and Washington at Philadelphia from Sunday to Tuesday.

In addition to the targeted testing plan and the opt-out option, the new protocols give more flexibility for players to attend meetings virtually.

Earlier this week, the league and the union updated protocols to allow asymptomatic vaccinated players to return sooner if they have two negative tests on the same day, or one negative test and an antibody test shows the individual has reached a certain level.

Dr. Tony Casolaro, chief medical officer for Washington, said in a conference call that 21 of 23 players on the team who tested positive would’ve been able to practice based on mild symptoms.

“We will continue to monitor medical and public health developments, both generally and at each club, and be prepared to adjust protocols further as conditions warrant, including to introduce greater flexibility based on medical considerations,” Goodell said.

Previously, the NFL did not plan to move any games because of coronavirus outbreaks. It even said forfeits “could be in play.” But recent developments with the omicron strain of COVID-19 has changed the league’s thinking — as did several outbreaks across the league entering Week 15 of the season.

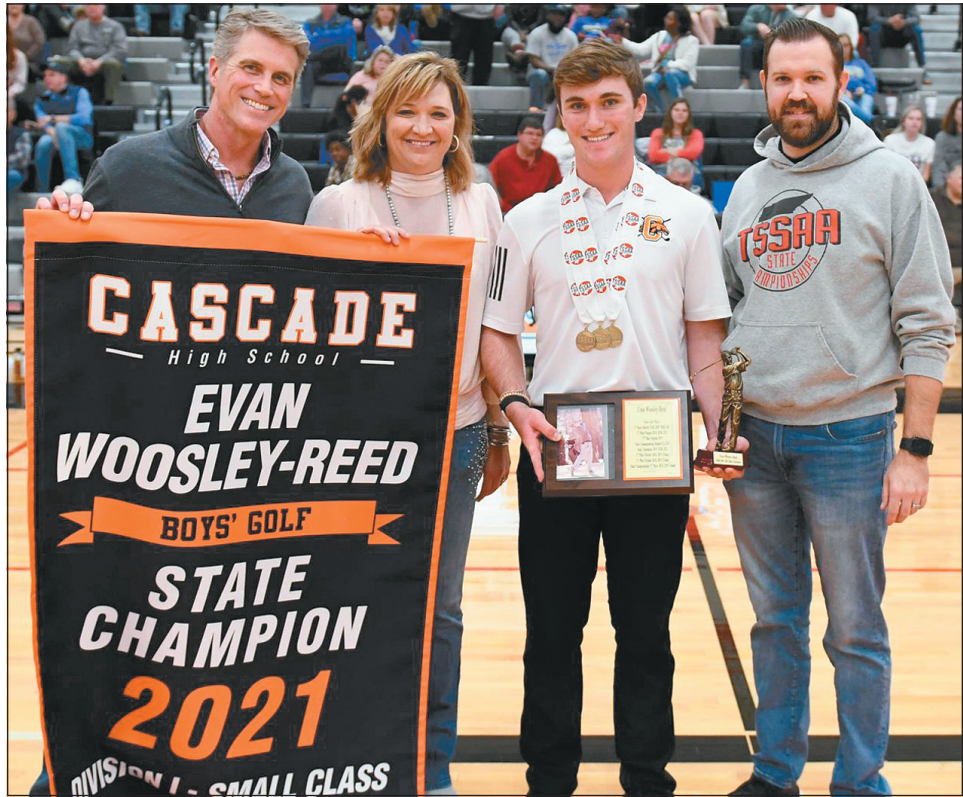
The Browns had another starting lineman test positive as they practiced indoors Saturday in preparation for the Raiders.

Rookie James Hudson III was added to the reserve/COVID-19 list, joining right guard Wyatt Teller and left tackle Jedrick Willis Jr. on a list that reached two dozen players – and 12 starters.

WOOSLEY-REED HONORED

Cascade senior **Evan Woosley-Reed** was recently presented with his third-straight state title banner, which capped what’s been a history-making career.

Photo Courtesy of David Smith



Champs’ foul line struggles prove costly

By **WILL CARTER**
For the T-G

FAYETTEVILLE — After winning on back-to-back nights early in the week, the Cascade Champions (8-3) traveled to Lincoln County on Friday night for a non-district clash with the Falcons where they were handed a narrow 56-52 loss.

Lincoln County (8-3) opened up the contest with a 13-point first quarter led by Eric Greenwood’s eight points.

Cascade struggled at the charity stripe started in the first quarter, shooting 3-6 from the line for a 50 % clip.

After only scoring seven points to open the game, Cascade responded for 15 points in the second quarter behind Justis Carter’s eight-point effort.

Carter went on to score eight more in the third quarter, but was held scoreless in the final frame.

He finished with 19

points on the night.

Lucas Clanton joined Carter as the only Champions in double digits with 11 points.

Owen Sandlin, Eli Ogle, and Greenwood all reached double-digits for the Falcons with 17, 11, and 16, respectively.

Sandlin was a perfect 6-6 from the free throw line, contributing to Lincoln County’s 8-12 total for a 66 percent clip.

The Champions reached

the charity strike 19 times on the night, converting 12 of those tries for a 63 percent clip.

Next for the Champions is the Sonic Shootout at White County from Dec. 20-22.

Lincoln Co.	13	13	16	19	— 56
Cascade	7	15	14	16	— 52

Lincoln Co.: Owen Sandlin 17, Eric Greenwood 16, Eli Ogle 11, Jack Massey 5, Cody Allen 3, Logan Carter 2, Jackson Mullins 2.
Cascade: Justis Carter 19, Lucas Clanton 11, Chance Brown 9, Isaac McElroy 6, Jackson Davis 4, Saebyn Burris 2.
3-Point goals: Cascade (2): Brown, McElroy; Lincoln Co. (6): Ogle 3, Allen, Sandlin, Massey.
Halftime score: Cascade 22, Lincoln Co. 26.

Early Cascade lead wilts after 1st period

By **WILL CARTER**
For the T-G

FAYETTEVILLE — The Cascade Lady Champions held onto an 11-8 lead after the first quarter in their matchup with the Lincoln County Lady Falcons Friday night, but their offense cooled off while Lincoln County’s got

hot and stayed hot.

Not much went the Lady Champs’ way in their 59-22 loss to the Lady Falcons as they couldn’t reach a double-digit quarter after the first.

Caroline Stone led Cascade with six points on the night while Hailey Giel and Maribel de la Rosa

added five of their own.

After the slow start for Lincoln County in the opening frame, they allowed only three points in the second and third quarters while putting 12 and 20 points on the board respectively.

Annalise Malone led all scorers with 24, 11 of which came in the fourth quarter.

Abby Bryan joined Malone in double-digits with 13 of her own.

Next on the schedule for the Lady Champions is the Sonic Shootout being held at White County High School from Dec. 20-22.

Lincoln Co.	8	12	20	19	— 59
Cascade	11	3	3	5	— 22

COVID sidelines Preds, 4 other NHL teams

By **JIMMY GOLEN**
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON — The NHL on Saturday shut down the Boston Bruins and Nashville Predators through Christmas, bringing to five the number of teams in COVID-19 limbo. Weekend games for the Canucks and Maple Leafs also were postponed as the league tries to control a spiraling outbreak in its locker rooms.

The NHL and its players association agreed to daily testing and other enhanced protocols to slow the spread of the coronavirus. They will take effect immediately and last at least through Jan. 1, with an evaluation no later than Jan. 7.

“Given the increased number of positive cases in our league within the

last two weeks, and changing societal realities with the new omicron COVID-19 variant, the NHLPA and NHL have collectively agreed that all Clubs shall be required to follow enhanced preventative and detection measures,” the league said in a statement.

The Bruins and Predators join Calgary, Colorado and Florida, which already had been shut down through next week because of outbreaks. Saturday night’s game between Toronto and Vancouver and Sunday’s Arizona-Vancouver and Toronto-Seattle games were also postponed amid worsening conditions across North America due to the omicron variant of the coronavirus.

Bruins general manager

Don Sweeney told reporters on Saturday night that the plan was still to get all the games in and have a full Stanley Cup Playoffs.

“It may take periods where we’re in now, where we have to step back,” he said. “But our intention is to play a full season and follow best practices. That will take adaptability.”

Approximately 70 players — 10% of the league — are in the NHL’s COVID-19 protocol and the number of games postponed this season has climbed past 20. Several Canadian provinces are now or will soon limit attendance at large events like NHL games to 50% of capacity.

Besides the daily testing for players and coaches, the league said “additional

pregame testing may be implemented, on a case-by-case basis, when a COVID outbreak occurs within a team.”

Moments after the announcement, Detroit placed three players, coach Jeff Blashill and assistant coach Alex Tanguay in the protocol ahead of Saturday night’s home game against New Jersey. The Red Wings have the only player in the league, Tyler Bertuzzi, who is not vaccinated.

The Bruins’ COVID-19 list grew to nine players on Saturday when Taylor Hall and Curtis Lazar were placed in the protocol. Sweeney said that the “vast majority” of the players have mild symptoms, and some are asymptomatic.

Broncos’ Bridgewater suffers head injury

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Broncos quarterback Teddy Bridgewater was taken to a hospital for a head injury after he was carted off the field in the third quarter of Denver’s 15-10 loss to the Cincinnati Bengals on Sunday.

Bridgewater was hurt in a scary collision that also sent Bengals linebacker Joe Bachie from the game with a leg injury.

Bridgewater had movement in his extremities, and coach Vic Fangio said he’d be held overnight for observation but was expected to be OK.

Denver trailed 9-3 with 5:34 left in the third quarter when Bridgewater scrambled to his right on second-and-5 from his 30-yard line. Bachie came up and squatted as he was about to make contact.

They collided and Bridgewater went airborne, landing a yard past the first-down marker, but falling on his face just as he was hit again by defensive tackle

B.J. Hill.

Bridgewater lay motionless as Bachie rolled onto his back on his own several yards away. Concerned players from both teams gathered on the field.

While Bachie was helped off with a leg injury and ruled out, the cart came out to take Bridgewater off the field.

Defending champion Tampa Bay lost several key players in a 9-0 loss to the New Orleans Saints on Sunday night.

The list included wide receivers Chris Godwin and Mike Evans, and running back Leonard Fournette.

Godwin (knee) and Evans (hamstring) left in the second quarter. Fournette (hamstring) exited in the third.

Buccaneers linebacker Lavonte David also departed after injuring his foot.

“It hurts more losing all the players we lost,” coach Bruce Arians said. “We lost about seven starters in this game.”

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TUESDAY EVENING

DECEMBER 21, 2021

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WEDNESDAY EVENING

DECEMBER 22, 2021

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'Live in Front of a Studio', 'The 44th Annual Kennedy Center Honors', and 'The Masked Singer'.

THURSDAY EVENING

DECEMBER 23, 2021

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'Santa Claus', 'Ghosts', and 'Chicago P.D.'.

FRIDAY EVENING

DECEMBER 24, 2021

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'Olaf's Frozen Adventure', 'The Christmas Sitters', and 'The Christmas Eve Mass'.

SATURDAY EVENING

DECEMBER 25, 2021

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'NBA Basketball: Brooklyn Nets at Los Angeles Lakers', '48 Hours', and 'The Bachelor'.

SUNDAY EVENING

DECEMBER 26, 2021

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'Celebrity Wheel of Fortune', 'The Equalizer', and 'The Rookie'.

MONDAY EVENING

DECEMBER 27, 2021

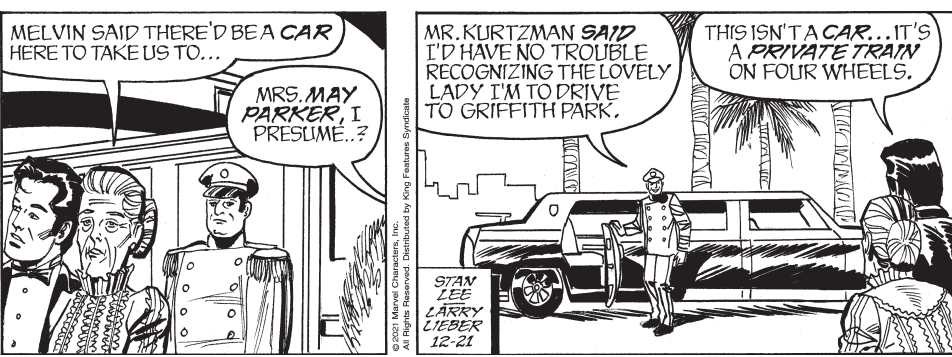
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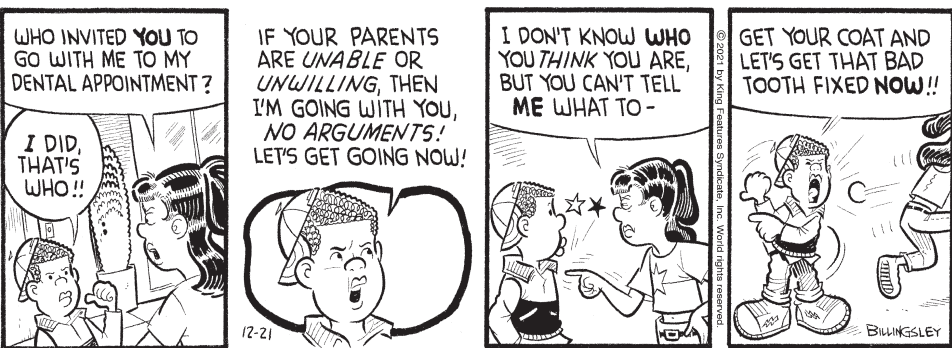
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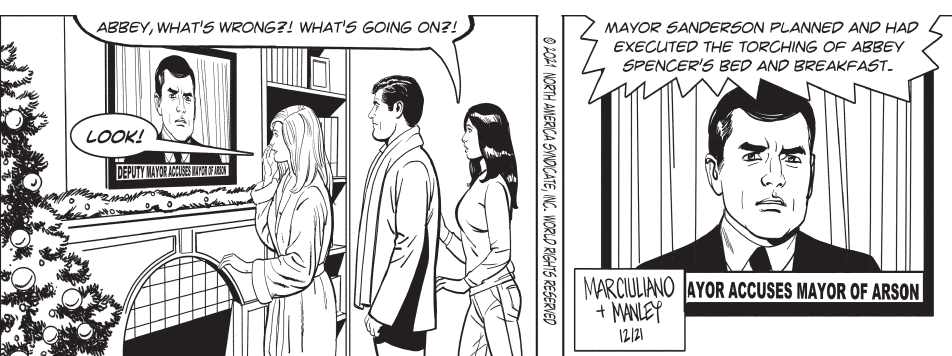
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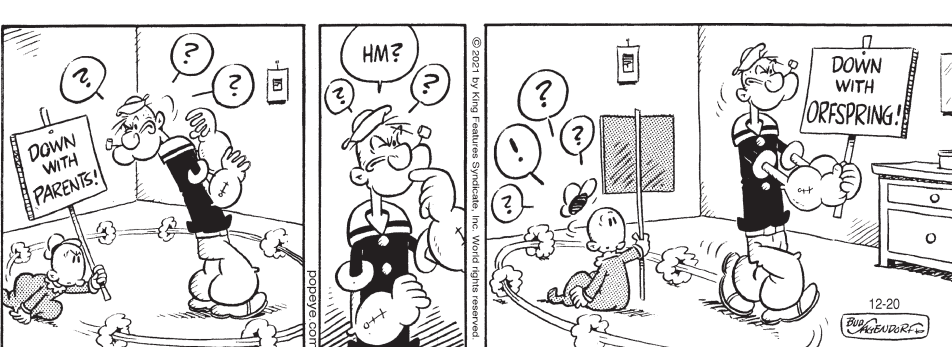
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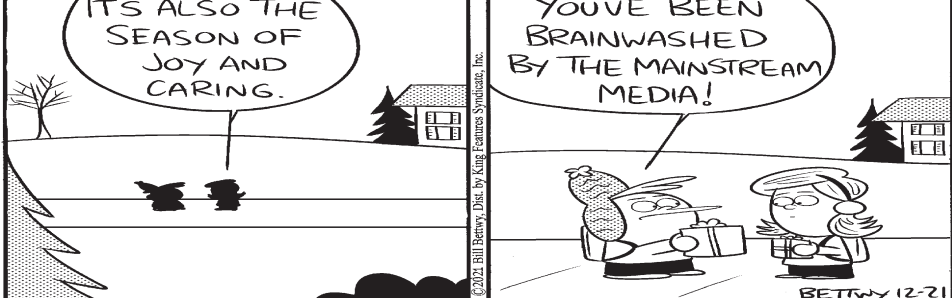
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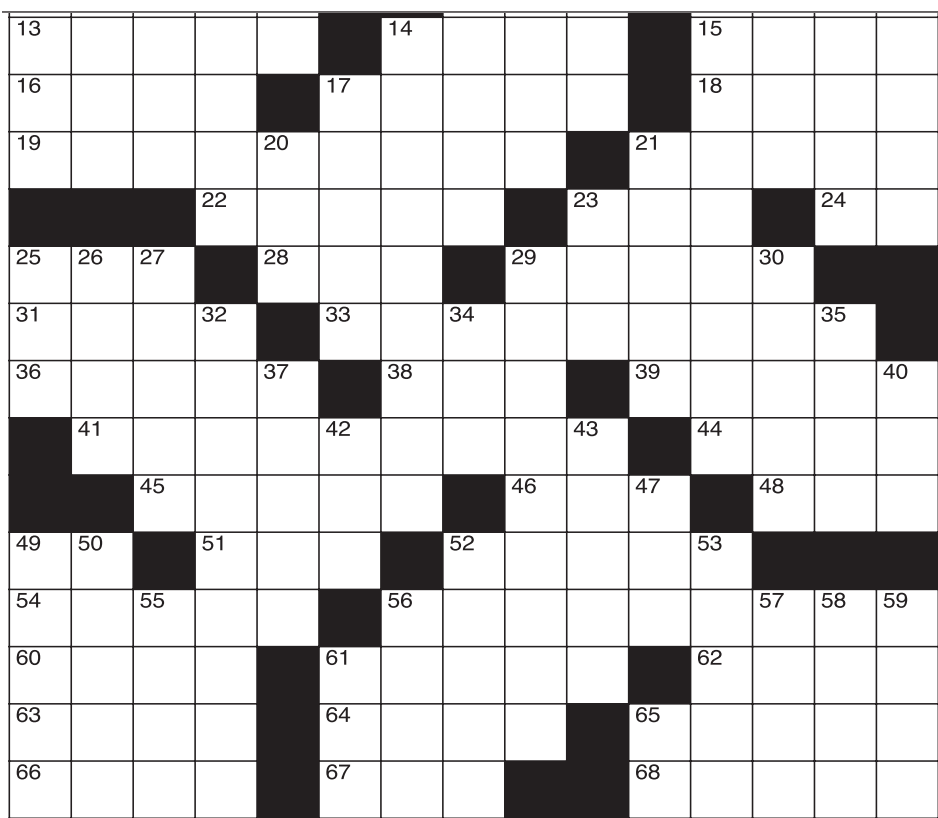
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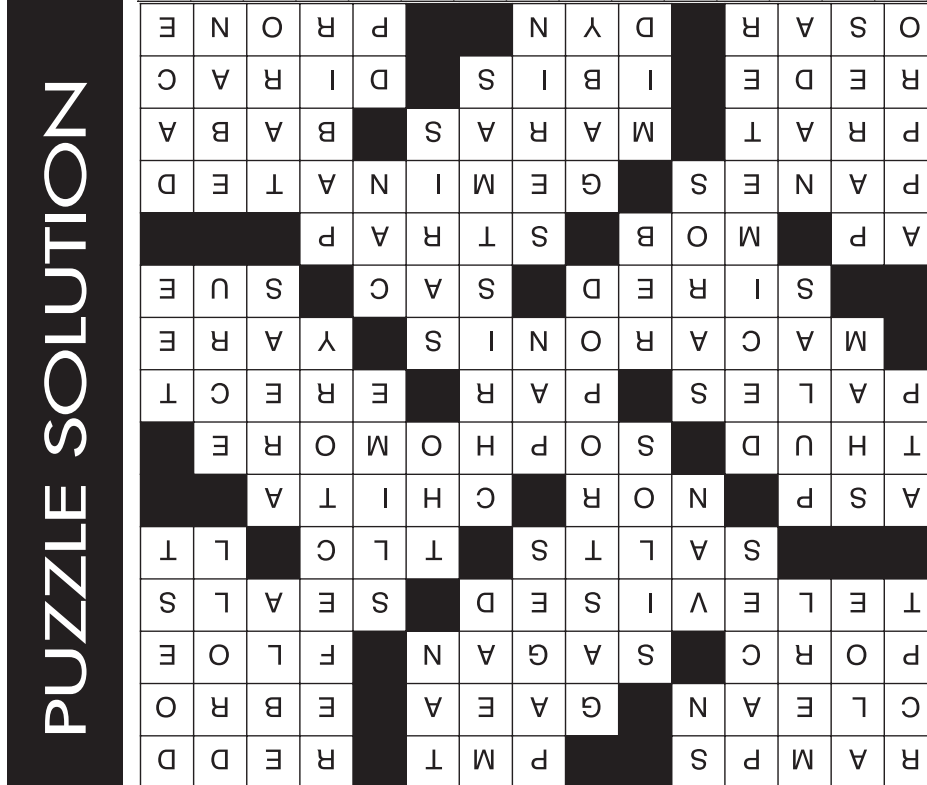


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Skateboarders love them
- 6. Popular sports podcast (abbr.)
- 9. Former Ohio State great Michael
- 13. Not dirty
- 14. Earth goddess (Greek myth.)
- 15. A Spanish river
- 16. Pig meat (French)
- 17. Famed astronomer
- 18. Floating ice
- 19. Broadcast
- 21. Aquatic mammals
- 22. Some are bath
- 23. Hip hop trio
- 24. NY Giants' #56
- 25. Small European viper
- 28. Neither
- 29. Multiple Tony-winner Rivera
- 31. Loud noise
- 33. Second year high schooler
- 36. “_ in comparison”
- 38. Golf score
- 39. Raise
- 41. Pastas
- 44. Easily manageable
- 45. Fathered
- 46. Pouch
- 48. Institute legal proceedings against
- 49. News organization
- 51. Unruly group of people
- 52. Fasten or secure
- 54. Sheets of glass
- 56. Doubled
- 60. Foolish person
- 61. Rooney and Kate are two
- 62. Small, rich sponge cake
- 63. Advice or counsel
- 64. Large wading bird
- 65. Famed British physicist
- 66. Narrow ridges (Swedish)
- 67. Field force unit
- 68. Lying face downward

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Proof of purchase (abbr.)
- 2. Soap ingredient
- 3. Blackbird
- 4. Single steps
- 5. Tin
- 6. Books have lots of them
- 7. Made of fermented honey and water
- 8. You can get it in a bed
- 9. Room for communal meals
- 10. Early Syrian kingdom
- 11. Provokes dry amusement
- 12. Use with “thou”
- 14. Mollusk
- 17. Grain storage units
- 20. Not a car, not a truck
- 21. Ooze
- 23. N. Vietnamese ethnic group
- 25. Tennis pros group
- 26. Something that’s not what it’s purported to be
- 27. E. Indian trees
- 29. Beloved December holiday
- 30. Regions
- 32. Metric unit of length
- 34. Peter’s last name
- 35. Beige
- 37. 18-year period in astronomy
- 40. Where golfers begin
- 42. Basketball stat (abbr.)
- 43. Frocks
- 47. Soda comes in it
- 49. On approval
- 50. Trims by cutting
- 52. Small finch
- 53. Language Bura-__
- 55. Nothing
- 56. Imbecile (British)
- 57. Tropical Asian plant
- 58. Abba __, Israeli politician
- 59. Small freshwater fish
- 61. Indicates position
- 65. Data processing



ASTROGRAPH

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, the stars have been keeping you on your toes lately. There has been much going on but somehow you have been able to wade through it all like a rock star.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Others are asking you to stretch yourself beyond normal limits, Taurus. Do your best, but weigh the effects that this could have on your overall well-being.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Aim to be honest and direct with others as much as you can this week, Gemini. If you can prove you are trustworthy, then more people are likely to follow you.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you may be introduced to someone who is the ideal partner for you at work. This pairing can lead to the successful completion of projects new and old.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Prioritize your actions to maximize peace and quiet, Leo. You have been under pressure lately, so take every opportunity to enjoy some quiet time.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, your intuition is telling you that there are tensions growing at home or at the office. You will have to find ways to diffuse any situations that may grow out of control.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Continue to lean into an optimistic mindset, Libra. It will enable you to be a bright light when others are feeling a little down. Boost good moods.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
You are naturally compelled to look deeper into any circumstance you find yourself in, Scorpio. Always dig below the surface to unveil the truth, even if it takes work.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Be direct about any frustrations you may be harboring, Sagittarius. Share your feelings with others who are willing and able to help. Releasing this bur-

den will prove liberating.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
This week is packed with cosmic action, Capricorn. All of this energy has you a bit restless. Rest easy, as you will soon figure out how to juggle your personal and professional lives.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, you're on a truth-seeking mission and you're ready to question everything you see. Take a step back and figure out your strategy, which will require finesse.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, try to smooth over something that has been a thorn in your side for some

time. Keep at it and you'll persevere.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS
DECEMBER 19
Jake Gyllenhaal, Actor (41)
DECEMBER 20
Kylie Mbappé, Athlete (23)
DECEMBER 21
Kiefer Sutherland, Actor (55)
DECEMBER 22
Meghan Trainor, Singer (28)
DECEMBER 23
Finn Wolfhard, Actor (19)
DECEMBER 24
Ricky Martin, Singer (50)
DECEMBER 25
Helena Christensen, Model (53)

Dear Santa, please bring me

Circle of Friends Christian Preschool 3 and 4-year-olds

Dear Santa, You are a fun Santa. You say Ho-Ho-Ho. I will see you tomorrow. I would like presents for my friends and Mrs. Johnson and you. I would like my oranges and a letter for my school. Santa will get all the monsters away. I want to meet your elf friends.

From Beau Thompson

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas! The reindeer are coming to my home! Can we please have a doll house? My puppy wants presents too. Can I have a racecar like my daddy, please? It can go very fast! I love you soooooo much.

Love,
Chandler Clayton

Dear Santa, My name is Ruth. I live in Tennessee. I would like lots of presents and to pet the reindeer. Is it fun in the North Pole? I would like to see you. For Christmas, I want a Peppa the Pig set. And that's all. Merry Christmas! Santa Claus! I also want a dinosaur robot and Paw Patrol set.

From Ruth Allen

Dear Santa, I have been good this year! Two thumbs up! I want a light saber for me and a Barbie house for my friend Chandler and a Spiderman toy for my friend Ruth. Be careful Santa!

Love,
Jayden

Dear Santa, My name is Barrett Hill. I would like a cement truck for Christmas. My sister Bristol would like a Barbie. We will leave you milk and cookies for you and reindeer food for all of the reindeers.

Love,
Barrett Hill

Dear Santa, I was not bad today, but somedays I am. This year I would like Peppa Pig and Frozen toys. I need a lot of make up and a microphone. I also need a guitar to start my singing career. I would like a lying Barbie and a doll house. A gymnastic mat would be nice also. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love,
Vivian Woodruff

Dear Santa, I really like your reindeer. I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I would like some more Pop Pops, airplanes, and Legos. I would also like a tractor, cars to race, horses, and gum. I will leave milk and cookies for you and carrots for the reindeer. The carrots are orange.

Love,
Bentlee Baum

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. I want a red truck with a gray camper for Christmas this year. I also want a green tractor. I will leave you some milk and cookies on my fireplace.

Love,
Parsons

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. I would like a toy car. I will leave you cereal and milk and hay and pepperoni for your reindeer.

Love,
Kyleigh Brochette

Dear Santa, My name is Rylan Stewart and I am three years old. I would like another basketball for Christmas so we can play together. I want a pair of boots for my dog, Marshall. I want a big boy Ranger so I can check cows with daddy. I also want a red power range robot. Will you please take Buck, my elf back to the North Pole.

Love,
Rylan

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Barbie Truck Unicorn I will leave you milk and

cookies. Thank you very much!

From Alayna

3 and 4-year-olds

Dear Santa, I want a remote control excavator, but I already told Santa that because I took pictures with him. I want a kitty, but not a rat because rats stink. That's why I like kitties because they eat the rats so I want a kitty.

Love,
Beckett Gambill

Dear Santa, I would like a barbie dream house with a swimming pool, puppy, Barbies, and drinks and floaties. The pool has to have water in it too. I want a stuffed animal that is a snowflake and a star. And lots of Playdough!

Love,
Laikynn Meors

Dear Santa, I would like lots of transformers and a bouncy ball. I would like a toy garbage truck. And a new hauling truck and construction trucks. I can't hardly choose what else so I guess that's all.

Love,
Cayden Teague

Dear Santa, I want a barbie dream house and lots of makeup. I just want that.

Love,
Ellianna Sorrells

Dear Santa, I would like a Santa, and a reindeer, and lots of books.

Love,
Savannah Whitney

Dear Santa, I would like lots of Barbies. I want some coloring books and pink markers, and I don't know what else.

Love,
Evie Adams

Dear Santa, I want a candy cane. I want to help my Elan with her gingerbread house. I want to meet you because you will throw treats at us. I want a big house. I love Santa because he is very nice to me. I want a piano and a unicorn I can ride for Christmas.

Love,
Reagan Grijalva

Dear Santa, I would like a Barbie House, a pretend baby, a stuffed animal, and that's it. I want my daddy to set a Christmas tree for his room, and my mommy should get a swimming pool at my house. My baby brother should get a blue pacifier and my papa should get a fairy wand. And that's it.

Love,
Olivia Kearce

Dear Santa, I want a barbie dream house, and a new cup, and a new pretty dress that is yellow flowers. That's it.

Love,
Ella Kate Dunn

Dear Santa, I want chickens, water, strawberries, grapes, blueberries, Elsa songs, and yogurt.

Love,
Aria Stacey

4 and 5-year-olds

Dear Santa, I want Hot Wheels with the tracks, wooden blocks, Avengers and big dinosaurs to play with.

Love,
Nick Wisner

Dear Santa, I want LEGOS, an icy car, Paw Patrol toys and a quad for my brother.

Love,
Easton Oaks

Dear Santa, I want a Magic Pixie, a LOL blanket, Disney LEGO house, LOL House and a baby doll.

Love,
Raelynn Pierson

Dear Santa, I want skates with four wheels, a Elsa doll, a doggy stuffed animal, a toy star that lights up squeak toy, a toy phone and a reindeer toy.

Love,
Maui, Nickerson

Dear Santa, I want Hot Wheels with tracks, Avengers, Bendy toys, a big Venom toy, Transforms, a lot of dinosaurs, Robofish and two big teddy bears.

Love,
Titus Gilliam

I want a porcupine pig, a big Barbie Dream House, little purple, pink, blue and rainbow Playdon, a tablet board, real life fishes, coloring books and play toys for my bath tub. Tell me when you come so I can give a big hug and cookies.

Love,
Piper Teague

Dear Santa, I want a new Barbie Doll, LOLs, LOL house with an elevator in it and new babies to play with.

Love,
Eleanor Branson

Dear Santa, I want a new watch, a bicycle and a big motorcycle. I want to give a big cookies when you come.

Love,
Ben Osterhaus

Dear Santa, I want a big rocket ship, a motorcycle with cat speed, a deer, an elf, an action figure, Catboy and a Rockstar. I can't wait to see you and all my toys you bring.

Love,
Silas Nowlin

4 and 5-year-olds

Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like a dirt bike, a sword, two swords and a helmet. I want Momma a necklace and Granny a necklace and Daddy a new real gun. I want my brother to have a Nerf Gun. For Nanna and Papa I want a Nerf Gun and Chris a hunting vest and for Caden, Macey and Sydney Nerf Gun. I will leave you some V8 and some chocolate milk for your reindeer.

Love,
Daxon Webster

Dear Santa, I have been a little good. I would like Captain America, Iron Man, Captain America shield, a book. I will leave you a card and food for your reindeer.

Love,
James Jordan

Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like a bigger gun for Halo.

Love,
Thatcher Graves

Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like a T-Rex toy, a motorcycle and a 4-wheeler. I would like a brand new TV. for my brother. I will leave you cookies and carrots for the reindeer.

Love,
Ridge Cunningham

Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like a Christmas tree and books and a bus. I would like you to bring my sister some chocolate bars.

Love,
Jonathan Stewart

Dear Santa, I have been good. A little bit of bad too. I would like a little bitty toy kitty and a pet toy puppy that's soft and a big train. (Polar Express one.) I would like soft Cheetah toy and a lion. I want my Mommy and Hot Mom candy and I want my sister to get presents for Christmas. I will leave carrots for your reindeer and some cookies and milk and lemonade. Add carrots for Santa too.

Love,
Julyus Santiago

Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like a toy for Christmas a horse toy that has a long stick and you put it under you. I want a picture of Mommy and Daddy and me and sister. I want to get counter in my room. I want to leave you a toy to give to somebody else. And I want a Christmas tree and

a toy Santa Claus and a star on top of my tree. I want 6 books. I will leave a carrot for your reindeer.

Love,
Jayla Cook

Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like a bubble bubble, a giant slinky, a dinosaur headlamp that lights up, a bath bomb that's called "poop" and its smells good. A new bicycle that is not heavy and I want a horn on it. I would like my Mom to get a new car, a new office and a picture of Mommy and Daddy for Luke dinosaurs and cows and tractors since he loves those so much. I want Santa to take me to Disney World. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk and carrots for the reindeer.

Love,
Jax Swift

Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like a LEGO Jurassic World domirex play set with a plane in it. My brother wants Hulk Smash and a LEGO Superhero playlet with a Ninja. My Luly wants our fan to get better because it is broken and Larly wants a car with a hole in its back. I hope I have Christmas lights for my backyard and front yard. I will leave you milk and cookies and carrots for the reindeer.

Love,
Jameson Reid

Dear Santa, I have been a little bit of good. I would like a big Octopus track with cars and water in it. A piggy bank for brother. I would like a dinosaur track also. I will leave you cookies and reindeer food.

Love,
Jacob Davis

Dear Santa, I have been really good today. I would like an Army school bus and an Army jet. I will leave some gingerbread mans and some milk. I will leave some Gummies too. Nothing for the reindeer because reindeer can't drink milk because they have no hands.

Love,
Colton Davidge

Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like a toy where you color the little animals and you can rinse them off. I want to get Mommy a ring and I want to get my Daddy a Tennessee mask. And for my brother, I want some Smarties. I will leave you some cookies and come carrots for your reindeer.

Love,
Alex Kirby

Dear Santa, I have been good but a little bit bad. I want a Barbie house that has buttons and swing set and Barbies in it. And a slide that can move and a puppy pool. And on the back I want pretend flowers that has a porch on it. And I want roller skates and I want my sister some roller skates too and I want for my Daddy a massager for his legs because his legs really hurt. And for my Mommy a statue of me and her. And for my Granny, I want her to have a brand new box that holds all her sewing equipment. I will leave you cookies and milk and carrots for your reindeer.

Love,
Alayna Winnett
And my parents

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS



Photo by Bethany Hamlett

Little Felix Cruz and Santa recently had a great time together. No tears. Hmm. Seems like they've maybe known each other for a while?

Dear Santa, I have been really good. I want a gun, a knife and a deer stand a robot and a turkey caller. I'll get my Mom a little necklace that has a heart and Jesus on it. And I want 2 remote controls for my brothers games. So I can play with him. I want to leave you cookies and carrots for your reindeer. I want to give chocolate cake to your elves.

Love,
Garner Hopper

Dear Santa, I have been good. I want a green 4-wheeler. I will leave you a cat.

Love,
Eli Webb

Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like a Barbie kitchen and car and Barbie Dream House and a skateboard. I will leave you some cookies and milk and carrots for your reindeer.

Love,
Ellie Newman

Regina Campbell's first grade

Dear Santa, I hope you get my letter. I'm so happy about Christmas. I really want a new bike! Be safe and I love you, Santa!

Sincerely,
Mason Thomas

Dear Santa, My name is Mylah Grace Travis. I want a new POP IT and a doll. I want to tell you I love you Santa! I want to go to the North Pole and I'm 7 years old. I also want to tell you I have been good this year and Merry Christmas Santa! You're my favorite!

Love, Mylah Travis

Dear Santa, I would like a Barbie dream house for Christmas. I would also like a toy for my baby brother. Santa? If possible could you give my sister Eevie a tablet?

I love you,
Emma Johnson

Dear Santa, I love you Santa. I would like a drone and a bow and arrow and I want a remote control car!

Noah McClendon

Dear Santa, I would like to have a dinosaur toy and Huggy Wuggy Plushie.

Abel Morales

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. Please

bring me everything on my Christmas list. I left a note for your girl elf on my Christmas tree.

I love you,
Jaylyn McKenley

Dear Santa, (Dear God,) I love you. Thank you for my new house. Can I please have a rocking horse. And a playground? I love my school!

Your child,
Claile White

Dear Santa, This year I want for Christmas a kitchen toy. I want a Jasmine toy. I want a vacation at Disney. I want a puzzle. I want a book shelve. I want a cute baby Barbie!

Maritza Celis

Dear Santa, I like a toy makeup and a bunny!

Love,
Josephine Tomas

Dear Santa, I love your elves, my Elf on the Shelf movie. I want a Ps5. I want a bouncy house. I want a Minecraft. Gift card. I want a Fortnite Nerf Gun!

I love you,
Ryder Jones

Dear Santa, I will love my toys for Christmas. I am exuded for Christmas!

Josue Flores

Dear Santa, I hope you are having a nice day. I've been very good this year. These are some of the things I would like for Christmas this year please. Two drawing books, crayons, baby dolls and a small cat toy.

Thank you,
Alice Silvestre

Dear Santa, I love you Santa and I want a LOL and a Barbie.

Emma White

Dear Santa, I would like a new cup and some LOL! I would also like a new bed!

Jasmine Hill

Dear Santa, My name is Gabe and I am 6 years old. I've been really good this year. For Christmas I would like a toy dragon, a toy car, Kinetic sand and Spider-man and Venom sets. I'll leave some cookies and milk for you and treats for the reindeer too.

Your friend,
Gabe Zamudio



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The City of Shelbyville is accepting applications for the full-time position of Codes Inspector for the Building and Codes Department. The Codes Inspector is responsible for technical work in the enforcement of Building and Zoning Codes and City and State Ordinances. Must be a high school graduate or possess equivalent. Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written. ICC/State of Tennessee Residential Building Inspector certification, ICC/State of Tennessee Residential Mechanical Inspector, and ICC/State of Tennessee Residential Plumbing Inspector certifications preferred, or ability to obtain within 1 year of employment.

This is a full-time position with an hourly rate of \$19.54. The City provides a comprehensive benefits package. Applications and a complete job description may be picked up at City Hall during normal business hours or download from the City website: www.shelbyvilletn.org. Applications must be returned to City Hall Administration Office, 201 Spring Street or emailed to: stacey.claxton@shelbyvilletn.org. Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

The City of Shelbyville is an equal opportunity employer and drug free workplace. Successful applicants required to pass background check, physical, and drug screen. Human Resources Generalist (Dec. 14, 16, 18, 21)

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The City of Shelbyville will be accepting sealed bids for the following: GYM AND POOL LOCKERS FOR SHELBYVILLE RECREATION CENTER Documents may be picked up at City Hall, 201 N. Spring St. during normal business hours or may be found on our website at www.shelbyvilletn.org. Sealed bids must be received at the City of Shelbyville Purchasing Office, 201 N. Spring St., Shelbyville, TN by 2:00 p.m. CST on Thursday, December 30, 2021. Any submittals received after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids will be returned to the bidder unopened. Submittals will be opened at 2:00 p.m. by council appointed bid committee on Thursday, December 30, 2021 at Shelbyville City Hall. (Dec. 18, 21, 2021)

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on February 3, 2022 at 11:00AM local time, at the south door, Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, Tennessee pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by Elizabeth M. Knight, to Rambo & Kingree, Trustee, as trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for First Community Mortgage, Inc. on December 11, 2009 at Book TD728, Page 901; conducted by LLG Trustee TN LLC, having been appointed Substitute or Successor Trustee, all of record in the Bedford County Register's Office. Default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable. Party Entitled to Enforce the Debt: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, its successors and assigns.

The real estate located in Bedford County, Tennessee, and described in the said Deed of Trust will be sold to the highest call bidder. The terms of the said Deed of Trust may be modified by other instruments appearing in the public record. Additional identifying information regarding the collateral property is below and is believed to be accurate, but no representation or warranty is intended. Street Address: 101 Earnhart St, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160 Parcel Number: 088D A 039.00 Current Owner(s) of Property: Elizabeth M. Knight This sale is subject to, without limitation, all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory right of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances including those created by a fixture filing or any applicable homeowners' association dues or assessments; all claims or other matters, whether of record or not, which may encumber the purchaser's title and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. The following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property to be affected by the foreclosure: any judgment creditor or lien holder with an interest subordinate to the said Deed of Trust or any party claiming by, through, or under any of the foregoing. Such parties known to the Substitute Trustee may include: None. Terms of Sale will be public auction, for cash, free and clear of rights of homestead, redemption and dower to the extent disclaimed or inapplicable, and the rights of Elizabeth M. Knight, and those claiming through him/her/it/them. Any right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are waived in accord with the terms of said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. If you purchase a property at the foreclosure sale, the entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of a certified/bank check made payable to or endorsed to LOGS Legal Group LLP. No personal

checks will be accepted. To this end, you must bring sufficient funds to outbid the lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser at the time the foreclosure deed is delivered. This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded only by the Substitute Trustee at any time. If the Substitute Trustee rescinds the sale, the purchaser shall only be entitled to a return of any money paid towards the purchase price and shall have no other recourse. Once the purchaser tenders the purchase price, the Substitute Trustee may deem the sale final in which case the purchaser shall have no remedy. The real property will be sold AS IS, WHERE IS, with no warranties or representations of any kind, express or implied, including without limitation, warranties regarding condition of the property or marketability of title. This office may be a debt collector. This may be an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose. LOGS Legal Group LLP Substitute Trustee 10130 Perimeter Parkway, Suite 400 Charlotte, NC 28216 Phone (704) 333-8107 Fax (704) 333-8156 File No. 21-121732 (Dec. 21, 28, 2021) (Jan. 4, 2022)

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Captive missionaries made daring escape

By PETER SMITH Associated Press

Captive missionaries in Haiti found freedom last week by making a daring overnight escape, eluding their kidnapers and walking for miles over difficult, moonlit terrain with an infant and other children in tow, according to the agency they work for, officials said Monday.

The group of 12 navigated by stars to reach safety after a two-month kidnapping ordeal, officials with the Christian Aid Ministries, the Ohio-based agency that the captive missionaries work for, said Monday at a press conference.

The detailed accounting of their journey to safety comes after news Thursday that the missionaries were free.

A total of 17 people from the missionary group — 12 adults and five minors — were abducted Oct. 16 shortly after visiting an orphanage in Ganther, in the Croix-des-Bouquets area, where they verified it had received aid from CAM and played with the children, CAM has said. The group included 16 Americans and one

Canadian. Their captors from the 400 Mawozo gang initially demanded millions of dollars in ransom. Five other captives had earlier reached freedom. It is still unclear if any ransom was paid.

CAM General Director David Troyer did say supporters of CAM raised funds for possible use for a ransom, but he refused to say whether one was paid for any of the releases.

The 12 who fled last week carried the infant and 3-year-old, wrapping the baby to protect her from the briars and brambles, said CAM spokesman Weston Showalter.

"After a number of hours of walking, day began to dawn and they eventually found someone who helped to make a phone call for help," he said, his voice beginning to choke. "They were finally free."

The 12 were flown to Florida on a U.S. Coast Guard flight, and later reunited with five hostages who were released earlier.

CAM displayed photos at the news conferences showing the freed hostages being reunited, along with a

video of the group singing a song that had inspired them during their captivity.

The missionaries were taken hostage on their way back from the orphanage on the afternoon of Oct. 16.

"They had no idea what was ahead of them," Showalter said. Only five or 10 minutes after getting underway, they saw a roadblock up ahead. The group's driver — the one Canadian in the group -- turned around, but a pickup truck pursued them, and "gang members surrounded the van," CAM spokesman Weston Showalter said. He said early reports that the driver was a Haitian national were not accurate.

He said they were initially crowded into a small room in a house, but were moved around several times during their captivity.

They were not physically harmed by the kidnappers, Showalter said. He said the main physical challenges included the heat, mosquitoes and contaminated water for bathing, which led some of them to develop sores. Sometimes the young children got

sick. However, he said everyone appears to have emerged from captivity in good health.

The adults received small food portions, such as rice and beans for dinner, although the captors provided plenty of food suitable for the small children, he said.

The hostages gathered multiple times during the day for prayer and religious devotions, and sometimes singing loud enough for each other to hear when they were in separate rooms, Showalter said.

They also sought to encourage other hostages who were being held for ransom in separate kidnappings, Showalter said.

Over time, the hostages agreed to try to escape, and chose the night of Dec. 15 to flee.

"When they sensed the timing was right, they found a way to open the door that was closed and blocked, filed silently to the path they had chosen to follow, and quickly left the place they were held, despite the fact that numerous guards were close by," Showalter said.

Trump sues NY attorney general over probe

By MICHAEL R. SISAK Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former President Donald Trump sued New York Attorney General Letitia James on Monday, resorting to a familiar but seldom successful strategy as he seeks to end a yearslong civil investigation into his business practices that he alleges is purely political.

In the lawsuit, filed in federal court two weeks after James requested that Trump sit for a Jan. 7 deposition, Trump contends the probe into matters including his company's valuation of assets has violated his constitutional rights in a "thinly veiled effort to publicly malign Trump and his associates."

The lawsuit describes James, a Democrat, as having "personal disdain for Trump" and points to numerous statements she's made targeting him in recent years, including her support of "die-in" protests against him, her boast that her office sued his administration 76 times during her 2018 campaign that she had her "eyes on Trump Tower" and that Trump was "running out of time."

"Her mission is

guided solely by political animus and a desire to harass, intimidate, and retaliate against a private citizen who she views as a political opponent," the former president's lawyers wrote in the lawsuit, filed on behalf of Trump and his company, the Trump Organization.

In a statement, James said: "The Trump Organization has continually sought to delay our investigation into its business dealings and now Donald Trump and his namesake company have filed a lawsuit as an attempted collateral attack on that investigation."

"To be clear, neither Mr. Trump nor the Trump Organization get to dictate if and where they will answer for their actions. Our investigation will continue undeterred because no one is above the law, not even someone with the name Trump."

James had announced a run for New York governor in late October, but earlier this month, she suspended that campaign and cited ongoing investigations in her decision to instead seek reelection as state attorney general.

News of the lawsuit, filed in upstate New York, was first reported by The New York

Times. The case is assigned to Judge Brenda Sannes in Syracuse, who was appointed in 2014 by Trump's predecessor President Barack Obama, a Democrat, but preliminary proceedings will be handled by a magistrate judge in Albany, which isn't unusual for federal court.

Trump, a Republican, seeks a permanent injunction barring James from investigating him and preventing her from being involved in any "civil or criminal" investigations against him and his company, such as a parallel criminal probe she's a part of that's being led by Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr.

Trump also wants a judge to declare that James violated his free speech and due process rights.

James has spent more than two years investigating whether the Trump Organization misled banks or tax officials about the value of assets — inflating them to gain favorable loan terms or minimizing them to reap tax savings.

Last year, James' investigators interviewed one of Trump's sons, Trump Organization executive Eric Trump. Her office went to court to enforce a subpoena

na on the younger Trump, who's listed as president of a Trump company that controls one of the assets James has been scrutinizing, and a judge forced him to testify after his lawyers abruptly canceled a previously scheduled deposition.

Trump's lawsuit didn't explicitly mention James' request for his testimony, aside from a brief reference. But it's clear he won't be showing up Jan. 7, James' requested date, to answer questions voluntarily. As with Eric Trump, James' office will now likely have to issue a subpoena and go to a judge to order the former president to cooperate.

It is rare for law enforcement agencies to issue a civil subpoena for testimony from a person who is also the subject of a related criminal probe, in part because the person under criminal investigation could simply invoke the Fifth Amendment right to remain silent. It is unlikely that Trump's lawyers would allow him to be deposited unless they were sure his testimony couldn't be used against him in a criminal case.



Jennifer Swann of Shelbyville Recreation Center introduces Santa Claus, as if he needed any introduction.

A large crowd of children and their parents attended Breakfast with Santa.

Santa Claus makes early Shelbyville visit

Santa Claus thrilled a large crowd of kids and their parents at Breakfast with Santa on Saturday morning at Shelbyville Recreation Center. The children enjoyed a light breakfast, received gifts, had their photos made with Santa and heard "The Night Before Christmas."



We couldn't get their last names, but Ashley and Marley are ready for Christmas.



Santa Claus (with a little help from Johnny Reed) reads "Twas The Night Before Christmas" to the crowd.



Among attendees to Breakfast with Santa were Yanni, Kevin, Evelinea, Doris, Esmeralda and Elfa Cinto.



ABOVE: Some of Santa's elves helped make the event go smoother - Michele Gomez, Gloria Hernandez, Jessica Velazquez and Edith Velazquez.



LEFT: Lots of gifts were available for the kids in attendance.

T-G Photos by David Melson



From left, Maggie, Hadley, Keegan, Brad and Brantley Evans attended.