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## HEAVY SNOW COVERS COUNTY



Photo by Hollye Grijalva



Photo by Lisa Killen

A "horse" shines bright on a dark night as snow covers vehicles in Bedford County overnight Sunday. Depths of 6 to 9 inches were reported throughout Bedford County in the heaviest snowfall in many years. More photos, Pages 10 and 12.

## TWO HURT IN WRECK

Authorities look over the vehicle (left) in which Glen and Gay Boyce of Shelbyville were seriously injured on State Highway 64 about two miles west of Shelbyville early Sunday afternoon. Pablo Ortiz Perez, 46, of Sherwood Court, driver of the vehicle at right, was charged with DUI and two counts of vehicular assault.

T-G Photo by David Melson



# Raising the 'best beef' at Doddy Creek Farms

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

**NORMANDY** — Charles Williams worked for 40 years in the petroleum industry and after retiring in 2015 he took up cattle ranching in Middle Tennessee. Williams' goal in his second career: "We want you to have the best beef money can buy," he said.

Williams grew up in Mississippi and earned his degree in petroleum engineering from Mississippi State University. Following his graduation from college, he worked four and a half years drilling wells for Mobil Oil in the Gulf of Mexico. From the Gulf, Williams went to New York to work in the business side of the industry: mergers and acquisitions, hedge funds, buying pipelines and other assets. "Basically creating businesses," is how he describes it. Building businesses, great steaks and his wife, Rhonda, are Williams' passions.

"We had always wanted to come to Nashville and have a farm," Williams said. As his retirement approached, Charles and Rhonda began looking for a suitable farm property. They drew a circle on a map encompassing the area within an hour's drive of Nashville. They ruled out, Williamson County. "Too much traffic,"

Charles said. Their goal was a farm in a rural setting — Charles calls it "off the grid." They found what they wanted on the 460-acre farm in Normandy they've named Doddy Creek Farms.

"We started building our cattle operation and here we are six years later," Charles said, "we've moved about 30,000 pounds of processed beef this year."

### Starting from scratch

But starting their cattle operation from scratch, Charles said, has not been a cakewalk. "It's been like drinking water through a firehose," he said, laughing, as he sat for an interview in the farm office. "There's a lot to know, a lot to learn, a lot to do."

The land was not in good shape when the Williams' purchased it, Charles said. "The pastures were full of sage, and old tires and tin," Charles said. "It was a mess. When we first looked at it there was a dead cow laying in the pasture."

In addition to building barns and sheds and extensive fencing work, Charles has rebuilt ponds and dug new ones hoping to encourage ducks and other wildlife on the property. "I'm not an environmentalist but I am a conservationist," he explained. "I

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Photo by Terence Corrigan

Charles and Rhonda Williams, owners of Doddy Creek Farms, pose on the front porch of their home with their dog Doddy.

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## DEATH NOTICES

### Kenneth Kirby Newman

December 31, 2021

Kenneth Kirby Newman, 70, of Wheel died Thursday, December 31, 2021 in Shelbyville.

Graveside services will be 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church Cemetery, 537 Mt. Lebanon Church Road.

Lawrence Funeral Home, Chapel Hill, is handling arrangements.

### Don Ray

January 2, 2022

Don Ray, 78 of Bell Buckle died Sunday, January 2, 2022 at his residence surrounded by his loving family.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 5 at Goven-Smith Chapel with Brother Eddie Reed officiating. Burial will follow at Hickory Hill Cemetery on Chestnut Ridge.

Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. Everyone must wear a mask and practice social distancing.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.



## OBITUARIES

### Richard Larry Davis

January 1, 2022

Richard Larry Davis, 87, of Shelbyville, died Saturday, January 1, 2022.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday, January 5, 2022 in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Bro. Steve Lynn officiating. Burial will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Tullahoma.

Visitation with the family will be 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. The family request masks be worn during services.

Mr. Davis was born October 14, 1934 in Coffee County to the late Dewey Davis and Nannie Mae Chockley Davis. He was a Deacon at Southside Baptist Church, member of Woodmen of The World, served his country in the United States Army and retired from The Tennessean. In his spare time Mr. Davis loved attending flea markets, trading and collecting gaming & sports cards.

Survivors include sons: Ricky W. (Tera O.) Davis, and Ronnie D. Davis all of Shelbyville; sister, Linda (Henry) Barker of Symrna.

Along with his parents Mr. Davis was preceded in death by his wife of 35 years. Betty Ann Hyde Davis.

### Sherry Denise 'Punkin' Graham

December 29, 2021

A Celebration of Life Service for Sherry Denise "Punkin" Graham, age 49, of Shelbyville, will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at Edgemont Baptist Church with Brother Jimmy West officiating. Denise suddenly passed from this life Wednesday, December 29, 2021, in Shelbyville.

Punkin was a native of Bedford County and was raised in the Flat Creek Community by her parents Paul "Tommy" and Esther Bates Sr., with brother Paul Bates Jr. She served her community as a firefighter at Flat Creek Volunteer Fire Department where she met the love of her life, Chad Graham. Punkin went on to become a Registered Nurse and later became a County Commissioner where she served the community she loved for four years. She enjoyed advocating for those around her, especially children in the community, and was a strong supporter and volunteer for the Child Development Center of Bedford County. Punkin was an active member of Edgemont Baptist Church and served the Lord by using her natural gift of being a caregiver to all at every opportunity she had.

Besides being a wife, Punkin's greatest joy was being a mother, and even more so a grandmother. She enjoyed camping, fishing, and spending time with the three kids who kept her young at heart: Henslee, Arlan, and Maddie. She will be missed tremendously by her family and friends.

Denise is survived by her husband of 29 years, Chad Graham; son, Daryl Lunden Graham; daughter, Nikita (Shawn) Hampton; grandchildren, Henslee Grey and Arlan Tucker Hampton; brother, Paul (Deborah) Bates Jr.; special nephews and nieces, Adam, Corey, Maddie Bates, and Hunter Bates; biological mother, Mary Gene Hambrick; and half-brother, James Paul Nowlin.

Preceded in death by parents, Neal Potts, Tommy Paul Bates Sr., and Esther Bates.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Child Development Center of Bedford County at 111 Eaglette Way, Shelbyville, TN 37160.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

### Robert Joseph Haas

December 31, 2021

Robert Joseph Haas, 53, of Unionville died Friday, December 31, 2021.

A gathering of friends celebration will be held Friday, January 7th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home from 4-6 p.m.

He was the son of the late Henry and Maureen Haas.

Survivors include his wife, Toni Holcomb Haas; his children, Jared (Kelsey) Paskwietz, Jessica Paskwietz and Cassandra Haas; four grandchildren, Emmett Paskwietz, Sawyer Paskwietz, Colton Haas and Ruger Haas; brothers and sisters, Larry, Bill, Craig and Jim Haas, Nancy Gable, Sue Haas, Vicky McQuoid and Cathy Rudis.

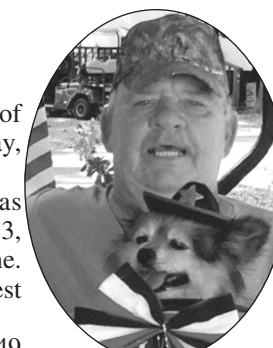
### Billy Ray Hardin

December 29, 2021

Billy Ray Hardin, 72, of Shelbyville died Wednesday, December 29, 2021.

A private family service was scheduled Monday, January 3, 2022 at Hillcrest Funeral Home. Burial was to follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

He was born January 25, 1949



in Ft. Payne, Alabama. Billy lived his life for his family and was always happy and willing to help anyone in any way he could. He was a caring and loving husband, father, son, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Wesley Hardin and Vernell Hardin Stiles; sister, Martha Matson; brother, Bob Hardin; a great-granddaughter, Everly Lane Presley and his longtime furry companion of 23 years, Teddy.

Billy is survived by his loving wife, Carla Hardin; daughter, Stacy (Mike) Lane; son, Tim Hardin; sisters, Nellie Watson and Judy Keef-Goodman; brothers, Verlon Hardin and Eddie Hardin;

three grandchildren, Colt Lane, Carly Lane and Rikki Nicole Williams; three great grandchildren, Cady Lane, Freya Lane Presley and Phoebe Lane Presley and host of loving family including nieces, nephews, cousins and many beloved friends and co-workers.

### Ronnie Eugene Harris

December 27, 2021

Mr. Ronnie Eugene Harris, age 56, of Shelbyville passed Monday, December 27, 2021.

A Celebration of Life Service was scheduled for Monday, January 3, 2022 at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel.

Ronnie was born on September 3, 1965 to the late Alma Ingle and Thomas A. Harris. A graduate of Shelbyville Central High School, he loved watching football, playing card games, and detailing cars. He loved to watch westerns and anything with Bruce Lee.

He is survived by his loving daughter, Sasha Starnes; a brother, Stephen Brent Harris; two granddaughters, Kamiya Starnes and Kazmyn DeLucia; two nephews, Anthony Woodard and Zac (Amber) Woodard; a great-niece and two great-nephews.

### Robert Vernon Pierce

December 31, 2021

Mr. Robert Vernon Pierce, 82, of Shelbyville, passed away unexpectedly December 31, 2021, at his home.

Per his request, he will be cremated and there will be no memorial services.

A native of Carroll County, Tennessee, Vernon was born April 21, 1939, to the late Richard Nathaniel Pierce and Quillo May Bateman Pierce. Vernon moved to Shelbyville in 1993, from Florida, to be near his daughter, due to Tennessee Walking Horses.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Judy Keeton Pierce; daughter, Carrie Lynn Pierce Benedict, and her husband Spencer Stone Benedict, of Glasgow, Kentucky; grandson, Austin Stone Benedict, and his wife Heatherly, of Murfreesboro; special needs brother-in-law, Edgar Roy "Bubba" Keeton; several nieces and nephews.

Vernon loved watching Carrie and Spencer show their horses, work on the farm, and play golf.

In lieu of flowers, Vernon would be honored with donations to: Ransom United Methodist Church c/o Mark Hall, 128 Northpoint Circle, Shelbyville, TN 37160.

### Roger Lee Porter

December 29, 2021

Mr. Roger Lee Porter, 74, passed away Thursday, December 29, 2021.

Services for Mr. Porter were held Sunday, January 2 at Bird Street Church of Christ. Burial followed at Willow Mount Cemetery with full military honors.

He is survived by his children; Deania Webb, Debbie (Mike) Morton, Roger (Theresa) Porter, Jr., Ryan (Chandra) Porter, Desma (Ross) Whitaker and Jarred Porter; grandchildren, Demarco Marsh, Lanetra Leslie, Billy Jr. "BJ" Leslie, Christin (Michael) Johnson, Christopher Morton, Jessica (Javvon) Jones, Justin Pinkerton, Jordan Porter, Andrew Porter, Maddox Porter, Kameron Porter and Jason Porter; siblings, Larry Porter, Marsha Porter, Joann Pitts, Shelia (Thomas) Bolejack, Robbie (Allen) Nelson and favorite uncle, Joseph Greer, other aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Nelson & Sons Memorial Chapel handled arrangements.

### Larry Samuel Robertson Jr.

December 23, 2021

Mr. Larry Samuel Robertson Jr., 52, passed away Thursday, December 23, 2021.

Services for Mr. Robertson were scheduled for Monday, January 3, 2022 at Nelson & Sons Memorial Chapel. Burial was to follow at Holden Cemetery.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories his beloved, Crystal (Creo) Jennings; daughter, Keyeara Newsome Robertson; parents, Iris and Larry Robertson; sisters, Miriam Robertson, Sabrina (Leroy) Robertson-Addison, Theresa Robertson and Nikia (Merton) Bye; brothers, Mark (Dani) Robertson and David Dexter Covington; brother-cousins (Brosins), Craig, Darryl, Doyle, Kelvin, Rodney, Steve, and Tyson; nieces, Adrianna, Janelle, Jasmine, Jordan, Nyeesha, and Typhani; nephews, Johnathon, Justin, Leroy (LJ), Malyk, Mark (MJ), Terrence, and Tyriq; one great uncle, Ray Ransom; aunts, Annie B. Ransom, Jacklyn (Oscar) Cannon; uncles, Albert Ransom and Donnell Rodgers, Sr.; great nieces/nephews and a host of family, friends and loved ones.

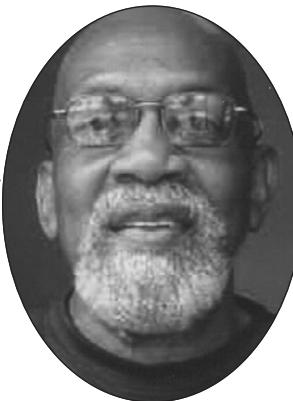
### Bessie Burks Ratleph

December 31, 2021

Bessie Burks Ratleph passed away Friday, December 31, 2021 in Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital.

Funeral services were scheduled for Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Burial was to follow in Hazel Cemetery in Bell Buckle.

She was born June 10, 1938. She was a caring mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and great-grandmother.



## OBITUARIES

Preceding her in death were a son, Arland Keith Ratleph, Sr., her mother, Rosie Burks, and her father, Herbert Jackson Burks.

She was retired from Empire Pencil Company and was a cook at Lakewood Country Club and Bedford County General Hospital. She loved to work in her vegetable garden, her flower garden, and to sit on her front porch and watch cars go by.

Survivors include four sons, Mike (Marge) Ratleph, Richard (Shonda) Ratleph, Andy (Regena) Ratleph, and Pat Ratleph; grandchildren, Mekenzie (Will) Offenbacher, Desiree (Wade) Floyd, Andrew Ratleph III, Ashley Ratleph, Jennifer Ratleph, Arland (Blanca) Ratleph, Jr., Christopher Ratleph, and Madison Ratleph; great-grandchildren, Liam, Lilly, and Miles Offenbacher, Jackson and Kaylee Floyd, Avery and Owen Ratleph, Adeline Barks, Victoria and Brielle Ratleph.

### Charles Franklin Spence Jr.

January 2, 2022

Charles Franklin Spence Jr., 64, of Shelbyville passed from this life Sunday, January 2, 2022 at Vanderbilt-Bedford Hospital.

Per his wishes Mr. Spence chose cremation with no services.

A native of Shelbyville, Charles was son of the late Charles Franklin Spence Sr. and Mildred Ann Dye. Before becoming disabled he was a machine operator at Century Mold and Empire Pencil. He was a huge car enthusiast and could rebuild and fix anything.

Mr. Spence is survived by caregiver and friend Kevin (Lou Ann) Overcast; brothers, Tony and Timmy Spence; nephews: Kevin and Wesley Spence.

Along with his parents Mr. Spence was preceded in death by nephew Eric Spence.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

### Shirley Jean Puckett Swain

December 28, 2021

Shirley Jean Puckett Swain, 67, of Normandy died Tuesday, December 28, 2021.

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

She was a native of Bedford County and a retired employee of Tyson Foods.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Burton Puckett and Christine Louise Uselton Puckett; two sisters, Frances Sloan and Betty Ann Williams.

Shirley is survived by her husband, Michael W. Swain; her children, Jeff (Tiffany) Swain, Jeremy Swain; sisters, Nellie Coble, Mary Louise Woodall; brother, George Gary Puckett; three grandchildren, McKayla Swain, Kara Swain and Chyann Swain.

## Hundreds stranded all night on snowy highway in Virginia

By SARAH RANKIN  
and MICHAEL KUNZELMAN  
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Hundreds of motorists waited desperately for help Tuesday after being stranded for nearly 24 hours in freezing temperatures along a 50-mile stretch of highway south of the nation's capital that became impassable when tractor-trailers jackknifed in a winter storm.

The disabled trucks triggered a chain reaction Monday as other vehicles lost control and blocked lanes in both directions of Interstate 95, the main north-south highway along the East Coast, police said. As hours passed and night fell, motorists posted messages on social media about running out of fuel, food and water.

Meera Rao and her husband, Raghavendra, were driving home from visiting their daughter in North Carolina when they got stuck Monday evening. They were only 100 feet past an exit but could not move for roughly 16 hours.

"Not one police (officer) came in the 16 hours we were stuck," she said. "No one came. It was just shocking. Being in the most advanced country in the world, no one knew how to even clear one lane for all of us to get out of that mess?"

There were no immediate reports of serious injuries.

Around daybreak, road crews began helping drivers get off "at any available interchange," the Virginia Department of Transportation tweeted.

By 9 a.m., a single lane of traffic was creeping forward between many stalled trucks and cars in one direction. People could be seen walking down traffic lanes still covered with ice and snow.

Crews were working to tow the stopped trucks and to remove snow and ice while guiding stranded motorists to the nearest exits, transportation officials said.

Gov. Ralph Northam said his team responded throughout the night, sending out emergency messages to connect drivers with help and working with local officials to set up warming shelters as needed.

The governor said he could not provide an estimate for when I-95 would reopen or how many vehicles remained stranded. Transportation Department engineer Marcie Parker said the agency expected to finish clearing the interstate by Tuesday night and that it should be open for the Wednesday morning rush hour.

People who were stranded overnight and their families lashed out at Northam on Twitter, asking why the National Guard was not deployed.

Northam said he opted not to request National Guard help because the issue facing state crews was not a lack of manpower but the difficulty of getting workers and equipment through the snow and ice to where they needed to be. He said that effort was complicated by disabled vehicles freezing temperatures and ice.

Heavy rain that preceded the storm made it difficult to pretreat roads, and conditions began to deteriorate around midnight, he added.

Rao said they stopped their car engine at least 30 times to conserve gas and ran the heat just enough to get warm. They had some potato chips, nuts and apples to eat, but Rao did not want to drink any bottled water because she had a sprained ankle and did not think she could reach a makeshift restroom.

Finally, around midmorning Tuesday, a tow truck driver appeared and cleared away snow, allowing the Raos and other cars back up and take the exit.

"He was a messenger from God," Rao said. "I literally was in tears."

Up to 11 inches of snow fell in the area during Monday's blizzard, according to the National Weather Service, and state police had warned people to avoid driving unless absolutely necessary, especially as colder nighttime temperatures set in.



# King family operates private museum

## Collections reveal local history

By **DAWN HANKINS**  
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As a tribute to his father's contributions to this community, Gary King continues to operate the Garland King Museum, which is the former Harris Middle and Central High Schools on Elm Street. Lots of renovations have taken place inside since the King family purchased the property.

King said he'd like the community to know that there are no tickets available to visit the museum, as stated recently in an article in a Shelbyville magazine. "Tickets are not sold," said King. "The museum is a private museum."

T-G Editor's note: The Big Gas Contest edition, sponsored by Southern Energy and Gary and Collin King, was published on Tuesday, Dec. 28.

Hidden logos are throughout the special section (still available in T-G office) in the ads, and readers count up the logos and use the entry form on the section to turn in to win. Readers turn in entry forms at the T-G office or at Serv-N-Go markets in town.

Prizes include five \$200 gas cards. Deadline for entry is noon Monday, Jan. 10.



A decade's worth of antique cars fill the Garland King Museum on Elm Street.

Submitted Photo

# Police catch kidnap suspect fleeing victim's home

By **DAVID MELSON**  
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A man who allegedly kept a woman from leaving a Barksdale Lane apartment Wednesday of last week was charged with aggravated kidnapping and aggravated domestic assault.

A neighbor heard the victim screaming for help and Nathan Douglas Hancock, 35, of Antioch threatening to kill her, Shelbyville police said.

The neighbor called 911 and Officer Andrew Le Roy caught Hancock as he fled the rear of the apartment as police arrived.

Hancock allegedly became irate because he was awakened by the victim's children while he was still asleep, then began strangling her. He allegedly took her cellphone and refused to let her leave the room.

Hancock was held on \$20,000 bond.

### Thefts

An Xbox, two controllers, a coffee table and coffee pot were stolen from a Ligon Drive home while the items' owner was at the Tennessee-Miami game Sunday in Nashville, police were told.

A hammer drill and bag of tools were taken from a vehicle at a Parker Road home Thursday night.

An attempt was made to steal a subwoofer from another vehicle; it was found on the ground next to the car.

A Hi-Point 9mm camouflage handgun is missing from an employee's personal vehicle at Nationwide Express, East Lane Street.

The owner named a suspect who had been in the vehicle.

### Drug charges

The smell of marijuana during a traffic stop Sunday afternoon led police to two drug arrests.

Officer Ramon Castillo stopped the vehicle on Belmont Avenue after clocking it at 42 mph in a 30 mph zone.

Sherry Johnson, a passenger, allegedly attempted to throw a bag containing a small marijuana roach into a trash can at The Wedge market, Castillo's report said. She was charged with possession of a schedule VI drug and drug paraphernalia.

A small bag containing 18 grams of methamphetamine was allegedly found in a suitcase belonging to passenger Mykhah C. Simon. He told police the substance was MSM, a legal chip and joint supplement for horses and claimed to work in the "horse trade." A field test was positive for meth, Castillo said, as was a second one done later at police headquarters. Simon was charged with possession of a schedule II drug with intent to sell/distribute and possession of a controlled substance. Bond was set at \$5,500.

The driver, Tony A. Lee, was charged with speeding and held for Indiana authorities on an unspecified charge.

Marijuana was confiscated from the truck of a man being arrested for other active warrants Friday outside Kroger, North Main Street.

Officer Chris Vest found approximately 2 grams in a grinder within the center console, a report said.

Harley Anderson was held on a \$75,000 blanket bond.

### Fifth DUI

A driver was charged with his fifth DUI offense Friday after a witness said he struck a bridge on U.S. 41A North.

Jesus Jesus Perez, 48, was spotted by police and stopped in his driveway on Mac Street. Two beers were in the front seat, Officer Garrett Stephens' report said.

Perez was also charged with driving without insurance and driving on a revoked license. He was held on \$8,000 bond.

### Angry rant

A woman screamed profanities at \$45 worth of food in a roller grill and heated tray while pouring coffee over them Friday morning at the Speedway store on Madison Street, police were told Friday morning.

She got away before police arrived. A store manager said the roller grill may have to be replaced.

### Jail intake

The following were charged since Wednesday, Dec. 29, by the Shelbyville Police Department, Bedford County Sheriff's Office, Tennessee Highway Patrol or 17th Judicial District Drug Task Force. They are only charged; guilt or innocence will be determined by the courts.

Harley Agner Anderson, 43, Glosson Circle; violation of sex offender registry (three counts), perjury, failure to appear, possession of schedule VI drug; held, \$7,500 bond

Tia Louise Ashworth, 39, Chapel Hill; failure to appear; held, \$1,500 bond

Tonya Pauline Beard, 46, Mt. Pleasant; simple possession, running stop sign; summons issued

Haley Cheyenne Burks, 21, Normandy; failure to appear; held, \$7,500 bond

George Leobardo Campos, 50, Coop Road; domestic assault (two counts); released, \$5,000 bond

Aresnio Selvin Cinto Domingo, 23, Central Avenue; DUI, reckless driving, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, registration law, due care, open container; released, \$6,500 bond

Matthew Glen Cowell, 31, Hilltop Drive; DUI (second offense), open container, due care, financial respon-

sibility, running stop sign; held, \$15,000 bond

William M. Dalton, 38, Davis Lane; DUI (third offense), driving on revoked license (sixth offense); held, \$11,000 bond

Marquael Keshon Darden, 22, Barksdale Lane; probation revocation; released, \$2,500 bond

Coby Allan Davis, 30, Cedar Glade Circle; failure to appear; released, \$2,500 bond

Crystal Denise Ewing, 34, High Street, Wartrace; DUI, driving on revoked license, open container, speeding, financial responsibility; released, \$4,000 bond

Juana Garcia Perez, 45, Nashville; speeding, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; released, \$750 bond

Griffin Christopher Grant, 31, Highway 130 East; failure to appear, violation of probation (two counts); held, \$10,500 bond

Nathan Douglas Hancock, 35, Antioch; aggravated domestic assault, aggravated kidnapping; held, \$20,000 bond

Christopher Michael Harden, 41, Pleasant Lane; DUI; held, \$1,000 bond

Aaliyah Jade Hinojosa, 19, Earnhart Street; light law, no driver's license, registration violation; summons issued

Teresa Jeronimo, 36, Madison Street; DUI (second offense), DUI (third offense), running traffic control device; released, \$7,000 bond

Anselmo Agostin Jose, 54, Sevier Street; DUI; released, \$3,000 bond

Kerrenako Letoi Kinzer,

42, South Cannon Boulevard; failure to appear (two counts), driving on revoked license (fifth offense), light law, criminal impersonation; held, \$12,500 bond

Tony Allen Lee, 42, Normandy-Tullahoma Road, Normandy; speeding, held for other agency; held, no bond

Sonya Marie Leverette, 37, Martha Street; driving on suspended license, financial responsibility, registration violation; summons issued

Shondelle Lynn Lewis, 48, Murfreesboro; DUI (second offense), speeding, due care, driving on wrong side of road; released, \$4,000 bond

Brodie William Litz, 23, Tullahoma; DUI, felony possession of schedule I drug, possession of firearm while intoxicated, due care, open container, seat belt law, financial responsibility, possession of drug paraphernalia; held, \$12,500 bond

Stephen Henry Lovett, 41, Hickory Drive; public intoxication; held, \$4,500 bond

Beatriz Luciano Barrena, 43, Union Street; animals at large; citation issued

James Thomas McCord, 60, Laws Hill Road; shoplifting; summons issued

Pablo Domingo Miguel, 43, Comanche Place; driving on revoked license, registration violation, distracted driving; summons issued

Daniel Paul Mongeon, 26, South Brittain Street; DUI; released, \$3,000 bond

Charles Edward Moody, 52, Hickory Drive; attachment; held, \$1,000 bond

Taylor Davis Mooningham, 29, Perfection

Drive; failure to appear, two bench warrants; released, \$4,500 bond

Colton Dewayne Moran, 19, Butler Avenue; no driver's license/exhibited on demand; released, no bond

Pablo Ortiz Perez, 46, Sherwood Court; vehicular assault (two counts), DUI; held, \$103,000 bond

Carlos Perez, 29, Nashville; driving on wrong side of road, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; released, \$250 bond

Jesus Jesus Perez, 48, Mac Street; DUI (fifth offense), no insurance, driving on revoked license; released, \$8,000 bond

Jose Refugio Mondragon Ramirez, 21, Carter Street; simple possession, possession of drug paraphernalia; summons issued

Mario Apancio Ramos, 46, Sevier Street; financial responsibility, light law, no driver's license; summons issued

Dale Keith Ray, 60, Shelbyville Mills Road; aggravated domestic assault,

possession of schedule VI drug, possession of drug paraphernalia; held, no bond

Dustin Lee Reed, 32, Murfreesboro; failure to appear; held, \$1,000 bond

Roque Rincon Sosa, 49, Lipscomb Street; DUI; released, \$3,000 bond

Sergio Alvarez Rios, 36, East Lane Street; no driver's license, financial responsibility; summons issued

Abdikarim Ahmed Shiil, 31, homeless, Shelbyville; public intoxication; held, no bond

Mykhah Calvin Simon, 24, Murfreesboro; possession of schedule II drug with intent to sell, bondsman surrender; held, \$23,500 bond

Terry Lynn Sims, 60, Cedar River Road; domestic assault; released, \$1,500 bond

Carla Marie Stringer, 44, Winchester; DUI, resisting arrest; held, \$7,000 bond

Jason Dewayne Tankersley, 49, Barksdale Lane; violation of order of protection, violation of probation; released, \$7,500 bond

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**Jovanny Garcia**  
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# Baked apples

**Dear Heloise:** I was ready to bake apples but was short of a pan, so I put them in a cupcake pan and had great apples. I read your hints in the Free Lance-Star from Fredericksburg, Virginia. -- Rosemarie M., Woodbridge, Virginia

## Hints from Heloise

Heloise



it that way, but I like to dress it up, especially if we have company for dinner. Last night I served coffee ice cream with a raspberry topping and some whipped cream on top. Last week, when we had friends over, I served vanilla ice cream with a coffee liqueur mix and a chocolate topping and crushed almonds. It's not exotic, but it sort of dresses up the meal. -- Carolyn W., Flagstaff, Arizona

## CHEESE GRATER

**Dear Heloise:** I've found that my cheese grater can double as a grater for butter, lemon or orange zest. The zest is so fine that I can add it to my orange cream cake to add flavor and color. -- Tamara K., Ashburn, Virginia

**Dear Readers:** Need to clean the carpeting in your car? If it doesn't get clean with just vacuuming, use a wet sponge to rub foam rug cleaner into it. Let it dry and then vacuum.

To ensure leather seats aren't stained while cleaning them, only use a leather cleaner. Then apply a top coat of a leather protectant specifically created for car seats to help prevent future stains. If you have baby seats in your car, put a plastic sheet or a towel under them to protect the upholstery from liquid spills and food debris. -- Heloise

## CEILING FAN DIRECTION

**Dear Readers:** Which direction should the ceiling fan rotate to make your room comfortable? Here's the deal:

During the winter, the ceiling fan should rotate clockwise when you are looking up at it. This pushes down warm air that's up at the ceiling. In the summertime, set your ceiling fan to spin counterclockwise. This will create a light breeze. It won't actually lower the temperature in the room, but it will feel cooler.

Look for a switch on the motor, right below the blades. This will change the direction of the ceiling fan blades. -- Heloise

## OTHER USES FOR CLEAR NAIL POLISH

**Dear Readers:** Besides using clear nail polish on your nails, it can be used in other ways around the home. Try these: Apply clear polish to the inside of costume jewelry to prevent it from tarnishing where it comes in contact with your skin. Dab a tad to stop runs in stockings. Mend a small hole in a window or door screen by putting on a couple of layers of polish. -- Heloise

## BURNT COFFEE

**Dear Heloise:** I recently burned coffee in my glass coffee carafe. Getting my hand in there and scrubbing was difficult, until I remembered you had a hint one time for using baking soda and ice cubes inside the carafe and swirling it around until the burnt coffee came loose. It works beautifully! Thanks for an easy and effective way to remove burnt-on coffee! -- Cassidy C., Lake Charles, Louisiana

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## MOTHER'S FRIED RICE

**Dear Heloise:** You had a recipe for fried rice that I just loved. Would you repeat that recipe? I haven't seen it in your column for a long time, and I really would like to make it for my family. -- Judy D., Newton, Kansas

Judy, I love this recipe, too. My mother brought this recipe back with her from her time in China, back in the '40s. You'll need:

3 cups cooked rice (1 cup of dry rice cooked in 2 cups of water, or follow package directions)  
4-5 slices bacon (diced) and drippings  
3-4 eggs  
3-4 cut green onions or scallions, tops and all  
Leftover bits of pork, beef or ham, chopped into small pieces (optional)  
Soy sauce to taste

Cook and cool rice a day ahead or at least earlier in the day. It's better if the rice has had a chance to dry out a bit. Brown the bacon in a heavy skillet until crisp. Remove bacon and turn down heat. Slightly beat eggs and pour them into the hot bacon drippings. Add rice and onions or scallions; mix together. Add bacon and leftover meat. Mix everything together. Add soy sauce until the rice is as brown as you like it. Stir well and cook on low heat for 15 to 20 minutes.

You can find more easy-to-prepare recipes like this in my pamphlet "Heloise's Main Dishes and More." To get a copy, simply go to [www.Heloise.com](http://www.Heloise.com) or send \$3 along with a stamped, self-addressed, long envelope to: Heloise/Main Dishes, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. -- Heloise

## WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM

**Dear Heloise:** Everyone in my family loves ice cream in summer and winter. I could just put ice cream in a bowl and serve

## SNOW EVERYWHERE



T-G Photos by Mary Cook  
**Snow covered Bedford County late Sunday night. These are a few scenes from the Wheel community.**

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Send Community Calendar items to [tgnews@t-g.com](mailto:tgnews@t-g.com), notify us on Facebook, call 931-684-1200 or stop by our office, 323 E. Depot St.

Laity Club meeting scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 9 has been cancelled.

### JAN. 17

#### MLK celebration

The Gilliland Historical Resource Center is holding a Martin Luther King (MLK) Virtual Program, Monday Jan. 17, at 11 a.m. Join by phone, tablet or computer. Contact Jo Anne Gaunt, 931-639-7152 or [gaunt@bellsouth.net](mailto:gaunt@bellsouth.net), or Rosie Biggs, 615-631-1875 or [Biggs54@comcast.net](mailto:Biggs54@comcast.net), for more information. Donations are appreciated.

### SATURDAY

#### Food giveaway

Second Harvest Food Bank will give away food beginning 9 a.m. giveaway Saturday at Bell Buckle United Methodist Church.

Bell Buckle United Methodist Church. Recipients are asked to enter on Abernathy Street off Highway 82.

### SUNDAY

#### Laity Club cancellation

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#### SCHRA meeting

South Central Human

Resource Agency's governing board will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 27 at the central office, 1437 Winchester Highway in Fayetteville. Subcommittees will meet at 10 a.m.

### ONGOING

#### Soup kitchen

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

#### Seniors meals

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

#### County meetings

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

## AG NOTES

By JOHN TEAGUE  
UT/TSU Extension

### USDA NEWS

The USDA Service Center in Lewisburg will be relocating to a new service center at 1427 New Columbia Highway, Lewisburg sometime in January. An exact date is not known as of the time of this newsletter but is tentatively scheduled for the middle of January.

When that day comes, please be patient due to the fact they will have a short period of time where communications (phone & email) will be interrupted while these services are transferred to the new service center. However, the end result will be a good service center to benefit the farmers in our area. Tommy Turner, FSA County Executive Director, said "We appreciate everyone we serve and look forward to the new beginnings in our new service center."

### NRCS 2022 FUNDING

USDA has several fiscal year 2022 assistance opportunities for agricultural producers and private landowners for key programs, such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) and Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) program.

Through conservation programs, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation

Service (NRCS) provides technical and financial assistance to help producers and landowners make conservation improvements on their land that benefit natural resources, build resiliency and contribute to the nation's broader effort to combat the impacts of climate change.

NRCS accepts applications for its conservation programs year-round. Funding is provided through a competitive process.

EQIP provides cost share assistance for producers to use 170-plus conservation practices to address a wide variety of resource concerns. Within EQIP, Conservation Incentive Contracts allow producers to further target priority resource concerns. CSP helps producers take their conservation activities to the next level through comprehensive conservation and advanced conservation activities. ACEP helps producers enroll wetlands, grasslands and farmlands into easements for long-term protection. Additionally, through RCPP, producers and landowners can work with partners who are co-investing with NRCS on targeted projects.

Special provisions are also available for historically underserved producers. For EQIP, historically underserved producers are eligible for advance payments to help offset costs related to purchasing materials or front-loading services up front. In addition, historically underserved producers can receive higher EQIP payment rates (up to 90% of average cost). NRCS sets aside EQIP, CSP and

ACEP funds for historically underserved producers.

NRCS conservation programs play a critical role in USDA's commitment to partnering with farmers, ranchers, forest landowners and local communities to deliver climate solutions that strengthen agricultural operations and rural America. States may prioritize a variety of voluntary conservation practices through these NRCS programs, including those that support climate-smart agriculture and forestry (CSAF).

In fiscal year 2022, EQIP and CSP will provide targeted funding for CSAF practices, and Conservation Incentive Contracts – a new EQIP program – will be available nationwide with an emphasis on CSAF practices. Building on these efforts, NRCS will also prioritize climate investments through ACEP, RCPP and Conservation Innovation Grants.

Producers, landowners and forest managers IIN Bedford County interested in applying for assistance should contact the NRCS at 931-694-1441, Ext. 3.

We have a very active Bedford County Soil Conservation District board made up of area farmers that are committed to protecting the environment and promote sustainable farming practices.

### THE KIDS

I hope that everyone had a good holiday. We had all three of our children and their spouses and all three of the grandkids here for a whole week! And my sisters and their

spouses came from back home in East Tennessee for a time.

We had a really great time. The kids got to see new baby kid goats born while they were here, they farmed and fed and the boys got to drive the Ranger and help Uncle Bo and me do an assortment of chores.

Hank has taken an interest in trap shooting, so Santa brought him an appropriate shotgun for that purpose. Uncle Aaron worked with him on taking shots. He's good at it! He outshot Uncle Aaron! I think he may add this sport to his resume'. And he wants to start his own business this year. How's that for a 12-year-old?

Ford is the technology guy in the group. Santa brought him some electronics, and he had them up and running in no time, interacting with his group of friends back in South Carolina. Amazes me how they can do those things, since I have to have help just to find a TV station!

Piper asked Santa for a real live unicorn, with wings! Though Santa couldn't catch one for her (they are most difficult to catch since they can fly off!), she had a great time with the toy ones, the toy horses, the dolls, the stuffed animals!

And then she turned five on New Year's Day, and she played on and had a birthday cake that she helped bake. And when she blew out the candles (some of them were trick candles that would re-ignite!), she wished for a real unicorn! (I don't know what we are going to do! But, we'll keep on trying to catch one!)

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Doddy Creek Farms operations manager Hunter Jones and his dog, Rowdy, stand with some of the cows.

## Doddy Creek

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want to be a good steward of the land.”

### Challenges

Adding to the normal challenges of raising cattle, Charles said, is his decision to run a “vertically integrated operation.” Doddy Creek Farms controls all aspects of the business, from being there for the delivery of the calves to delivering the processed beef to the customer’s door.

They manage their own inventory, storing the processed beef in the farm’s walk-in cooler and delivering around 160 pounds every week in their 16-foot freezer trailer. “We usually have people on the waiting list,” Charles said.

They currently have around 63 individual customers, two-thirds of them repeat buyers, and they provide beef for three restaurants in Nashville: Yolan (Italian fine dining), Green Hills Grille and Butchertown Hall. Their “sweet spot,” Charles said, are families who purchase various portions of whole cows. They also sell individual cuts at Tag’z Premier Meat Shop in Murfreesboro.

“We’re uninterested in producing large quantities of meat for the masses. Instead, we’ve taken a boutique approach that delivers fresh, clean beef to Nashville and the surrounding areas. Our passion for raising and harvesting cattle with care and in superior conditions has resulted in the highest quality beef for our customers,” is how Charles explains business on the farm’s website (<https://doddycreekfarms.com>).

### Finding the right cow

Williams found what is arguably the “best beef money can buy” at a San Antonio restaurant, Bohanan’s Prime Steak and Seafood. “They showed me a ribeye for \$90 on their menu,” he said. “I thought ‘what could this possibly be?’” What it turned out to be, he said “was the best steak I’ve ever had.”

Williams was so impressed with the steaks at Bohanan’s he went back to the restaurant two weeks later to find out where he could get it. The beef Williams wanted comes from the HeartBrand Ranch in Flatonia, Texas where they raise Akaushi (Wagyu) cattle, a breed that was developed in Japan.

Akaushi are one of the four breeds of Wagyu cattle.

Williams took a direct approach to find out more about this breed. He called the president of HeartBrand, fourth-generation cattle rancher Jordan Beeman, and arranged a visit. Williams flew to Flatonia and spent a half-day with Beeman. “One thing led to another and I bought a bull and a cow,” Williams said.



Three of Doddy Creek Farms’ Akaushi bulls are the foundation of the herd. Doddy Creek Farms sells about 70 head each year.

For Doddy Creek beef, Williams decided to use Akaushi bulls bred to Angus and Charolais cows, combining the unsurpassed fork tenderness of the Akaushi with the hearty flavor Americans love in British and Continental breeds.

### Raising them right

Charles and Rhonda’s business plan was to raise cows under the best conditions. They use “no hormones, no antibiotics, no steroids,” Charles said. “It’s the old school way of doing it right.” They do not use any herbicides on their pastures. They apply lime to raise the soil ph which allows the grasses to thrive and outcompete weeds. They have created 28 pastures and move the cows often enough to prevent overgrazing. “A golf course for cows is what I’m looking for,” he said. “I’m looking for grass, stirrup high.”

The crystal clear water for the cows at Doddy Creek comes from a 185-foot well dug 34 years ago. The well produces 35 gallons per minute and is distributed through over two miles of pipe to the various pastures.

Another factor in producing high-quality beef, Charles said, is raising them humanely in a low-stress environment.

“People want to know where their food is coming from,” Charles said. “People are willing to pay a premium for clean food.”

### Community

Doddy Farms is a three-person operation: Charles and Rhonda run the business side of things and operations manager Hunter Jones brings his education and many years of experience with livestock to their operation.

“Hunter’s been with us

for a little over six years,” Charles said. “He earned his Agribusiness degree from MTSU. He runs this farm. If I didn’t have him I’d probably be in trouble. He’s like one of our kids. He’s a great young man. This is his farm. I can call him 24/7 and he’ll be here.”

Doddy Creek has also benefited from the extensive knowledge in the agriculture community in Bedford County; from folks like veterinarian Bobby West, Extension Agent John Teague and good neighbors like Duck West.

Charles has also benefited greatly from meat processor Potts Meats in Wartrace. “They have been off the chart; they are tip-top,” Charles said. “They are easy to work with and they are only three miles down the road.”

“Thank God I have good neighbors,” Charles said. “There’s not enough time on this side of the dirt for me to become a great cattleman, but I understand marketing. That’s my gift to the operation.”

One of the rewards Charles and Rhonda have benefited from is the community spirit in rural Bedford County. “If somebody needs something there’s always somebody there to help,” Charles said. “It makes you want to look for opportunities to help other people.”

“The most gratifying piece of this to me is to look at this farm and see the progress we’ve made in being good stewards of the land,” Charles said, as he drove his F350 pickup truck with a journalist to visit with some of his cows.

“There’s a guy coming today,” Charles said. “He’s driving 80 miles to load up on beef. He’s paying \$18 a pound - hamburger meat through filets. I didn’t call him, he called me. It’s all

in the quality of the beef. If you’re doing your job right this beef will sell itself.”

### A businessman’s view of the beef business

Charles is not happy with the way farmers are treated in the meat business, in which 90 percent of the beef is shipped and processed by three large corporations who enjoy most of the profits.

“Part of the problem,” Charles said, “is the farmer is so busy he’s strapped to get his animals off the farm and he becomes a price-taker at the sale barn. If they knew how to market, if they got together they could get a better return for what they are doing. That’s the problem. People just gave up on that piece of it. When you do that you leave your margin on the table. All the upside of their hard work they give away.”

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# After a decade in purgatory, Vols have their guy

For over a decade, the Tennessee Volunteers have been in a perpetual state of rebuild after departing ways with Phillip Fulmer.

During Fulmer's last season as head coach in Knoxville, the Vols slumped together a paltry 5-7 record, and as such the school wanted new blood on the sideline.

In the landscape of college football, there may not be a better example of the "grass is always greener."

Lane Kiffin arrived in Knoxville and led Tennessee to a 7-6 record before bolting Rocky Top for USC.

From there, Tennessee was in a state of football purgatory for over a decade.

From Derek Dooley, to Butch Jones and Jeremy Pruitt, Tennessee experi-

enced its highs and lows for more than a decade.

Dooley was shown the exit after three seasons and never having posted a winning record.

Butch Jones gave the Volunteer faithful a flicker of hope with back-to-back nine-win seasons in 2015 and 2016, but lost the locker room along the way and after going winless in the SEC during the 2017 season, once again Tennessee was searching for a new head coach.

This prompted the Tennessee athletic administration to hire Jeremy Pruitt away from the Alabama Crimson Tide dynasty, and once again, on the surface it appeared that Tennessee may have had its guy.

But after going just 3-7 in a COVID-19 shortened season in 2020, allega-

## Chris Siers

The Extra Point

tions surfaced of recruiting violations and Pruitt was canned.

Furthermore, the Volunteer football program faced severe penalties from the NCAA, pending the outcome of the investigation.

After all that turmoil that spanned over a decade, the university finally made a knockout hire in athletic director Danny White, who helped mold the University of Central Florida into one of the top non-Power 5 programs in the nation.

It seemed only fitting that Knight's head coach

Josh Heupel follow, and that's just what happened.

What separates Heupel from the previous hires over the last 13 years is he's been a head coach. Sure, Jones was a head coach for the Cincinnati Bearcats, but Heupel comes without having a huge, out-spoken persona.

His teams do the talking for him and the Volunteer fans got a small taste of what's to come with what should have been a throwaway season in 2021.

Following the exodus of Pruitt, a huge portion of the Vols' top-end players hit the transfer portal and left the cupboard fairly empty.

But good coaches have a way of getting the most out of their players and that's exactly what Heupel did.

Tennessee should never have been competitive in 2021 with the lack of scholarship players and the sheer lack of experience.

Yet Heupel and the Vols managed to churn out a 7-6 season, make it to a bowl, and quite honestly should have had a bowl win over Purdue if not for a botched fourth-down goal line call in the Music City Bowl.

Sure, there were the lumps Tennessee took from the usual suspects, including Alabama, Georgia and Florida.

But Tennessee was in a dog fight with Alabama until the fourth quarter.

And the white-hot Vols' offense put more points on the board against a stingy Georgia defense than any-

one else until that point in the season.

Even a non-conference loss to Pitt, who turned out to be pretty good, was just a one-score separation between the two.

Vols fans should consider themselves lucky.

They know all too well that in the college coaching carousel, you sometimes end up with busts.

As long as Heupel is able to recruit at a high clip, he's shown he can take a ragtag bunch under trying circumstances and make a competitive squad.

Give him two years and the Vols are going to be knocking on the door of a SEC title, if not even higher.

• Chris Siers is sports editor of the Times-Gazette. Email him at sports@t-g.com.

# Enjoy CFB while it is still here – all of it

For those that have a favorite college team and others that are simply fans of the sport, college football brings us the best of times and the worst of times.

Comeback stories like that of the Baylor Bears — a two-win team last season to now a 12-win team crowned as Sugar Bowl Champions—are why we love the game.

A 93-point Rose Bowl barn burner between Ohio State and Utah with a 15 reception, 347 yard and three touchdown performance from the Buckeyes' Jaxon Smith-Njigba was a spectacle regardless of who you choose to cheer for.

As the 2021-2022 college football season unfortunately nears its end, many narratives have surrounded players and teams since the final regular season whistle pierced the air.

One that took me by surprise was that there are too many "meaningless" bowl games—games that do not matter in the world of the College Football Playoff.

Teams that could care less whether they were invited to a bowl game after a below average season.

To that I would say, there is never enough and never will be enough college football.

True fans of the sport might find more excitement in the Duke's Mayo Bowl that paired two rivals, South Carolina and North Carolina, than the two blowouts we saw in the first round of the Playoff.

Personally, I loved watching first-year USC head coach Shane Beamer go toe-to-toe with legendary coach Mack Brown.

The ensuing victory bath of mayo Beamer received was icing on the cake.

Diving deeper into that game, the Gamecocks spread the wealth amongst Zeb Noland — a former graduate assistant thrown into the fire early in the season — and Dak Joyner who started the season as a wide receiver, but returned to his natural position of quarterback for the bowl game.

Joyner completed all nine of his pass attempts for 160 yards and an absolute dart in the first quarter to give the Gamecocks an early lead.

He added 64 yards on the ground on 10 carries. Noland threw only six



## Will Carter

Carter's Corner

times, but extended the lead with a missile of his own early in the game.

Following the win, Joyner shook hands with the opposing Tar Heels and enjoyed the celebrations with his fellow Gamecocks before virtually collapsing with emotion.

He proved many people wrong, but more importantly he proved himself to be right.

From that I raise the question, how can any bowl game be deemed "meaningless?"

In my opinion, there is too much focus and energy put on the College Football Playoffs, forcing people to miss the point of why the game is played in the first place.

I am all for a champion being crowned at the end of the season and everyone celebrating their greatness, but do not downplay the rest of the competition when the players and coaches are there for the love of the game.

The second narrative that took me a few years to come to terms with is players opting out of games at the end of the season to ensure their safety and prepare for the NFL Draft.

I grew up with the mindset that if you start something, you finish it.

Following that initiative is difficult at times, especially in the climate we live in today.

Until I understood the business side of the NCAA, I was right there with everyone; pitchfork in hand, calling players "quitters" and "greedy" for not finishing out the season with their teams that helped them reach that goal.

Now that the NCAA has become more and more greedy itself, I can see why players forgo a final game or two to chase the dream they have worked their whole life for.

Most people may not agree with that, but at the end of the day you have to respect someone's personal decision for themselves.

One person that obviously does not agree with me is ESPN's College Gameday host and analyst,

Kirk Herbstreit.

When previewing the New Year's Day bowl games, a discussion of players opting out sparked which led to Herbstreit making the comment that, "this era of player just doesn't love football."

The same players that by the transitive property pay Herbstreits' bills, so you would think he would choose his words more wisely.

As expected, his comments were met with former and current players publicly criticizing him which led to Herbstreit issuing a clarification via social media.

"Of course some players love the game the same today as ever, but some don't. I'll always love the players of this game, and sorry if people thought I generalized or lumped them all into one category."

That seems to me that he is simply covering his tracks, but I will not jump to conclusions as he did on national television.

Regardless of if he meant it or not, it is a very bold and broad statement to make.

What does Herby have to say about college coaches leaving their team early for a job somewhere else like Brian Kelly did to Notre Dame and Lincoln Riley to Oklahoma?

Do they love football as much, or is that just a business decision?

Because in my opinion, that is the same as players leaving early for the pros.

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# Baylor, Duke remain atop poll

By AARON BEARD

AP Basketball Writer

Baylor is the clear choice for No. 1 in The Associated Press men's college basketball poll. And the voters seem to agree on the group of teams behind the Bears, too.

The reigning national champions kept their firm hold on the top spot Monday, earning all 61 first-place votes for the third time in four weeks. It also marked the second straight week that there were no new teams entering the rankings, with the poll representing another reshuffling of the same group, including an unchanged top seven.

The Bears haven't done anything to shake voters' confidence, either. They entered the week as the only team ranked in top five in KenPom's adjusted efficiency rankings for offense (117.6 points scored per 100 possessions) and defense (87.5).

That seems to me that he is simply covering his tracks, but I will not jump to conclusions as he did on national television. Regardless of if he meant it or not, it is a very bold and broad statement to make.

What does Herby have to say about college coaches leaving their team early for a job somewhere else like Brian Kelly did to Notre Dame and Lincoln Riley to Oklahoma?

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19 Villanova.

The Bears won at No. 11 Iowa State on Saturday to open Big 12 play, tenuously holding at least a two-possession lead throughout the second half with a balanced attack, with six players scoring at least nine points.

"It shows we have a great rotation," Baylor coach Scott Drew said afterward, adding: "Different people step up at different times, and you need that because not everybody has great shooting nights and great games."

## Duke's recovery

The No. 2 Blue Devils (11-1) remained in place for the fourth straight week behind the Bears. They haven't played since Dec. 22 after having to postpone last week's Atlantic Coast Conference games at Clemson and Notre Dame due to COVID-19 protocols.

Duke hosts Georgia Tech on Tuesday night.

Coach Mike Krzyzewski sounded optimistic Monday that the Blue Devils would play as scheduled, saying they were awaiting one test result but otherwise expected to have the entire team back together later in the day.

Krzyzewski said it "hit our program extremely

hard" while impacting both players and staff, though the retiring Hall of Famer said he hasn't had the virus himself.

"It went through just about our whole team," he said. "We're not in the shape that we have been in before, so it's going to take time to ramp up."

## The top tier

Purdue, Gonzaga and UCLA rounded out the top five, followed by Kansas and USC in the unchanged top seven. Arizona, Auburn and Michigan State rounded out the top 10, marking the Tigers' first trip there this season.

## Rising

Nine teams moved up in the poll, with Providence making the week's biggest jump of five spots to tie Kentucky at No. 16. No. 15 Alabama jumped four spots, while No. 14 Texas and Villanova each rose three spots.

## Sliding

No. 24 Seton Hall took the biggest tumble, falling nine spots after Big East losses to Providence and Villanova. No. 21 LSU fell five spots, while No. 18 Tennessee slid four and No. 11 Iowa State fell three.

# Titans can clinch top AFC seed

By TERESA M. WALKER

AP Pro Football Writer

NASHVILLE — The resilient Tennessee Titans now are two-time AFC South champs and just one victory away from making the AFC playoffs come through Nashville.

So much for a season during which they've been without the league's two-time rushing champ since Halloween and used 88 players, most ever for a non-strike season in the NFL.

The Titans (11-5) go to Houston on Sunday to wrap up a third straight season in their old hometown. This time, a Tennessee victory locks down the No. 1 seed in the AFC, something this franchise has done only twice previously since leaving Texas and not since 2008.

And they just might have Derrick Henry back for the playoffs. Titans coach Mike Vrabel said Monday they've been discussing when to open the 21-day practice window for Henry, who still ranks

sixth in the NFL with his 937 yards rushing despite a broken right foot that put him on injured reserve Nov. 1.

"He's doing some work today, and we'll see when that window opens and probably make a decision mid-week," Vrabel said.

Not only are the Titans healthier than they've been in weeks after having their bye Dec. 5, they have won three of four, including a 34-3 rout of Miami that clinched a second straight consecutive division title for the first time since this franchise won the Eastern Division the first three seasons in the AFL.

The Titans also are staying on message that they're nowhere near finished.

"I'm going around telling the guys that we're just getting started," Titans quarterback Ryan Tannehill said after beating the team that drafted him into the NFL. "It's a big step and enjoy it, but we're just getting started. We've got a long way to

go." Winning the AFC South is just the first step for the Titans.

"That's our goal is to win championships," Vrabel said. "It starts with winning the division. Guys were excited, they put a lot into it. I'm happy for them, but this is a huge week, this is another critical week."

## What's working

The run game. The Titans insisted they wouldn't change their offensive approach without Henry, and they haven't. They've leaned on a committee approach with D'Onta Foreman, signed off the street Nov. 2, running for 100 yards or more three times. He had a career-high 132 yards against Miami.

The Titans have run for 985 yards over eight games since losing Henry, matching the 2020 NFL Offensive Player of the Year's 4.3-yard per carry average before his injury

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# Will

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with the team that stood by him in his up-and-down career at Ole Miss.

Essentially saying, it was never in question.

Early in their matchup with Baylor, though, Corral suffered an ankle injury that sidelined him for the rest of the game - giving further insight into why highly touted players opt-out.

Luckily, Corral's X-ray came back negative for a fracture, so his stock should not drop substantially.

The final piece of evidence for my arguments belongs to the University of Alabama at Birmingham Blazers.

Flashback to the 2014 season when UAB officials decided to cancel the football program that had been on a downward spiral for several years prior, but the program was reinstated shortly after.

A two-year hiatus from college football gave the program time to recruit and build back to what it once was.

In 2018, the Blazers won their first conference championship along with their first bowl game.

Fast-forward to the present day where the Blazers finished the season with a 9-4 record and a bowl bid

to play 13th ranked BYU in the Independence Bowl - a bowl the "meaningless" crowd surely did not watch.

The Blazers entered the game as 6.5 point underdogs, but ultimately won 31-28.

Canceled and reinstated, sat idle for two seasons, and Independence Bowl champions over a top-15 team all within a decade.

So, once again, how can any bowl game ever be considered "meaningless?"

Who is to say that this era of players doesn't love football?

Because I guarantee that Dak Joyner, Matt Corral, and the entire UAB football program would love to sit down and have that conversation.

As an avid college football fan, my point is this - if you truly love and enjoy college football, then you can never get enough of it, bowl games included.

Finally, to opt-out or not is a player's personal decision that should be respected regardless of the situation because who is to tell someone that they should wait just a little bit longer before they chase that dream they have been working towards for 20 some years.

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# Smart can rewrite legacy by taking title

By CHARLES ODUM

AP Sports Writer

Kirby Smart did his best to get ahead of the questions about Nick Saban while acknowledging the topic was inevitable.

It seems the Georgia coach can't avoid Saban, when championships — and Smart's big-game legacy — are on the line.

Smart is 0-4 against Saban, his former boss at Alabama. That includes Saban's 41-24 loss to Saban's Crimson Tide in the Southeastern Conference championship game in Atlanta on Dec. 4.

Smart fielded questions about Saban prior to that game before earning a rematch when the Bulldogs beat Michigan 34-11 on Friday night in the College Football Playoff semifinal.

The Georgia coach insisted on Monday the Georgia-Alabama rematch for the national title is not about Smart vs. Saban.

"Each game has been different," Smart said.

"And it will never be about he and I. I know he won't make it that and I won't make it that, because that's for you guys to do that."

Smart's Georgia legacy is on the line. That's about more than how he compares with Saban, already assured of being remembered as one of the greatest coaches in college football history.

As Smart wraps up his sixth season at his alma mater, the national championship game will help determine his place in Georgia history. That includes how he will be judged in comparison with his predecessor, Mark Richt, as well as Vince Dooley, who won Georgia's last national championship in 1980.

Smart was hired to give Georgia the push it lacked to win the biggest games. He was hired to bring championships to the Bulldogs.

So far, Smart trails Richt. Thanks to the hum-

bling loss to the Crimson Tide last month, Smart remains stuck on one SEC title, in 2017. Richt won two SEC championships in his first five seasons in Athens.

Smart's big-game history also includes an overtime loss to the Crimson Tide in the 2017 national championship game.

By bringing the Bulldogs to another national title game, Smart has made Georgia a regular part of the championship picture. He has brought Georgia to the biggest games.

Saban has blocked Smart's path to big-game success. Smart can change that script by winning the biggest game of all in his second national title appearance against Alabama.

Saban has won seven national championships, including six in the last 12 years at Alabama. He is looking for back-to-back titles with the Crimson Tide.

Smart was the defen-

sive coordinator on Saban's Alabama staff before he was hired to lead Georgia's program.

Smart's Bulldogs were 12-0 following their first undefeated regular season since 1982 and on track for their first national championship in 41 years before the SEC title game loss to Alabama.

Sure, Smart doesn't deny that Saban and Alabama are a hurdle the Bulldogs have not yet cleared. Smart says he's not alone.

Smart said the Crimson Tide "have also been a problem and a thorn for any team they've played besides ours. We have that in common with a lot of teams."

Smart knew better than to celebrate Friday's run-away rout of Michigan in the Orange Bowl. He called a timeout and put a firm roadblock on plans by running backs Zamir White and James Cook to empty a watercooler on his head at the end of the game.

# Roethlisberger, Steelers top Browns, stay in playoff mix

By WILL GRAVES

AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger looked for the last time into the Heinz Field stands peppered with No. 7 jerseys bearing his name and tried to soak in a moment as inevitable as it was unimaginable for most of his career.

This is the end for the longtime Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback.

And rather than fight it, the player defined by his ability to fend off defenders with his left arm and make game-changing throws with his right embraced it.

Roethlisberger did a vic-

tory lap following a 26-14 win over Cleveland on Monday night that kept his team's faint playoff hopes alive. He hugged team president Art Rooney II. He unsuccessfully fought back tears. Then he grabbed the hand of his wife Ashley and their three children and walked into the tunnel and out of sight.

His on-field performance — 24 of 46 for 123 yards, with a touchdown and a pick — was remarkable only for its inefficiency. He became the first QB since at least 1950 to win a game with more than 40 attempts for fewer than 150 yards,

according to STATS.

But the numbers — as has often been the case during an 18-year career that includes two Super Bowl victories — were beside the point.

Roethlisberger played. The Steelers won. And so it goes.

Pittsburgh (8-7-1) will finish at .500 or better for the 18th straight season, or every year since the Steelers selected Big Ben with the 11th overall pick in the 2004 draft.

"That's been the story of my career," he said. "Not always pretty, but we find a way."

The Steelers need a win over Baltimore next week and a loss by Indianapolis to lowly Jacksonville to make the postseason for the 12th time with Roethlisberger, a possibility he admits is slim.

Still, it exists, and that's thanks in large part to rookie Najee Harris, who ran for a career-best 188 yards and a touchdown, and linebacker T.J. Watt, who sacked Baker Mayfield four times to give him 21 1/2 on the season, one short of the NFL record set by Hall of Famer Michael Strahan in 2001.

# Titans

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on Oct. 31.

The big difference? Henry's ability to finish drives. He scored 10 TDs in eight games, while the replacements have combined for six, along with four by Tannehill.

## What needs help

The Titans are first in the NFL scoring in goal-to-go situations, scoring on 86.2% of those situations. But they still have some issues finishing off drives. Against Miami, a fumble recovery put them at the Dolphins 14, and the Titans wound up settling for a field goal early in the second quarter.

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TUESDAY EVENING

JANUARY 4, 2022

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like Judge Steve Harvey, Elementary, and The Office.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

JANUARY 5, 2022

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THURSDAY EVENING

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FRIDAY EVENING

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SATURDAY EVENING

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SUNDAY EVENING

JANUARY 9, 2022

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MONDAY EVENING

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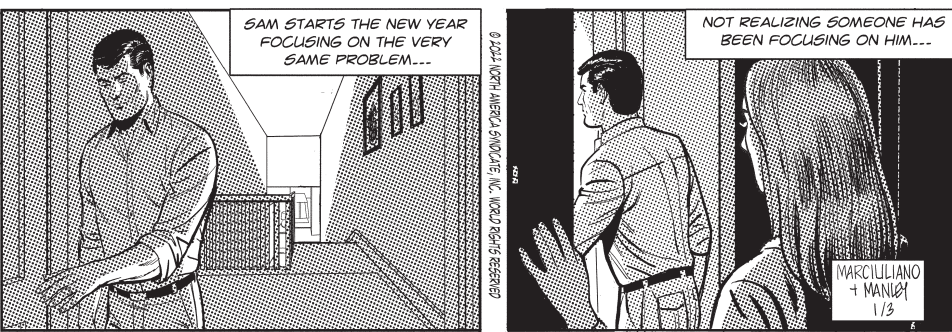
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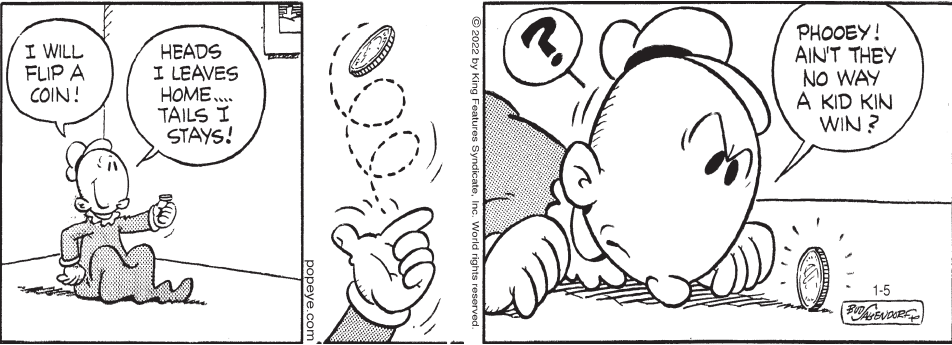
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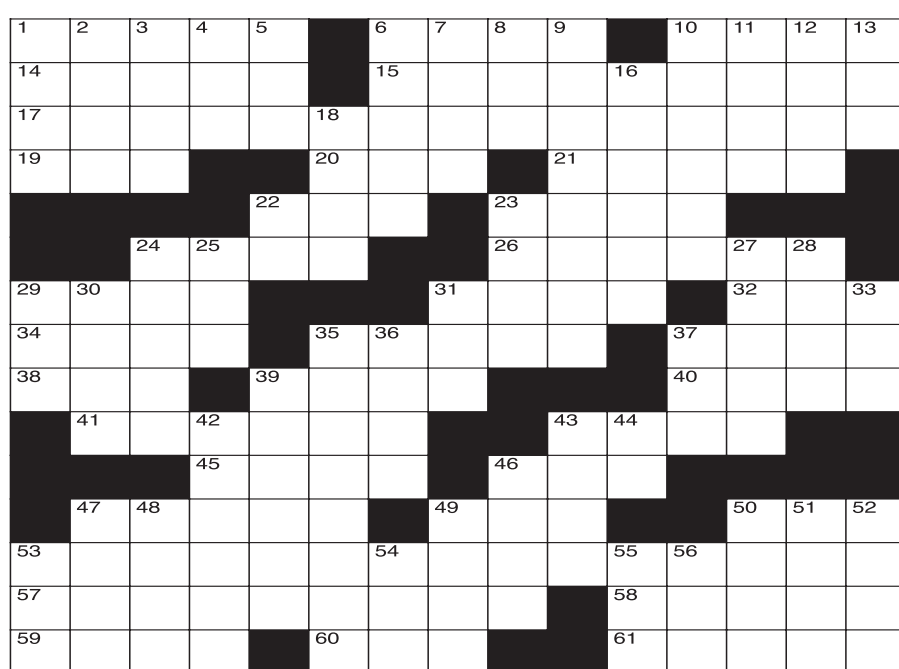
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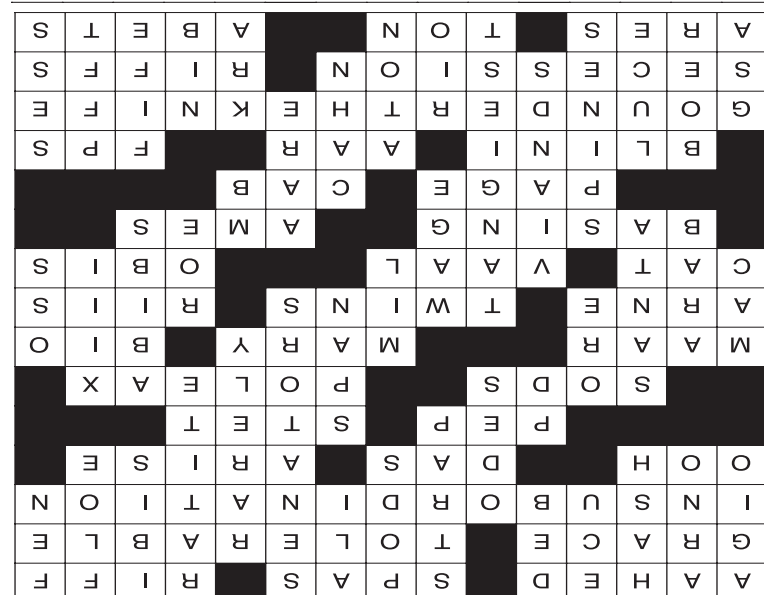
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- 20. Gov't attorneys
- 21. Wake up
- 22. A type of band
- 23. Remain as is
- 24. Turfs
- 26. Battle-ax
- 29. Volcanic crater
- 31. The mother of Jesus
- 32. One's life history
- 34. "Rule, Britannia" composer
- 35. Doubles
- 37. Jacob \_\_, American journalist
- 38. House pet
- 39. S. African river
- 40. Broad sashes
- 41. Establish as a foundation
- 43. KGB double agent Aldrich \_\_
- 45. Part of a book
- 46. Taxi
- 47. Pancakes made from buckwheat flour
- 49. Train group (abbr.)
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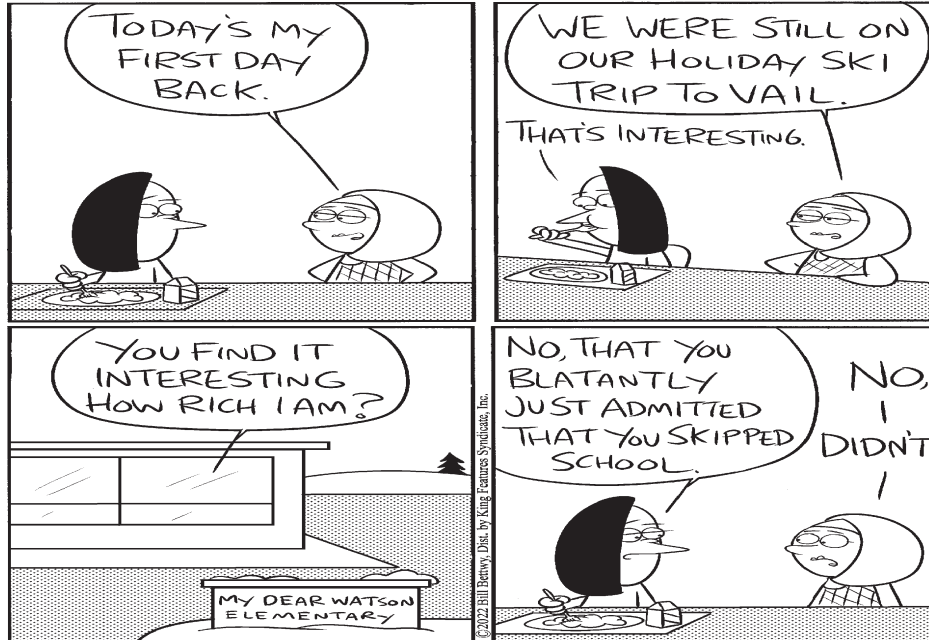
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- 8. Boxing's GOAT
- 9. Legislators
- 10. Flightless birds
- 11. U. of Miami's mascot is one
- 12. Floating ice
- 13. Low, marshy land
- 16. Seldom
- 18. Lyric poems
- 22. Law enforcement agency (abbr.)
- 23. Full extent of something
- 24. \_\_ Claus
- 25. Naturally occurring solid material
- 27. Acquired brain injury behavior science (abbr.)
- 28. Thirteen
- 29. Partner to cheese
- 30. Member of a Semitic people
- 31. One thousandth of an inch
- 33. Former CIA
- 35. Most lemony
- 36. Engage in
- 37. Small Eurasian deer
- 39. Provisions
- 42. All humans have them
- 43. Swiss river
- 44. Storage term (abbr.)
- 46. Famed Broadway lyricist Sammy
- 47. Dutch colonist
- 48. Full-grown pike fish
- 49. Egyptian sun god
- 50. Flute
- 51. Flew off!
- 52. Scottish tax
- 53. Young women's association
- 54. Populous Brazilian city
- 55. Malaysian Isthmus
- 56. Pointed end of a pen

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**ASTROGRAPH**

**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Your finances need a little extra work, Aries. Start to focus on investments, money and other financial matters. Your mind is quick and you catch on quite fast.

**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**  
Romance is on your mind this week, Taurus. This is the time to focus on solidifying your relationship with someone special in your life or to find that perfect match.

**GEMINI – May 22/June 21**  
Matters involving work are at the forefront of your mind, Gemini. You may need to put in some extra hours on the job this week. Keep your head down and

your efforts will be noted.

**CANCER – June 22/July 22**  
Cancer, you may be longing for an encounter with your romantic partner, but other factors keep getting in the way of your date. You have to make romance a priority.

**LEO – July 23/Aug 23**  
An unexpected financial windfall lands in your lap, Leo. It is just the good news you need at this point in time. Start thinking about how to invest this unexpected gift.

**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Business and personal successes are coming your way soon, Virgo. It could be a project that brings you financial gain or

the development of a new friendship.

**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Libra, whether it's a hunch or a tip from someone close to you, you have some valuable information that will come in handy in the coming days.

**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**  
A relationship reaches new heights, Scorpio. If you are unattached, you might find a partner soon. If you have a significant other, he or she will become even closer.

**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, draw your closest friends together and plan a gathering where you can exchange

ideas and rekindle friendships. It's been a while since you socialized.

**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**  
A long journey is in your near future, Capricorn. It may come by way of a much-needed vacation, or you may make a move across country to follow a job or passion.

**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Finances dominate your week, Aquarius. This could be related to a pay raise at work or a personal investment that pans out. One way or another, success isn't too far away.

**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pisces, a business partner may contact you with some good news after returning from a trip.

Prepare to join this person in a promising venture.

**FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS**  
**JANUARY 2**  
Dax Shepard, Actor (47)  
**JANUARY 3**  
Eli Manning, Athlete (41)  
**JANUARY 4**  
Jaeden Martell, Actor (19)  
**JANUARY 5**  
Bradley Cooper, Actor (47)  
**JANUARY 6**  
Irina Shayk, Model (36)  
**JANUARY 7**  
Lauren Cohan, Actress (40)  
**JANUARY 8**  
Genevieve Padalecki, Actress (41)





A scene from Bell Buckle, which received 9 inches of snow.

Photo by Shirley Hall



Snow covers wreaths at the Veterans Memorial on the Shelbyville square.

T-G Photo by David Melson

# Picture-perfect snowstorm coats Bedford County

Snowfall in amounts ranging from 6 to 9 inches fell across Bedford County late Sunday night until around 2 a.m. Monday. National Weather Service reports indicate Bedford County received the heaviest snowfall in Middle Tennessee. Snow fans, armed with cameras, were out in force.



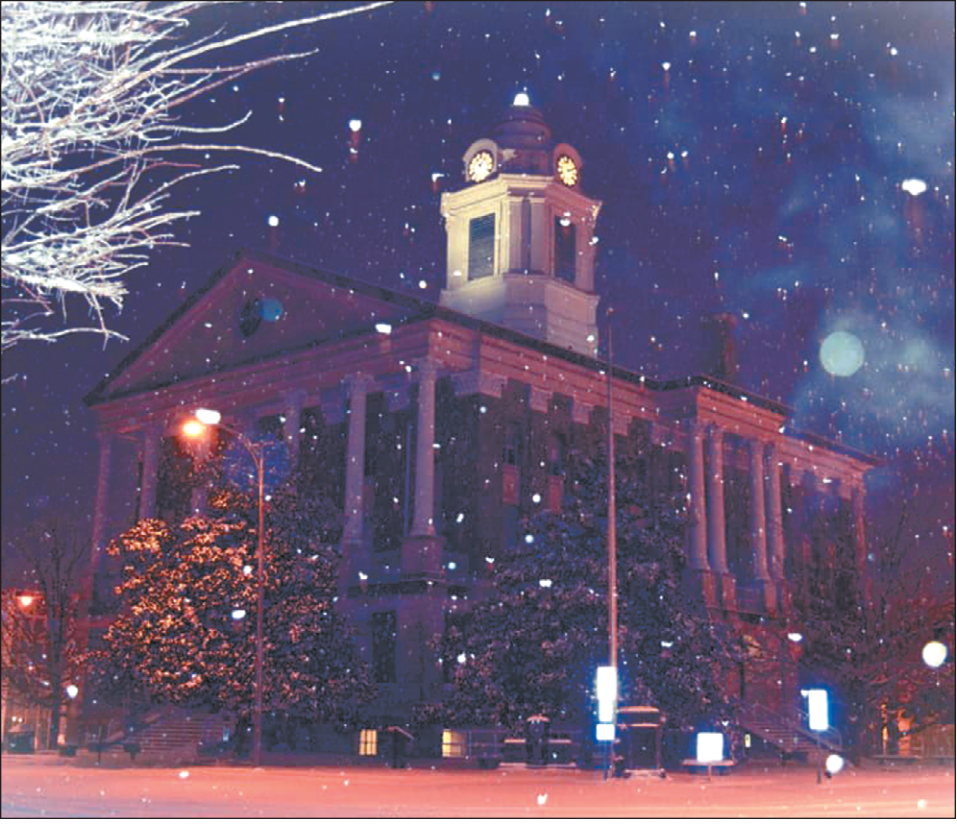
A beautiful farm scene in rural Bedford County.

Photo by Tabby Stem



Snow flies around the patio during Sunday night's snowstorm.

Photo by Sharon Lowery



Snow falls around Bedford County Courthouse on Sunday night.

Photo by Kathryn Blacksmith



What better time for Olivia Grammer to build a snowman than during a snowstorm?

Photo by Janie Grammer



Most roads were clear but ice and snow remained on the ground and trees Tuesday morning, making it easy to follow scenic paths like Narrows Road.

T-G Photo by David Melson







# There's nothing like a Southern snowfall

Southerners find the relatively-rare heavy snows special, often photographing them, playing in them, or just taking in the sudden — and soon-to-disappear — scenic views.

**icy roads Sunday night make for a slow ride.**

Photo by Hannah Gibson



**This "snowman" hangs around with actual snow.**

Photo by Edwina Reynolds



**ABOVE: This truck wasn't used for a snow venture during Sunday night's storm.**

Photo by Elsie Trice

**LEFT: The yardstick tells the story: Between 8 and 9 inches of snowfall.**

Photo by John Edens



**A snow-covered fence along Evans Street has a zig-zag effect.**

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**An abandoned barn on Himesville Road rests peacefully in a blanket of snow.**

T-G Photo by David Melson



**The first Bedford County snow of 2022 was beautiful.**

T-G Photo by Mary Cook



**The snow and cold weren't enough to freeze Flat Creek, as seen from a bridge on Old Center Church Road.**

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