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# County gets off lightly in second snow



Another round of snow fell across Bedford County on Sunday after a night often-heavy rain. Amounts varied, but most areas received only a light dusting. Above, Grady Cunningham captured this beautiful scene at a Cathey Road farm. At right, Lisa Ann Vonic saw this scene off Highway 130 West.



T-G Photo by David Melson

Senior Coordinator Cindy Allen discusses possible future recreation activities at Shelbyville Recreation Center with a group of regular participants Friday.

## Recreation activities discussed

By DAVID MELSON  
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A small group of senior citizens who frequent Shelbyville Recreation Center gave Shelbyville Parks & Recreation staff a load of ideas for potential activities at a planning session Friday.

"We'll see which of these we can integrate into our programming," Senior Coordinator Cindy Allen said. She noted some of the suggested activities would be suitable for all ages. "We want to know what kind of activities you can do if possible."

She said money for some of the proposals may have to be requested from Shelbyville City Council, but reminded

the group not to fear to "think big."

### Suggested needs

The group was asked if they feel anything is needed at the Rec Center or within city parks.

One suggestion was "a porch swing" for those bringing children to the new playground. One participant mentioned "adult swings" strong enough to support people larger than children, and a suggestion was made for playground times reserved for use by senior adults.

A dog walk will be constructed soon in the park, Allen said. A participant

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## A little good news from Eli

### T-G STAFF REPORT

There are always a lot of needs at New Destiny Dog Rescue. When Eli Hale's birthday recently rolled around, he thought of the non profit in big way.

Eli recently asked that his birthday dollars be given to New Destiny which fosters many lost and abandoned animals.

NDDR recently thanked Eli for being a "voice" for many fur babies in need.

He was deemed by organizers to be a "real blessing."

The shelter encourages pet owners to keep close eye on pets as they go outdoors during snow and ice, as many are being found wandering streets and roads.



Submitted photo

Eli Hale makes a statement with his T-shirt.

# City attorney explains state's opioid lawsuit

By ZOË HAGGARD  
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As Shelbyville approved a resolution for the settlement in the National Opioid Litigation against distributors and Johnson & Johnson, Bedford County has hired the Branstetter law firm to handle its involvement.

The City and County will benefit from being involved in this opioid lawsuit by receiving a monetary damage award as part of the settlements, according to City Attorney Ginger B. Shofner. Right now, there is a proposed "massive" collaborative settlement for Tennessee's lawsuits as well as other states with similar lawsuits. It is a nationwide settlement in that sense, Shofner explained. These are a settlement with certain distributors and a settlement with manufacturer Janssen, a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson.

The City and the County were automatically included in the District Attorney's lawsuit under the Tennessee Drug Dealer Liability Act (DDLA), said Shofner.

"Our D.A. for the 17th Judicial District, Robert Carter, brought suit for all government entities in his district, back in 2017...joining in with district attorneys from other districts," said Shofner. According to the Tennessee District Attorney General Conference website, Carter's four main areas of focus are victims' service, prescription drug abuse, methamphetamine awareness, and elder abuse.

Shofner said she believes there were a total of three lawsuits involving D.A.'s across the State, so that most likely everyone in Tennessee was involved.

"As a part of one of those three D.A. lawsuits,

the issue of the requirement of affirmative action by the local governments to be represented by the D.A. and the law firm he hired went up the Tennessee Supreme Court. The justices ruled that each local government had to agree to be included in the lawsuit and represented by the D.A. and Branstetter," Shofner explained.

So, in December 2020, the Tennessee Supreme Court held that drug companies may be sued under the state's DDLA but not by district attorneys general.

As ruled in Jared Effler v. Purdue Pharma L.P. in 2020, "The Act specifically identifies those who can file a lawsuit, which does not include District Attorneys General suing as individual plaintiffs on behalf of their districts," according to the Tennessee State Court's government website. The case brought the issue of whether, under DDLA, drug companies that manufacture prescription opioids may be sued by children harmed by their mothers' use of opioids.

Both the City and the County agreed to continue to be in the lawsuit after the Supreme Court ruled local governments have to specifically approve to be in and represented, Shofner said.

She further explained that Branstetter did not reach out as in singling out the County for a particular reason. D.A. Carter hired the firm originally to assist him in bringing the lawsuit.

"...That law firm has been representing most local governments all along. The resolutions to hire the firm can be viewed

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## DEATH NOTICES

## Charles W. Cannon

January 15, 2022

Charles W. Cannon, 77, of Tullahoma, a native of Shelbyville, died Saturday, January 15, 2022 at Alive Hospice in Murfreesboro.

Arrangements pending from J.A. Welton & Son Funeral Home, Tullahoma.

## OBITUARIES

## James "Lewis "Pete" Hillis

January 14, 2022

Funeral services for Mr. James "Pete" Lewis Hillis, age 78 years, and 10 days of Beechgrove, will be conducted on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 1 p.m. in the Manchester Funeral Home chapel. Burial will follow in the New Beechgrove Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be held 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Mr. Hillis passed away on Friday at his home after an extended illness.

"Pete", as he was fondly known by family and friends, was born on January 4, 1944, to the late Lewis Henry and Georgia Harrell Hillis in Bell Buckle, TN. He was known for his athleticism in high school in Charleston, IL, where he set many records in track. Mr. Pete was a deacon at the First Baptist Church of Beechgrove for over 40 years. He enjoyed hunting with his sons and attending the ball games of his grandchildren. He was the trainer for the walking horses at Steve Hill Stables for many years. Mr. Pete and Chad, his son, would buy walking horse colts every year.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Pete is preceded in death by his grandson, Taylan Gage Hillis, brothers, Bobby Gene and George Thomas Hillis, and his sisters, Dorothy Moore, Betty Lou Winn, Mary Jo Smith, Mary Elizabeth Hillis, and Bessie Ruth Allen. Mr. Pete is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Janie Evalyn Gordon Hillis; sons, Tracy Hillis, and his wife, Monica, and Chad Hillis and his wife, Colleen; grandchildren, Trista Blair and Treydin Chance Hillis, and Keelie Shea and Olivia Danyel Hillis; sister, Cathey Wade and her husband, Roy; several nieces, nephews, and extended family members, and a host of friends.

## Bobby Thomas Phillips

January 16, 2022

Mr. Bobby Thomas Phillips, known locally as "Can Man", passed away Sunday, January 16, 2022, at his home, under the loving care and comfort of his family and Avalon Hospice.

A Celebration of Life Service will be 4 p.m. Thursday, January 20, 2022, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel.

The family will receive visitors 2-4 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Mountain View Cemetery in Marlinton, West Virginia.

Bobby was born November 11, 1938, in Marlinton, West Virginia, to the late Fred Thomas and Mabel Mona Hoover Phillips. He was well known about town as he pulled his green wagon gathering aluminum cans from the homes and businesses of his many friends.

Survivors include a sister, Janet M. Scott, of Shelbyville; brothers, Randy J. Phillips, of Shelbyville, and Bill Phillips, and his wife Pat, of West Virginia.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

## Lawsuit

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as formalities due to the Supreme Court ruling. Of course, a local government could hire someone else, but I think few have," said Shofner.

Shelbyville City Council approved participation in those two settlements at its

regular Council meeting last Tuesday. Bedford County Commissioners voted to join with the Branstetter firm at their regular meeting on Dec. 14.

But, "We do not know at this time the exact amount of money the City might receive," said Shofner.

The T-G will have continuing coverage of this issue.

## Winter storm whipping northeast US with snow

NEW YORK (AP) — A dangerous winter storm brought significant snowfall, strong thunderstorms and blustery winds to the northeastern U.S. on a holiday Monday.

A foot (30 centimeters) or more of snow fell in parts of New York state, Ohio and Pennsylvania Sunday night through Monday morning, and tens of thousands of customers in the region were without power.

Forecasters in Buffalo, New York, said the snow was falling fast, dumping almost 17 inches (43 centimeters) by 10 a.m. The city advised people not to travel if they didn't need to on this Martin Luther King Jr. Day, while some surrounding towns instituted a travel ban.

"WOW! (Latest) snow measurement at 1 AM was 4.6 inches in the last hour at the Buffalo Airport!" the National Weather Service in Buffalo tweeted overnight. "And tack on another 4 inches in the last hour ending at 2 AM! Total so far since late Sun evening - 10.2 inches."

The weather service said 17 inches (43 centimeters) or more of snow were reported in Ashtabula County in northeast Ohio.

"We've had a very strong area of low pressure that's kind of moved up the coast, with pretty heavy snowfall accumulations from Tennessee, North Carolina all the way into the northeast," said meteorologist Marc Chenard at the weather service's headquarters in College Park, Maryland.

New York City got less than an inch of snow, which was washed away by rain overnight. The weather service said spotty showers and snow showers might continue through Monday night.

Forecasters said wind gusts in New York City could top out around 45 mph (72 kph), and around 60 mph (97 kph) on Long Island.

Sleet and rain were the main threats for much of Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. Periods of snowfall transitioned to rain overnight. NWS meteorologists in Boston said wind gusts could reach 70 mph (113 kph).

The howling winds spread a fire that destroyed a motel and two other structures in coastal Salisbury, Massachusetts, early Monday.

The storm forced the closure of many COVID-19 vaccination and testing sites in the northeast Monday.

The massive winter system brought similar conditions Sunday to the Southeast, where thousands were still without power Monday.

## Marsh, Legislature begin 2022 session



Pat Marsh

State Rep.  
62nd district

"Watch your actions, they become your habits. Watch your habits, they become your character."  
— Vince Lombardi

The Legislative Session started back at noon, Tuesday the 11th. This is the second year of the 112th General Assembly and we'll probably adjourn around the first of May.

The two biggest issues we'll tackle this Session are:

1. Redistricting — drawing new lines for the State House of Representatives, the State Senate, and the U.S. House of Representatives (Congress)

2. Basic Education Plan (BEP) — coming up with a new funding plan for public K-12 schools in Tennessee

I'm carrying the redistricting bills for our state representatives and for the congressional districts. These bills, along with the bill for the state senate, will be of top priority since we have elections later this year and new and existing candidates for the offices will need

to know what the districts will look like. Here are some interesting facts based on the latest census information that factored into the new maps:

Key Redistricting Plan highlights:

•U.S. growth was 7.4 percent

•Tennessee's population grew 8.9 percent, growing from 6,346,105 in 2010 to 6,910,840 in 2020.

•Ideal district size increased from 64,102 to 69,806

•17 counties grew by more than 10 percent. Middle Tennessee had the highest growth

•30 counties experienced negative growth compared to only eight in 2010 — Rural west Tennessee, the Upper Cumberland region, and Northeast Tennessee had the lowest growth

•This caused a three-seat shift in representation to Middle Tennessee from other parts of the state

My proposed new legislative district after the new redistricting lines are drawn would basically keep me in the same areas of Lincoln and all of Bedford, but it also adds all of Moore County. I'm excited about learning more about Lynchburg and Moore County. I look forward to getting to meet and know the local elected officials. One of my sons works in Moore County and it's between the two counties I already serve, so I'm already frequently

in the area.

The BEP that currently funds all of our school districts is 30 years old and very complicated. In addition, some people consider the formula to be unfair to many school districts. The Governor has made this one of his top priorities and is pushing hard for all involved to come up with a plan that is equitable, easy to understand, and is based on students' success.

Governor Lee released a draft plan this week. It is based on feedback from thousands of Tennesseans through the department's 18 subcommittees, town halls, and public comment submission. To review the draft overview plan, visit [www.tn.gov/education/tnedufunding](http://www.tn.gov/education/tnedufunding).

Claire Root, from Fayetteville, came back for a visit with several others to talk about the Convention of States action. They are the group that is working to get 34 state legislatures to pass their legislation. If and when that happens, their proposal would require our federal government have a balanced budget, impose term limits on federal legislators, and in general take away a lot of power from our federal government.

We had our big opening day reception Tuesday night at the Tennessee State Museum. It was hosted by several chamber groups and businesses in

our state. The Governor, his cabinet members, and the state senators and representatives were in attendance. Governor Lee addressed the crowd and updated us on all the great things that are happening in Tennessee.

I was very pleased to find out that my cousin, John Robert Bagley of Fayetteville, was enrolled in the intern program at the Legislature. John Robert is a student at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and is interested in learning more about how our state government works. He is going through orientation this week and will be assigned to an office starting next week. It will be a very valuable experience that he will probably never forget.

The Cordell Hull Building where our offices are located and the Capitol are open to the public, so I would enjoy visiting with you if you are ever in Nashville. My office is on the 6th Floor - Suite 610. You may also reach out to me by phone at 615-741-6824 or by email at [rep.pat.marsh@capitol.tn.gov](mailto:rep.pat.marsh@capitol.tn.gov). I'm truly honored that you have trusted me to serve as your state representative and I hope to do you proud. Please let me know if there is ever anything we can do for you and your family.

## Activities

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suggested pet shows, and Allen said parks staff has mentioned "Yappie Hour" pet events, including vendors and dog-related activities. Dog training classes were mentioned, but Allen said liability issues would be a factor.

Shuffleboard courts were requested. The existing courts are in poor shape, Allen said, and two portable courts are too wide to fit into existing rooms.

A hot tub or jacuzzi and steam room/sauna were recommended within Shelbyville Recreation Center.

"Nerf Wars" events are being considered by park staff, Allen said, with concern expressed about appropriateness for older adults. One senior at the meeting said she owns a nerf gun.

## Outdoors events

Some outdoor activities cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns will be brought back eventually, Allen said. Those include kayak trips, in which 6 people ride in each kayak.

One participant suggested horseback riding. She also said there are no places to rent a horse,

with organized horseback riding activities oriented toward horse owners.

Day trips were brought up, with casino trips a possibility. A bus would need to be rented if possible, Allen said. Those taking part in previous trips to nearby areas said they sometimes drove themselves to locations. Other events suggested include Senior Day at the Nashville Zoo, trips to see Christmas lights, a planetarium, a dairy, the Tennessee Renaissance Festival, Civil War re-enactments and movie matinee days. One participant said the Capri Theater in Shelbyville has afternoon matinees on days when children are out of school.

A nature photo hunt was also suggested by Allen, as was a field day.

## Activities

One suggestion is a "Prom Do-Over, "or a "senior prom", with music, a DJ, decorations and food. Similar "single and mingle" events geared toward an older crowd were suggested.

Several talked of wanting to hold a fair for various activity groups, craft groups, an event for members of different churches or service groups to congregate. Most of those attending the meeting Friday

moved to Shelbyville from other areas and said it's hard for those not originally from Shelbyville to get to know natives.

Other proposals:

•A book club.

•A discussion group.

•A murder mystery, in which participants assume roles and determine "whodunit." That suggestion led to a proposal for a mystery potluck dinner, where prepared dishes are brought and participants determine what ingredients were used, or an event where cooks and bakers are given a basketful of items to make a dish of their choice. Cook-offs and bake-offs have been mentioned by park staff, Allen said.

•Wine tastings, which Allen said won't happen due to the possibility of participants accidentally overimbibing.

•Ballroom dancing classes. An instructor would be needed, Allen said.

•A return of "Name That Tune" games, which have been held in the past.

•A "show and tell." Past items included a Shirley Temple doll and wedding dresses

## Classes

Several types of instructional classes were brought up. They includ-

ed:

•Crocheting and/or embroidery lessons.

Similar lessons have been offered previously.

•Silver Sneakers yoga and Tai-Chi were offered as possibilities. Allen said the Bedford County Extension Office has held Tai-Chi classes.

•Cellphone and computer classes.

•Information on wills and trusts. Allen said Shelbyville-Bedford County Senior Citizens Center offers similar instruction.

•Crafts such as making "sock critters," water coloring, jewelry making, a "what can you make with this?" challenge and origami.

•Cooking for one or two. Another attendee suggested recipes for diabetics.

•Personal safety classes, which have been taught by Shelbyville police officers, along with a police dog demonstration and senior driving courses. Some insurance companies offer discounts to those who have completed such courses.

Some concerns were expressed about seniors not coming to the Rec Center due to medical issues — in particular, those with Parkinson's disease hoping to avoid what they considered embarrassment

## China's Xi rejects 'Cold War mentality,' pushes cooperation

GENEVA (AP) — Chinese President Xi Jinping said Monday that his country will send an additional 1 billion doses of COVID-19 vaccine to other countries, calling for global cooperation to tackle the pandemic and other challenges while urging other powers to discard a "Cold War mentality" — a veiled swipe at the United States.

Xi touted China's efforts to share vaccines, fight climate change and promote development in the opening speech of a virtual gathering hosted by the World Economic Forum. The online event is being held after the group put off its annual meeting in Davos, Switzerland, because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Efforts to battle the global outbreak that has claimed over 5.5 million

lives and upended the world economy and climate change were prominent themes Monday.

In a panel session on the virus, Moderna's CEO said the vaccine maker was working on a single-shot booster for both COVID-19 and the flu, while U.S. infectious diseases expert Dr. Anthony Fauci lamented as "very disturbing" the reluctance of many Americans to follow basic measures like mask-wearing and getting vaccinated.

Xi, who hasn't left China since the coronavirus emerged in early 2020, said his country has exported more than 2 billion doses of its COVID-19 vaccines to over 120 countries and international institutions. He announced plans to provide an additional 1 billion, including a donation of 600 mil-

lion doses to Africa and an extra 150 million to Southeast Asia.

By comparison, managers of the U.N.-backed COVAX program to ship vaccines to developing countries announced over the weekend that it has now delivered 1 billion vaccine doses.

Xi touched on standard themes from previous international addresses, including responding to trading partners' complaints by promising to open China's state-dominated economy wider to private and foreign competition.

His comments come as tensions between the United States and China have simmered on topics like Taiwan, intellectual property, trade, human rights and the South China Sea.

"We need to discard Cold War mentality and

seek peaceful coexistence and win-win outcomes," Xi said through a translator. "Protectionism and unilateralism can protect no one. ... Even worse are the practices of hegemony and bullying, which run counter to the tide of history" — terms Beijing has used to describe U.S. policy and actions.

"A zero-sum approach that enlarges one's own gain at the expense of others will not help," he added. "The right way forward for humanity is peaceful development and win-win cooperation."

Xi said China "stands ready to work with" other governments on climate change but announced no new initiatives and offered no resources. He said it was up to developed countries to provide money and technology.



# Law Enforcement officers honored for service



Shelbyville Police Chief Jan Phillips recently celebrated his 45th anniversary with the department.



Sgt. Benji Burris



Sgt. Jared Featherstone



Dep. Jose Garza



Dep. Tylar Prosser



Dep. Tim Fox



Dep. David Burns



Dep. Tony Schafer




Dep. Savannah Martin

**E**ight employees of the Bedford County Sheriff's Office have been honored for service anniversaries. Deputy Tim Fox and Sgt. Benji Burris are celebrating 15 years. Sgt. Jared Featherstone, Dep. David Burns, Dep. Jose Garza, Dep. Tylar Prosser, Dep. Tony Schafer, and Det. Savannah Martin are all celebrating 5 years. Each received accommodation bars from Sheriff Austin Swing.

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# Best used-by dates

**Dear Heloise:** For all groceries that I store in my kitchen cupboards or refrigerator, I check the expiration date and write it on the item with a black permanent marker. That way, when I take an item out to use, I don't have to look for the small printed date. I also use a dry erase marker to mark the containers of leftovers that I put in my refrigerator. That way, I know how long it's been in there and whether it's still good. -- Mary in Vermont

## Hints from Heloise

Heloise



Prattville, Alabama

### REMOVING PAINT SMELL

**Dear Heloise:** Instead of using vinegar after painting, use 1 tablespoon of pure vanilla in the paint. It will not change the color. I've tried all types of paint and vinegar, but only vanilla works to get rid of the smell for me. Hope this helps others. -- Adele Robichaux, Marrero, Louisiana

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

### BAKED ITALIAN CHICKEN

**Dear Heloise:** My mother used to make your Baked Italian Chicken recipe, but she passed away two years ago, and I can't ask her what the ingredients were or how long to cook the chicken. Since I work full time, I don't have time or energy to fuss over elaborate recipes. And as I recall, this was a simple recipe that only took a short time to prepare and tasted great. Would you reprint the Italian chicken ingredients? -- Catherine T., Frenchtown, R.I.

Catherine, this was a favorite of my family, too. It's so quick and easy to make. You'll need:

- 1 chicken, cut up or equivalent parts
  - 1 (8 ounce) bottle of nonfat (or regular) Italian salad dressing
  - 1 medium onion, peeled and sliced
  - 4 medium potatoes, sliced (peeled or not) into bite-size pieces
- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Spray a casserole dish with nonstick spray. Place the chicken in the casserole and cover with the Italian dressing. Top with the onion and potatoes. Bake for about 1 hour or until done.
- If easy, fast recipes appeal to you, then you'll enjoy my pamphlet "Heloise's All-Time Favorite Recipes." To receive a copy, go to [www.Heloise.com](http://www.Heloise.com) or send \$5, along with a stamped, self-addressed, long envelope to: Heloise/All Time Fav., P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001.
- There's nothing that tastes as good as a home-cooked meal on these chilly winter evenings. -- Heloise

### RECYCLING VASES

**Dear Heloise:** I was hospitalized twice last year and received several beautiful bouquets in vases. As I was putting the vases away, I realized that I had two boxes of vases from other bouquets. So I called my local florist and asked if they could use them. They were delighted, as they have difficulty getting vases delivered with the pandemic and supply shortage. The florist picked them up and even offered a discount on my next purchase! -- G.B. in Texas

### CONTAINING LITTER

**Dear Heloise:** We all know that litter along the highways is a real eyesore. Here is my solution to help prevent litter. In your vehicle, open the glove box, take a plastic grocery bag and hang one of the handles over the left corner of the glove box and close the glove box -- an instant litter bag! When it's full, remove and toss it in your home trash container and replace with a new bag. Help keep our highways clean. -- Dick B., Taylorsville, N.C.

Dick, while traveling, this is a good idea to help keep highways free of litter. -- Heloise

### STOP CREDIT CARD FRAUD FAST

**Dear Heloise:** Credit cards have text message alerts for purchases made on your card. Please sign up for this service to stop fraud immediately, instead of checking your statements monthly. -- Mike Morrow, via email

### GREASE IN GARBAGE

**Dear Heloise:** I read, with interest, the solution for putting grease in the garbage. I have a better solution. I cut the tops off of milk cartons or other plastic containers and put all wet garbage in it, then sit it in the garbage bag to go out. This includes coffee grounds, etc. This also cuts down on the amount of garbage. A fervent reader. -- Edna Howel,

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.

## WEDNESDAY

### Blood drive

A blood drive is scheduled at First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, Jan. 19 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

## JAN. 22

### Food giveaway

Scott's Chapel United Methodist Church, 940 Morton St., will hold its Seasoned With A Touch of Salt Food Pantry food giveaway at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22.

## JAN. 25

### SCV meeting

Maj. Gen. Benjamin F. Cheatham Camp 72, Sons of Confederate Veterans, will have their regular dinner 6 p.m. Tuesday, January 25 at the Oak Restaurant in Manchester. The meeting will start at

7 p.m.

Meetings are open to the general public and all War Between the States buffs have a special invitation for the program.

## JAN. 27

### 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.

## JAN. 29

### Wild game BBQ

Grace Outdoors, a program at Grace Baptist Church in Tullahoma, is hosting a Wild Game Barbecue and Chili at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29. Hall of Fame professional fisherman Hank Parker will speak. Deer, elk, nilgai, raccoon, and more are on the menu. Outdoors-related door prizes will be awarded,

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FEB. 16

### Food giveaway

South Central Human Resources Agency will have a commodity giveaway Wednesday, Feb. 16 from 10 a.m.-noon at Bedford County Agriculture Center, 2119 Midland Road, SCHRA staff members will obtain information from participants and place food in vehicles. For more information call 931-685-9962. Eligibility is based on total household income within certain guidelines and/or receiving aid from one or more federal programs or residing in public housing.

### CANCELLATION

### VFW Music Night

VFW Post 5019, 1320 E. Depot St., has cancelled its monthly third-Saturday of the month music night through March. Plans are to resume the first Saturday in April. For more information, call 931-607-3149 or 931-684-2523.

### 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 Melissa, 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.

# FirstBank investing in affordable housing

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—FirstBank has committed to a \$10 million investment in The Housing Fund for the organization's Shared Equity Program of affordable housing. The money will fund home loans made to low to moderate income individuals in majority minority census tracts for families in Tennessee.

"At FirstBank, one of our main priorities is community, and we know the importance of giving back to the communities we serve," said Chris Holmes, president and CEO of FirstBank. "FirstBank fully supports the mission and vision of The Housing Fund, and we are grateful for the opportunity to partner with them through their Shared Equity Program, which will go a long way toward equipping Tennesseans with financial stability and security."

Marshall Crawford, president and CEO of The Housing Fund, added, "We are thankful for FirstBank's partnership and for this generous investment. Our ultimate goal is to break the cycle of poverty for families across Tennessee, and we know that means

creating access to wealth-building opportunities through homeownership. FirstBank's investment will play a major role in helping us reach our goals through leveraging additional capital, preserving and maintaining existing affordable housing, and creating new affordable housing options in Nashville and across the state."

The Shared Equity Program allows for sustainable, continuous affordable housing solutions through renewable single-family units. It is designed for homes to be purchased by and eventually resold to low- to moderate-income individuals and families, constantly renewing the available affordable housing stock.

"We are privileged to see firsthand the tremendous, positive impact that owning a home can have on an individual or family," said Calvin Dunning, vice president, Fair Lending and CRA for FirstBank. "The Housing Fund has been instrumental in creating affordable, sustainable housing solutions. FirstBank is committed to doing our part to help

ensure our neighbors have access to these ownership opportunities."

Homebuyers in the program are only required to provide 1 percent of the purchase price, with 25 percent contributed by The Housing Fund and the other 74 percent coming from a FirstBank loan. Once the homeowner is ready to move on, they can sell it only to another qualified low- to moderate-income buyer affiliated with The Housing Fund. At closing, The Housing Fund gets back its 25 percent contribution at 0 percent interest. Any appreciation in value is split between the seller and The Housing Fund, which then reinvests that money back into the home by helping the next buyer with a 25 percent contribution toward their purchase.

Shelbyville FirstBank is located at 508 Madison Street.

### About The Housing Fund

Since its incorporation in 1996, The Housing Fund has assisted over 3,900 first-time homebuyers receive over \$29 million in

down payment assistance loans, as well as provided more than \$60 million in financing to assist individuals and organizations purchase, rehabilitate, or construct homes for low- and moderate-income families. THF has lent over \$89 million, which has leveraged over \$500 million in private financing for more than 6,000 units.

### About FirstBank

Nashville-based FirstBank, a wholly owned subsidiary of FB Financial Corporation (NYSE: FBK), is the third largest Tennessee-headquartered bank, with 82 full-service branches across Tennessee, south central Kentucky, Alabama and North Georgia, and a national mortgage business with offices across the Southeast. The bank serves five of the major metropolitan markets in Tennessee and, with approximately \$11.9 billion in total assets, has the resources to provide a comprehensive variety of financial services and products.

# Make positive changes for 2022

Before you completely overhaul the way you live, keep in mind making positive changes may just be a few simple steps away. Starting small with

attainable goals can help keep you on the right track throughout the year.

**Drink More Water**  
Preventing dehydration, keeping a normal body

temperature and lubricating joints are all benefits of drinking enough water daily. Try carrying a reusable bottle as a reminder, choosing water over sugary drinks and opting for water when dining out.

**Learn to Cook**  
If you're not comfortable in the kitchen, start with simple recipes that

don't force you to sacrifice flavor. After all, an eating plan is easier to stick to when you enjoy the foods you're making.

**Eat More Whole Grains**  
Skip refined grains and instead opt for whole grains like brown rice and quinoa, which offer a more complete package of health benefits.

## TO DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS 2020 PROPERTY TAX

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**AG NOTES**

By **JOHN TEAGUE**  
 UT/TSU Extension

**MEETINGS**

The Middle Tennessee Grain Conference is coming up on Tuesday, February 1, and it will be held at the UT Space Institute at Tullahoma. The address is 411 B. H. Goethert Parkway, Tullahoma. The doors open at 7:30 a.m. with registration and the sessions will start at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided at 12:15.

The opening session will begin with an update on the Mater Row Crop program, a discussion on the Wine and Spirits industry and the spent-by-products, a Tennessee Corn Producers Board update, and the same from the Tennessee Soybean Council.

Other topics to be presented include carbon credits, controlling diseases and mycotoxins in corn, the economics of storage bins versus bags, and grass and vine control in corn. Dicamba-resistant pigweed management in soybeans will be discussed. Farm transition

planning and will be presented.

Corn and soybean fertility research and resources will be covered, as well as implementation of nutrient loss reduction strategy. Fertilizer market updates and futuristic farming technology will be discussed.

The registration fee for the grain conference is \$10, and can be paid at the Bedford County Extension office at 2105 Midland road. Registration can be paid at the door as well. However, please call the extension and let us know if you are attending to help with the meal planning.

Dicamba and Parquat recertification will be held on site. The \$25 fee for this training will be collected at the conference site.

**CONCERNS**

Farmers have been hit with fertilizer prices that have tripled since last year. This is a big topic of conversation with them on what to do in the face of making crop decisions, whether the crop a row crop

or pasture or hay.

There will be a free webinar featuring four UT specialists that are well-versed in this dilemma and are coming together with information that can be of help. Dr. Shawn Hawkins is an expert in animal waste management and land application of animal waste.

Dr. Lori Duncan is trained in precision fertilizer application and works on sustainable production cropping systems. She is also the coordinator of the master row crop program.

Dr. Aaron Smith is a well-known crop economist, and he is concerned with the dollars and cents involved and trying to help make sense of it all. He has a farm background himself and is widely appreciated for his comments.

Dr. Neal Eash is a soil health expert and is well-versed in soil management. He has good information to share on this topic.

The webinar is January 25 form 6-8 p.m. CST. Registration is required so that you can have

access online. The link to register can be found at [tiny.utk.edu/fertilizer](http://tiny.utk.edu/fertilizer), or if you have trouble, contact me by email at [jteague@utk.edu](mailto:jteague@utk.edu) and I can forward you the exact link to the registration page.

This will be a good meeting to address a very serious issue. I encourage farmers to tune in.

**THE KIDS**

The boys have been skiing, and they have developed into some pretty skilled and fast snow kids. Ford looked good on video of skiing downhill, and I think he might be ready for the Winter Olympics in a few weeks. Hank prefers the snowboard and he looked awesome in his video doing some tricks. I'm amazed at how good they are doing in such a short time. I'm happy if I can keep from falling in the mud!!

Piper has been good help at the barn by giving a bottle to Hungry Harry, a triplet kid whose momma doesn't have enough milk for her three little goats. And she

is a kitten wrangler and a puppy wrangler, too. She is an avid reader (well, she thinks she's reading so we go along!). The other day she read to her mom from the Holy Book that street rats were bad. She was very sure that was what she was reading and about what it was saying! (I think she was right!) Never a dull moment with our little bunch! Love 'em.

**WISDOM**

The Progressive Farmer's Cornerstone section is on seeds this month. There are a couple that I liked well enough to share.

Confucius said "If you think in terms of a year, plant a seed; in terms of ten years, plant trees; in terms of 100 years, teach the people." Charles Dudley Warner said "To own a bit of ground, to scratch it with a hoe, to plant seeds, and watch the renewal of life, this is the commonest delight of the race, the most satisfactory thing a man can do."

Think about it.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS**

**01/04/2022—01/10/22**  
 Dominic Janosek, Courtney Janosek to Matthew Robert Strom—\$450,000, Apple Blossom Trail  
 Legacy Farm Group LLC to S And S Partnership—\$210,000, 0 acres, Hwy 64 West  
 Brian Kilgore to Mauro Eliseo, Hernandez Lopez, Margarita Martinez Sepulveda—\$569,900, 0 acres, Longview Rd.  
 SDH Nashville LLC to James F. Stemper Jr., Katherine S. Stemper—\$295,615, 0 acres, Triple Crown Ct.  
 Bedford Development LLC to Ole South Properties Inc.—0 money, 0 acres, no address  
 Beth Lawwell to

Tommy Lawwell, Peggy Lawwell—\$50,000, 1.24 acres, John Shaw Rd.  
 Jeremiah P. Chapman, Ashley Chapman to Jose Martin Castro, Juana Marquecho Ramirez—\$399,000, 0 acres, Gregory Mill Rd.  
 Javier Reyes, Gregoria Morales to Cindy E. Morris, Kevin E. Morris—\$280,000, 0 acres, no address  
 Jessica L. Mooneyham to Patrick Mooneyham—0 money, 2.34 acres, Hwy 82 S.  
 David M. Doub, Elizabeth H. Doub to Geneva F. Melson, Joseph Kristopher Williams, Melita Melson Bradley, Samuel Daxton Melson—\$317,500, 0 acres, no address  
 Stephen E. Shires, Vicki T. Shires to Marsha

Seltzer, Travis M. Monroe—\$833,000, 25.72 acres, Normandy Rd.  
 Treasured Homes LLC to Yesenia Lira Garcia, Alberto Garcia Macias—\$287,500, 2.06 acres, Peacock Lane  
 Preston M. Evans to Cheyenne L. Sanderson—0 money, 0 acres, Virginia Ct.  
 SDH Nashville LLC to Corwin J. Lenoir—\$298,570, 0 acres, Triple Crown Ct.  
 Mac Construction LLC to Katelyn Joyce Carter—\$200,000, 0 acres, Smith St.  
 Freddie Roger Brown to Cyntha Renea Brown—0 money, 11.2 acres, Whiteside Rd.  
 Henry Nichols, Lula Nichols to Terry Lee Nichols—0 money, 0 acres, no address

Jason Jent, Jeffrey Moore, Rob Huey, Bobby Wilhoite to Connelly Group Inc.—\$299,250, 0 acres, Lower Halls Mill Rd.  
 Johnathon B. Wendel, Ruth A. Eakes to Johnathon B. Wendel—0 money, 0 acres, Whitaker Rd.  
 Tony L. Warfield, Janitria L. Young to Tony I. Warfield—0 money, 0 acres, Avalon Dr.  
 Marsha L. Spence to Brienne Miller, Nell Miller—\$317,000, 0.54 acres, Big Springs Rd.  
 Michael Chrisman to Ronald Nelson Wix, Susan Elizabeth Wix—\$448,000, 0 acres, Kingdom Rd.  
 Keith D. Rosbury, Lorraine J. Rosbury, Rosbury Tennessee Community Property, Andrew Rosebury, Cindy Hollowell Trust to

Travis Layne, Lindsey Layne—\$461,000, 5 acres, Arnold Rd.  
 Global Homes Inc. to Julie Ann Smith, Doug Smith, Lisa Smith—\$289,900, 0 acres, no address  
 SDH Nashville LLC to Tiffany Nicole Butler—\$312,890, 0 acres, Triple Crown Ct.  
 Rhonda K. Staggs to Rhonda K. Staggs, Kathleen A. Brown—0 money, 0.48 acres, High St., Wartrace  
 Robinson Home Buyers LLC, William Russell Robinson, Lesley Anne Robinson to Sterling P. Smith—\$255,000, 0 acres, Jamie Ct.  
 Martin Lafferty, Gwendolyn Lafferty, Gail Northcutt, Lincoln B. Northcutt, Stephen R.

Northcutt to Tory May Homes LLC—\$30,000, 0 acres, S. Cannon Blvd.  
 Martin Lafferty, Gwendolyn Lafferty to Tory May Homes LLC—\$150,000, 0 acres, S. Cannon Blvd.  
 John P. Perryman to Thomas Wendell Ingram Jr.—\$163,000, 0 acres, Austin Ave.  
 Alex Weatherford, Marissa Ann Weatherford to Edna Germain—\$237,000, 0 acres, Fort Circle, Wartrace  
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# Champs thump Grundy County in 7-AA opener

**T-G STAFF REPORT**

COALMONT — There was plenty of offense to be had in the District 7-AA opener between the Cascade Champions and the Grundy County Yellow Jackets.

Cascade saw 11 players pencil their name in the scoring column, while Grundy County saw nine players score.

Even with both offenses firing, it was Cascade who nearly hit the century mark and blew out Grundy County to open up league play with a 98-67 victory.

From the opening tip-off, Cascade's game ran through senior Justis Carter, who scored 30 points to lead all scorers.

In the first quarter, six different Champions scored.

Carter knocked down nine to open the frame, while Chance Brown, Thomas Gentry and Jackson Davis all connected from range to balance the Champs in the half-court.

After dropping 29 on Grundy County in the opening frame, Cascade continued to pour on the offense and added a staggering 31 points.

Carter added another nine points in the second quarter, while Lucas Clanton rattled loose for nine of his own, including a pair of 3-pointers.

By halftime, Cascade built a 60-41 advantage.

After the intermission, Cascade went back to work and another five players scored to power an 18-point quarter, while defensively holding the Yellow Jackets to 11 points.

Cascade closed the game on a 20-15 run to preserve the 31-point margin of victory.

Carter's 30 points led all scorers, while Davis added 16.

Clanton also finished in double figures with 11 points.

Jayden Gulick, Isaac McElroy, Saebyn Burris, Zach Crosslin and Gentry all added six points for the

Champs' efforts as well.

While they were efficient in just about every facet of the offensive game plan, Cascade didn't work its way to the line a ton, but when they did, they proved efficient as well.

As a team, Cascade went 12-of-13.

Grundy County, but contrast, went just 5-of-7 attempts at the line.

Both teams connected on nine treys in the contest.

Cascade returns to action in district play on Tuesday night at Forrest.

Cascade 29 31 18 20 — 98  
Grundy Co. 20 21 11 15 — 67  
Cascade: Justis Carter 30, Jackson Davis 16, Lucas Clanton 11, Jayden Gulick 6, Thomas Gentry 6, Isaac McElroy 6, Saebyn Burris 6, Zach Crosslin 6, Chance Brown 5, Caden Hammonds 3, Nick Harris 2.  
Grundy Co.: Sam Parson 17, Gavin Hobbs 10, Austin Higgins 9, Jr. Crisp 8, Brendon Marsh 7, Jathon Yokely 6, Isaac Campbell 4, Garret Dees 3, Jordan Nance 3.  
3-Point goals: Cascade (9): Clanton 2, Gentry 2, Gulick 2, Brown, Hammonds, Davis; Grundy Co. (9): Parson 4, Hobbs 2, Nance, Marsh, Dees.  
Halftime score: Cascade 60, Grundy Co. 41.

**Justis Carter led all scorers at Grundy County with 30 points.**

T-G File Photo by Chris Siers



# Lady Champions can't recover in second half

**T-G STAFF REPORT**

COALMONT — A monster first half by Grundy County was more than the Cascade Lady Champions were able to overcome in a District 7-AA loss to the Lady Yellow Jackets.

Grundy County placed just seven players in double figures, but five of the seven hit double figures and the hosts downed the Lady Champions, 65-42.

Right out of the gates, Grundy County jumped out to a 12-point lead with a 20-point effort in the first quarter.

Cascade struggled to get open looks from the floor in the first half, but was able to work its way to the free throw line thanks to the efforts of Caroline Stone.

Of Cascade's eight first-quarter points, Stone connected on 4-of-6 attempts at the charity stripe.

The lone first-quarter field goal came courtesy of Jordan Green in the first frame.

Grundy County, meanwhile, saw Kaylee Smartt connected on a pair of first-quarter 3-pointers to balance the Lady Yellow Jacket offense.

After racing out to a 20-8 lead in the first frame, the hosts stretched their lead to 26 points by halftime with a 23-point second quarter.

In the second frame, Grundy County connected on another three 3-pointers

in the quarter.

Cascade, meanwhile, struggled to match pace and was only able to add another nine points before the half.

Scoring slowed down considerably in the second half for Grundy County.

Cascade rallied in the third frame and out-scored the Lady Yellow Jackets, 10-7 in the third period and matched the 15-point effort by the hosts in the fourth quarter.

Carlee Smartt led all scorers with 15 points, while Wrylee McDaniel and Kaylee Smartt added 12 apiece.

Abigail Childers and Jaidys McDaniel chipped in 10 apiece for Grundy County.

Caroline Stone led two Lady Champions in double figures with 13 points, while Sophie Ray added 10.

While offense was a struggle at times, Cascade did prove effective at the free throw line and cashed in on 19-of-27 attempts.

Cascade will be back in action on Tuesday night, looking for its first District 7-AA win at Forrest.

Cascade 8 9 10 15 — 42  
Grundy Co. 20 23 7 15 — 65  
Cascade: Caroline Stone 13, Sophie Ray 10, Anna Clanton 5, Makenna Lamb 4, Jordan Green 3, Annabelle Calvert 2, Maribel de la Rosa 2, Lani Jones.  
Grundy Co.: Carlee Smartt 15, Wrylee McDaniel 12, Kaylee Smartt 12, Abigail Childers 10, Jaidys McDaniel 10, Charlie Campbell 4, Katherine Lusk 2.  
3-Point goals: Grundy Co. (5): K. Smartt 4, C. Smartt; Cascade (1): Clanton.  
Halftime score: Grundy Co. 43, Cascade 17.



**Sophie Ray (10) scored hit double figures and scored 10 points for Cascade on Friday night at Grundy County.**

T-G File Photo by Chris Siers

# Georgia celebrates title at stadium, Smart plans repeat

By **CHARLES ODUM**  
AP Sports Writer

Georgia coach Kirby Smart told a near-capacity crowd at Sanford Stadium on Saturday the Bulldogs don't plan to wait another 41 years for their next national championship.

"It's moments and events like this that allow us to look back and allow us to look forward," Smart said. "... We're burning the boats, baby, and we're coming back! Go Dogs!"

The celebration, attended by Southeastern Conference commissioner Greg Sankey and Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp, followed a parade to Sanford

Stadium.

Georgia finished 14-1 and No. 1 in the final AP Top 25 following its 33-18 win over Alabama in the national championship game on Monday night in Indianapolis.

"As the commissioner of the Southeastern Conference, I think the four-team playoff worked pretty well this year, didn't it?" Sankey asked, referring to efforts to expand the playoff.

Georgia announced Friday it had no more tickets available for the celebration at the stadium, where the capacity is 92,746.

Only 10 weeks after hundreds

of thousands of fans attended a two-stage parade in Atlanta to celebrate the Braves' first World Series title since 1995, the state of Georgia witnessed another championship celebration.

Georgia defensive tackle Jordan Davis didn't miss the opportunity to pay tribute to the state's tandem of titles.

"Go Braves and go Dogs!" Davis said, before lifting his College Football Playoff hoodie to reveal a Braves jersey. Georgia fans responded with an impromptu tomahawk chop and chant used by Braves fans.

Fans lined Brumplekin Street in Athens, Georgia, for the parade

to celebrate the Bulldogs' first national championship since 1980.

Smart, wife Mary Beth and their three children took selfie photos as they stood in the back of a pickup truck at the start of the parade. Other pickups, convertibles and flatbed trucks carried Georgia players and assistant coaches on the short ride from the team's Butts-Mehre football facility to Sanford Stadium.

Smart began looking ahead to the 2022 season immediately after Monday night's win over Alabama. He knew he would lose some of his top players.

On Friday, five top juniors

— running back Zamir White, wide receiver George Pickens, linebacker Nakobe Dean, safety Lewis Cine, and defensive lineman Travon Walker—announced their intentions to enter the NFL draft.

Two seniors, running back James Cook and offensive lineman Jamaree Salyer, have said they won't return for their final year of eligibility.

Georgia is still awaiting decisions from other players. Senior quarterback Stetson Bennett, who also has a year of eligibility remaining, has said he intends to play in 2022 and has long-term plans to enter law school.



## SPORTS CALENDAR

### Unionville Youth Baseball-Softball

Unionville Youth Baseball-Softball League signups will be held Saturday, January 22 and 29 from 9 a.m.-noon at the Unionville Fire Hall.

### Shelbyville-Bedford Co. Baseball

Shelbyville-Bedford County Baseball will be hosting walk-in signups in the meeting room at Shelbyville Recreation Center.

Signup dates are Saturday, January 29 and Saturday, February 5, 12 and 19, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; and Tuesday, February 8, Sports 6-8 p.m.

For more information contact Tim Burns, 931-575-1802.

## Eagles falter in 4th

**T-G STAFF REPORT WINCHESTER** — Shelbyville Central saw the game slip away in the fourth quarter in the Golden Eagles' 62-53 loss at Franklin County in a District 6 4-A battle on Friday night.

Leading 37-31, Shelbyville Central was outscored 26-17 in the fourth quarter as the Rebel's found a way to close out the game down the stretch.

Jayshon Jones netted a dozen points, Kyler Trice followed with 11 while

Jason Ragland contributed 10 to pace the Eagles in scoring.

Debron Russell had the hot hand for the winners with 26 points.

The Eagles (4-11, 1-1) travel to Coffee County on Tuesday night at 7:30 for a district matchup.

Shelbyville Central 12 9 16 17-53  
Franklin County 10 12 9 26-62  
Shelbyville Central (53) - Tim Parsons 5, Jayshon Jones 12, Zay Reese 7, Jason Ragland 10, Joe Harris 9, Kyler Trice 11.  
Franklin County (62) - Keadre Johnson 4, Kai Baker 9, Debron Russell 26, Kaleb Rigby 8, Shaimar Lyons, 9.  
3-point goals - Shelbyville Central (6): Harris 3, Trice 2, Reese; Franklin County (2): Russell 2.  
Halftime - Franklin County 22, Shelbyville Central 21.

## Franklin Co. rallies to down Eaglettes

**T-G STAFF REPORT WINCHESTER** — It was a tough loss on the road as Shelbyville Central's Golden Eaglettes fell 58-54 to Franklin County on Friday evening in a District 6 4-A contest.

After posting a 17-13 lead at the end of the first quarter, the Eaglettes trailed 28-23 at halftime and 43-34 going into the fourth quarter.

Katie Walker pitched in a game-high 23 points for Franklin County while

Madison King collected 11.

Shelbyville Central was led by Paige Blackburn's 20 points with Lilly Brown adding 16 markers.

The Eaglettes (10-7, 0-2) return to district action at Coffee County on Tuesday evening at 6.

Shelbyville Central 17 6 11 20-54  
Franklin County 13 15 17 15-58  
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Franklin County (58) - Ada Watkins 2, Madison King 11, Destiny Russell 2, Katie Walker 23, Danica Stovall 5, Daryn Morris 5, Heidi Seay 1, Lucy Barnes 9.  
3-point goals - Shelbyville Central (6): Blackburn 4, Harris, L. Brown, Franklin County (3): King, Walker, Morris.  
Halftime - Franklin County 28, Shelbyville Central 23.

## Foyt team hires 1st female driver

**By JENNA FRYER**  
AP Auto Racing Writer  
Tatiana Calderon will drive for AJ Foyt Racing this season as the first woman to compete regularly in the IndyCar Series since 2013.

The Colombian will drive a third Indy car for Foyt on the street and road courses alongside Dalton Kellett and Indy Lights champion Kyle Kirkwood. A driver for the oval races in the No. 11 was not announced Monday.

Calderon will be sponsored by ROKiT Group, a media company that has also committed to sponsoring fellow rookie Kirkwood this season.

IndyCar has not had a female driver consistently compete in the series since Simona de Silvestro in 2013, although de Silvestro did run the Indy 500 last season for a team comprised primarily of women.

Calderon becomes the first woman to compete for Foyt, the iconic four-time Indianapolis 500 winner who turned 87 on Sunday. Foyt was one of the very few who showed grace to Janet Guthrie when she began her quest to become the first woman to run the Indy 500 almost 50 years ago.

As Guthrie attempted to prove her readiness to series officials during a 1976 test in a slow, uncompetitive car, Foyt kindly allowed her to turn laps in his backup. The faster machine allowed Guthrie to get up to speed and earn the right to attempt to qualify for the 500, although Foyt never fielded a car for the trailblazer.

With support from the ROKiT Group, Foyt will now have a woman in one of his cars. ROKiT has supported Calderon since

2020 when she competed in the World Endurance Championship and Super Formula Japan.

"One of our fundamental principles in the overall marketing of the ROKiT brand worldwide is our support and promotion of women in motorsport and, as part of that principle, we've supported Tatiana for a long time now," CEO Jonathan Kendrick said. "We recognized her talent and charisma early on, which we've seen grow and develop."

"We know Tatiana is already a role model to many young female drivers around the world and we think the huge exposure of the IndyCar Series will serve only to increase her reach even further to become an inspiration to many more women to get involved in motorsports."

The 28-year-old Calderon spent the last two seasons competing in Super Formula in Japan for Threebond Drago Corse and for Richard Mille Racing in the FIA World Endurance Championship. She has also been a Formula One test driver for Alfa Romeo the past four years.

Born in Bogota and currently living in Madrid, Calderon tested the No. 14 Chevrolet at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Ohio last July to join the process for her to start IndyCar.

"Ever since I started my single seater career in the United States 11 years ago, IndyCar has been a reference for me and it's a dream come true to be on the grid this year," she said. "I'm well aware of the challenge ahead, but this is the chance of a lifetime and I'm keen on making the most of it."



T-G Photo by Rickey Clardy

The 2021-22 Community Middle Viqueens.

## Middle Viqueens take 2nd in DRVC tourney

**By RICKEY CLARDY**  
Sports Writer

The Community Middle girls concluded their 2021-22 basketball season with a second place finish in the Duck River Valley Conference tournament Saturday at Cascade.

The Viqueens defeated Eagleville and Liberty to advance to the tournament championship before losing to Westwood in the finals.

Jayla Mangrum and Kylie Dalton were named to the all-conference regular season team. Brailey Whitehead

and Kathryn Sego were selected to the all-tournament team.

The Viqueens, who also took home second place in the World Tournament to start the season, finished with a 16-8 record.

## Djokovic out, but vaccine debate stays in Australian Open tennis

**By STEVE McMORRAN and BRUCE MATTHEWS**  
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — To some, it seemed a cloud had been lifted from the Australian Open. To others, Novak Djokovic still was almost palpably present, the name on everyone's lips on the opening day of the first major tennis tournament of the year.

Djokovic left Australia late Sunday when he failed in his legal challenge to overturn the cancellation of his visa due to his lack of a COVID-19 vaccination. His flight from Melbourne was touching down in Dubai early Monday just as the first matches of the tournament began.

As the No. 1-ranked male player and the three-time defending champion, Djokovic would have been the marquee attraction of the tournament. In absentia, he still exercised an outsized influence on opening day.

Miomir Kecmanovic, who was due to play Djokovic in the first round on Monday but instead faced Salvatore Caruso of Italy, dedicated his 6-4, 6-2, 6-1 win to his fellow Serb.

He said Djokovic had been treated unjustly by politicians.

When Dusan Lajovic beat Marton Fucsovics of Hungary in a tight five-setter, a Serbian fan immediately tweeted "Dusan Lajovic has avenged his Serbian brother by eliminating Martin Fucsovics."

Fucsovics had angered Djokovic's supporters before the tournament when he was quoted in the media criticizing Djokovic's unvaccinated status and decision to travel to Australia.

Djokovic received an exemption from vaccination rules to play in the Australian Open, based on a coronavirus infection in mid-December. But upon arrival, border officials said the exemption was not valid and moved to deport him — sparking an 11-day legal battle and an ongoing political drama.

After his win at Melbourne Park, Lajovic displayed a Serbian flag emblazoned with Djokovic's image and the words "like it or not, The Greatest of All Time."

Lajovic said denying Djokovic the opportunity to defend his Australian Open title would only make Djokovic more determined to become the best

ever tennis player.

"I think the way they treated him was terribly wrong. I think the decision itself was terribly wrong, and also the reason why they did it is also for me terribly wrong," Lajovic said. "I hope that in the future he will be the best tennis player in history, and that this will be only looked at as a setback on his path."

Coach and analyst Darren Cahill told Australian television "the players are relieved" that Djokovic's departure focused attention on tennis.

The former coach of world No. 1's Andre Agassi, Lleyton Hewitt and Simona Halep told the Nine Network "there has been a cloud hanging over the players."

"I hated the exemption that he had because I think that exemption is really for people who want to get vaccinated and can't get vaccinated because they have contracted COVID in the last three or six months, and Novak never wanted to get vaccinated," Cahill said.

Australian federal Treasurer Josh Frydenberg rejected the assertion of Serbia President Alexander Vucic that Djokovic was mentally and physically mistreated in Australia.

"I make no apologies for the application of the rules here in Australia around our border protection policies that have helped keep us safe," Frydenberg said. "It doesn't matter whether you're the No. 1 tennis player in the world or Betty from Utah, if you're unvaccinated, the same rules apply."

Around 50 people gathered for a peaceful rally outside the Melbourne Park complex late Monday in the shadows of Rod Laver Arena, protesting Djokovic's deportation.

One of the activists held a hand-painted banner saying that Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison should be ashamed of the decision. Another proudly displayed a banner that read "Deport the Australian (government) for inciting international scorn and ridicule on this nation."

Opinion remained divided worldwide on whether Djokovic should have been allowed to compete in the Australian Open despite not being vaccinated against COVID-19.

Djokovic has overwhelming sup-

port from his home country of Serbia, whose president said Australia embarrassed itself. He has also been held up as a hero by some in the anti-vaccine movement.

Others were quick to criticize. One of Italy's greatest tennis players, Adriano Panatta, called Djokovic's expulsion from Australia "the most natural epilogue of this affair."

French tennis player Alize Cornet expressed sympathy while reserving judgment.

"I know too little to judge the situation," she posted on Twitter. "What I know is that Novak is always the first one to stand up for the players. But none of us stood for him. Be strong."

It's not clear where Djokovic will play next, and he is the defending champion at the next scheduled major, the French Open in May-June.

A member of the French Parliament said a new law that will exclude unvaccinated people from sports venues, restaurants and other public places will apply to anyone who wants to play in the French Open.

The comments Monday from Christophe Castaner, a former member of President Emmanuel Macron's government, and a tweet from the sports minister late Sunday marked a reversal from prior plans to create a "bubble" around the French Open, scheduled for late May into June.

"Mr. Djokovic has no business playing if he doesn't respect a rule that applies to spectators, ball collectors, to the professional who will work in boutiques at Roland-Garros," Castaner told BFM television.

Sports minister Roxana Maracineanu said in a tweet the law will apply to French citizens and foreigners alike. But she said sports officials "will work together to preserve the competitions and make ourselves the ambassadors of these measures at the international level."

Djokovic is also the defending champion at Wimbledon. England has allowed exemptions from various coronavirus regulations for visiting athletes, if they remain at their accommodation when not competing or training. The U.S. Tennis Association, which runs the U.S. Open, has said it will follow government rules on vaccination status.

## Carr backs Bisaccia as Raiders coach

**By JOSH DUBOW**  
AP Pro Football Writer

Rich Bisaccia steadied the Las Vegas Raiders after taking over during a tumultuous regular season, guided them to the playoffs for the second time in 19 seasons and earned the support of his players.

The first question facing the Raiders this offseason after a 26-19 loss to the Cincinnati Bengals in a wild-card game Saturday will be whether that's enough to remove the interim tag and make Bisaccia the full-time coach.

"I think we can all think that he's the right guy," quarterback Derek Carr said after the game. "He's proven that people listen to him. Not just people but our team listens to him. I love him so much, I'm thankful for him. All those things will be decisions that I don't make, I don't get to make. I just play quarterback and do my best to complete every pass. But with everything

that went on, if you really look at what happened, all the pieces missing, everything that changed. He held it together."

Bisaccia took over after Week 5 for his first stint as a head coach in a most difficult situation. Jon Gruden had built the team and was involved in every aspect of the organization before being forced to resign after the publication of his old offensive emails.

Bisaccia, a long-time special teams coach in the NFL, rallied the team together and helped lead the Raiders to back-to-back wins to make them 5-2 heading into the bye.

Then the Raiders dealt another challenge when receiver Henry Ruggs III was charged with felonies in a fatal DUI crash that killed a 23-year-old woman. Ruggs was immediately released and the Raiders went into a tailspin, losing five of the next six games and looked as if they were playing out

another lost season.

But the players never quit and Las Vegas won the final four games by four points or fewer to make the playoffs for the second time in the past 19 seasons before falling short on the final drive in Cincinnati.

"If it was up to me, I think everyone in the world knows what my decision would be. I love Rich. You know, I'm biased, obviously. But he's a great coach," star defensive end Maxx Crosby said. "He came in and got us to 10 wins. We came on the road, on a short week and gave Cincinnati everything they could handle. It just shows, you know, Rich is a great leader. One of the best people I know. One of the most honest dudes I know. I'll go to bat for him any day of the week."

The Raiders were the first team since the 1961 Houston Oilers to make a coaching change during the season and make it to the playoffs.

Now owner Mark Davis must decide if that's enough to run it back with Bisaccia or to find someone new to help the franchise make the next step.

Davis had the option to start interviewing candidates during the final two weeks of the regular season, but opted to wait until Las Vegas' season came to a close.

He's required to go through a coaching search and comply with the Rooney Rule which requires interviews with minority candidates before making any final decision.

While the players are publicly backing continuity, they know change could be coming.

"We're just going to wait and see," defensive end Yannick Ngakoue said. "Time will tell a lot of things, around the whole league, not just organization. Each and every year, people have changes. That's just part of the game."



TUESDAY EVENING

JANUARY 18, 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 19, 2022

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THURSDAY EVENING

JANUARY 20, 2022

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FRIDAY EVENING

JANUARY 21, 2022

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SATURDAY EVENING

JANUARY 22, 2022

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SUNDAY EVENING

JANUARY 23, 2022

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MONDAY EVENING

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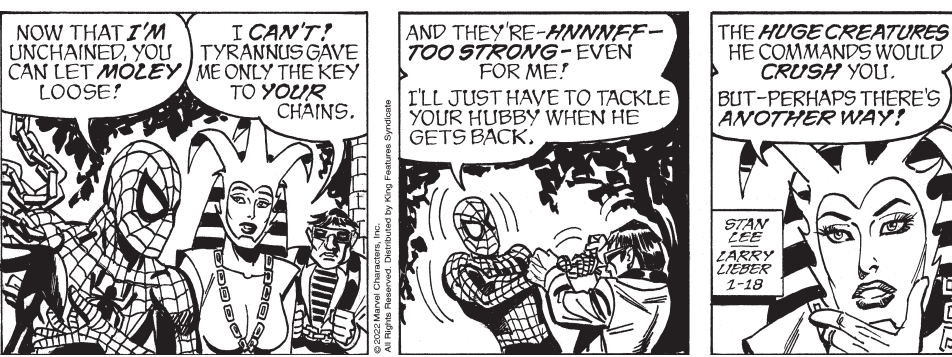
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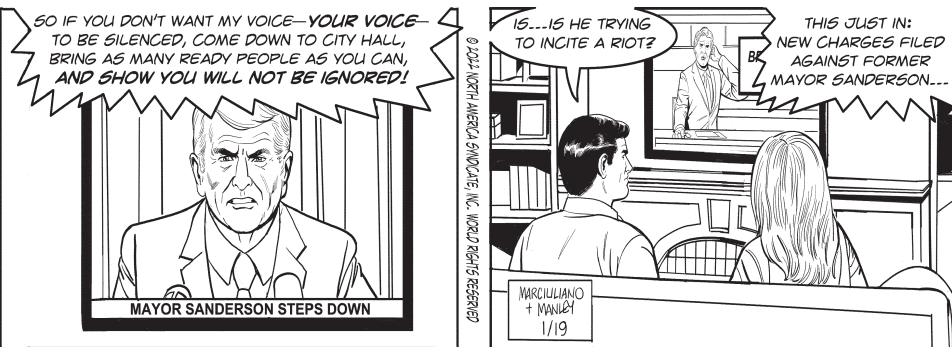
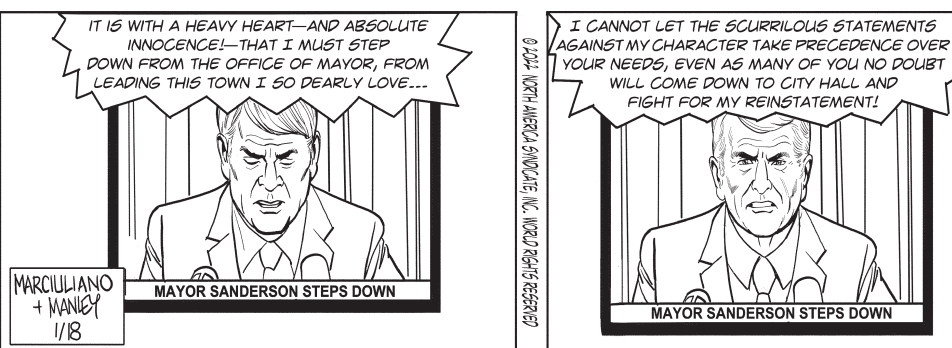
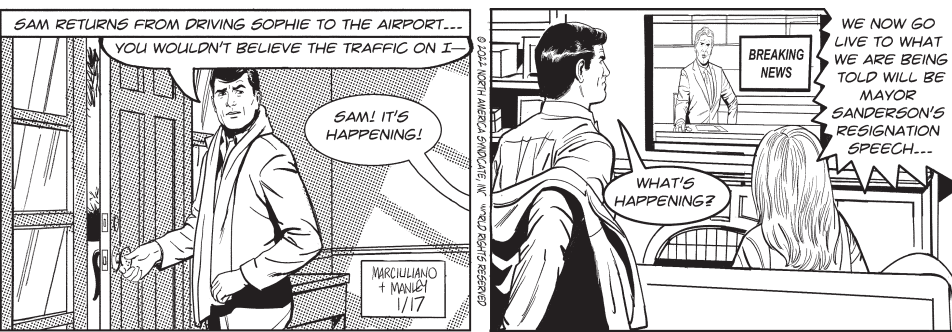
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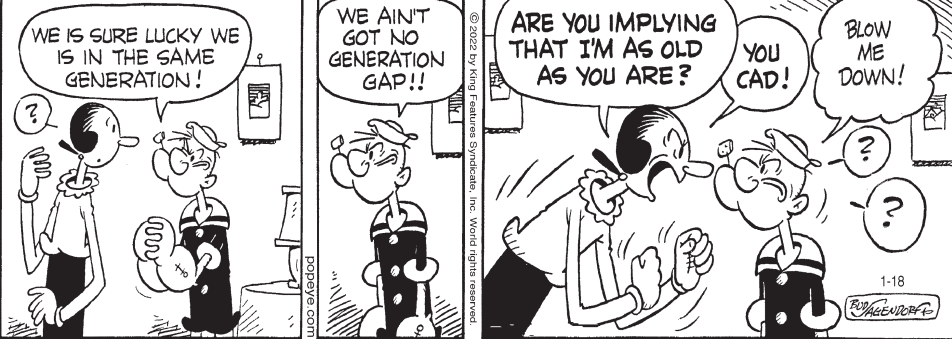
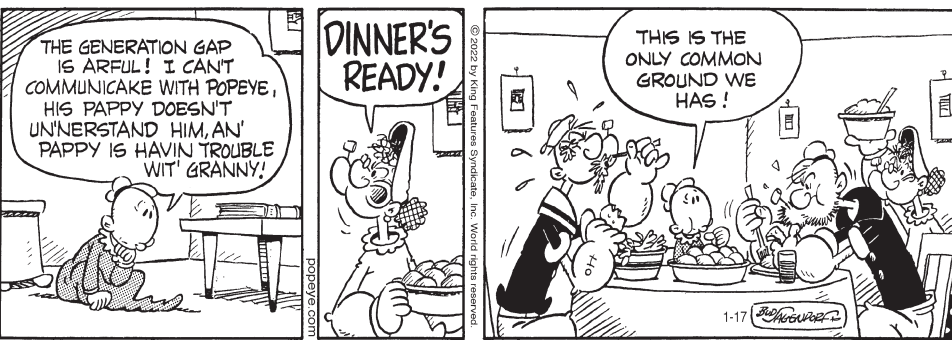
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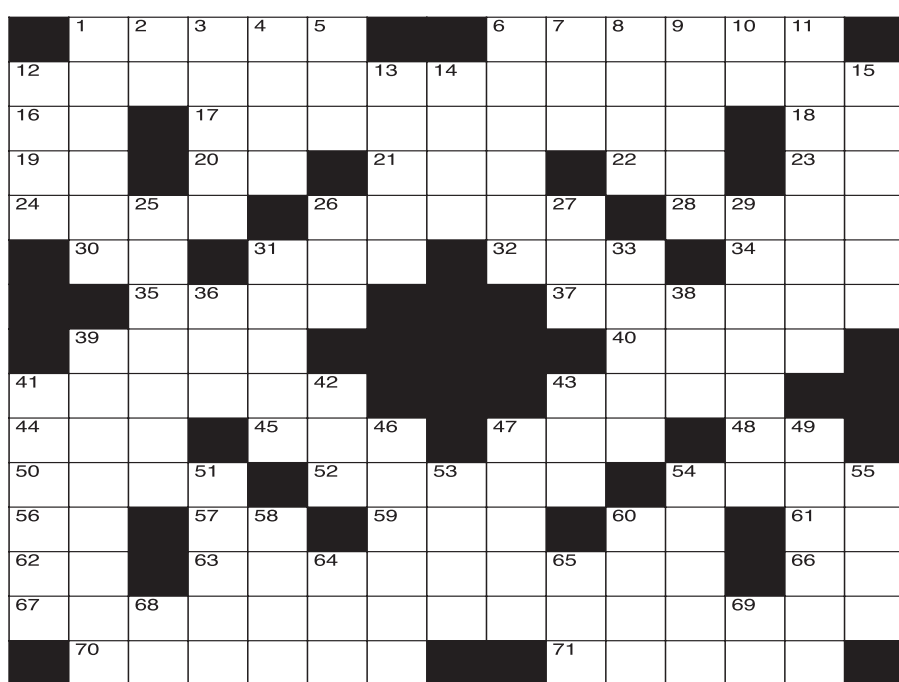
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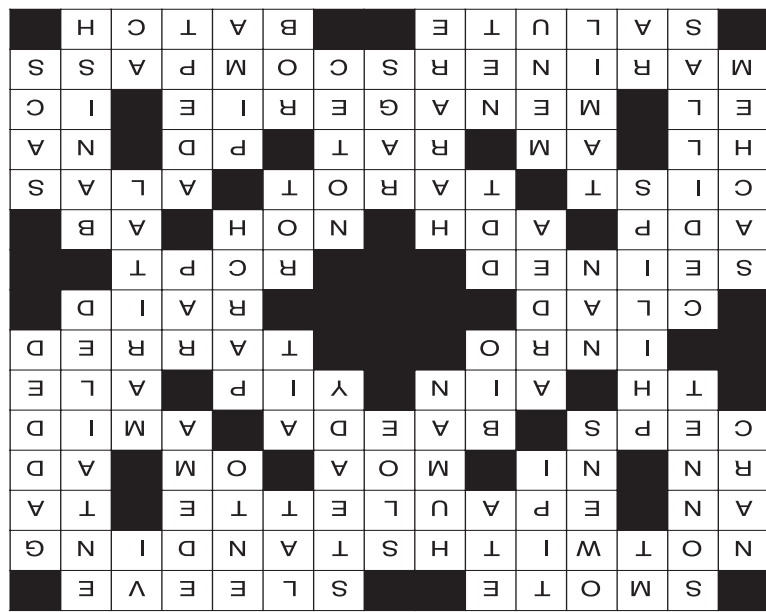
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- Article
- Adornment
- Educator's helper
- Healthcare pro
- Atomic number 28
- Extinct flightless bird
- Mystic syllable
- College sports decision maker (abbr.)
- Edible mushrooms
- Venerable English monk
- Surrounded by
- Forming fractional numbers from 4 onwards
- Eastern France river
- Short cry or yelp
- Brew
- Ornamental box
- In a way, surfaced
- Attired
- Peculation
- Netted
- It shows you paid (abbr.)
- Payroll firm
- Antidiuretic hormone
- Japanese classical theater
- The first two
- Ancient burial chamber
- Type of card
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Hectoliter
- Morning
- NYC subway dweller
- Law enforcement
- Sodium
- Elevated subway
- Facility where wild animals are kept
- Integrated circuit
- Seaman's tool
- Drink to
- Small group

**CLUES DOWN**

- Poem
- Everest is one (abbr.)
- Olympic legend Jesse
- Portable tent
- When you hope to get there
- Unwavering
- Back muscle
- Within
- Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- Six
- Involved as a necessary part
- 2002 Liotta, Patric film
- Living thing
- Type of gin
- Moved around in pursuit of fun
- Makes light bulbs
- Story of one's life
- Small island in a river
- A type of bliss
- Genus of large herons
- A way to make dry
- One's grandmother
- Vocal style
- Pronunciation mark
- American Indian chief or leader
- Insecticide
- Go bad
- Capital of Zimbabwe
- Polish river
- Cast out
- People of India and Sri Lanka
- Cleaning fabrics
- Very skilled
- Pouches
- Restaurant must-have
- Native Americans from Arizona
- Remaining after all deductions
- Fleece
- Dorm official
- It cools your home

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**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, you may be tempted to overspend this week, as you have a mind to remodel or redecorate your home in a major way. Try not to get carried away.  
**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**  
You are ready to pour a huge investment of time and resources into a creative project that is dear to your heart, Taurus. Let the ideas flow organically instead of pushing too hard.  
**GEMINI – May 22/June 21**  
Phone calls and emails keep coming in, to the point where you may want to turn off your devices for the rest of the week. Find opportunities for peace

and quiet.  
**CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, you may feel like you have all of the answers. But you can still heed advice from those who came before you — especially in the work setting.  
**LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, you have high hopes for a productive week, but you may not check off everything on your to-do list. It's fine to let one or two things slide.  
**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, why make things difficult for yourself when others are willing to lend a helping hand? You don't have to chart the course alone, so accept any offers of help that come along.

**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Libra, if you are feeling immense pressure to make an important decision, take all the time you need to work through every scenario. This way you're confident in your choice.  
**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, this week will feel like a lot of hurrying up and waiting. For a go-getter like you, this can be very frustrating. Use the down time you have productively.  
**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**  
This is a good week to pursue dreams that have been put on the back burner, Sagittarius. Don't tell yourself things are

impossible. Find ways to make things happen.  
**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**  
It's fine to be goofy and playful once in a while, Capricorn. This is the week to let loose and have fun for a while. Others may join in on your antics.  
**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Intense dreams may crop up in the evenings this week, Aquarius. Jot down things as you remember the details so you can better reflect on their meaning.  
**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Consider giving yourself a little rest from work, Pisces. You've been working hard and

now you need to restore your energy levels.  
**FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS**  
**JANUARY 16**  
Lin-Manuel Miranda, Actor (42)  
**JANUARY 17**  
Betty White, Actress (100)  
**JANUARY 18**  
Karan Brar, Actor (23)  
**JANUARY 19**  
Dolly Parton, Singer (76)  
**JANUARY 20**  
Rainn Wilson, Actor (56)  
**JANUARY 21**  
Booboo Stewart, Actor (28)  
**JANUARY 22**  
Guy Fieri, TV Chef (54)



# Atlanta church service celebrates Martin Luther King Jr.

ATLANTA (AP) — Atlanta's mayor, Georgia's governor and U.S. Sen. Raphael Warnock were scheduled to attend the annual Martin Luther King Jr. service at King's old congregation, Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta.

The service at Ebenezer and other events surrounding Martin Luther King Jr. Day commemorate what would have been King's 93rd birthday.

The Rev. Natosha Reid Rice and Pastor Sam Collier were to preside over the service. This year's keynote speaker is the Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, presiding

bishop and primate of The Episcopal Church.

Musical performances were also planned, including Keke Wyatt, Tasha Cobbs Leonard, Pastor Mike Jr., Le'Andria Johnson, and Emanne Beasha.

"This year's theme, 'It Starts with Me: Shifting Priorities to Create the Beloved Community,' reflects our belief that it is critical, and necessary for the survival of both humanity and Earth, that we shift our priorities for a strategic quest to create a just, humane, equitable and peaceful world," King Center CEO Bernice King



said in a statement.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday March and Rally was also planned for Monday afternoon in downtown Atlanta. The march was scheduled to end on

Auburn Avenue in front of The King Center, where a rally was planned. The King Center also worked with the Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda and Youth Service America on a voter

registration drive Monday in Atlanta.

"On this King Holiday, I call us up to shift our priorities to reflect a commitment to true peace and an awareness of our interconnectedness, interdependence, and interrelatedness. This will lead us to a greater understanding of our responsibilities to and for each other, which is crucial for learning to live together, achieving 'true peace,' and creating the Beloved Community," Bernice King said in announcing the events.

Martin Luther King Jr. — pastor, civil rights leader, one of the most beloved fig-

ures in the world to many — dedicated his life to achieving racial equality, a goal he said was inseparable from alleviating poverty and stopping war.

King delivered his historic "I Have a Dream" speech while leading the 1963 March on Washington, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 and was assassinated in 1968 in Memphis while assisting a strike by underpaid sanitation workers. He was 39.

King's example, and his insistence on nonviolent protest, continues to influence many activists pushing for civil rights and social change.

# As NBA celebrates King, Robertson also remembers

By **TIM REYNOLDS**  
AP Basketball Writer

Officially, NBA players began participating in games that were scheduled to celebrate and honor the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1986 when the federal holiday commemorating the civil-rights leader was observed for the first time.

Oscar Robertson knows the tradition dates long before that.

King was shot and killed while standing on a balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968. A day later, Robertson began planning a benefit game in King's memory — and on Aug. 15 of that year, on an outdoor court in New York, he was among 27 NBA players who wound up taking part.

Among those on the court that night: Wilt Chamberlain, Lenny Wilkens, Dave Bing, Dave DeBusschere, Willis Reed, Walt Bellamy and many others.

"What happened years ago with Dr. King is still part of our social fiber," the 83-year-old Robertson said.

The annual reminder of that came Monday, on the annual celebration of the King holiday. The NBA scheduled 12 games — including the tradition-

al home games in King's birthplace of Atlanta and in Memphis, where he was killed at 39.

Memphis hosted Chicago in a matchup of two of the league's biggest surprises so far this season, while Atlanta hosted reigning NBA champion Milwaukee. And Robertson believes it's critical players in this generation are reminded of what those who preceded them in the game had to endure as the NBA celebrates its 75th anniversary.

"When I was younger there were so many things couldn't do," Robertson said. "I couldn't go here or there, had to ride in the back of the bus when I went back to see my grandparents in Tennessee, and all these types of things. But these things, you become aware of them. The players today didn't have to go through any of that. They've only read about it."

NBA teams have been paying tribute to King in many ways in recent days. Teams have been warming up in shirts bearing the message "Now is the time to make justice a reality for all," a nod to a line he used in his famous "I Have A Dream" speech in 1963.

Some teams are also taking part in other ways; 10 clubs are planning



youth events in their cities as part of the "Team Up For Change" initiative that focuses on "uniting, inspiring and activating around a shared commitment and call for racial equality and social justice." The Washington Wizards held a roundtable discussion late last week on how King still impacts the push for social

change — and Wizards forward Daniel Gafford said it's important for even pro athletes to find time to help their communities.

"There's 24 hours in a day," Gafford said. "There's always time you can put in."

Robertson still has vivid memories of a college tournament he played in, the

1958 Dixie Classic in North Carolina, an event that featured his Cincinnati team and Michigan State, among others.

And he recalls how he and Michigan State's Johnny Green stood out in that event.

"We might have been the only two Black guys in the arena," Robertson said.

"That was the way things progressed. I'm so glad it's gotten better."

Robertson was the third president — and first Black president — of the National Basketball Players Association, and he urged players to participate in that August 1968 exhibition that doubled as a two-hour telethon. It was broadcast on television in New York and raised around \$90,000, some of that going to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference that King championed.

He said he's proud to see how players have continued using their platforms, such as speaking out against injustices and the decision by the Milwaukee Bucks to not take the floor for a playoff game at the NBA's restart bubble in 2020 in response to a Black man from Wisconsin being shot by police.

"I think players today are more informed about what's going on, and also they have a great advantage of getting their voices out to people because of the social media and whatnot," Robertson said. "I'm so glad that the NBA and the players association have gotten together to try to confront all these issues."

# Celebrated Tuskegee Airman Charles McGee dies at 102

By **DOUGLASS K. DANIEL**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Charles McGee, a Tuskegee Airman who flew 409 fighter combat missions over three wars and later helped to bring attention to the Black pilots who had battled racism at home to fight for freedom abroad, died Sunday. He was 102.

McGee died in his sleep at his home in Bethesda,

Maryland, said his son, Ron McGee.

After the U.S. entry into World War II, McGee left the University of Illinois to join an experimental program for Black soldiers seeking to train as pilots after the Army Air Corps was forced to admit African Americans. In October 1942 he was sent to the Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama for flight

training, according to his biography on the website of the National Aviation Hall of Fame.

"You could say that one of the things we were fighting for was equality," he told The Associated Press in a 1995 interview. "Equality of opportunity. We knew we had the same skills, or better."

McGee graduated from flight school in June 1943 and in early 1944 joined the all-Black 332nd Fighter Group, known as the "Red Tails." He flew 136 missions as the group accompanied bombers over Europe.

More than 900 men trained at Tuskegee from 1940 to 1946. About 450 deployed overseas and 150 lost their lives in training or combat.

In recent years the Tuskegee Airmen have

been the subject of books, movies and documentaries highlighting their courage in the air and the doubts they faced on the ground because of their race. In 2007 a Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian award from Congress, was issued to recognize their "unique military record that inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces."

McGee remained in the Army Air Corps, later the U.S. Air Force, and served for 30 years. He flew low-level bombing and strafing missions during the Korean War and returned to combat again during the Vietnam War. The National Aviation Hall of Fame says his 409 aerial fighter combat missions in three wars remains a record.

He retired as a colonel in

the Air Force in 1973, then earned a college degree in business administration and worked as a business executive. He was accorded an honorary commission promoting him to the one-star rank of brigadier general as he turned 100. Another event marked his centennial year: He flew a private jet between Frederick, Maryland, and Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

In 2020, McGee drew a standing ovation from members of Congress when introduced by President Donald Trump during his State of the Union address.

In addition to encouraging young men and women to pursue careers in aviation, McGee was a source of information about the Tuskegee Airmen and offered a unique perspective on race relations of the era through the airmen's nonprofit educational organization.

"At the time of the war, the idea of an all African American flight squadron was radical and offensive to many," McGee wrote in an essay for the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.

"The prevailing opinion was that blacks did not possess the intelligence or courage to be military pilots. One general even wrote, 'The Negro type has not the proper reflexes to make a first-rate fighter pilot.' The Tuskegee Airmen certainly proved men like him wrong."

Charles Edward McGee was born Dec. 7, 1919, in Cleveland, the son of a minister who also worked as a teacher and social

worker and was a military chaplain. He graduated from high school in Chicago in 1938.

Survivors include daughters Charlene McGee Smith and Yvonne McGee, 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and a great-great grandchild. His wife of more than 50 years, Frances, died in 1994.

A family statement described McGee as "a living legend known for his kind-hearted and humble nature, who saw positivity at every turn."

In tweets Sunday honoring McGee, both Vice President Kamala Harris and Defense Secretary Lloyd J. Austin III called him an American hero.

"While I am saddened by his loss, I'm also incredibly grateful for his sacrifice, his legacy, and his character. Rest in peace, General," Austin wrote.

In his Smithsonian essay, McGee wrote that he was often asked why the Tuskegee Airmen were so successful in combat.

"I would say it was because of our courage and perseverance," he wrote. "We dreamed of being pilots as boys but were told it was not possible. Through faith and determination we overcame enormous obstacles. This is a lesson that all young people need to hear."

He added: "I am most proud of my work as a Tuskegee Airman that helped bring down racial barriers and defeat the Nazis."

• Associated Press writer Daisy Nguyen contributed to this report.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE WHEREAS, default has

occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated September 8, 2016, executed by PATRICIA L. KNIER, RICHARD KNIER, conveying certain real property therein described to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee recorded September 12, 2016, in Deed Book TD864, Page 247-262 at Instrument Number 16005380; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Nations Lending Corporation, an Ohio Corporation who is now the owner of said debt; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee. NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on February 17, 2022 at 12:00 PM at the main entrance to the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, to wit:

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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, January 27, 2022. 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, January 27, 2022 at Shelbyville City Hall. (Jan. 18, 22, 2022)

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Public Notice The Shelbyville City Council will meet for a Special

Called Meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 12:00 PM at the Shelbyville Recreation Center Meeting Room B, 220 Tulip Tree Road. The following matters will be up for consideration at this meeting:  
I. Call to Order  
II. Roll Call  
III. Adopt the Agenda  
IV. New Business:  
A. Presentation of PEG Channel Proposal - Jerry Harris - PHEAD Productions  
B. Presentation of PEG Channel Proposal - Lacey Deed - Chamber of Commerce  
V. Announcements  
VI. Adjourn  
Mayor Wallace Cartwright (Jan. 18, 2022)

The Shelbyville Historic Zoning Commission (HZC) will meet on Monday, 01/24/2022 in a Regular Session at 5:30 PM, Shelbyville Recreation Center, Meeting Room B, 220 Tulip Tree Road. Call City Hall with questions 931-684-9001. Agenda:  
1. Call to Order; 2. Roll Call; 3. Approval of Agenda; 4. Approval of Minutes from HZC Meeting of December 20th, 2021; 5. Approval of 2022 meeting schedule; 6. Training; 7. Approval of training; 8. Adjourn. (Jan. 18, 2022)

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Kayla Woods snow scene.

## Watch out for Nashville Stampede PBR Team series set for June

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - PBR (Professional Bull Riders) today announced that Nashville Stampede will represent the Music City in the PBR Team Series, an elite new league featuring the world's top bull riders competing in games beginning in June 2022.

The Morris Communications Company-owned Nashville Stampede will call Bridgestone Arena home, joining the NHL's Nashville Predators who have played there since 1998.

The PBR Team Series' inaugural 10-event regular season will culminate in a team playoff at T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas November 4-6, 2022. The league will launch with eight founding teams, each scheduled to host in their respective city an annual bull riding event and western lifestyle festival, building excitement and rooting interests in the sport.

"Our company is part of a long-standing and growing love affair with the west here in America and around the world," said MCC Chairman and Morris family patriarch Billy Morris. Nashville Stampede, based in Nashville, is owned by Morris Communications Company.

There will also be two "neutral site" league-produced regular season events and the season playoff and

championship. All PBR Team Series events will be carried on either the CBS Television Network, streaming live on Paramount+, CBS Sports Network or Pluto TV.

The league will host a PBR Team Series rider draft on May 23 prior to start of the 2022 season, among PBR rider members who have declared for the draft during a league eligibility window. To determine team selection order of the athletes, a draft lottery among teams will be held prior to the PBR Unleash The Beast event at Madison Square Garden in New York on Friday, January 7.

Since debuting in Nashville in 1996, the PBR's premier series has visited Tennessee almost annually with events held in Nashville a combined 22 times.

Of those 22 events, nine have been won by World Champions. In recent history, both Cooper Davis and Jose Vitor Leme used a win in Nashville en route to the PBR World Championship in 2016 and 2021, respectively. In 2021, Leme's victory in Nashville was one of his eight record-tying event victories. Inside Bridgestone Arena, he also logged two of his record-oblit-

erating 24 90-point rides from the 2021 season.

While Leme and Davis are the lone two riders to win the Nashville event and gold buckle in the same year, 1997 World Champion Michael Gaffney (1996) and three-time World Champion Adriano Moraes (2000) both won the title the year following their victory in Nashville, while two-time World Champion Justin McBride (2002 and 2008) won the event after earning his second championship in 2007.

About PBR (Professional Bull Riders) PBR is the world's premier bull riding organization. More than 500 bull riders compete in more than 200 events annually across the televised PBR Unleash The Beast tour (UTB), which features the top 35 bull riders in the world; the PBR Pendleton Whisky Velocity Tour (PWVT); the PBR Touring Pro Division (TPD); and the PBR's international circuits in Australia, Brazil, Canada and Mexico. In June 2022, PBR will launch PBR Team Series - eight teams of the world's best bull riders competing for a new championship.

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# 'Call her by her name'

By **ZOË HAGGARD**  
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"...Her price is far above rubies." Proverbs 31:10 (KJV)

It's a verse that many women are longing to hear. And it's a verse that local ministry Whispers of Hope takes with them while visiting adult entertainment venues and strip clubs to deliver bags of free gifts to the women there.

Their goal is to "support other women right where they are in the adult entertainment industry," while encouraging them to build a relationship with the Lord, according to the ministry's founder Sally Youngblood.

And if a woman wants to get out of the adult entertainment industry, Whispers of Hope has resources to provide counseling at no fee to them as well as resources to send them to a rehabilitation center if they are ready for it.

Youngblood referenced the scripture when Jesus called Mary Magdalene by her name in John's gospel. Youngblood said Whispers of Hope looks to call women by their name who are trapped in the adult entertainment industry in cities like Nashville, Chattanooga, and Huntsville.

"They're just women like us," Youngblood said. "The need to hear a message of hope."

## Background

In 2012, Youngblood, a Unionville native, rededicated her relationship with the Lord. From there, she began to study the Bible daily.

"Surrendering" herself completely to God's Will, Youngblood felt the call to help women in the adult entertainment industry when she was introduced to a training program by Harmony Grillo—founder of "Treasures," a California-based program that helps women get out of the sex industry.

After completing the training program, Youngblood started volunteering with ministry "Love Nashville." Youngblood also took a mission trip to India in 2016 where she met many mothers and daughters who were trapped in the sex industry. The generational factor moved Youngblood to act.

"I move swiftly when I



Some of the Whispers of Hope volunteers, from left: Edie Ross, Sally Youngblood, Bobbi Jean Stinson, Samantha Shreve, Tiffany Frazier.



T-G photo by Zoe Haggard

**Unionville-native Sally Youngblood is the founder of Whispers of Hope which officially became a nonprofit in July. Its goal is to minister to women in the adult entertainment industry.**

hear God's call. Once I get a confirmation, I like to dive right into as soon as possible," Youngblood said.

So, around 2017, Youngblood felt the desire to start Whispers of Hope. By January of 2021, Youngblood, with two other volunteers started the ministry. As a single mother with three kids and with a job working at Clements Dental in Shelbyville, balancing the work was hard at first. But Youngblood says now that the ministry doesn't feel like extra work.

Whispers of Hope became an official 501c3 nonprofit last July. Starting with three volunteers, they

now have 14 volunteers who come from all over Tennessee. But "Christ is our common thread," said Youngblood.

## Salt and light

"We've been surprisingly well-received by most places," said Youngblood.

Whispers of Hope always calls ahead and asks for permission before going into the clubs.

"For the club managers we've encountered, they're kind of stuck, too. Most will say they want every woman in there to have any opportunity to change their lives. They want hope to spring up from their situa-



tion," said Youngblood.

And when they arrive, the bouncers—who Whispers of Hope also give baked goods to—will help escort them inside the club. Youngblood says when the volunteers arrive, the women at the club gather around them, drawn to the group of ladies who come with gifts and cards saying, "You are loved by Him."

"These women are not used to receiving things with 'no strings attached,'" said Youngblood. "It's a blessing for them."

Youngblood said they are often more welcomed at these clubs than some Bible studies because the women they minister to are "hungry for the truth."

Many of the women in this kind of industry, according to Youngblood, come from broken homes. They are struggling financially, have been abused

before, or get trapped in the industry by a "boyfriend" who wanted to make a profit.

And what was surprising to Youngblood when she started the ministry is that most of them are only between the ages of 18 and 24. Some of them are young mothers, while other are married—and have husbands who know they work in the adult entertainment industry.

"That was shocking to me," said Youngblood.

"We want them to know they are loved by the Lord, and that there is hope for their future, not just condemnation."

## Delicate balance

Part of Youngblood's training, and Whispers of Hope's goal, includes letting the women lead the conversation. For example, volunteers will only hug the

women or pray with them when they ask.

The goal is to not push. With that in mind, Youngblood said they don't bring Bibles into the clubs.

"Not that God's Word isn't vital—because it is—but we want it to be relationship-based versus pushing religion. We want them to want God's Word," said Youngblood. If the women want a Bible, Youngblood said they can request one on the Whispers of Hope website and receive a free Bible.

## How you can help

For more information on Whispers of Hope, visit their website [www.whispersfhpe.com](http://www.whispersfhpe.com) or visit their Facebook or Instagram pages @whispersfhpe. In February, they will be launching their podcast "Whispers of Hope," which will be available on Spotify.

Youngblood said they accept donations of sunglasses, candles, nail polish, makeup, beach bags, body spray, hair accessories, and feminine hygiene products as well as monetary donations. The "small things" make a difference, though. "Some of the women tell us we're the only gift they get that year," said Youngblood.

Whispers of Hope will also be hosting their "Hope Ball" on April 22 at the Fly Cultural Arts Center at 7 p.m. with keynote speaker B.J. Garrett. Tickets are available on their website.



The First Community Mortgage team has earned the Torch Award for Ethics from the Better Business Bureau and BBB Integrity Foundation.

# FCM earns highest BBB honor 'Torch Award' presented

First Community Mortgage has been named the winner of Better Business Bureau's (middle Tennessee and southern Kentucky) highest honor: The Torch Awards for Ethics.

FCM, which is licensed to lend in 46 states, and maintains a Shelbyville office, won the extra-large business category. The Torch Awards are presented in con-

junction with the BBB Integrity Foundation.

"I feel strongly that actions speak much louder than words," said Keith Canter, CEO of First Community Mortgage, "and we've taken great care in establishing and communicating the core values of the organization, and communicating that they are never compromised by anyone."

According to the Better Business Bureau, the Torch Awards for Ethics recognizes extraordinary businesses in BBB serving middle Tennessee and southern Kentucky's service area that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to building trust through ethical practices with their staff, the community, their approach to marketing and within their industry.

One of the company's founders, Canter adds, "At every level of employee engagement our values are communicated, but more importantly, executed. Eventually, it became the fabric of our organization, in which all employees understand the values, with a clear baseline for who stays on the FCM team. That ultimately cascades to our business partners and custom-

ers, who see that we trust our employees to 'do right' and that we can in turn be trusted with the privilege of their partnership and business."

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