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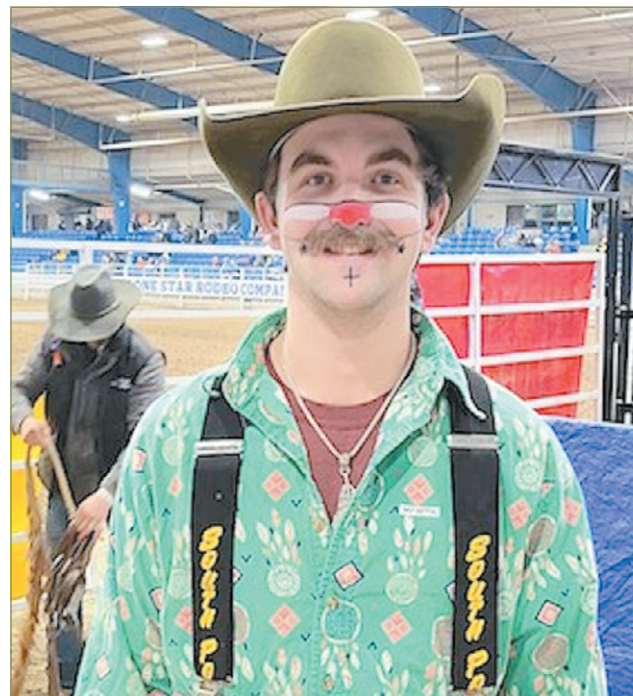


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Lone Star Rodeo: a Wild West success



T-G Photos by Zoe Haggard
LEFT: While many may be watching the Winter Olympics, the Lone Star Rodeo had its 32nd annual rodeo at Calsonic Arena over the weekend. Cowboys/brothers Everette and Ty Lamb competed in the “best dressed” competition, with Ty taking home the title. **ABOVE:** Nearly 1,200 attendees showed up for Friday night’s events, while over 3,600 attended Saturday’s events, according to Celebration officials. This rodeo clown, named John Wayne, has the job of watching for competitor injuries and chasing down stray calves.

BREAKING NEWS

MTSU Aerospace looks at Shelbyville

For many years, Shelbyville City Council members have forecasted that Murfreesboro could soon be inching closer to Shelbyville in the way of industry and education. This is now more than a forecast as Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro and Shelbyville Municipal Airport announced today that they’re working in conjunction on a new aerospace education project for the future.

Shelbyville Municipal Airport Director Paul Perry said today that the City of Shelbyville has potentially 25 acres near

the airport which MTSU can take advantage of to spread out its aerospace program/ flight training. He said such a venture, which is way in the beginning phase, could potentially bring thousands of students into the City limits.

See online story Thursday and print story in Saturday’s T-G about this project — which could potentially benefit Shelbyville and also some colleges, TCAT and smaller airports in this area, according to Perry.

Bedford’s ‘Buffalo Soldier’

By ZOË HAGGARD
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While preserving County papers found in old Woodruff file cabinets at the Courthouse, Bedford County archivist Carol Roberts came across the estate of Albert William Ray.

Through a mix of deeds, enlistment papers, hand-written speeches and receipts, Roberts has pieced together the life and “complicated estate” of the former Bedford slave turned “Buffalo Soldier” turned education advocate.

“There was every level of hardship to society,” said Roberts. “So, I wouldn’t say that it was perfect, but I know that there were many families that felt that education was the key as well as being good, solid businessmen.”

Roberts says Albert Ray’s estate papers were detailed and extensive since Ray kept most of them with him as he traveled among Tennessee, Michigan, and Georgia. She has all his papers—yellowing and wrinkled but otherwise preserved—in neatly labeled manila envelopes, chronological to the expanse of his seven-decade life.



T-G Photo by Zoe Haggard
County Archivist Carol Roberts goes through the numerous receipts and tickets that detail the life of Albert Ray and his many travels.

With only blue skies

Ray was born in the Shelbyville area in 1848. He and his mother, Fannie Ray, were slaves. Where exactly they were enslaved is unknown for now, according to Roberts.

What is known is that Ray and his mother gained their freedom after the Civil War, which took the lives of an estimated 620,000 men in the North and South.

In a later speech titled “Preface,” handwritten in excellent penmanship, Ray

recounts the moment he gained freedom.

Roberts, who has the actual paper of Ray’s speech as part of his estate, read from the document, “My old mistress handed my mother our freedom papers saying, ‘You and your boy are now free. The North has freed you and you will have to provide for yourself. I have nothing left to do with you.’ We looked at each other with nothing to cover us but blue skies...not an inch of ground we stood on

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Council talks public TV

By DAWN HANKINS
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To fund, or not to fund, a locally owned and operated public TV station is a big question before Shelbyville City Council right now.

At a recent study session, Council was undecided on whether to spend funds necessary to get a Public Educational and Governmental (PEG) Channel off the ground. As well, it was discussed if the City of Shelbyville can afford to fund yearly such a media option.

The agenda for Thursday night’s monthly Council meeting, which begins at 6 p.m. at Shelbyville Recreation Center Meeting Room B, includes a consideration for a motion regarding two PEG proposals already on the table.

City Manager Josh Ray explained, “So this process . . . we’re asking Council to determine a service provider from the interviews and the proposals that have been submitted. Last week, we had the two presentations—one from Pea Head and the second from Shelbyville Chamber of Commerce. We included that information inside the agenda packet as well from the information that was presented.”

Those Requests for Quotation (RFQs) have been reviewed, along with bids. Ray explained how Council needed to discuss the selection of a service provider for the PEG channel proposal, before his office can move ahead.

City Manager Ray added, “To get to this point, if Council selects a provider at the Council meeting next week, our goal was to either put together an agreement with the provider and then bring it back to the following meeting . . . or to draft it for this meeting on Thursday, if Council were going to select a provider and consider a contract. So, that’s where we would need the expectation to know if Council does select a provider, would you prefer to have a contract next Thursday? My preference is not to have a contract until we select a provider.”

Ray said he’s not been able to commit to the full process yet, based on Council discussions thus far. He said he would also like to discuss any possible contracts with City Attorney Ginger Shofner.

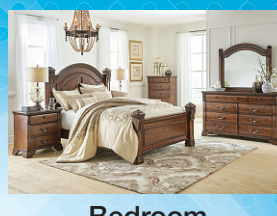
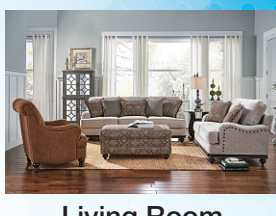
PEG Channel discussions

Mayor Wallace Cartwright started off the discussions on the PEG proposal at the recent study session. “Do we have an estimated cost . . . what this is going to cost per year?” Ray answered that there is a cost estimate from the Chamber proposal but there is no annual cost estimated from Peahead Productions, which is based in Tullahoma.

“Based on the discussion points, during those interviews, I believe both of those providers will have an

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DEATH NOTICES

Estelle Beasley

February 4, 2022

Estelle Beasley, 88, of the Bunker Hill community died Friday, February 4, 2022 in Murfreesboro.

Graveside services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at Simpson Cemetery in Rover with Bro. Frank Johnson officiating.

Lawrence Funeral Home, Chapel Hill, is handling arrangements.

Bradley Lynch

January 27, 2022

Bradley Lynch, 31, of Rockvale died Thursday, January 27, 2022 in Bolivar. He was a Shelbyville native.

Graveside services were Sunday, February 6, 2022 at Swanson Cemetery in Chapel Hill with Rev. Ricky Joe Lynch officiating.

Wanda Snell Stewart

February 4, 2022

Wanda Snell Stewart, 93, of Shelbyville passed from this life Friday, February 4, 2022, at Lou Lou's in Shelbyville with loved ones by her side after an extended illness.

Graveside service will be held 12 noon Saturday, February 12 at Willow Mount Cemetery with Pastor Jeff Rasnick officiating.

Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. at the cemetery.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

OBITUARIES

Jane Allen Lanier

February 3, 2022

Jane Allen Lanier was born September 23, 1939 in Shelbyville, Tennessee. She was the daughter of the late Artilee Davis Campbell and Herbert Campbell. She peacefully transitioned from this earthly life on Thursday, February 3, 2022. She is preceded in death by her loving husband James R. Lanier, her brother Herbert C. Campbell, and sister Wilma Sims Ijames.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, February 8 at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Graveside services will be 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Dr. Robin Kimbrough Hayes will officiate. Family visitation will begin 10 a.m. Tuesday at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel.

She attended Bedford Country Training School. She played girls' basketball and was also a cheerleader.

On April 21, 1957, she united in Holy matrimony with her high school sweetheart, James R. Lanier, until his departure on April 17, 2007. They were married for 50 years. To this union, three amazing children were born - James L., Barbara and Duval.

She worked at Bedford County General Hospital, the Bedford County Doctors Medical Clinic and Empire Pencil Company, where she retired.

Jane was a devoted attendee of Scott's United Methodist Church where she was an Usher and an active member of other church ministries. In her spare time, she enjoyed playing softball in a women's league.

She leaves to cherish her memory her sons James L., Duval (Angela), and devoted daughter Barbara Lanier; grandchildren, Mashonda (Richie) Tillman, Delicia (Brian) Manuel, Jason Lanier, Solomon Lanier, Elijah Lanier; great-grandchildren, Jay'ona Lanier, Elysa Manuel, Brian Manuel, Jr.; sisters, Irene Matthews, Marie (Edward) Castleman, and Annette (William) Chunn; a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

Jane will be missed by family, friends and all who knew her.

Courtney Parsons

January 27, 2022

Courtney Parsons passed suddenly from this life on Thursday, January 27, 2022 due to complications from Covid.

A private family memorial service was held Saturday, February 5 at Hillcrest Funeral Home, Rev. Jeff Rasnick officiating.

Courtney was born September 21, 1969 in Pulaski. She was a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University with a degree in Chemistry. During college she did research at Oak Ridge Laboratories and Mississippi State University. She was designated the Hypercube Scholar due to her outstanding academic achievements. She was also an author of many white papers for publication.

She was an accomplished guitarist and loved playing in local bands and events. Her favorite genre was rock and her favorite band was Pink Floyd. She was an avid Star Trek fan. She also leaves to cherish her memory, her mother of 52 years, Marie Parsons and her fiancé Daniel Brasier. Courtney was preceded in death by her father, Newt Parsons.

Courtney will be greatly missed by her mother, her fiancé, her family, friends and her devoted cat, Eris.

Ellis Key Parker

February 6, 2022

Ellis Key Parker, 86, of Shelbyville died Sunday, February 6, 2022.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday at Hillcrest Funeral Home, Rev. Glenn Forsee officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Wednesday.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Herman Parker and Velma Carissie Key Parker; his wife, Nellie Mai Moore Parker; brothers and sisters, James Herman Parker Jr., Knox Parker, William Dale Parker, Fred Parker, Doris Parker and Ruby Elizabeth Parker.

Ellis is survived by his children, Brett Keith (Alecia) Parker, Jerry Wayne Parker and Peggy Ann Parker; two sisters, Geraldine Mason and Alma Jean Deason; three grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

OBITUARIES

Connie Marie Woosley

February 5, 2022

Connie Marie Woosley, 72, of Moore County passed this life on Saturday, February 5, 2022 at her home surrounded by her family.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at Kilgore Funeral Home, Tullahoma, with Bro. Byron Lawrence officiating. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens with Blake Woosley, Evan Woosley-Reed, Larry Ledford, Gary Ledford, Arturo Zarate, and Tim Hartman serving as pallbearers. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, February 8.

Connie Marie was born in Nashville to the late William Douglas and Lois Sewell Hartman. She was a graduate of Franklin County High School. She then married Claude Woosley in 1968 and they had two children, a son and a daughter. After her two children were born, she attended Motlow State Community College and Middle Tennessee State University where she earned her teaching degree. Connie Marie taught at Bel-Aire Elementary School in Tullahoma, and later at Harris Middle School in Shelbyville. She enjoyed spoiling her grandchildren, working in her garden, tending to her flowers, coaching girls Junior Pro basketball, and staying at her cabin in the mountains. She was a member of Owl Hollow Church of Christ in Franklin County, and the Tennessee Education Association.

Mrs. Woosley is survived by her husband, Claude Benjamin Woosley; one son, Christopher Shane Woosley (Sonia); one daughter, Tiffany Marie Woosley (Chad Reed); one granddaughter, Breanna Woosley; two grandsons, Blake Woosley, and Evan Woosley-Reed; and three brothers, William Douglas Hartman, Jr, Randy Hartman, and Phillip Hartman.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Hospice Compassus and their caregivers; Rita Barbour, Angela Patterson, and Sherri Jacobs, who provided compassionate, excellent care for Connie. Also, a special thank you to Amanda Melton, and Michelle Milliken, two other caregivers who provided compassionate, excellent care.

For those who wish, the family asks that donations in Connie's memory be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memorials Processing, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

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belonged to us."

In a couple lines down in the speech, Ray even admits at that moment that he wished he were enslaved again. But Ray said he "yearned for more."

Ray pursued a life for himself. He may have been married at one point, Roberts said, but she must have died early on. Ray never remarried or had any children.

Where the buffalo roam

In 1875, at the age of 26, Ray enlisted in the Army and was assigned to the 25th US Infantry, Co. F, which traveled through Texas, the Dakotas, Montana, and Minnesota. The African American regiment was nicknamed the "Buffalo Soldiers" by Native Americans, who likened the fierce fighters with dark, curly hair to buffalos, according to the National Parks Service official government website.

There are no known pictures of Ray, but his military papers described him as 5 ft 10 in, brown complexion with brown eyes.

From his enlistment papers, Roberts could tell Ray started on as a "teamster" and was promoted from Sergeant to First Sergeant. He then became Company Clerk and received letters of recommendation for his work and "well-known excellent penmanship."

Ray retired from the Army in 1890, just a few months before the unit's

involvement at Pine Ridge and Wounded Knee.

After his military career, Ray did not settle back in Bedford. Instead, Roberts said Ray settled in Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan where he worked as a pullman porter or sleeping car conductor for the Canadian Pacific Railroad based in Duluth.

Roberts said Ray could have possibly joined the Army and settled up North to escape the South's reconstruction era, which presented a decimated economy and tense relations between blacks and whites.

Whatever the reason, it's clear Ray pursued education and remained a fervent advocate for educating young African Americans as he was a supporter of black author, orator, and presidential advisor Booker T. Washington.

'Blessing of education'

Roberts is unsure where Ray received his education. She speculates part of it may have come from the military. However, she has no existing documents to support where he received his reading, writing, and arithmetic skills.

There's another speech by Ray entitled the "Blessing of Education," which Roberts says he prepared for a correspondence course. Roberts read from the document, "Of all the Blessings which it has pleased Providence to allow us to cultivate, there is not one which breathes purer fragrance or bears a heavenlier aspect than education...Without it, what is man?"

Council

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expense that we would need to consider, outside of just the capital . . ."

There should be a provider, then a contract. Ray said if the contract is not sufficient to Council approval, then there will have to be some other option. That is, if Council intends to keep the PEG Channel issue on the table.

Mayor Cartwright said, "I just kind of wondered how much this \$30,000 we've had lying there for so many years is going to cost us. That was my concern."

He questioned if that \$30,000 earmarked for such an endeavor can be used for anything outside of "equipment." He wasn't even sure if company which funded this amount to City is even still in business. "So, if you decide not to do it, what do you do with the \$30,000, just leave it there?"

City Attorney Shofner explained how that's a question Council has considered "several times before." She advised the City probably needs revisit with that entity (Charter Communications, etc.) and discuss permission to use the \$30,000.

It's been a while, Cartwright and Shofner agreed, since that has been discussed by Council. "We've hashed that over several different times. We never did anything, because it was going to cost us so much to get into it. I remember that. Once we get into it, we get into it.

Looking at the "philanthropic" side of his education advocacy, Ray paid tuition, books and board for a young woman named Hattie Leach to attend Howard University from the fall of 1917 to 1918.

However, Ray died of pneumonia while in Bedford in 1918 at the age of 70.

To the courts

But one of the most interesting correspondences Ray dealt with before he died involved nine and half acres of land in Ocilla, Georgia.

Roberts said he "invested" in the land and contracted shares that were part of the "Booker Washington Colony Company" in 1909.

As far as researchers can tell, there were three Booker Washington colonies in Georgia, Alabama, and Minnesota established between 1900 and 1920 as an "investment for the black community to establish small towns and businesses," according to Roberts.

But by 1914, Ray sends a letter to Bedford County Judge—and fellow acquaintance—John McDowell, stating he had been "unjustly dealt with" and that he was being "cheated" by this company.

Bedford County judicial officials did inquire into the legitimacy of this Booker Washington Colony only to receive snarky comments back from the company's lawyer. Roberts read from the 1915 letter by Howard Oxford, "Your letter came as a surprise to me. I am going to write you frankly. I am tired of being bothered by your letters when there is absolutely no semblance of

There's a yearly expense," said Cartwright.

Councilman Henry Feldhaus said content is another issue, which means someone else will need to be hired to do recording and programming for the PEG channel. Feldhaus said the Chamber's proposal, as he understands it, means the City will be taking franchise and excise tax dollars—in the \$150,000 plus range—and building a structure. Feldhaus said that "scares" him, because the City doesn't yet know the amount of those funds.

Feldhaus said Council may have to rethink the whole PEG channel process. But the former mayor said one thing is definite and that is the City will have to pay to have someone maintain the programming/content.

Councilmember Marilyn Ewing emphasized that program quality is very important for a local TV channel. She mentioned Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro and its potential for PEG Channel programming.

Ewing said from her experience in media production, the City has a lot of expertise all around it—those groups and individuals which can provide the high quality programming of which fellow Councilman Feldhaus mentioned. "There's a lot of knowledgeable people that Josh has spoken with. But it's the fact . . . the money situation is a scary thought."

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truth contained in them."

There are no documents that state if Ray officially received any money from settlement. Ray had passed away before the case was settled.

Roberts believes Judge McDowell did pursue the inquiry out of respect for Ray.

Though relations were by no means perfect, local legal representation for the African American community was not rare here. "I have seen where numerous people of the legal field, including lawyers, consistently worked with the black community to have fair, legal representation... such as through asking detailed research questions," Roberts said.

Dividing the estate

Ray did have land here in Bedford—a one-acre lot between North Main and Midland Road, according to Roberts. But if the property lines still exist today, they just barely exist, she said. Ray died without a will, leaving his estate to be distributed among his half siblings' children identified as James Turner, son of Virgie Brittain, and Virginia and Reva May Brittain, daughters of Joe Brittain.

Roberts said Ray is buried at Mount Ararat Cemetery, however, he has no head stone. She hopes his remains may one day be identified and that a military headstone may be erected for Bedford's own "Buffalo Soldier" to remember his service and his support for the local African American community.

New Jersey lifts mask mandate

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey's governor announced plans Monday to lift the statewide COVID-19 mask requirement in schools a month from now because of the rapid easing of the omicron surge, calling the move "a huge step back to normalcy for our kids."

Individual school districts will be free to continue requiring masks once the state mandate ends March 7, Democratic Gov. Phil Murphy said.

New Jersey is one of a dozen states with mask mandates in schools, according to the nonpartisan National Academy for State Health Policy. New Jersey's has

been in place since classes resumed in person in September 2020.

Murphy cited the "dramatic decline in our COVID numbers" in announcing the rollback. The omicron variant fueled a spike in infections over the holidays, but cases in the state are down 50% and hospitalizations dropped off by one-third since last week, he said.

Omicron is likewise loosening its grip on most of the rest of the U.S., and that has raised hopes among politicians and public health experts that the pandemic may be about to enter a new phase in which the virus becomes like the flu — an ever-present but manage-

able threat.

"We are not — and I've said this many times — going to manage COVID to zero," Murphy said. "We have to learn how to live with COVID as we move from a pandemic to an endemic phase of this virus."

Murphy faced pressure from Republicans and some parents who have held rallies at the statehouse demanding an end to the mandate. But the governor has had support for the mask rule up to now from the New Jersey Education Association, the state's biggest teachers union.



THEY'RE BACK!

The Times-Gazette has once again been in contact with state wildlife services about how the vultures have returned to the public square. Merchants on the East Side contacted the T-G last week and said they're making a mess once again on the sidewalks, cars, etc. While effigies were placed by wildlife officials and worked reasonably well, recent storms apparently damaged the look-alike birds and it didn't take the vultures long to realize that fact.

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Violet Stafford

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Bracelet stolen from jewelry counter

T-G STAFF REPORT

A bracelet valued at \$800 was stolen Saturday from a counter at A & G Joyemex, South Cannon Boulevard, Shelbyville police said.

The bracelet was being repaired by an employee who left the area to wait on customers. The employee returned to find the bracelet was gone.

Security video shows a man known to the employee going behind the unattended counter, according to the police report. The suspect was last seen leaving in a red Saturn.

Jail intake

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

- Raymond Douglas Bagley Jr., 44, West End Avenue; domestic assault; held, \$3,500 bond
- Michael Tyler Blessing, 28, Railroad Avenue; domestic assault; released, \$1,500 bond
- Bonnie Joe Brown, 35, Rabbit Branch Road; simple assault; held, \$4,500 bond
- William Earl Butler III, 27, Murfreesboro; speeding, driving on revoked license (fourth offense); released, \$3,500 bond
- Miles Wilson Cole, 33, Burns Road; violation of probation, show cause; released, \$2,500 bond
- Kebin Andrews Delgado, 23, Narrows Road; driving on revoked license (second offense), speeding, reckless/careless driving, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, due care, leaving scene of accident, immediate notice of accident, possession of drug paraphernalia; released, \$8,500 bond
- Randy Lee Flippo, 55, Shelbyville; violation of probation; held, \$1,500 bond
- Edwin Baez Frago, 20, Morton Street; domestic assault, false imprisonment; held, \$8,000 bond
- James Bradley Handy, 57, Enon Church Road; domestic assault; held, \$1,500 bond
- Alan Huerta, age not available, South Cannon Boulevard; no driver's license, running red light, light law; summons issued
- Douglas Cody Hunter, 31, Ivie Avenue; assault; released, \$3,500 bond
- David Jiminez, 18, White Street; no driver's license, financial responsibility, due care; summons issued

•Donnie Ray Johnson Sr., 47, Sevier Street; failure to appear, probation revocation; held, \$8,000 bond

•Kerrenako Letoi Kinzer, 43, Fairfield Pike; violation of probation; held, \$2,500 bond

•Brandy Lynn Lewis, 43, Unionville-Deason Road; possession of schedule II drug with intent to sell, possession of drug paraphernalia; released, \$12,500 bond

•Pablo Lopez, 39, Sherwood Court; no driver's license, speeding; summons issued

•Floralma Lopez Lopez, 36, Morton Street; financial responsibility, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, speeding; summons issued

•Kaylee Brooke Manire, 23, Barksdale Lane; failure to appear; summons issued

•Eddie Doris Ray, 67, Plum Hill Road; disorderly conduct; held, \$1,000 bond

•Michael James Schwab, 26, Ridgeway Avenue; possession of schedule VI drug, possession of schedule II drug, introducing contraband into penal institution; released, \$11,000 bond

•Brandon Silva, 18, Gowen Drive; no driver's license, financial responsibility; summons issued

•Parker Benjamin Simpson, 21, Woodmont Drive; forgery (four times), identity theft, theft of property over \$1,000 (four counts); held, \$40,000 bond

•Jessica Paige Smith, 32, Patriot Circle; DUI; released, \$3,500 bond

•Latajh Jaquise Starnes, 30, Memphis; failure to appear; held, \$2,000 bond

•Zachary Alexander Stepanov, 19, Dow Drive;

driving on suspended license, light law; summons issued

•Gabriel Tracey Stusse, 18, Old Nashville Dirt Road; simple possession of schedule VI drug; summons issued

•Todd E. Walbert, 41, Henderson Road; aggravated assault; held, \$20,000 bond

•Hunter Womack, 40, Edd Joyce Road; DUI, possession of schedule VI drug; held, \$7,000 bond

•Levi Tyler Woodyard, 26, Smyrna; DUI, failure to maintain lane, speeding, implied consent; released, \$5,000 bond

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Q: I am starting to college this Fall. Do you offer any type of scholarship for members?

A: Yes. Each year Heritage South offers up to three scholarships of \$500 each to high school seniors in the counties that we serve: Bedford, Marshall and Rutherford. Applicants must be members of Heritage South Community Credit Union. Applications are available to download on our website, www.heritagesouth.org. In addition to completing the application and providing references, there is an essay question that must be completed. Applications are due by April 1st.



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Finding a charity

Dear Heloise: Harriet from Mesa, Arizona, inquired about how to be sure charitable donations will be utilized in the best way. The suggestion to check online for the facts is primary.

Another way to be sure your funds are used where you wish is to donate locally. Most local organizations direct funds to the actual needs of your community. Frequently, they are run by volunteers with only one or two paid employees.

If your interest is helping abandoned pets, check your county humane society; women and children in need might be assisted by a local church group or community services organization; civic organizations (Lions, Elks, Moose) frequently sponsor local improvements, holiday toy collections, home improvements such as wheelchair ramps for homes, etc.; veterans organizations offer senior day programs, transportation to medical appointments and homeless assistance.

These organizations also can be checked out for fiscal responsibility; they must file reports of activity with the IRS. When sending funds to an organization, be sure that your check is made out to the program you want to support. If it is made to a church or civic club, make a note on the memo line naming the specific program.

I much prefer making my donations directly to local organizations and projects. Do research early in the year to plan year-end giving that will benefit your community. It is unfortunate, but many large organizations direct more than half the funds they collect to "operations" and not the cause you hope to support. Many thanks for all your help and hints! -- Terrie Sautter, Dundee, N.Y.

Terrie, thank you for sharing all this good information, because donating to local charities is important for your community. -- Heloise

SOFTENING BROWN SUGAR

Dear Heloise: I was reading your column in the Spokesman Review this morning, and the question

Hints from Heloise

Heloise



from Jim Dowdy in Bel Air caught my attention. He asked about keeping brown sugar soft. You answered using a slice of bread or apple in the brown sugar.

I have tried these methods and they where are pretty good, but I found an even better method. I put in a few marshmallows -- regular or large size, not miniatures. They work amazingly. And they last for months! About twice a year I change them out. I can't remember where I heard about this trick, but it really works. -- Lorrie McLaughlin, Spokane, Washington

DRYING FRESH ROSES

Dear Heloise: Reading today's paper, you suggested to a writer how to dry her roses. Many years ago, I wanted to save a beautiful bouquet from my husband. So I took them out of the water and tied them using a rubber elastic. Then I took a large brown grocery bag, cut a hole in the middle of the bottom, and hung the bouquet upside down in the bag to dry and help preserve the color. The drier they are, the better before putting in the bag.

It can take four to six weeks. After which, she can store or place in a vase with dried baby's breath, or she could go to a local craft store to find other fillers to add to her roses! I had that arrangement for many years. Thank you for your daily column. I have used many of your suggestions. -- Sarah M., Lady Lake, Florida

RECYCLE MAILING MATERIAL

Dear Heloise: A lot of merchandise is mailed in sturdy, pliable plastic envelopes. When I have to return an item, I turn the envelope inside out. Then I have a fresh, recycled envelope that already fits the size of the item. I seal the envelope with package tape. -- Virginia M., Odenton, Maryland

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Volunteer Fire Department are sponsors.

Chief Tommy Wiley is scheduled Saturday, Feb. 26 from 4-6:30 p.m. at 82 Market in Bell Buckle. A fish fry with cooking by Randy Clanton and a silent auction are planned.

TODAY

Bell Buckle meeting

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor & Aldermen will meet 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8 in the Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY

Woman's Club

Shelbyville Woman's Club will meet noon Wednesday, Feb. 9, at River Bend Country Club. The program will be "WALLY!" presented by Laura Pewitt, teacher, speaker, and author. Call 931-580-6112 by 8 p.m. Sunday to make reservations.

Bell Buckle Parks-Rec

Bell Buckle Parks & Recreation Committee will meet 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9 in the Town Hall.

FRIDAY

Parents Night Out

Shelbyville Parks & Recreation will have activities for children Friday, Feb. 11 from 5-11 p.m. during a Parents' Night Out event. Games, pizza, gym and pool time and movies are scheduled for ages 4-12. Cost is \$15 plus \$10 each for additional children in the same family. Preregistration is required. Register online at <https://shelbyvilletnparks.org/courseactivities>.

SATURDAY

Fish and Plate sale

The Women's Ministry of Sevier Street First Baptist Church, 901 Sevier St., will sponsor a Fish and Plate sale on Saturday, Feb. 12 starting at 11 a.m. Fish Plate includes fish, white beans, cole slaw and hot water cornbread. Hamburgers and fries will also be available. All plates come with desserts and drinks. Call in orders at 931-735-6568.

Valentine's dance

The annual "Hearts on Fire" Valentine's Dance is scheduled 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Wartrace Community Center on Bridgeview Street. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door and can be purchased at Wartrace Town Hall, the Bellamy Cafe, or The Petticoat Trading Co. and include dinner. Wartrace Parks & Recreation Committee and the Wartrace

FEB, 14

Community Forum

The February Bedford County Community Forum, held by the Bedford County Republican Party, will be on "Our Love For The U.S. Constitution." The forum will be held 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14 at International House of Prayer. The speaker will be Paul Engel, an author, speaker and expert on Constitution. He podcasts at <https://constitutionstudy.com>. The party's executive committee will meet publicly at 6:30 p.m.

FEB, 15

Bell Buckle Historical Commission

Bell Buckle Historical Commission will meet 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15 in the Town Hall

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.

FEB. 17

SCHRA meeting

The South Central Human Resource Agency Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council will meet at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 17, 2022, at the South Central Human Resource Agency Central Office in Fayetteville.

Bell Buckle Beautification

Bell Buckle Beautification Committee will meet 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17 in the Town Hall.

FEB. 26

Wiley benefit

A benefit for Bell Buckle Police

An appetizing starter perfect for the big game

Each year, American football's championship game is one of the most-watched television broadcasts across the globe. The Super Bowl not only kick off until early evening in the eastern United States, but the day's festivities typically begin much earlier than that.

Super Bowl parties typically bring people from all walks of life together. Football fans mingle with non-fans who are more anxious to see the famed Super Bowl advertisements than they are the big game. But one thing all Super Bowl viewers can enjoy together is the food.

Food is as much a part of Super Bowl Sunday as the game itself. That should be comforting in a year when Super Bowl parties figure to be atypical as the world continues to confront the COVID-19 pandemic. Large gatherings likely aren't on the docket for Super Bowl LV, and the game itself may be played in a largely empty stadium. But fans at home can still cook up traditional Super Bowl Sunday foods this year.

The focus of Super Bowl Sunday fare is not often about an entrée, but rather the bevy of snacks and starters people can enjoy



in small doses throughout the game. That makes the big game a good fit for scaled back celebrating. This recipe for "Beer-Braised Meatballs" from "Cooking With Beer" by the editors at Publications International, Ltd. makes 20 meatballs, making it ideal no matter the size of your Super Bowl Sunday party.

"Beer-Braised Meatballs"

- Makes 20 meatballs
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/2 cup seasoned dry bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1/3 cup finely chopped onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- Salt and black pepper
- 1 bottle (12 ounces) light-colored beer, such as a lager

- 1 1/2 cups tomato sauce
- 1 cup ketchup
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1. Preheat the oven to 400 F. Line broiler pan with foil; spray rack with nonstick cooking spray.
- 2. Combine beef, bread crumbs, cheese, eggs, onion, garlic, salt, and pepper in large bowl; stir to blend. Shape mixture into 1-inch balls. Place meatballs on prepared rack. Bake 10 minutes or until browned.
- 3. Bring beer, tomato sauce, ketchup, tomato paste, and brown sugar to a boil in a Dutch oven. Add meatballs and reduce heat to medium-low. Cover; simmer for 20 to 30 minutes or until meatballs are cooked through, stirring occasionally.

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AG NOTES

By John Teague
UT/TSU Extension

WHAT'S THE MARKET?

These comments were shared by Drs. Andrew Griffith and Aaron Smith, livestock and crops economists with UT Extension. (I may comment in parentheses.)

Fed cattle traded \$3 higher compared to last week on a live basis. Prices on a live basis primarily ranged from \$138 to \$140 while dressed prices were mainly \$220 to \$222. The 5-area weighted average prices through Thursday were \$139.88 live, up \$2.95 compared to last week and \$221.79 dressed, up \$3.79 from a week ago. A year ago, prices were \$113.28 live and \$179.32 dressed.

Based on Tennessee weekly auction market reports steer prices this week were steady to \$2 lower compared to a week ago while heifer prices were mainly steady to \$4 lower compared to last week. Harvest cow prices were \$3 to \$5 higher while bull prices were \$2 to \$4 higher compared to the previous week.

On the calf side of the market, prices will soon hit their stride as grass cattle demand hits full swing. It is generally March before calf prices really swell, but that does not mean they will not be supported through February. The weather may be the biggest determinant of calf prices the next few weeks. The most intriguing market at this

time is the feeder cattle market. The CME feeder cattle index is just over \$159 per hundred-weight, which represents the price of an 800-pound steer in a 12-state region including the Great Plains and several of the contiguous states.

(Here is part of the latest USDA report on the beef cattle population survey.) USDA-NASS released their biannual inventory estimates for January 1, 2022. Expectations before release of the report were continued contraction of the U.S. cattle inventory given significantly higher beef cow slaughter in 2021 (accumulated beef production in 2021 up 3% from 2020). This expectation was confirmed across the board with all cattle and calves (beef and dairy) in the U.S. totaling 91.9 million head. This resulted in a 2 percent decline from the January 1, 2021 estimate of 93.8 million head.

Looking specifically at beef cows, a 2 percent decline was recognized with beef cows totaling 30.1 million head. Milk cows, at 9.38 million head, were also down 1 percent from January 1, 2021. For Tennessee, beef cows that have calved was estimated at 893,000, a 1 percent decline year over year. Milk cows declined approximately 10% from last year with the January inventory reporting 27,000 milk cows that have calved.

Beef cow inventory has

declined by more than 1.5 million head since the most recent inventory high in 2019. The U.S. currently has the fewest beef cows since 2015. Declines have led to not only a reduced calf crop in 2021 but also for the expected 2022 calf crop. Heifer retention, down by 3% for the U.S., signals expectations of continued herd contraction throughout 2022 as well.

In Tennessee, beef cow replacements declined by approximately 8% year over year. Ultimately, the majority of U.S. estimates resulted in inventory declines, thus pointing to the U.S. cattle herd being in a liquidation phase. With reduced beef cow numbers, the USDA-NASS Cattle report depicts a clear possibility for a bullish feeder cattle market in 2022.

Cotton and soybeans were up; wheat was down; and corn was mixed for the week. We have entered arguably the most important time of the year, for risk management, for spring planted row crops in Tennessee – the projected price determination period for corn, cotton, and soybeans. The prices established will be the starting point for many producers' risk management plans for the 2022 crop year.

As of February 4, the projected prices were, corn \$5.73, soybeans \$13.88, and cotton \$1.03 (wheat projected price was set September 15 at \$7.14). The next three weeks will determine the

final projected prices, but current prices are very positive for crop producers.

March 2022 corn futures closed at \$6.20, down 16 cents since last Friday. For the week, March 2022 corn futures traded between \$6.10 and \$6.42. May 2022 corn futures closed at \$6.21, down 12 cents since last Friday. New crop cash prices at elevators and barge points ranged from \$5.33 to \$5.83. December 2022 corn futures closed at \$5.73, up 4 cents since last Friday.

For the week, March 2022 soybean futures traded between \$14.73 and \$15.64. May 2022 soybean futures closed at \$15.57, up 82 cents since last Friday. New crop cash soybean prices at elevators and barge points ranged from \$13.42 to \$15.78. November 2022 soybean futures closed at \$13.95, up 44 cents since last Friday.

Wheat cash prices at elevators and barge points ranged from \$7.86 to \$8.04. March 2022 wheat futures closed at \$7.63, down 23 cents since last Friday. March 2022 wheat futures traded between \$7.40 and \$7.98 this week. New crop wheat cash prices at elevators and barge points ranged from \$7.20 to \$7.70. July 2022 wheat futures closed at \$7.61, down 21 cents since last Friday.

SPRING 2022

I have been very quiet about Spring fever. Most of you

know that I get the fever about September for the coming spring. I try to be nice to my friends who like cold weather. And I will always be respectful of one of my old friends who has passed on to the Arctic side of the sky, since I'm sure that the twinkle of one of the stars on a cold winter's night is his twinkle watching me shiver and shake!

But I've had enough! I've been cold this winter for several weeks now. But there are signs of spring coming. And it's not a day too soon!

I got a call about a sighting of a buttercup. When? It was the day we had the 9" snow storm in Bell Buckle! I told the caller that the snow would protect it from the cold weather. I haven't seen any blooms at home, but the flower bulbs are poking up tips. I keep looking.

One of the sure signs is in the air, so I've been told. I can't smell anything, haven't been able to since fall of 2018, way before COVID! But there are several skunks that I see on the side of the road, and I've been told that the aroma is quite strong in cases. In answer to a nice lady who asked why this is a sign, I told her the skunks were out to find mates to raise more little skunks. She said she had never thought about it!

Humans are not the only ones who hope for a Valentine in February! Think about it!



JAYDEN PLACES FIRST



The 2021 Fairest of the Fair Jayden Jackson of Bedford County also placed first runner up in the state pageant among 48 other young ladies representing county fairs across the state of Tennessee.

FAIREST OF THE 'FAIRS'

Bedford County Fair was awarded the merit award at this year's Tennessee Association of Fairs (TAF) Convention by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. During the convention, Bedford County Fair competed in the showcase of fairs competitive exhibits and received first in the Fair ribbon craft category for the second year in a row; second in the letterhead category; and third place in the recycled product category.

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NEXT GENERATION FARMERS?



Submitted Photo
Maverick and Shepard Sanders, children of Walt and Brooke Smith Sanders of Bell Buckle, are at the age right now when the sheep are just a lot of fun. Their mom, who has a degree in business/agriculture, will tell you it's a lot of hard work, when it becomes a part of the family income. Shown with the twins is their grandmother, Charlene Smith.

TO MARKET

USDA Columbia Graded Sheep and Goat Sale - Columbia, TN
AMS Livestock, Poultry, & Grain Market News
Tennessee Dept of Ag Mrkt News
Mon Jan 24, 2022

Table with columns: This Week, Last Reported, Last Year. Rows include Total Receipts, Feeder Sheep/Lambs, Slaughter Sheep/Lambs, Feeder Goats, Slaughter Goats.

Special Note: Next Sale February 14, 2022

Supply included: 3% Feeder Sheep/Lambs (100% Hair Lambs); 32% Slaughter Sheep/Lambs (1% Woolled & Shorn, 88% Hair Breeds, 8% Hair Ewes, 1% Bucks, 2% Hair Bucks); 16% Feeder Goats (100% Kids); 49% Slaughter Goats (65% Kids, 26% Nannies/Does, 8% Bucks/Billies, 1% Wethers).

FEEDER SHEEP/LAMBS

Table: HAIR LAMBS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt). Columns: Head, Wt Range, Avg Wt, Price Range, Avg Price.

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Table: HAIR LAMBS - Medium and Large 3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt). Columns: Head, Wt Range, Avg Wt, Price Range, Avg Price.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP/LAMBS

Table: WOOLED & SHORN - Choice and Prime 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt). Columns: Head, Wt Range, Avg Wt, Price Range, Avg Price, Dressing.

Table: HAIR BREEDS - Choice and Prime 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt). Columns: Head, Wt Range, Avg Wt, Price Range, Avg Price, Dressing.

One thing sheep farmers like Brooke Smith Sanders needs to do from time to time is watch the USDA's sheep report. Here's an example and such reports can be found on the USDA's website.

USDA Mid-South Livestock Regional Center LLC - Unionville, TN
AMS Livestock, Poultry, & Grain Market News
Tennessee Dept of Ag Mrkt News

Email us with accessibility issues with this report.

Livestock Weighted Average Report for 1/31/2022 - Final

Table: AUCTION. Columns: This Week, Last Reported, Last Year. Rows: Total Receipts, Feeder Cattle, Slaughter Cattle, Replacement Cattle.

Special Note: Republished to display Last Reported and Last Year Receipts.

Compared to last week, Feeder Steers/Bulls steady to 5.00 lower; Feeder Heifers steady to 4.00 lower; Slaughter Cows 2.00-5.00 higher; Slaughter Bulls 4.00 higher. Supply included: 83% Feeder Cattle (28% Steers, 1% Dairy Steers, 56% Heifers, 15% Bulls); 10% Slaughter Cattle (91% Cows, 9% Bulls); 6% Replacement Cattle (100% Bred Cows). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 33%.

FEEDER CATTLE

Table: STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt). Columns: Head, Wt Range, Avg Wt, Price Range, Avg Price.

STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Table: STEERS - Small 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) and HEIFERS - Small 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt).

Table: DAIRY STEERS - Large 3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) and HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt).

Table: BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt).

Table: BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt).

Table: COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) and COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt).

Table: COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) and BULLS - 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt).

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Table: REPLACEMENT CATTLE. Rows: BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Head / Actual Wt).

Advertisement for North Main MarketPlace. Includes logo, address (766 N. MAIN ST. SHELBYVILLE, TN), and promotional text: 'Shop Local this Valentines Day!'.

Advertisement for Coffee Break on the Square. Features a heart border, a target icon, and text: 'Personalized Valentine's Cake'. Includes a photo of a heart-shaped cake and contact information: '121 South Side Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, 931-680-2552, coffeebreakonthesquare.com'.

Advertisement for Lowery Jewelers. Features a dark background with various diamond jewelry (necklaces, rings, bracelets). Text: '25% OFF Your Valentine Gifts at Lowery Jewelers'. Includes contact info: '764 N. Main St., Shelbyville • 931-684-8623, loweryjewelers.com'.

Advertisement for El Mexico Mexican Restaurant. Includes the restaurant's name, phone number (931) 684-0874, and address: '724 N. Main Street, Shelbyville, TN'. Features an image of the restaurant building.

Advertisement for Lowery Jewelers (repeated). Features a dark background with various diamond jewelry and promotional text: '25% OFF Your Valentine Gifts at Lowery Jewelers'.



MTSU nursing students pose in the Nashville Rescue Mission kitchen while preparing food as part of a volunteer experience in the Spring 2021. Students in the nursing program will resume visits this semester.



Nursing students from MTSU prepare yellow bell peppers during their volunteer service at the Nashville Rescue Mission during the Spring 2021 semester. Students in the nursing program will resume visits this semester.



Submitted photos

Middle Tennessee State University School of Nursing students who volunteered to prepare and serve food in the spring 2021 semester pose in the kitchen of the Nashville Rescue Mission.



These MTSU nursing students volunteered to prepare and serve meals at the Nashville Rescue Mission in the Fall 2020 semester. Students in the nursing program will resume visits this semester.

MTSU nursing students become 'guardians of the community' at Nashville shelter

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Some of Barbara Lancaster's nursing students wonder what volunteering to prepare food for residents of the Nashville Rescue Mission has to do with their future profes-

sion. "It is helping them to see their ... future role as a registered nurse, how they can use this to help others," said the associate professor of nursing. "It's the essence of altruism."

This service learning component is a part of Lancaster's Community Public Health Nursing course, which she has taught since 2018. This semester, nine students will prepare and serve food

at the mission on Feb. 12, followed by six students on Feb. 26, seven students on Feb. 27 and seven students on April 9. Lancaster said a typical day begins at 9 a.m. with a tour to acquaint them with

the mission's plans and goals. The kitchen work begins around 10 a.m. "They may be back there cutting up potatoes," Lancaster said. "They may be back there washing apples, you know, whatever is needed."

The volunteers serve lunch beginning around noon, and, after some interaction with the residents, they participate in the clean-up, leaving at around 1:30 or 2 p.m.

"I can really tell when a student has understood it, when they say that it has been a life-changing experience for them, that they realize that nursing isn't just about heart monitors and injections and things like that, but it's about reaching people where they are," Lancaster said. All students must write reflection papers about their volunteerism. Some students initially are afraid to enter the mission, not knowing what they might encounter. However, Lancaster said they usu-



MTSU photo
Barbara Lancaster

ally find that it takes their minds off themselves and prompts them to think about other people.

She remembered a particular reflection paper in which a student said, "I left the experience understanding that nurses are the guardians of the community."

For more information, contact Lancaster at 615-494-8488 or barbara.lancaster@mtsu.edu.



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FC Mortgage named top workplace

Nashville—First Community Mortgage has been named one of the 2022 Top Workplaces USA by Energage, a purpose-driven organization that develops solutions to build and brand Top Workplaces. "Our employees continue to amaze me, as they are what makes us the organization we are," says Keith Canter, CEO of First Community Mortgage and one of the company's founders. "I continue to be proud of their work and teamwork and the continued recognition of this great organization as a workplace of choice, especially during a challenging couple of years with the pandemic."

In addition to the recent Top Workplaces USA recognition for the Murfreesboro-based mortgage firm that does business nationally, Canter refers to FCM also having

been named one of the Best Places to Work 2021 by the "Nashville Business Journal" and one of the Top Work Places 2021 by the "Tennessean."

"During this very challenging time, Top Workplaces – in its inaugural year – is a beacon of light for organizations, as well as a sign of resiliency and strong business performance," says Eric Rubino, Energage CEO. "Top Workplaces draw on real-time insights into what works best for an organization, so they can make informed decisions that have a positive impact on their people and their business."

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More cowboys waiting.

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Cowboys waiting for the events to start.



From left, Celebration CEO Warren Wells, Lone Star Rodeo communication director Rachel Boyd and the Celebration's director of operations Connie Allen get ready for the big Rodeo Saturday night.



The judge in the forefront watched competitors getting bucked, judging them on style and time.



If you were bare headed at the rodeo, you were an outlier.

That was my first rodeo

By ZOË HAGGARD
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I've always been a western fan (like Cheyenne Bodie, Marshal Matt Dillon, The Virginian to name a few). But watching the black-and-white old Hollywood versions of handsome men on horses shooting revolvers is completely different than the live action of one's first rodeo.

Sitting in the front row at the Calsonic Arena and watching the Lone Star Rodeo's 32nd annual event this weekend, I was up-close and personal with the "good, the bad, and the ugly" sides of a rodeo.

Sitting up close you can hear the heavy breathing of a bucking bronco and feel the thunder of its weight hitting the arena floor. You can see the faces of cowboys turn bright red under the strain of holding on for just a few more seconds, the thick neck of a Brahm bull bulging. And you can smell the pungent odor of every piece of livestock.... manure.

My first reaction—like many others—was why would anybody want to compete in this for fun?

But about 15 minutes later, you bet I was rooting for every competitor like I was the biggest PBR fan.

"Now how in the world could he not stay on for just two more sec-

onds?" I'd say, with a cheeseburger in one hand and a Coke in the other.

Rodeos are fast paced. You barely have time to blink before the cowboy is bucked from a bull or horse. And in between the events you've got the clowns pulling stunts like Charlie Chaplin as they dodge two-ton horses running at full speed.

Before you know it, three hours have passed.

By far, my favorite rodeo event was the calf roping. When the calf is released from the pin, the cowboy must rope it, tie it to the saddle, jump down, pick up the calf (that weighs as much as full-grown man, mind you), throw it down on its side, then rope the front and back leg. The horse then backs up to straighten the rope and then comes forward slightly to slacken it.

If you're good, all that happens in eight seconds or less. Talking with Lone Star Rodeo's communication manager, Rachel Boyd—the granddaughter of Preston C. Fowlkes, Sr., who started Lone Star in 1949—she said it's all in muscle memory. If you think about what you're doing, it's too late because it all happens that fast. You just react.

I also loved the cowgirls barrel racing. They maneuver those tight

turns with as much grace as if they were riding bicycles around their neighborhood.

I'm just glad if I can maneuver my shopping cart around the aisle at the grocery store. I can't imagine trying to control a horse.

Most cowgirls did the barrel racing in 17 to 18 seconds. But the crowd probably cheered loudest when the six-year-old cowgirl riding on her miniature Shetland pony raced around the barrels. It took her over 30 seconds to complete the course, but it was one of the best (and cutest!) highlights of the show. "Ha-ha! Look at her go!"

You never know what'll happen. And that's part of the fun, especially since we all have short attention spans nowadays.

More than anything, the rodeo is a tradition that's been passed down for decades. It represents a time when families pushed west across the American frontier to pursue a calling that required grit and skill. A time when men were men—and so were the women.

So, I am very much looking forward to the 33rd annual Lone Star Rodeo event next year. At least I can say, truthfully, it won't be my first rodeo.



The event called team roping involves two cowboys one ropes the neck of the calf, while the other ropes the back leg. Time usually takes around four to eight seconds.



Cowboys waiting atop railings.



One of the clowns entertains kids before the events start.

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Lovvorn scores 1,000th; Vikes topple Rockets

By **RICKEY CLARDY**
Sports Writer

UNIONVILLE — Stratton Lovvorn scored 30 points and became the 19th player in Community Viking basketball history to reach 1,000 points as the Vikings defeated the Forrest Rockets 68-55 in a District 7-AA basketball game Friday night.

It was a big night for the Lovvorn family as brothers Stratton and Landon combined for 44 points to lead the Vikings as the Rockets stayed close thanks to a big night from Hunter Bennett.

“Forrest came in really hot,” Coach Robbie Davis of the Vikings said. “They had last week swept Grundy County home and away so they had won two straight district games.”

“They have a bunch of kids that can really shoot the basketball,” Davis added. “They’re a team that scares me to death, to be honest with you.”

“They’re big, strong kids and they move the ball well,” Davis said. “When they get on, they’re really tough.”

Community (11-14, 3-2) never trailed as the teams battled to gain the upper hand in the opening quarter. Stratton Lovvorn scored nine consecutive Viking points and reached 1,000 points with a trey at the 5:24 mark.

Meanwhile, Bennett netted eight points for Forrest (9-12, 2-3) as the Vikings took a 16-13 lead to the second quarter.

It was Landon’s turn to fill the bucket as his seven points paced the Vikings in the quarter.

Led by six points from Davin Porter and four from Andrew Timmons, the Rockets cut the Viking lead to 21-19 with 4:14 left before a 7-0 run put Community up 28-19.

The Vikings took a 32-25 advantage to the intermission.

Bennett regained his form with 10 points and Porter added four as Forrest stayed hot for the first four minutes of the third quarter and trailed the Vikings 44-41 with 3:49 left before failing to score the rest of the quarter.

Stratton Lovvorn was equally hot with 11 points as Community added two late free throws and led 46-41 heading to the final quarter.

It was a shooting display by the Lovvorns in the quarter that helped the Vikings pull away.

Stratton scored 10 points and Landon added seven as the brothers accounted for the first 16 Community points to help the Vikings extend their lead to 62-49 with 2:57 left. Bennett had six points and Porter had four to lead Forrest, but it wasn’t enough as the Vikings took the district win.

“It was back and forth for the most part until there at the end when we made a few shots and shot well at the free throw line and did a good job of finishing the game,” Davis said. Bennett finished with 26 points for the Rockets while Porter added 16.

The Vikings were 15-of-19 at the foul line while the Rockets were 3-of-3.

“Landon is a very tal-



T-G Photos by Rickey Clardy
ABOVE: Stratton Lovvorn is joined by his teammates after becoming the 19th player to reach 1,000 points for the Vikings.



RIGHT: Lovvorn connects on a trey to reach the 1,000-points mark. Lovvorn finished with 30 points for Community.

ented freshman and most of the season early he was hurt,” Davis said. “So we’ve been trying to bring him along really slow.”

“It seems like everybody is finally sliding into their roles,” Davis added.

The district win for the Vikings was coupled with Stratton Lovvorn reaching his milestone.

“The impressive part about Stratton’s 1,000 points is for three seasons he was playing behind three 1,000 point scorers,” Davis said. “He started the season a little over 500 points for his career and he has really turned it on.”

“In his younger years, he was a shooter,” Davis added. “Now, he can go score.”

Both teams have non-district games on the road Monday night. Community travels to Central Magnet while Forrest is at Watertown.

Forrest	13	12	16	14	—	55
Community	16	16	14	22	—	68
Forrest:	Hunter Bennett 26, Davin Porter					

16. Andrew Timmons	6. Deason Jones	4. Brennan Mealer	3. Josh Rumley	Preston Gentry	Ben Villazon	Brayson McCown	Community: Stratton Lovvorn 30, Landon
Lovvorn 14	Maki Fleming 5	Trace Broiles 5	Jason Cullum	Corey Paterick 6	Emery Smith 4	Cole Crockett 2	Jacob Flanagan 2, Ramon Hernandez.
3-Point goals: Forrest (2): Bennett, Mealer; Community (9): S. Lovvorn 4, L. Lovvorn 3, Paterick, Broiles.							Halftime score: Community 32, Forrest 25.

Viqueens notch another 7-AA win

By **RICKEY CLARDY**
Sports Writer

UNIONVILLE — The Community Viqueens outscored the Forrest Lady Rockets in each quarter and pulled away for a 62-44 victory Friday night to clinch the top spot in the District 7-AA regular season basketball standings.

Community (18-7, 5-0) won for the eighth straight game and stayed unbeaten in district play.

“Forrest had a good game plan and gave us a look we haven’t seen all year,” Coach Cody Pierce of the Viqueens said. “But we had a bunch of players hit some big shots that made it tough for them to defend us.”

Forrest (8-13, 3-2) used six points from Addison Bunty and five points from Macyn Kirby to account for 11 of its 13 points in the opening quarter.

Meanwhile, Haley Mitchell drilled three treys to give the Viqueens their first nine points while M.J. Simmons added four points.

The Viqueens took a 15-13 lead to the second quarter.

Kirby stayed hot for the Lady Rockets with five points, but Simmons scored 10 points and Izzy Martinez came off the bench to tally five as the Viqueens scored the final six points of the quarter and took a 30-20 lead to the intermission.

The Viqueens scored the first six points of the third quarter to complete a 12-0 run and increase their



Haley Mitchell dribbles away from pressure for the Viqueens. Mitchell finished with 21 points, including five treys as Community clinched the District 7-AA regular season championship.

advantage. Mitchell scored five points to lead five Community players in the scoring column while Kirby connected on six free throws for Forrest.

The Viqueens led 45-31

with one quarter to play.

Mitchell stayed hot with seven points while Simmons and Breanna Whitaker each scored five as the Viqueens maintained their double-digit lead in the final quarter.

Led by four points each from Kirby and Ryann Lewis, the Lady Rockets were able to cut the Viqueen lead to 53-42 with 3:34 remaining, but Community regained the momentum

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T-G Photos by Rickey Clardy
M.J. Simmons of the Viqueens steps to the outside and connects on a three-pointer. Simmons finished with 22 points including two treys as Community clinched the District 7-AA regular season championship.

Viqueens

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after a timeout to score the next nine points and took its biggest lead at 62-42 in the final seconds.

“They stuck around and I told them we need to take care of the ball and hit some easy shots,” Pierce said.

“At that point we just wanted to be fundamental and not start turning the ball over and not let them hit any 3s,” Pierce added. “We did a good job of rebounding and made sure they didn’t score.”

Simmons led the Viqueens with 22 points while Mitchell added 21.

Kirby led the Lady Rockets with 20 points.

Both teams were successful at the free throw line.

The Viqueens were 11-of-13 at the stripe while the Lady Rockets were 9-of-10.

Community travels to Central Magnet for a non-district contest Monday night while Forrest is on the road Monday for a non-district game at Watertown.

Forrest 13 7 11 13 — 44
Community 15 15 17 — 62
Forrest: Macyn Kirby 20, Addison Bunty 8, Kinslee Inlow 6, Ryann Lewis 4, Cadence Chapman 2, Megan Mealer 2, Carli Warner 2, Emory Hall.
Community: M. J. Simmons 22, Haley Mitchell 21, Breanna Whitaker 5, Addison Brothers 2, Shelby Cawthon 2, Izzy Martinez 7, Zoey Dixon 3, Jacey Collier.
3-Point goals: Forrest (3): Kirby 2, Inlow; Community (9): Mitchell 5, Simmons 2, Martinez, Dixon.
Halftime score: Community 30, Forrest 20.

Cascade duo combines for 50 points

By WILL CARTER
Sports Writer

The Cascade Champion offense was firing on all cylinders on Friday night, but the Grundy County Yellow Jackets didn’t go down without a fight.

Led by Justis Carter’s 28 and Lucas Clanton’s 22 points, the Champions found themselves in the win column for their third-straight game with a final score of 74-66.

Carter asserted his dominance in the paint early in the contest as he put eight first quarter points on the board.

He carried that momentum for the duration of the contest.

“In my opinion we have the best player in the district on our team,” Champion coach Chris Lawson said.

“He’s (Carter) about 6’5” and he’s got great footwork on the inside. So anytime we have an advantage with that, we dump it off to him. He went to work in a variety of ways tonight.”

The Champions put 22 points on the board in the first frame, but the Yellow Jackets kept it close after back-to-back 3-pointers in the final minute pushed them to an 18 point quarter.

Sam Parsons led the Yellow Jackets with 26 points, nine of which came in the first quarter.

Aside from Parsons, Jr. Crisp was the only other scorer in double-digits with 11.

“No. 15 (Parsons) for them is a good player and he knocked down shots tonight,” Lawson said.

“He was able to get to the rim and get some offensive

rebounds. He gave them a chance to be in the game.”

To open the second quarter, the Yellow Jackets forced a stop defensively that turned into a made 3-pointer on the other end — their third consecutive make from beyond the arc.

Lawson called for a timeout and the Champions tightened up defensively allowing only eight more points in the quarter.

Carter and Clanton carried the offensive load for the Champions, combining for 12 of the team’s 18 points in the quarter.

Going into halftime, the Champions held onto a 40-29 lead.

The third frame was much of the same for Cascade, but the Yellow Jackets’ offense turned it up a notch on their way to a 25-point quarter.

The Champions matched their first quarter total of 22 on the back of Carter’s 12 and Clanton’s eight.

“We’ve worked hard all season on defense and how to guard. Here lately we’ve focused more on offense and scoring,” Lawson said.

“We started pushing the tempo a little bit. This is the third or fourth game in a row to do that and push it.”

The Champions pushed the ball for the entire game which led to a lot of easy baskets inside the paint.

Of their 74 total points, only 12 came from shots beyond the arc.

After a back-and-forth finish, the Champions walked away with another District 7-AA win and their sights set on the district tournament.

“We’re in the driver’s seat of the district right



T-G Photo by Will Carter

Justis Carter drives through traffic for a layup. Carter finished with 28 points.

now. I told those guys in there that Grundy County is in fourth place, and that’s not an easy first game. It’s not gonna be handed to us,” Lawson said.

“We kind of have our sights set on the district

tournament, so we have to fine tune some things in these last few games.”

Next on the schedule for the Champions is a non-district matchup with the Smyrna Bulldogs on the road.

Cascade 22 18 22 12 — 74
Grundy Co. 18 11 25 12 — 66
Cascade: Justis Carter 28, Lucas Clanton 22, Jackson Davis 10, Isaac McElroy 9, Thomas Gentry 3, Jayden Gulick 2, Grundy Co.: Sam Parsons 26, JR Crisp 11, Austin Higgins 9, Gavin Hobbs 7, Isaac Campbell 5, Alex Parsons 4, Jordan Nance 4.
3-Point goals: Cascade (4): Clanton 3, McElroy, Grundy Co.(7): Crisp 3, Sam Parsons 2, Campbell, Hobbs.
Halftime score: Cascade 40, Grundy Co. 29.



T-G Photo by Will Carter

Jordan Green fights through traffic on her way to the basket.

Offense a struggle for Lady Champs

By WILL CARTER
Sports Writer

In the second matchup with the Grundy County Lady Yellow Jackets, the Cascade Lady Champions kept it closer than they did on the road, but ultimately couldn’t get shots to fall in the 53-39 District 7-AA loss.

“We really played them much better than the last time, but offensively we couldn’t get anything to fall,” Lady Champion head coach Kendall Hampton said.

The Lady Yellow Jackets opened up the first frame on an 8-0 run before forcing a Lady Champion timeout at the 5:04 minute-mark.

Carlee Smartt and Wrylee McDaniel led the charge for the Lady Yellow Jackets with six points a piece in the quarter.

Both finished with 16 points on the night for Grundy County.

Lani Jones knocked down a 3-pointer a minute later to halt the run, and put the first points on the board for the Lady Champions.

Jones finished with seven points on the night.

The Lady Champions matched their first quarter total of eight in the second frame while holding the Lady Yellow Jackets to nine points.

At halftime, Grundy County held onto a seven point lead.

While Jordan Green scored all eight of her points in the first half for the Lady Champions, Caroline Stone did the opposite by scoring all but one of her points in the second half.

Stone finished with 14 points on the night.

“Against a team like tonight, there’s a mismatch with those two. They’re not as big as we are, so we have a size advantage,” Hampton said.

“Going inside works when that happens, but we have to hit our foul shots.”

To go along with the struggle of hitting shots, the Lady Champions couldn’t find the net from the free-throw line, going 11-of-23 from the stripe.

Many of the misses were on the front-end of a one-and-one as Cascade reached the bonus around the five-minute mark of the fourth quarter.

“We missed around 16 free throws if you include the one-and-ones, and that would have won us the game,” Hampton said.

“We kept going inside and getting fouls, but we couldn’t hit those foul shots. It’s an uphill battle when that happens.”

Heading into the final frame, the Lady Champions faced a 14-point deficit.

Stone accounted for eight of the Lady Champions 16 points to close out the game, but the Lady Yellow

Jackets knocked down nine free throws in the quarter to close out the game.

Although the Lady Champions weren’t able to get revenge this time around, Hampton is hopeful they can use this experience to their advantage down the final stretch of the season.

“We’ve played everyone better the second time around, so we can use that going into this last week and into the tournament to help us.”

“We’ve not shot well the last few games, so hopefully we can shoot better moving forward.”

A road matchup with the Smyrna Lady Bulldogs is next up for the Lady Champions as they try to keep building towards the district tournament.

Cascade 8 8 7 16 — 39
Grundy Co. 14 9 14 15 — 53
Grundy Co.: Carlee Smartt 16, Wrylee McDaniel 16, Charisie Campbell 7, Abigail Childers 6, Jaidys McDaniel 3, Kathrine Lusk 3, Stevie King 1.
Cascade: Caroline Stone 14, Jordan Green 8, Lani Jones 7, Mckenna Lamb 4, Annabelle Calvert 3, Abby Littrell 2, Hailey Giel 1.
3-Point goals: Grundy Co. (3): Smartt, McDaniel, Childers; Cascade (2): Jones, Calvert.
Halftime score: Grundy Co. 23, Cascade 16.

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Tips to encourage your child to adopt healthy eating habits

(StatePoint) While there is a lot of guidance available about what to feed children, until now, there has been little guidance about how to feed them. New recommendations offer parents and caregivers practical tips for encouraging healthy eating habits vital to growth, development and health.

“Childhood is a critical period for developing lifelong eating habits, and home is one of the first places where these habits emerge,” says Megan Lott, MPH, RD, deputy director of Healthy Eating Research (HER).

“As a registered dietitian and parent myself, I know that reluctance to try new foods and other picky eating habits are common in childhood.”

In an effort to make mealtimes easier for families, HER, a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) based at Duke University, recently convened a panel that reviewed scientific research to develop recommendations for how to feed children ages 2-8.

They found that structuring the home to provide healthy choices and supporting children’s

independence in trying and learning to like new foods are more effective than pressuring children to eat. They also found that the single most effective strategy to get kids to eat healthy food is through repeated exposure. Here’s a snapshot of the panel’s top tips:

- Promote independence: Giving kids some control at mealtime helps them learn to like healthful foods. Avoid pressuring kids to finish everything on their plate. Instead, help them learn to identify when they’re hungry or full.

- Get them involved: Get kids involved in meal selection and preparation. Even very young children can help wash fruits and vegetables.

- Make mealtime fun: Give foods fun names, share family recipes and food traditions, and talk about your favorite dishes.

- Avoid food rewards: Bribing with sweet treats is tempting, but non-food rewards are more effective in the long run. You can also use praise, like “Good job trying the beans!” to convey love and encourage trying healthy food.

- Create a positive environment: Provide an environment that lends itself to healthy habits. Keep a bowl of fruit on the counter and chopped vegetables in the fridge. Portion healthy snacks into individual-serving

size containers and leave them at kids’ eye level and within reach. Offer vegetables as an appetizer to give kids the opportunity to eat healthy foods when hungry and without other competing food. Limit the number of unhealthy snacks in the house.

- Try, try again: Toddlers and preschoolers commonly go through a phase of fearing new foods, however, most kids grow out of this. Try to be patient. It often takes time for kids to develop new, healthy eating habits. Repeated exposure matters. In fact, kids may need to try something 10-15 times before knowing if they like it or not, and this can happen over weeks or months and through different preparations. To avoid food waste, start small. For a new food, consider

offering just a few bites.

- Be a role model: Kids often look around them for cues about what to eat, and they look up to you! Let them see you make healthy choices, for your sake and theirs.

For more tips that encourage healthy eating habits, visit HealthyEatingResearch.org and follow #HealthyTipsHealthyKids on Instagram.

“The recommendations were designed to give parents, caregivers and the providers who work with children reliable information about what we know works,” says Lott. “However, our national policies must do a better job of supporting the health and well-being of children and families, prioritizing equity, and making healthy food available to and affordable for everyone.”

Magnificent Moss

UT Gardens’ February 2022 Plant of the Month

What comes to your mind when you think of moss? Do these small, non-vascular flowerless plants in the taxonomic division Bryophyta sensu stricto transport you to an enchanted forest in a fairytale, or a memory of hiking along a mountain stream hugged by moss-covered boulders? Whatever your memories or knowledge of moss might be, it is a fascinating living thing that is often either misunderstood or simply goes about its life unnoticed.

I have loved moss for as long as I can remember. Photography and the love of nature have been central in my life for over 40 years, and moss has always been part of the visual background and beauty of many of the areas I hold near and dear to my heart, yet I knew little about them.

In the fall of 2011 that was all about to change because moss was about to enter my world in a big way.

I had been trying to establish a nice lawn to complement my native plant garden for years, but the soil was so thin and of such poor quality that I had all but given up on it. One fall I was walking the lawn area (or what was left of it) and trying to decide if I was going to plant grass seed again when I noticed a small patch of moss about 3’ in diameter growing in what Iawn remained. I made the decision to nurture the area by keeping it free of leaves and debris and encouraging the moss. I manually removed the grass and weeds in the area so the moss didn’t have any competition. Then I used an assortment of natural weed and grass killers, with various levels of success, to speed up the

process.

Slowly the moss began to spread and by spring it had filled in most of the area, though it was still not what one might call “lush.” After a few years, the moss filled all the areas that had been lawn, and it was beautiful! I began posting photos of the moss lawn on my social media and website and sharing them with all my plant friends. The reactions and interest were immediate and far-reaching. In all my years of growing and promoting native plants, nothing compared to the level of interest and enthusiasm the moss lawn received in those early days.

With all that positive feedback I began reading in earnest everything I could about moss. The more I read, the more fascinated I became. The questions from visitors and from followers on social media were unending, and the excitement was palpable. Questions began to roll in:

“Can I walk on it?”

“Does it stay green year round?”

“Are there mosses that grow in the sun?”

“Do I need to weed a moss lawn?”

My research assured them they could, it would, and yes, yes, yes. More questions came:

“Do you have to fertilize it?”

“Do I have to mow it?”

“Does moss need good soil?”

“Does the buttermilk in a blender thing work?”

And with them more answers: no, absolutely not, nope, definitely not. Then came the more complex questions that required more in-depth answers, such as:

“Does moss have roots?”

The answer? Moss doesn’t have true roots

but a root-like structure called rhizoids that attach to the soil surface. The more I researched, and the more complicated the questions and answers became, the more enthralled I was and the more momentum this new interest gained with followers. New moss enthusiasts were born.

A moss lawn may not be the solution for everyone but it’s a great option for those with the right conditions. A moss lawn is a great environmentally friendly lawn alternative and its year-round beauty will reward you for years to come. My suggestion for those that want to give it a try is to start out with a small area to learn its requirements. The primary varieties in my moss lawn are *Thuidium delicatulum*, *Oxyrrhynchium hians*, *Hypnum curvifolium* and *Brachythecium sp.*

I’ve only touched the surface about moss and moss lawns. To further your knowledge, I recommend the following three books, *The Magical World of Moss Gardening* by Annie Martin, *Gathering Moss* by Robin Wall Kimmerer and finally *Common Mosses Of The Appalachians* by Karl B. McKnight, Joseph R. Rohrer, Kristen McKnight Ward and Warren J. Perdrizet.

It is critically important to buy mosses from nurseries that are both responsible and sustainable in sourcing what they sell. A reputable nursery that I strongly recommend is Mountain Moss Company (mountainmoss.com) in Brevard, North Carolina.

You can view an installation of diverse mosses at the UT Gardens, Crossville.

Submitted by Paul Moore, Nashville-based plantsman and photographer

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23. Utilize
24. “True Blood” actress Paquin
25. Got up
26. Sank in
30. Retail
31. Giants
32. Most bald
33. Changes color
34. Unit of loudness
35. Undresses
38. Fathers
39. Learned skill
40. Remove qualification
44. Covered with frost
45. Speak up
46. Nowhere to be found
47. Part of surgery (abbr.)
48. Type of wrap
49. Church seating
50. Mathematical figure
51. College football conference
55. Turkish officer title
57. Organized body of knowledge
58. Smooth and glossy
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CLUES DOWN

1. Get back
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5. Cairo Regional Airport
6. Peace officer
7. Brings to life
8. Automotive vehicles
9. One point south of due east
10. Football position
11. Goes by
12. Most attractive
16. Road divisions
17. Not the sea
18. Small, faint constellation
22. Cabbage
25. Least frequent
27. Change slightly
28. A country in NE Africa
29. Metric units of measure
30. More coherent
32. Make uninteresting
34. Nausea
35. Institution of Oceanography
36. Of little value
37. Hindu model of the ideal man
38. Biblical exclamation
40. You throw it at a board
41. Be about to happen
42. Brutal
43. Opened one’s mouth widely
45. 19th letter of Greek alphabet
48. Saturate
51. The woman
52. Someone who is highly skilled
53. A way to launch an attack on
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TUESDAY EVENING

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THURSDAY EVENING

FEBRUARY 10, 2022

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FRIDAY EVENING

FEBRUARY 11, 2022

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SATURDAY EVENING

FEBRUARY 12, 2022

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SUNDAY EVENING

FEBRUARY 13, 2022

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MONDAY EVENING

FEBRUARY 14, 2022

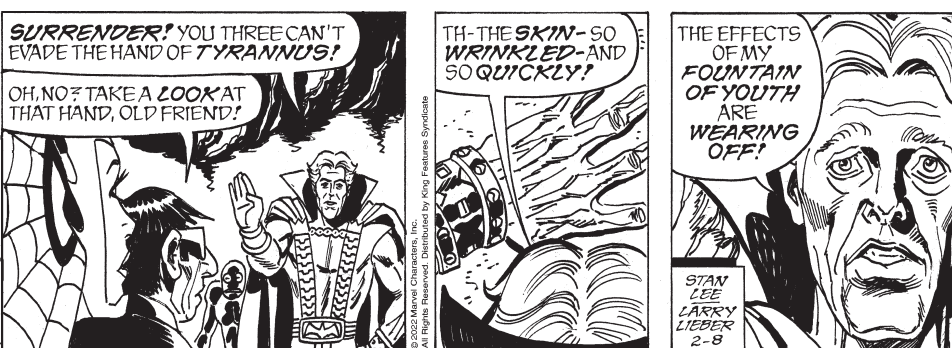
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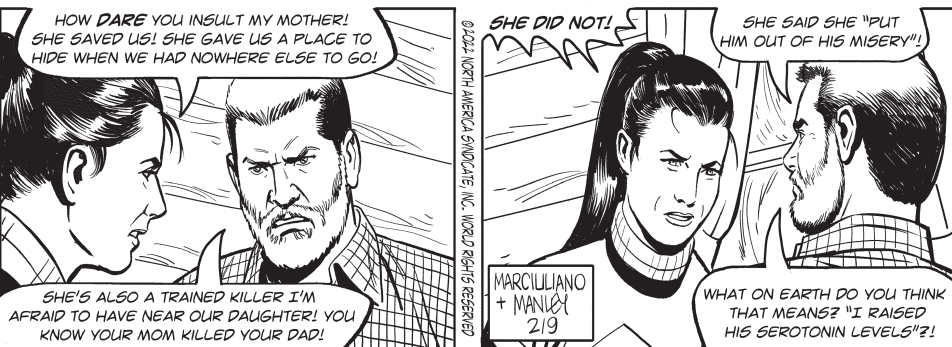
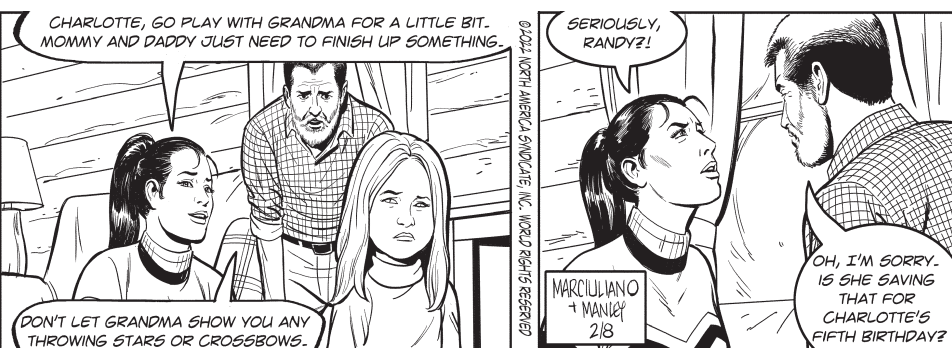
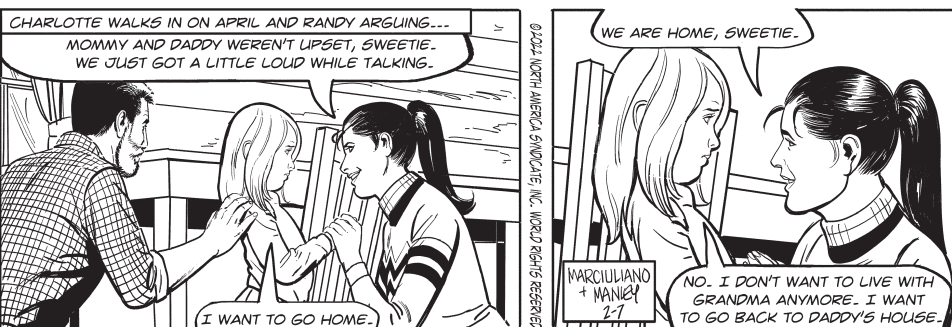
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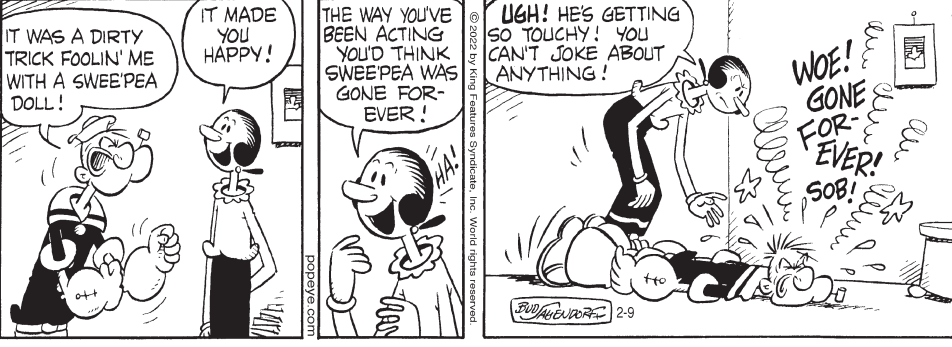
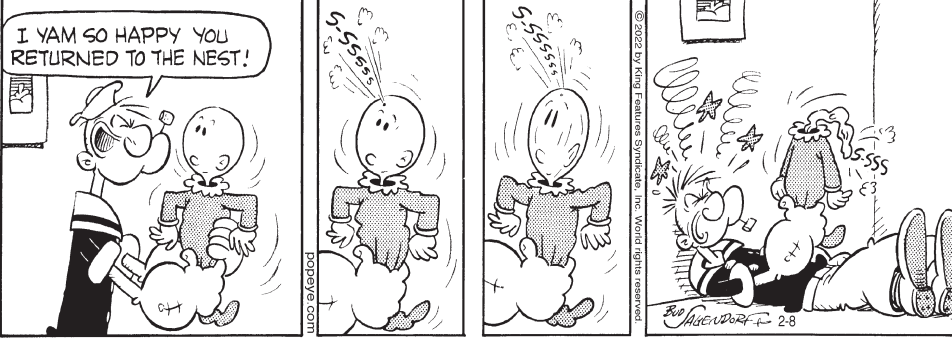
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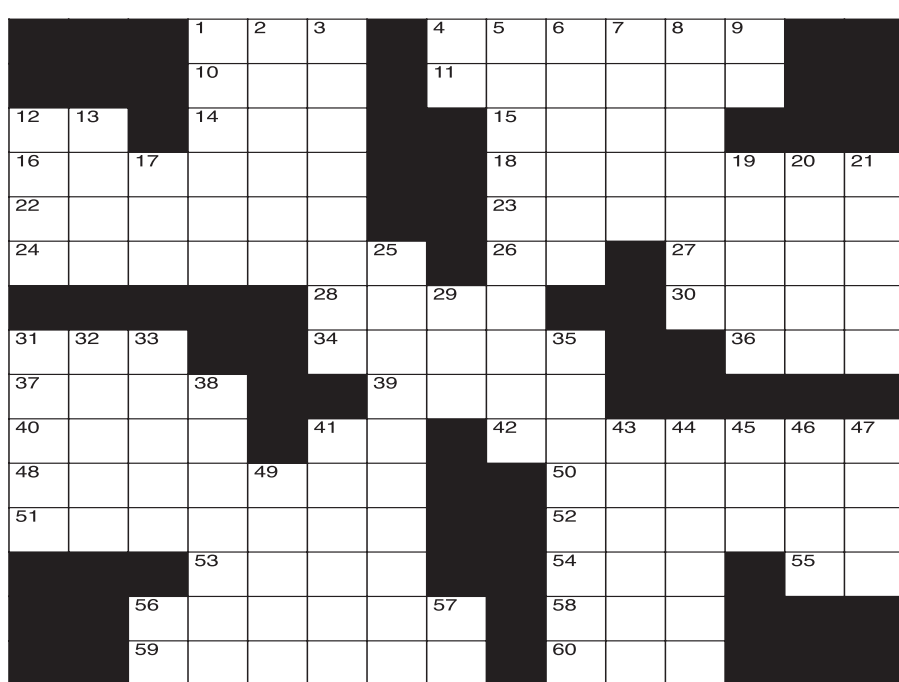
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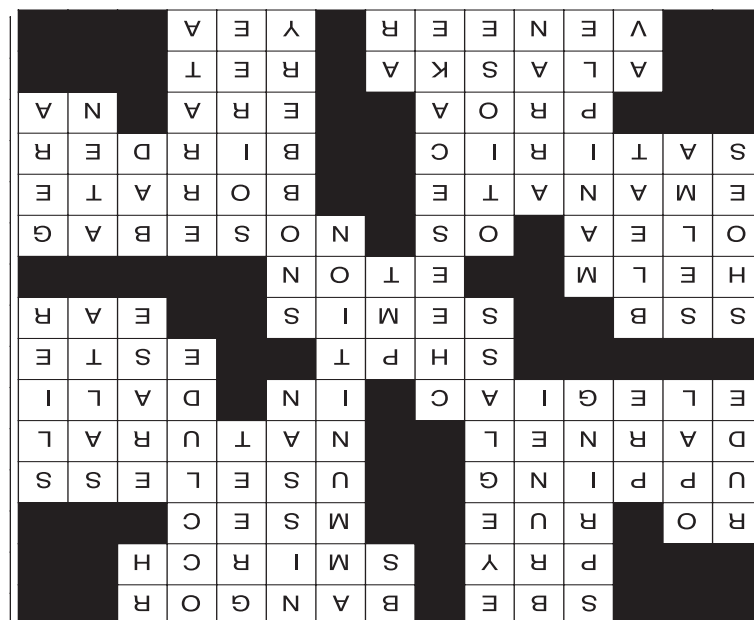
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. One point east of due south
- 4. City in Maine
- 10. Inquire too closely
- 11. Make dirty
- 12. Small Greek island
- 14. Bitterly regret
- 15. Millisecond
- 16. ___ the ante
- 18. Without value
- 22. Eurasian ryegrass
- 23. Authentic
- 24. Having a mournful quality
- 26. Not out
- 27. Salvador ___, Spanish artist
- 28. Cargo (abbr.)
- 30. This (Spanish)
- 31. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 34. Slang for trucks with trailers
- 36. Helps you hear
- 37. Steer a boat
- 39. British School
- 40. Genus of olive
- 41. Computer term (abbr.)
- 42. Horse gear
- 48. Give off
- 50. A type of salt
- 51. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
- 52. One who watches birds
- 53. Sailboat
- 54. A major division of geological time
- 55. Sodium
- 56. American state
- 58. Soak in water
- 59. Thin decorative covering of fine wood
- 60. Affirmative

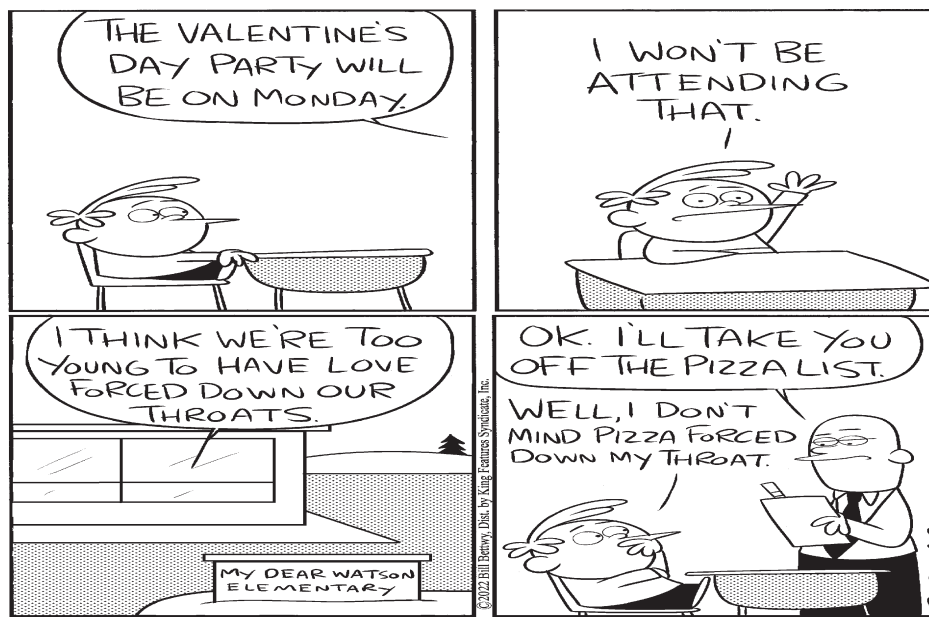
CLUES DOWN

- 1. One of the four seasons
- 2. Its sultan is famous
- 3. A lens for correcting defective vision in one eye
- 4. College degree
- 5. Soldiers need it
- 6. Japanese car manufacturer
- 7. A way to address
- 8. Obstruct
- 9. Atomic number 45
- 12. Ill-mannered
- 13. Opaque gem
- 17. Indicates before
- 19. Remove
- 20. Populous Argentine city
- 21. More cunning
- 25. Rich dessert
- 29. Payment (abbr.)
- 31. Footwear
- 32. Famed Alabama city
- 33. Sheep's cry
- 35. Arrogance
- 38. Clerical vestment
- 41. Serving no practical purpose
- 43. An evening party
- 44. Print errors
- 45. Not good
- 46. Egyptian Sun god
- 47. Industrial German city
- 49. Scottish island
- 56. Early multimedia
- 57. Atomic number 18

PUZZLE SOLUTION



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ASTROGRAPH

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you may be feeling romantic lately, but there will be little time to act upon it. Bide your time for a week or two until you can spend time with a special someone.
TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, craft an eclectic guest list for an upcoming party you're hosting. The more points of view you can hear, the more engaging the event will be.
GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Gemini, a loved one needs you and you're the right person for the job. Find a way you can lend a hand. Your efforts won't go unnoticed and pitching in will prove its own reward.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you may need to tighten the purse strings in the days ahead. Limit purchases only to the necessities for the next few weeks until you feel more secure.
LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, bring people together is your specialty. Put your talents to use and encourage friends and family to get together for some fun. The party will be welcomed by all.
VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Someone in your life could be at a crossroads, Virgo. Lend an open ear if he or she needs to talk. Your support will be well-received and reciprocated

when the time comes.
LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, your talents will be in high demand in the days and weeks ahead. Take things one task at a time and embrace the responsibility and trust.
SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you usually are outgoing, but this week you may feel shy and reserved. Stick closer to home if you're not feeling the social scene right now.
SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, now is the time to spread a little good cheer. Let others know how much you care and encourage them to do

the same. This will have a positive effect on everyone's mood.
CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Activities that have you working in a group go as planned, Capricorn. Your willingness to work with others and set a good example is highly valued.
AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, a brief separation from someone special in your life has you feeling melancholy. Surround yourself with friends to brighten your mood as much as possible.
PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Treat yourself to a meal at a favorite restaurant or go on a little retail therapy spree. You

deserve a little pampering.
FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS
FEBRUARY 7
Ashton Kutcher, Actor (44)
FEBRUARY 8
Vince Neil, Singer (61)
FEBRUARY 9
Michael B. Jordan, Actor (35)
FEBRUARY 10
Chloë Grace Moretz, Actress (24)
FEBRUARY 11
Kelly Rowland, Singer (41)
FEBRUARY 12
Josh Brolin, Actor (54)
FEBRUARY 13
Randy Moss, Athlete (45)

SHERIFF: MORE CORRECTIONS OFFICERS NEEDED



Austin Swing was elected Bedford County sheriff in 2014 and 2018 after serving 21 years as the Shelbyville Police Chief. He now operates the county jail, which can hold up to 400 inmates.



This picture hanging in Sheriff Swing's office shows him graduating from the FBI National Academy in 1997.



The old, old Bedford County Jail located behind the U.S. Bank on the north side of the square. It was used up to the 1980s, Sheriff Swing said.



Sheriff Swing looks over lockers in which drug evidence is locked while under investigation. It's one of the many new features at the new sheriff's department facility on Northcreek Drive.

Shooter receives life in prison without parole

By JONATHAN MATTISE
Associated Press

NASHVILLE — A man who shot and killed four people at a Nashville Waffle House in 2018 received a sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole on Saturday.

Jurors handed down the penalty for 33-year-old Travis Reinking after hearing about two hours of testimony from family members of the four people killed. They sobbed and trembled as they talked about their loved ones and how losing them continues to fracture their lives more than three years later. Jurors had the option of giving Reinking the chance for parole after serving 51 years in prison.

Naked save for a green jacket, Reinking opened fire inside the restaurant just after 3:20 a.m. on April 22, 2018, killing Taurean Sanderlin, 29; Joey Perez, 20; Akilah Dasilva, 23; and DeEbony Groves, 21. He fled after restaurant patron James Shaw Jr. wrestled his assault-style rifle away from him, triggering a manhunt.

"I've always been somebody that they say is unbreakable, because no matter what our family has been through, I will always

be the one to bring our family up," Patricia Perez said through tears about losing her son Joey. "This has broken me."

Jurors on Friday rejected Reinking's insanity defense as they found him guilty on 16 charges, including four counts of first-degree murder. The trial opened Monday after jury selection the previous week. Prosecutors in 2020 indicated they would not seek the death penalty and would seek life without parole.

Reinking's defense team, which didn't put on any sentencing witnesses Saturday, argued for the possibility of parole, saying he was mentally untethered. Prosecutors argued the evidence shows Reinking planned out the attack and wanted to kill everyone at the restaurant.

Prosecutors also directed jurors' attention back to heart-wrenching testimony from family members. Shaundelle Brooks said her son Akilah Dasilva was a gifted artist, a brilliant student and a talented musician who built his own computer to work on his music, which he used to urge people to turn away from gun violence.

"He loved his family, but most

of all Akilah wanted to live," Brooks said, crying. "He wanted to create positive change in this world. He showed compassion, not anger. He spread love, not hate."

Evidence at trial showed Reinking had schizophrenia and had suffered delusions for years, believing unknown people were tormenting him. He contacted law enforcement several times to report that he was being threatened, stalked and harassed. In July 2017, he was detained by the Secret Service after he ventured unarmed into a restricted area on the White House grounds and demanded to meet with then-President Donald Trump.

State police in Illinois, where he lived at the time, revoked Reinking's state firearms owner identification. But that only meant he had to turn over his guns to someone else with valid identification. Reinking surrendered the guns to his father, who later returned them to his son.

Since law enforcement declined to take his delusions seriously, Reinking began to feel that they and other random people were part of a conspiracy against him, psychologists testified. Shortly

before the attack, he believed someone had drugged him, broken into his apartment and raped him. Reinking told psychologists that while praying about what to do, he received a command from God to go to the Waffle House and shoot three people.

To prove Reinking was not guilty by reason of insanity, defense attorneys had to show not only that he suffered from severe mental illness that left him unable to understand the wrongfulness of his actions.

Prosecutors presented evidence that Reinking was calm and cooperative after his arrest, able to understand and respond to commands. Although Reinking was naked when he walked from the crime scene, when he was captured nearly two days later, he was dressed and carrying a backpack loaded with water bottles, sunscreen, a pistol, ammunition, Bible and several silver bars. And they mentioned he had asked to talk to an attorney after his arrest.

Prosecutors suggested Reinking was acting out of revenge. He noted that days before the shooting, Reinking stole a BMW from a dealer-

ship. Reinking wrote in a journal about plans to drive to Colorado, describing a life in which he would hang out with friends, smoke marijuana, hike in the mountains and "repossess" cars and houses so that he would not have to work, a prosecutor said.

After police took the BMW back the next day, he wrote, "This time I would have to punish them by taking something they couldn't take back, some of their own lives," the prosecutor said.

Prosecutors also emphasized Reinking's own account of the shooting: He said that after killing Perez, "I felt like I was going to throw up because this was something God told me to do but it felt evil."

The jury also convicted Reinking on four counts of attempted first-degree murder and four counts of unlawful employment of a firearm during commission of or attempt to commit a dangerous felony. In addition to the four people he killed, he seriously wounded Sharita Henderson and Shantia Waggoner. Kayla Shaw and James Shaw Jr., who are not related, suffered lesser injuries.

Lung expert: Floyd died because breathing was restricted

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — George Floyd died because his breathing was restricted as he was restrained while handcuffed and facedown, a lung expert testified Monday at the federal trial of three former Minneapolis police officers charged with violating Floyd's civil rights.

Dr. David Systrom, a pulmonologist and critical care physician at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, said Floyd's upper airway was compressed by Officer Derek Chauvin's knee, while his position on the hard asphalt with his hands cuffed behind his back did not allow his lungs to expand, cutting off the flow of oxygen.

"Oxygen delivered to the heart and brain is critical to survival," Systrom said. Last week, Dr. Andrew J. Alexander Kueng,

Thomas Lane and Tou Thao are accused of depriving Floyd, 46, of his rights when they failed to give him medical aid as Chauvin knelt on the Black man's neck for 9 1/2 minutes while Floyd pleaded for air. Kueng and Thao are also accused of failing to intervene in the May 2020 killing that triggered protests worldwide and a reexamination of racism and policing.

Kueng knelt on Floyd's back, Lane held his legs and Thao kept bystanders back. Their trial resumed Monday after being abruptly suspended last week because one defendant tested positive for COVID-19.

Systrom is the second medical expert called to testify by prosecutors.

Last week, Dr. Andrew Baker, Hennepin County's

chief medical examiner, said Floyd died after police "subdual, restraint and neck compression" caused his heart and lungs to stop. He said heart disease and drug use were factors but not the "top line" causes. He said Floyd had an enlarged heart that needed more oxygen than normal, as well as narrowed arteries.

Testimony began Jan. 24 after a jury was selected in one day.

Kueng, who is Black, Lane, who is white, and Thao, who is Hmong American, are charged with willfully depriving Floyd of his constitutional rights while acting under government authority. The charges allege that the officers' actions resulted in Floyd's death.

Chauvin was convicted of murder and manslaugh-

ter in state court last year and pleaded guilty to a federal civil rights charge. He remains in prison.

Lane, Kueng and Thao also face a separate state trial in June on charges alleging that they aided and abetted murder and manslaughter. All three have been free on bail since shortly after they were charged in June 2020.

A caravan of vehicles drove through Minneapolis demanding justice in the death of Amir Locke, the 22-year old Black man who was fatally shot by Minneapolis police as officers served a no-knock search warrant.

Sunday's caravan of about 50 vehicles was organized by the Racial Justice Network and other police accountability groups. Some in the caravan then

gathered in a neighborhood outside what's believed to be the home of interim Police Chief Amelia Huffman. They chanted the names of Locke as well as Breonna Taylor, a Black woman who was killed by Kentucky police during a no-knock raid in 2020.

They also called for Huffman's resignation, the Star Tribune reported.

"We're asking for her job," said activist Toussaint Morrison over a microphone outside the home, "because it seems like the only time they pay attention is when it affects their jobs or their money. But we pull up when it affects our lives."

The gathering follows a march Saturday that drew hundreds of demonstrators to the streets of Minneapolis. The protesters

met outside the Hennepin County Government Center before marching through downtown streets.

Locke was fatally shot Wednesday when a SWAT team entered a downtown Minneapolis apartment without knocking.

A police bodycam video shows an officer kicking the couch where Locke was sleeping. On the video, he is seen wrapped in a blanket, beginning to move, with a pistol in his hand just before an officer fires his weapon.

Locke's parents, Andre Locke and Karen Wells, say their son was "executed" after he was startled from a deep sleep and reached for a legal firearm to protect himself.

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Brooks Grocery, a family-owned grocery store in Chapel Hill, is looking for an experienced meat cutter to join our team. The ideal candidate will have experience cutting and preparing a variety of cuts of meat while operating cutting tools safely. Attention to detail and devotion to good customer service are a must, as well as the ability to work well with others and be an effective team member. Part-time and full-time availability. Please apply to our listing on Indeed.com.

HELP WANTED for Furrer Rental Properties. In need of a hardworking, self-motivated worker who is able to work well with others and take directions given on a daily basis to keep the grounds free of any debris. Employee must have a clean valid drivers license, open availability, and be able to pass random drug tests. Please contact Blue at 931-580-6355.

NOW HIRING Caregivers Residential Behavioral Agency seeks Caregivers. Above Average salary commensurate with experience & education. Contact MTSS. Fax resume or letter of interest to: 931-684-0330fx or contact 931-684-5666 to start application process.

PUBLIC NOTICE
The City of Shelbyville is accepting applications for the position of part-time/seasonal Batting Cage Attendant for the Parks and Recreation Dept. Applicant must be available to work from March 1 - July 15. Valid Tennessee driver's license required. Must be at least 16 years old to apply.

This is a part-time/seasonal position with an hourly rate of \$10.00. Applications and a copy of the job description may be picked up at City Hall during normal business hours or download from the City website: www.shelbyville-tn.org. Applications and job descriptions must be returned to City Hall Administration Office, 201 N. Spring St. Shelbyville, TN 37160 or emailed to stacey.claxton@shelbyville-tn.org and will be accepted until position is filled.

The City of Shelbyville is an equal opportunity employer and a drug free workplace. Successful Applicants will be required to pass a Background check, Drug Screen, and Physical.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Bedford County Schools: Public Notice
Bedford County Board of Education
Tuesday, February 15, 2022 @ 5:30 PM Central-Central Office Board Room
500 Madison Street
Shelbyville, TN 37160
(Feb. 5, 8, 2022)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell,

to satisfy lien of the owner, at public sale by competitive bidding on www.storage-treasures.com ending on February, 18th 2022 at 9:30 AM for units located at:

Compass Self Storage
1703 Green Lane
Shelbyville, TN 37160
931-684-8585

The personal goods stored therein by the following may include, but are not limited to general household, furniture, boxes, clothes, and appliances. Unit: 036; Raymond Santos Unit: 109; Kayla Kosa Unit: 808; Diana Gallegos

Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Compass Self Storage reserves the right to refuse any bid. Sale is subject to adjournment. (February 8, 2022)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated October 31, 2014, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded November 3, 2014, in Book No. TD824, at Page 950, in Office of the Register of Deeds for Bedford County, Tennessee, executed by Jason A Gospodarek and Catherine I Gospodarek, conveying certain property therein described to David Marttala as Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for First National Bank of McMinnville, its successors and assigns; and the undersigned, Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee by Lakeview Loan Servicing LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable; and that an agent of Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., as Successor Trustee, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon said Successor Trustee, by Lakeview Loan Servicing LLC, will, on February 22, 2022 or about 11:00 AM, at the Bedford County Court-house, Shelbyville, Tennessee, offer for sale certain property hereinafter described to the highest bidder FOR certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee. The sale is free from all exemptions, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

TRACT NO. 1: Being Lot No. Fifteen (15) in the subdivision, known and designated as "SHELBY PINES", a plat of which is recorded in Deed Book No. 57, page 549, in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee to which reference is here made for a full and complete description of said lot.

TRACT NO. 2: Beginning at a point on the north margin of Audubon Road at the southwest corner of the Borer property or the southwest corner of Lot No. 14 in Shelby Pines Subdivision, and being at the southwest corner of the property herein described; thence leaving the said North margin North 10° 03' East 157.0 feet to a point at the northwest corner of said lot 14;

thence South 74° 40' East 10.0 feet to a point; thence South 10° 02' West 156.1 feet to a point on the north margin of the said Audubon Road; thence North 80° West 10 feet to the point of beginning, and lying in the Seventh (7th) Civil District of Bedford County, Tennessee, and being a portion of the property in Deed Book 64, page 326, or a ten (10) foot strip whose west boundary runs along the west boundary of Lot 14 in Shelby Pines Subdivision, plat of which is of record in Deed Book 57, page 549, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, and being the same legal description contained in the previous deed of record.

ALSO KNOWN AS: 111 Audubon Road, Shelbyville, TN 37160

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: JEFF H SMITH

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. In the event of inclement weather, the trustee hereby announces that the sale will be postponed for a period of two weeks. In such situations, notices will be mailed to interested parties of record. W&A No. 350507

W&A No. 350902 DATED January 27, 2022 WILSON & ASSOCIATES, P.L.L.C., Successor Trustee (Feb. 1, 8, 15, 2022)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated June 20, 2019, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded June 21, 2019, in Book No. TD933, at Page 592, in Office of the Register of Deeds for Bedford County, Tennessee, executed by Jeff H Smith, conveying certain property therein described to Megan K. Trott as Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for First Community Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns; and the undersigned, Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee by PennyMac Loan Services, LLC. NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable; and that an agent of Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., as Successor Trustee, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon said Successor Trustee, by PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, will, on February 28, 2022 or about 3:15 PM, at the Bedford County Court-house, Shelbyville, Tennessee, offer for sale certain property hereinafter described to the highest bidder FOR certified funds

paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee. The sale is free from all exemptions, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows: Lying and being in Civil District 6 of Bedford County, Tennessee. Being all of Lot No. 1 of North Meadows Subdivision, Phase I, according to plat and survey of same appearing of record in Plat Cabinet J, Envelope 86, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, to which plat reference is here made for a more detailed description.

ALSO KNOWN AS: 329 Cartwright Road, Shelbyville, TN 37160

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above referenced property: JEFF H SMITH The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. In the event of inclement weather, the trustee hereby announces that the sale will be postponed for a period of two weeks. In such situations, notices will be mailed to interested parties of record. W&A No. 350507

W&A No. 350902 DATED January 27, 2022 WILSON & ASSOCIATES, P.L.L.C., Successor Trustee (Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 2022)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of JUANITA COOK Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on January 19 of 2022 Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of **Juanita Cook** who died 12/10/2021 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received the copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

Date: 01/19/2022

Brenda Hester & Linda Davis, Co-Executors

Curt M. Cobb Clerk & Master

Megan K Trott Attorney (February 1, 8, 2022)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Town of Bell Buckle, Tennessee will hold a public meeting at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 15, 2022, in the Bell Buckle Town Hall to discuss the Community Block Grant (CDBG) Program administered by the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the guidelines of the program and to solicit input from area residents regarding potential uses of CDBG funds. 2022 CDBG funds can be used for water system improvements, sewer system improvements, and housing rehabilitation. Additionally, community development projects are eligible including public health and safety (ambulances, fire trucks, clinics, EMS stations); community infrastructure (streets, drainage, flood mitigation); and community revitalization (community centers, daycares, etc.). All residents or entities with projects are encouraged to attend this meeting or mail suggestions to the Mayor's Office, Town of Bell Buckle, P.O. Box 276, Bell Buckle, TN 37020. Suggestions will be received through March 1, 2022. Emailed suggestions can be sent to Janet_Robinson@townofbellbuckle.com. The Town of Bell Buckle does not discriminate. The location of the meeting is accessible to persons with disabilities. Special accommodations may be provided to persons with disabilities by contacting City Administration at 931-389-9513. Ronnie Lokey Mayor (Jan. 29, Feb. 8, 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Shelbyville-Bedford County Economic Advisory Committee will meet in a Special Called Meeting on Monday, February 14, 2022, at 12:00 PM, at the Bedford County Courthouse Annex, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Public Square, to discuss the following items: I. Call to Order II. Roll Call III. Approval of the Agenda Business: A. Status Report to Governing Bodies B. Future Direction C. Election of Chairman D. Election of Vice-Chairman IV. Adjourn (February 8, 2022)

Request for Proposals Bedford County Health Department Alterations at 200 Dover Street, Suite 200 Shelbyville, TN Bid No. 22-32

Bedford County Department of Finance is accepting bids for the Alterations to Suite 200 for Bedford County Health Department located at 200 Dover Street. A pre-bid meeting will be conducted on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at the project site, 2nd floor 200 Dover Street, Suite 200, Shelbyville, TN 37160. Bids will open Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. Bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope to the Bedford County Department of Finance, 200 Dover Street, Suite 102,

Shelbyville, TN 37160. Each envelope should be plainly marked with "Bid No. 22-32 "Alterations to Suite 200 for Bedford County Health Department". Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at that time.

Contract Documents, Plans and Specifications may be examined at the following locations: Kline Swinney Associates, Nashville, TN., Xerox Dodge Planroom (McGraw-Hill), Builder's Exchange of TN, Tennessee Road Builders Association or iSqFt, Inc. / CMD Group.

Contract Documents, Plans and Specifications may be obtained from Kline Swinney Associates, 22 Middleton Street, Nashville, TN 37210, (615) 255-1854. Prospective bidders shall refer to the Invitation To Bid specification section 00 11 16 in the contract documents for all pertinent dates and required documentation for a successful bid. (Feb. 5, 8, 12, 2022)

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Ukraine crisis talks move to Moscow, Washington

MOSCOW (AP) — International efforts to defuse the standoff over Ukraine intensified Monday, with French President Emmanuel Macron holding talks in Moscow and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz in Washington to coordinate policies as fears of a Russian invasion mounted.

The buildup of over 100,000 Russian troops near Ukraine has fueled Western worries of a possible offensive. White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan warned Sunday that Russia could invade Ukraine "any day," triggering a conflict that would come at an "enormous human cost."

Russia has denied any plans to attack its neighbor but demands that the U.S. and its allies bar Ukraine and other former Soviet nations from joining NATO, halt weapons deployments there and roll back NATO forces from Eastern Europe. Washington and NATO reject those demands.

Speaking at the start of his meeting with Scholz, U.S. President Joe Biden said that the U.S. and Germany were "working in lock-step to further deter Russian aggression in Europe."

Scholz added: "We are closest allies and we are working intensely together, and this is necessary for doing the steps that we have to do, for instance, fighting against Russian aggression against Ukraine."

Macron, meanwhile, called for de-escalation as he began talks with President Vladimir Putin in the Kremlin. "Dialogue is necessary because that's the only thing

that will help, in my views, to build a context of a security and stability on the European continent," Macron said, adding that he's ready to "start building an effective response."

Putin, in turn, praised France's role in shaping European security, saying he appreciates Macron's efforts to help ensure "an equal security in Europe" and broker a settlement to the Ukrainian crisis. "I realize that we share concern about what's going on in Europe in the security sphere," the Russian leader said as he faced Macron across a long table.

Macron, who heads Tuesday to Ukraine, spoke by phone Sunday with Biden. Before the Putin meeting, Macron said: "I don't believe in spontaneous miracles."

"The security and sovereignty of Ukraine or any other European state cannot be a subject for compromise, while it is also legitimate for Russia to pose the question of its own security," Macron told the French newspaper Journal du Dimanche, adding he believes "the geopolitical objective of Russia today is clearly not Ukraine, but to clarify the rules of cohabitation with NATO and the EU."

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov sought to temper expectations, saying "the situation is too complex to expect a decisive breakthrough after just one meeting," and noting the West has ignored Moscow's security demands.

Before meeting Biden, Scholz told German media that "there will be a very high price if Ukraine is attacked militarily. And we are preparing for this very precisely and have been talking about the details for a long time." Scholz will travel to Kyiv and Moscow Feb. 14-15.

German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock said in Kyiv that her country is prepared to pay a "high economic price" by slapping tough sanctions on Russia if it invades Ukraine.

Ahead of the visit, the White House sought to play down Germany's refusal to supply lethal weapons to Ukraine, bolster its troops in Eastern Europe or spell out which sanctions it would support against Russia — a cautious stand that has drawn criticism abroad and inside Germany.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki on Monday again pushed back against criticism of Germany that it's not doing enough to support Ukraine.

City of Shelbyville business briefs

Upcoming action in photos

Shelbyville City Council meets in regular session 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at Shelbyville Recreation Center. There are several items on the table to be discussed and some which Council have indicated they'll approve.



Child obesity grant

The City of Shelbyville is set to approve a letter of support for an obesity program in conjunction with Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines diabetes as a long-lasting health condition that affects how the body turns food into energy. When a person eats food, much of that food is broken down into glucose and released into the bloodstream. Under normal conditions, when blood sugar levels rise, the pancreas will release insulin, which unlocks the abilities of that blood sugar so the body's cells can use it for energy. Individuals with diabetes do not make enough insulin or can't use the insulin as they should. Cells sometimes stop responding to insulin. In each of these instances, too much blood sugar stays in the bloodstream, leading to serious health problems.

Doctors have identified three main types of diabetes: Type 1, type 2 and gestational diabetes. About 90 to 95 percent of people with diabetes have type 2, which is when the body doesn't use insulin well, says the CDC. Typically, a healthy lifestyle or lifestyle changes can help prevent type 2 diabetes. Gestational diabetes is an often temporary form of diabetes that occurs during pregnancy. Type 1 diabetes, though rare, may be most concerning because it is

thought to be an autoimmune condition. Also, it must be managed throughout life.

Type 1 diabetes is a chronic condition that occurs because the pancreas produces little or no insulin. Very often it appears during childhood or adolescence, which is why it was once known as juvenile diabetes. Some experts think the body attacks itself by mistake, resulting in the body's cessation of insulin production.

Type 1 diabetes has no cure.



During its session Tuesday, Council members discussed a new lease agreement with the Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce in regard to the current building on Cannon Boulevard. The recommendation is that the existing 99-year lease agreement from 1964, with the City of Shelbyville, be terminated and the City approve a new 20-year lease.

The City plans to regain its control of the building and property and the Chamber officials will occupy one office.

City Attorney Ginger Bobo Shofner recommended to Council a 60 day turnover of possession. She added that there are no lease payments but she entered for the City a \$1 amount that's for general consideration. She said this new lease is still pretty standard.

Lacey Deeds, Chamber executive director, asked whether the City would provide any liability insurance for the director's office. "I understand content, but is there going to be a requirement . . . for liability insurance. If something in my office catches the building on fire, I need to have some liability insurance and vice versa. So is there a requirement on a City leased building of what the liability limits are for insurance?"

That issue remains on the table. Deeds told the Times-Gazette that the Chamber board will be meeting soon about the City's proposed lease agreement.

The Chamber will lease the "office on the left" down the main hallway of the building within the



PARK AREA FOR NEW DOG PARK FENCE

new lease. The City also discussed use of common spaces (parking lot, etc.) The Chamber will manage the meeting space area.

City Recorder Lisa Smith added that there will be a "common calendar"—one maintained by the City—for the Chamber meeting room. The City will therefore have priority for scheduling the meeting rooms and the Chamber gets secondary rights, Shelbyville City Manager Josh Ray said.

As for a "jump out" or perhaps "kick out" clause," the recommendation was for both parties to give 6 months to a year notice. Council was leaning toward the 6 months at the close of Tuesday's meeting.

Attorney Shofner said she would prepare the lease, based on those Council preferences, and have it ready Thursday evening for Council approval. "For Council purposes, the existing lease agreement is in the agenda packet . . . [you] can look at that agreement."

Shelbyville City Manager Josh Ray said, "As the City attorney said, we're 'effectively terminating that agreement' with this new lease and we would forward with a new document."

The City was following up with the liability issue with its insurance provider and will bring that information back to Council at Thursday's monthly meeting.

City park improvements

Shelbyville Parks and Recreation is likely to receive new lockers for its gym and pool area.

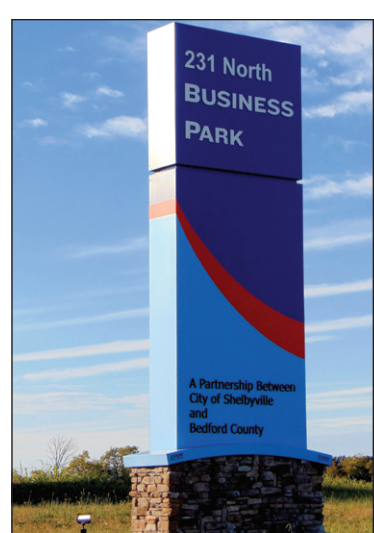


LOCKERS NEEDED FOR POOL AREA-REC CENTER

With no dissension on Tuesday, Council will approve at a cost of \$9,822 (from capital funds.)

Regarding bids for a dog park fence for the recreation area, one of two bidders, the lowest actually, was disqualified, City Manger Ray told Council. "There are requirements that a contractor has to do if a construction project's over \$25,000 . . . this contractor did not meet those standards, so it is not a valid bid. It was disqualified."

So Council now technically only has one valid bid, \$38, 795 for the dog park fence. "You will recall we had \$10,000 revenue allocated for this dog park . . . \$25,000 in a grant. We did not receive the grant, so initially we had the revenue at \$10,000; we had the budget allocated item at \$35,000, so we would have to utilize additional funds to satisfy the additional dollars needed to balance."



So other capital projects have been reviewed within the parks department and he told Council there are adequate funds available from other project savings, within the parks department, to reward this solo bid for the dog park fence.



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